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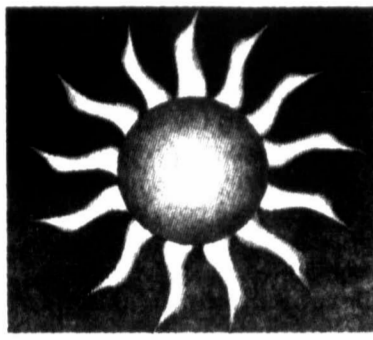
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PAMPA - The fund raising efforts of the Celebration of Lights did not result in sufficient funds needed for the lighted Nativity Scene proposed for the 1997 Christmas Theme Park, said Susan Winborne, who chairs the funding committee.

Some \$17,000 had to be raised by June 15 to meet the deadline requirements of Midwest Display Marketing Inc., which designs and manufactures the large figures for the exhibit.

"We appreciate all the help and the response that we did get from the location churches and other organizations in Pampa, but the amount of pledges just did not meet our obligations for this year's contract," Winborne said.

In the meantime, Christmas is not over, Winborne said. The work sessions are still going on at 6 p.m. every Monday night at the Chisum Warehouse on Price Road.

Volunteers are urged to participate in the fun workshop sessions, and to contribute their ideas and assistance in planning for the "Christmas in July" show.

For more information, contact Winborne or Kathleen Chaney at 665-2454.

PAMPA - The annual June Tenth celebration scheduled for Thursday, June 19, from 6-10 p.m. at Marcus Sanders Pool and Park has something for everyone.

Participants will have the opportunity to play basketball, volleyball and free swimming, with hotdogs and homemade ice cream for a nominal charge. The games, events and watermelon will be free.

There will be information regarding the newly formed NAACP and the National Night Out celebrations.

PAMPA - The Pampa Rifle and Pistol Club will be hosting the Texas State hunter's Pistol Championship this weekend, June 20-22, at the shooting range.

The outdoor pistol and the rifle ranges will be closed to all other shooters during the championships. The indoor pistol range will still be available to members according to Donna Nunamaker, match director.

For more information, call 665-9394 or 665-3404.

- Virginia Jolly, 86, long-time Pampa resident.
- Helen "Jeanie" Russell, 66, waitress and janitorial service employee.

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(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)

Wayne Stribling, of Wayne's Western Wear, and a past president of the Top O' Texas Rodeo Horse Show and Fair Association, talks about the the annual Top O' Texas Rodeo celebration in Pampa, scheduled July 10-12, giving the highlights for this year's rodeo agenda.

City begins planning capital improvements

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

The five-year capital improvement project was the subject of an hour-long discussion at the Pampa city commissioners special workshop meeting Tuesday evening.

City Manager Bob Eskridge supplied commissioners with an outline of repairs, equipment purchases and projects that can and need to be performed by the city in future years. The capital improvement project lists those needs and projected cost to the city.

"These are all reasonable requests for the capital improvement project," said Eskridge at the meeting. "The question is what we will be able to fund."

The proposed items for the capital improvement project totals \$352,550 from the cash reserves, \$270,500 for the purchase or leasing of equipment

and \$894,000 going into the debt fund. Of course, not all of these projects would be funded in the 1997-98 budget year, said Eskridge, but it gives city commissioners an idea of some of the future projects that should be considered.

Among the most costly projects in the proposed capital improvement program are painting the Warren Street water tank and the Northcrest Water Tank. City Engineer Richard Morris told commissioners that eventually the state will require this to be done; and, because of revised air pollution and lead abatement standards, it will be a very costly process. The estimated cost for both tanks is about \$1.2 million, said Morris.

The funds to perform this task would be funded through bond money, furthering the city's debt.

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Police seek volunteer help

The Pampa Police Department is asking for citizens to volunteer time to help in the records and crime prevention departments.

Cpl. Donny Brown of the Pampa Police Department said the department is forming a citizen volunteer corps to aid in the areas in which there are not enough personnel. Citizens interested in volunteering must fill out an application, which will be available at the police station after June 30, and undergo a background check.

The department is asking volunteers to be able to work at least eight hours a week.

"It's going to help us out tremendously," said Brown about the volunteers.

The citizen volunteer corps will be used to fill up the cracks, take up the slack and all around make Pampa a safer town in which to live, he said.

Currently, the police department is seeking about four or five volunteers for the records and crime prevention departments. However, this program could be extended in the future to the detective and patrol departments, said Brown. Volunteers will be trained and overseen by Jean Franklin and Connie Brown, two current police department volunteers.

This program is new to the Pampa area, but has been used in other law enforcement agencies across the nation, said Cpl. Brown. Volunteers are becoming more common in the law enforcement world, he said, as citizens see the need to maximize budgets and manpower.

The department already utilizes one volunteer group - Citizens on Patrol - to provide extra eyes and ears for patrol officers.

For more information on either volunteer program, call Cpl. Brown or Franklin at 669-5700.

Chamber preparing for upcoming rodeo

June is past the halfway mark, and in Pampa that points toward the upcoming Top O' Texas Rodeo and Kid Pony Show.

Members of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce and representatives of the local businesses met for their monthly luncheon and report meeting Tuesday, with emphasis placed on the upcoming rodeo events.

Chamber president Dr. Joe Lowry introduced Wayne Stribling, of Wayne's Western Wear, to present an information program concerning the upcoming annual Top O' Texas Rodeo, which starts Thursday, July 10, and ends Sunday morning, July 13 with an early morning Cowboy's Christian Church service.

Stribling reviewed most of the rodeo agenda, saying that the sister of Reba McEntire, Susie Luchsinger, will be the featured entertainer for the Friday, July 11, Family Night rodeo event.

The rodeo activities will be big this year, he said. Also, merchants will be sponsoring the annual Golden Horseshoe prizes again this year. Just watch for the horseshoe displayed inside a store window, Stribling said.

The Kid Pony Show, set for July 7-9, will be a special part of the rodeo activities again this year, he said, with a calf scam-

ble for the kids every night of the rodeo, sponsored by Bowers Ranch. He mentioned that the Boys Ranch contestants will be sponsored by local businesses this year, and any business merchant that wishes to be a sponsor should call the Top O' Texas Rodeo office.

Other special features each night include the Pony Express races on Saturday at 3 p.m., with the finals that night, and the Wrangler Bull Fight.

The North Country Coors Company is sponsoring the annual Coors Chute Out Rodeo, and the local Robert Knowles Dodge Dealer is participating in the sponsorship of the Dodge Ram Tough Rodeo each night. The Cowboy Cafe, catered by Sirloin Stockade, will feed the rodeo cowboys, and Albertsons of Pampa and the rodeo association are helping with the annual Top O' Texas barbecue feast.

The dances, with music by the Kracker Jack Band, will be sponsored by First American Bank, SSB, and will be held at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion each night, beginning at 9 p.m.

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is having a Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo Queen pageant this year, the first one after a long time, according to Stribling. There are 12 contestants appearing in the Judge's Style Show at

the Queen's Luncheon scheduled for Friday, July 11. Five of them, who are in the age group 18 to 24, are competing in the Queen's Contest, and the winner will be eligible for the state Miss Rodeo Texas contest. The remaining contestants are competing for titles in Miss Rodeo Texas Teen.

Lowry introduced the newer members joining the chamber of commerce recently, who are Mike Patel of the Black Gold Motel; Tim and Becky Epps of Cottonwood Springs Guest Ranch and Chuckwagon Suppers; Ray and Cathy Boring of Diamond "G" Pest Control; Victor and Dee Dee Laramore of Laramore Locksmith; George Kilcrease of Promise Land Park Model Homes Inc.; J.J. Norris of J's Super Service Fina Station; Leslie Swope of Twice Is Nice consignment store; and Carol Bachus of Universal Financial Assistance Services.

He also welcomed newcomers, businessman L.W. McCall, new publisher of *The Pampa News*, and Associate Publisher and Editor Kate Dickson, who have recently made their homes in Pampa.

The Retail Trade Committee of the chamber hosted and sponsored the Tuesday luncheon, along with Gerald Rasco, who were the caterers as well.



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Jean Franklin, volunteer coordinator for the Pampa Police Department, speaks with Larry Lemmons, KFDA Channel 10 reporter, Tuesday regarding the National Night Out organization. Franklin invited anyone interested in riding Pampa of crime, drugs and violence to get involved and let the criminal element know the community is tired of being overrun by trouble makers.

Pampa residents encouraged to help with National Night Out against crime

The second organizational meeting for The National Night Out rally against crime and drugs Tuesday was aimed at getting more people in every neighborhood involved.

Jean Franklin, volunteer coordinator for the Pampa Police Department, said, "Pampa is the only town in the Panhandle which is planning a National Night Out. We would like to see enough neighborhoods and community involvement to make it competitive for the National Night Out recognition for a community under 30,000."

Franklin was greeted at M.K. Brown Civic Center by KFDA's Larry Lemmons and later appeared on the Channel 10 news, promoting Pampa's National Night Out.

Franklin addressed the reasons and the need for citizens to get involved and publicly invited individuals, organizations

and civic groups to participate in the rally against drugs and crime in Pampa.

The Citizens on Patrol, the Pampa Police and area residents will be sponsoring a "Catch the Burglar" event in hopes of making the community aware of the necessity of knowing their neighbors.

Franklin said more information will be available as more details are finalized.

Participants at the meeting were expecting to get fliers and handouts to help notify the public of National Night Out activities; unfortunately, they were not available Tuesday.

Cpl. Donnie Brown of the Pampa Police Department told the small crowd the department will be setting up a mobile Community Service Unit where officers will be able to fill out reports, the bicycle patrol will work from the unit and in gener-

Organizers would like to see each neighborhood have block parties on Tuesday, Aug. 5, with a parade and poster contest and other events.

al it will make the police more visible and more accessible to the citizens.

The organizers would like to see each neighborhood have block parties on Tuesday, Aug. 5, with a parade and poster contest and other events earlier in the day.

For more information or to volunteer for an organizational committee, contact the Pampa Police Department and leave a message for Jean Franklin at the department, or call 669-5700.

Class helps parents get control in the home

AMARILLO — Back in Control, a parenting class for parents of the adolescent, is being offered by the Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority Child and Adolescent Services on Saturday, June 21, from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Creative Care Early Childhood Center at 10th and Lipscomb, Amarillo.

The Back in Control curriculum is written by Gregory Bodenhamer, a former probation officer. He is a nationally renowned expert on parenting difficult children. Staff instructors are LeAnn Sorrells, MED, and Connie Longan, BS.

"Back in Control is for anyone who works, teaches, or lives with an adolescent," states Gene Ann Grant, Family and Community Education director.

"This seven-hour class teaches parents, grandparents and professionals ways to get 'back in control' of the household or classroom," she said.

"It covers a wide range of problems — whether a teen is simply ignoring household rules, or perhaps lying, or stealing — to more harmful problems, such as drug or alcohol abuse or unsafe sexual activities. It shows parents how to combat an arsenal that ranges from blatant verbal challenges to physical violence, without resorting to harsh disciplinary measures, expensive counseling, or hospital-based programs," Grant said.

Cost of the class is \$5 and the book is \$10. Child care is available for children up to ages 12 by reservation only. Pre-registration is required. All classes are open to the public. Call 806-354-2191 to register.

The Mission of the Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority Child and Adolescent Services is to provide an accessible array of quality psychosocial services to children and their families with an emphasis on family preservation. This non-profit agency serves children and adolescents ages 2-17 who have some form of a behavioral, emotional or mental disorder.

Services are provided based upon referrals from parents/legal guardians, juvenile probation departments, school districts, community agencies, physicians, and other social service agencies.

A large array of programs are provided. These programs include individual, family, and group counseling, in-home counseling services, case management, psychiatric/nursing services, parent support groups, parenting classes, crisis intervention services, crisis stabilization, day treatment, Positive Steps Program and some respite care.

The agency has a Speakers Bureau. The staff is available to speak to non-profit agencies on behavior, emotional, mental disorders, play therapy, learning disabilities, special education issues, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorders, and other related subjects.

Community Calendar

Note: Civic clubs, organizations, church groups and others wanting their special meetings and activities listed on the community calendar should contact the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce office, 200 N. Ballard, or call 669-3241, at least two weeks before the scheduled event.

June

1-30 - WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM is presenting its summer exhibit, "Bison to Boom Town: Transforming the Plains," open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 1-4 p.m.

9 - STEP AHEAD DAY CAMP will begin and go through Aug. 15, daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 665-1199 or contact Phyllis Briggs at 665-6504 or Alice Grays at 669-3719.

10-27 - PAMPA MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL selected art works will be on display from 1-4 p.m. at White Deer Land Museum.

17 & 19 - BOATMEN'S FIRST PAMPA BANKING CENTER and WTA&M University's Small Business Development Center Financial Management Series - cancelled.

17 - PAMPA CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ASSOCIATION will have its second organizational meeting, "Give Neighborhood Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party," for America's Night Out against crime, at 7:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium. For more information, call Cpl. Donny Brown at 669-5700.

19 - PAMPA AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP will hold its regular meeting from 7-8 p.m. in the Columbia Medical Center cafeteria. For more information, contact Kathy Gist at 665-4742.

19-20 - THE PAMPA SOCCER ASSOCIATION is offering "4 On 4 For Fun" June 29 through Aug. 8. Registration will be held at T-Shirts & More, 115 W. Kingsmill, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday. This is available for youths and adults. For more information, call 669-1273.

24 & 26 - BOATMEN'S FIRST PAMPA BANKING CENTER and WTA&M University's Small Business Development Center Financial Management Series - cancelled.

24 - PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD will be having its installation of officers banquet at 6:30 p.m. at the Texas Rose Steakhouse. For more information, call 665-4268 or 665-0940.

26 - CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH of Pampa will be having Truth in concert at 7 p.m. at the church, 900 E. 23rd. There will be a \$5 donation at the door. No love offering will be taken. For more information, call 665-0842.

28 - FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS will meet at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. A pot luck supper will be served. For more information, contact 665-0190, 665-8067 or 665-7896.

28 - VFW POST #1657 will have a potluck social at 6 p.m. at the post home, 105 S. Cuyler. For more information, contact Jean Dietrich at 669-6579.

29 - PAMPA AREA MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE will host its Fifth Sunday Worship Service at the M.K. Brown Auditorium's Heritage Room at 6 p.m. For more information, call Dr. Ed Cooley at 665-1031 or the Rev. I.L. Patrick at 669-0300.

30 - CREATIVE ARTISANS NETWORK will hold their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Lovett Memorial Library annex. For more information, contact Grant Johnson at 669-9887 or Kelly Ebel at 665-2825.

Baptists take aim at Disney

DALLAS (AP) — The Southern Baptist Convention was poised to wage economic war against the Walt Disney Co. today over what its leadership perceives as Disney's "gay-friendly" environment.

About 12,000 convention delegates were expected to vote on a resolution calling for a boycott against Disney theme parks and stores.

Resolutions are not binding on churches affiliated with the country's largest Protestant denomination with about 15 million members.

At the 1996 convention in New Orleans, the Rev. Richard Land was asked to monitor Disney's progress for a year. Late Tuesday, he predicted in a speech that Southern Baptists will decide to draw a sword against the media and entertainment company.

"I suspect that tomorrow, when you vote to refrain from giving of your resources to any of Disney's enterprises, Disney's going to find out just how many regiments and just how many divisions of godly people the Southern Baptists have," said Land, president of the convention's Christian Life Commission.

Tom Elliff, who was re-elected convention president Tuesday

without opposition, said hurting Disney isn't the point.

"The issue is not Disney coming down," he said. "The issue is Baptists going up to the level of God."

Elliff predicted the convention would approve a broader form of the resolution than originally proposed. At least two versions were proposed.

Many Southern Baptists object to Disney's policy of giving health benefits to same-sex partners of employees, "Gay Days" at theme parks and the release by Disney and its subsidiaries of controversial books and films like *Pulp Fiction* and *Kids*.

A recent complaint involved the revelation that Ellen Degeneres' character on the ABC sitcom *Ellen* was a lesbian. Disney owns ABC, the production company for *Ellen* is Walt Disney Television.

Ken Green, a spokesman for Disney in Burbank, Calif., declined to comment directly on the Baptist boycott measure. "We're proud of the Disney brand," Green said. "We create more family entertainment of every kind than anyone else in the world."

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Lefors ISD earns Diamond Star Performer award for its outstanding safety program

LEFORS — Norman Baxter, superintendent of the Lefors Independent School District, was recently honored for outstanding employee safety by the North Texas Educational Insurance Association at its annual meeting conducted in Austin.

The Association consists of 169 participating school districts located throughout Texas. The district is a member of a uniquely designed, partially self-funded workers' compensation program developed by Hibbs-Hallmark & Company and administered by Claims Administrative Services Inc., both located in Tyler.

Hibbs-Hallmark & Company currently provides workers' compensation programs to over 30 percent of all schools in Texas.

The purpose of the meeting was to recognize those districts that have held both the number and severity of employee accidents to a very low level. The combined savings during the 1995-96 school year, for all participating districts, was over \$6.9 million when compared to the costs of fully insured programs.

The total savings for all districts since inception of the programs in 1991 exceed \$37 million dollars.

The Lefors Independent School District was a Diamond Star Performer award recipient with actual losses from employee accidents equaling less than 10 percent of the fund set aside by the district for claims expenses. The actual savings to the school district was \$10,805.

"Our self insurance program



(Special photo)

Lefors ISD Superintendent Norman Baxter, center, accepts the Diamond Star Performer award for the district from Barry Jones, left, Claims Administrative Services president, and Billy Hibbs, Hibbs-Hallmark & Co. CEO.

was designed to provide the highest level of safety and offer the greatest potential for premium savings to our members," said Billy Hibbs, CEO of Hibbs-Hallmark & Company. "We have a team of safety professionals to help the districts to implement a strict set of safety policies and procedures."

Claims Administrative Services Inc. President Barry Jones stated, "Member districts' commitment to safety is one of the key reasons for the Association's success."

Their participation in HHC/CAS's program sets the standard for all schools across the state to reduce on the job injuries and save taxpayer dollars.

"The taxpayers should also be pleased to know that the Board of Trustees and the administrative staff of the Lefors Independent School District are doing everything possible to insure a safe working environment for its employees while reducing the cost of workers' compensation insurance," Jones said.

Lottery to release GTECH-Barnes agreement

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Lottery agreed to release information that could lend some insights into the business practices of its main contractor, GTECH Holding Corp.

Attorney General Dan Morales on Tuesday said a termination agreement between GTECH and former Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes is public information.

How the company does business — including its deal with Barnes — could affect the amount the lottery has to pay GTECH.

The Texas Lottery Commission has had in its possession details of the potentially lucrative agreement between GTECH and Barnes since the

two decided to end their business relationship earlier this year. The commission has withheld release of the documents, though, awaiting an opinion from Morales' office.

Lottery spokeswoman Gail Phillips said the information would be made public today.

GTECH spokesman Marc Palazzo said the company would not try to block the release.

"We're satisfied that our concerns related to the release were afforded every consideration by the attorney general," he said.

Palazzo would not comment on the information before its release.

The lottery requested the information from GTECH as part of an investigation of how the company does business related to the Texas lottery.

The company stores and distributes tickets for scratch-off games and operates the electronic system by which on-line games, like Lotto, are played. The company's five-year contract calls for GTECH to be paid up to \$700 million.

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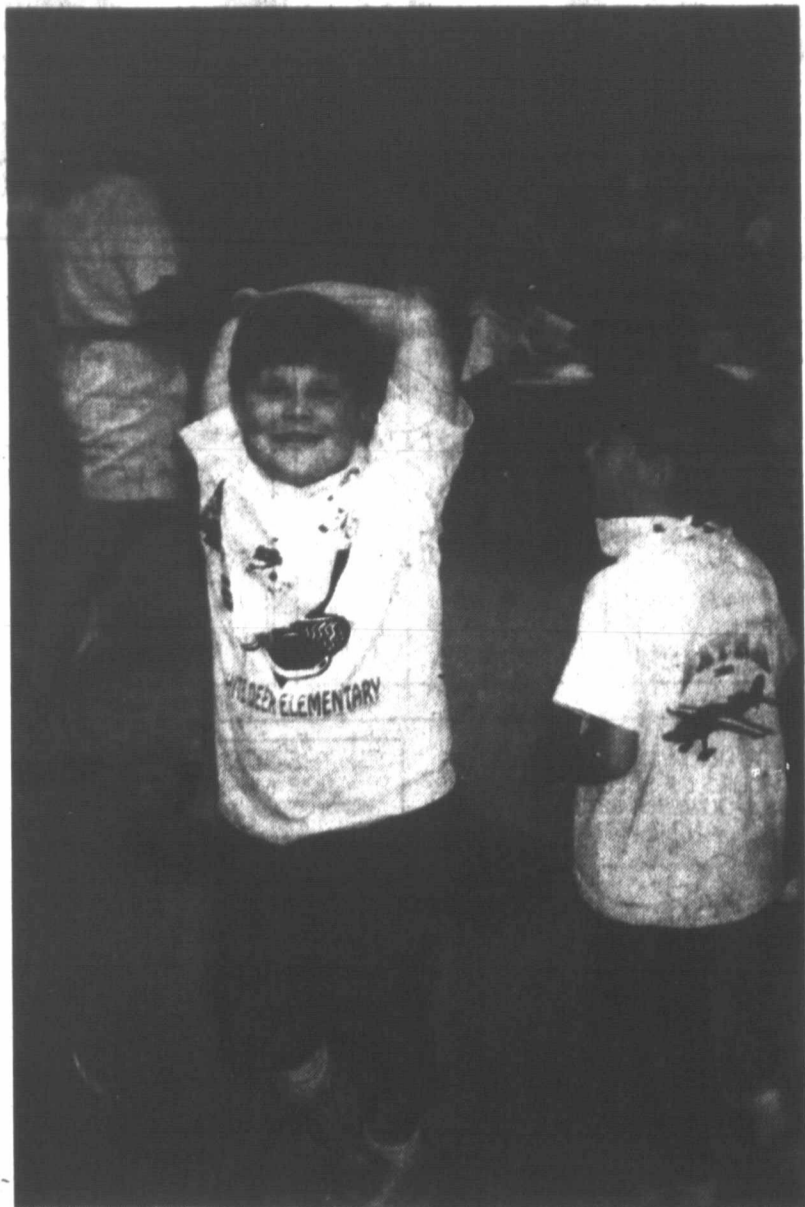
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'Good News Stampede'



(Special photo)

Over 600 hundred preschoolers, children, youth and adults participated in this year's "Good News Stampede" Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church. Pictured is Will McKay, arms overhead. When asked, what he liked best about Bible School, he said, "Music, crafts, Bible stories and snacks, I liked it all!"

JFK Jr. attends funeral in Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — John Kennedy Jr. attended the Irish Republican Army funeral of convicted truck-bomber Paddy Kelly, the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party confirmed today.

Kennedy, son of the slain president and a founder of *George* magazine, was among several hundred people who attended Saturday's funeral in Killinarden, County Laois, about 50 miles west of Dublin, according to a statement from the Sinn Fein "prisoner of war" department.

The Kennedys have deep ties to Ireland. Kennedy's aunt Jean Kennedy Smith is U.S. ambassador to Ireland and his uncle

Sen. Edward Kennedy is outspoken on Northern Ireland issues. The Massachusetts senator most recently criticized the IRA for its killing Monday of two policemen and called on Sinn Fein to "produce a cease-fire or else join in condemning the violence."

The *New York Post* reported today that Kennedy was in Ireland to supervise a story on the Irish peace process for his magazine. Kennedy could not be reached for comment.

Kelly was sentenced to 25 years in prison in 1993, the year after he was caught by police in north London while fleeing from a truck containing about 1.5 tons of homemade explosives.

'Speed 2' cruises to the top of the charts

By JOHN HORN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Moviegoers chose crooks afloat over crooks aloft as *Speed 2: Cruise Control* knocked *Con Air* out of first place to claim the top spot at weekend box offices.

The thriller starring Sandra Bullock earned \$16.2 million in its debut weekend, with *Con Air* bringing in \$15.7 million.

The bad news was that the overall receipts from the weekend were 18 percent lower than the same weekend a year ago, when there were such hits as *Mission: Impossible*, *The Rock* and *Twister*. Four of the past five weekends were worse than comparable weekends last year.

Year-to-date grosses, however, are \$2.59 billion, still ahead of 1996's \$2.33 billion for the same period. And the summer's only true hit so far, *The Lost World: Jurassic Park*, should pass the \$200 million mark next weekend.

The top 20 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks

BOX OFFICE	
Top weekend movies	
Weekend of June 13-15, 1997	
All dollar figures in millions	
Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
1. <i>Speed 2: Cruise Control</i> \$16.2, one week, 2,615 screens	\$16.2
2. <i>Con Air</i> \$48.8, two weeks, 2,829 screens	\$15.7
3. <i>The Lost World: Jurassic Park</i> \$190.7, four weeks, 3,565 screens	\$12.5
4. <i>Addicted to Love</i> \$30.2, four weeks, 1,948 screens	\$2.3
5. <i>Austin Powers</i> \$46, seven weeks, 1,540 screens	\$2.1
6. <i>Gone Fishin'</i> \$13.8, three weeks, 1,804 screens	\$2.0
7. <i>Buddy</i> \$6.8, two weeks, 2,113 screens	\$1.9
8. <i>The Fifth Element</i> \$57.9, six weeks, 1,580 screens	\$1.5
9. <i>Trial and Error</i> \$11.5, three weeks, 2,003 screens	\$1.3
10. <i>Breakdown</i> \$46.7, seven weeks, 1,571 screens	\$1.0

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc. AP

in release, as compiled Monday by Entertainment Data Inc. and Exhibitor Relations Co.:

- Speed 2: Cruise Control*, Fox, \$16.2 million, 2,615 locations, \$6,179 average, \$16.2 million, one week.
- Con Air*, Disney, \$15.7 million, 2,829 locations, \$5,540 average, \$49.9 million, two weeks.
- The Lost World: Jurassic Park*, Universal, \$12.5 million, 3,565 locations, \$3,500 average, \$190.7 million, four weeks.
- Addicted to Love*, Warner Bros., \$2.3 million, 1,948 locations, \$1,179 average, \$30.2 million, four weeks.
- Austin Powers*, New Line, \$2.1 million, 1,540 locations, \$1,359 average, \$46 million, seven weeks.
- Gone Fishin'*, Disney, \$2 million, 1,804 locations, \$1,134 average, \$13.8 million, three weeks.
- Buddy*, Columbia, \$1.9 million, 2,113 locations, \$907 average, \$6.8 million, two weeks.
- The Fifth Element*, Columbia, \$1.5 million, 1,580 locations, \$951 average, \$57.9 million, six weeks.
- Trial and Error*, New Line, \$1.3 million, 2,003 locations, \$671 average, \$11.5 million, three weeks.
- Breakdown*, Paramount, \$1 million, 1,571 locations, \$647 average, \$46.7 million, seven weeks.
- Liar Liar*, Universal, \$1 million, 937 locations, \$1,075 average, \$170 million, 13 weeks.
- The Saint*, Paramount, \$519,000, 675 locations, \$768 average, \$60 million, 11 weeks.
- Jungle 2 Jungle*, Disney, \$517,000, 643 locations, \$804 average, \$56.3 million, 15 weeks.
- Volcano*, Fox, \$496,000, 681 locations, \$729 average, \$45.4 million, eight weeks.
- Night Falls on Manhattan*, Paramount, \$415,000, 580 locations, \$716 average, \$9.1 million, five weeks.
- Scream*, Miramax, \$370,000, 607 locations, \$610 average, \$101.7 million, 26 weeks.
- Romy and Michele's High School Reunion*, Disney, \$357,000, 432 locations, \$826 average, \$27.3 million, eight weeks.
- Fathers' Day*, Warner Bros., \$342,000, 646 locations, \$530 average, \$27.6 million, six weeks.
- Anaconda*, Columbia, \$337,000, 470 locations, \$717 average, \$60.9 million, 10 weeks.
- 'Til There Was You*, Paramount, \$320,000, 666 locations, \$481 average, \$3 million, three weeks.

State briefs

Texas lawmakers entertain new rules for thrifter travel

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas House officials say they will study new rules to encourage travel savings in response to a news report about some lawmakers' expenditures for out-of-state trips.

"It's unfortunate that three or four (House members) have cast a shadow on the other 146, but they have — and we're going to address the issues that have been raised," Rep. Tony Goolsby, R-Dallas, chairman of the House Administration Committee that oversees House members' spending, said Tuesday.

The development came after Texas senators in a closed-door meeting June 2 agreed to new restrictions on airfares, rental cars and hotels.

The restrictions were tentatively approved after the *Austin American-Statesman* reported that some lawmakers had spent excessive amounts on out-of-state trips during the past two years.

Some booked costly flights at the last minute. Others rented cars, even though less costly transportation was available. Some paid higher hotel rates than many of their colleagues at the

same conference. Some drove across the country to conferences in their own cars, collecting mileage reimbursements that were much greater than the cost of air travel.

Prison board rejects request to commute sentence

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — State prison officials have refused to commute the death sentence or delay today's scheduled execution of a Mexican citizen for the 1985 robbery and slaying of a motorist.

That leaves the fate of Irineo Tristan Montoya in the hands of an appeals court or Gov. George W. Bush, who could delay the execution for 30 days.

Montoya, 30, is scheduled to be put to death after 6 p.m. today for the Nov. 17, 1985, robbery and stabbing death of John

Kilheffer, who had given him a ride. Montoya's supporters contend he is innocent. They contend he signed a confession in English that he didn't understand, had no attorney at the time of his arrest and was denied the right to contact Mexico's consul.

Music club and record label founder indicted

AUSTIN (AP) — The founder of Antone's nightclub and record label has been indicted on charges of conspiring to distribute more than a ton of marijuana and launder nearly \$1 million in drug proceeds.

Clifford Jamal Antone, 47, one of five men indicted as the result of a three year investigation, founded Antone's nightclub in Austin in 1975 and it became known as a foremost club for blues musicians, including the late Stevie Ray Vaughan.

In 1987, he also started Antone's Records and Tapes, a recording label that featured many of the nightclub's top acts.

Dick DeGuerin, a Houston attorney who is representing Antone, said his client was the victim of a former friend who is cutting deals with federal authorities.

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Pakistani faces charges in CIA slayings

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — A four-year international manhunt for the alleged killer of two CIA employees ended as a somber, bearded — some say troubled — Pakistani faced charges in a Virginia court.

Mir Aimal Kansi, arrested last weekend with the secret help of Afghani citizens and the government of Pakistan, faces the death penalty if convicted for the rush hour slayings outside CIA headquarters that stunned the nation's spy service.

Reporters glimpsed Kansi on Tuesday night as Fairfax County authorities escorted the shackled suspect from a helicopter to the county criminal justice building. It was the final leg in a journey that brought Kansi, 33, from hiding in Central Asia to a scheduled arraignment today in suburban Washington.

One of the FBI's 10 Most Wanted Fugitives, Kansi

fled the United States after the Jan. 25, 1993, shootings on a busy boulevard in which a gunman using a Chinese-made AK-47 assault rifle shot at people in cars waiting to turn into the CIA's Langley, Va., headquarters during the morning rush hour. The attack turned a routine morning commute into mayhem.

CIA employees Lansing H. Bennett, 66, and Frank Darling, 28, were killed, while two other CIA employees and a telephone company employee working on contract at the CIA were wounded.

Within weeks, authorities focused on Kansi. The break came when his roommate, also Pakistani, allowed police to search his apartment, where they found an AK-47 assault rifle that matched bullets fired in the slayings.

WTAMU names President's Community Service award-winner

CANYON — Dr. Don Albrecht, vice president for student services at West Texas A&M University, has been selected as the June recipient of the President's Community Service Award.

In addition to 40-hour work weeks serving the "after class" needs of WTAMU students, Albrecht volunteers his leisure time to a number of civic organizations and community causes.

He shared his time and talents as a member of the United Way Campaign Cabinet and chair of the City of Canyon Campaign for the United Way in 1996 and will continue his leadership role as a cabinet member and Canyon co-chair in 1997.

He also served as vice chair of the board of directors for Leadership Amarillo and Canyon in 1996-97 and assumed chairmanship responsibilities for the coming year on June 1. In addition to his board appointment, he chairs the organizations' newly formed Youth Leadership Program Task Force.

Albrecht also holds memberships on the Canyon Lions Club Board of Directors and the Texas A&M University System Community Development Team and was recently elected deacon of the First Presbyterian Church of Canyon, secretary/treasurer of the Council of Student Services

Vice Presidents and class agent for the Texas A&M University Class of 1976.

He came to WTAMU as associate dean of student services in January 1992. He was appointed dean following the retirement of Mary Hill in 1993 and was promoted to vice president for student services in 1995.

Albrecht is married to Roxie Pranglin and has three children — Eran, 18, and six-year-old twins

Bailey and Harrison.

The President's Community Service Award was established by University President Russell C. Long to recognize the good-faith community efforts of WTAMU students, faculty and staff; offices and departments/divisions; and chartered/registered organizations.

For more information or to request a nomination form, call (806) 656-2121.



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Marriage Of First Cousins Fulfills Lifelong Attraction

DEAR ABBY: On May 8 last year, my girlfriend read me the article in your column signed "Kissing Cousins," asking in which states cousins could marry. You rattled off a list of them, and my jaw hit the table. My first cousin and I had adored each other our whole life, but had never spoken of it because we wrongly assumed it was forbidden by God and man. As it turns out, Jacob and Rachel, and many biblical characters, were cousins, which was the preferred way to go in ancient and modern times.

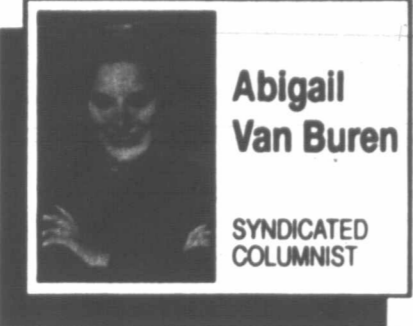
Albert Einstein married his cousin, Elsa, which probably provided him inspiration for discovering the theory of "relativity."

The family of Ashley Wilkes, the man Scarlett O'Hara was always after, married their cousins in "Gone With the Wind," with no social stigma at all.

Two months after reading that article, my cousin and I were married, and the ecstasy of this marriage cannot be captured in words. You are responsible for it, Abby, and I wanted you to know.

IN HEAVEN IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR IN HEAVEN: It's gratifying to know that something you saw in my column affected your life so profoundly. In many countries, marriage between first cousins is considered a perfect union. Healthy cousins may face a slightly elevated risk of genetic defects in their off-



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

spring because they are more likely to share a recessive gene than are most couples. But that can be dealt with through genetic counseling. I wish you continued success and happiness in your marriage.

DEAR ABBY: I was appalled at your answer to "Old-Fashioned and Glad of It." She was complaining that her son's wife did not cook. Why didn't you tell her that she should have taught her son how to cook?

Today boys need domestic survival skills as much as girls do. My 12-year-old son knows enough about cooking so he will never be dependent on someone else to serve him.

With more women working outside the home these days, it is unrealistic to expect the woman to have the master's dinner ready when he comes home. In our household, the person who has the most time cooks the meal, and does the laundry, vac-

uuming, etc. **HAPPY WITH A '90s HOME LIFE**

DEAR HAPPY: That letter stirred up a hornet's nest. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have a message for "Old-Fashioned and Glad of It," the woman who complained that her son's wife did not even know how to boil water: **MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!**

How her son and his wife live is their business. I had a mother-in-law who thought things should be done her way, and that women should be the workhorses. Needless to say, my husband and I are separated.

He moved back in with his mother 12 years ago and has remained there ever since. She's in her late 70s and still cooking him his wholesome meals, cleaning his room and doing his laundry. Her "baby boy" was 51 years old this year.

Maybe "Old-Fashioned's" daughter-in-law is saving her energy for things that are more important to her son than cooking.

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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Thursday, June 19, 1997

Benefits could develop for you in the year ahead through contacts you'll make in clubs and social organizations. Take an active role in these groups.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This is a good day to dissect a problem that's been frustrating you lately. Take it apart a piece at a time and you should find an intrinsic clue to what makes it tick. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mailing \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Follow your instincts in your financial dealings today. Do not take any unnecessary risks, but do behave boldly within reasonable bounds.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Disassociate yourself from negative thinkers today. Instead, seek companionship with people you believe are lucky. Some of it may rub off on you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Beneficial conditions are stirring at this time where your work is concerned. Anticipation and alertness will help you spot opportunities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Lady Luck will be looking kindly upon your endeavors today. This could be especially true in areas where you can express your creativity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your material prospects are quite encouraging in this cycle. Watch for developments that could enhance your financial position and well-being.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You might receive some good news today regarding an important personal interest. Be sure to respond in a manner that

enhances its potential.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Fresh avenues for personal acquisition can be found at this time. You may want to re-explore channels that have not produced for you previously.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Influential friends born under your sign could be quite lucky for you today, provided that everyone involved has strong feelings about the task at hand.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) People you've helped in the past are the ones you should go to today if you need some type of assistance in fulfilling your ambitions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be optimistic about your cause if you're promoting something meaningful for yourself and others today. Your mind-set will determine the outcome.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you're better equipped than usual to help yourself and others sort out critical affairs in advantageous ways. Use your gifts with discretion.

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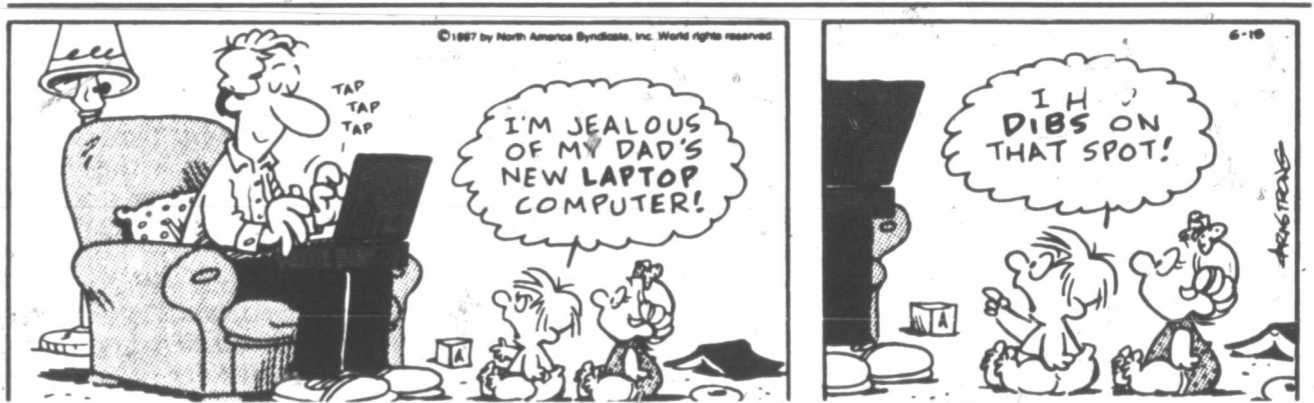
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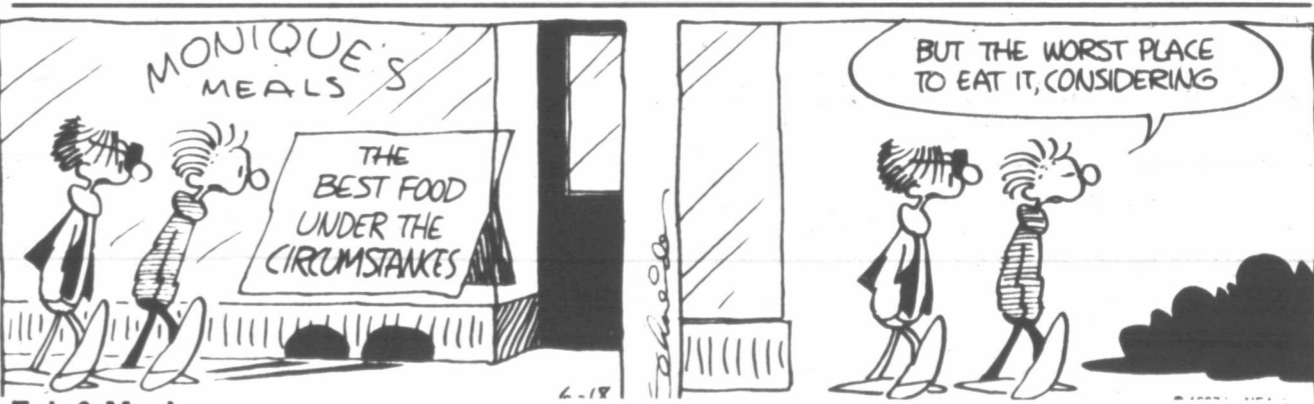
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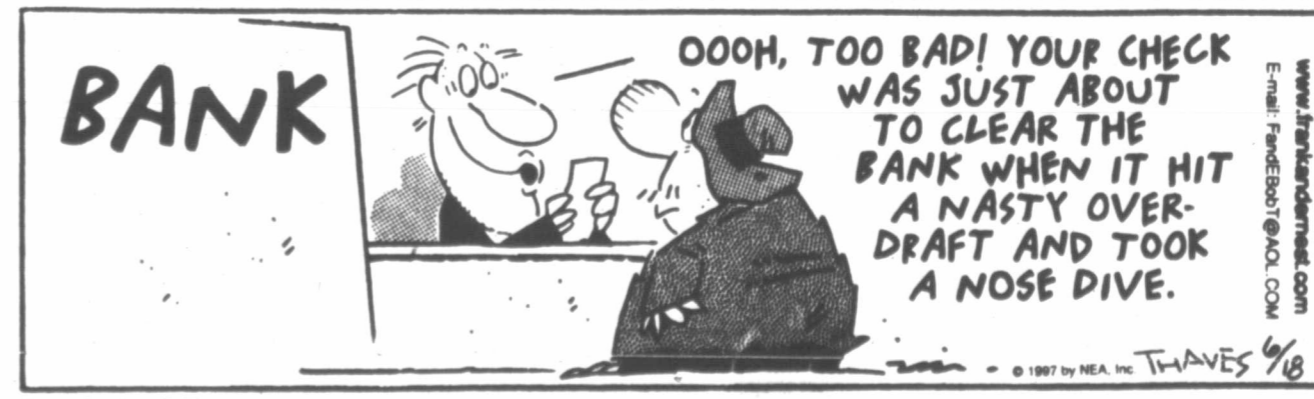
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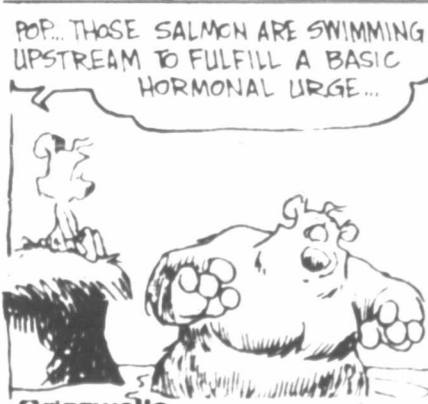
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"Daddy, could you buy a better-lookin' car before I'm 16?"



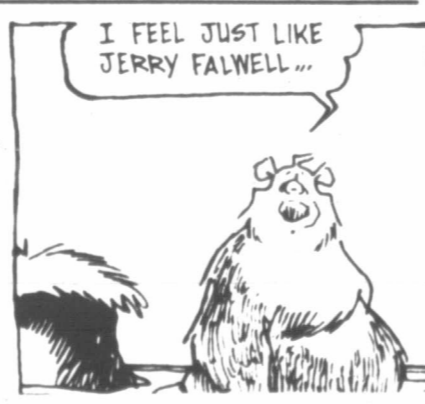
"He hasn't come in here since I sprayed him with perfume."

The Family Circus



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Researchers analyzing effect of child brain injury on problem-solving skills

DALLAS — Researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas are analyzing the everyday behavior of area school children to understand how brain injury or dysfunction affects problem-solving abilities.

Dr. Cheryl Silver, assistant professor of rehabilitation science at Southwestern Allied Health Science School, is overseeing the project centering on executive functioning in children and adolescents.

By executive functioning, researchers are referring to a person's ability to recognize a problem in daily life and solve it by thinking carefully, not acting on impulse. Executive-functioning difficulties in adults are associated with frontal-lobe brain damage, frequently the result of a car accident or a fall.

Considerable research has been conducted regarding the effect that brain injuries have on the executive-functioning abilities of adults, Silver said, but relatively little attention has been paid to children who have undergone similar head trauma. In adults, the irregularities may be easier to spot and the cause easier to identify, she said.

Some signs of executive dysfunction in children may be inappropriate or rude behavior on the playground, or acting without thinking, Silver said. Measuring executive function in children has been difficult in the past because no standard has existed by which

to compare children's behavior.

UT Southwestern researchers now are attempting to analyze information gathered from parents to determine what kind of behavior is average and what is abnormal. Silver is requesting input from parents with children who have experienced traumatic brain injuries. She said she would like to hear from parents willing to discuss their child's condition and interested in assisting with comparative behavioral testing.

Silver also asked several area schools to circulate a questionnaire to parents concerning their children's conduct and demeanor. They are asked how their children behave different approaches to overcoming an obstacle.

For example, an adult may be preparing to drive to work along his usual route, but he hears on the radio that an accident has caused a traffic jam. A person with appropriate executive function probably would figure out a different road to work, adapting to an unexpected situation by settling on a sensible action. But a person without the necessary functioning skills might not be able to decide how to react, take the same route as always and get in trouble for being late to work.

Parents with children who have experienced traumatic brain injuries may get more information about Silver's project by calling (214) 648-1740.

Study: Obesity may not be related to having high levels of cholesterol

By RENAE MERLE
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — A teenage girl with high cholesterol may not solve the problem by losing weight.

That's because girls' cholesterol levels appear to be unrelated to their percentage of body fat, according to findings published in Monday's edition of the American Heart Association journal *Circulation*.

Dr. Darwin Labarthe, the report's lead author, said the findings contradict conventional wisdom that obese people are more likely to have high cholesterol levels.

"In girls, the proportion of body weight that is fat is unrelated to cholesterol level, whereas for boys the two are closely parallel," Labarthe said.

Cholesterol is a soft, fat-like substance found in human cells and used to form cell membranes, certain hormones and other substances. The body, primarily the liver, produces cholesterol, with diet being the other source.

Children are usually tested for high cholesterol if there is a family history of heart disease, doctors said.

Labarthe studied 678 children, ages 8 to 18, for four years. The children from The Woodlands, a Houston suburb, were tested three times a year.

Of those children, Labarthe said, 25 percent were classified as having high cholesterol. Current guidelines say that more than 170

milligrams per deciliter of blood is abnormal. The cholesterol level for both boys and girls fell as they got older and gained weight.

In boys, the dropoff paralleled a decrease in percentage of body fat, he said. But girls' body fat levels stayed about the same, the researchers found.

"There is a difference in boys and girls that has not been appreciated before," Labarthe said.

He said the next task is to see how body fatness and cholesterol are linked, possibly in relation to other factors like diet, sex hormones and physical activity levels.

The findings suggest that pediatricians will have to consider new approaches to treating obesity and high cholesterol in children, said Alan Lewis, a professor of pediatrics at the University of Southern California who was not on the study team.

"Making a recommendation for a teen-age girl with high cholesterol to lose weight might be misguided," said Lewis, associate head of cardiology at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles.

Sarah Blumenschein, a clinical assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, said understanding the dynamics of children's cholesterol was important. Children with high cholesterol often go on to become adults with the same condition, putting them at higher risk for heart disease, she noted.

The appropriate cholesterol level for children varies by age group, Labarthe said.

"A boy at age 10 would be considered to have a high cholesterol at a certain value, while a boy of 16 would be thought to have high cholesterol at a much lower level," he said.

With more research, Labarthe said, he may be able to pinpoint cholesterol levels appropriate for girls and boys in every age group.

Labarthe said his results, which also found significant fluctuation in children's cholesterol levels, strengthen the idea that a single screening may be insufficient.

"By doing the examinations every four months, we were able to show far greater variability in individual cholesterol levels than has been known in previous studies," Labarthe said. "An important implication is that screening based on a single cholesterol measure is probably less reliable than has previously been thought."

A child with an initially high cholesterol reading should receive a second screening before going on to more costly tests, Labarthe said.

Labarthe's findings corroborate the National Cholesterol Education Program's description of "ups and downs" in cholesterol levels among young people, said Richard Deckelbaum, a member of the NCEP and American Heart Association's nutrition committee.

But Deckelbaum said more research is needed before implementing new cholesterol guidelines for children.

FDA orders controls on apparently addictive migraine drug

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bruce Fisher was overjoyed to finally find a drug that almost instantaneously snuffed out his severe migraines. But the Illinois man became hooked on the seemingly innocuous nasal spray — and at age 24, in the midst of addiction therapy, he shot himself to death.

Now, after hundreds of reports of patient dependence, the Food and Drug Administration has recommended that the popular migraine drug Stadol be classified as a controlled substance, to curb how doctors prescribe it.

The Drug Enforcement Administration says the new restrictions, on both the shot version hospitals provide and the popular nasal spray Stadol NS, will be in force within months.

That's too late for Chicago neurologist Dr. Morris Fisher, who despite his own medical expertise had no inkling Stadol could be addictive until his son was in trouble. He argues in this month's journal *Neurology* that neither the FDA nor Stadol's manufacturer adequately warned doctors or patients about what they knew was a mounting problem.

"The evidence would raise some questions about their having acted in the best interests of patients or physicians," Fisher said.

Manufacturer Bristol-Myers Squibb vehemently disagrees. In February 1995 — six months before the younger Fisher's death — it recommended to the FDA that the Stadol nasal spray be reclassified a controlled substance.

Still, "I don't think we have a problem," the company's medical director, Dr. Darlene Jody, contended. "Our data suggest that very few patients who have been prescribed Stadol NS have had problems with abuse or addiction."

The FDA has received reports of 41 deaths and 774 addiction-associated side effects possibly involving Stadol.

The injectable version, sold since 1978, accounted for some. But for the nasal spray, the FDA lists 654 addiction-associated reactions and 18 deaths — seven associated with drug abuse or addiction.

The spray was approved for marketing only in 1991. The nasal spray, which Fisher

wrote is five times more potent than the injection, accounts for the vast majority of Stadol's estimated \$100 million in annual sales.

Every week, Dr. Joel Saper of the Michigan Head Pain and Neurology Institute in Ann Arbor hospitalizes two to three Stadol addicts who seek help from around the country.

Very few abuse Stadol for the "buzz" it gives certain users, he said. Instead, the problem is unique to migraines: The more painkillers some sufferers take, the more headaches they actually get. This "rebound syndrome" causes them to take enough Stadol to get hooked.

"Here is a drug that really works for some people," Saper said. "The problem is doctors were not aware of the physical dependency risks," which would have warned them to withhold Stadol from patients with fre-

quent migraines.

Saper hospitalized Marla, an Iowa mother, after she went from using the prescribed dose of Stadol NS two days a week to needing an entire \$70 bottle every five days.

"You do what you do to function," explained Marla, who spoke from her Ann Arbor hospital room on condition that her last name not be used: "It works almost immediately. Within 15 minutes your pain is starting to be relieved. But it's very easy for people to get out of hand with it."

Stadol was especially developed to be less addictive than such narcotics as morphine. The FDA originally thought Stadol wouldn't be a problem because increasing doses — a major sign of abuse — can cause unpleasant reactions in many patients.

But seven states already have made Stadol a controlled substance.

Potatoes may provide vaccines

BALTIMORE (AP) — Scientists are planning to feed genetically altered potatoes to human volunteers in hopes of tricking the immune system into fighting a common intestinal bug.

The trial at the University of Maryland is a collaboration with the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research in Ithaca, N.Y., which conceived the idea and grew the potatoes.

The university will run the clinical trial and evaluate the results in what is the first test of an edible plant vaccine. The target is a strain of E. coli that produces diarrhea and in poor countries regularly afflicts people living with poor sanitation.

In a trial that could begin this summer, volunteers would eat

three servings of chopped, raw potatoes over the course of three weeks. The volunteers would be divided into three groups: Two would eat different doses of the altered spuds; a third would dine on unaltered potatoes.

The image of children eating vaccines that come from the ground is irresistible to science.

"It's the ultimate oral immunization," said Dr. Myron Levine, the director who founded the university's Center for Vaccine Development and has become internationally known as a leader in vaccine research. "And it's as cheap as can be."

Plant vaccines hold special promise for developing countries which could use them while bypassing manufacturing costs.

Injured shoulder? Go ahead and move it

DALLAS — If you have stopped moving your shoulder because of a recent injury, you may be making it worse.

"When people hurt a shoulder, they often begin to limit motion within the area so that it doesn't hurt," says Dr. Timothy Schacherer, assistant professor of orthopedic surgery at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "That shrinks the range of motion of the shoulder until it

can't be moved at all."

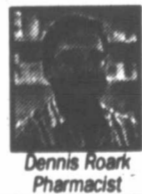
When the joint isn't used, it becomes extremely stiff and painful to move. The condition often is called "frozen shoulder." Schacherer says see a physician for proper diagnosis and treatment of all shoulder injuries.

Regular stretching exercises — specifically, raising your arms more than 90 degrees from your side — will help you avoid a shoulder injury.

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