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Tiger has trouble finding home

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Taboo likes baseball. He can sit and watch for hours.

Unfortunately, it makes the players nervous. Even when Taboo is on a leash. Of course, a 525 pound Siberian tiger makes a lot of people nervous.

Apparently, Taboo made somebody too nervous. Pampa animal control officers Thursday night told Ben Heiple that he and Taboo could not stay at Recreation Park. They would have to leave, and Taboo couldn't watch any more of the ball games there.

Heiple, although unhappy about the order, wasn't particularly surprised even though he had been told by Gray County authorities that the area was county property and he could stay there with his tiger. He camped out for two days near the Top of Texas Rodeo arena where there was shade and a large water tank for Taboo to swim in before the city told him to leave.

The animal trainer shrugged, he has already been asked to leave California, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Dumas.

Heiple, who has spent the better part of the last 30 years as a saddle maker and working with leather, left California after 20 years and moved to Webster, Fla., seven years ago. He went to a nearby breeding facility to buy a horse that he'd heard about and was bitten by a tiger. Two to be exact.

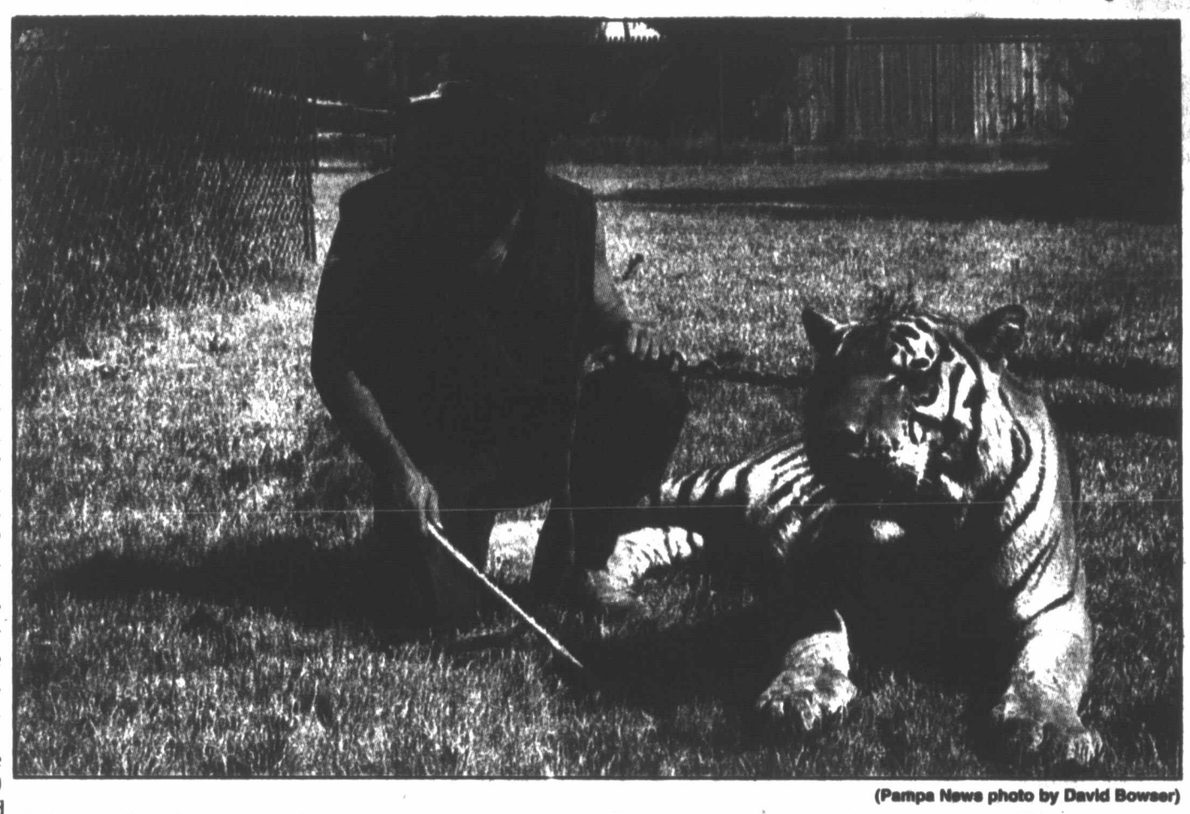
"I was bitten by two female tiger cubs on the back of my calves," he said, "and sprayed by a male."

The owner of the facility, Robert Baudy, asked Heiple if he would like a job.Heiple stayed on, building cages and eventually working with the animals at one of the largest feline breeding farms in North America.

As he learned about animal breeding and training, Heiple gained more than 17,000 hours of experience, working with mostly big cats -- tigers, leopards, bobcats, jaguars and pumas. He trained 70 big cats in the last five years that he managed the breeding center.

"I like tigers," Heiple said.

Less than two years old, Taboo will still grow another 100 to 150 pounds, Heiple said. And, although Heiple often walks him on a leash, the trainer warns that tigers are killers. They are not animals to be treated lightly.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

A tiger siting led authorities to baseball spectators Ben Heiple and his Siberian tiger, "Taboo" at Recreation Park earlier this week.

In Florida, he said, a person has to have at least 2,000 hours of on-the-job training and two sponsors to become licensed. Heiple's sponsors and mentors were the 69-year-old Baudy and 84-year-old Frank Weed, both experienced trainers.

But there are problems in that industry, Heiple said. Because white tigers and snow leopards bring the highest dollars, breeders have concentrated on them and nobody appears to be keeping up with tracing bloodlines. The limited gene pool has led to inbreeding, and it has not resulted in improved bloodlines.

That is one reason Heiple is so proud of Taboo, his 21-month old Siberian tiger. Taboo's parents came from Russia and Northern China.

"They were from areas about a 1,000 miles apart so there is little likelihood they were related," Heiple said. "Taboo is a perfect specimen."

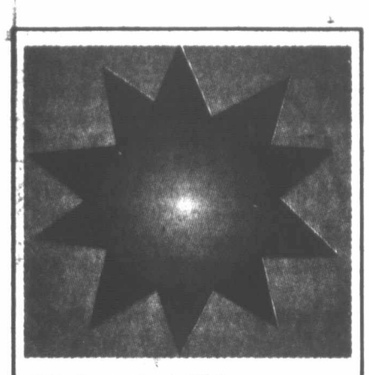
Taboo's mother had two litters of two cubs each before she had Taboo and his brother. She killed the first two litters. Taboo and his brother were the first litter to survive.

"She thought she was doing them a favor," Heiple said.

Taboo's mother felt threatened by the humans around her cage and killed her kittens because she feared the humans would harm them. After the female tiger became pregnant a third time, Heiple surrounded her cage with bamboo curtains and allowed no one in the cage. He was the only one coming and going, and then only at feeding time. His work paid off. The mother delivered and cared for her cubs.

Tiger cubs are gentler when raised by people, Heiple said, than when raised by their mothers so Heiple soon

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High today 103.
Low tonight 67.
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PAMPA — Bring a flag to wave good-bye to AFS Exchange Students Julia Peters and Vincent Simoneau at 7:20 a.m. tomorrow in the Pampa Mall parking lot. They will depart by bus with other AFS panhandle students headed for Chicago flights to their home countries.

AREA — The public is invited to a Christian Music Concert by the South African Orion Duet, singing in African and English languages as follows: Friday, June 26, at the Mount of Blessings Church, located at 608 N. Mirror Street, Amarillo, Texas at 8 p.m.; Saturday, June 27, at the Olsen Park Seventh Day Adventist Church, located at 5804 Erik (at Bell and I-40) Amarillo, at 8 p.m.; and on Sunday, June 28, at 3 p.m. at the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 404 Harlem St., Pampa, Texas; Sunday, June 28, at 6 p.m. at the Highland Christian Church, Pampa, Texas; Wednesday, July 2, at 8 p.m. at M.K. Brown Civic Center, Pampa Texas.

The admission is free with donations only. For more information please call Nkazi Sinandile at (505) 275-1061.

- **Robert Frank Jack, 89,** Pampa resident since 1972.
- **Ann L. Kay, 81,** lifelong Pampan and part owner of Claton Funeral Company.
- **W.C. Kendall, 59,** farmer and rancher.
- **Maurita Simmons Matney, 96,** Order of the Eastern Star member.

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Motorcyclists raising money for research

A Pampa nightspot will host a calf and fish fry and a dance Saturday to raise money for breast cancer research.

"We'll start feeding about 3 p.m.," said Helena McKnight, who is coordinating the event.

The food and dance will be at Holly's, 618 West Foster. The dance is planned for 8 p.m. An Amarillo band, Da Boogie Men, are donating their time and talents for the event.

"One hundred percent of the funds raised go to research," McKnight said.

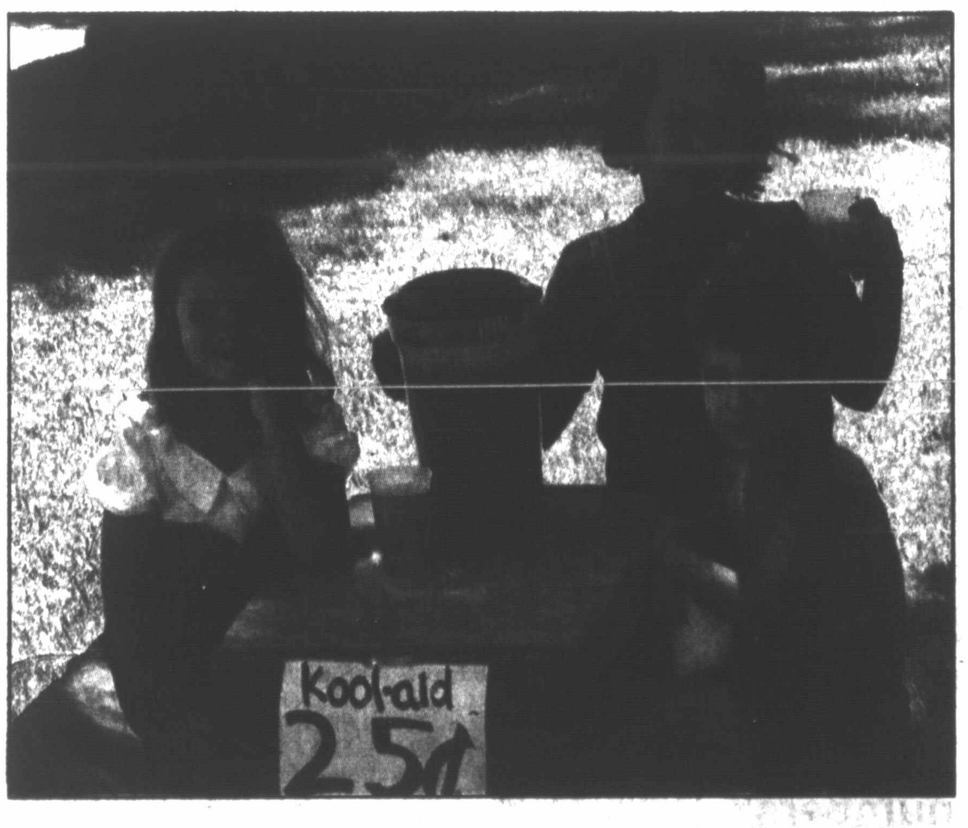
The fete at Holly's will coincide with the Women's Motorcyclist Foundation's Pony Express Tour '98, which kicks off Saturday in St. Joseph, Mo.

The tour includes a zig-zag 15,000 mile route around the U.S., ending Aug. 16, in Dallas. A rider on each of the 150 mile legs will carry a bronze medallionbearing the likeness of a one breasted woman archer aiming for a cure.

The rider raising the most money during the tour will receive the medallion at a ceremony in Dallas.

McKnight, aboard her Harley Sportster, will ride the leg Thursday, June 25, from Weatherford, Okla., through Sweetwater, Wheeler, Pampa and into Amarillo.

Kool-aid anyone? ...



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Heather Holt (center) joined her friends Gabby Powell and her brother Landon to try and raise a little money and quench some thirsts at a Kool-Aid stand on Christine Street earlier this week.

Outreach Health Service promotes good nutrition

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

Good nutrition for young parents and for young children does not come naturally. Like most things it has to be taught.

"Your life if based on habit," said Anna Saiz of Outreach Health Service. "When you go home you have mom fix your one special dish. If we can make parents realize it is a habit we can change those habits to good ones."

Outreach Health Services is the local representative for WIC, Women, Infant, and Children Services a division of the Department of Agriculture. They focus on making sure pregnant women and families who have children under the age of five understand proper nutrition. The program provides nutritional education and assistance. They offer classes and hand out materials on what is needed to develop healthy babies and young children. They also offer instruction on breast-feeding, something Outreach encourages, but doesn't insist on, according to Saiz.

While there are income guidelines, the program is not limited to people on other assistance programs.

While there are income guidelines, the program is not limited to people on other assistance programs. In fact guidelines from the Texas WIC program gives the maximum income for a family of four as $30,433.

The program not only provides training, but a voucher for $50 in food every month.

Unlike the food stamp program however, the kind of food that can be bought with the voucher is limited to foods pregnant woman, nursing mothers, and small children need.

Regular milk is included as are eggs, and cheese, so is any brand of regular peanut butter, without

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GM strikes continue

DETROIT (AP) — The silence is growing at the North American plants of the world's No. 1 automaker. And it's growing painful.

Two strikes at General Motors Corp. parts plants in Flint have idled or slowed production on 21 GM assembly lines in North America. By today, nearly 90 percent of GM's production capacity was down.

With the strikes affecting 88 other parts plants, nearly 89,000 GM workers have been idled. That's in addition to 9,200 striking workers.

All of which means the supply of new cars and trucks to dealers is being choked off.

"We're into the summer selling season, the hottest time of the year," said Clint Davis, sales manager of King-Chamberlain Oldsmobile-GMC in Loveland, Colo. His dealership is running low on its best-selling models, highly profitable GMC pickups and sport utility vehicles.

"I don't think there's any way I can overstate the negative effect of these strikes on this store," Davis said Thursday.

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Services tomorrow

CONNER, Roy — Memorial services, 11 a.m., Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Pampa.

JACK, Robert Frank — 2 p.m., Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, Pampa.

MATNEY, Maurita Simmons — 11 a.m., Miami Cemetery, Miami.

Obituaries

ROBERT FRANK JACK



Robert Frank Jack, 89, of Pampa, died Wednesday, June 17, 1998. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ with Tim Walter, minister, and Larry Brown, Family Life minister, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Jack was born Jan. 26, 1909, at Barnsdall, Okla. He married Lula Belle Corbin on Feb. 21, 1928, at Barnsdall; she died April 17, 1969. He moved from Oklahoma to Skellytown in 1937 and had been a Pampa resident since 1972, moving from Skellytown. He was a pumper for Mobil Oil, retiring in 1972 after 35 years of service. He later worked for Dyer's Bar B Que until 1982. He married Maxine Speck Davis on April 13, 1982, at Pampa.

He was a member of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the 10th Mountain Division from 1943-45. He was stationed at Kiska Island, Ala., Pisa, Italy, and Brenner Pass, Germany. He was training for the invasion of Northern Japan when the Japanese surrendered.

Survivors include his wife, Maxine, of the home; two daughters, Mary Hearron of Pampa and Shirley Jones of Amarillo; two sons, Benny Ridener of Odessa and John Davis of Austin; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ or to Salvation Army.

ANN L. KAY

Ann L. Kay, 81, of Pampa, died Wednesday, June 17, 1998. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Todd Dyess, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Kay was born Aug. 19, 1916, in Gray County and had been a lifelong Pampa resident, graduating from Pampa High School in 1934. She attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She married Roy L. Kay on Nov. 22, 1936, at Pampa; he died Aug. 22, 1996. The couple formerly owned-operated Clayton Funeral Company.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Crusader's Sunday School Class, Texas State Florists, was an associate member of West Texas New Mexico Florists Association and Pampa Senior Citizens.

Survivors include two daughters, Susan Kay of Oxford, Ohio, and Mary Iva Hallett of Pampa; and two grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 7-8 p.m. today at the funeral home and requests memorials be to Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 2234, Pampa, TX 79066-2234.

W.C. KENDALL

CANADIAN – W.C. Kendall, 59, died Wednesday, June 17, 1998. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in First United Methodist Church with Dr. Lewis Holland, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mr. Kendall was born Feb. 28, 1939, at Canadian, to William and Alpha Kendall. He graduated from Canadian High School and attended West Texas State University. He married Janice E. Hardin on Sept. 7, 1962, at Canadian. The couple moved to Flagler, Colo., in 1967, returning to Canadian in 1979. He was a farmer and rancher. He attended First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Janice of Canadian; three daughters, Deborah Kendall of Houston, Penny Brown of Perryton and Roberta Kendall of Angel Fire, N.M.; a son, Bill Kendall of Canadian; and a grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Hemphill County Hospice, First United Methodist Church or Hemphill County Library.

MAURITA SIMMONS MATNEY

AMARILLO – Maurita Simmons Matney, 96, died Wednesday, June 17, 1998. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Miami Cemetery with the Rev. Steve patterson, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Miami, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Matney was born at Point City. She married John T. Matney in 1921 at Amarillo; he die din 1987. She lived in Spearman and Canyon for a short time prior to moving to Woodward, Okla., where she resided for 64 years. She had been an Amarillo resident for the past three years.

She was active in two bridge clubs and was a member of Order of the Eastern Star. She was president of United Methodist Women's Organization for three years and was past president of Beta Sorosis. She was a homemaker and a lifelong member of First United Methodist Church of Woodward.

Survivors include a brother, R.L. "Bill" Simmons of Amarillo; and a sister, Eula Pearl Petree of Amarillo.

Police report

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

Thursday, June 18

Maria Sirles, 34, 1113 Varnon, was arrested on charges of no valid drivers license.

Sheriff's Office

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

Thursday, June 18

Billy Ray Brown, 27, 745 Wilks, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Fires

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

Thursday, June 18

5:38 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to Highway 70 north of Pampa on an oil spill.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, June 18

10:52 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of W. Wilks and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

1:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

8:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of N. Russell and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

9:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of N. Dwight and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literary Council office will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

THEE PLACE

Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

Efforts are under way to form a support group for parents of children with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder or attention deficit disorder. Those interested are asked to call Connie at 665-1206, or after 6 p.m. and weekends, 669-9364.

ST. MARK CME CHURCH

St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS

The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavillion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.74
Milo	3.74
Corn	4.24
Soybeans	5.65

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

Occidental	26 1/4	up 1/16

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

Magellan	106.41
Puritan	20.92

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

Amoco	42	dn 7/16
Arco	78 5/8	dn 3/16
Cabot	31 3/4	dn 7/16
Cabot O&G	18 1/4	up 3/16
Chevron	81 13/16	dn 1/8
Coca-Cola	80 7/8	dn 1/2
Columbia/HCA	29 15/16	up 1/4
Enron	49 9/16	dn 1/16
Halliburton	42 1/2	up 1/8
IRI	11	dn 1/4
KNE	49 27/32	dn 5/32
Kerr McGee	58 3/16	up 1/8
Limited	32 5/16	up 5/16
McDonald's	67 7/8	NC
Mobil	76 3/4	up 1/2
New Atmos	30 1/8	up 1/4
NCE	46 3/8	dn 1/2
Penney's	78 1/4	up 1/2
Phillips	49 15/16	NC
Pioneer Nat. Res.	22 1/16	up 1/8
SLB	67 7/16	dn 2 1/2
Tenneco	38 15/16	up 1/16
Texaco	59 1/2	dn 3/8
Ultramar	32 9/16	up 1/16
Wal-Mart	58 5/16	up 5/16
Williams	30 5/16	up 7/16
New York Gold		299.60
Silver		5.34
West Texas Crude		12.05

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	669-7432
Water	669-5830

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Tiger

became Taboo's surragate mom.

Heiple said when Taboo was five days old, he weighed two pounds and used to ride around in Heiple's pocket. But like most tiger cubs, Taboo took a bottle every two hours for about four months before he was weaned to meat. Now he eats about 25 pounds of meat a day, a little more in the winter, a little less in the summer.

When Heiple was passing through the area in February, Taboo made short work of the 72 ounce steak at the Big Texan Steak Ranch. He finished it in one and a half minutes, well below the old record of more than nine minutes set by a big league baseball player years ago.

"For dessert, they gave him a second one," Heiple grinned. "They were really nice people."

Originally, Heiple left Florida with plans to move to Mexico. He had located 100 acres in a secluded spot near Acapulco to set up his own breeding program with Taboo. But complicated permitting problems delayed the move and Heiple went on to California to visit friends.

He was near the Nevada border where Taboo was involved in a photo shoot when California game officials informed him he did not have the proper Golden State permits and would have to leave the state. He faced similar situations in Nevada and Arizona.

Earlier this month, Heiple and Taboo spent two weeks in the La Veta, Colo., area before Colorado officials informed him he didn't have the proper state permits.

Although Heiple is licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to own and train big cats, local wildlife laws vary widely from state to state. Heiple is awaiting forms from Colorado to apply for the proper permits. He found out the hard way he had to get the permits before he went to the Rocky Mountain State.

They wouldn't let him stay while he applied.

New Mexico, he said, was even worse. They didn't even want him to cross the northeast corner of the state on his way to Texas. They wanted him to go through the Oklahoma Panhandle.

Still, Heiple hopes to find a place where he can settle down with Taboo and find an appropriate female and start his own breeding operation. He pointed out that Taboo, other than his mother, father and one brother, has no relatives in the North American gene pool. The good news financially is that Taboo's brother was a white tiger and Taboo carries that gene. But it looks like it may be a while before he can pass it on.

In the mean time, a Pampa woman, Carolyn Miller, helped Heiple find a place temporarily outside the city limits.

Taboo just won't be able to watch any more baseball anytime soon.

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Program

honey, jelly or marshmallows because it is high in protein. The least expensive brand of orange and grapefruit juice is allowed but only certain brands of apple and pineapple juices are allowed. The regulations are very specific about the kind of cereal that are allowed.

"We know if they are buying cereal it's just plain cereal," said Saiz. "It's not anything with honey or marshmallows or sugar, it's just the basic cereal."

She said Outreach currently reaches about 800 people in Gray County but statistics indicate they should serve about 1,000 or more. The staff hopes to have more new families take advantage of their services.

Saiz thinks misconceptions about the program have kept some people away. She has had clients who have told her the family had a job and insurance. She said insurance doesn't affect eligibility.

Gloria Rodriquez, a worker at Outreach, said there may be another reason some eligible people stay away.

"Pride has a lot to do with it. They should feel proud to get educated on nutrition. They are basically working for this by getting educated. They are doing this, if they don't participate in our classes they can't get the vouchers," she said.

Men can participate in the program as well, if they have custody or if the mother can't come to the classes men are welcome, several are participating now, she said.

Anyone who thinks they may be eligible for the program should contact Outreach Health Services at 665-1182 or bring proof of income to 317 N. Ballard.

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Strike

While most GM dealers across the country still have several weeks' supply of new vehicles, deliveries of new cars and trucks have nearly ended as the strikes have dried up the production pipeline.

The latest assembly plants to go down were GM's only factory that makes minivans, in Doraville, Ga., and its Oklahoma City plant, which makes the Chevrolet Malibu and Oldsmobile Cutlass. The big Lordstown, Ohio, plant, which assembles Chevrolet Cavaliers and Pontiac Sunfires, was expected to be idled today.

June's vehicle sales still are expected to be strong, even with the effects of the strikes. But if the strike is not settled soon, GM's sales numbers will plummet next month.

"We'll be looking at a major hit," said analyst Joe Phillippi of Lehman Brothers. "They'll run out of inventory of all the popular stuff and be left with the dregs that take a long time to move off the lot."

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Very hot and sunny today with a high of 103. Tonight, clearing skies with a low of 67 and south winds between 10 and 20 mph.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS —Panhandle — Tonight, clear with a low in the mid 60s. South wind 5-15 mph. Saturday, sunny with a high around 100. South wind 10-20 mph. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, clear. Lows from the mid 60s to lower 70s. Saturday, mostly sunny. Highs from the upper 90s to near 102. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, clear. Lows from the upper 60s to lower 70s. Saturday, mostly sunny. Highs 100-105. Saturday night, fair. Lows 70-75. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows 68-77. Saturday, mostly sunny. Highs near 100. Far West Texas — Tonight, fair. Lows near 70. Saturday, mostly sunny. Highs around 100. Saturday night, fair. Lows near 70. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, fair. Lows from the 60s mountains, near 80 along the river. Saturday, mostly sunny. Highs from the 90s mountains to near 113 along the Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, partly cloudy. A chance of thunderstorms northeast, with widely scattered thunderstorms central and southeast. Lows 75 to 78. Saturday, partly cloudy and very warm. Highs 96 to near 100.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Excessive heat advisory in effect today for south central Texas. Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy with isolated showers or thunderstorms. Lows near 80. Saturday, becoming partly cloudy and hot with isolated afternoon showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 90s. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Excessive heat advisory in effect today. Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy. Lows near 80. Saturday, becoming mostly sunny and hot. Highs near 100 inland to near 90 coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 80s coast to near 80 inland. Saturday, becoming partly cloudy. Hot with highs near 90 coast to near 100 inland, near 105 Rio Grande plains. Deep South Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows near 80. Saturday, mostly sunny and breezy. Hot with highs near 90 coast to the mid 90s inland, near 106 inland west.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Tonight, fair skies. Lows mid 30s to lower 50s mountains, 50s and 60s lower elevations. Saturday and Saturday night, mostly fair skies. Locally breezy in the afternoon. Continued warm northwest and hot southeast. Highs upper 70s to around 90 mountains, upper 80s to near 102 lower elevations except 103 to 108 southeast plains. Lows mostly 40s to mid 50s mountains, mid 50s to 60s lowlands, except a few lower 70s southeast.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the low to mid 70s. Saturday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms west. Highs from 96 to 105. Saturday night, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s to mid 70s.

City briefs

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EMERGENCY JAIL Release. 24 hrs. Jack Ward, 669-9911. Adv.

17 FT. Larson in/out board w/165 h.p. motor, like new, for sale. 665-0057 for more info. Adv.

DEL BRADLEY is here at Pampa Street Fair, come by VFW Hall, Sat. 10-5 p.m. Adv.

PAMPA SHRINE Club meeting, Fri. 7 p.m. Covered dish. Adv.

OPENING DAY Farmers market. Sat. June 20, 6 a.m., 810 W. Foster. Burrows from Clarendon. Adv.

MASSAGE THERAPY Special Father's Day Gift Certificates. Call Cathy Potter 806-669-0013. Adv.

LAWN CARE - Call Family Care, 665-3257. Adv.

SILVER CLOUD - Sterling silver, lrg. selection of charms, bracelets & necklaces. VFW Hall, Sat. 10-5 p.m. Adv.

SUMMER SALE at All Its Charm, many items 30-50% off Sat. 20th. Adv.

TY BEANIE Babies-current (incl. Princess & Erin) & retired-reduced to sell. Booth 675 Cottage Collection. Adv.

WEST COAST Playmates, Thurs., June 25th at Biarritz ClubVIPs available. 669-2737. Adv.

ALASKA CRUISE - Special rates on Aug. 24. Seven nights. Hurry, Hurry!! Travel Express 665-0093. Adv.

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CLINT & SONS Smokehouse & Deli Grand Opening, Sat. June 20, 1401 N. Hobart, Mon. - Sat. 9-6:30 p.m. 665-2825. Adv.

SUMMER CLEARANCE Sale starts Saturday at 9 a.m. Books, music demos & gifts, all priced to sell. So come in, cool off, and enjoy the bargains. The Gift Box Christian Bookstore, 117 W. Kingsmill. Adv.

WASHER/DRYER set $325. 665-7722 or after 6 p.m. Adv.

TRADE DAY Sale-Rheams Diamond Shop, Saturday 10-5 p.m. Free Diamond Ice Melt, watches $5-$10, sterling silver $3-$10 and lots more!! Adv.

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GOP challenges Clinton to veto education tax bill

By ROBERT GREENE
AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) – Congressional Republicans are preparing to send President Clinton an education package built around tax breaks for school expenses, including tuition at private and religious schools.

Clinton already has promised to veto the measure. That would allow GOP lawmakers this midterm election year to portray Clinton as opposed to reform and Democrats beholden to money from teachers' unions.

"It's now up to President Clinton to stand up for our students instead of left-wing labor bosses at the National Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers," Republican Party chairman Jim Nicholson said Thursday, after the House passed the tax and education measure.

The 225-197 vote was mostly along party lines. The margin was narrow enough to indicate a veto would stand. The Senate is expected to pass the same bill next week.

Democrats are stressing new, multibillion-dollar federal programs to build schools, hire teachers and expand programs to care for children after school. They mocked Republicans for voting Wednesday to abolish the existing tax code, then voting Thursday to create what they say is another tax loophole for the wealthy.

"Our Republican friends are saying that this code is so complicated, so unfair that it ought to be pulled up by its roots," said Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., the top Democrat on the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee. "But if the code is so complicated, why would the Republicans add this fertilizer to the roots that they want to pull up?"

Backers stress that most people would use the savings to help with ordinary costs of attending public schools, such as books, supplies, tutors, computers and transportation, and the special needs of disabled children.

The bill would expand tax-free savings accounts that Congress created last year – with Clinton's blessing – to provide for college expenses.

Families, employers and others could contribute up to $2,000 a year to the accounts on a child's behalf – up from $500 in the original bill. Interest buildup and withdrawals would be tax-free, and the money could be used for expenses beginning with kindergarten.

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"This bill recognizes that educational savings accounts shouldn't be restricted to college students," said Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, the Ways and Means chairman. "Families with children in high school, middle school and elementary school need help too."

But opponents say most of the dollar benefits would go to more affluent parents sending their children to private schools.

"This isn't an issue of ideology, it's an issue of good policy," said Steve Wollmer, an NEA spokesman. "We just think President Clinton will do the right thing by 90 percent of the children who are in public schools rather than give a tax break to 10 percent of the children in private schools."

Although the average family would get a tax break worth $7 a year, opponents say, backers stress that the incentives are still enough to leverage billions of dollars in private savings for education to be spent as families choose. The accounts would cost the Treasury $1.5 billion over 10 years in lost tax revenue.

The measure has other tax breaks for pre-paid tuition plans and employer-paid tuition, as well as some education provisions that have nothing to do with taxes. These include creation of a program to spend $210 million on helping children learn to read, mostly through training teachers.

The bill also would give states financial incentives to institute merit pay and competency testing for teachers. Teacher unions oppose merit pay on grounds it is unfairly awarded.

Democrats said Republicans had no business talking about special interests when tobacco money helped defeat an anti-smoking bill in Congress the previous day.

Accelerated Readers



(Community Camera photo)

Stacey King (left) and Shanna Molitor (right), Lamar Elementary teachers, distribute Accelerated Reader T-shirts to Lamar students, Kali Jimenez and Jessica Hill, in a special awards assembly held recently.

State's home health care industry sweating out federal judge's ruling

DALLAS (AP) – Home health-care officials in Texas say the fate of their industry could well be in the hands of U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders of Dallas.

Sanders has heard arguments but has yet to rule on whether to impose a national injunction to stop the federal government from implementing a new Medicare payment system. His decision could come any time.

Industry officials in Texas say if the new Medicare reimbursement rules – projected to save Medicare $3.1 billion this year – go into effect, as many as half of the state's 2,000 home health-care agencies would be forced to shut down.

Medicare is the federally funded health insurance program for the elderly and disabled.

Home health firms provide an alternative to nursing homes and hospitals by allowing nurses and therapists to treat patients at home under the supervision of physicians.

Patients typically are recovering from strokes or surgery or suffer from respiratory ailments or other chronic illnesses.

Craig Florence, a Dallas attorney who is representing the Texas Association for Home Care, said the new payment system drops the reimbursement for patient visits in Texas from an annual limit of about $8,000 per patient to about $3,200 per patient in some cases.

Because the system is retroactive, many agencies must repay the government hundreds of thousands of dollars, Florence said.

"It's a harsh result for the home health agencies but also for the people they care for," Florence said Thursday. "Those most likely to be without home health are the sickest and frailest people in Texas."

Derric Henderson, administrator of Metro Home Health Inc. in the Dallas suburb of DeSoto, said his annual Medicare reimbursement would drop to $178,133 this year from $785,239 last year – a 77 percent decrease.

"I figured I might as well close my doors and declare bankruptcy," Henderson said. "I don't care what anybody says, you can't work under this system."

In arguments before Sanders last week, lawyers for the federal government defended the Medicare fee cuts as a response to skyrocketing home health costs.

Texas produces most toxic pollution, also reduces most

HOUSTON (AP) – Texas gets much of the blame, but also much of the credit, in a report on toxic pollution problems across the United States.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued a report Thursday for 1996, the latest year with figures available.

Texas industries got double recognition as both the biggest producers and reducers of toxic pollution.

For the third straight year, Texas plants reported the greatest total releases of toxic substances to the air, land and water – 267.4 million pounds.

Texas was also by far the top-ranking state in industries' reported reduction of toxic releases – 34.5 million pounds.

The state's reduction from 1995 to 1996 represented more than a third of the total national reduction of 97.3 million pounds.

"Pollution prevention has become an established environmental management technique in Texas during the past decade," commissioner Ralph Marquez of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission told the Houston Chronicle.

As it has done in the past, the TNRCC attributed Texas' top 1996 ranking to its "heavily industrialized economy, with 60 percent of the nation's petrochemical manufacturing and 25 percent of the oil refining capacity."

After ranking second to Louisiana plants for five years from 1989-93, Texas industries reported the greatest toxic releases in 1994 and 1995.

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Of work and women ...



Mona Charen

Charen is a nationally syndicated columnist.

It was Michael Kinsley who observed that a "gate" is when someone blurts out the truth. If so, Joyce Purnick, metro editor of The New York Times, has just committed a big one.

Delivering the commencement address at Bernard College, Columbia University, Purnick meant to be personal but found herself knee-deep in the political.

As someone who made a choice, albeit a passive one, to forgo having children, she advised the women graduates to think hard about it. "Don't pretend you don't have a biological clock," she cautioned, "because you do. Time moves along – and then, the window closes." Purnick herself expresses regret that she did not plan for children when she was younger. As it was, by the time she recognized that having children was important to her, life events intervened, and then, it was too late.

At the same time, she is convinced that not having children made her career success possible. Being metro editor is a 12-hour-a-day and sometimes seven-day-a-week job. It demands full devotion, which she happily offers. But it was because she was free of family obligations that she could dedicate herself so fully to the Times.

"There is no way in an all-consuming profession like journalism that a woman with children can devote as much time and energy as a man can," she told the graduates. "If I had left the Times to have children and then come back to work a four-day week the way some women reporters on my staff now do, or if I had taken long vacations and leaves to be with my family or left the office at 6 o'clock instead of eight or nine – I wouldn't be the metro editor."

With these seemingly innocuous words, Purnick found herself in a mini-maelstrom. London's Guardian newspaper characterized her speech as "a blow to women's hard-won equality in the workplace." An editor at Working Woman magazine pronounced herself "appalled." And the women at the Times were so upset that Purnick had to arrange a special meeting to mend fences.

Not everyone reacted with dismay. At Bernard, the speech was a major hit. The graduates themselves warmly applauded the address, and several professors expressed pleasure that someone had been honest with the girls for a change.

The women who carp when someone states the obvious – those who make it a scandal to notice that mothers don't put the same energy into their careers as non-mothers – need a cold splash of reality in their faces. The reality is simply this: A woman's life is not a man's life. We often want different things and choose different paths. It is rarely male-imposed discrimination that causes the careers of women to differ from men's but the choices women themselves make.

Purnick refers in her speech to the occasion when a top editing job was offered to 14 different women, all of whom declined it, citing family obligations. The job went, at last, to a man. Lesson: You cannot simply count the number of women in the highest echelon jobs in any company and then conclude that discrimination must account for any statistical disparity. There are other factors at work.

Women have fought to achieve career success and to be taken seriously. But at the same time, some who are attempting to balance career and children are now pretending that when they heed that other part of their souls – the part that craves time with children and home – nothing is lost. That's not reality. Someone in the workplace always picks up the slack that is left by mothers who rush off to deal with a baby-sitting crisis or who customarily leave at 5 p.m.

That doesn't mean that the mommy track is the wrong choice, only that every choice has costs. What you sacrifice in career advancement, you gain in the much less measurable realm of personal happiness – to say nothing of the ultimate gratitude of children.

The Purnick speech and the reaction to it are part of a major reevaluation of feminist dogma that is taking place in America. Even Bernard, a feminist bastion, can now calmly absorb the idea that women must plan their lives more carefully than men, not because the patriarchy oppresses them but because they want different things from life.

Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers:

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on U.S./Mexico sting:

Never has the old adage — the one that says, "Poor Mexico — so far from God; so close to the United States" — been more true.

Recently, U.S. federal officers conducted an undercover operation that led to the arrests of scores of drug trafficking suspects and — just as importantly — a good many Mexican bankers who are accused of being eyeball-deep in laundering the profits earned by those smuggling drugs into the United States from Mexico. U.S. officials had not obtained Mexico's approval for undercover operations and had not informed Mexican officials about the overall plan to nab the traffickers and money-launderers.

So Mexico's president, Ernesto Zedillo, has complained about a breach of his country's sovereignty. He wants those arrested here to be extradited to Mexico.

It is true that the United States, to be the good neighbor it hopes to be, should be more . . . well . . . neighborly about these matters. It does no good to insult Mexico.

Balanced against this U.S. arrogance is widespread Mexican corruption. To conduct such operations successfully and without increasing the danger to U.S. agents, the plans have to be kept secret. American drug officials say flatly that they cannot tell who in Mexico can be trusted and who is hand-in-glove with the bad guys.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright (who also did not know of the sting beforehand) rules out extradition to Mexico of those arrested, calling it "counterproductive," but adds, "We will be as cooperative as we can."

When one nation's arrogance and another's incompetence are both involved, "as cooperative as we can" is unfortunately about the most that can be expected in the drug wars.

Corpus Christi Caller-Times on John Dalton's legacy:

Outgoing Secretary of the Navy John Dalton, a Texan, had one of the most tumultuous periods of recent Navy history during his watch, including the repercussions of the Tailhook scandal and the suicide of Jeremy Boorda, the chief of naval operations. Yet during this most trying period, Dalton managed to not only keep the Navy afloat, but keep it moving toward new standards of conduct.

The Navy Dalton leaves behind is no longer the Navy which could allow the Tailhook convention in 1991, which was no less than a tawdry and sanctioned public display of macho libido. South Texans will mostly remember Dalton as a friend who presided while Naval Station Ingleside staved off base closure and Navy activities grew in South Texas.

El Paso Times on citizenship legislation:

It's abundantly clear that the Immigration and Naturalization Service has not functioned as efficiently as it should. With citizenship application backlogs of up to two years, a House panel's bold legislation could help speed service and tighten requirements for criminal background checks for applicants.

The House Immigration Subcommittee last Thursday approved legislation that would authorize an $82 million infusion for naturalization services. The measure, known as the Citizenship Integrity and Backlog Reduction Act, would require the INS to report monthly on its efforts to reduce the backlog. ...

INS Commissioner Doris Meissner said the new legislation could slow the process further, since her agency is already attempting reform to reduce the backlog. But INS' reaction has been too little, too late. The backlog of immigrants seeking citizenship has grown to 1.7 million. INS has failed to resolve its problems itself.

As House Immigration Subcommittee Chairman Lamar Smith, R-Texas, correctly surmised: "Citizenship is the highest honor our nation can bestow. Those who are qualified should receive citizenship quickly and efficiently. Those who have committed serious crimes should be deported, not sworn in."

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Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, June 19, the 170th day of 1998. There are 195 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 19, 1953, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, convicted of conspiring to pass U.S. atomic secrets to the Soviet Union, were executed at Sing Sing Prison in Ossining, N.Y.

On this date:

In 1586, English colonists sailed from Roanoke Island, N.C., after failing to establish England's first permanent settlement in America.

In 1862, slavery was outlawed in U.S. territories.

In 1910, Father's Day was celebrated for the first time, in Spokane, Wash.

In 1934, the Federal Communications Commission was created.

In 1945, millions of New Yorkers turned out to cheer Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, who was honored with a parade.

In 1961, the Supreme Court struck down a provision in Maryland's constitution requiring state officeholders to profess a belief in God.

In 1963, Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova returned to Earth after spending nearly three days as the first woman in space.

In 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was approved after surviving an 83-day filibuster in the U.S. Senate.

In 1977, Pope Paul VI proclaimed a 19th-century Philadelphia bishop, John Neumann, the first male U.S. saint.

In 1986, artificial heart recipient Murray P. Haydon died in Louisville, Ky., after 16 months on the manmade pump.

In 1987, the Supreme Court struck down a Louisiana law requiring any public school teaching the theory of evolution to teach creationism science as well.

U.S. foreign policy unjust

Charley Reese
Syndicated columnist

What is the difference between Pakistan and India developing nuclear weapons and Israel developing nuclear weapons?

When Israel went nuclear, the U.S. government adopted the posture of the three monkeys – it didn't see anything, hear anything or say anything. When India and Pakistan went nuclear, the United States went ballistic and imposed sanctions and rhetoric on both countries.

It is not enough to say that the U.S. government likes Israel and doesn't like Pakistan and India. Governments are not supposed to act like elementary school kids. It is not enough to say, as some Christian Zionists probably do, that God wants Israel to have nuclear weapons. Let's leave God out of it, with the stipulation that God will do what He pleases, when He pleases and as He pleases without any help, hindrance or permission from us.

The issue is America's national interests, and it is not in our interest for our government to be so blatantly hypocritical and its foreign policy so riddled with double standards. One consequence of the U.S. government's hypocrisy and double standards is a loss of influence. To put it in the vernacular, our government's word is no good. And fewer and fewer governments will pay any attention to it.

Why should the government leaders of India and Pakistan pay any attention to the words of U.S. government officials? The people in South Asia know full well that the United States acts and speaks only on the basis of domestic politics and is, consequently, a world-class hypocrite.

President Clinton is so kissy-smoochy with the Chinese government for financial and business reasons that China gets the old three monkeys treatment for its blatant human rights abuses – the genocide it practices in Tibet and its own nuclear arms buildup.

So, can India rely on the United States to protect it from China's nuclear weapons? No. It has to rely on itself. Can Pakistan rely on U.S. protection against India? No. It has to rely on itself.

Look at Rep. Newt Gingrich, the speaker of the House, and his disgusting performance in Israel. As someone suggested, we should refer to Gingrich henceforth as Madam Gingrich because he presides over a house of whores.

Gingrich, in his nymphomaniac lust for Jewish votes and Jewish campaign contributions, blunders into the middle of the nearly dead peace process and blatantly advises the Israeli prime minister to disregard the president of the United States. Don't worry, Mr. Prime Minister, the house of whores will back your play, Madam Gingrich advises.

Imagine if the Democratic speaker of the House had gone to Iraq right after its invasion of Kuwait and told Saddam Hussein, "Oh, disregard anything that President Bush says. Congress will back your play." And the Democrat probably would have done just that if there had been a huge Iraqi lobby in the United States, able to generate millions in campaign contributions.

And what, after all, is the difference between Iraq invading Kuwait and Israel invading Syria, Lebanon, the West Bank and Gaza? What is the difference between Iraq defying a U.N. resolution and Israel defying 69 U.N. resolutions?

Answer: Campaign money, the Israeli lobby propaganda and domestic politics.

The downside is the loss of American prestige and influence, the endangerment of American citizens, an increase in the risk of war, the emasculation of the United Nations as a force for peace and general disrespect for the rule of law.

A nation's foreign policy, in addition to being focused on the nation's national interests, should be both moral and just. Justice requires the same standards and one set of rules for dealing with all countries. If we don't replace the whores with statesmen, bad things are going to happen.

Silence deafening at General Motors plants as crippling strike continues

DETROIT (AP) – The silence is growing at the North American plants of the world's No. 1 automaker. And it's growing painful.

Two strikes at General Motors Corp. parts plants in Flint have idled or slowed production on 21 GM assembly lines in North America. By today, nearly 90 percent of GM's production capacity was down.

With the strikes affecting 88 other parts plants, nearly 89,000 GM workers have been idled. That's in addition to 9,200 striking workers.

All of which means the supply of new cars and trucks to dealers is being choked off – and it couldn't come at a worse time.

"We're into the summer selling season, the hottest time of the year," said Clint Davis, sales manager of King-Chamberlain Oldsmobile-GMC in Loveland, Colo. His dealership is running low on its best-selling models, highly profitable GMC pickups and sport utility vehicles.

"I don't think there's any way I can overstate the negative effect of these strikes on this store," Davis said Thursday.

While most GM dealers across the country still have several weeks' supply of new vehicles, deliveries of new cars and trucks have nearly ended as the strikes have dried up the production pipeline.

The latest assembly plants to shut down were GM's only factory that makes minivans, in Doraville, Ga., and its Oklahoma City plant, which makes the Chevrolet Malibu and Oldsmobile Cutlass.

GM had a 58-day supply of vehicles on June 1, four days before the first strike, according to the trade weekly Automotive News. But supplies of some popular models were far lower after unusually strong May demand spurred by rebates.

There was only a 39-day supply of the Chevrolet Tahoe sport utility, for example. Davis said his lot had only a 20-day supply of the Tahoe's twin, the GMC Yukon, and GMC extended-cab pickups.

"We still have a fair day's supply of stock in the field," said Donald Hackworth, a GM vice president who directs the company's North American Car Group. "But the strike is hurting us."

The strikes are largely over fears that the automaker plans to trim jobs or even close the factories. Also at issue are productivity, health and safety issues and subcontracting.

Negotiations were to resume today. But both sides appeared entrenched as top United Auto Workers leaders began leaving Michigan for next week's triennial UAW convention in Las Vegas.

The convention will be followed on June 29 with the start of GM's annual two-week plant shutdown. U.S. workers idled by the walkouts – many getting by on $150-a-week strike pay or unemployment benefits – will not get union-won "holiday pay" for the first week of the shutdown unless they're back at work a week from today.

Bush talks of 1998 election, but supporters hear 2000

WASHINGTON (AP) – Standing beneath six gleaming chandeliers in an elegant ballroom, Texas Gov. George W. Bush promises high-dollar Washington donors that their money "will go to good use."

It will help get him re-elected in November, he declared – not bothering to say what every man and woman in the room already knew: Bush may have good use for their money again in 2000.

His one-day fund-raising blitz Thursday was an impressive display of family connections and high expectations. He raised more than $1 million from a Who's Who of Washington' lobbying, lawmaking and consulting powers – probably an unprecedented showing so early in a presidential election cycle.

If the son for George Bush decides to run in 2000, nobody wants to be remembered as somebody who ignored him in 1998.

"Sure, there are some who are here because of the potential he has for other opportunities," acknowledged Andrew Card, who was transportation secretary during the Bush administration.

The younger Bush, who almost swaggers with confidence, tried his best to be coy. But he conceded that he cannot stop speculation about his White House aspirations as long as he refused to close the door on a presidential bid.

"I'm going to stay focused" on running for governor, he told more than 500 Republican heavyweights at a cocktail fund-raiser just two blocks from the White House. "I'm going to work hard, and the money you've contributed will go to good use."

"I'll tell you this: Nobody is going to out-campaign this guy," Bush said, pointing his thumb at himself.

"The problem is when I leave the state, it starts causing speculation. People start speculating on my behalf. I'm going to put some rumors to rest. I am not, I repeat, I am not a candidate ..." Bush said, pausing with a wry smile before finishing his thought:

" ... for Viagra."

As the laughter died down, he added, "Not now. Maybe in 2004."

Bush leads all potential GOP candidates in most presidential polls, although closer examination of the data reveals that voters know little about him. Pollsters suggest he his benefiting from the Bush family name and a desire by many GOP voters to find a new and exciting candidate outside Washington.

His first-term record on tax cuts, juvenile justice and tort reform made Bush a wildly popular governor. He leads his Democratic opponent in polling by more than 50 percentage points.

Bush told donors Thursday night that literacy would be his No. 1 priority "so long as I am governor."

The cocktail reception came with a $500 price tag. Tickets for the $5,000-a-head dinner was so great that the event, initially planned for a private residence, was moved to a second hotel.

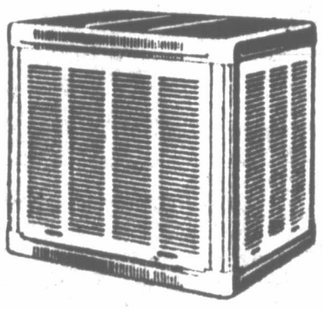


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'Role model' for schizophrenics accused of murder

HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, N.Y. (AP) – When Michael Laudor battled the demons of mental illness, he did it very publicly and said: "I can be a role model." If a murder charge is to be believed, he lost the battle very publicly, too.

Laudor, 35, a lawyer whose achievements had made him an inspiration to fellow schizophrenics and the subject of a Hollywood movie project, was charged Thursday with killing his pregnant girlfriend.

Her repeatedly stabbed body was found a day earlier in the apartment they shared in Hastings-on-Hudson, a suburb of about 8,000 people a few miles north of New York City.

Police had been alerted by a call from Laudor's worried mother. By the time they arrived, Caroline Costello, 37, was dead from wounds to the neck and back.

Laudor had fled the riverside village for Cornell University in upstate Ithaca, 170 miles away, where two decades earlier he attended a summer workshop for high school high-achievers. He surrendered there and was driven back for arraignment on a charge of second-degree murder.

With his hands cuffed to his waist, Laudor was escorted into police headquarters, just across the street from the crime scene. His girlfriend's black Honda, which he drove as far as Binghamton before boarding a bus for Ithaca, came in on a flatbed truck.

Laudor did not enter a plea and was sent to the Westchester County Jail without bail. His lawyer, Robert Ollman, did not request a psychiatric exam but said Laudor's doctor would be calling the jail to arrange for medication.

Officials would not say whether Laudor's very public struggle with schizophrenia – The New York Times profiled him in 1995 and he sold his life story for $1.5 million – had anything to do with the killing.

"That's up to his attorneys ... to bring up to the court if and when that's appropriate," prosecutor Jeanine Pirro said.

Laudor's brother Dan answered the phone at the family home in New Rochelle and said, "The family will be making no statement whatsoever."

Prosecutors said Laudor had been working as an ethics consultant at the New York State Psychiatric Institute, a mental health research center. Jill Daniels of the Institute said it was a volunteer role and he had never attended a meeting.

Laurie Flynn, a spokeswoman for the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, said the charge against Laudor was particularly deflating because of his high-profile story.

"We thought, what a wonderful and courageous thing it was for him to step up and say people of talent and accomplishment can have schizophrenia and they can manage it and keep moving forward," she said. "It was a very inspiring story of accomplishment and hope."

Flynn said people with schizophrenia sometimes "are prone to outbursts of agitated or violent behavior." She said medication usually works, but schizophrenics often stop taking the drugs when they feel they're better.

"When people with schizophrenia are receiving treatment, those symptoms are under control. We saw that with Mr. Laudor," she said. "When people are not in treatment, sometimes those symptoms lead to tragedy."

The Times article described Lauder as "by all accounts a genius." He got through Yale University in three years but at age 24 became paranoid and delusional and had to be hospitalized for eight months. After treatment and on medication, he graduated from Yale Law School and lectured there, but could not get high-level jobs because "he could not handle the pressure or long hours," the story said.

When he decided to be honest about his illness, Lauder said, he encountered barriers; one interviewer asked if he was violent. He called that "a common and painful stereotype."

"People with schizophrenia are negated constantly," he said. "and I can be a role model."

In recent months, Laudor had agreed to write an autobiography and sell the movie rights for a reported $1.5 million to Imagine Entertainment and Universal Pictures. Brad Pitt reportedly was negotiating to star.

Calls to Maureen Peyrot, who is involved with the project at Imagine, and to Tina Bennett, Laudor's book agent, were not returned Thursday.

Ms. Costello was associate director of technology at the Edison Project in New York, a private company that helps manage individual public schools in 12 cities around the country.

"She was smart, kind, wonderful, helpful," said Debra Doorack, editor in chief of the company. "We're stunned here."

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(Community Camera photo)

D.A.R.E officer Donnie Brown distributed T-shirts and other awareness materials to Lamar fifth graders in a special D.A.R.E graduation assembly recently. The fifth graders were involved in the program throughout the year for Drug Awareness Resistance Education sponsored by the Pampa Police Department. (Left) Jacklyn Keener, Heather Wilhite, Officer Brown, Amber Proctor, Shawn Carey and Ulises Soria.

Pope arrives to face angry and divided Catholics in Austria

SALZBURG, Austria (AP) – Pope John Paul II today began his third visit to this Alpine nation, arriving this time in the midst of a crisis in the Austrian Roman Catholic Church that critics say is partly the Vatican's fault.

The 78-year-old pope was welcomed at Salzburg's Maxglan airport by President Thomas Klestil and Cardinal Christoph Schoenborn, the archbishop of Vienna.

About 100 spectators cheered the pontiff and held up greeting signs, including one saying "We are with you."

A military salute of cannon shots startled the pope, who slowly moved down the gangway, then used a cane to walk along a red carpet rolled out in his honor.

He lauded Austria as "a mirror and model for a united Europe, which does not marginalize but has room for all."

In his welcome address, Klestil recalled how much the pope had "contributed to overcoming Europe's partition and to the liberation of our neighbors in the East from the slavery of a totalitarian regime."

Only a small number of people lined the route on which the pope was driven into downtown Salzburg, a center of European culture.

Many Austrian Catholics have been annoyed with the Vatican in recent years for its refusal to institute what they consider badly needed reform.

Since the pope's 1988 visit, Austrian Catholics have led a movement demanding the church drop its requirement that priests be celibate, allow women into the priesthood and give greater voice to lay Catholics.

The "We are the Church" movement gathered half a million signatures in Austria in 1995 and spread elsewhere in Europe and to the United States. Demonstrations by members of the movement were expected during the pope's visit.

The Austrian church also has been rocked by sexual scandal. The pope forced Cardinal Hans Hermann Groer, accused of sexually molesting young boys, to relinquish all his duties in April. Groer had to go into exile in Germany, but likely will be allowed to return soon after the papal visit.

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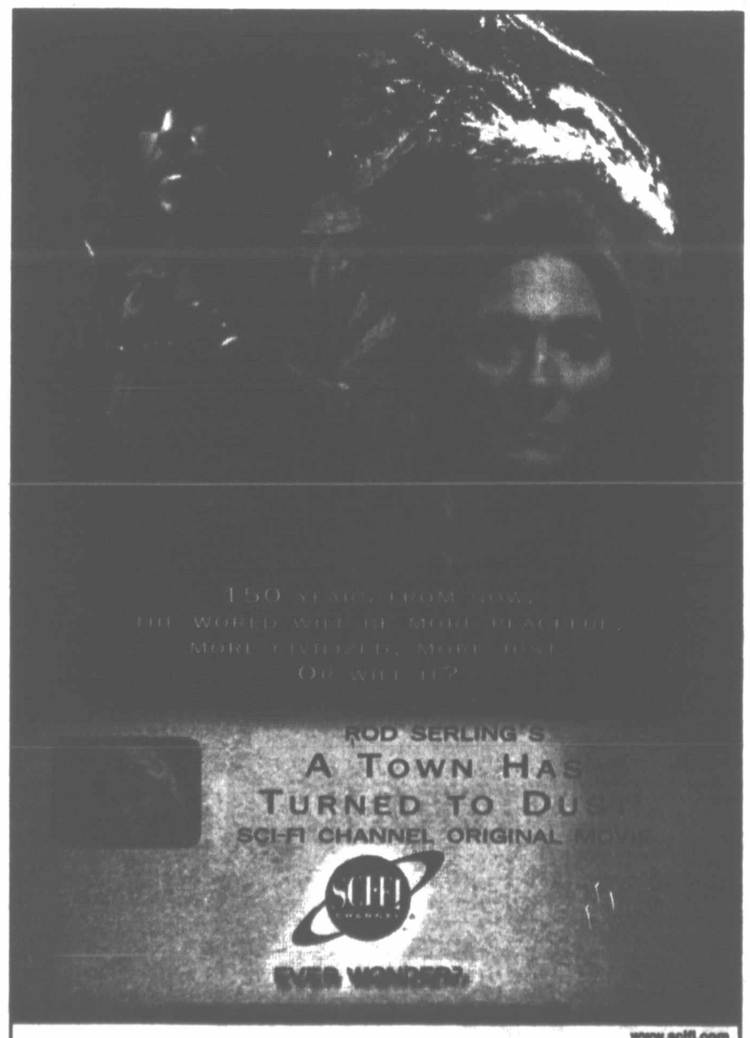
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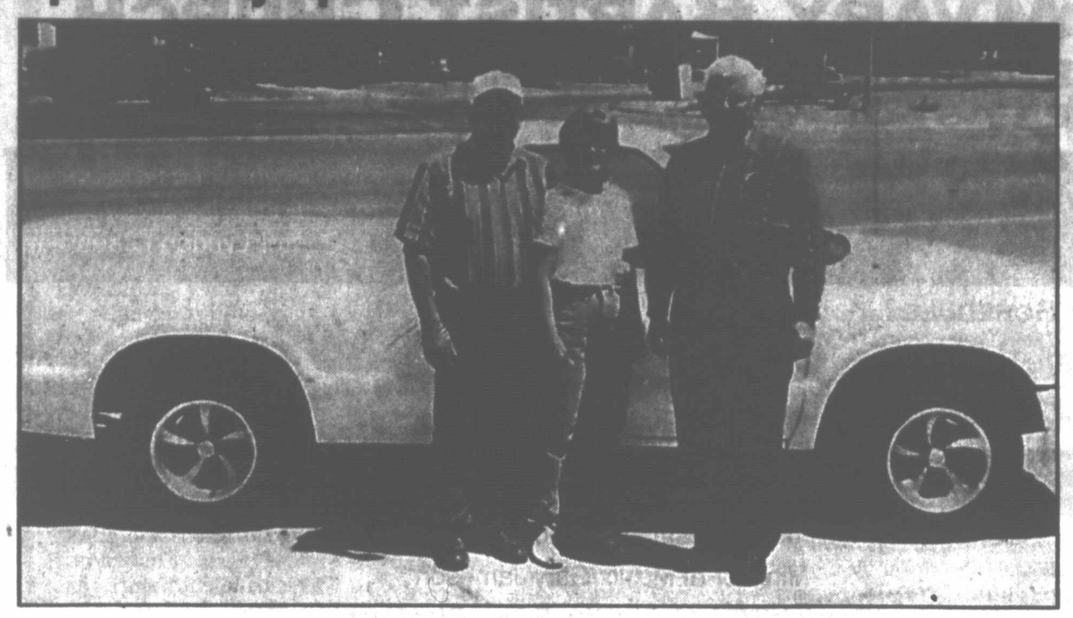


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American Quarter Horse Heritage Center to hold demonstrations on Father's Day

AMARILLO – Bailey Reece will be featured in a special Father's Day demonstration beginning at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, June 21 at the American Quarter Horse Heritage Center & Museum.

Reece will be conducting a cutting horse demonstration on his American Quarter Horse, Willy N Freckles. He will be assisted by his grandchildren, Ashley Acton, 12, Lauren Freeman, 12, and Kelsey Reece, 8.

All fathers will receive free admission to the American Quarter Horse Heritage Center & Museum on Father's Day. There will also be pony rides for children and goody bags for fathers and children.

Demonstrations scheduled at the Justin Boots Arena for the remainder of June are:

—Leslie Steffey, hunter under saddle demonstration, 1 p.m., Thursday, June 18

—Megan Rutherford, horsemanship demonstration, 10 a.m., Friday, June 19

—Bailey Reece, cutting demonstration, 3:30 p.m., Sunday, June 21

—Teri Jones, barrel racing demonstration, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., Saturday, June 27

Dates and times are subject to change, so call the American Quarter Horse Heritage Center & Museum to confirm arena demonstrations at (806) 376-5181 or visit the AQHA website at wwwaqha.com.

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Deadly shootout brings crackdown on bounty hunters in Arizona

PHOENIX (AP) – Five ski-masked men in black claiming to be bounty hunters kick down the door of a house and gun down a young couple in their bed.

It sounds like the stuff of a Hollywood movie, but last summer's shootout was real and it focused national attention on the people who go hunting for bail jumpers.

As it turned out, the ski-masked men weren't really bounty hunters at all. Police say the five – who wore body armor and black military-style clothing – were really robbers looking for drugs. They were charged with first-degree murder.

That didn't stop Arizona lawmakers from approving a bill that regulates the shadowy profession for the first time – a move critics say could make the state much more attractive to fugitives.

Under the new law, bounty hunters no longer can kick in doors to collar bail jumpers; they must first get permission to enter. Felons can't be bounty hunters. And wearing clothing or badges that gives the impression that a bounty hunter is a cop is out, too.

"We cannot and will not tolerate armed men posing as law enforcement officers putting innocent civilians at risk," Gov. Jane Hull said Thursday at a ceremonial bill signing attended by about 30 relatives and friends of the victims, Chris Foote and Spring Wright.

The measure officially became law May 29.

Nora Foote said it was unfortunate that it took her brother-in-law's death to spotlight the problem of rogue bounty hunters. But she praised legislators for establishing standards for bounty hunters, who are paid to catch fugitives who miss court dates.

"I'd like the public to understand they are safe in their homes," she said. "These people do not have the right to invade your home now."

Opponents say the legislation could have an unintended effect: It could make it tougher to apprehend bail jumpers in Arizona.

"Because of five thugs in Phoenix and their behavior ... they've gone ahead and possibly created a haven for fugitives in the entire state of Arizona," said Mel Bart, director of the National Association of Bail Enforcement Agents.

Bart, whose organization counts 2,500 bounty hunters and bail agents as members, said bail jumpers can remain on the lam simply by refusing to answer a bounty hunter's knock on the door.

Former state Sen. John Kaites, who sponsored the bill, said the law shouldn't hamper bounty hunters.

"If a legitimate bounty hunter wants to get a felon that's inside a house, all they have to do is call the police, show them the warrant and then the police can execute the search," Kaites said.

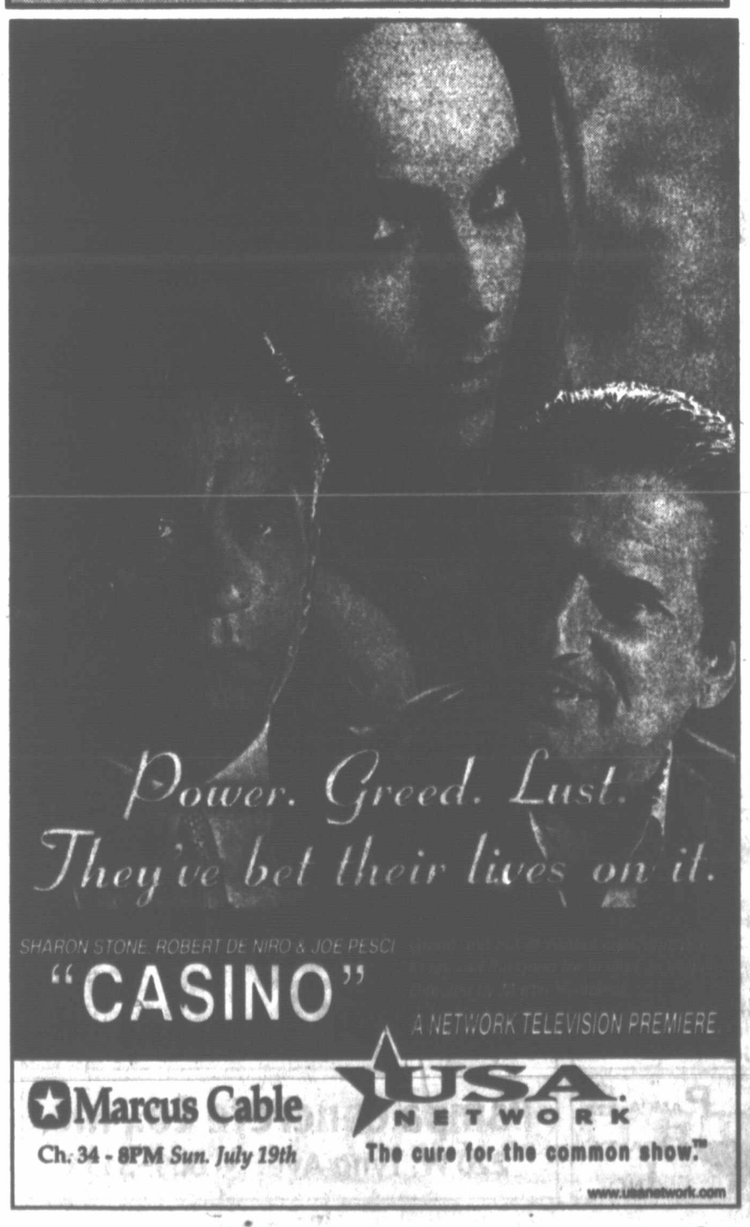
Texas Instruments to downsize

DALLAS (AP) – Blaming a weak market for semiconductors, Texas Instruments will slash nearly 3,500 jobs worldwide as part of a restructuring move the company says will help save millions.

The plan includes the sale of TI's memory chip business to Micron Technology for a combination of Micron stock and debt for about $800 million. The memory business is being sold at a loss, TI said.

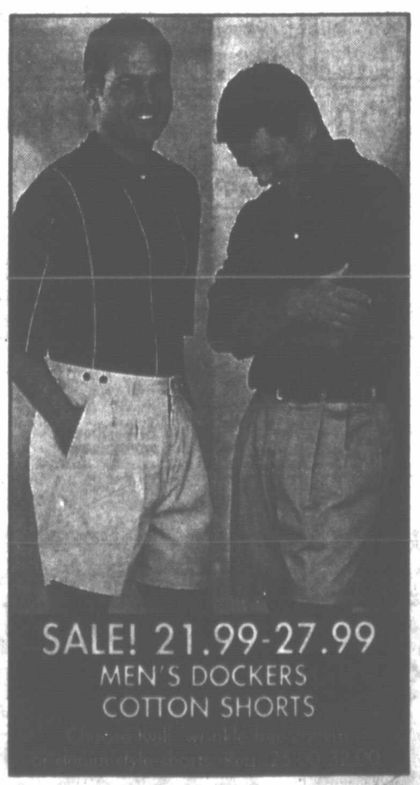
In Thursday's announcement, TI said the workforce would be pared 8 percent in the next few months through layoffs as well as attrition and voluntary retirement. The majority of eliminated jobs will come from the United States, where the company has half its 44,000 employees.

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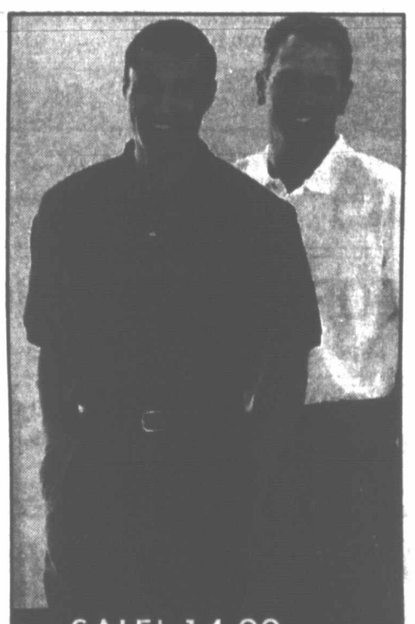
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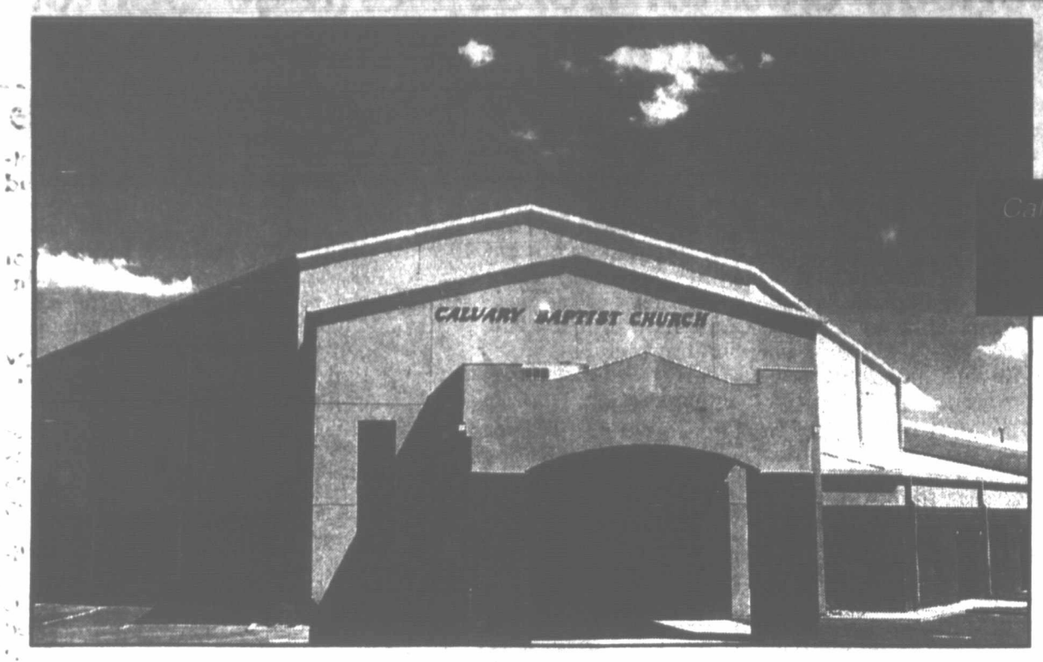
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RELIGION

From the Back Pew...



By Cheryl Berzanskis

"Are you religious?"

She cut her hazel eyes my direction as she asked the question. For the time it takes to count , "one Mississippi," I sorted the possible replies.

The doubt grew in her eyes. I wasn't sure exactly what she meant, and I wasn't sure I wanted to count myself among the demonstratively religious.

Religious sounds professional; spiritual sounds New Age. I really didn't know where I fit in the spectrum. But I had to answer before she decided she had made a mistake in risking such a personal inquiry.

I decided to err on the side of the obvious. I suspected the question was

"Do you really believe in the God of the Bible and are you committed to Him?"

Not a more philosophical "Do you have spiritual leanings?"

She and I earlier returned from a wedding rehearsal dinner honoring two people we love very much. Among the toasts and good wishes, many guests offered prayers on the couple's behalf. The prayers were spontaneous and sincere. Some guests read short Bible passages as inspiration to the bride-to-be and prospective groom.

The woman was a little baffled, and I suspect a little embarrassed, by the public abundance of God talk.

It was personal God talk, too, like God is somebody you know well enough to approach for a favor. Petitions were not couched in liturgical language. People acted like God could really bless the newlyweds, like He would and could personally attend to their happiness in life.

At her question, every doubt of faith, every lousy sin flashed through my mind like a whirling catalog of behavior. I knew with certainty how far I fall short of spiritual attainment. But God had decided it was my turn to answer questions.

A little scared, a little softly, I hedged, "Yes, I guess so."

She took in my answer and asked if I were aware of the bride's recent commitment to Christianity.

Yes, I said, I had been privileged to watch the hand of God at work.

Still, her hazel eyes watched for more but I didn't have more to say. I knew it was time to hush. I knew with absolutely conviction I had accomplished in those exchanges what God had chosen for me that day.

I am confident this curious woman will ask someone another set of questions which will require three uninterrupted hours to answer. God will provide the peace and space for them to be answered, and of course, the right person to explain the grandest design ever drawn.

On that day, the teacher won't stumble and the answers will be sure.

Exhibit explores lives of Jews who helped settle the Midwest

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — It seems Jewish mothers are the same whether they live in New York or North Dakota.

North Dakota?

"Jewish history didn't just happen in New York City," says Linda Mack Schloff, one of the curators of an exhibition chronicling the history of Jewish women on the prairie.

"The whole idea about Jewish women homesteading on the prairie is rather unique," says Schloff, who directs the Jewish Historical Society of the Upper Midwest in St. Paul, Minn. "There are Jews sprinkled all over the state. I think that really surprises people."

Even in Fargo, N.D., grandmas want their girls to find nice Jewish boys.

"My grandmother used to cook for Jewish peddlers who stopped in Fargo. She got three Jewish sons-in-law that way," a voice-over says with obvious pride. The video welcomes visitors at the entrance to "Unpacking the Prairie: Jewish Women in the Upper Midwest."

The exhibit, assembled by the St. Paul-based Minnesota Historical Society, is on a five-year tour through several Midwest states. Heirlooms from Jewish families in Iowa complement the exhibition in Des Moines.

Between 1881 and 1924, more than 2 million Jews, mostly from the Russian Empire, left for the United States. By the 1930s, about 50,000 were living in the Midwest.

Many were attracted by the prospect of farming, banned for Jews in Russia. Others wanted to escape overcrowded cities on the East Coast.

"In a place where Jews were so spread out and didn't always have the most common institutions of synagogues and rabbis, the family was more important," says Ms. Schloff, "and the women had a more critical role to play in maintaining any forms of religious expression."

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Religion briefs...

First Baptist presents parenting series

The First Baptist Church will present "Homes of Honor, Hidden Keys to Successful Parenting" by Dr. Gary Smalley. This video series will begin Sunday, June 21, at 9:45 a.m., on the third floor of the main building for eight consecutive days. The First Baptist Church is located at 203 N. West St. in Pampa.

Christian Music Festival coming to Amarillo

The One-Way Christian Music Festival will be coming to Amarillo on August 22 at the Dilla Stadium from 12:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Bands performing at the festival will be Plumb, Zilch, Skillet, Shaded Red, Squad 5-0, Water Deep and many more bands from the surrounding area.

Activities will include go-karts, gyro-spheres, hot air balloon rides, picture booth, baseball speed throw, water spray tunnel and many more fun booths. Food will definitely be there as well!

For ticket information, call 352-5099 for local calls and 1-800-708-3369 for long distance calls. Tickets costs are $19.50 in advance (all general admission) and $23.50 at the door.

Raise money for your Christian organization by reserving a fun booth. Fun stuff recommended! The cost varies according to difficulty. Please call us with your details!



Tom Perry, fiddler, guitarist, singer and songwriter will perform at a Christian Concert Saturday, June 27, at Clyde Carruth Pavillion. The event is sponsored by The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys. At 7 p.m. there will be a pot luck supper and the concert will follow at 7.

Benefit gospel music concert June 28

The public is invited to a benefit gospel music concert by the South African Orion Duet Ministries singing songs in their African language as well as in English at the following places: Sunday, June 28, at 3:30 p.m. at the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 404 Harlem St., Pampa, on Sunday, June 28, at 8 p.m. at the Highland Christian Church, Pampa, TX.; Wednesday, July 2 at M. K. Brown Civic Center at 8 p.m.

Free Admission, free will, but donations will be accepted. For more information, contact Nkazi Sinandile at (505) 275-1061.

Waka Praise Rally Saturday at 7 p.m.

WAKA - The Board of Directors of the Waka Christian Center invite you, your family, and friends to the first annual praise rally, Saturday, June 20, at 7 p.m. in Waka. The Rally will be held on the WCC grounds. Please bring your lawn chair. The ministry of the Waka Christian Center will be publicly dedicated to the Lord.

People from many different towns and churches have worked on this project from the beginning. It is now time to invite people from all across the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles and Southwest Kansas to come together to honor God for what he is doing with the Waka Christian Center.

Judge invokes scripture for sentence

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A man charged with sexually molesting a 13-year-old boy will be resentenced because the judge read a Bible passage at the original sentencing.

The Nebraska Supreme Court overturned the sentence of Aaron T. Pattno, 26, who pleaded guilty in August 1997 to sexually assaulting a boy he met in an Internet chat room.

Before sentencing Pattno up to five years in prison, Sarpy County District Judge George A. Thompson read a Bible passage.

He quoted, in part: "For this reason, God gave them up to dishonorable passions. Their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural, and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men ... ."

On appeal, the court said Thompson erred by expressing religious views.

"Problematic with the trial judge's use of biblical scripture is the fact that from its very inception, this country has recognized the importance of separation of church and state," the court said. "Allowing the court to recite scripture, and thereby proclaim its interpretation of that scripture, implies that the court is advancing its own religious views from the bench."

Though acknowledging Pattno's sentence fell within statutory boundaries, the court ordered resentencing by another judge.

Attend your favorite church

Crisis program continues

Crisis Care is now entering its fifth week of study. This past week we looked at the first phase of a crisis called the Impact phase. We learned that this phase hits suddenly and only lasts for 24-36 hours. Yet during this time a person will feel disoriented and numb, while asking many questions dealing with "why".

This next session will continue with us looking at the next three phases of a crisis. These final three stages of a crisis are crucial in our being cognizant of the human reaction as a crisis occurs. Learning about these stages will help us understand what happens in our lives and the lives of others during a time of crisis. This will in turn enable us to be better ministers to those who are in a crisis.

We at Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, want to invite any who are interested to come join us in our Crisis Care study. On Sunday evening, June 21, at 5 p.m., we will have an informal time of study and discussion concerning these final three phases of a crisis. Being able to handle a crisis yourself or to minister in a crisis requires us to be prepared. Come join us as our journey continues as we find "Hope for the Hurting".

Do you have VBS photos to share with *The Pampa News*?

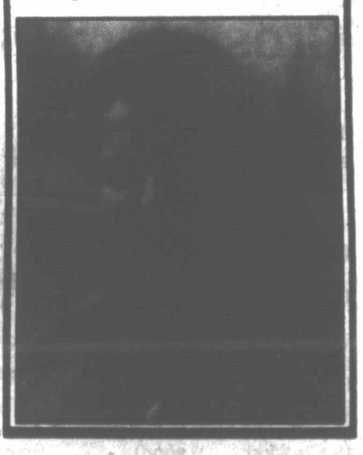
If so, make sure everyone in the photo is identified from left and drop them off at our office. We'll run as many as we can.

Thanks!

In Loving Memory
Of
Julian Ontiveros

God saw he was getting tired and a cure was not to be so he put his arms around him and whispard "come with me" with tearful eyes we watched him suffer and saw him fade away. Although we loved him dearly, we could not make him stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands we put to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us he only takes the best.

Thank You
For all the flowers cards, calls, prayers, memorials and food sent during the loss of our loved one Julian Ontiveros. Your love and kind thought made this difficult time more bearable.
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Mementos of Wife's Affair May Make Her Marriage a Memory



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: A few years ago, my wife, "Sheila," had an affair that nearly destroyed our 15-year marriage. She carried on the affair right under my nose, telling me she had simply made a "good friend" on a trip she had taken with a girlfriend. At first I was trusting and naive, and then too much in denial to openly challenge the small gifts, cards and phone calls that began arriving shortly after her return. When I asked if there was anything more to it than just friendship, she lied to me.

With counseling, our marriage has survived, although it is still somewhat shaky. My current problem is that after I discovered the affair, I told Sheila I wanted her to get rid of the gifts she had received from this creep, which she had the audacity to openly display in our home. Now she has boxed them up and put them in the basement, but she's balking at getting rid of them.

To me, her reluctance means she hasn't really let go of the relationship. I'm ready to dissolve the marriage as a result. I'd appreciate your feedback.

SEETHING IN SEATTLE

DEAR SEETHING: You have every right to expect Sheila to dispose of the souvenirs along with the relationship. If your wife is unwilling to accommodate your reasonable request, both of you need to reconsider the logic of staying in this marriage.

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DEAR ABBY: Thank you for all the letters you are printing about abuse. Your recent letter from Michael Groetsch in Kenner, La., about "serial batterers" really got my attention.

I was in an abusive marriage for 34 years, and I know what breeds abuse — it's silence. Abby, I'm not silent anymore. I now work for a women's crisis center, and I was recently asked by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to tell my story. I was on a victim impact panel for a sensitivity training seminar for law enforcement. I have since been asked to speak at other meetings and plan to do so.

On the door to our office hangs a sign. It says, "There's no excuse for abuse." Those few words say quite a lot. Keep up the great work, Abby. There should be more out there like you.

KAREN IN VICTORIA, TEXAS

DEAR KAREN: You are to be commended for your activism in helping other abused women.

I would like to correct a statement I made in my answer to Michael Groetsch: I stated that the majority of domestic abuse comes at the hands of men who are "unable to control their anger — not psychopaths," and I added that these people can be helped through therapy and anger management programs. I regret to say that I may have spoken too optimistically.

In his book, "He Promised He'd Stop" (C.P.I., 1997, $14.95), Mr. Groetsch points out that a batterer who is motivated to change and feels remorse can be helped. But a serial batterer is generally cold, detached, and does not possess a conscience. Professionals report that therapy with a serial batterer is rarely, if ever, successful. While the habitual offender may enter a treatment program (often court-ordered), he rarely completes it. He generally enters counseling only to manipulate his partner into dropping criminal charges and returning to him. The safest recourse for victims of chronic abuse is to end the relationship, once a comprehensive support system and personal safety plan have been established.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 1998

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Take the lead with family, and bring others together. Your acceptance and caring helps others. There's an air of celebration around you. A relationship warms up because of your doting. Indulge Dad on his day! Talks concern the future. Tonight: Be with favorite people.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Spend time with friends as well as family. You can burn the candle at both ends, so why not visit as many people as possible? Extravagance, both emotional and social, marks your interactions; you reap the rewards. Relish the moment. Tonight: It's your treat this time!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your smile reveals much more than you know. Keep your own counsel, stay centered and, by all means, don't spill the beans. Your understanding of someone comes into play. Indulge a friend you put on a pedestal. He needs your approval. Tonight: Ask for what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You feel better than you have in awhile. Listen carefully to someone, and gather feedback. A last-minute call and invitation could mean a trip. Why not? Expansion, good times and more loving moments begin now. Accept what life offers. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Use your dramatic flair to make the most of a social happening. Caring abounds. Listen to someone about money. A gift is extravagant. Indulge a partner, or be understanding of someone important to you. You inspire others. Tonight: Wherever you are, there is a smile.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Take off, if need be. A friend or partner is obviously delighted by you. Good feelings surround a gathering. Let others call the shots. Recognize that you have many more choices than you are aware. Allow others to express themselves more. Tonight: Stay in the spotlight while you can.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Close relating allows more understanding. You discover that someone's agenda is different from what you thought. Nourish and nurture someone you put on a pedestal. A get-together is most pleasing. A child or loved one delights you with his charm. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Popularity soars. Listen to someone's feedback. Creativity, understanding and loving mix well. You can have an even more rewarding life if you are willing. A child dotes on you. A family member inspires you to try something new. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Others are only too glad to accommodate you. Caring builds between you and that special person. Discuss a positive change in your day-to-day to schedule. Entertain at home, and make time for friends. Laughter surrounds you. Follow your intuition. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Let others express who they are. You are personality-plus. Lighten up about a problem. Brainstorming erases worry. Emphasize children and a love relationship. Make a special effort, or do something considerate for another. Tonight: Dinner's on you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Build stronger foundations, and express who you are. Ask for what you want. Family and people in your daily life are only too happy to pitch in. Your determination leads you in a new direction. Let a loving relationship play a bigger role in your life. Tonight: Spice things up!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Call all the dads in your life. Others appreciate your thoughtfulness. A loved one is more affectionate than he has been in a long time. Your dynamic personality melts someone's resistance. This time, you get your way. Cheer up a family member. Tonight: Make it early.

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Crossword Puzzle

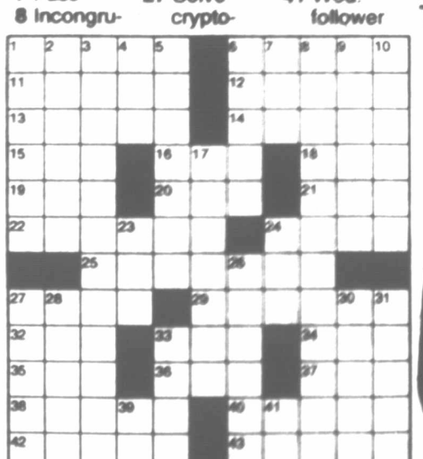
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Yesterday's Answer



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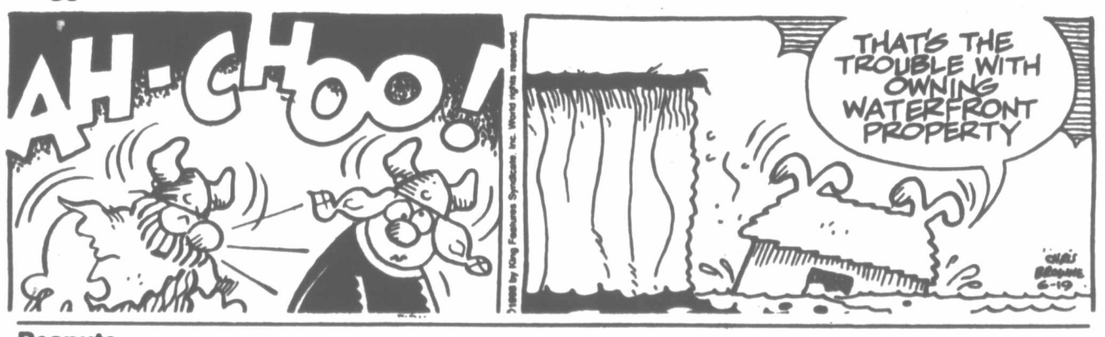
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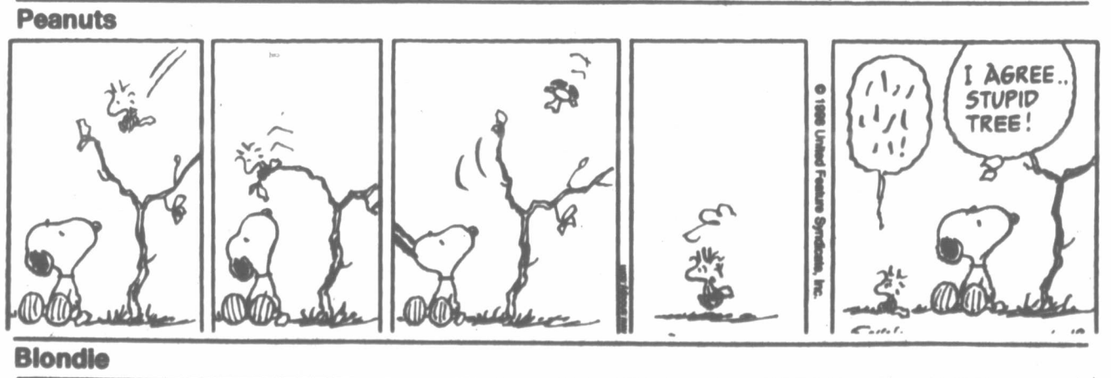
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SPORTS

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BASEBALL

PAMPA — Texas Red Pest Control of Pampa beat Stinnett, 14-4, in a 5-inning contest earlier this week.

Russell Robben pitched a two-hitter through three innings while Kaleb Snelgrooes pitched two hitless innings to finish the game.

Jesse Francis was the leading hitter with four singles. Snelgrooes had three hits, including a triple. Shawn Harris had two hits and Brandon Hill two doubles.

Texas Red had 14 hits and committed four errors.

ARLINGTON, Texas — Todd Van Poppel has climbed his way back into the major leagues, and he'll get his first chance Saturday to prove he deserves to stay.

Van Poppel's hometown Texas Rangers purchased his contract from Oklahoma City, their Triple-A farm team, and say he'll start for the Rangers on Saturday in Anaheim.

"This is exactly what I wanted to do," Van Poppel said. "I came to the Rangers to start all over. They gave me the opportunity to right my ship. This is the first time in my career that I feel like I can throw strikes whenever I want."

Van Poppel, 26, grew up in Arlington rooting for the Rangers. He starred at Arlington Martin High School before his selection by the Oakland A's in the first round of the 1990 amateur draft.

Van Poppel made his major-league debut with the Oakland Athletics as a 19-year-old in September 1991, and struck out five of the first six big-league batters he faced.

But Van Poppel never lived up to his promise in Oakland. He eventually was released by the A's and later by three other teams. He is 20-33 with a 6.22 ERA in 3 1/2 seasons in the majors.

Texas signed Van Poppel last summer, and he agreed to go back through the minors to rebuild his confidence and add pitches to his repertoire. He added a slider and refined his change-up.

"He intrigues me," Rangers manager Johnny Oates told The Dallas Morning News. "He can throw 70 pitches one day and be ready the next. We're going to find out what the best role for Todd Van Poppel is. We're going to give him a chance to start, and we'll adjust from there."

At Oklahoma, Van Poppel was 5-5 with a 3.72 ERA. He allowed only 25 walks in 88 innings. He also played winter ball in Venezuela, where he went 3-2 with a 2.27 ERA to place fifth in the league.

Van Poppel might have only one chance with Texas. If the Rangers want to send him back to the minors, he must first go through waivers and could be claimed by another team.

He has not been in the majors since the end of the 1996 season.

GENERAL

AMARILLO — The 18th annual Las Fiestas de Amarillo will be held July 18-19 at the Our Lady of Guadalupe school grounds at 12th and Houston in Amarillo.

Festivities begin at 12 noon and this year's theme is: "Las Fiesta de Amarillo Salutes Our Youth."

Both days will include food, games and live entertainment. Everyone is invited to attend.

For more information on the 5K-run, golf, softball and volleyball tournaments, call 371-9623.

The 6th annual Las Fiestas de Amarillo Golf Tournament will be held June 14 at Ross Rogers East.

For more information, contact Art Ornelas at 373-5137.

Stewart dances to first round lead at Open

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Payne Stewart was the only one who really felt like dancing at the U.S. Open.

The other eight players who managed to break par in the first round Thursday were either too surprised to see their names on the leaderboard or simply relieved to get off the course before it caught up with them.

"Always be satisfied with making par," said Stewart, who speaks from experience of having won this championship seven years ago at Hazeltine.

On a day when The Olympic Club beat up so many others, Stewart was doing a shimmy on the 17th green when a 45-foot putt fell, the centerpiece of a masterful birdie-birdie-birdie finish.

That gave him a 4-under-par 66 and a one-stroke lead over Mark Carnevale. Another stroke back were Tom Lehman, Jose Maria Olazabal and Bob Tway — all past major championship winners — along with Joe Durant, the only player to reach 5-under during the day.

Lehman, who has had the lead going into the final round of the last three U.S. Opens, birdied three of the last four holes, and Olazabal holed a 6-foot birdie putt on the 18th.

"I took advantage of some breaks out there," Stewart said. "When we get them, you have to take advantage of them, especially in a U.S. Open, because you don't get that many."

Stewart called his 4-3-3 finish "unheard of" on the closing holes of Olympic, but that wasn't the only unusual twist.

Amateur Paul Simson was 2-under at the turn until a spectator ran off with his errant tee shot on the 10th hole. Not realizing what had happened, Simson considered it lost and played a second tee shot. He took triple bogey on his way to a 43 on the back.

Jesper Parnevik, who was at 69 with John Daly and Jeff Maggert, sensed that the pin placement on No. 18 was different than what his yardage book showed, and he was right. The USGA realized the pin was unfair and changed it two hours into the round, although everyone played it the same.

And Casey Martin made history by becoming the first player to ride a cart in the U.S. Open. It could have used a pair of headlights, since Martin's bogey-bogey finish for a 74 came in near darkness.

"It was overwhelming, the support I got from the crowd out there," he said. "I have to admit, I was almost crying on the first tee. I just had to get up there and hit it quick before I thought about what was going on."

Lehman was one of many who repeated a popular phrase in majors — they cannot be won on Thursday, only lost.

And several players who didn't beat Olympic didn't beat themselves, either.

Colin Montgomerie never went over par in his round of 70, where he was joined by Masters champion Mark O'Meara, Tom Kite and happy-go-lucky amateur Matt Kuchar.

Those at 71 included Justin Leonard and Phil Mickelson. Fred Couples was at 72, and the group at 73 featured Tom Watson and 58-year-old Jack Nicklaus.

For others, Olympic hit them before they knew what was happening.

Tiger Woods was cruising along at 2-under, tied for the lead in the early going, when he four-putted No. 9 for a double bogey. Four more bogeys followed on the back and Woods wound up at 74.

Steve Pate was also at 2-under with only three holes left when he missed the next three fairways and finished at 72.

"That's the beauty of the U.S. Open," David Duval said after four bogeys in the final eight holes led to a 75. "You're never so happy as when you're done. There's no letup."

Durant also took a beating, even if he felt like a winner.

Durant, who has made only six of 12 cuts on the PGA Tour this year, birdied four of the first five holes and got to 5-under with a wedge into 1 foot on the 12th hole.

"The crowd started getting a little bigger and a lot more cameras were out there following us," Durant said. "I started getting a little nervous." He made two bogeys and a double bogey over the last five holes.

Carnevale also felt the nerves, but he managed to fight through him. He was the only player to avoid a bogey in the first round and was one of only five players to make birdie on No. 17 — a 468-yard, par 4 that is the toughest at Olympic. He hit a 2-iron into 6 inches.

"Granted, this is only Thursday, but this is where all the attention of the golf world is this week," Carnevale said.

Glo-Valve ties game with Rotary Club 5-5

A great relay cut down a runner at the plate as Glo-Valve hung on to salvage a 5-5 tie with Rotary Club at Optimist Park Thursday in the Major Bambino League.

Glo-Valve had taken the lead in the fifth inning in a game cut short by the time limit. Singles by Nick Story and Derek Lewis set up an inside the park homerun by Keaton Hutto that was just over the outstretched glove of the right fielder. The ball rolled all the way to the fence as the speedy Hutto never slowed down until he crossed the plate standing up.

Rotary roared back in the bottom of the Fifth when Clayton Hall was safe on an error, went to second on a passed ball and to third on an error. Hunter Craig walked. A double steal plated Hall. Craig scored on a double by Aaron Simon. A single by Zach Cain followed, but Simon was nailed at the plate on a relay beginning with Story in deep center field, to Lewis to Mateo Campos to Palma.

Glo-Valve picked up its other two runs in the third on a walk to Palma and a single by Mitchell Crow. Palma stole third base and continued home on an error. Crow took second on the play. Story was hit by a pitch and Lewis moved Crow to third with a walk. Crow scored on a wild pitch.

Rotary took the lead with three unearned runs in the bottom of the third. With two out, Shay Brown was safe on an error. Hall was hit by a pitch. Craig loaded the bases when he was safe on an error. Simon slammed a three-run triple over the head of the right fielder making the score 3-2 in Rotary's favor.

Simon started the game for Rotary. He allowed no runs and only one hit while walking three. He struck out one in two innings pitched. Brown took over in the third giving up two runs on just one hit in two innings. he walked two and hit two batters while striking out five. Craig pitched the fifth allowing three runs on four hits. He struck out three and did not walk a batter.

Campos pitched a complete game for Glo-Valve. He surrendered one earned run and four hits. He walked one and hit one batter.

Simon, with a double, a triple and four R.B.I.'s, was the leading hitter for Rotary. Cain and Joel Palmateer had the other Rotary hits. Crow, Story, Lewis, Hutto, Campos and Erik Willingham had hits for Glo-Valve.

Brown made the defensive play of the game for Rotary snagging a ground ball, tagging the runner and throwing to first for a 4-3 double play. Hall saved a run by hustling back to the backstop on a wild pitch and flipping to Brown covering to nab a Glo-Valve runner at the plate.

Lewis, at second base, made a diving stab of a line drive to save a run and have the outstanding defensive play of the game for Glo-Valve.

The double elimination City Tournament has been changed to start June 22.

Jr. golfers



(Special photo)

Clay Banner (l-r), Cooper Brazile and Mitch Shilling, all members of the North Texas Junior PGA, recently competed in the Dr. Pepper Jr. Classic at Ross Rogers Golf Course in Amarillo. Clay placed third in the 14-15 boys' division and won the chipping contest. Cooper placed second in the 10-11 boys' division and won the chipping contest. Mitch placed third in the 12-13 boys' division.

Summerhayes takes Canadian Senior Open lead

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — Bruce Summerhays' thoughts strayed to the U.S. Open in San Francisco. His golf game was in full swing in the foothills of the Canadian Rockies.

Summerhays, an assistant pro at The Olympic Club in San Francisco from 1968 to 1972, shot a course-record 7-under-par 65 Thursday for a share of the first-round lead in the Canada Senior Open.

"My heart is at The Olympic Club. I know all the grass on it," Summerhays said. "It's just my favorite place ... I'd dearly love to be there, but I'm grateful to be here. This is where I belong."

He had seven birdies in a bogey-free round on the Glencoe course.

"It's amazing to me to get around this course and not make any bogeys," said Summerhays, who has one Senior PGA Tour victory. "I've got to retire this golf ball. There aren't many rounds that you have no bogeys. The greens are just about perfect."

Tom Jenkins also opened with a 65, closing with a birdie on No. 18 following a lengthy delay because of rain and lightning. He birdied four of the first five holes and finished with nine birdies and two bogeys.

"Putting is the key. If you can start rolling some putts in early, that kind of builds the whole round," said Jenkins, a tour rookie coming off a seventh-place tie last week in Nashville, Tenn.

PCC member has record round

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Congratulations to 15-year-old Pampa Country Club member Stewart Dodson. Dodson, who is from Perryton, won the Jim Hitch Tournament by shooting 62-72—134. The 62 was a new course record.

I want to wish all the players good luck during this weekend's Pampa News City Tournament at Hidden Hills Golf Course.

GOLFING FEATS....HIDDEN HILLS

Scott Wiseman made hole-in-one on No. 6 with a 7 iron. Witnessed by Richard Abbott, Oscar Sargent, Steve Cox and Scott Harrelson. 10-year-old Weston Teichmann made a birdie 3 on No. 17. Way to go Weston and Scott.

GOLFING FEATS....PAMPA COUNTRY CLUB

Harry Frye shot 79, 2 under his age. Ray Duncan shot 84, best of the year. Richard Stowers shot 39, best ever on PCC course. Way to go, boys.

TIP OF THE WEEK

By David Teichmann, Golf Pro, Hidden Hills



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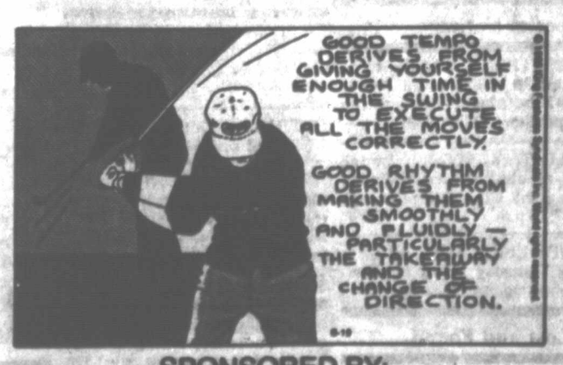
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Rangers defeat A's 3-2; look forward to Anahiem

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Rangers lost three of four games to Anaheim in Texas from June 12-15. They later handed over first place in the AL West to the Angels for the first time since April 9 after dropping two of three to the Oakland Athletics.

Texas salvaged the final game of the three-game series against Oakland with a 3-2 victory on Thursday.

Now the Rangers get another shot at the Angels in a three-game series in Anaheim that begins Friday night.

This time the Rangers want to make a better showing against their division rivals.

"We know it's going to be a tough series," said Rangers closer John Wetteland, who pitched a perfect ninth on Thursday for his 20th save. "Their lineup is difficult to pitch to, but they can be handled. Winning today gives our team a lot of confidence going in."

Rangers starter Aaron Sele became the AL's first 10-game winner on Thursday, but it was a bumpy ride for the right-hander.

Sele issued a career-high seven walks and hit a batter, but the Rangers got plenty of assistance from the A's.

Oakland starter Tom Candiotti's wildness and the A's inability to hit in the clutch helped Texas halt its three-game losing streak on an afternoon when the temperature climbed to 99 degrees.

"It was a little toasty out there," Sele said. "It was hard on everybody. But it was a good win, a grind. I got in some trouble but I was able to keep throwing quality pitches to get out of some jams."

Sele (10-4) allowed six hits in 6 2-3 innings and struggled through much of the afternoon, but he hung on to give the Rangers rotation a badly needed lift. Texas starters were 1-5 with a 7.58 ERA in their previous seven games.

"Aaron made a lot of quality pitches when he had to," said Rangers manager Johnny Oates, who was ejected in the second inning by home plate umpire Ted Barrett for arguing balls and strikes. "You need to win one of these every once in a while to relax a little bit."

Sele reached 10 victories earlier than any pitcher in Rangers history. Kevin Brown won his 10th game on June 20, 1992.

"It (winning 10 games) doesn't mean anything personally," Sele said. "What matters is that the team keeps winning."

Candiotti (4-9) lost his fifth consecutive start, allowing three runs and four hits in five innings. He walked six, had two wild pitches and made an error as the A's had their four-game winning streak snapped.

Oakland stranded 15 runners, two short of the club record set in 1982.

Candiotti's knuckleball got him into trouble in the third as the Rangers scored twice for a 3-1 lead with the help of two wild pitches.

Tom Goodwin walked and went to second on Rusty Greer's single before both advanced on a wild pitch. After Candiotti loaded the bases with an intentional walk to Juan Gonzalez, he threw another wild pitch while striking out Will Clark that scored Goodwin.

Greer kept running on the play and scored when Candiotti, who was covering the plate, failed to glove catcher A.J. Hinch's throw in an attempt to throw out Greer.

"I had to see if Tom was going to score," Greer said. "I had to see how the play was going to develop. I held up just a little, but I never broke stride."

"That's a great baserunning play, but that's the type of player that Rusty is," Sele said.

A's manager Art Howe said the bizarre play with two runs scoring on a strikeout was the key to the game.

"The difference was one strikeout that scored two runs," Howe said. "But we had a lot of opportunities. We couldn't get a hit with runners in scoring position. Those are frustrating games when you outhit your opponent and have so many opportunities and don't win."

NBA labor proposals continue

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA will consider the players' union's latest offer, but has problems with a few of the conditions.

The union has proposed a moratorium be put in place over the summer instead of a lockout. And therein lies the problem.

"They don't want to include the right to sign free agents and make trades, and if you can't do business it's basically still a lockout," union director Billy Hunter said Thursday after deputy commissioner Russ Granik said the league was considering an alternative to a lockout.

The league and the union have made little progress in almost two months of talks, and both sides had toughened in anticipation of a lockout after the labor agreement expires June 30.

Granik's comments were the first by a league official indicating that a lockout may not be the most favored alternative.

"One's not necessarily better than the other," Granik said of a lockout or a moratorium. "Traditionally you have a moratorium because you wanted to have bargaining without doing any damage. We said we'd consider it, but only in the context of whether it was good or not for the bargaining process."

The moratorium proposal was made by the union Wednesday after 12 NBA players were removed from the national team for refusing to commit to playing in the event of a lockout. The move has angered international basketball officials, who described it as "hasty" and saw it as a negotiating ploy.

Granik said any moratorium would have nothing to do with USA Basketball, and Hunter stressed that the offer comes with conditions.

"What we put on the table they didn't seem to be buying into," Hunter said. "We're not going to do a no-strike, no-lockout agreement if teams can't do business."

The next move in the labor talks will come Monday when the sides resume negotiations.

Borislav Stankovic, the secretary general for FIBA, the governing body for international basketball, has given USA Basketball an extension until the end of the month for submitting a roster.

"We have agreed with Mr. Stankovic to a joint plan of action in order to fight this unpleasant development in the hope that in the end we will manage to change it," said Giorgos Vassilakopoulos of the Greek Basketball Federation. "I have the impression that the American federation's decision was very hasty."

Granik indicated that if a moratorium took effect this summer, it would not expire after the world championships. A more likely date would be Oct. 1, right before the start of training camps.

"I said to them I can't guarantee what USA Basketball's position will be," he said. "So we're willing to talk about it, but only from the standpoint of the NBA. And I made that clear to the union."

Red cards wave like flags at World Cup competition

By BRIAN TRUSDELL
Associated Press Writer

PARIS (AP) — The tide of red cards so many predicted washed ashore at the World Cup. And they're not blaming El Nino, they're blaming El Presidente.

FIFA president Sepp Blatter and cohort Michel Platini, the French organizing committee chairman Michel Platini, criticized referees for not being tough enough, particularly on tackles from behind and time-wasting. The refs took the words to heart and, on Thursday, five red cards were issued in two games — one more than was shown in the first eight days and 20 games of the tournament.

"I think what they said was ridiculous," Danish defender Marc Rieper said following Denmark's 1-1 tie with South Africa, a match that saw three ejections and seven cautions. "Referees have been very good so far and it is a very stupid comment that he has made. I don't know if he is trying to ruin the tournament that he made himself, and kill the football game."

Two more ejections and four more yellows, followed in France's 4-0 victory over Saudi Arabia, a win that guaranteed the host nation's passage into the second round and made the Saudis the first team to be eliminated.

But France's victory, which sparked some street celebrations in and around Paris, came with a price. Forward Christophe Dugarry tore his right hamstring in the first half and is likely gone for the rest of the tournament.

Nigeria looked to join France and Brazil in the second round today, facing Bulgaria in a Group D match in Paris, where a victory would guarantee advancement. Spain hoped to recover from its opening 3-2 loss to the Nigerians when it met Paraguay in Saint-Etienne.

The U.S. team isn't thinking about Sunday's politically charged game with Iran in other terms.

"I don't look at it too much in the politics," Marcelo Balboa said. "It's another game. We have to play our game, get our result in order for us to advance."

President Clinton said Thursday he favors a genuine reconciliation with Iran. Perhaps the game at Lyon could help?

"Before the game, we're going to shake hands, and afterwards we're going to exchange shirts," Eric Wynalda said. "That should be a good example for the world."

Denmark 1, South Africa 1

"I thought the referee was a bit harsh in his decisions," South African captain Lucas Radebe said. "He made people scared to even go out and tackle. I think he made a mess of the game."

Colombian referee John Jairo Toro tossed three players out in Toulouse, the most controversial of which came when he expelled Danish defender Morten Wieghorst for bumping forward Benni McCarthy in the back and knocking him down.

"The guy hardly even touched me," McCarthy said. "The referee went out of his way to give him a red card and I am sure that was a very silly — a stupid — decision from the referee."

Wieghorst entered the game in the 82nd and left in the 85th.

"It was my first foul. I'd been in the game two minutes," he said. "I must say I thought he was going to put it back. I tried to tell him he was pulling the wrong card by mistake, but he was having none of it."

Before Weighorst, Danish substitute Miklos Molnar left in the 67th, two minutes before South African midfielder Alfred Phiri.

The Danes got a goal when Allan Nielsen volleyed home a cross from Brian Laudrup in the 13th minute. McCarthy finished off a series of touches from John Moshoeu and Shaun Bartlett in the 53rd for South Africa's first World Cup goal. Quinton Fortune blasted a shot off the crossbar in the first minute of second-half injury time.

France 4, Saudi Arabia 0

In Saint-Denis, the French capitalized on their man advantage after Mohammed al-Khilaiwi was expelled in the 19th minute, getting goals from Thierry Henry and David Trezeguet in the 68th.

But even after Zinedine Zidane was sent off in the 70th for stepping on Saudi captain Fuad Amin, the French added two more: a second by Henry and a finale by Bizente Lizarazu.

"I didn't deserve this," Zidane said. "I did not mean to hurt the man. I just fell on him."

Zidane's apology had no more effect than the four players that preceded him Thursday.

At least Faustino Asprilla had hope. The Colombian striker said he was sorry for publicly criticizing coach Hernan Dario Gomez regarding his substitution in the 1-0 loss to Romania. Asprilla was dismissed from the team by Gomez, but his mea culpa may cause the coach to reconsider.

"But I don't know what the decision will be," Gomez said. "The truth is, those are nice words by Faustino."

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GOP leaders predict slimmer tobacco bill will pass, signed by president

WASHINGTON (AP) – After derailing the Senate's tobacco bill, Republican leaders predict they will pass a smaller measure to curb teen smoking and drug use this election year and that President Clinton will sign it.

"What I want is a result that is fair that will deal with the problem, that will restrict, limit and fight teen-age smoking and, in fact, discourage smoking as a whole," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott told reporters. "That's all."

Democrats responded with a prediction of their own. They said the GOP's tobacco policy would be a token, "a fig-leaf bill" targeted at protecting the interests of tobacco industry campaign contributors, not kids.

"There is no such thing as a slimmed-down bill that protects kids from tobacco smoking," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said.

"This will be revisited," said the bill's Democratic floor manager, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts.

To that end, Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota twice on Thursday tried to revive Sen. John McCain's tobacco bill by offering it as amendments to unrelated measures being debated on the Senate floor. The first failed, 54-44, while the second is likely to be voted on next week.

Republicans have their own plans for tobacco policy, already set in motion by Lott and House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

"Nothing like the McCain bill is going to pass," Lott said.

Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., said he believes that Congress will pass a tobacco bill before the session ends, but that the legislation will work within the budget. The Republican whip said there is support among his party members for a measure that would curb both tobacco and drug use among teenagers.

"I think a lot of us on the Republican side want to pass legislation that will reduce teenage consumption and addiction to tobacco and to drugs," Nickles said on CNN's "Larry King Live" Thursday. "We don't have to have a bill that costs hundreds of billions of dollars to do that."

As for Clinton, Gingrich said, "I don't think he's going to veto an anti-smoking bill. I think he's going to sign it. Particularly if it's part of an anti-drug bill."

House GOP leaders on Thursday privately discussed a plan to impose limits on the placement of vending machines to make it harder for teen-agers to buy cigarettes. Also under review was a plan to offer financial incentives to states that take steps on their own to crack down on youth smoking – and additional incentives to states that impose limits on attorney fees in industry lawsuits.

In the House, officials said Republicans were discussing an approach that would fund an ad campaign discouraging teen smoking and give the FDA authority over the manufacture of cigarettes, but not necessarily over nicotine. They also were seeking to impose constitutionally permissible restrictions on industry advertising clearly directed at minors.

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Republicans said they had come to no decision on how to finance the ad campaign envisioned. One suggestion, to reduce or eliminate the tax break that tobacco companies receive for advertising, was ruled out, according to several sources.

The emerging House bill was not expected to seek higher cigarette prices – a centerpiece of the Senate bill and a key demand of public health groups that advocated its passage. Lott and other Senate leaders said they would tolerate a modest cigarette price increase. Democrats and the White House have demanded an increase of at least $1.10 per pack.

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