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School trustees and parents consider requiring freshmen to eat on campus

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

Requiring freshmen at Pampa High School to eat their lunch on campus would protect them from the corrupting influence of upperclassmen, Pampa school district officials and several parents agreed on Tuesday.

At the Pampa school board meeting, Pampa school district officials expressed tentative support for adopting such an on-campus lunch policy for ninth graders. The board took no formal vote on the matter, however.

Several parents at the school board meeting expressed concern about ninth-graders, who generally cannot legally hold a driver's license at their age, relying upon upperclassmen for rides to restaurants during the lunch hour. And such reliance spawns vulnerability to social pressure from upperclassmen to engage in "risky behaviors," said Donna Brauchi, a parent in the Pampa school district.

Approximately 30 people attended the school board meeting on Tuesday.

A spring survey of parents of the approximately 330 incoming ninth graders for next school year found that two-thirds of those responding – comprising the parents of approximately one-third of the freshman class in the fall of 1993 – support the proposed campus-lunch restriction for freshmen.

Gray County Sheriff Randy Stubblefield also expressed support for such an on-campus lunch requirement for freshmen, saying that "I feel like we need a little more control over these ninth graders."

Noting that the ninth-graders respect and are easily influenced by upperclassmen, Stubblefield said, "They (the freshmen) could fall in with the wrong crowd just in order to get a ride to lunch. ... Speaking as a parent, I really don't want my ninth-grade boy next year leaving the campus."

Several parents and school district officials also expressed tentative support for expanding and otherwise improving the PHS cafeteria facility before eventually requiring students in grades 10 through 12 to also eat their lunches on campus.

Among the expected advantages from the campus-lunch restriction for ninth graders would be the increased likelihood of students consulting their teacher during the lunch break if they need assistance in a course and more overall emphasis on academics, said Pampa Independent School District Superintendent Dawson Orr.

Daniel Coward, principal of Pampa High, said enforcement of the campus-lunch policy for freshmen poses the only major administrative difficulty that he anticipates. There are 20 exits at Pampa High where students could leave school to go to lunch off-campus, and "we can't man those exits," Coward said.

Even if a teacher sees a student leaving the campus for lunch, Coward noted, it is often difficult for that teacher to identify his grade level.

Also at the school board meeting on Tuesday, Pampa parent Teresa Henson recommended that the school district establish a policy requiring a conference between representatives of the school and a parent after a student had failed the TAAS test for the second time.

Henson is the parent of a Pampa High School senior, Alisha Henson, who did not pass her exit-level TAAS test and was prohibited from participating in the graduation exercises in May as a result.

Texas state law requires that public high school students pass an exit-level TAAS test before they can graduate.

Pampa school board member Pat Kennedy said she likes the idea of a consultation with the parents after a Pampa High School student fails the exit-level TAAS test at least twice.

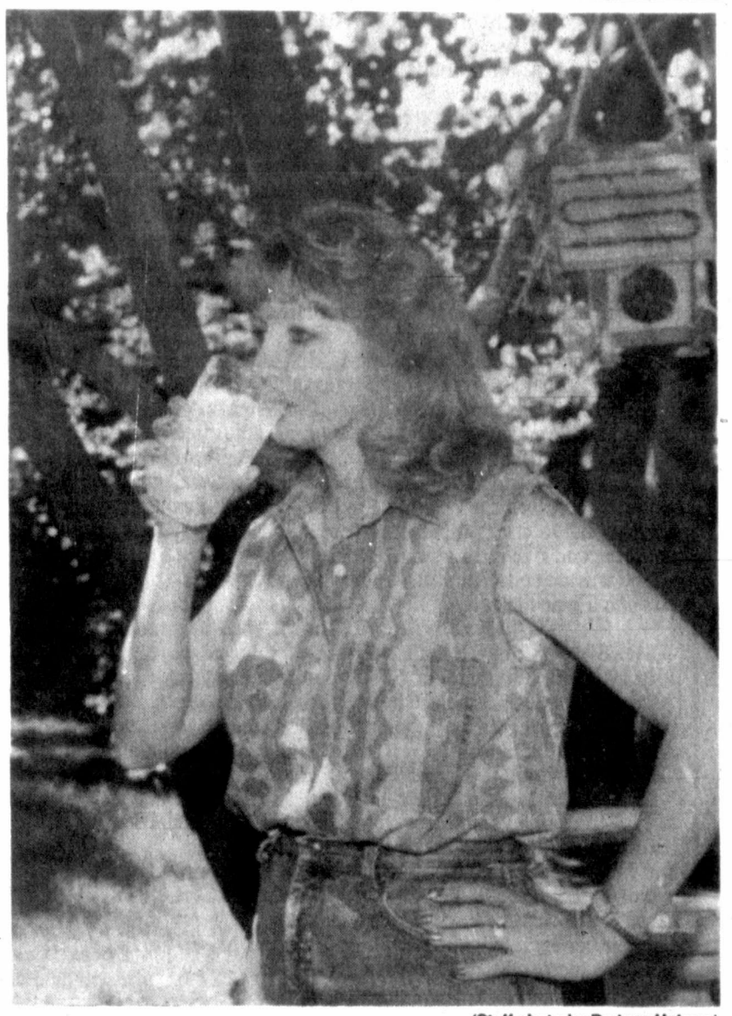
Also on Tuesday, the school board heard a request from a parent, Karen Belt, that the school district establish a policy allowing seniors who do not pass their TAAS test to participate in the graduation ceremony. There currently is no official districtwide policy on the matter.

Belt told the board that excluding such a senior from participating in the graduation ceremony inflicts stress and trauma upon the student.

The school board responded by suggesting that Belt present her request to the administrative and faculty campus leadership team at Pampa High School because that team is responsible for developing such policy.

Based on a recommendation from the campus leadership team, 14 of this year's seniors at Pampa High who did not pass their exit-level TAAS test were barred from participating in the graduation ceremony.

In other news relating to the TAAS test, Jane Steele, assistant superintendent for instruction, reported that 60 students, grades 9 through 12, attended at least one session of a remedial TAAS-preparation course offered by PISD this summer.



(Staff photo by Darlene Holmes)
Pam Dittberner, 2123 N. Nelson, cools off with a glass of ice water.

PISD budget faces decline in expected revenues

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

Pampa schools superintendent Dawson Orr expressed disappointment on Tuesday that the new state educational finance legislation "hits us" in a negative way – contributing toward an expected decline of approximately $600,000 for the fiscal year that begins Sept. 1, if the tax rate remains at its current level.

Also contributing to the drop in expected revenues for Pampa Independent School District is a 5 percent decline – to $746,921,251, as of Jan. 1, 1993 – in the total taxable value of property in the Pampa school district.

School district officials on Tuesday received news before the school board meeting concerning the decline in total taxable value of property in the district, said Mark McVay, business manager for PISD.

Despite the decline in expected revenues, Orr pledged that the PISD administration will propose a balanced budget for the fiscal year that begins Sept. 1.

The Pampa school board cast no votes on Tuesday concerning the budget.

McVay said in an interview that the PISD administration will not recommend a property tax rate of more than $1.50 per $100 property valuation.

The $1.50 per $100 property valuation represents the highest tax rate that the PISD board of trustees could approve without requiring additional approval by the voters of PISD through a special election.

The current current combined tax rate from the PISD property tax (46.5 cents per $100 property valuation) and the County Education District property tax (89.4 cents) is $1.359. The CED is expected to be abolished as of Sept. 1.

In keeping with his prediction of last month that a tax increase might be necessary, McVay on Tuesday presented the PISD board with the options of a tax increase of $.071 or $.141 per $100 property valuation, which would still incur a net deficit of $584,890 or $82,959, respectively.

Under state law, the Pampa school board must approve a budget by Sept. 1, McVay said, adding that he expects official adoption of the budget at the regularly scheduled board meeting on Aug. 19.

McVay added that he expects the tax rate to be set by the board in September or October.

Without an increase in the tax rate or any changes in the budget, the net deficit to PISD would be $1,093,992, according to preliminary calculations that McVay presented to the Pampa school board on Tuesday.

McVay noted that the PISD administration will recommend a balanced budget to the board of trustees that does not draw upon the school district's reserve funds of approximately $2.5 million.

The Texas Education Agency recommends that school districts maintain enough reserves to cover three to four months of their operating expenses; the $2.5 million could cover about two months of PISD's operating expenses, McVay said.

Summer fun can be spoiled by heat prostration effects

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

To beat the heat or get beaten by the heat, that is the question.

No matter how much enjoyment Pampa-area residents derive from clear sunny skies, overindulgence in the sun can usher in some gloomy weather – in the form of heat prostration or the more severe hyperthermia – even on the best of summer days.

Hyperthermia is the overheating of the body that causes a significant loss of body fluids. In its most severe form, hyperthermia can be fatal, health experts say.

There have been three cases of hyperthermia at Coronado Hospital since May, said Cathy Land, head nurse of the emergency room for the hospital. Two of the hyperthermia patients were in their 70s and one of them was in his 40s; all of the three were male residents of Pampa, Land said.

David Vaughan, information specialist for the Texas Department of Health in Austin, noted that smaller people and children are more likely to lose moisture from their bodies in the summertime heat. And people with fair skin, babies or the elderly are more likely to suffer from overexposure to the sun, Vaughan said.

Other tips from Vaughan and Land for beating the heat include:

- Drink a lot of fluids that can help prevent hyperthermia, such as Gatorade or water, and abstain from drinking alcohol or ingesting caffeine.
- During periods of maximum heat – generally from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – limit the amount of time that you spend outside.
- Wear loose-fitting, light-colored clothing; wear a hat, preferably a light-colored one, for shade.
- Wear a sunscreen lotion that is rated 15 or higher in providing protection against the ultraviolet rays from the sun.
- Use a fan indoors or outdoors to help evaporate perspiration.
- Do not leave children unattended inside parked cars when it is warm outside.
- If you develop hyperthermia, lie down in a cool environment, loosen your clothes, drink cool water and, if necessary, seek hospitalization.
- People on medication should take special precautions against the possibility of overexposure to the sun. Some medications make the skin more light-sensitive.

Mobeetie Bluegrass Music Festival set this weekend

MOBEETIE – All kinds of pickin' and grinnin' will take place this weekend during the 13th annual Bluegrass Music Festival at the Old Mobeetie Jail Museum.

At least 17 groups from the Texas Panhandle, New Mexico and Oklahoma are scheduled to perform, including Selby Family and Friends from Pampa and Gifford, Smith and Friends from Lefors.

Everything gets underway Friday evening at 6 p.m. and lasts until 12 midnight. Saturday's events last from 12 noon to 12 midnight, and Sunday's concerts last from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

Showers and free camping sites will be available. Trailer hook-ups also will be available for $6 per day.

Concessions will be provided by the Mobeetie Volunteer Fire Deparment, and arts and crafts booths are welcome.

Tickets for Friday's concert are $6 and tickets for Saturday cost $7.

A two-day pass may be purchsed for $11. Children 13 and under will be admitted without charge and Sunday morning's performance is free.

Ticket information is available at (806) 373-5307.

Mobeetie is located approximately 30 miles east of Pampa on Texas Highway 152. The festival site is north of the highway.

Proceeds from the festival and the arts and crafts show will benefit a music scholarship at South Plains College in Levelland.

C er 3,000 people are expected to attend this year's fesitval.

Collins named band director

The Pride of Pampa has a new director.

Pampa Middle School band director Bruce Collins was named to the vacant head director's post at Pampa High School during Tuesday's school board meeting.

Collins was the unanimous recommendation of the search committee headed by PHS Principal Dan Coward. Band booster organization officers and members of the student band council were also on the committee.

Pampa Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr said internal candidates for the job were considered first. Collins was the only individual interviewed for the position.

Orr said many other inquiries were received from across the state and the open position attracted a great deal of attention.

"The search committee wanted to find a director who would carry on the qualities and traditions of the program.

"We're very pleased to have Bruce step into that position," Orr said.

Collins could not be reached for comment at press time. He is currently teaching at the annual West Texas A&M University band camp in Canyon.

Collins and his wife Julie, a Pampa native, are both graduates of West Texas. He holds bachelor of music education and master of arts degrees.

He became director at the middle school in 1986. Mrs. Collins is currently fifth grade director and has held the post since 1990.

Former high school director Charles Johnson resigned earlier this month to pursue a master's degree in Arizona.

The search for a new middle school band director is already underway by the school district.

Early high school band rehearsals for the upcoming school year begin next month.

– Jeff Carruth

Miami, Canadian voters OK school funding measure

Miami and Candian voters on Tuesday solidly approved separate measures allowing their school districts to send some of their property tax revenues directly to the state government in Austin.

In Miami, the measure was approved by a vote of 128 to 10. In Canadian, the measure passed by a vote of 385 to 8.

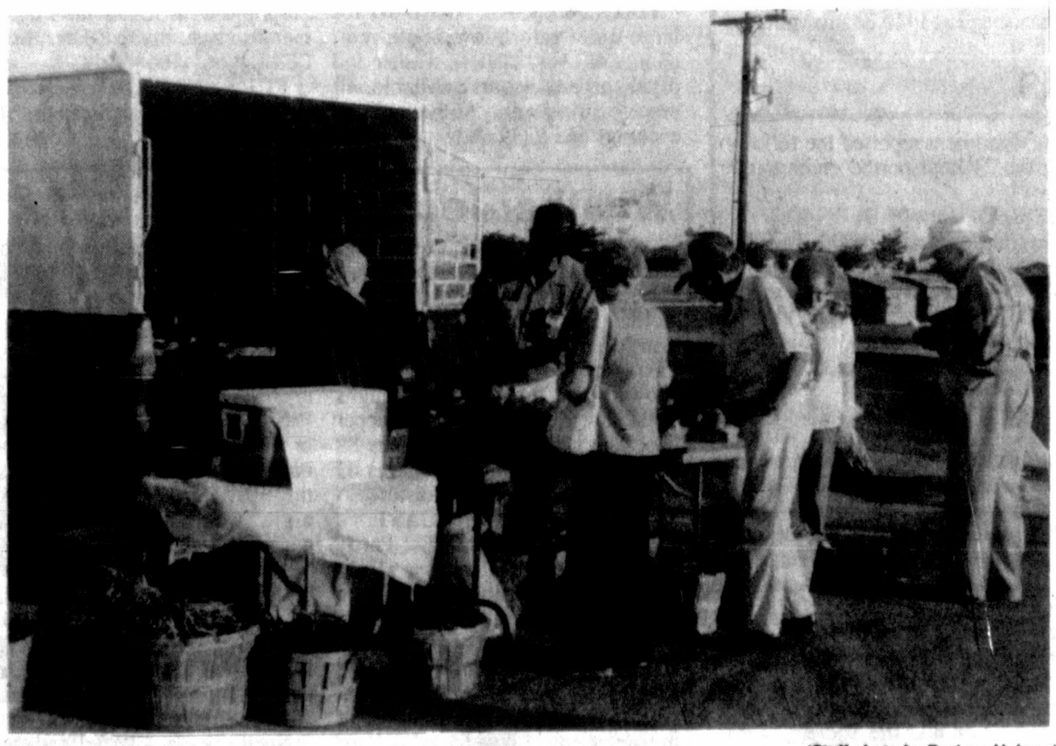
The election to approve sending the property tax revenues to the Texas Education Agency in Austin was required by the new school finance legislation, Senate Bill 7, which is designed to achieve greater financial equity among the school districts of the state. The TEA is expected to redistribute the monies to other school districts in the state.

The Miami school board last month approved the option – one of five given it by the state – of sending approximately $1,025,000 from its total budget to the TEA in Austin.

The operating budget for Miami school district for the fiscal year beginning Sept. 1 is expected to be $1,550,000.

The Canadian school district is expected to be sending approximately $2 million to the state under the school finance law.

Farmers market



(Staff photo by Darlene Holmes)
Farmers at the Top O'Texas Market sell produce this morning in the northwest corner of the parking lot of M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center. The farmers' market will be open from 6 a.m. until about 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays through the end of the growing season for Panhandle fruits and vegetables.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

CARTER, Mary Edna — 2 p.m., Assembly of God Church, McLean.

HENDRIX, Theo R. — 11 a.m., First Christian Church, Panhandle.

Obituaries

WILMA E. CALDWELL

DIKE — Wilma E. Caldwell, 72, mother of a Pampa resident, died Monday, July 19, 1993, at Dike. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today in the Tapp Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Don Tinsley, officiating, followed by burial in the Conner Cemetery at Dike. Arrangements are by Tapp Funeral Home.

Mrs. Caldwell was born in Hamilton County on Feb. 6, 1921, to Robert (Bill) and Era Murphree Shepherd. Mrs. Caldwell was a homemaker and a business partner in family-owned retail business stores. She had resided in Dike since 1978. She was a member of the Baptist Church. She married Carl B. Caldwell in Clifton on July 7, 1940.

Survivors include her husband, Carl, of the home; two sons, Ronald Caldwell and Gerald Caldwell, both of Dike; two daughters, Sandra (Mrs. Jim) Henson of Pampa and Wanda (Mrs. Tom) Cade of Gilmer; three brothers, Wayne Shepherd of Dike, Curtis Shepherd of Royse City and Gene Shepherd of Bakersfield, Calif.; two sisters, Doris (Mrs. Roy) Cody of Corpus Christi and Jo Ann Shipman of Garland; 19 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and a granddaughter.

MARY EDNA CARTER

McLEAN — Mary Edna Carter, 97, died Monday, July 19, 1993. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Assembly of God Church, with the Rev. L.R. Green, pastor of Pleasant Valley Assembly of God Church in Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery by Lamb-Ferguson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Carter, born in Mount Pleasant, Ark., moved to McLean from Vernon five years ago. She married Fred Noble Smith in 1922; he died in 1972. She married Forrest Carter in 1974; he died in 1980. She was a homemaker and a member of the Assembly of God Church. She was preceded in death by a son.

Survivors include two daughters, Imogene Northcutt of Vernon and Geraldine West of Prescott Valley, Ariz.; three sons, Vaughn Smith of Amarillo, Fred Smith of Phoenix, Ariz., and Ford Smith of McLean; 22 grandchildren; 64 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

THEO R. HENDRIX

PANHANDLE — Theo R. Hendrix, 77, died Tuesday, July 20, in Amarillo. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at First Christian Church of Panhandle, with the Rev. Doug Harvey, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Panhandle Cemetery under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Home of Panhandle.

Mr. Hendrix was born in St. Francis and was a resident of Panhandle since 1947. He attended school in Pampa and Shattuck, Okla., and graduated from Shattuck High School in 1933. He was a veteran of World War II, with the 7th Infantry Division in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater, and received a Purple Heart with two oak-leaf clusters. After the war, he purchased and operated Hendrix Drug for 22 years. He then worked for Vibra Whirl, retiring after 13 years. He married Emily Lucille Hendrix in 1951 in Stinnett. He belonged to First Christian Church. He was preceded in death by a son, Stanley, in 1961.

Survivors include a wife, Lucille Hendrix, of the home; a daughter, Pamela Gale Vaughn of LaFayette, La.; a sister, Christina Lane of Panhandle; and two nephews and a niece.

The family requests memorials be to First Christian Church of Panhandle or a favorite charity.

Calendar of events

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health Immunization Clinic will be offering vaccines that give protection against polio, diphtheria, tetanus (lock jaw), pertussis (whooping cough), measles, rubella and mumps. The clinic is located in the Texas Department of Health office, 408 Kingsmill, Suite 100, and will be open Thursday, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-7 p.m. The fee is based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

PANHANDLE COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING DEDICATIONS

The Panhandle Community Services building is set for dedication 2-4 p.m. Sunday in its new location, 411 N. Cuyler. A Masonic dedication is planned for 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

PAMPA STROKE SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP

Pampa Stroke Survivors Group plans to meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Shepherd's Crook Nursing. Mary Susan Hunt, occupational therapist at Coronado Hospital is scheduled speaker.

SKELLY-GETTY-TEXACO RETIREES CLUB

Skelly-Getty-Texaco Retirees Club plans to meet at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

Emergency numbers

Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
SPS	669-7432
Water	669-5830

Police report

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

TUESDAY, July 20

Anita Ann Horton, 1113 Darby, reported a violation of a protective order.

Ronnie Proby, 701 S. Octavus, reported a burglary of a motor vehicle.

The city of Pampa reported someone furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Phillip Ray Hutchison, 1228 S. Faulkner, reported a theft of over $20.

Edward Ellis Graves, 1012 N. Duncan, reported a theft.

Tina Bustamonte Garland, 620 N. Christy, reported a burglary of a habitation.

Leon Ricky Powers, 1113 S. Banks, reported criminal mischief.

Arrests

TUESDAY, July 20

Raul Mendoza, 28, 944 E. Denver, was arrested at the intersection of Russell and Harvester on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

James Roberson, 28, 317 N. Nelson, was arrested at the intersection of Francis and Somerville on a charge of furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Sheriff's Office

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

TUESDAY, July 20

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported someone driving while intoxicated at Texas 171 and U.S. 60.

WEDNESDAY, July 21

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported an agency assistance call at the Pampa Police Department.

Arrests

TUESDAY, July 20

Michael Scroggins, 32, address unknown, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation.

Marshall Clayton Johnson, 27, 144 Charles, was arrested on a charge of assault with bodily injury. He was released after posting bond.

David Dwane Steele, 33, 513 N. Christy, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL
Admissions
Pampa
Dale Glenn Collins
Ewell Vernon Dooley
Atha Alice Helbert
Joe N. Key
Miami
Annie Marie Voss
Dismissals
Pampa
Celestino Trejo
Joy D. Wilson
Perryton
Candie Jean Day
Shamrock
Everett M. Buckingham

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL
Admissions
Shamrock
Melvin Simpson
Benjamin Dickerson
Lucille Pavlovsky
Dismissals
Shamrock
Vaughn Terry
Thurman Adkins
John Lister Jr.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.

Wheat	2.79
Milo	3.95
Corn	4.44

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

Serfco	5 3/8	up 1/4
Occidental	20 3/8	NC

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

Magellan	69.70
Puritan	16.45

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

Amoco	52 7/8	NC
Arco	114	up 1/4
Cabot	46 5/8	NC
Cabot O&G	22 1/8	up 1/4
Chevron	84 1/8	dn 3/8
Coca-Cola	44 1/2	dn 1/8
Enron	66 1/2	dn 1/2
Halliburton	36 1/4	up 1/8
HealthTrust Inc.	20 1/8	dn 3/8
Ingersoll Rand	31 1/2	dn 1/2
KNE	37 1/8	dn 1/4
Kerr McGee	50 5/8	NC
Limited	20 1/8	dn 3/8
Mapco	58	NC
Maxus	8 1/8	dn 1/8
McDonald's	48 3/4	NC
Mobil	69 7/8	dn 3/4
New Atmos	28 3/8	up 1/8
Parker & Parsley	28 1/4	dn 1/8
Penney's	43 7/8	dn 3/8
Phillips	28 3/8	dn 1/4
SLB	62 3/4	up 1/2
SPS	33 1/4	dn 1/8
Tenneco	49 3/8	dn 1
Texaco	62 1/8	dn 1/4
Wal-Mart	25 3/4	NC

New York Gold	392.30
Silver	5.03
West Texas Crude	17.09

Fires

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

TUESDAY, July 20

3:57 p.m. – Two units and five firefighters responded to a an electrical short at 2536 Duncan.

WEDNESDAY, July 21

6:07 a.m. – Two units and four firefighters responded to a medical assistance call at 1420 E. Browning.

Accidents

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

TUESDAY, July 20

A 14-year-old pedestrian on skates collided with a 1987 Oldsmobile driven by Edith Faye Hudson, 56, 2204 Lea, in the 200 block of West 23rd Avenue. The juvenile reportedly suffered minor scrapes and bruises and refused medical treatment. No citations were issued.

Former Odessa American publisher dies at 65

ODESSA (AP) – David F. Lyons, former publisher of the *Odessa American*, died Tuesday at Northeast Baptist Hospital in San Antonio after a brief illness. He was 65.

Lyons was born April 16, 1928, in Huntington, Long Island, N.Y. He graduated from Syracuse University and came to Odessa in 1980 from the *Columbus, Neb., Telegram.*

During Lyons' tenure, the *Odessa American* won the Pulitzer Prize for spot news photography of Jessica McClure's rescue from an abandoned Midland water well.

M. Olaf Frandsen, former editor, said Lyons enhanced the image of the newspaper until he retired from it in 1990.

"He built the *Odessa American* into a place where young, aggressive journalists could learn their trade and at the same time keep Odessa informed about its own community. ... He really just helped us earn a measure of respect."

Bob Segal, president emeritus of Freedom Newspapers Inc., said Lyons was an extremely affable man.

"He was a very extroverted person, very energetic. He loved what he did, and he did a great job," Segal said.

Lyons helped end a law in 1988 that severely limited information that police were permitted to release to the public. For his efforts, the American won the first Freedom of Information Award from the Texas Associated Press Managing Editors.

He was a member of the board of directors of the Texas Daily Newspaper Publishers Association and the Texas Press Association; a member of the American Newspaper Publishers Association; the Southern Newspapers Publishers Association and the Society of Professional Journalists.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara; son David; daughters Sharon, Peggy and Colleen; and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service is set for 4:30 p.m. Thursday at Porter Loring Mortuary.

Ginsburg sailing through hearing

By LAURIE ASSEO
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) – Supreme Court nominee Ruth Bader Ginsburg, pressed by the Senate Judiciary Committee to say whether she would be an activist member of the high court, said today judicial intervention is justified "when political avenues become dead-end streets."

Under questioning by Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., on the second day of her confirmation hearing, Ginsburg cited such issues such as voting-rights cases where blacks were excluded from voting in primary elections.

Ginsburg has sought to strike a balance on the place of judges in the legal system, saying they must follow the Constitution and avoid injecting their personal opinions into their rulings.

But, she said, "When political avenues become dead-end streets, judicial intervention in the politics of the people may be essential in order to have effective politics."

She said she was referring to cases where people were being shut out of the political process.

DeConcini said he wanted to find out when Ginsburg thought judges should lead and when they should follow the public in creating societal changes.

"It sounds to me like you're going to lead, and that's fine with me," he added.

Ginsburg also said any legal distinctions based on sex should be treated skeptically.

"It was always my view that distinctions on the basis of gender should be treated most skeptically because of the history of (laws) that in fact limited women's opportunities. ..." Ginsburg said.

"As you know, I was an advocate of the Equal Rights Amendment and I still am," she said.

The 60-year-old federal appellate judge chided Congress for exempting itself from a federal law banning job discrimination.

Congress "should set a good example by saying ... we're going to hold ourselves to the same standards that we expect of the public," Ginsburg said. "One should practice what one preaches with respect to equal employment."

On the hearing's opening day Tuesday, Ginsburg sought to answer critics who said she was wrong in suggesting the Supreme Court went too far in its 1973 Roe vs. Wade ruling that legalized abortion nationwide. Ginsburg has said the decision halted a reform trend that had already begun in the states.

Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, questioned whether that trend would have moved quickly enough to help many women seeking abortions.

"Once states begin to change, then it takes a while but eventually most of them move in the direction of change," Ginsburg said. But after the high court's ruling, abortion-rights advocates seemed to relax "while the other side had a single target to rally against," she added.

Ginsburg's legalistic answers did not hold senators' rapt attention as did the 1991 fireworks over law professor Anita Hill's sexual harassment allegation against now-Justice Clarence Thomas.

Senators came and went during the seven-hour hearing as the 60-year-old federal appellate judge sat at the witness table, back straight. President Clinton wants the Senate to confirm her nomination to replace retired Justice Byron R. White before lawmakers go on recess in early August.

"It's going very, very well," said Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt. "Her real love of the law comes through and her commitment to what the law can and should do."

"She's making a good impression," added Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, who said questioning of Ginsburg could continue into Friday. "I think it's got to be a bit disconcerting to some of the more liberal members that she seems to be talking of restraint" instead of judicial activism.

She sought to strike a balance on judges' place in the American legal system, saying they must base their rulings on the Constitution, not their own personal values.

But she brushed aside a favorite conservative argument that judges must rely on the original intent of the Constitution's framers. Those 18th century men had a "larger expectation that the Constitution is meant to govern not for the passing hours, but for the expanding future," Ginsburg said.

Loophole sought to save veterans money

AUSTIN (AP) – Unless officials can find a way around a new state law, thousands of Texas veterans face losing up to $2 million in college tuition and fee exemptions this fall.

Gov. Ann Richards has been called on for help by lawmakers. She and others have asked the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to find a loophole in the measure.

Coordinating Board spokeswoman Jan Friese said, "We are very aware of the concerns that have been expressed by veterans as well as a number of legislators and we are looking into some options that might be available."

The flap is over a measure that passed the Legislature unanimously and was signed into law by the governor. It takes effect Sept. 1.

The bill by Rep. Wilhelmina Delco, D-Austin, was intended to expand a veterans' college financial aid program to cover children whose parents were missing in action or died as a direct result of military service, including deaths due to chemical defoliant Agent Orange.

It covers more conflicts than the previously existing program, which applied to children of veterans killed in action during World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Cold War.

But Rep. Warren Chisum, D-Pampa, added an amendment. Chisum says he thought his addition would require veterans' children to prove financial need before they could qualify for tuition or fee exemptions.

However, the amendment actually requires all veterans who receive aid to prove financial need. Coordinating Board officials estimate that as many as 3,500 of the 9,784 veterans who received aid last year would be unable to qualify again this year.

Chisum and Mrs. Delco sent letters to Richards this week asking her to intervene with the Coordinating Board to make sure veterans are not hurt.

Delco said she earlier asked Richards to call a special legislative session on the matter, but she realizes that won't happen "in the foreseeable future."

Richards told Coordinating Board Chairwoman Nancy Atlas that she believes the board has enough discretion to define "financial need" so it neither poses difficulty to veterans nor requires her to call a special session.

The full board does not have a meeting scheduled until October. But colleges and universities already are busy processing financial aid applications.

"Neither the bill nor the amendment was intended to penalize or pose any hardship on veterans," Richards said in a letter to Ms. Atlas Monday.

In addition, Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, has asked the board to delay implementation of the bill. Barrientos urged that all currently eligible veterans not be required to show financial need – meaning the bill only would apply to future veterans.

It is unclear whether the Coordinating Board has the leeway to fulfill Barrientos' request. The senator planned to request an attorney general's opinion on how the law should be implemented, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported.

Pre-trial motions delayed in Braun murder trial

ARDMORE, Okla. – Pre-trial motions in the capital murder case of Gregg Francis Braun were delayed Tuesday until July 27.

Motions in the case were scheduled to be heard yesterday.

District Attorney Fred Collins in Ardmore said Braun's attorney, Jim Rowan, requested the delay. Collins did not comment on the reason for the continuance.

Rowan could not be reached for comment. He is representing Braun through the Oklahoma Indigent Defense System.

Jury selection and testimony are still scheduled to begin the week of Aug. 16. Collins said he expected the trial to last five to seven days.

Braun is charged with one count of first degree murder, two counts of shooting with the intent to kill and two counts of robbery with a firearm after a July 1989 incident at an Ardmore flower shop in which a female clerk was shot killed. Another female clerk and a customer were wounded.

He could face the death penalty if convicted of the murder charge.

Braun is also charged in Gray County with the July 1989 robbery and murder of Edley Perry "Pete" Spurrier, the owner of a photo processing shop in Pampa, Texas.

Trials in New Mexico and Kansas on similar charges have resulted in convictions for Braun.

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Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, low in the upper 60s, south winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s. The high on Tuesday was 83 degrees; the overnight low was 63 degrees, with 0.97 inch moisture.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas – Panhandle: Partly cloudy Thursday with a slight chance of thunderstorms central and east. Highs upper 80s to low 90s. Partly cloudy Thursday night with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s. South Plains: Partly cloudy tonight with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows 65 to 70. Partly cloudy Thursday with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs from near 90 northwest to mid 90s east. Partly cloudy Thursday night with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in upper 60s to low 70s.

South – Hill Country and South Central: Fair tonight. Increasing clouds toward morning. Lows in the 70s. Clouds Thursday morning, to partly cloudy by afternoon. Highs in the 90s. Partly cloudy Thursday night. Lows in the 70s. Coastal Bend: Partly cloudy tonight. Lows in the 70s inland to near 80 coast. Partly cloudy Thursday. Highs in the 90s. Partly cloudy Thursday night. Lows in the 70s inland to near 80 coast. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Partly cloudy tonight. Lows from the 70s inland to near 80 coast. Partly cloudy Thursday. Highs from near 100 inland to near 90 west. Partly cloudy Thursday night. Lows in the 70s inland to near 80 coast.

North Texas – Widely scattered evening thunderstorms in the west tonight. Otherwise fair. Lows 70 to 74. Partly cloudy Thursday with a slight chance of thunderstorms west and northeast. Highs 95 to 97. Mostly fair Thursday night. Lows 71 to 75.

BORDER STATES

Oklahoma – Partly cloudy tonight with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s. Partly cloudy Thursday with a slight chance of thunderstorms central and east. Highs upper 80s to low 90s. Partly cloudy Thursday night with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows 40s and 50s mountains with 60s lower elevations. Partly cloudy Thursday and Thursday night in the north with isolated afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Increasing clouds south with scattered afternoon and nighttime thunderstorms. Highs 70s and 80s mountains with 80s to mid 90s lower elevations. Lows 40s and 50s mountains with 60s to low 70s at lower elevations.

Debate surrounds release of eye lens prescriptions

By JAMES ROWLEY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) – Manuel Garcia had to threaten to call the Massachusetts attorney general before his optometrist would release a copy of his contact lens prescription so he could buy replacements by mail for half the price.

"They tried to tell me I wasn't going to be satisfied with them, I might get bad service," Garcia says.

The showdown with his optometrist took place when Garcia set out to purchase replacement lenses at lower prices from Lens Express, a Florida-based mail-order house.

A woman at the Brockton, Mass., optometry office where Garcia had been fitted with contact lenses "was somewhat adamant that they don't do that," he recalled.

But Garcia says he persisted and got the prescription only after threatening to call the Better Business Bureau and the state attorney general's office.

The operators of Lens Express and other mail-order houses that have sprung up in the last decade argue that Garcia's experience is all too typical of consumers seeking the best deal on contacts. That's not a problem in 13 states that require eye doctors to give their patients their prescriptions upon request.

And discount and mail-order companies sell contact lenses at prices that are often less than half what the fitters charge.

"Prior to the advent of the mail-order houses, fitters had a monopoly, they controlled price, inventory. Once mail order came along, we offered an alternative to consumers," said Russ St. Cook, manager of Dial A Contact, of La Jolla, Calif.

But the mail-order houses now accuse contact lens manufacturers, optometrists and ophthalmologists of fighting back unfairly.

They accuse large manufacturers such as Vistakon, Bausch & Lomb and CIBA-Vision Optics of bowing to pressure from eye-care professionals by adopting restrictive distribution rules that cut off sales to the mail-order houses.

The Federal Trade Commission and the Florida attorney general's office are conducting separate investigations into the marketing practices of the contact lens industry to determine if any antitrust laws are being broken.

The FTC declines to comment but industry officials acknowledge the agency is gathering information about sales and marketing practices.

Jerome Hoffman, antitrust chief for the Florida attorney general's office, said the state investigation is focusing on whether "there was any organized effort by the eye-care professional community to force the manufacturers to change their positions with respect to distribution."

Vistakon doesn't sell to mail-order houses because it "decided to market our product only to businesses that provide examinations and contact lens fittings by eye care professionals," said Jeff Leebaw, a spokesman for Vistakon's parent, Johnson & Johnson.

CIBA-Vision, a unit of CIBA-Geigy, declined through a spokesman to comment on the investigations.

Bausch & Lomb says its policy of restricting sales dates back to 1971 and therefore couldn't have been adopted against mail-order houses in response to pressure from eye-care professionals.

"It's primarily a health issue," said Harold Johnson, president of the company's contact lens division.

But Lens Express President Brian O'Neill said the large manufacturers only began enforcing restrictive distribution rules in the last several years.

"I can show you invoices made out to Lens Express ... when we had open accounts with all these companies," O'Neill said. "What their actual policies are and when they started taking an active stance with it are two very significantly different matters."

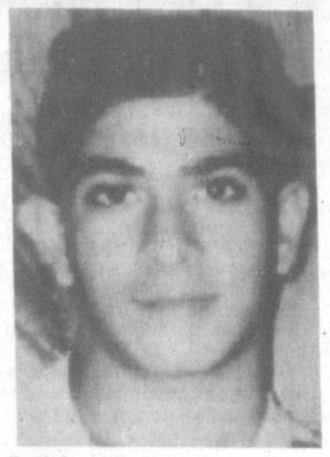
In the meantime, Lens Express is fighting a lawsuit filed by the Texas attorney general that accuses the company of false advertising by failing to state that consumers need a prescription to order contact lenses.

O'Neill says the company contends that the lawsuit was filed in response to pressure from the state's optometry board.

The company contends that Texas lacks jurisdiction to file the lawsuit because "no individual state should be able to control the content of advertising that's done on a national basis," he said.

Six friends stand accused of killing one of their own

By CATHERINE WILSON
Associated Press Writer


Bobby Kent

MIAMI (AP) – Six friends agreed among themselves to kill a member of their circle who had "fallen from their good graces." They didn't realize how hard it would be.

Authorities picked up the last suspect Tuesday and are still looking for "some logic, some good reason, some motive and there isn't any," said Broward County sheriff's spokesman Jim Leljedal.

"One of the girls said that he was abusive, but certainly that wasn't the motive for all of them."

The body of supermarket deli worker Bobby Kent, 20, was found Sunday when a remorseful participant led detectives to the body dumped in a rock pit west of Fort Lauderdale, Leljedal said.

Police said the group – four men and two women ranging in age from 17 to 20 – succeeded in killing Kent on their second try last Wednesday. They covered up evidence by wearing surgical gloves, erasing tire tracks and dumping the weapons on the ocean, investigators said.

One suspect stabbed Kent, who "didn't just drop dead," Leljedal said.

"He felt his wound and called for help. The person he called for help then came and stabbed him in the belly – and he still didn't die – and then he struggled and he was hit with a baseball bat, and he still wasn't dead when he dumped him in the water.

"I think they were surprised that killing a person is not that easy."

Attorney Jeffery Smith, representing two cousins, denied they wielded weapons but corroborated much of the official account.

"It got to the point where every brag got bigger and bigger, and it got to the point where they talked themselves into a corner and couldn't back down," Smith said. "It went too far, too fast."

The defendants have tight connections.

Martin Puccio, 20, was Kent's best friend, a longtime neighbor and an elementary school pal. Alice Willis, 17, was Kent's ex-girlfriend. Lately she was dating Donald Semenec, 18. Lisa Connelly, 18, was Alice's best friend and cousin of Derek Dzvirko, 19, the suspect who eventually led police to the body. Derek Kaufman, 20, was the loosest link.

All six were being held without bond on first-degree murder charges.

"When the entire story unfolds and each can describe the inordinate provocation that he or she endured, the public will have a considerably different perspective," said Puccio's attorney, Thomas Cazel. He did not elaborate.

The group plotted for about two weeks to kill Kent, and the first attempt failed when Willis couldn't bring herself to pull the trigger, authorities said. Then on Wednesday, Kent was lured from home with a promise that he could drive Willis' Mustang in a drag race.

"This was a circle of friends and the victim had just fallen from their good graces for one reason or another," Leljedal said.

"It was just a situation where they decided that they would kill him. One of them spoke to the other, and two of them spoke to a third, and ultimately they all agreed that they would kill him."

Kent's family was stunned that he was allegedly killed by intimate friends.

"After 14 years of friendship, I can't believe this," Fred Kent said of his son and Puccio. "I fixed them sandwiches and dinners."

The suspects are described as coming from middle-class homes, and none has a criminal record beyond misdemeanor charges.

No. 2 legal counsel at White House an apparent suicide

By TERENCE HUNT
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) – A White House attorney who was President Clinton's friend for more than 40 years was found dead in a park overlooking the Potomac River from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Vincent Foster Jr., 48, the father of three, was the No. 2 attorney in the White House counsel's office. His body was found Tuesday evening in a Virginia suburb of Washington at Fort Marcy, a Civil War-era fort preserved as a park.

Park Service investigators said the death was an apparent suicide. Police declined to say whether they found a note.

Stunned White House officials said they were unaware of anything that would have caused Foster to take his own life.

A native of the president's hometown of Hope, Ark., Foster was a former law partner with Hillary Rodham Clinton in a Little Rock firm.

The president went to Foster's home Tuesday night to visit with his widow, Lisa, and children. His wife and daughter Chelsea were in Little Rock at the time.

In a written statement, Clinton expressed "deep sadness" and said Foster had "served ably and with distinction as deputy White House counsel, and was my friend for over 40 years."

"His family has lost a loving husband and father, America has lost a gifted and loyal public servant, and Hillary and I have lost a true and trusted friend," the president added. "My deepest hope is that whatever drew Vince away from us this evening, his soul will receive the grace and salvation that his good life and good works earned."

As deputy White House attorney, Foster served under Bernard Nussbaum, a New York City lawyer who is one of Clinton's closest advisers. Foster kept a low profile, which is common for White House attorneys.

He was a player in the White House's controversial firing of seven White House travel office employees but he was not singled out for criticism in an internal review of the case.

The review said that after being alerted to alleged accounting problems in the travel office, Foster agreed to a financial review of the office by an accounting firm and asked the FBI to await the results before proceeding with its own investigation.

He also told Mrs. Clinton about the situation in the travel office.

Nussbaum's office has been blamed for failing to detect problems in the intended nominations of Judge Kimba Wood and corporate lawyer Zoe Baird for attorney general.

Foster also led a team of White House aides who traveled to Boston earlier this year to interview federal Judge Stephen Breyer when the hospitalized jurist was under consideration for the Supreme Court nomination that ultimately went to Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Clinton was being interviewed on CNN by Larry King when White House officials were notified at 9:15 p.m. EDT that body of a White House official had been discovered. However, officials said, there was not positive identification.

Clinton agreed to King's request to continue the interview a half hour beyond the 10 p.m. cutoff time, but minutes later King said Clinton had another appointment and the interview would end on schedule.

At 10:01 p.m., White House chief of staff Mack McLarty told Clinton of the apparent suicide.

Clinton, McLarty and Foster all attended the same kindergarten in Hope.

Foster was a 1967 graduate of Davidson College in Davidson, N.C. He received his law degree from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in 1971, graduating first in his class. He immediately joined the Rose Law Firm, where he spent 22 years.

"Not only was he a superior lawyer, but he was extremely well-liked in the community, and he was very, very devoted to his family," Jerry Jones, a senior partner in the Rose firm, said of Foster. "Obviously, all his friends and partners and associates at the Rose Law Firm are shocked and extremely saddened by the news."

FCC gives cable subscribers a break

WASHINGTON (AP) – The Federal Communications Commission has decided to advance the date of a scheduled fee reduction from Oct. 1 to Sept. 1.

The reductions will vary for the roughly 55 million cable subscribers and could be as high as 10 percent, FCC spokesman Scott Roberts said Tuesday.

Gene Kimmelman of the Consumer Federation of America was not happy that the agency did not go through with reductions beginning June 21 as originally contemplated but said, "It's better than nothing."

The FCC decided on April 1 to cut rates to subscribers of basic service, which includes all three broadcast networks plus local government and public-access channels.

The rates will not immediately apply to so-called expanded basic service, but consumer complaints will trigger FCC regulation of these services as well. Pay-per-view and premium channels are not covered by the law.

The commission has estimated the rate rollbacks eventually could save customers as much as $1 billion a year.

Board OKs anti-discrimination rule for insurance companies

AUSTIN (AP) – State officials next month will take a final vote on an anti-discrimination rule governing insurance companies.

The State Board of Insurance voted 2-0 for the anti-discrimination measure after hearing a report that showed low-income and minority consumers pay higher rates for insurance even if they are a lower risk.

A final vote is scheduled for Aug. 30 on the matter.

Under the rule, insurers would be prohibited from discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, geographic location, sex or disability. The rule would apply to an insurer's decision of whether to insure or continue to insure an applicant and at what rate.

"I believe Texans are entitled to fair treatment in insurance matters," Insurance Board member Allene Evans said.

Jerry Johns, an insurance industry spokesman, said the rule is unnecessary because it, in part, duplicates federal law. He also disputed the report's findings of inequities in insurance premiums between wealthy and minority and low-income customers.

According to preliminary findings of the report, low-income and minority policyholders pay higher rates for property and automobile insurance.

The study shows that policyholders with homes worth $50,000 or less pay on the average up to 10 percent more than the benchmark rate for property insurance. The Insurance Board sets the benchmark and the range that companies can charge above or below it.

Policyholders with homes worth between $50,000 to $150,000 usually pay below the benchmark, while those with homes worth $150,000 or more pay 15 percent below the benchmark, the study said.

"There is some evidence there of inequities," said Mark Crawshaw, a consultant hired by the Texas Department of Insurance.

In medium and high minority zip codes, homeowners' rates were also higher for comparably valued homes in zip codes where few minorities lived, the report said.

The report also showed that a greater percentage of minorities are unable to get auto insurance on the open market and must buy more expensive coverage from the high risk insurance pool.

Amy Johnson, the state's insurance consumer advocate, said the higher premiums charged low-income and minority customers are unrelated to their risks.


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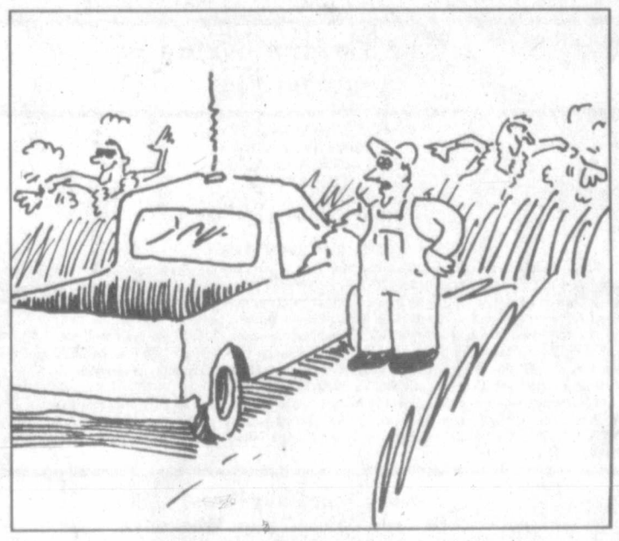
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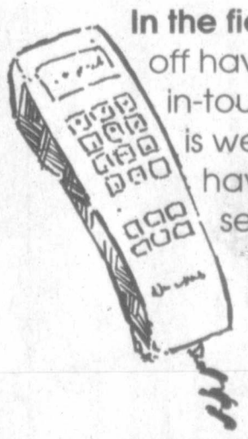

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Louise Fletcher
Publisher

Opinion

Rulings give U.S. power worldwide

Lately, immigration seems to be in the news almost every day. A little perspective is needed. Historically, hostility to immigration has coincided with the restriction of citizens' liberties by the U.S. government.

In the 1930s the central government grew immensely in power under Franklin Roosevelt's infatuation with socialism, known as the New Deal. At the same time, Roosevelt turned back boats carrying tens of thousands of Jewish refugees. Most of the refugees, forcibly returned to Europe, later were tortured in the Nationalist Socialist death camps.

Today, even as the U.S. government increases its powers over citizens, it is exercising broad new powers against refugees. Haitian refugees are being seized in international waters and dumped back on the tyrannous island they fled.

The U.S. government also has slapped trade embargoes on the Haitian people. The twin assaults on trade and immigration seal of Haitians to suffer under their tormentors. Yet, Haiti's military dictatorship, however oppressive, probably is no worse than the governments of such major U.S. trade partners as Saudi Arabia and communist China.

A better policy would be to allow Haitian immigration while ending the trade embargo. These actions would bring Haiti an exchange of ideas and goods. Haitians in the United States could tell those back home about the ideas of freedom – including the idea that freedom must be fought for, even with one's life.

International law has allowed countries to exercise legal jurisdiction over ships from the native country and in territorial waters. But the Haitians were in their own ships in international waters.

The new court decision resembles another recent ruling in which the U.S. government was given the OK to grab criminal suspects in foreign countries. These two rulings allow what used to be called kidnapping and piracy on the high seas. The rulings extend the U.S. government's powers to the entire world.

Even those opposing open immigration should be wary of what could be the biggest power grab in the U.S. government's history. If the government can exercise its immense power literally everywhere how secure is any citizen in his own home?

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Clinton's trail of assurances



William F. Buckley Jr.

In Seoul, Tom Brokaw asked President Clinton a question knowing very well that Clinton would not answer it. The question was: Might the administration engage in a pre-emptive strike against North Korea in order to abort the construction of a nuclear bomb?

Clinton's answer was in the well-known mode. The trick is to rephrase a question like that in such a way as to change its meaning; then proceed to answer the transubstantiated question; then look pleased with yourself. What the president said was that he was determined to maintain United States forces in South Korea and in Japan, which would communicate to North Korea the inflexibility of our commitment to security in that part of the world.

Everything Clinton does that touches on nuclear policy is vital these days, if we take into account that North Korea, Iraq, Iran and Libya are further advanced in the construction of a nuclear weapon than we were in January of 1945. The bellwether of a mature policy on nuclear weapons is our attitude toward testing. At just about the time Clinton was seeking to be persuasive in South Korea, he was scuttling a schedule of nuclear tests recommended by his own security staff. That decision – no testing – caused all the Rockettes of Eastern Seaboard liberalism, led by choreographer Anthony Lewis of *The New York Times*, to can-can their delight.

The purpose of maintaining a nuclear inventory is to maintain a credible threat to uppity Third Worlders who wish to acquire the means to terrorize the world. James Schlesinger, former secretary of defense and former head of the CIA, reminds us in *The Wall Street Journal* that it is not possible to guarantee a functioning nuclear arsenal without occasional testing.

He tells us that the same people who wouldn't let six months go by without testing their lawn mowers are prepared to hazard the credibility of our deterrent force by simply assuming that there is nothing in their intricate composition that might go wrong. He reminds us that for two years after Pearl Harbor our torpedoes, which had gone for years untested because of the skeletal defense budget in the '30s, were unserviceable.

Schlesinger makes that point, and a second point, that by refusing to test, we constrain our allies to put off tests, which means specifically that Great Britain is prevented from checking its Trident missile on which its entire strategic security is based, and which it purchased from us at great cost.

The second indication of our attitude toward nuclear weapons has of course to do with the pursuit of a defense system against missiles aimed our way – a Patriot-plus program that, however, alarms the same gentry who oppose nuclear tests. Opposition to underground testing even when severe precautions are taken against radioactivity, and opposition to continued scientific exploration of defense technology, aren't the fruit of hard analytical thought. It is a sign of a kind of fetishism. Anything that touches on the nuclear question is, for some people, unclean and therefore to be avoided, like lust for your neighbor's wife.

But the trouble with this, as Peter Rodman points out in his essay ("A Grown-up's Guide to Non-Proliferation," *National Review*, July 5) is that we live in a dirty world. We have to rid ourselves of a sense of guilt that paralyzes those instincts in us which are most to be nourished, namely our conviction that we can detect the difference between a North Korea and a Great Britain; that to encourage Great Britain to refine its nuclear arms must not embarrass us when talking a different language to such as North Korea or Iran or Iraq.

Rodman writes: "According to *The New York Times*, the administration is looking for ways to 'reassure North Korea,' and is 'wary about leaving North Korea feeling cornered.' The danger of escalation and general lunacy on the Korean peninsula is not widely thought to come from Seoul or Washington. It is we who should make the demands."

Clinton's emphasis must be on the non-proliferation treaty and its enforcement worldwide. The North Koreans threatened only a few months ago to opt out of that treaty. That was the time to announce exactly that measures we were prepared to take to enforce compliance. Only just before the crisis point, North Korea said, "Well, we'll think about it." And the pressure suddenly lifted.

The process is thoroughly refined in Iraq, where Saddam Hussein plays with us and with the United Nations on the matter of inspection. It is regularly practiced in Belgrade, where Slobodan Milosevic makes us dance about as, day after day, he goes from capitulation to ultimatum. North Korea is picking up the rhythm: How to keep the United States jittery but undecided, while we pursue our weapon – a stitch at a time.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, July 21, the 202nd day of 1993. There are 163 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 21, 1961, Capt. Virgil "Gus" Grissom became the second American to rocket into a suborbital pattern around the Earth, flying aboard the "Liberty Bell Seven."

On this date:

In 1831, Belgium became independent as Leopold I was proclaimed King of the Belgians.

In 1861, the first Battle of Bull Run was fought at Manassas, Va., resulting in a Confederate victory.

In 1899, author Ernest Hemingway was born in Oak Park, Ill.

In 1925, the so-called "Monkey Trial" ended in Dayton, Tenn., with John T. Scopes found guilty of violating state law for teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. (The conviction was later overturned.)

In 1944, American forces landed on Guam during World War II.

Golf can be a jealous mistress



Paul Harvey

Golf is a jealous mistress.

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Seeing friends on the 18th tee, Mike called out – asked them if they'd mind if he skipped No. 17 and played ahead of them on in to the clubhouse.

They agreed. He teed a ball and, with a hurried swing, sent the ball soaring toward the 18th green – one bounce – and it's in the hole!

It's his wedding day, and he has just hit his first-ever hole-in-one!

But it would never be official. Because a hole-in-one to be recorded officially has to be part of a full 18-hole round, and he had skipped one hole and he was out of time. Indeed, by now he is running toward the clubhouse to change clothes for the wedding.

Next Stop: St. John's Lutheran Church.

Lovely ceremony. Shari Jo, his bride, was radiant.

Pastor Groe was eloquent. Shari Jo and Mike each pledged to the other lifelong love, and mothers cried and friends were all hugs, handclasps and kisses.

Now fast-forward the wedding party from the church to the Waukon Golf and Country Club ballroom for the reception.

It's then and there that friends from Mike's foursome said, "Why don't we duck out – it would take only a few minutes – to get some golf clubs and play that 17th hole so that the round would be complete and the hole-in-one would become official."

And that is how it was that four dandies in tuxedoes were out there on that beautiful June afternoon playing the 17th hole.

Followed all the way by a hillside entourage of 150 wedding guests – and the bride in her wedding gown carrying Mike's golf clubs in their green bag.

While the new groom teed up a new ball to play that 17th hole.

No – it was NOT another hole-in-one.

But it was a very respectable par.

NOW the game was complete. NOW the hole-in-one was official.

NOW – the honeymoon could begin.

Race still divides popular opinion



Chuck Stone

Two major decisions – judicial and legislative – point up again how tragically this nation continues to be divided along racial and class lines.

The legislative decision – the House vote to ban Medicaid financing of abortions except in cases of rape, incest or a threat to the woman's life – swept to an easy victory in a 255-to-178 vote.

On the face of it, the vote would seem to have nothing to do with race. But the ban-Medicaid-abortion vote divided the U.S. House of Representatives as completely along racial lines as any vote ever taken.

While 59 percent of the House members (157 Republicans and 98 Democrats) voted for the ban and, in effect, making low-income women second-class citizens, the 38 members of the Congressional Black Caucus (37 Democrats and one Republican) voted UNANIMOUSLY against the ban.

This does not mean that the black community unanimously favors support for abortion. A significant percentage of blacks are as opposed to abortion as white. (On principle, I oppose abortion, but I strenuously support the right of a woman to make the choice about what she does with her body.)

However, it does indicate that the black community generally supports the right of poor women to have equal access to an abortion as their wealthier counterparts. This is because the percentage of black women who live below the poverty line is three times greater than that of white women.

Blacks have been deprived so long and so egregiously of their political and economic rights that they have developed a more intense fidelity to their right to make personal decisions in the political arena.

Moreover, after 12 years of the Reagan-Bush administration's feverish efforts to turn back the civil-rights clock to pre-Brown vs. Board of Education days, blacks are becoming depressed about the continuing erosion of their rights. This brings up the tragic judicial decision to which I alluded earlier. The Hyde Amendment (named for Illinois Rep. Henry J. Hyde, a Republican) would embezzle one more right from the already small number of rights that blacks still retain.

Only two days before the House ban-Medicaid-abortion vote, the Supreme Court ruled, 5 to 4, that legislative districts created to increase black political representation MAY be violating the constitutional rights of white voters.

The court majority, which included the least judicially qualified member of the court, Clarence Thomas, knew it was on shaky ground and equivocated unmercifully. After reciting the facts of the case with some tortured legal reasoning, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote:

"Thus, we express no view as to whether 'the intentional creation of majority-minority districts' ... always give rise to an equal-protection claim. We hold only that, on the facts of this case (Shaw vs. Reno), plaintiffs have stated a claim sufficient to defeat the state appellees' motion to dismiss."

Translation: Remand the case to the district court for retrial.

In Justice Byron R. White's last case, he dissented that even with the two newly created black-majority districts in 22 percent-black North Carolina (that gave the state its first black members of Congress since 1900), whites are still a majority in 10 of the 12 congressional districts.

"Surely, they cannot complain of discriminatory treatment," he wryly observed.

But paradoxically, white Americans still do. Having created and sustained 165 years of a race-based way of life, they now refuse to accept the logic of race-based solutions. This is why blacks and whites tend to disagree on issues such as political redistricting, affirmative action and multicultural education.

And that racial schism explains why the Congressional Black Caucus periodically votes unanimously against a majority of the House.

Rostenkowski to keep his budget position unless he's indicted

By LARRY MARGASAK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) – Rep. Dan Rostenkowski sits at the pinnacle of power in critical deficit-reduction talks, and the 18-term Illinois Democrat will keep his position unless he's indicted in the House Post Office scandal.

Rostenkowski assumed his usual command role in House-Senate negotiations Tuesday over a White House proposal aimed at cutting the deficit by $500 billion over five years – the cornerstone of President Clinton's domestic policy.

Clinton and several lawmakers said Rostenkowski, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, will remain the key House architect in crafting a plan acceptable to both houses.

For his part, Rostenkowski acted like anything other than a hobbled negotiator a day after court papers pointed to him as a possible recipient of embezzled funds from the House Post Office.

He lunched privately with Clinton and the chief Senate negotiator, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., at the White House. And he sat in the front row as Clinton addressed Democratic tax and budget negotiators.

A factor that could change Rostenkowski's role would be a felony indictment in the post office scandal because House Democratic Caucus rules require committee chairmen to step aside in such a circumstance.

Asked if the allegations alone would affect Rostenkowski's negotiating role, Clinton said, "No. We've got a lot of work to do. Chairman Rostenkowski's done a great job with this budget so far, and we've worked very closely together. I don't know anything about the rest of it."

Moynihan, responding to a similar question, said, "Not the least bit. His status hasn't changed."

Clinton is seeking passage of the deficit-reduction measure before Congress goes into summer recess in August.

Rostenkowski, a member of Congress since 1959, has been under a cloud since last year in the post office investigation, which the Illinois Democrat has called a political "witch hunt."

Prosecutors not only have looked into his stamp purchases at the House Post Office, but several aspects of his financial and campaign affairs.

However, prosecutors upped the ante Monday when they secured the guilty plea of former House Postmaster Robert V. Rota on conspiracy and embezzlement charges.

Court papers filed in the case said Rota provided embezzled funds to lawmakers listed as "Congressman A" and "Congressman B." When specific post office transactions listed in the court papers were matched with public records, it was apparent that Rostenkowski was "Congressman A" and former Rep. Joseph Kolter, D-Pa., was "Congressman B."

Former U.S. Attorney Jay Stephens, who headed the Justice Department's probe of the post office until earlier this year, Tuesday night reiterated his assertion that the Clinton administration delayed the case for 90 days to ensure that Rostenkowski would remain in control of the Ways and Means Committee.

"He was performing a critical function for the administration with regard to the budget and tax bills," Stephens said on ABC-TV's *Nightline* program. By delaying the case, Stephens said, the administration "was able to protect his position ... and the question remains whether they will continue to be able to protect his position into the future."

The New York Times reported today that prosecutors are trying to broaden the case against Rostenkowski by bringing charges against him under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act. The so-called RICO law was intended to be used in fighting organized crime, but has been applied to other cases, including those involving members of Congress.

According to the *Times*, an investigation under way in Chicago is seeking to determine whether Rostenkowski converted campaign and taxpayer money for his own use and whether the RICO law would apply in such a case.

If the gravelly voiced Rostenkowski was worried Tuesday, it didn't show during House-Senate negotiating sessions.

But several times during the day, Rostenkowski quickly brushed by throngs of reporters shouting questions about Rota's allegations.

When Clinton arrived at the Capitol to meet with Democratic conferees, Rostenkowski sat in a front-row seat on the aisle.

The room was crowded, but Rostenkowski sat alone. The seat beside him was left unoccupied.



(AP photo)

Sgt. Mike Sharp, left, and Sgt. John Lewis of the Missouri National Guard dry their socks while riding a barge to Portage Des Sioux, Mo., Tuesday. The barge is used to transport residents to the town that is separated from the rest of the county because of the flooding Mississippi River.

More rain threatening flooded areas

By STEPHANIE NANO
Associated Press Writer

Workers trying to shore up a levee had to be rescued by boat after floodwaters broke through and washed over a soggy St. Louis neighborhood.

The collapse came as the Mississippi River bulged to its second crest in as many days, reaching a record 47.1 feet at St. Louis, or more than 17 feet above flood stage. The river hit 46.9 feet Sunday night then dropped slightly.

In Des Moines, Iowa, residents hoped to start turning on faucets and flushing toilets in parts of the city today. Some 250,000 people have been without tap water since a river overran the city water plant 10 days ago.

Workers were shoring up a breach along south St. Louis' River Des Peres when sandbags atop the levee gave way along a one-mile stretch Tuesday night.

"Pretty soon, they were up to their necks in water," said David Weman, a fire battalion chief. The workers were rescued by boat.

Police Lt. Steven Mueller said authorities helped several people leave their homes, but he couldn't say how many.

The neighborhood had been under evacuation orders since the weekend, when sandbags washed off the earthen levee. Earlier Tuesday, emergency workers with bullhorns drove through, pleading with holdouts to flee.

"We're floating on this block. It went real fast," Melanie Bartnick told the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. The flooding did not reach her house.

At nightfall, some residents sat on their porches in darkness on streets that were still dry. Power and water had been cut to the area. A few blocks away, workers pumped water from streets covered with 8 to 10 inches of water.

The River Des Peres is a concrete-lined storm drain that has been flooded by Mississippi backwash.

St. Louis was hit with drenching rains Tuesday, and thunderstorms were expected to soak parts of the Midwest today.

About 900 households in the Manhattan, Kan., area were urged to get out Tuesday because of water releases from swollen lakes and reservoirs upstream. Sandbaggers were hard at work around town. "It's us against Mother Nature, and Mama is going to win sometimes," said Chris LaRose, a volunteer at a church.

Elsewhere, the cleanup continued.

"It smells like fish, and there's only one way to get rid of the smell: bleach, Pine-Sol and lots of elbow grease," said Dorothy McKinzie, owner of an auto repair shop in Davenport, Iowa. Her business was coated with about a quarter-inch of Mississippi River bottom.

Flooding since the start of June in the region has contributed to at least 31 deaths and $10 billion in damage, left 16,000 square miles of farmland under water and damaged more than 22,000 homes.

Officials deny turtle importation permit

HOUSTON (AP) – A permit to allow importation of about 2,000 sea turtle hatchlings from the endangered species' only known nesting beach in Mexico to Galveston has been denied by federal officials.

The denial by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Washington aborted plans to transport the hatchlings to Galveston's National Marine Fisheries Service laboratory aboard U.S. Coast Guard helicopters today.

Scott Smullen, a Marine Fisheries Service spokesman in Washington, said the decision likely marks the death of the sea turtle "head-start" program, which has been in operation for 15 years.

"We have said all along that head-start is not a proven species recovery program, but we had a collective agreement that it was an experimental project that should continue for one or two more years as potential assistance to the endangered species," Smullen told the *Houston Chronicle*.

Supporters of the program – which has received thousands of dollars in donations from turtle-loving Houston-area schoolchildren over the years – say it is being dropped prematurely.

Fish and Wildlife Service officials said an independent panel of scientists reviewed the program last September and recommended scrapping it in favor of one designed to determine the fates of head-start turtles already released into the wild. They recommended more intensive monitoring of the Mexican nesting area to determine if any of the head-start turtles already are laying eggs there.

"The panel said it was not necessary for the experiment to continue to raise and release little turtles," Richard Byles, national sea turtle coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and director of the service's southwest regional office in Albuquerque, N.M., said Tuesday. "That carried a lot of weight in the application that the National Marine Fisheries Service put together for our folks in Washington."

Byles said Marine Fisheries Service scientists don't know where any of the turtles are or what their survival rate is. They don't know how – or if – they've assimilated into the wild population, he said.

"You simply don't need to keep running the front end of this experiment to see it work after 15 years of releasing," said Byles.

More than 22,000 of the endangered sea turtles have been raised at the Galveston fisheries service laboratory since 1978. Scientists theorized that yearling turtles the size of dinner plates had higher chances of survival in the wild than tiny hatchlings.

Originally, the head-start program was designed to establish a second nesting ground on Texas' North Padre Island. Until 1988, Kemp's ridley eggs were transported there, the eggs were allowed to hatch and the hatchlings were allowed to scramble into the water before being netted and taken to Galveston.

Called "imprinting," the theory is that turtles born on the Texas beach instinctively would return there to nest.

So far, none of the turtles, many tagged in several ways in recent years, has been confirmed as having nested on Padre Island.

The permit denial is not a repudiation of the theory, Byles said.

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Food

Writer reveals 'Top Secret Recipes' in new book

By MARY MacVEAN
AP Food Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — As a true-blue American given the chance to get in on just one top-secret secret, you would choose the recipe for the special sauce on a Big Mac, right? Or maybe for Snickers bars?

Sit back. Hog Heaven is here.

In "Top Secret Recipes," Todd Wilbur speaks to the cravings of the masses who have made wealthy the makers of Big Macs, Snickers and 40 other yummies, including Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, Kahlua Coffee Liqueur, Aunt Jemima Maple Syrup and Kentucky Fried Chicken Original Recipe Fried Chicken.

It takes work, of course, to make this food at home. But it took five long years for Wilbur to figure out recipes that imitate the taste and appearance of popular brand-name foods.

The hardest item to nail down for the 29-year-old Wilbur, who's not a professional but says he's been cooking since age 9, was the filling for his version of Hostess Twinkies. (He provides a detailed drawing for getting the cream into the cake.)

"I did a lot of the sleuthing for this by reading ingredient labels," Wilbur says, adding that on Twinkies the listing for natural and artificial flavors didn't leave him many clues.

"Obviously it had vanilla, but there was something else," which turned out to be lemon flavoring, he says.

To find the key to Wendy's chili, he bought some, dumped it in a sieve and rinsed off the sauce.

The surprise ingredient was celery.

His biggest disappointment? He couldn't perfect Oreos. The white filling was satisfactory, he says, but the fudgy, slightly burnt taste of the cookies eluded him.

He considers his best recipe his Mrs. Fields Chocolate Chip Cookies.

They are made, he says with all due immodesty, from "the best chocolate chip cookie recipe ever put to paper."

He thought the base of Mrs. Fields Peanut Butter Dream Bars tasted like a cookie, so he called a store and asked. Sure enough, an employee told him, crumbled cookies.

Otherwise, he says, he contacted no companies, and none has contacted him.

"I did not swipe, heist, bribe or otherwise obtain any formulas through coercion or illegal means," he writes in his foreword.

In fact, he says, the companies should be flattered.

Burger King spokeswoman Cori Zywotow agrees.

"There are 1,023 ways for a customer to order a Whopper," she says. "Hats off to Todd for trying to re-create one of the ways."

With 700 million Whoppers sold a year, the company isn't exactly worried that home cooks will take over the business.

Neither do candy companies need worry: They sell 3 billion pounds of candy a year to sweet-toothed Americans.

Still, Wilbur is climbing some best-seller lists with his $10 Plume paperback and having a great time in the process, even fooling Regis Philbin in a televised taste comparison.

Wilbur quit his job as a television reporter in Allentown, Pa., about a year and a half ago to work on the book. He may never go back.

"Top Secret Recipes: The Sequel"?

"That might be a possibility. That might very well be a possibility," he says.

After all, this is a man whose eyes go dreamy when he recalls eating frozen Ding Dongs as a child, picking off the chocolate icing.

"Oh, man ..."

Get your state fair recipes in now

Come October, the State Fair of Texas will be grounds for a culinary celebration. For the last hundred years, Texans have traveled from far and near to catch a glimpse of the nightly parade or take a scenic ride on the Ferris wheel. This year, a new attraction will come into play. Kraft USA invites Texans, 18 years and older, to unleash their culinary creativity and enter their favorite blue-ribbon recipe in the Kraft State Fair Recipe Contest.

In keeping with today's hectic lifestyles, the contest rules are quick 'n easy. Simply submit an original recipe using and Kraft product in one of three appetizing categories — Everyday Family Dinners, Casual Entertaining and Busy Day Recipes by August 7.

Everyday Family Dinners recipes should focus on flavorful family favorites and traditional menu items.

Casual Entertaining entries should spotlight easy, but elegant guest-pleasing dishes.

Busy Day Recipes should be quick to prepare and cook. Send your blue-ribbon recipe with the category clearly printed on the outside of the envelope to: Kraft State Fair Recipe Contest — Texas, P.O. Box 6770, Monticello, MN 5561-6770.

Three grand prize winners will be announced at the Kraft tent and each awarded a $1,000 cash prize. Each first prize winner will receive $500 worth of small kitchen appliances to make preparing tasty meals a little easier. And, second prize winners (one from each category) will be awarded $100 cash prizes. What makes this contest extra special is the *actual fairgoers* will select the winning recipes!

Come fair days, the Kraft tent will be humming with excitement and exuding taste-tempting scents as finalists prepare their signature recipes. Fairgoers will have an opportunity to share in the fun via a free recipe leaflet featuring all finalists' entries. And, 20-30 lucky Texan fairgoers will be invited to cast their vote for the winners. Drop by the Kraft tent anytime. If contest judging isn't underway, attendees can pick up a leaflet and sample delicious Kraft fare, including Philly Cream Cheese Three-Step Cheesecake, Velveeta Cheese Spread Salsa Dip and Miracle Whip Salad Dressing Roasted Potato Salad.

So, make the choice to exhibit your best recipes and enter today. Contest open to Texas residents only and subject to additional restrictions contained in the official rules. For a copy of the official contest rules, please send a self-addressed, #10, stamped envelope to: Kraft State Fair Recipe Contest — Texas, 211 East Ontario Street, Suite 1300, Chicago, Ill. 60611.

Area recipes, anecdotes wanted

The Pampa News in interested in receiving the Panhandle's best recipes for publication.

But that's not all.

Along with your recipe, include any interesting anecdotes or history you think our readers might be interested in reading about. Recipes will be printed as space permits.

Recipes are not restricted to a specific meal or type of food. Every dish from the heartiest ranch breakfast to the most Spartan supper is welcomed. In addition, speciality dishes and desserts are also accepted.

The Pampa News reserves the right to print or reject any recipe. Submissions may be sent to *The Pampa News*, Food Editor, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, Tx. 79066.

The following recipe was submitted by Elizabeth Roberson of Pampa.

Alabama Pound Cake

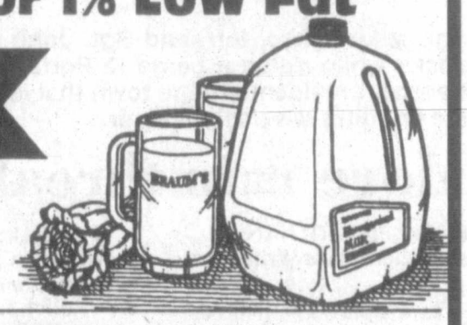
1 pound of butter
2 cups of sugar
4 cups of flour

Blend the butter and add sugar. The two ingredients should be mixed together well. Add the eggs — one at a time. Continue beating while adding the flour, a half a cup at a time.

Pour into tube cake pan and bake at 325 F. for 1 1/4 hours.

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Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

Abstinence is safest sex of all

DEAR ABBY: I just read the confidential you wrote to "Needs to Know the Truth in Cleveland." You said, "The only safe sex is *no* sex. Trust me."

Well, that is the best, and most accurate advice I have ever heard on that subject. Thank you for telling it like it is.

I am relieved to know that there are still people out there who speak the truth without rationalizing, or trying to justify sinful behavior all in the name of "safe sex."

I hope your statement will send a message to people who engage in sinful behavior, and worse yet, take chances. When are people going to wake up and realize that there is no "safe sex"?

The only answer is *no* sex. Say it again, Abby, and say it often.

ANOTHER ABIGAIL,
ST. PAUL, MINN.

DEAR ABIGAIL: The statement was made in a literal context, not in a religious or philosophical sense. The woman's question: "If condoms aren't 100 percent safe — what is 100 percent safe?" My answer: Abstinence.

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DEAR ABBY: I enjoyed your column on words. I, too, have noticed how frequently the word "up" is used. Enclosed is an item from the Reader's Digest. I regret that it is not dated, but I have had it for at least 25 years.

GEORGE HOMMES,
ORLAND PARK, ILL.

DEAR GEORGE: Although I'm already up to my ears in "ups," I welcome your contribution.

WHAT'S UP

"We've got a two-letter word we use constantly that may have more meanings than any other. The word is UP.

"It is easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or toward the top of a list. But when we waken, why do we wake UP? At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? And why are participants said to speak UP? Why are officers UP for election? And why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report?

"The little word is really not needed, but we use it anyway. We brighten UP a room, light UP a cigar, polish UP the silver, lock UP the house and fix UP the old car.

"At other times, it has special meanings. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, think UP excuses and get tied UP in traffic.

"To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed UP is special. It may be confusing, but a drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP.

"We open UP a store in the morning, and close it UP in the evening. We seem to be all mixed UP about UP.

"In order to be UP on the proper use of UP, look UP the word in the dictionary. In one desk-sized dictionary, UP takes UP half a page; and the listed definitions add UP to about 40.

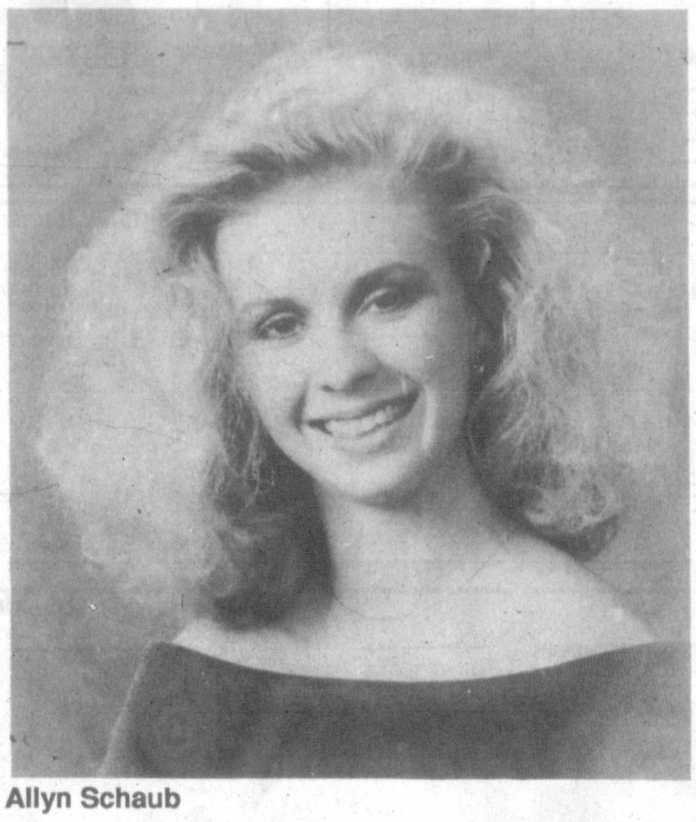
"If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways in which UP is used. It may take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a thousand."

FRANK S. ENDICOTT

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Abby's family recipes are included in her Cookbooklet! Send a long (business-size), self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet No. 1, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

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Allyn Schaub

Schaub earns McCarley Foundation Scholarship

Allyn Schaub has been named 1993-1994 recipient of the $4,000 McCarley Scholarship, announced Joe Kyle Reeve, chairman of the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce Education Committee.

She is the daughter of Robert and Monty Schaub, Pampa.

Schaub will be awarded $2,000 per semester while meeting McCarley Foundation Scholarship standards. She was chosen from among 15 applicants.

The University of Dallas student is working in genetics and biochemistry research this summer. She is a biology major, pursuing a bachelor of science degree. Her goal is to enter a medical doctor or Ph.D. program to become a primary care doctor/pathologist.

She has worked as laboratory assistant for general chemistry for three semesters, under the leadership of Dr. Jack Towne. In 1992, she taught general chemistry laboratory and research for the John B. O'Hara Chemical Institute. She is a member of the American Chemical Society and the Health Professions Society of America.

Schaub graduated sixth in her class of 248 students at Pampa High School in 1990.

The McCarley Foundation Scholarship is open to PHS graduates from the classes of 1988 forward. The Foundation decides the exact amount of the scholarship and students may apply for a total of four years and preference will be given to previous recipients for a maximum of eight semesters. Applicants must have been in the upper one-fourth of their graduating class at PHS and must maintain a grade average of 2.75 or better on a 4.0 scale. The funds must be used to attend school full time at a four year college or university in the United States.

The scholarship is to be administered by the education committee of the Greater Pampa Chamber of Commerce. Applicants may not be related to any of the directors of the chamber.

'Oklahoma!' set for Amarillo College Summer Arts Festival

The Amarillo College Summer Arts Festival concludes with Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic musical "Oklahoma!" opening July 23.

The festival will host a 50th birthday party, complete with cake, to celebrate Oklahoma's 50th anniversary. Performances are set for 8:15 p.m. July 23, 24, 27 and 31 and at 2 p.m. July 25.

Native Amarilloan Tim Tucker is to play "Curly." He attended AC before earning a degree from the University of North Texas. The past two years he has sung with with the Santa Fe Opera and Western Opera Theatre, the touring branch of the San Francisco Opera.

Other leading performers are Brenda Mulkey as "Laurey," Jennifer Hodges as "Aunt Eller," Jeff Jarnigan as "Will Parker," Chris Lusk as "Ado Annie" and Jason Duke as "Jud Fry."

Tickets are available by calling the Summer Arts Festival box office at 371-5359 from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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Brain 'map' may aid diagnosis of hearing problems in children

HOUSTON — A "map" of the brain can help doctors pinpoint the cause of hearing problems in children, says an audiology expert at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"Topographic brain mapping is one of many techniques in a relatively new area of diagnosis called auditory evoked response," said Dr. James F. Jerger, a professor of otorhinolaryngology at Baylor.

"It often can be used to rule out or identify certain hearing disorders."

Evoked response involves testing the brain's response to sound through the placement of electrodes on the scalp.

Computer-generated brain maps take evoked response a step further, says Jerger, by giving hearing specialists a "picture" of how sound is evaluated in the brain.

Children who have central auditory processing disorder (CAPD), for example, do not process sound correctly although their hearing appears fairly normal. They have difficulty in understand speech, particularly when there is significant background noise.

"These children are often described as inattentive and easily distracted. They may show speech and language disorders and usually perform below their potential in the classroom," Jerger said. "They are not easily identified as having CAPD.

Brain maps reveal how the brain reacts to sound. Electrodes placed on the scalp detect tiny "charges" of activity when a sound is heard. This occurs when nerve fibers in the inner ear detect sound, transferring it as auditory sensations to the brain.

With the aid of computers, topographic brain mapping allows audiologists to actually see where hearing is being processed in the brain. Once identified, the problem can often be helped with hearing aids and other devices.

Jerger has found such activity to be distributed fairly evenly over the brain's surface in patients without CAPD. In people with CAPD, the activity may vary in where it is detected, indicating that sound is not being processed correctly.

In one case, brain mapping was used to rule out CAPD. Jerger found that a 5-year-old girl with a history of hearing loss was having difficulty understanding speech, despite the hearing aids she was fitted with earlier in life.

"Her parents wondered if her poor hearing was the result of CAPD or whether the hearing aids were not working properly," Jerger said. "Topographic brain mapping showed that she was capable of processing sounds. The problem was attributed to the hearing aids, and she was later given a special hearing device called a cochlear implant which increased her understanding of speech."

"It's a wonderful addition to our arsenal of diagnostic abilities," said Jerger. "With topographic brain mapping, large amounts of data can now be analyzed more easily, improving the chances for successful diagnosis."

Club News

Altrusa Internation Inc. of Pampa met July 12.

President Judy Warner presided and Leona Willis introduced her guest, Lenora Beck, her cousin from out of town. The Accent was presented by Donna Turner, who told about projects being done by the sister club in New Zealand. Mary Wilson reported that the July 4 fund raiser for Tralee Crisis Center was a great success.

Glyndene Shelton, newly appointed finance chairman, replacing Virginia DeWitt, passed the brag jar.

Shelton and Ruby Royse returned from the internaional convention in Nashville and gave reports of their trip.

The next meeting is 7 p.m. July 26 in the Starlight Room of Coronado Inn.

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Pam Homemaker Club met July 9 in the recreation room of Pam Apartments.

The meeting was called to order by President Janice Carter. The devotional was given by Audrey Huff from Psalms 9:10. The roll call was answered with "what I like about Texas."

Minutes were given by secretary Maxine Bennett. A covered dish luncheon was served to 12 members and one guest. The group discussed Christmas stockings for Community Day Care.

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The Magic Plains Chapter of the American Business Women's Association met at Sirloin Stockade for the July meeting.

President LaNella Hensley presided and new officers for the year were installed. They are Evelyn Boyd, president; LaNella Hensley, vice president; Ellen Malone, secretary; and Eltha Hensley, treasurer.

A $250 vocational scholarship was presented Sonja Leach who is in training for the nursing profession.

Ten members and one guest were present.

The next meeting is planned for Aug. 2 at Sirloin Stockade.

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Pampa Charter Chapter of American Business Women's Association met July 13 at Coronado Inn. President Louise Hill led the meeting.

Barbara McCain, aud committee chairman, read the audit report. The report was accepted as read.

McCain installed the 1993-1994 chapter officers.

Odessa Ledbetter read an article "Gathering to Remembering."

A card of thanks was received from scholarship recipeint Amanda Morris. The nest executive board meeting is set for Aug. 3. The next monthly meeting is set for Aug. 10 at Coronado Inn.

East coast heronry studied in Delaware

By THERESA HUMPHREY
Associated Press Writer

PEA PATCH ISLAND, Del. (AP) — Five researchers squished through black mud and 8-foot tall marsh grasses and peered up into trees, counting nests, eggs and week-old chicks.

"I have a tupelo with two great blues and half shells under one of the nests," Katharine Parsons called out. Dave Rothstein stood off to the side, recording the information in a little red book — a tupelo tree with a nest inhabited by two great blue herons.

Parsons, Rothstein and three others were on Pea Patch Island in the Delaware River recently to conduct a census of the largest colony of herons on the East Coast north of Florida.

The census is part of a three-year study by the Manomet Bird Observatory in Manomet, Mass., and the Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation of the habits of the nine species of heron on the island — where and how they feed, mortality and reproductive rates and any other information to help officials decide how to manage the protected heronry.

The state estimates that there are 10,000 pairs of birds — herons, egrets and ibises — in the 45-acre heronry on the northern tip of the island. But aside from a yearly bird census, the state has conducted no studies of the area and has no management plan to maintain the habitat.

The 290-acre island, about half of it marshland, is also a state park known as Fort Delaware State Park. The island, accessible only by boat, was used during the Civil War to hold Confederate prisoners.

Parsons, a senior scientist with Manomet, said the study should also show whether the oil refinery and chemical companies that line the river are affecting the island's birds.

Rothstein, a zoologist and information manager with the parks division, said the birds' blood will be analyzed for residue from agricultural lands, pesticides, organochlorine, organophosphates and heavy metals.

A study two years ago was inconclusive on whether contaminants were affecting the birds; however, the study "substantiated our fears that the contaminants were there in heavier doses than they should be," Rothstein said.

By studying the health of the birds, researchers hope to get a picture of the health of the estuary.

"The bigger picture is to link (the birds') reproductive efforts to the water and wetland quality in the surrounding estuary," Ms. Parsons said. "The greater information that we get on these birds will be the information about the wetlands."

Manomet is conducting similar studies on heron colonies in New York and Boston harbors. Eventually, Ms. Parsons said, they will be able to compare data collected from all three research projects.

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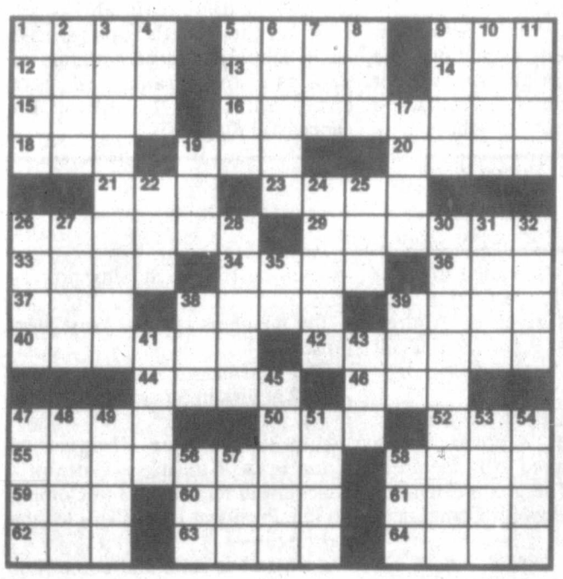
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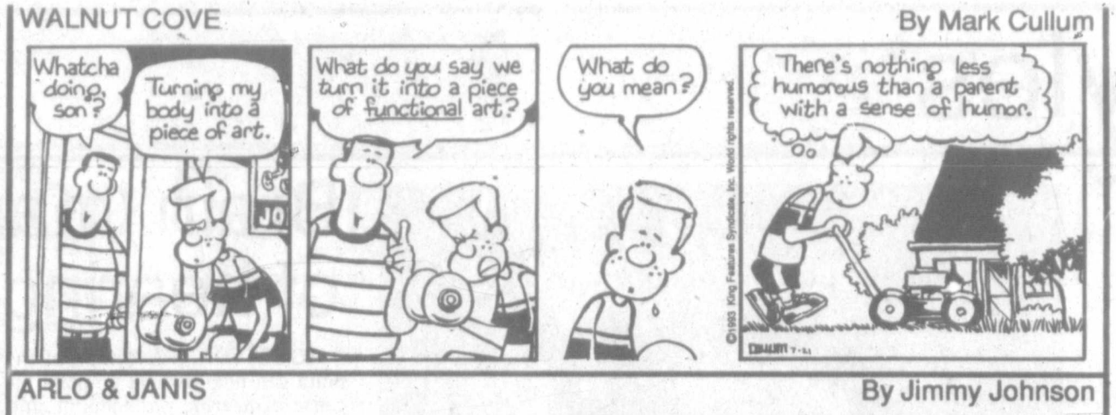
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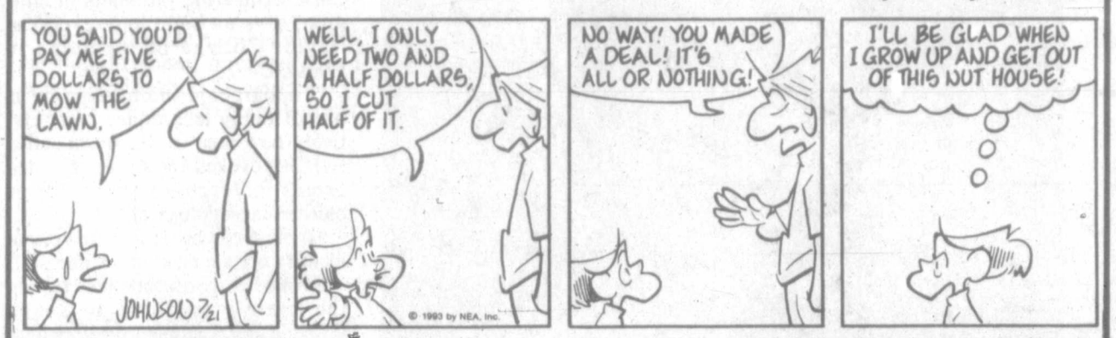
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WALNUT COVE — By Mark Cullum



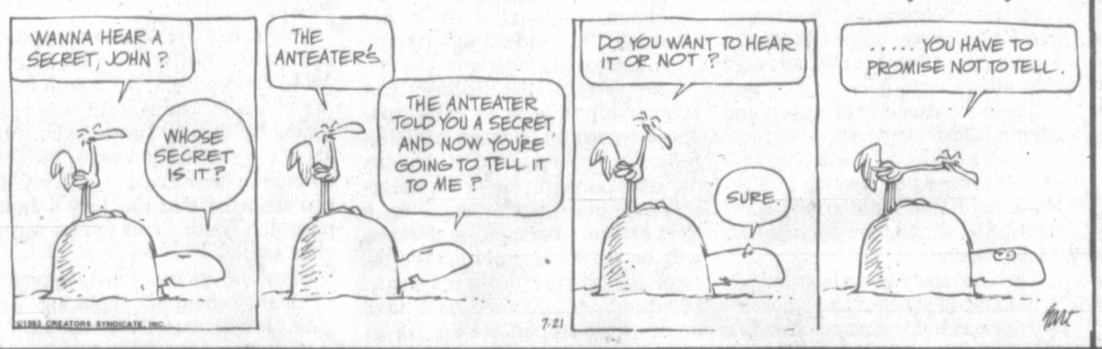
ARLO & JANIS — By Jimmy Johnson



EEK & MEEK — By Howie Schneider



B.C. — By Johnny Hart



Astro-Graph

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you don't have active outlets to occupy you mentally and physically today, you might get very restless and disorganized. This could turn a productive day into a ho-hum experience. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Because of your intense desires regarding things you want for yourself and loved ones, you will be well motivated today to figure out ways to get them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Substantial steps can be made today to advance your self- interests, provided you do not delegate assignments to others you're better able to take of yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Keep an eye peeled for bargains today, because your commercial instincts are well tuned and, if anyone is going to find a good deal, it is likely to be you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You have the ability today to arouse an interest in and gain the support of others for things that are of personal importance to you. You'll know how to use this gift constructively.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Others might think and talk about ways to improve their lot in life, but you'll be the guy/gal who will actually do something about it today. Way to go!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There could be some interesting developments today that might have a favorable effect on your future. It all ties into something you put together a short while back.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Success is probable in your endeavors today, whether it is focusing on your own interest or managing something for another. It looks like all your bases are covered.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you do everything in accordance with your highest standards today, you'll find persons with whom you are directly dealing will begin to treat you as you're treating them.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Strive to be as imaginative as possible today, even when handling mundane assignments. Using your mental faculties will help you find better methods and systems.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Try to get to know better over the next few days two persons you recently met who you feel are potential friends. Your insights regarding relationships are pretty good.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In order to get some key matters finalized today, don't be afraid to be a bit more assertive than usual. You're working against time and pushing could be required.

MARVIN — By Tom Armstrong

MARMADUKE — By Brad Anderson

"Let me guess..."

KIT N' CARLYLE — By Larry Wright

ALLEY OOP — By Dave Graue



WINTHROP — By Dick Cavalli

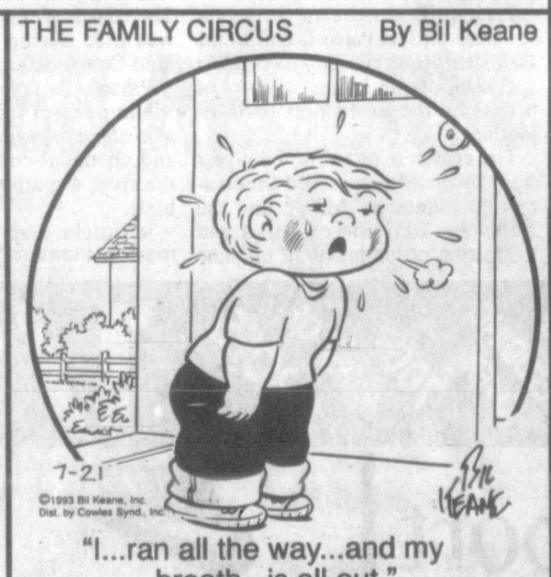


SNAFU — By Bruce Beattie



"Hey, Pop, let's keep track of your hairline!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS — By Bil Keane



"I...ran all the way...and my ...breath...is all out."

CALVIN AND HOBBES — By Bill Watterson



THE BORN LOSER — By Art and Chip Sansom



FRANK AND ERNEST — By Bob Thaves



PEANUTS — By Charles M. Schulz



GARFIELD — By Jim Davis



Sports

Antsy Aikman

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — The ball was wobbly and overthrown so the receiver had to make a lunging one-handed catch.

No this wasn't All-Pro Michael Irvin with the acrobatic, fingertip grab. It was injured Troy Aikman, who doesn't act like he had back surgery on June 19.

Aikman is so far ahead of his expected rehabilitation pace that he has coach Jimmy Johnson shaking his head and doctors worried the Cowboys Super Bowl MVP is going too far too fast.

"He's amazed me," Johnson said. "He's looking really good."

The antsy Aikman already has set a tentative date for his playing comeback. It's Aug. 21 against the Houston Oilers in the Alamodome.

He's working like everyone forgot he threw four touchdown passes in the Super Bowl and got $50,000 instant cash for saying "I'm going to Disneyland."

Early in the morning he's up, practicing his backpedal in a harness and tossing a medicine ball. The harness helps Aikman rebuild his back muscles.

Then he's out on the field making longer passes each day. He's already up to 30 yards with a tight spiral. Worried trainers caution him not to cut loose with 50 yard throws.

"I can throw the ball 30 to 35 yards no problem," Aikman said. "The back feels good. Every day in my rehab I do more."

Aikman said he had feared the herniated disc in his back was a ticking bomb.

"It had been wearing down over a period of years and when I did those squats with the weights it pushed things over the edge," he said. "At first I thought the problem was muscular. But it sure wasn't. (Tight end) Jay Novacek had this same operation four years ago and he seems fine. I don't want long-term problems because I want a normal life after I get out of football."

Aikman is a picture of impatience at the Cowboys training camp at St. Edward's University, where the boredom of two-a-day practices drags on.

"Frustrating," he said. "It's frustrating."

Aikman hopes to begin practicing with the team following a London exhibition game against Detroit Aug. 8. He'll be in California working out under the watchful eye of the doctors who operated on him.

"There's been no pain so I'm encouraged," he said. "I plan to play in the last preseason game and possibly the one before that."

What drives Aikman is his experience two years ago when he was injured and Steve Beuerlein took control of the team in the playoffs.

"Watching someone else quarterback this team isn't fun for me," Aikman said. "I've lived through that experience."

Aikman then took off to run on a treadmill.

Run, Troy, run.

He'll keep running until he's out on the field with the team in RFK Stadium on Sept. 6, starting against the Washington Redskins.



(AP photo)
Cowboys' owner Jerry Jones, left, and Tom Landry answer questions during a press conference Tuesday.

Landry accepts spot in Ring of Honor

By JAIME ARON
Associated Press Writer

IRVING (AP) — There they were, seated side-by-side with the stadium both have dominated shining in the background.

Tom Landry and Jerry Jones. Jerry Jones and Tom Landry.

Either way, they're an odd couple.

But on Tuesday they seemed as chummy as, well, old acquaintances. Still, it didn't matter. Tom Landry had come back home to Texas Stadium and was ready to accept the Dallas Cowboys' greatest honor, even if it was coming from the guy who canned him.

Both men smiled wide as Landry finally accepted Jones' longstanding offer to join the team's Ring of Honor, a delay many thought was caused by the coach's bitterness over his abrupt dismissal in February 1989.

"You know, there's a lot of controversy that's come across my desk over the Ring of Honor. I just want you to know that ... it was never a problem with any feeling that I had towards the new management and the football team," Landry said, the quiver in his voice beginning to subside but the sweat on his upper lip still glistening.

"Those people who know me best, you know that when I turn a corner, I don't think about yesterday. When I stepped down from the Cowboys, I moved right on to something else."

For Landry, it wasn't just something. It was everything from corporate boards to a private business with his son. There also was the Dallas Sports Commission, a busy public speaking agenda, television commercials and plenty of charity work especially with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Landry said it was that busy schedule and not any harsh feelings toward Jones that kept him out of the ring and away from Texas Stadium until Tuesday.

Part of the reason Landry has avoided Cowboys games, he said, was the fear of being mobbed by fans. Plus, he joked, he would've had to buy a ticket. "I didn't deserve any more than that," he said.

Tuesday's unlikely reunion came about because of another unlikely gathering in May. A golf tournament brought together Jones, Landry and Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson and the Ring of Honor question came up again.

This time, Landry was ready to consider the invitation. He thought about what it would mean to his family, his former players and the fans. Finally, it all made sense.

"Those people who know me best, you know that when I turn a corner, I don't think about yesterday."

– Tom Landry

Yes, he'd do it. He'd let them put his name where it belonged, along the stadium's walls between the upper and lower decks next to seven of the greats that he coached: Bob Lilly, Don Meredith, Don Perkins, Chuck Howley, Mel Renfro, Roger Staubach and Lee Roy Jordan.

"I should go in because the fans are what made us what we are and the players up there in the Ring of Honor are the ones that put me there," Landry said. "I think it would be foolish for me to say I'm not going to go into that Ring of Honor."

Several other Cowboys greats also were glad to see Landry accept the honor.

"Him being in the Ring of Honor, once again, is another special moment in the history of the Dallas Cowboys," said former running back Tony Dorsett.

Added Tex Schramm, the former team president and general manager who gave Landry the players he forged his career around, said, "I think it's tremendous that Tom has decided to go into the Ring of Honor. I'll be there that day for sure."

Landry, 68, definitely has a resume worthy of the honor. He's the NFL's third-all-time-winningest coach at 270-178-6, reached the Super Bowl five times and went home a winner twice. In 1990, he was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Landry, who began his career as a player and later a coach for the New York Giants, will be honored Nov. 7 when his two former teams meet at Texas Stadium. Landry said that will make the day even more special, especially since his former player and assistant Dan Reeves now coaches the Giants.

But even returning to the stadium Tuesday to publicly accept the honor was a special day for Landry.

"When you come in here, you start thinking about the great games that we played here," Landry said. "That's the feeling you get when you come back in: Roger Staubach against Washington in the last minute. When you think about those great games, it thrills you a lot."

More thrills and strolls down memory lane can be expected Nov. 7.

Finally.

Landry biography

By The Associated Press

NAME — Thomas Wade Landry

BIRTH PLACE/DATE — Mission, Texas on Sept. 11, 1924

COACHING RECORD — 270-178-6; 20 consecutive winning seasons; 13 division titles; five NFC championships; Super Bowl victories over Miami in Super Bowl VI and Denver in Super Bowl XII.

AWARDS — Coach of the Year, 1966; 1981 Football News Man-of-the-Year; Inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, 1990.

PLAYING CAREER — Earned All-Southwest Conference football honors as a junior and co-captained the Texas Longhorns as a senior in 1948.

He played for the New York Yankees of the All-American Conference in 1949 before joining the NFL's New York Giants the next year. He punted and played defensive back for the Giants through 1955, the last two years as a player-coach. He earned All-Pro honors in 1954.

COACHING CAREER — Giants defensive coach from 1956-1959; Cowboys head coach 1960-1989.

FAMILY — Wife Alicia; and three children, Tom Jr., Kitty and Lisa.

Gonzalez lifts Texas past Brewers, 5-1

ARLINGTON (AP) — Juan Gonzalez's temper is almost as hot as his bat.

Upset after Milwaukee's Cal Eldred backed him off the plate with two consecutive pitches, Gonzalez hit the next pitch 434 feet into the stands in left-center in Texas' four-run fifth inning in Tuesday night's 5-1 victory.

The three-run homer tied Gonzalez, who glared at Eldred (10-10) as he rounded the bases, with San Francisco's Barry Bonds for the major-league lead with 26.

"That's how to respond to a knockdown," Rangers manager Kevin Kennedy said. "Take them deep. We're not going to put up with that anymore. That's the end."

Gonzalez was unavailable for comment after the game.

Rangers third baseman Dean Palmer was hit on the right forearm by Detroit's David Wells last Thursday, forcing Palmer to miss two games. Other Rangers have complained recently when they've been brushed back by inside pitches.

"I can't afford for one of my players to miss two games again," Kennedy said.

Kevin Brown (7-6) pitched a complete-game five-hitter, his major league-leading eighth complete game of the year. Brown had won only one of his last seven starts, including three losses and three no-decisions.

Brown, who struck out a career-high 10 with no walks, has been recently bothered by a back ailment.

"It was nice to go out and feel strong over a period of time," Brown said. "My back has been irritating me and doing one thing or another to overcome that, I had lost control of my pitches."

Kennedy was pleased to get a well-pitched game out of the staff ace on the heels of Monday night's performance by Nolan Ryan, who allowed three hits over 5 2-3 innings in a 5-3 victory.

"Starting pitching's going to be our key," Kennedy said. "Kevin worked some things out. That's the type of performance we need from our ace. He's been searching and obviously he responded tonight."

Texas has won eight of its last 10 to move within two games of first-place Chicago in the AL West. Milwaukee fell 18 games under .500 for the first time since the end of the 1985 season.

"I don't know what the numbers are but they can't be very good," Milwaukee manager Phil Garner said. "Our offense hasn't produced anything since the All-Star break. In a game like this you need something to break it open. They got it and we didn't."

Doug Strange led off the fifth with a walk, advanced to second on a sacrifice and scored on Julio Franco's two-out single. Rafael Palmeiro followed with a walk before Gonzalez homered.

Major League standings

By The Associated Press

All Times EDT

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	59	35	.628	—
St. Louis	55	38	.591	3 1/2
Montreal	49	45	.521	10
Chicago	46	46	.500	12
Pittsburgh	44	50	.468	15
Florida	39	54	.419	19 1/2
New York	30	63	.323	28 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	63	32	.663	—
Atlanta	54	41	.568	9
Los Angeles	49	43	.533	12 1/2
Houston	48	45	.516	14
Cincinnati	49	47	.510	14 1/2
San Diego	37	58	.389	26
Colorado	34	59	.366	28

Monday's Games
San Francisco 6, Montreal 2
Florida 3, Colorado 1
Chicago 6, Cincinnati 4
St. Louis 4, Atlanta 0
Houston 4, Pittsburgh 2
New York 2, San Diego 1, 10 innings
Philadelphia 7, Los Angeles 5
Tuesday's Games
Late Game Not Included
San Francsico 8, Montreal 3
Colorado 6, Florida 3
Cincinnati 8, Chicago 3
Pittsburgh 2, Houston 1
Atlanta 8, St. Louis 5
San Diego 4, New York 1
Philadelphia at Los Angeles, (n)
Wednesday's Games
New York (Gooden 8-10) at San Diego (Whitehurst 3-5), 4:05 p.m.
Montreal (Rueter 1-0) at San Francisco (Hickerson 4-1), 4:05 p.m.
Colorado (Leskanic 1-2) at Florida (Rapp 0-2), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago (Guzman 8-7) at Cincinnati (Rijo 7-5), 7:35 p.m.
Houston (Kile 10-1) at Pittsburgh (Cooke 5-5), 7:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Magrane 8-7) at Atlanta (G.Maddux 9-8), 7:40 p.m.
Philadelphia (Greene 11-3) at Los Angeles (Hershiser 7-8), 10:35 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Florida, 7:35 p.m.
Atlanta at Pittsburgh, 7:35 p.m.
Chicago at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Colorado, 9:05 p.m.
Montreal at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.
New York at Los Angeles, 10:35 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	52	42	.553	—
New York	52	43	.547	1/2
Toronto	52	43	.547	1/2
Boston	50	43	.538	1 1/2
Detroit	50	44	.532	2
Cleveland	45	49	.479	7
Milwaukee	37	55	.402	14

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	50	42	.543	—
Texas	48	44	.522	2
Kansas City	46	46	.500	4
Seattle	46	48	.489	5
California	44	48	.478	6
Oakland	39	51	.433	10
Minnesota	39	52	.429	10 1/2

Monday's Games
Minnesota 4, Detroit 2
Cleveland 4, Oakland 2
Boston 8, California 6
Toronto 15, Chicago 7
New York 8, Seattle 2
Texas 5, Milwaukee 3
Baltimore 6, Kansas City 5
Tuesday's Games
Minnesota 4, Detroit 3
Cleveland 9, Oakland 5
Seattle 9, New York 5
Baltimore 7, Kansas City 0
Boston 2, California 1
Chicago 2, Toronto 1
Texas 5, Milwaukee 1
Wednesday's Games
Kansas City (Haney 6-2) at Baltimore (Mussina 11-4), 12:35 p.m.
Seattle (Hanson 7-7) at New York (Key 12-2), 1 p.m.
California (Finley 11-6) at Boston (Clemens 8-6), 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Tapani 4-11) at Detroit (Wells 9-5), 1:35 p.m.
Oakland (Downs 2-4) at Cleveland (Kramer 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Morris 5-10) at Chicago (Alvarez 8-5), 8:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled
Thursday's Games
Kansas City (Appier 10-4) at Detroit (Gullickson 6-4), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Bosio 3-5) at Cleveland (Mutis 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
California (Springer 1-4) at New York (Abbott 6-8), 7:30 p.m.
Oakland (Van Poppel 0-2) at Boston (Darwin 9-7), 7:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Sutcliffe 8-5) at Minnesota (Guardado 1-3), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Navarro 5-7) at Chicago (McDowell 14-6), 8:05 p.m.

Settlement forces University of Texas to make reduction in walk-on roster

AUSTIN (AP) — Most coaches and administrators for men's sports at the University of Texas don't believe their teams will be hurt by reductions in walk-ons, but they say reducing the talent pool is unsettling.

The reduction is part of last week's settlement in a federal gender equity lawsuit against the university.

"I don't think this will make competitive changes in our programs," DeLoss Dodds, UT men's athletic director, told the Austin American-Statesman.

"It just limits opportunities, and you're never comfortable limiting opportunities. That was the genesis of the lawsuit on the other side," he said.

The out-of-court settlement in the lawsuit that accused Texas of sex discrimination calls for 56 percent of all UT athletes — whether on scholarship or walk-ons — to be men and 44 percent women. Student enrollment at Texas is 53 percent men and 47 percent women.

Under the settlement, men's coaches find themselves faced with trimming the number of athletes while maintaining their scholarship numbers.

Those to be trimmed will be walk-ons. Dodds estimates the number of male athletes in the program will drop from 325 to 265.

"In a program like Texas, where we fully fund every sport, the impact of walk-ons is not that great," Dodds said.

"Obviously, there have been some who have made big contributions over the years, but in terms of the competitive success of programs, walk-ons have not made that big an impact," he said.

The sport that might feel the most impact is track and field. Last season, coach Stan Huntsman had a 62-man roster but only 12 scholarships, which he divided among 40 athletes who received aid. The most prominent recent track walk-on is Harry Green, who in 1989 set the school record in the 10,000-meter run.

Huntsman's administrative aide, Mike Hughes, said he didn't believe reducing the number of walk-ons would hurt the quality of the two-time defending Southwest Conference indoor and outdoor champions. But Hughes said he feels badly about limiting the chances of walk-ons.

"Most coaches don't like to deal with walk-ons. They're a lot of work. But those are the kids who give back to the program because they feel the program gave them something," he said.

Dodds said walk-ons will continue to have a chance to try out, but the competition will be tougher because of fewer available spots. "You just draw the line in a different place now," he said.

Pampa pooch wins frisbee contest

Curly, a 5-year-old Border Collie owned by Mike Cole of Pampa, won the Ashley-Whippet Frisbee Contest held in Liberal, Kan.

Curly won out over 117 competitors in the frisbee contest, which was held in conjunction with the annual Summerfest activities. Catching and jumping ability were among the items the dogs were judged on.

It was the first registered fresbee competition Curly had ever entered.

AL All-Stars



(Staff photo by Danny Cowan)
Players named to the Pampa Optimist 9-10 year-old American League All-Star Baseball Team this season were, front row, from left, Michael Galloway, Randy Tice, Chase Babcock, Kyle Keith, Jered Snelgrooes, Shaun Davis and Justin Waggoner; second row, from left, Colby Hale, Aaron Childress, Craig Stout, Matt Driscoll, Jeff Warren, Jeff Adkins, Adam Wright and Colby Brazile; back row, from left, coach Dwight Keith, manager Robert Dixon and coach Randell Tice.



(Special photo)

Pampa swimmers are, from left, Peggy Williams, Ashlee David, Janet Dancel, Dakota Tefertiller, Jakob Bullard, Bobby Venal and Matt Piersall.

Pampa swimmers improve their times at Midland meet

Seven Pampa swimmers from the Amarillo Swim Team – Pampa Branch – participated in the West Texas Long Course Championships held last weekend at the 50-meter outdoor Doug Russell pool in Midland.

Peggy Williams improved her times in the four events she entered while Ashlee David bested her previous times in the three events she swam.

Among the boys, Dakota Tefertiller improved in four of six events, Bobby Venal in five of 11, Matt Piersall and Jakob Bullard in two of five events.

The City of Midland Swim Team won the team title. The Amarillo Swim Team and the Lubbock Club were second and third respectively.

Pampa's individual results are as follow:

13-14 Girls Division

Ashlee David: 50 free – 17th, 34.11; 100 free – 18th, 1:22.13; 100 back – 24th, 1:34.39.

Senior Girls Division

Janet Dancel: 50 free – 22nd, 36.00; 100 free – 1:17.61; 200 free – 16th, 2:54.13; 400 free – 13th, 5:55.26.

Peggy Williams: 50 free – 23rd, 36.70; 100 free – 24th, 1:29.10; 200 free – 19th, 3:34.28; 100 breast – 15th, 2:01.51.

13-14 Boys Division

Jakob Bullard: 50 free – 21st, 32.66; 100 free – 27th, 1:20.58; 200 free: 23rd, 3:13.48; 100 back – 23rd, 1:33.84; 100 breast: 15th, 1:36.25.

Matt Piersall: 50 free – 27th, 34.98; 100 free – 26th, 1:17.68; 200 free – 20th, 2:49.56; 400 free – 17th, 5:55.84; 100 back – 12th, 1:22.67.

Dakota Tefertiller: 50 free – 23rd, 33.71; 100 free – 23rd, 1:13.12; 200 free – 21st, 2:55.00; 100 back – 19th, 1:25.22; 100 breast – 9th, 1:27.68; 200 breast – 11th, 3:16.64.

Bobby Venal: 50 free – 2nd, 29.51; 100 free – 2nd, 1:04.17; 200 free – 3rd, 2:23.93; 400 free – 4th, 5:10.40; 100 back – 3rd, 1:14.81; 200 back – 3rd, 2:42.92; 100 breast, 12th, 1:30.02; 100 fly – 9th, 1:20.11; 200 individual medley – 3rd, 2:41.15; 400 individual medley – 4th, 5:47.76.

Lewis rejects offer to fight Bowe for undisputed title

By JOSEPH WHITE
Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — Lennox Lewis, the WBC heavyweight champion, has rejected a deal to fight Riddick Bowe for the undisputed title.

"The deal was $21 million for Bowe and a 50-50 split if the final purse went above $32 million," Frank Maloney, who represents Lewis, said Tuesday. Lewis was guaranteed $11 million.

"We declined that, and the Bowe fight won't happen until the summer of 1994," Maloney said.

Lewis was awarded the WBC title last year after Bowe was stripped for failing to make his first defense against the British fighter.

Bowe, who retained the IBF and WBA crowns, said Lewis is a "pitiful disgrace to the manly art of boxing" in a statement released through his manager, Rock Newman.

"Lennox Lewis is a pompous, arrogant, phony British punk who is simply afraid to fight me," Bowe's statement said. "His cowardly refusal to accept this fight is proof to the world that he is only a pretender to the throne."

Dan Duva, who has promotional ties with both champions, said from his office at West Paterson, N.J., Tuesday that Newman made the offer to Lewis' management group, headed by Panos Eliades.

"Their response was, 'we've made commitments for two fights,' " Duva said.

The fights will be against Frank Bruno, also of Britain, in London in October and against Tommy Morrison at Las Vegas in March, according to Duva.

With a Lewis-Morrison fight set back to March because a site deal could not be made in Las Vegas, Maloney said, "Now we are able to give the British public what they want. I have always kept negotiations with Frank Bruno alive. It is the fight Lennox wanted, and as far as I'm concerned the deal is struck. Both sides have compromised."

Mickey Duff, Bruno's promoter, said Tuesday that Duva told him "the fight was on as far as he's concerned." Duff, however, said he also was expecting an offer from Newman for a Bowe-Bruno match.

After Lewis defeated Tony Tucker to retain his crown May 8 at Las Vegas, Maloney said the next defense would be against Bruno on Sept. 25 in Wales. But the bout was called off after a dispute over how the purse would be split.

Lewis was then "signed, sealed and delivered" to meet Morrison this fall, Maloney announced last week. It was to be the first in a two-fight, $20 million deal for Lewis that would match the fighter against former champion Evander Holyfield next spring, with an eye on a unification bout with Bowe following in the summer.

But snags in finding a date and venue for the Morrison fight led to a postponement.

The Lewis camp was unable to reach agreement with Caesars Palace in Las Vegas for a possible Nov. 5 bout, and a proposal from the newly built MGM Grand was turned down.

"They gave us a Dec. 30 date for Lewis and Morrison, but that wasn't acceptable," Maloney said. "But their offer of the last week in February and first week in March was OK for Lennox."

Fire sweeps through press box at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium

By TOM SALADINO
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Fire swept through a section of Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium on Tuesday, sending fans and players scurrying for safety as black smoke poured from the burning press box.

The fire in the stadium's middle level started 90 minutes before the Atlanta Braves were to play the St. Louis Cardinals and was put out 45 minutes after it began.

One firefighter was taken to a hospital suffering from heat exhaustion and as many as 10 others were treated on the scene for heat related problems. Remarkably, no other injuries were reported.

A crowd of more than 40,000 was expected, and the few hundred fans who arrived early for the 7:40 p.m. EDT start were evacuated. While Braves management and fire officials decided whether the game could be played safely, fans milled outside the stadium. Finally, the game began at 9:38 p.m.

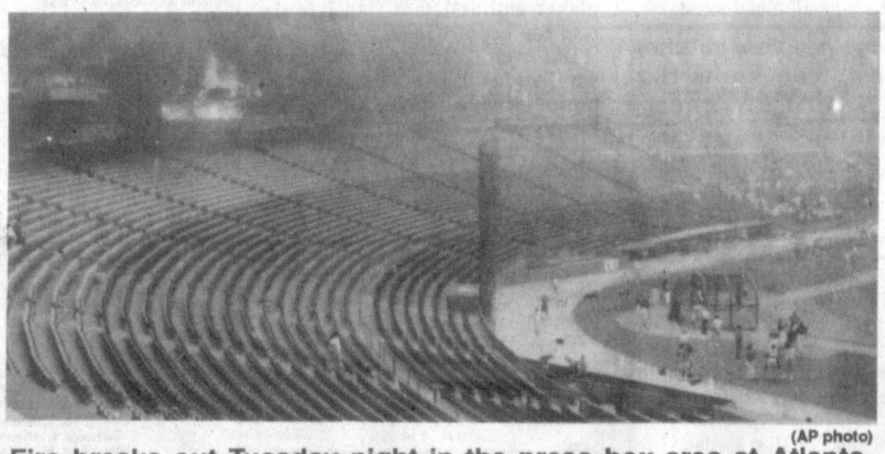
Joe Torre, manager of the Cardinals, was in the clubhouse when he heard about the fire.

"I just ran out onto the field and looked up and it scared the hell out of me," he said. "I just kept running into the outfield."

Atlanta assistant fire chief Larry Tanner said he thought the fire was caused by an electrical problem.

"If there's any doubt in our mind that there was structural damage, at least that section of the stadium will be isolated completely," Tanner said. "We'll never risk people's lives to play a game."

The fire burned 25 minutes before firefighters could get close enough to pour water on it. Twenty minutes later, it appeared out.



(AP photo)

Fire breaks out Tuesday night in the press box area at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium.

Tanner said five box suites were destroyed and a sixth was heavily damaged. Kasten said he does not believe the 28-year-old stadium sustained structural damage.

Braves president Stan Kasten said 2,000 seats were damaged. The scoreboard and lights operated, but not the public-address system. The team was able to broadcast the game on television and radio.

The media were shifted from the pressbox to an adjacent section in the stands.

The fire apparently started in a suite rented by radio station WGST on the third-base side of the press level. Matt Stewart of WGST said no one was in the suite when the fire started at 5:55 p.m.

A loud explosion was heard several minutes after the fire began.

Burning debris fell onto the field-level seats, flames shot through the club level and black smoke billowed above the 52,013-seat stadium. Players from both teams stood on the field and watched.

"I couldn't believe it," said Braves outfielder Otis Nixon, who was in the dugout when the fire started. "I just looked up and there was this fire. Then everybody just took off. It was like a 60-yard dash to the outfield. I never saw Bobby (Cox, the Braves manager) run so fast."

Firefighters pulled hoses through the outside ramps to the middle club level where the fire started.

No class, no play, says new Cougars' coach

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — New Houston Cougars football coach Kim Helton has a rule that some of his players are finding difficult. It's called no class, no play and it goes for everyone.

Sherman Smith, the nation's leading receiver with 103 catches last season, may not play this season if he doesn't impress Helton with his summer school work in the classroom.

"Sherman hasn't stayed eligible quite as good as he should have," Helton said Tuesday. "He had let himself slip. They've had some lax discipline at the university and he was like all young kids, he was doing what he could get by with."

Helton and five other Southwest Conference football coaches spoke Tuesday at a luncheon promoting the Lombardi Award, which is presented annually by the Rotary Club of Houston.

"It was just my chance in front of this crowd to spur him a little and let him know he's not going to play if he doesn't get eligible," Helton said. "I'm not counting on him being a member of this football team until he does. We have too many good wideouts."

The Cougars have the lowest graduation rates among its athletes of any Southwest Conference school. The school also ranks among the lowest in the nation.

They haven't fared too well lately on the field either, going 4-7 the last two years under coach John Jenkins, who resigned in April following allegations of NCAA rules violations by a former assistant coach. Jenkins has denied any wrongdoing.

"I won't promise you we're going to win but I will promise you that we'll find the classrooms and we'll know where the teachers are," Helton told the Rotary Club audience. "We'll find out how to go to school and get an education."

Helton said Smith wasn't the only player undergoing an attitude check this summer. Early morning sprints are required of those who don't go to class.

"We've had some kids miss classes and they just go out and run at 4:30 in the morning," Helton said. "They do 32 110s (yard dashes). They work up a good sweat. Fifteen seconds to get there, 15 seconds to rest and 15 to get back."

Houston's image isn't as bad as it's portrayed, Helton said.

"There are two or three people who give us a bad image but they won't be around much longer," Helton said. "There are some youngsters up there getting cheated. Their image is a lot better than it's been reflected by some of their teammates."

Mavs' Buckner makes home debut Nov. 6 against Golden State

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks coach Quinn Buckner will make his home debut Nov. 6 against Golden State in a game that could feature two of the top four picks of the NBA draft.

Overall top choice Chris Webber, whom the Warriors got in a trade, and Dallas' first pick Jamal Mashburn will square off if both sign contracts.

The Mavericks, who released their schedule Tuesday, open the season Nov. 5 on the road against the Utah Jazz. Dallas' last two games will be at home April 22 against Houston and April 24 against Minnesota.

Coming off an 11-71 season, the worst in franchise history and one of the worst in league history, the Mavericks have not raised ticket prices for the 1993-94 season. They'll range from $5, the cheapest in the league, to $42.

Likely sell-outs include Nov. 26 when Michael Jordan and the three-time defending champion Chicago Bulls make their lone Dallas appearance; March 3 for Shaquille O'Neal and the Orlando Magic; April 1 against Dallas native Larry Johnson and the Charlotte Hornets; and Dec. 11 and April 18 for 1992-93 MVP Charles Barkley and the NBA runners-up Phoenix Suns.

The Mavericks' lone national television appearance will be Dec. 14 at home against Portland.

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Greenspan warns Congress of 'disappointing' inflation news

By DAVE SKIDMORE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) – Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan delivered a stern warning to Congress Tuesday that the central bank stands ready to raise interest rates if necessary to squelch any signs of accelerating inflation.

And the chairman of the central bank also lectured lawmakers on the need to achieve the $500 billion five-year target for deficit reduction or run the risk that financial markets would react negatively and drive interest rates higher.

Greenspan firmly rejected the idea that Congress should settle for a smaller deficit reduction package of around $400 million. He said that he viewed the current effort as only the first stage of a multistage program to get the deficit under control.

Greenspan acknowledged in testimony before the House Banking subcommittee on economic growth that price pressures moderated in May and June.

But, he said, worrisome price increases earlier in the year meant "on balance, the news on inflation must be characterized as disappointing."

"Despite disinflationary forces and continued slack, the rate of inflation has at best stabilized, rather than easing further," he said.

Greenspan's economic assessment was delivered to lawmakers who are counting on the Federal Reserve to keep interest rates low to offset the dampening effects of the tax increases they're about to approve as part of President Clinton's plan to cut the federal budget deficit.

However, Greenspan said the restraint on growth coming from deficit reduction is uncertain and warned that an "ill-timed easing" in short-term interest rates could cause "a flare-up of inflation expectations" – even when the economy appears relatively slack.

That's why the Fed in May shifted the bias of its monetary policy in favor of raising rates, although it has not yet acted on that bias.

"Even expectations not validated by economic fundamentals can themselves add appreciably to wage and price pressures for a considerable period, potentially derailing the economy from its growth track," he said.

Greenspan acknowledged that economic growth early this year was less than expected and reported that the central bank had cut its growth forecast for this year. In February, it projected growth in the gross domestic product, the sum of all goods and services produced within U.S. borders, at between 3 percent and 3.25 percent. Now it says GDP will grow between 2.25 percent and 2.75 percent.

Nevertheless, he said, "the economy appears to have accelerated gradually over the past two years, to maintain a pace of growth that should yield further reductions in the unemployment rate."

That reduction, though, will be very small. The Fed predicted that the unemployment rate, now at 7 percent, would fall to 6.75 percent by the fourth quarter of this year and only to between 6.5 percent and 6.75 percent by the fourth quarter of 1994.

Greenspan listed a host of factors slowing growth, including high levels of business and consumer debt, defense spending cuts, soft commercial real estate markets and job-cutting restructuring steps by employers.

He said the prospect of deficit reduction under Clinton was bringing down long-term interest rates on the bond market. However, the fact that much of the reduction is to come from tax increases is making businesses nervous, he said.

"The positive influence (of lower long-term rates) thus far is apparently being at least partly offset by some business spending reductions as a consequence of concerns about the effects of pending tax increases," he said.

Meanwhile, the Fed chairman said the central bank also was cutting its money growth targets, a step usually associated with a tight-money, anti-inflation policy. However, he emphasized that the step was "purely a technical matter" to bring the targets in line with the restrained growth that already has occurred.

"It does not indicate, nor should it be perceived as, a shift of monetary policy in the direction of restraint," he said.

In his appearance Tuesday, Greenspan was playing to two audiences with conflicting goals. Bond market investors probably will applaud his anti-inflation rhetoric and implicit message that he and his colleagues would raise short-term interest rates. Lawmakers may be less pleased.

"That's the Fed's political dilemma, trying to keep both the bond markets and the politicians happy," said economist David Jones of Aubrey G. Lanston & Co., a government securities dealer in New York.

Paradoxically, higher short-term rates or the mere threat of higher short-term rates, can beget lower long-term rates because mortgage lenders and bond buyers do not feel compelled to demand an extra inflation premium to protect their return.

Jones and other economists believe that the next time the Fed decides to act, it will be to raise short-term rates. But for now they predict the Fed, after sifting through the countervailing trends, will opt to keep short-term interest rates unchanged.

"The earliest you might see a tightening of policy is perhaps – perhaps – sometime after Labor Day," said economist Norman Robertson, an adjunct professor at Carnegie-Mellon University.

The key rate set by the Fed, the federal funds rate, has been at 3 percent since last September. It is the rate charged among banks on overnight loans.



(AP photo)

Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan, left, talks with Donald Kohn, director of the Division of Monetary Affairs, while testifying on Capitol Hill Tuesday.

D.C. dismissals: Public bleedings, nasty to see

By MIKE FEINSILBER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) – Truman fires MacArthur, Ike drops Adams, Nixon axes Haldeman and Ehrlichman, Carter dumps Lance, Reagan sacks Regan, Bush sheds Sununu and Skinner too. Clinton cans Sessions.

In business, when it is time for the ax to fall, the cut is usually quick and clean or at least hidden from view. But Washington firings are another matter. The government guillotine is balky and creaky and the blade sometimes descends exceedingly slowly.

Ask William Sessions, whose removal Monday as head of the FBI on ethical grounds was started by George Bush and finished by Bill Clinton in a process so prolonged and messy that eyes were driven to aversion.

Often aides "resign," usually with an exchange of flowery letters with the boss that offer the public no clue that they were pushed out the door.

Sessions wouldn't resign – by any definition – so Clinton pushed. But it took six months.

Sometimes it is presidents who resist letting go of aides on whom they've come to depend.

"I need him," protested Dwight D. Eisenhower before letting the plug be pulled on his chief of staff, Sherman Adams, who had taken a topcoat from a friend with government business.

"Bert, I'm proud of you," said Jimmy Carter as he laid out the plank for his budget director, Bert Lance.

"I have accepted the resignation of this decent and good man," said Gerald Ford of Earl Butz, the agriculture secretary whose departure was ordained by a racist and dirty joke he told on the way home from the 1976 Republican convention.

"Two of the finest public servants I've ever known," said Richard Nixon as he cast off White House assistants H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman, trying surgery to stop the Watergate cancer on his presidency.

A red-eyed Nixon told Ehrlichman he hated doing it.

"It is like cutting off my right arm," he said.

Replied Ehrlichman: "Just explain all this to my kids, will you?"

But Nixon's most famous firing was the "Saturday Night Massacre," that of Archibald Cox, the special prosecutor who was investigating him and wanted his Watergate tapes.

Elliot Richardson, the attorney general, quit rather than fire Cox, and so did Richardson's deputy. The deed was finally done by the No. 3 man at the Justice Department, Robert Bork.

In his memoirs, Nixon said he thought it was "tasteless" for some to compare his action to Hitler's bloody purge of 1934.

Harry Truman knew he was in for the dickens when he fired his Korean War commander, four-star hero Douglas MacArthur, whom he thought was guilty of insubordination. MacArthur had been ignoring White House orders and criticizing the president in interviews.

Truman was right. Sympathy flowed to MacArthur. The public was fed up with an unwinnable war. Truman was burned in effigy. Flags were flown upside down.

And when MacArthur returned and addressed Congress and said he would just fade away like the old soldier of the barracks ballad, senators wept and emotion swamped the country.

"We just heard God speak here today," cried Rep. Dewey Short of Missouri. "God in the flesh, the voice of God."

Donald Regan, Ronald Reagan's chief of staff, got revenge for his firing, instigated by Nancy Reagan. In his memoirs, he revealed that she had depended upon a San Francisco astrologer to bless "virtually every major move and decision the Reagans made during my time as White House chief of staff."

Sometimes the handwriting on the wall is in a first lady's script. "It isn't true, it's ugly and I don't like it," said Barbara Bush about rumors she wanted John Sununu out as her husband's chief of staff.

A week later, he was out.

Sununu was deemed too caustic, so he was replaced by Samuel Skinner, who was deemed insufficiently caustic. He went, too.

New Labor office to foster better work practices

WASHINGTON (AP) – Labor Secretary Robert B. Reich opened a new office Tuesday to promote high-performance work practices that improve both job quality and business performance.

High-performance work practices are designed to provide employees with the skills, incentives, information and decision-making responsibility that improve quality, productivity and customer satisfaction.

"The Office of the American Workplace will help fulfill an important part of the Clinton administration agenda – equipping business to make the best use of the know-how and commitment of American workers and promoting a new cooperation between labor and management," Reich said.

"President Clinton believes deeply that full economic recovery requires a pro-jobs budget combined with public support for business efforts to tap the skill and initiative of front-line workers," he told a news conference.

The office will consolidate current, often-scattered efforts to promote high performance work practices and initially involve about 50 people from various Labor Department agencies.

Reich said Clinton would nominate Martin Manley, a California management adviser and former labor leader, as assistant labor secretary to lead the effort.

"It appears that in this economy, world-class results depend upon world-class workplaces," Reich said. "High-performance work practices are crucial to effective customer service, quality improvement and technological innovation – which are the mainstays of business competition."

Reich said the new agency would include:

• The Office of Work and Technology Policy to identify and promote the use of high-performance work practices.

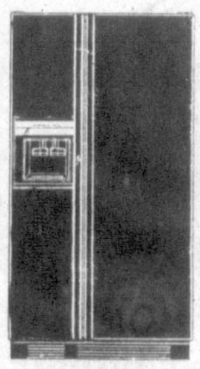
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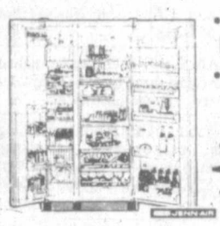


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