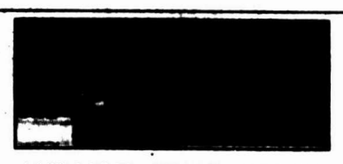
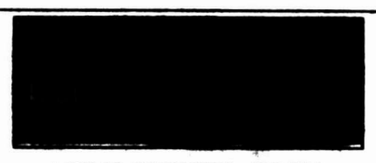
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Rural/Metro lowers request

Ambulance officials turn down county's offer of $66,000, but say they'd accept subsidy of $72,000 instead of $90,000.

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Rural/Metro Ambulance Service turned down a counter offer by Gray County for the subsidy the county furnishes for the ambulance service, said County Judge Richard Peet during Friday's county commission meeting.

Area Director Carla Adams told the commissioners during a meeting Aug. 1 the company's corporate staff was requesting the county's annual subsidy of $45,000 be doubled to $90,000.

The following day the commissioners court proposed to increase the ambulance subsidy of $21,000 to $66,000. She said she would take it to her supervisors.

Peet told the commission Friday afternoon Adams had notified him the company would accept $72,000 instead of $90,000.

Adams also told the commission Aug. 2 the same subsidy change — $45,000 to $90,000 — was requested of the City of Pampa.

She said at that meeting that Rural/Metro has been in Pampa and Borger since 1983 and 1984. She said the subsidy paid by the City of Pampa and Gray County has been the same since the emergency services company first came to the area.

"We gave a decrease to Pampa in 1995," she said.

She said the Hutchinson County Hospital District pays the subsidy to operate the Borger-based service. The subsidy was increased in Borger two years ago, she said.

Peet said at the Friday meeting he had discussed the offer with John Hatchell, interim city manager.

The judge said he thought it might be beneficial for representatives from Gray County and the City of Pampa to meet with officials from HCHD, City of Borger and Hutchinson County.

"Maybe we need to get together," he said. He suggested the group weigh their options by getting together and researching to determine if there might

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Pampa Learning Center (PLC) is now accepting applications for prospective students Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Student prospects are required to attend interviews with the faculty Tuesday, Aug. 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or Friday, Aug. 16, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. PLC is located at 400 N. Faulkner on the east side of Horace Mann.

PEDC meets tonight

Pampa Economic Development Corporation will discuss Moody Dairy in executive session when they meet at 5 p.m. tonight in the conference room of Pampa City Hall.

Also on tonight's agenda is to discuss the PEDC 2002-2003 operating budget, discuss bond for officers of PEDC and to discuss the requires training for PEDC board members.

DEATHS

Wilma Gulley, 88, homemaker.

Martha Marie Donnell, 83, retired mail carrier.

Orin Odessa McPhillips, 84, services pending.

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Man, 21 critical

Adam Warren found near wrecked truck following roll-over

A Pampa man remained in critical condition today in an Amarillo hospital after being thrown from his pickup Sunday morning.

Adam Michael Warren, 21, 981 Cinderella, was in the intensive care unit of Northwest Texas Hospital today after being airlifted to Amarillo with injuries suffered in a one vehicle rollover Sunday morning.

Texas Department of Public Safety officials said today that Warren was southbound on Texas Highway 70 shortly after 9:30 a.m. Sunday when his 1997 Ford pickup went out of control and rolled two and a half times, coming to rest against a barbed wire fence about seven and a half miles north of Pampa.

Officers said it appeared the pickup went off the west side of the highway and across a driveway, becoming uncontrollable.

The pickup skidded clockwise and rolled, trooper said. Warren was thrown from the pickup. Officers said he was found lying on the ground south of the pickup which came to rest on its left side.

Britton arrives at Huntsville

AMARILLO – Convicted murderer Christopher Chad Britton, 28, of Canadian, was turned over to Texas Department of Criminal Justice officials today.

State authorities said Britton left the Randall County Detention Center shortly after midnight today and arrived at the state prison facilities in Huntsville about 8 a.m.

Randall County deputies transported the man convicted of killing Hemphill County Deputy Jim Bruce Graham to Huntsville, where he will go through processing before being sent to death row in Livingston.

Britton was sentenced to death Thursday following his trial in Amarillo.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Herb Remington plays one of his Remington Steel guitars at a recent street dance in McLean.

Remington Steel - uh, guitar

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

SHAMROCK – At 76, he's still as excited as a teenager about getting a new amplifier for his guitar.

"They've got some new amplifiers out," Herb Remington says as he takes a bite out of his cheeseburger here at the Irish Inn Restaurant. "If I can afford it, one of these days I'm going to get some brand new amplifiers called a Poly Tone. It only weighs 35 pounds, and it has the power of a 200-watt amp. Great tone, but expensive."

Remington, a veteran steel guitar player and more recently manufacturer, is in the Texas Panhandle to join the Magic City Boys for their summer concert tour.

Born in Mishawaka, Ind., in 1926, Remington brings more than a half century of musical experience to the panhandle-based Western Swing band.

"My mother gave me piano lessons when I was about five," Remington said.

He heard a guitar and liked the sound better than the piano. He learned to play an acoustic, or standard guitar, then he heard an Hawaiian steel guitar.

"I heard that sliding sound," Remington said. "I loved the sound and said, 'boy, I've got to do that.'"

He took weekly lessons to learn the basics, then started playing by ear. He was drawn further into the island charm by a radio station that broadcast music from Hawaii.

"They had a program called Hawaii Calls," Remington said. "It came on every Sunday. I looked forward to it and listened to that steel guitar player and tried to figure out what he was doing that I wasn't doing."

During high school, Remington had an Hawaiian band.

Graduating in 1944, he headed for California and tried to find an Hawaiian band that needed a steel guitar player.

"They were all covered, and there was no possibility," Remington said. "I knew a few country tunes, and western swing was just really getting started out there."

He auditioned for a job with Ray Whitley, a cowboy movie star that had a big band.

"They hired me," Remington said. "I was there about three weeks."

The union, however, had a three-month waiting period and when they found out that Remington hadn't gone through the waiting period, Whitley was forced to fire him.

"You had to belong to the union to make it in Los Angeles," Remington said.

Remington went on to work a few non-union clubs until the Army caught him as the war was ending.

"I was in the infantry," Remington said.

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Police investigate robbery attempt

An Amarillo man was in Gray County jail today following a reported robbery attempt here Saturday night.

Dustin Myles Fuller, 21, of Amarillo, was in jail today on charges of attempted robbery after being accused of attacking a Pampa man at his home late Saturday night.

Pampa police officers said they were investigating an incident Saturday night in which Fuller reportedly accosted Jack Matthew Farris, 39, 2300 Navajo.

Police records said Farris and some friends went to Farris' home about midnight Saturday to find a girl in a car parked in front of the house.

As one of the people in Farris' car talked to the girl, officers said Farris walked to the door of the house.

There, authorities said, Farris was met by a man with a bandana over the lower part of his face. The man reportedly hit Farris in the face with his fist. Farris told officers he picked up a nearby garden hose and hit the man with a sprinkler on the end of the hose.

Officers said the man in the bandana then left in the car that had been parked in front of Farris' home.

Fuller, who was listed in police reports as living at 1605 N. Zimmers in Pampa, was arrested about 45 minutes later at Pampa Regional Medical Center where he was being treated for a gash on the head.

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OBITUARIES

MARTHA MARIE DONNELL
1919-2002

CREAL SPRINGS, Ill. — Martha Marie Donnell, 83, a former Pampa resident, died Sunday, Aug. 11, 2002, at Marion Memorial Hospital. Services will be at 1 p.m., Tuesday in Felty Funeral Home in Carrier Mills, Ill., with the Rev. Edd Sterchi officiating. Burial will be in the New Burnside Cemetery at New Burnside, Ill., under the direction of Felty Funeral Home.

Mrs. Donnell was born Jan. 8, 1919, at Evansville, Ind., to the late Henry and John Frances Blunk Groves. She married Jessie Paul Donnell in 1937; he died in 1988. She was a retired mail carrier and a member of Harrisburg Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a son, James Phillip Donnell; two brothers, Glenn and Henry Groves; and a sister, Garold Fowler.

Survivors include a son, Paul Eugene Donnell of Kansas City, Kan.; a brother, John Groves of Creal Springs; a sister, Glaydis Greene of Creal Springs; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m., today at the funeral home.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

WILMA GULLEY
1914-2002

Wilma Gulley, 88, of Pampa, died Saturday, Aug. 10, 2002. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with Dr. Max Browning, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Plainview, and the Rev. Scott Penrod, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Gulley was born March 9, 1914, at Greenville, Texas. She married Shell Gulley on Jan. 11, 1933, at Hollis, Okla.; he died Feb. 5, 1995.

She was a homemaker and a member of First United Methodist Church of Pampa.

Survivors include four daughters, Shellene Dancy and Betty Maxwell, both of Pampa, Diana Taylor of Pea Ridge, Ark., and Judy Goin of Corpus Christi; a son, Edwin Gulley of Boynton Beach, Fla.; five sisters, Edna Mae Tosh, Juanita Powell, Bonnie Scribner, Audrey Powell, and Ann Nell Moyer, all of Pampa; two brothers, Bill Alexander of Amarillo and Carl Alexander of Callhan, Colo.; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Boys Ranch, 600 W. 11th, Amarillo, TX 79101; or to First United Methodist Church of Pampa.

www.carmichael-whatley.com

ORIN ODESSA MCPHILLIPS

Orin Odessa McPhillips, 84, a former Pampa resident, died Sunday, Aug. 11, 2002, at Brownwood. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

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SERVICES TOMORROW

GULLEY, Wilma — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

DONNELL, Martha Marie — 1 p.m., Felty Funeral Home, Carrier Mills, Ill.

ON RECORD

POLICE

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Aug. 9

About $600 in jewelry was reported stolen from a vehicle in the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

Jewelry and stereo equipment were reported stolen in the 300 block of Miami.

Phone harassment was reported in the 1100 block of West Sandlewood.

A rifle was reported stolen in the 2100 block of North Banks.

Scratches on a pickup were reported in the 500 block of East Kingsmill.

Saturday, Aug. 10

A restaurant in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway reported a customer left without paying for a $30 meal.

An attempted robbery was reported in the 2300 block of Navajo.

A gas drive off was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A runaway was reported in the 700 block of East Browning.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1800 block of North Faulkner.

A driving while intoxicated report was made in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Sunday, Aug. 11

A stolen 1986 Ford pickup was recovered in the 200 block of West Crawford.

An 18-pack of beer was reported stolen from Allsup's, 308 N. Hobart.

An abandoned vehicle in the 1100 block of Varnon was towed away.

A trespass was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1500 block of North Faulkner.

Phone harassment was reported in the 1700 block of Charles.

An hydraulic jack and a drill were reported stolen in the 2600 block of North Hobart.

Prescription drugs were reported stolen in the 100 block of South Somerville.

Monday, Aug. 12

A domestic quarrel was reported in the 300 block of North Ward.

The theft of a controlled substance was reported in the 1500 block of North Faulkner.

AMBULANCE

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

Saturday, Aug. 10

10:17 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 2000 block of Christine. No patient was transported.

12:01 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility. One patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

3:08 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC. One patient was transported to a local nursing facility.

6:52 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility. One patient was transported to PRMC.

9:11 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Faulkner. One patient refused treatment.

10:44 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Frost. One patient was transported to PRMC.

11:02 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Deane. One patient was transported to PRMC.

Sunday, Aug. 11

2:55 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Starkweather. One patient was transported to PRMC.

9:32 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to Highway 70 North and Mail Route Road on a motor vehicle accident. One patient was transported to LifeStar.

11:21 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of North Nelson. One patient was transported to PRMC.

11:50 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC for a transport to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital (BSA) in Amarillo.

5:24 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC to transport a patient to BSA.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Aug. 9

1:48 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

10:42 p.m. – Three units and five firefighters responded to a train derailment 5.5 miles west of Pampa on U.S. Highway 60. According to the fire report, one car had lost a set of axles. The car had been uprighted. The car was empty and no hazardous materials were present.

Saturday, Aug. 10

10:53 a.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a fire safety presentation at Coronado Center.

11:11 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 700 block of Deane Drive.

Sunday, Aug. 11

11:30 a.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1600 block of North Nelson.

2:56 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a LifeStar helicopter standby at One Medical Plaza.

Monday, Aug. 12

5:39 a.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1600 block of West Somerville.

ACCIDENTS

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, August 9

A 1999 parked Mercury Cougar belonging to Telesa Davis of Evanston, Wyo., was reported hit by another vehicle in the 1600 block of Dogwood. The other vehicle, officers said, fled the scene.

Saturday, August 10

A 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier, driven by Amber Michelle Kelsey, 19, 1212 W. 25th, was in collision with a 1994 Pontiac Grand Am, driven by Maria Angelica Soto-Soto, 26, 1013 Varnon, in the 200 block of East Kentucky.

A 1995 Buick Century, driven by Guy Vance Price, 48, of Borger, was in collision with a 2000 Chevrolet Blazer, driven by Lorraine Hanks Smith, 1041 S. Banks, in the 1200 block of North Banks.

Price was cited for driving while intoxicated.

STOCKS

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

Wheat	3.52
Milo	3.90
Corn	4.29
Soybeans	4.80
Sunflowers	9.25

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

Occidental	27.52	-0.26
Fidelity Mageln	81.66	+0.45
Puritan	15.97	+0.08

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

BP	46.66	-0.68
Celanese	18.16	+0.11
Cabot Corp	24.55	-0.49
Cabot Oil Gas	21.70	-0.17
Coca Cola	50.80	-0.30
VLO	32.97	-0.48
Halliburton	13.16	-0.62
Triad Hospitals	38.82	-0.68
NOI	17.50	-0.55
KMI	40.91	-0.33
XCEL	10.17	+1.14
Kerr McGee	45.99	-0.16
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McDonalds	22.83	+0.07
Exxon Mobil	35.48	-0.62
Atmos	21.99	-0.15
Pioneer Nat	24.61	-0.11
Penney's	16.47	-0.16
Phillips	51.46	-0.32
Schlumberger	39.81	-1.07
Tenneco	7.33	-0.07
CVX	74.31	-1.24
Wal-Mart	48.56	-0.64
OKE	18.95	+0.07
NS Group	7.22	+0.04

New York Gold	314.65
Silver	4.66
West Texas Crude	26.86

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, August 10

Dustin Myles Fuller, 21, Amarillo, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of attempted robbery.

Guy Vance Price, 48, Borger, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Amanda Lynn Butler, 23, Borger, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on Hutchinson County warrants charging her with theft, speeding and driving without a driver's license.

Sunday, August 11

Jorge Garcia, 31, 1442 Coffee, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Jamie Prine, 30, 1128 Starkweather, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of violation of a protective order and municipal warrants.

Sandra Lee Stauff, 55, Miami, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of theft by check.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is partly cloudy with highs in the upper 90s, and south winds 15 to 20 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy, chance of thunderstorms, lows in the middle 60s, south winds 10 to 15 mph, chance of precipitation 50 percent. Tuesday should be mostly cloudy with thunderstorms likely to the south, and a 20 percent chance of precipitation.

STATEWIDE

Partly cloudy skies will predominate Monday in Texas, with only a slight chance of rain. Severe weather is not forecast today.

Hot weather will continue over the state.

Temperature extremes Sunday ranged from 99 degrees at McAllen to 59 degrees overnight at Marfa.

In West Texas, highs should reach the upper 90s today in most areas except cooler in the northern panhandle. Tonight, a slight chance of thunderstorms is forecast in the north panhandle, but storms that develop may be severe. Isolated storms in the mountains are forecast tonight.

Beginning Tuesday, it will be much cooler in the panhandle, South Plains and Low Rolling Plains, with highs in 70s in the panhandle, and only reaching the mid-80s in the plains, and a chance of rain in both areas. It will gradually warm by the weekend in those areas.

Elsewhere in West Texas, it will be mostly partly cloudy with highs in the mid 90s through the week, with a chance of scattered and isolated showers or storms.

CARSON CO. SHERIFF

Five persons were booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of Aug. 5–11, 2002. Currently, there are 10 persons incarcerated in this jail and an additional nine prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

Arrests made this week:

Aurelio Garcia, 25, Amarillo, Department of Public Safety traffic warrants;

Michael Cockrell, 29, Claude, sexual assault of a minor - Armstrong County;

Tyrone Griffin, 34, Moreno Valley, Calif., possession of a controlled substance more than 400 grams and possession of marijuana more than 50 lbs., but less than 2,000 lbs.;

Charles Horner, 45, driving while intoxicated, second offense;

Arminda Morales, 28, Tucson, Ariz., probation revocation of charge of possession of controlled substance.

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Lawmakers want to hear Bush's case for war

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers say they are waiting for President Bush to make his case for invading Iraq before they endorse it, with evidence that Saddam Hussein is prepared to use weapons of mass destruction the key factor.

Saudi Arabia's foreign minister, meanwhile, urged the United States to give diplomacy more time to resolve the Iraqi situation. He reiterated that his country would not allow itself to be used as a staging area for an attack its neighbor.

Saudi Arabia also confirmed Sunday that it was holding 16 alleged al-Qaida members who had been turned over by Iranian officials in June after they sought refuge in that country.

Sen. Dick Lugar, R-Ind., said that while not inevitable, it now is "probable" an invasion of Iraq will be necessary. But, he added, Bush has to clearly tell the American people why Saddam is a danger.

"The president has to make the case that ... to wait for provocation (from Saddam) is to invite a very, very large disaster," Lugar, a senior member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

"At the end of the day we have to separate those weapons of mass destruction from Saddam," he said.

Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said he agreed the president has not yet made the justification for a war with Iraq, but that "he's in the process of doing that."

Noting that Saddam has biological and chemical weapons and may eventually get a nuclear capability, Thompson said on "Fox News Sunday": "Do we sit back and hope that we can negotiate our way od, however, that an agreement over weapons inspections, if not unfettered, would simply give Saddam time to possibly develop nuclear capability.

On Monday, Iraq's information minister rejected the need for a resumption of U.N. weapons inspections, saying inspectors completed their work four years ago.

Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf told the Arabic satellite television Al- Jazeera the administration was making inspections into an issue in an attempt to use them as a tool in the latest showdown between Washington and Baghdad.

"The work within the U.N. concerning (prohibited weapons) in Iraq, this work has been achieved. They say that it hasn't been achieved. They claim something remains. This talk can be responded to and disproved," al-Sahhaf said in the interview conducted in Iraq and monitored in Cairo, Egypt.

Despite intense discussions within the administration about preparation for a possible invasion of Iraq, Bush said Saturday that he had no "imminent war plan" but that Saddam remains "an enemy until proven otherwise."

Saudi Arabia reiterated that if Iraq were attacked, it would not be from Saudi soil.

"Under the present circumstances ... with no proof that there is a threat imminent from Iraq, I don't think Saudi Arabia will join in," Saudi foreign minister Prince Saud al-Faisal said on ABC's "This Week" program.

"We see that there is movement on the diplomatic front ... and we think it is only right to give this diplomatic solution a chance before going to war," the prince said.

Saud also said that in June, Iran turned over to Saudi Arabia 16 alleged members of the al-Qaida terror network who had fled Afghanistan into Iran. Information obtained from interrogating them is being shared with U.S. officials, he said.

"The innocent will be let go and the guilty ones will be incarcerated and go to trial," the prince said.

Foster, adoptive parent meeting set in Amarillo Aug. 13

AMARILLO – A foster/ adoptive parent informational meeting is set for 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 13, at the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (PRS), 6200 I-40 West.

Information meetings on becoming a foster or adoptive parent are conducted at 7 p.m., in the PRS office in Amarillo on the second Tuesday of each month, said Darla Ingram, who recruits foster and adoptive parents for the PRS.

"When abuse and neglect occurs and children are no longer able to safely remain in their own homes, we are fortunate enough to have individuals willing to provide care and support to them in licensed foster homes," Ingram said.

Foster care provides a temporary safe haven for children as Child Protective Services caseworkers and foster parents work toward uniting children with their families, she said.

"These children, through no fault of their own, were placed in abusive or neglectful situations by their biological parents," she explained. "In some situations they are not able to return home and deserve a change for a new life with adoptive parents who can teach them that family can be a safe place.

"There is an urgent need for more families to open their hearts and homes by becoming foster and adoptive parents," she said.

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GUITAR

He took his steel guitar with him.

"I wouldn't give it up," Remington said.

The same week he was discharged in 1946, he heard that Bob Wills was auditioning steel guitar players to work with Luke Wills, Bob's brother in Fresno, Calif.

"I auditioned in Hollywood at Jay's Motel," Remington said, "in a motel room with some of the Playboys. I played two tunes, Dream Train and Steel Guitar Rag."

When he finished, Bob Wills said, "Let's keep the kid here and let Roy Hunnicut go with Luke."

Hunnicut was at the time Bob Wills' steel guitar man.

"That was it," Remington said. "I was hired, and boy, I was on top of the world."

That first night, Remington borrowed some cowboy boots and a cowboy hat that didn't fit.

The next day, they left on tour. The tour took them from California to Louisiana, playing one night stands every where in between. They were gone three months.

Road trips are fun when you're young, Remington said.

"Nothing but girls and music," he laughs, "but it's not for a married man or an older guy."

Even now, though, he said he likes being on the road.

"I still hit the road now and then and enjoy it," Remington said. "It's in my blood."

Remington left the Texas Playboys in 1950, and moved to Houston where he married Melba, his bride of 52 years.

"I started playing a little Hawaiian trio around Houston," Remington said, "playing luau parties."

As that became more popular, his wife learned how to play a ukulele and keyboard.

"We renamed her Melani to play in the Hawaiian group," Remington said.

The Remingtons and their group, the Beachcombers, traveled the country from coast to coast for 15 years.

They played Pampa's Coronado Inn every summer for 10 years in the 1960s.

"We played the Amarillo Country Club," Remington said. "We always played their annual luau."

Remington was no stranger to Amarillo, having played the Aviatrix Club in his younger days. He still remembers one jam session at the club on Amarillo Boulevard.

"It was about two o'clock in the morning and a bunch of musicians decided they were going to have a jam session," Remington said. "We were having fun playing and all of a sudden this door banged open."

A woman walked in and asked if she could sing with them.

"That's just not done at a jam session," Remington said.

They did let her sing, however.

"She sang some old standards, some that Ella Fitzgerald had sung," Remington said.

He said she just knocked all the guys out.

"It was Patsy Cline," Remington said. "She was 18-years-old."

The panhandle also holds other memories for Remington.

When Remington and his bands came through the area, they always stopped to eat at Mrs. Bromley's in Clarendon.

"Boy, we looked forward to that," Remington said. "That was a real treat."

They also played in Hawaii and spent a year at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas.

"We played country clubs and conventions," Remington said. "We'd play about three luaus per week, and the rest of the time we picnicked and fished."

He said having his wife with him was great.

"We had a lot of fun," Remington said.

After Bob Wills died, Leon McAuliffe, who wrote "Steel Guitar Rag," formed the Bob Wills Original Texas Playboy band.

"None of the original Playboys were in the band," Remington said, grinning.

After McAuliffe died, Johnny Gimble and Remington assembled the old Texas Playboys, renamed them the Texas Playboys II and continued to perform across the country.

"We're still booking under that name," Remington said. "We've been to Washington, D.C., three times for three different Presidents."

The eight member band still works all across the nation.

Remington's wife tired of the road in the early 1970s, and they settled back in Houston, but Remington and his wife continued to work as a duo in the Houston area.

He also decided he wanted to build a better steel guitar.

"I did, and we call it Remington Steel," he said. "They're all the way around the world now."

He has sold Remington Steel guitars from Tasmania to Europe.

"I have one in every European nation," Remington said. "Even Iceland."

As Remington's wife stepped back from her musical career, Remington started playing with more western swing groups.

In addition to the Texas Playboys II, he played with the River Road Boys and the Wild River Boys.

"Everybody's over 60," Remington said. "We're staying quite busy, which is fine with me. I have no desire to retire. I can't imagine such a thing."

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be another company that would come to both communities.

"Under the law, do we have to furnish this?" said Peet.

Commissioner Joe Wheeley said the commission is charged with the medical well-being of the public.

He added that the request by Rural Metro was made on the company's figures and not audited figures.

Several reasons were given by Adams for the increased subsidy: changes in Medicare reimbursement, declining population and low collection rates.

She said the number of ambulance runs in both communities have declined over the past four years due to declining population.

In 1998, she said, there were 2,036 calls and 1,832 transports in Pampa, but in 2002 there were 1,791 calls and 1,531 transports.

Adams also told the commission that Pampa's lowest monthly number of calls during the past fiscal year was 107, and Borger's calls have shrunk to about 70 a month.

Medicare's changing guidelines on reimbursements to ambulance services were effective in January, and Rural/Metro felt the financial effects by March, she said.

Collection of ambulance bills is about 45 percent, said Adams. She said the company must write off 27 percent of the bills due to Medicare and insurance requirements, and about 22 percent are bad debt.

She said many people just don't have the money to pay their bill, explaining that a large number of transports are elderly patients.

"Many are on a fixed income and may just have Medicare," she said. "They don't have the money to pay it. Medicare will pay part of it and, if they have a supplemental insurance, we bill them. The balance is the patient's responsibility, and many don't have the money to pay it."

Adams told the commission that the crisis in emergency services is happening state and nationwide, adding that there is a shortage of paramedics.

She also said the qualifications have increased.

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Firemen injured en route to blaze

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP) — A fire engine plummeted 60 feet down a freeway embankment, injuring three firefighters taking on one of the blazes that have consumed more than 180,000 acres across the state.

The accident Sunday occurred when the fire engine's drive shaft malfunctioned, said Officer Karen Faciane of the California Highway Patrol. With its siren blaring and lights flashing, it veered across three southbound lanes of Interstate 15 and rolled down an embankment, officials said.

The driver was in critical condition with a broken pelvis and the two other firefighters had moderate injuries, Faciane said.

The firefighters were traveling to a blaze in Calimesa, Calif., about 30 miles west of Palm Springs, that had torn across 500 acres by early Monday morning.

The blaze, which was 10 percent contained, damaged the garage of a landmark house, but had not destroyed any homes, said Michelle McClelland, a spokeswoman with the California Department of Forestry.

In Oregon, higher humidity and favorable wind on Sunday helped firefighters trying to corral the northern end of Oregon's largest wildfire in more than a century.

Northeast winds helped firefighters set controlled fires during the night to remove fuel from the path of the 333,890-acre blaze. The fire was about 25 percent contained, said Carol Tocco of the Northwest Interagency Coordination Center.

Nation's largest lawyers group may endorse cloning

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's largest lawyers' group will decide this week whether to endorse cloning to advance human health, while condemning government intervention that would make criminals of scientists who pursue medical cloning research.

A proposal before the American Bar Association would put the 408,000-lawyer organization on record for the first time about cloning and at odds with the Bush administration.

The ABA's governing body is to vote Monday or Tuesday on what scientists call therapeutic cloning, or the engineering of human embryos for the medically precious stem cells they contain. Stem cells might then develop into replacement tissue and organs for patients with incurable diseases. Cloning one's own cells could overcome the body's tendency to reject transplanted tissue, researchers hope.

Therapeutic cloning, not yet tried in humans, assumes that the created embryo will be destroyed. It is not intended to make a baby, and the proposed ABA position implicitly opposes cloning for reproductive purposes, supporters said.

President Bush wants a permanent ban on cloning for biomedical research, and the House took the same position last year.

Cloning bills are stalled in the Senate, where Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., proposed a permanent ban and criminal penalties for scientists who violate it. Lacking votes for that position, he proposed a two-year moratorium on cloning research.

The ABA long has advocated academic and scientific freedom, and for legal and ethical reasons should not stand by if the government tries to wall off scientific inquiry, said Robyn Shapiro, director of the Center for the Study of Bioethics at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee and an author of the proposed policy.

"The course upon which the law embarks regarding this field of research will be critical to helping either protect or diminish the freedom of scientific inquiry in the future," wrote lawyers who drafted the proposed policy.

It would not give unqualified support to any medicinal cloning. It does endorse cloning research intended to improve human health so long as the research is conducted ethically and safely, lawyers said.

Lawyers predicted the question will provoke strong opposition among some ABA members, and the proposed position could be amended or defeated by the policy-making House of Delegates.

For Bush and other opponents of any human cloning, the technique is fraught with religious and ethical problems. Opponents say a cloned embryo that will never be implanted in a woman's uterus is still a life and should not be created simply to be destroyed.

The recommended ABA policy was born of fear that the Brownback bill might become law, Shapiro said. Coming out in favor of therapeutic cloning now would allow the ABA to lobby Congress, testify on Capitol Hill or publish its position if the legislation is revived when Congress returns from a summer break, lawyers said.

Brownback's spokesman, Erik Hotmire, declined comment on the proposed ABA position.

Cloning advocates welcomed an alliance with the ABA, which has an annual lobbying budget of $1.5 million.

"An organization with the weight of ABA could be very influential with senators on the fence," said Michael Manganiello, president of the Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research.

As a practical matter, the best that cloning advocates may be able to hope for is a continued stalemate in Congress. Bush presumably would veto any legislation that endorsed therapeutic cloning, but for now there is no law against it.

Bush's own bioethics advisers recommended against a permanent cloning ban last month. The divided panel took a middle path, favoring a four-year moratorium on research cloning to allow for further public debate.

Colorado authorities make arrest in 28-year-old murder case

NEWTON, Texas (AP) — The arrest in Colorado of a 47-year-old homeless woman may help break a 28-year-old Texas murder case.

Larry Folmer, chief deputy of the Newton County sheriff's department, said Gilda Ann Westbrook was arrested Sunday in a routine sweep for illegal campers on a path along Boulder Creek in Boulder, Colo.

A warrant was issued for her arrest last month after an investigation was reopened into the 1974 murder of Charles Markentile, 40, who was found slumped over the steering wheel of his car in 1974 at a Texas roadside park near the Louisiana state line.

Folmer said Markentile was shot twice in the back of the head and robbed of his watch, jewelry, wallet and car keys. Investigators believe he was lured to the park, Folmer said. The four suspects fled the area immediately, and investigators lost their trail.

Folmer said he began working with Boulder police after he came across a ticket issued to Westbrook in Longmont, Colo., 45 miles northwest of Denver, in 1995.

"Without them helping us, we probably never would have located (Westbrook)," Folmer said of Boulder police.

Westbrook was being held without bail in the Boulder County Jail. She was scheduled to appear in court on Monday.

Folmer said Westbrook is one of four suspects in the murder of Markentile.

The Markentile file had been misplaced. Folmer, who started working for the sheriff's office six years ago, said he found the Markentile file mixed up with 1981 cases while he was looking for the file on another unsolved murder.

"It drew me in," Folmer said. "I started reading it, then I brought it home, studied it and started making some phone calls. Then I got on the computer and did some things, and got on the teletype and did some more things.

"Technology is so much better now. It's awful harder to hide now."

Newsweek reports of supposed bin Laden sightings in December, February

NEW YORK (AP) — Two men interviewed by Newsweek gave plausible accounts of having seen Osama bin Laden alive last winter, one as late as mid-February, the magazine reported.

The first source, described as a former Taliban official and professional guide, said bin Laden escaped Afghanistan on horseback last December under U.S. fire, Newsweek reported in its Aug. 19 issue.

The al-Qaida leader fled the Tora Bora region of Afghanistan, where U.S. forces were bombing, with 28 people through the rugged White Mountains, the former Taliban official told Newsweek. The entourage traveled into Pakistan and back to the Afghan mountain stronghold of Shahikot over five days in December, the magazine reported.

The official told the magazine he led bin Laden's group on the journey, sometimes through heavy snow. The guide, whom the magazine did not identify, called bin Laden an expert rider and said he rarely dismounted during the trip.

The second source, a Taliban soldier named Ali Mohammad, said he saw bin Laden accompanied by 15 bodyguards in mid-February in Shahikot, where Taliban troops were preparing for an American attack.

Bin Laden rallied the troops, the soldier said, urging them to keep their morale up and "take care of the injured and be confident that God will award you on Judgment Day."

U.S. officials have said they don't know whether bin Laden is dead or alive.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC METING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The PAMPA I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, August 29, 2002 in THE BOARD ROOM AT CARVER CENTER 321 W. ALBERT PAMPA TEXAS.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*		Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	$1.491000	$0.054000	*	$1.545000	$3,282	$2,582
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	$1.509600	$0.054200	*	$1.563800	$3,498	$2,486
Proposed Rate	$1.500000	$0.054000	*	$1.554000	$3,453	$2,482

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	$30,526	$31,228
Average Taxable Value of Residences	$15,526	$16,228
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per $100 Value	$1.545000	$1.554000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	$239.88	$252.18
Increase (Decrease) in Texas		$12.30

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is $1.759282. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of $1.759282.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	$1,600,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	$30,000

NOTICE OF PUBLIC METING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The LEFORS ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, August 27, 2002 in THE LEFORS HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY LEFORS, TEXAS.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*		Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	$1.500000	$0.120000	*	$1.620000	$2,585	$6,345
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	$1.500000	$0.170000	*	$1.670000	$2,585	$6,345
Proposed Rate	$1.500000	$0.170000	*	$1.670000	$2,585	$6,345

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	$13,990	$13,930
Average Taxable Value of Residences	($1,010)	($1,070)
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per $100 Value	$1.620000	$1.670000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	($16.36)	($17.86)
Increase (Decrease) in Texas		($1.50)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is $2.269498. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of $2.269498.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	$560,082
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	$0

US Airways bankrupt

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — US Airways has become the first major airline to declare bankruptcy since last year's terrorist hijackings, a move that came 11 months to the day after the industry was rocked by the attacks.

US Airways, the nation's seventh-largest carrier, said flights will continue normally, and the company expressed optimism that it will emerge from bankruptcy early next year.

In its Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing Sunday, the company listed assets of $7.81 billion and liabilities of $7.83 billion and said its cash flow was relatively stable. But Chris Chiames, US Airways' vice president for corporate affairs, said that would not last with the peak summer travel season about to end.

"You do not want to enter bankruptcy in a poor cash position," Chiames said at a brief news conference.

Chapter 11 allows a company to continue operating and hold its creditors at bay while it puts its finances in order. A hearing in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Alexandria was scheduled for Monday to discuss the filing.

US Airways had been struggling well before Sept. 11. In July of 2001, the airline suffered a blow when federal regulators balked at a proposed purchase by United Airlines that would have given US Airways investors $60 a share.

After the attacks, no airline was harmed financially more than US Airways. The Arlington-based carrier is the largest airline at Reagan Washington National Airport, which remained closed for weeks after the attacks.

In addition, Chiames said, the airline suffered disproportionately when many travelers opted to drive or take the train instead of making short-haul flights up and down the East Coast — US Airways' strength.

"Clearly US Airways was impacted more than any other carrier after Sept. 11," Chiames said.

Last month, the federal government agreed to guarantee $900 million of a $1 billion loan package the airline had hoped would allow them to stave off bankruptcy. But US Airways executives had always warned that bankruptcy was a possibility even if they obtained the federal loan guarantee.

Chiames said the bankruptcy will not affect the company's long-term restructuring plan, which calls for cutting costs by $1.2 billion a year.

The company also said it expects to generate an additional $200 million a year through a recently announced "code-share" agreement with United that allows the two airlines to sell tickets on each other's flights. The partnership combines US Airways' strength on the East Coast with United's strength on east-west routes.

United has lost more than $850 million this year, and the Chicago-based carrier retained a bankruptcy lawyer shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks. United Airlines is also seeking $1.8 billion in government guarantees.

Poll: Judicial fund-raising raises concern

By GINA HOLLAND
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans love electing judges, but they worry that campaign cash can compromise a judge's principles, a new poll shows.

The findings of the survey conducted for the American Bar Association and being made public Monday illustrate a paradox that hinders efforts to end popular elections for the bench.

The ABA and other legal groups have long argued that appointments would improve courts by getting the most qualified people as judges and insulating them from politics.

More than 80 percent of state court judges face some elections, and those races have gotten more expensive. Federal judges are appointed by the president, and some states also have appointment systems.

At the ABA's convention, incoming president Alfred P. Carlton Jr. was announcing formation of a group to explore alternatives. The panel does not expect Americans to give up their elections, he said, but it will look at limits for campaigns to solve what he sees as a public relations problem for judiciaries.

"We must defuse the escalating partisan battle over America's courts," Carlton said.

Three-fourths of those polled said they have more confidence in judges they elect than those who are chosen for them through appointments. However, nearly the same proportion expressed concern about the impact of campaign fund raising on judges' impartiality.

"It's an enigma," said Arthur Miller, a Harvard law professor who supports appointment systems based on candidates' qualifications. "The least we can do is get out of this buying of judgeships through campaign contributions."

About 40 states have some type of judicial elections, and most of them limit what candidates can say while campaigning. States are having to review their restrictions after the Supreme Court struck down Minnesota's limits in June.

The ruling opens the door for candidates to talk more freely about controversial issues such as abortion and school prayer.

The poll found that people don't mind candidates speaking out. Six in 10 said that voicing an opinion on an issue does not mean a contender will be partial on the subject later as a judge.

Another finding in the poll: Nearly two out of three questioned said they would put more trust in a judicial candidate who was not affiliated with a political party. The ABA said eight states have partisan elections for all trial court judges — Alabama, Illinois, Louisiana, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas and West Virginia.

Harris Interactive conducted the poll for the ABA, surveying 1,040 people by phone from Aug. 2-5. The poll has an error margin of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points.

On the Net:
American Bar Association: http://www.abanet.org

Fight ends rap concert

IRVINE, Calif. (AP) — About 15,000 people were sent home early from a rap and hip-hop concert after a fight broke out and spilled onto the main stage, police said.

The "Beat Summer Jam 2002" concert at the Verizon Wireless Amphitheater started at about noon on Sunday and ended after the brawl erupted about 7:30 p.m., said Lt. Al Muir of the Irvine Police Department.

Security officers at the event were overwhelmed by the fighting and called for help, Muir said. Officers from six nearby police agencies and Orange County Sheriff's deputies responded to the site and by 9 p.m. had evacuated the concert grounds and parking lot, Muir said.

Three people suffered minor injuries and one person was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment, officials said.

No arrests were made as a result of the fight.

The concert had about 30 minutes left when it was canceled, Muir said.

LL Cool J performed at the event and rapper Nelly also was scheduled to appear.

Pearl buried in private ceremony

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Months after his kidnapping and murder in Pakistan, Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl was finally buried in his home town and remembered as an inspiration to people across the world.

"Danny will continue to inspire his family and the millions of friends and strangers who were touched by his life and death," Pearl's family said in a prepared statement.

Pearl, 38, was killed in January in Pakistan while working on a story about links between Islamic extremists and Richard C. Reid, who allegedly tried to ignite explosives hidden in his shoe during an international flight.

Pearl's body, in an oak casket covered with red flowers, was returned to the United States on Thursday.

The service Sunday was held at an undisclosed location in Encino, an area of Los Angeles where Pearl's family lives.

During the ceremony, Pearl's father, Judea, chanted the Kaddish, the Jewish prayer of mourning.

Mitchell Newman, one of Pearl's friends, played a selection from Bach on the violin, and Rabbi Harold Schulweiss reflected on the significance of Pearl's life and work.

The family asked that anyone interested in offering memorials to Pearl initiate or support musical events in their communities on Oct. 10, Pearl's birthday. Pearl played the violin.

"He will always be remembered for his pursuit of truth and dialogue, his respect for people of all backgrounds, and his love

Graceland to send Elvis artifacts on tour

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Graceland is hitting the road.

Officials from Elvis Presley's home planned to announce Monday the Mobile Graceland tour, bringing to 30 cities Presley's Army jacket, some of his stage clothing and a letter from President Nixon, among other things.

The 53-foot truck will be in Memphis this week as part of events marking the 25th anniversary of Presley's death, which is Friday. Then it will go to cities including New Orleans, Atlantic City, N.J., Philadelphia, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis, Reno, Nev., and Las Vegas.

The tour is co-sponsored by the Harrah's Entertainment Inc. casino company and FYE record stores, and will mostly be displayed in mall parking lots where there are FYE stores and in casinos owned by Harrah's. Admission is free.

It will be at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland on Sept. 28, at a San Diego Chargers game on Nov. 17, and at Times Square in New York on Sept. 24.

"We have more artifacts than we have the space or time to display at Graceland," said Jennifer Burgess, director of marketing for Elvis Presley Enterprises. "It grew out of the desire to share the Elvis experience with all those people who can't make it to Memphis for one reason or another."

Lead discovered in 22 Corpus Christi yards

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — State environmental officials and contractors this month will excavate and clean 22 yards in Corpus Christi that contain elevated levels of lead.

The homes are near the former Industrial Metals site and contain at least 500 parts of lead per million. At that level, the state requires removal and replacement of contaminated soil.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission and Weston Solutions of Houston will conduct the effort, which is expected to cost as much as $15,000 per home.

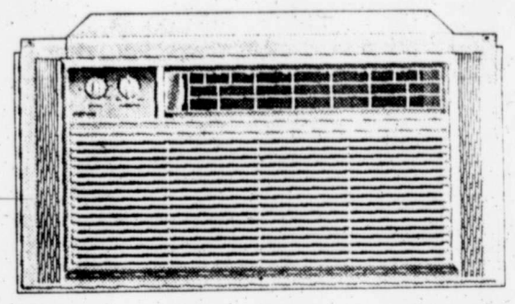
The cleanup will take three to four days, and no follow-up sampling will be needed, said Marshall Cedilote, project manager with the TNRCC.

"Once we clean it up, it's clean," Cedilote said in a story in Monday's Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

Industrial Metals was used by metal recyclers to remove lead from automotive batteries and copper from industrial transformers. It closed in 1981.

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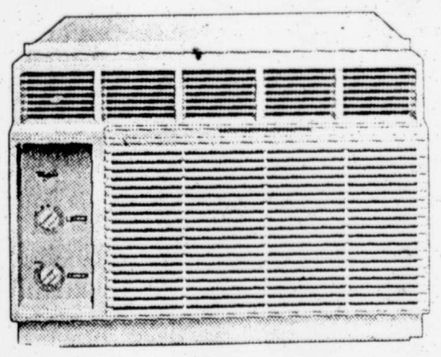


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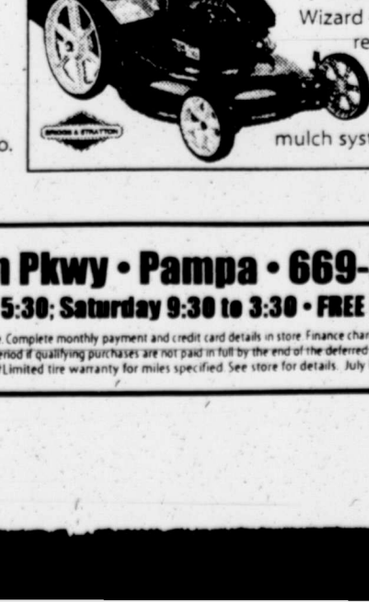
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Koreas indicate progress after initial reconciliation talks

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North and South Korea indicated Monday that significant progress was being made in high-level talks aimed at reviving the stalled reconciliation process on their divided peninsula.

"You may think optimistically," Kim Ryong Song, the chief North Korean negotiator, said with a smile after the first day's meeting ended in 70 minutes at a Seoul hotel. "There are prospects that the fruit can grow bigger and bigger."

Kim, a Cabinet councilor, declined to elaborate, but even before the talks started, he gave an upbeat forecast, saying that "I am a man who usually brings many presents and leaves them behind when I leave."

The South Korean side said it emphasized during the talks the need to implement agreements made before the reconciliation process stalled rather than trying to make new promises. A flurry of agreements were reached when reconciliation was first launched after a historic North-South summit in 2000, but they ground to a halt amid U.S.-North Korean tension last year.

South Korean officials were also optimistic after the start of the talks, which continue this week.

"We had no problems at all," said Lee Bong-jo, a spokesman for the South Korean team, adding that his government "expects the talks will progress well."

South Korea, Lee said, proposed that work resume promptly to complete the construction of a cross-border rail line within the year and help stage a reunion for separated family members around Korean Full Moon Day, or Chusuk which falls on Sept. 21.

The Cabinet-level talks, the first in nine months, came as the North's communist government also appeared to be moving toward a resumption of dialogue with the South's chief ally, the United States.

Jeong Se-hyun, the chief South Korean delegate, said the four major powers with keen interest in the Korean peninsula — the United States, Japan, China and Russia — as well as the European Union will closely watch the talks to decide how to formulate their policy toward North Korea.

"In this sense, we should make specific promises at these talks, rather than attempting to make new promises," he said before the talks.

North Korea's Kim concurred, saying: "Yes, I agree. Producing an agreement is important, but more important is implementing it."

The two officials expressed hope that the Seoul talks would build upon a historic inter-Korean summit accord reached on June 15, 2000. That agreement opened the way for a host of contacts and exchanges between two nations that have yet to overcome the bitter legacy of the 1950-53 Korean War.

The talks this week marked the resumption of dialogue after a long period of heightened tension that reached a peak when North and South Korean naval boats clashed off their peninsula's western coast on June 29.

North Korea last month expressed regret for the deadly clash, setting the stage for the talks this week.

Relations had also deteriorated in January after President Bush branded North Korea, along with Iran and Iraq, as part of "an axis of evil" trying to develop weapons of mass destruction.

A 100-member North Korean civic group was scheduled to visit Seoul for joint celebrations of the peninsula's independence from Japanese colonial rule on Aug. 15, 1945.

Sports officials of the two sides will also meet at the Diamond Mountain resort on North Korea's east coast this weekend to discuss the North's recent decision to take part in the 14th Asian Games in South Korea on Sept. 29-Oct. 14.

The sudden flurry of inter-Korean contacts comes as North Korea seeks to improve ties with the United States and Japan. During a recent Asian regional security forum, North Korea agreed to start talks with Japan and accept a visit by a special U.S. envoy.

Relatives of victims who died in Kursk unhappy with Russia's official verdict

By VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — "Nonsense," snaps retired Capt. Anatoly Safonov when asked about the official verdict that no one was to blame for the torpedo explosion that sank the Kursk nuclear submarine, killing its entire 118-man crew two summers ago.

Safonov, whose son Maxim died in the catastrophe, and relatives of many other seamen, call it a cover-up.

"They have never explained why the torpedo exploded," says Safonov, his voice trembling with anger. "The submarine sank, all its crew died, and now they tell us that no one was to blame."

The Kursk, one of Russia's largest and most advanced submarines, suffered two powerful explosions and sank during naval maneuvers in the Barents Sea on Aug. 12, 2000.

It was not just a tragedy but a national humiliation, compounded by bungled rescue efforts, that cast Vladimir Putin in a bad light just seven months into his presidency.

Still, compared with Soviet times, when such a disaster might have been kept a secret, the vigorous public debate that still rages is testimony to the country's post-communist openness.

Lt. Maxim Safonov, who was the Kursk's navigator, turned 26 just four days before the disaster and was going to marry soon. He died in a huge fireball that swept through the hull and pulverized most of the crew who had gathered in the control room.

The bodies were recovered when the wreck was raised last October from 356 feet of water. Prosecutors have scoured the gutted hulk for clues, but say the ship's log and audio tapes showed nothing awry until the blast.

Prosecutor General Vladimir Ustinov closed the books on the catastrophe last month, backing up a government commission's supposition that a leaky torpedo was the only possible cause.

"The investigators have decided to close the criminal case since no evidence of a crime has been found," he said.

He said the initial blast was triggered by highly volatile hydrogen peroxide in the torpedo's propellant seeping through tiny cracks and exploding upon contact with kerosene and metal, Ustinov said. Weapons then blew up in the bow in a blast equivalent to a mild earthquake.

"Those who designed the torpedo couldn't foresee the possibility of its explosion," Ustinov said.

But the torpedo's designers insist they had developed safeguards against such accidents.

"In the best case, the real truth about what happened on the Kursk may pop up in some 25 years," said Svetlana Baigarina, the widow of crewman Murat Baigarin. "Now the officials will say whatever is convenient for them."

Some relatives say the seamen had talked about a torpedo flaw before setting out to sea. Nadezhda Tylik, mother of Lt. Sergei Tylik who died in the control room, said people at the submarine base told her after the disaster that the torpedo had been accidentally dropped before being loaded aboard.

"The crew knew what it meant," said Tylik, recalling her son telling her before the last mission that the Kursk was carrying "death on board."

Prosecutor Ustinov insisted no evidence was found that the torpedo had suffered any damage or malfunction.

Tylik accused the prosecutors of covering up the accidental dropping of the torpedo. "They want to protect the navy's top brass," she said in a telephone interview from her home in the southern city of Anapa. "The evidence is buried somewhere in their files, and they will never tell us the truth."

Tylik is preparing to sue the military for damages. Other relatives have hired a lawyer to help them weigh legal action.

Prosecutors have promised that relatives will have access to the 133-volume case file, but they haven't said when.

Safonov, the retired navy captain, said post-Soviet degradation of the navy was a key factor in the disaster.

During Soviet times, giant submarines were built to destroy U.S. aircraft carriers with cruise missiles and nuclear-tipped torpedoes. But since the 1991 Soviet collapse, most nuclear submarines and other navy ships have languished dockside for years for lack of funds to buy supplies and spares. When production stopped at the defense plants in the Soviet republics after they went independent in 1991, it became hard to find replacements.

Retired Capt. Igor Kurdin, the head of St. Petersburg's Submariners' Club, said he had found out that the torpedo that exploded was manufactured in Kazakhstan during the political chaos of the months before the Soviet collapse.

Four out of ten torpedoes of the same lot were discarded in the past decade because of micro-cracks in the welding seams, Kurdin told The Associated Press. The Kursk's torpedo successfully passed all checks, but the cracks could have gone unnoticed and grown bigger later, Kurdin said, adding that bad gaskets or improper greasing also might have been to blame.

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2002 Property Tax Rates in CITY OF PAMPA

This notice concerns 2002 property tax rates for CITY OF PAMPA. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxes in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per $100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:		
	Last year's operating taxes	$1,821,297
	Last year's debt taxes	$854,251
	Last year's total taxes	$2,675,548
	Last year's tax base	$384,970,935
	Last year's total tax rate	0.695000/$100
This year's effective tax rate:		
	Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	$2,667,134
/	This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	$393,395,100
=	This year's effective tax rate	0.677978/$100
x	1.03=maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	0.698317/$100
This year's rollback tax rate:		
	Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax, increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	$2,535,498
/	This year's adjusted tax base	$393,395,100
=	This year's effective operating rate	0.644517/$100
x	1.08=this year's maximum operating rate	0.696078/$100
+	This year's debt rate	0.204573/$100
=	This year's rollback rate	0.900651/$100
-	Sales tax adjustment rate	0.175656/$100
=	Rollback tax rate	0.724995/$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If CITY OF PAMPA adopts a 2002 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of $0.677978 per $100 of value taxes would increase compared to 2001 taxes by $100,547.

Schedule B: General Fund
2002 Debt Service

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

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
1995 GO	$45,000	$7,665	$0	$52,665
1997 CO	$100,000	$29,810	$0	$129,810
2001 GO REF	$230,000	$105,550	$0	$335,550
2001 CO	$0	$63,025	$0	$63,025
1999 CO	$75,000	$139,728	$0	$214,728
Total required for 2002 debt service				$795,778
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				$0
- Excess collections last year				$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2002				$795,778
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95.00% of its taxes in 2002				$41,883
= Total debt levy				$837,661

Schedule C: Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive $719,251 in additional sales and use tax revenue.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at HUGHES BUILDING 408 W. KINGSMILL SUITE 196A PAMPA, TEXAS.

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Pacific island rocked by first murder in almost 150 years

NORFOLK ISLAND, Australia (AP) — Behind white curtains in makeshift booths, police began fingerprinting the entire adult population of this tiny tourist island Monday, hoping to solve the first murder here in almost 150 years.

Janelle Patton, a 29-year-old hotel employee, was found March 31, stabbed to death, wrapped in plastic and dumped near a picturesque waterfall. Police say they have suspects in the case, but hope a fingerprint match will provide enough evidence for an arrest.

The case has stunned residents of this tree-dotted outcrop, popular among mainland tourists for its sparkling beaches and lazy pace.

"Norfolk is a place like Australia was 10 to 15 years ago — you don't lock your car, you don't lock your house and women feel a lot more confidence walking around here," said Brian Purss, as he waited with other islanders to be "inked" by police Monday. More than 1,600 of the island's 2,100 residents have been asked to provide prints, as have about 680 tourists who were visiting when Patton was killed.

A dot in the Pacific about 1,000 miles east of Sydney, Norfolk Island was discovered in 1774 by British Capt. James Cook. The 13-square-mile island became one of Australia's most inhumane penal settlements — a brutal prison for the dregs of Australia's convict society — until the last prisoner left in 1855.

When the convicts left, descendants of mutineers from the British warship HMS Bounty arrived after sailing with their Polynesian wives from Pitcairn Island — another remote outcrop in the South Pacific.

Their presence lives on in a unique island dialect that is a blend of 18th century English and Polynesian. About 35 percent of the population are descendants of mutineers.

Today, the island's towering pine trees, lush countryside, beautiful beaches and intriguing history draw thousands of tourists each year, mostly from Australia and New Zealand.

Patton, a Sydney native, had been living on Norfolk Island for two and a half years, managing a hotel dining room.

Wayne Mitchell, who runs a local hotel, said dozens of people had canceled their reservations, saying they were worried about the slaying.

"People don't want to come here because they don't feel it's safe," Mitchell said.

The investigation has boosted the number of police in the sleepy self-governing Australian territory from three full-time officers to 13. The process of fingerprinting all the residents could take up to a month, said Sgt. Bob Peters, a detective with the Australian Federal Police.

"We're hoping that the person or persons responsible will come forward voluntarily and explain their actions to us" before then, Peters said Monday.

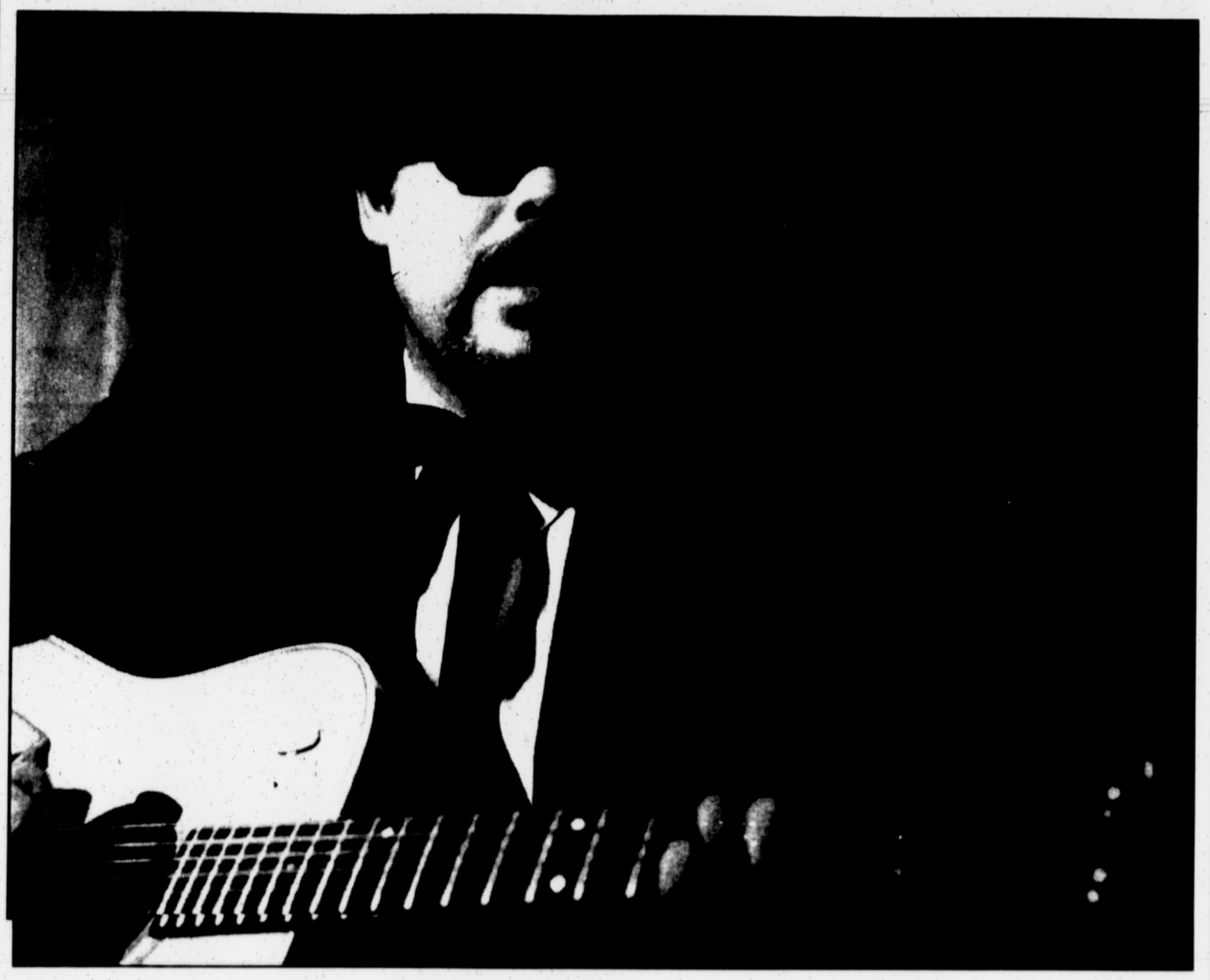
Chief Minister Geoff Gardner, Norfolk's political leader, said the slaying had frightened people on the island, which rarely sees crime beyond the occasional stolen car or drunk driving offense.

"These things don't come along to haunt us too often, thank goodness," he said. "The whole community was in shock for quite a period of time and it sent people to locked doors and to move in with others if they were living on their own."

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Chautauqua



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Stew Moss, the "Texas Bluesman," is scheduled to perform Sept. 2 during the annual Chautauqua celebration in Central Park. Moss, a singer/songwriter of Texas blues, originally hails from Borger and has performed in Chicago and New York. For the past seven years, he has lived in Amarillo, promoting the Amarillo Blues Festival two years in a row. He co-founded Amarillo Songwriters Association and is a member of H.O.O.T.

Columbia declares 'state of commotion'

The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, is blamed for killing 19 Colombians in a mortar attack on downtown Bogota last Wednesday as Uribe was being inaugurated. Colombia's largest guerrilla group is also being held responsible for numerous bomb attacks leading up to and after the inauguration.

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — President Alvaro Uribe declared a "state of internal commotion" in Colombia early Monday, authorizing the government to take special measures amid a spate of rebel attacks that has killed dozens since his inauguration last week.

The decree, which falls short of a state of siege, was made after Uribe called an emergency Cabinet meeting late Sunday. It allows the government to increase the number of security forces and increase taxes to pay for it.

"We all have to be aware that a regime characterized by terror means extreme instability in Colombia," said Fernando Londono, interior and justice minister, who announced the decree just after midnight. "For this reason, the government has decided to declare a state of internal commotion."

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The declaration invokes a provision in the constitution that allows the government to take special measures when there is a threat to "institutional stability, state security or citizen well-being."

The emergency decree can be applied for 90 days, then reactivated for two more periods of 90 days, the second of which must be authorized by Congress.

Steps will be taken immediately to increase the size of the army and police force, said Defense Minister Martha Lucia Ramirez. About 10,000 more police officers will be hired, and two army brigades of 3,000 soldiers each will be added, she said.

Uribe also plans to create a million-strong civilian force of "supporters" to help inform police and the army of rebel and paramilitary activity.

These plans will be financed by a new tax, said Finance Minister Roberto Junguito. There are no plans to emit war bonds, for now, he said.

Uribe has emphasized the need for stricter laws to face the crisis in Colombia, ravaged by a 38-year civil war that pits rebels against the government and illegal paramilitaries.

Death toll in overseas floods reaches 58

By MARA D. BELLABY
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — Giant cranes hoisted ruined cars and other debris out of the Black Sea on Monday, as the death toll from torrential flooding that hit the Russian resort region rose to 58.

Cleanup crews, working under sunny skies, scoured the normally crowded coastal beaches, searching for more bodies among the wreckage, said Irina Andriyanova, spokeswoman for the Emergency Situations Ministry in Moscow. She said that 44,000 square feet of coastline had been inspected.

Russia suffered most from the floodwaters that swept across Europe this past week, killing a total of 68 people, destroying homes and washing away roads and bridges.

Thousands of Russian tourists who had descended on the Black Sea Coast for their summer vacations were caught up in the surprise flooding. Many remain stranded, their cars swept out to sea by a wall of water that came rushing down from the mountains.

The Interfax news agency reported that as many as 4,000 tourists were still trapped in Shirokaya Balka, a scenic coastal village that was devastated by the flooding.

Ivan Aristov, deputy chief of the administration of the Black Sea port of Novorossiisk, said that all would be offered the chance to return home. But Russia's NTV reported Monday that many tourists were choosing to stay, saying that they had already paid for their vacations.

Meanwhile, Prosecutor Nikolai Buzko told the ITAR-Tass news agency that an investigative team was being formed to examine all of the deaths for possible criminal prosecution. The team was also examining why some buildings had been erected in areas where development is prohibited due to erosion and flooding concerns.

In Germany, Bavaria and Baden-Wuerttemberg states both declared emergencies as weekend rains washed out roads, caused landslides and flooded homes.

Firefighters in the eastern city of Leipzig were called out 300 times in the early hours of Monday morning as residents tried to protect their homes from rising floodwater.

A police officer died after her car ran out of control and turned over late Sunday night on the way to Wismar on Germany's Baltic Sea coast.

In Austria, authorities used helicopters to rescue stranded homeowners from rooftops and 4,000 soldiers joined sandbagging operations Monday.

Officials evacuated dozens of residents from towns and villages in parts of the waterlogged provinces of Lower Austria and Upper Austria. In Linz, about 120 miles west of Vienna, emergency personnel lowered baskets from helicopters to rescue homeowners, Austrian radio reported.

Water levels in the Danube River, which flows through Vienna, were also being anxiously monitored.

U.S. soldiers capture three suspected Al-Qaida

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — American special forces captured three suspected al-Qaida fighters in eastern Afghanistan over the weekend, a U.S. military spokesman said Monday.

The suspects were taken near the town of Khost on Saturday night, said Col. Roger King at Bagram, the U.S. military headquarters.

Authorities in eastern Afghanistan also arrested one Yemeni man who admitted being an al-Qaida member and found three Russian anti-tank missiles hidden in Jalalabad, a senior police officer said Monday.

Haji Ajab Shah, police inspector general for Nangarhar province, said the Yemeni man, whom he declined to identify, was found in the Karghi district of Lagman province in recent days after residents alerted authorities.

A Jalalabad jail official said the suspect was turned over to the central government after revealing during interrogation that he was an al-Qaida member.

The Khost area, about 90 miles southeast of Kabul in Paktia province, is regarded as one of the most insecure parts of the country and forces of the U.S.-led coalition have repeatedly conducted operations there to flush out holdouts of the Taliban and al-Qaida.

King said the three were brought to Bagram for questioning. He had no details on why the men were believed to be members of al-Qaida.

The soldiers also found explosive and ammunition caches that included 200 feet of detonation cord, 10 high explosive charges, 100 firing devices, five hand grenades and mortar rounds.

Other American troops found 50 rocket-propelled grenades during a search operations near Malaksay, in southeastern Paktika province.

"There were no reports of fighting, casualties or anyone taken under control," King said of the operation, conducted by special operations forces and troops from the 82nd Airborne Division.

He said such localized operations can be "relatively effective" in finding Taliban and al-Qaida forces, weapons or "items of intelligence value."

Shah said both al-Qaida and the Taliban remain active in eastern Afghanistan, where the population is mostly Pashtun and suspicious of the multiethnic central government in the capital, Kabul. Most of al-Qaida's main training bases were located in eastern Afghanistan, which borders Pakistan, and the Taliban were largely Pashtun.

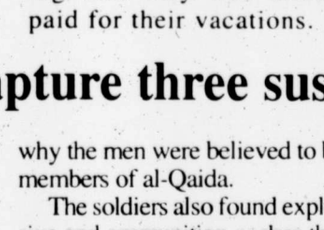
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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

Fast Food, Slow Lifestyle Have Made Our Children Fat

DEAR ABBY: Childhood obesity is growing at an alarming rate, with almost 13 percent of 6- to 11-year-olds affected. With more gadgets to occupy our time on the couch and entertainment at our fingertips with the push of a button, as well as a cornucopia of fast foods with high fat content readily available, we need a family program of regular exercise and basic nutrition for children.

Youngsters should get at least 35 to 60 minutes of walking or other exercise each day to build the strong bones they'll need later in life. Between the ages of 10 and 18, children build bone mass that must last a lifetime. Weight-bearing exercises such as running, jumping, dancing or hiking help to make bones stronger while they are growing.

Without adequate bone mass, conditions such as osteoporosis, which makes bones fragile and susceptible to breaking, can occur, along with osteoarthritis and other musculoskeletal conditions. Studies show that adequate exercise has a positive effect not only on bone health but many other areas of children's well-being, including brain, social and emotional development.

This summer, one way to model good habits and encourage our kids to get up, get out and get moving is to plan active family recreation. The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and orthopaedic surgeons nationwide urge parents to make sure children are getting adequate levels of physical activity.

Abby, with your help, we can encourage everyone to actively pursue musculoskeletal health that will last throughout a lifetime.

VERNON T. TOLO, M.D.,
PRESIDENT, AMERICAN ACADEMY
OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS

DEAR DR. TOLO: I am pleased the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons has become so vocal on this important subject. When exercise is a family activity, children are more likely to get off the couch (or computer) and become participants. Summer is the ideal time to get started.

Additional information on children's bone health is available on the academy's Web site, www.aaos.org, or call (800) 824-2663.

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DEAR ABBY: I just received the devastating news that one of my close childhood friends molested my younger brother several years ago. My brother is still healing from this traumatic experience.

The immediate problem I face is that I'm being married in November and no longer want to invite this "friend." I have cut off all communication with him and haven't told him yet what I know.

How do I approach the subject with him now? Because I learned about the molestation only recently, this guy is under the assumption we're still on good terms. I know he will expect an invitation.

LOYAL SIS IN BOISE, IDAHO

DEAR LOYAL SIS: Do not send an invitation. If this former "friend" asks why he wasn't included, tell him and don't mince words. Meanwhile, urge your brother to seek counseling and report what happened to the police. It could save another child from the trauma your brother suffered.

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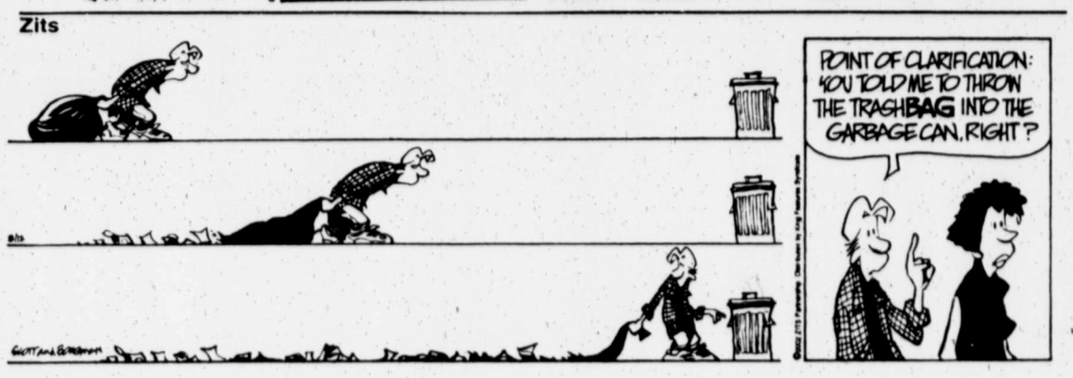
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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby — Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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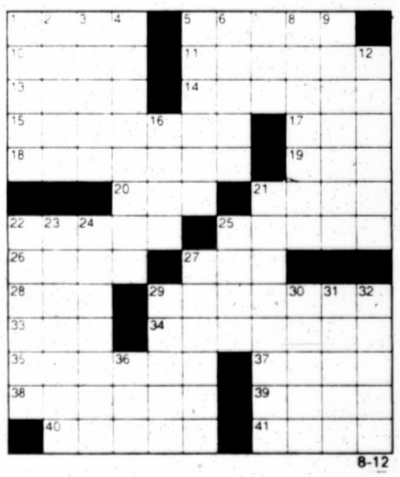
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Saturday's answer



8-12

Marmaduke



"It looks like he wants to go out."

The Family Circus



"Are these some of those new-style pants or just shorts that don't fit me?"

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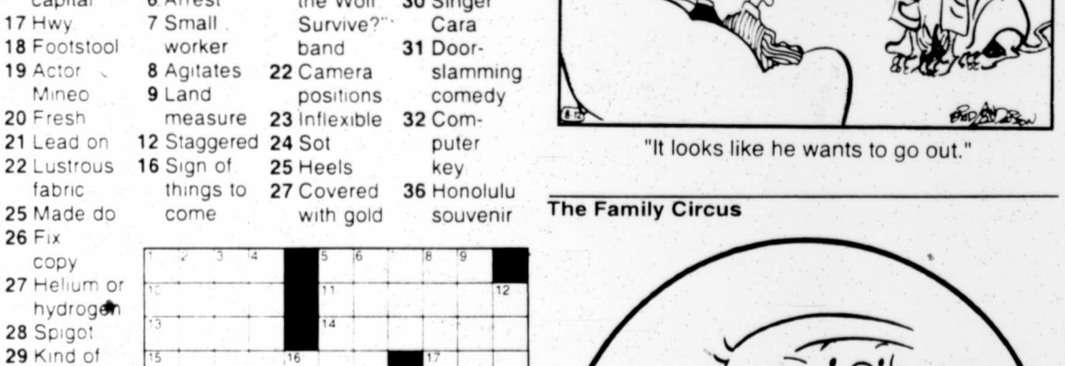
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SPORTS

NOTEBOOK

SWIMMING

PAMPA — City of Pampa's two municipal swimming pools will be closing.

The Marcus Sanders Pool will close for the season at 7 p.m. tonight.

The M.K. Brown swimming pool will be closing for the season at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 18. It will be open from 1 to 6 p.m. daily and 7 to 9 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays until then.

BASKETBALL

AMARILLO — The Amarillo Dillas lost to the Ozark Mountain Ducks 8-1 Sunday in a Central League game at the National Dilla Villa.

Amarillo's only run came on a solo homer by Derek Henderson in the eighth inning. Henderson also had three of Amarillo's eight hits.

Starter Kevin Seibert (5-8) was the loser.

Ozark starter Jim Wolscheid went the distance to pick up the win. Mel Hall had a double and single, knocking in three runs for the visitors.

AUTO RACING

SPARTA, Ky. (AP) — Actor Jason Priestley was becoming more alert and should recover fully from a concussion, broken back and other injuries sustained when his race car crashed into a wall at 180 mph, doctors said Monday.

The 32-year-old former "Beverly Hills 90210" star, competing in the new Infiniti Pro Series, spun into the wall at Kentucky Speedway during practice Sunday.

Priestley was flown to the University of Kentucky Medical Center with a spinal fracture and a head injury, as well as a broken nose and broken bones in both feet.

Priestley was in serious but stable condition Monday morning.

"Jason does not have any injury that shouldn't fully recover," said Dr. Andrew Bernard, trauma surgeon at University of Kentucky hospital, at a news conference Monday.

Priestly was breathing on his own, responding to commands and becoming more and more aware of his surroundings, doctors said Monday morning.

"We have no indication from any of the scans that he's had that he has any further damage to his head," Indy Racing League medical director Henry Bock said earlier. There also was no sign of paralysis, he said.

Priestley, a native of British Columbia, became a TV heartthrob starring with Luke Perry, Shannen Doherty and Jennie Garth in the Fox network's "Beverly Hills 90210," which ran from 1990 to 2000. He played Brandon Walsh, the Minnesota boy whose family moves to Beverly Hills and learns to adjust to life there.

In recent years, he began focusing on auto racing and was considered to be a knowledgeable and talented driver.

"He's gotten to know everybody and changed everybody's opinion of him. He's shown he's a good racer. He's been running up front," driver Ed Carpenter said.

Hunting, fishing licenses will have new look



By L. D. STRATE
SPORTS Editor

Attention, outdoors people!

Hunting and fishing licenses for the 2002-2003 season go on sale across Texas Thursday at hundreds of of license vendors and Parks and Wildlife Department offices.

The fee is still the same, but the license will have a different look this season.

This year's licenses will resemble older licenses, with deer and turkey tags around its borders. That cash register receipt look is gone.

There will also be a log on the back where hunters will be asked to keep track of game animals they harvest.

All licenses from the current year expire Aug. 31.

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Super senior Wendell Palmer just keeps rolling along.

No Masters track and field athlete has set more records than the the 70-year-old Palmer, who will be inducted into the Texas Senior Games Hall of Fame in Lubbock on Aug. 31.

Palmer is in Orono, Maine this week where he will be competing in the National Masters Track and Field Meet.

Palmer has been an imposing figure in the Nationals, winning the discus 15 times and the shot put five times.

He was a world age-group champion in the discus in 1989.

Palmer recently won three firsts and a second place in the weight events at the Texas State Masters Meet.

In the 70-74 age group, he threw the discus for an American record of 157-6, breaking his own national mark by one inch.

That's a combined total of 21 American and world age-group records Palmer has to his credit.

Palmer has been battling back problems for several months, but he's still one of the favorites to win at Nationals.

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The Pampa Harvesters will be re-united with Gary Newcomb in the season football opener at Perryton.

Newcomb is a former assistant coach at Pampa High.

He's now head coach at Perryton.

Perryton, a Class 3A school, isn't expected to be a pushover.

Newcomb guided the Rangers to an 11-3 record and as far as the state semifinals a year ago

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The passing of baseball hall of famer Enos "Country" Slaughter brought back some memories.

He played 19 seasons with the St. Louis Cardinals and New York Yankees. He was on four World Series championship teams.

His bubble gum card was a keeper. In other words, his card didn't end up on your bicycle spokes.

Pampa futbol



(Courtesy photo)

Several youngsters participated in a British Soccer Camp held recently in Pampa. British coach David Stuart from Glasgow, Scotland came to Pampa, thanks to Ron Jouett of the Pampa Soccer Association. Campers pictured are (front row, l-r) Harley Jacobs, Megan Jouett,, Tanner Dyson, Mitch Kelley, Rusty Snider and Colby Copeland; (back row, l-r) Olin Boyd, Erica Schepp, coach David Stuart, Kenny Hightower, Landon Long and Alyssya Seitz. Not pictured are Matthew O'Rear and Brendon Rice. After practicing skills and drills, the campers wre divided into four teams (England, Ireland Scotland and Wales). During the week, the teams did "homework," researching facts about their World Cup team country, and creating team mascots and their countries' flags.

New football helmets expected to reduce risk of concussions

CHICAGO (AP) — The NFL's top football helmet manufacturer is looking to turn more heads, especially on campuses around the country, with a new model it claims could reduce the risk of concussions.

Riddell Sports' longer, extra-padded helmet doesn't have the on-the-field results to declare it a safer helmet yet. But its appearance in pro training camps and on some college and high school practice fields this summer signals the latest innovative play-calling in a hard-hitting market involving three helmet makers, competing to equip more than 2 million players in the United States.

Manufacturers are giving teams, players and parents more choices and a slightly more streamlined look for a piece of equipment that hasn't changed much in the past two decades.

"One company pushes another — one does something that's innovative and the other one adopts it," said Bill Jarvis, athletic equipment manager at Northwestern University, whose players test gear for Riddell and wear a variety of helmets.

Riddell's Revolution is the first football helmet to be marketed on the claim that it might be able to cut down on concussions — a claim that has the Chicago company's competitors grumbling about hype and lack of evidence.

Its arrival comes on the heels of a new lighter-weight helmet from Adams USA Inc., which bought out the helmets of Bike Athletic Co. Adams says the lightness of its Elite series helmets might reduce the risk of certain injuries because players aren't as inclined to drop their heads when they get tired.

Both approaches may be right for different reasons and different injuries, according to helmet expert and industry consultant Dave Halstead. But he said neither is likely to lessen the most troubling risk in football — catastrophic brain injury.

"I don't think there's a helmet out there that's somehow going to be the panacea," said Halstead, technical adviser to the National Operating Committee for Standards on Athletic Equipment and director of the Sports Biomechanics Impact Research Center at the University of Tennessee. "What football helmets do today is keep you from getting killed."

Hafner's bat boosts Rangers past Indians, 11-5

CLEVELAND (AP) — Travis Hafner learned a lot, and even taught the Cleveland Indians a few things.

Hafner nearly hit for the cycle and Alex Rodriguez hit his AL-leading 38th homer to lead the Texas Rangers to an 11-5 victory over the Indians on Sunday.

"It's a real big jump in pitching," said Hafner, who went 4-for-5 with three RBIs against Cleveland. He made his major league debut Tuesday after batting .338 with 19 homers at Triple-A Oklahoma City.

"It's just a whole new learning process," Hafner added. "I try to learn as much as I can. Walking up to the plate the first time was the only time I was nervous."

Rodriguez liked what he has seen of the 6-foot-4 left-hander.

"He reminds me a little of a young Carlos Delgado, but he's also a very disciplined hitter," Rodriguez said. "I like his patience, his approach, and his nice short swing."

Hafner singled and scored in the second inning as the Rangers roughed up Charles Nagy (1-3) for six runs in 1 2-3 innings.

Hafner hit his first career homer, a two-run shot off the right-field foul pole, for an 8-0 lead in the fourth.

He doubled in the sixth inning.

Then in the seventh, needing a triple for the cycle, Hafner hit an opposite-field liner off the wall in left-center to score Herbert Perry from first base for a 10-4 lead.

When the ball was bobbled by left fielder Matt Lawton for an instant, Hafner tried for third, but was thrown out.

"Yeah, I went for it," Hafner said. "I'm here to play hard. It's totally awesome up here. It is everything you dream of and I am having a blast."

Rodriguez had three hits, Rafael Palmeiro drove in three runs and Aaron Myette won for the first time since last September for Texas. Frank Catalanotto singled, doubled, tripled and scored three runs.

Myette (1-4) started in place of Chan Ho Park, who went on the disabled list Wednesday with a blistered finger.

The right-hander twice worked out of jams. With the bases loaded in the third, Myette struck out Ellis Burks and Jim Thome. Cleveland put the first two runners on in the fourth, but Myette got a forceout and double-play grounder. Texas turned four double plays.

"He didn't cave in," Indians manager Joel Skinner said. "When a guy pitches like he did and wins, you say he was effectively wild. When he gets hit, you say he was behind in the count a lot."

Myette allowed two unearned runs, three hits and four walks in five-plus innings. He hit two batters with pitches and struck out six.

"Any win feels good," Myette said. "It was a big step for me to trust my stuff, but I was still a little inconsistent."

Myette lowered his ERA from 11.91 to 9.76 and won for the first time since last Sept. 28.

Rodriguez lined a first-pitch fastball from reliever Jason Phillips into the left-field stands for a 9-0 lead in the sixth.

Catalanotto tripled into the right-field corner to open the game and scored on a sacrifice fly by Kevin Mench.

Catalanotto's RBI double in the second helped to make it 6-0. He singled and scored on a wild pitch by Jason Beverlin in the eighth for 11-4.

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Notes: Hafner and Catalanotto were bidding to join Oddibe McDowell as the only Rangers to hit for the cycle. McDowell did it July 23,1985, against Cleveland. ... Nagy's ERA went to 8.86 after his shortest start since July 1, 2001. ... Omar Vizquel got two hits, snapping an 0-for-27 slump. ... Hafner became only the fifth native of North Dakota to homer in a major league game.

Texans making new fans

HOUSTON (AP) — Among several hundred Houston Texans who waited in line for autographs at Compaq's HP Factory Outlet store off the North Freeway was Katrina Jagielski.

On her wedding anniversary, Jagielski didn't demand that her husband take her to a four-star restaurant or buy her an expensive diamond bracelet.

She simply asked him to use his influence as a company security chief at Compaq to get her into Sunday's autograph session, the Houston Chronicle reported in Monday's editions.

"I told him he better make sure he gets me in," Jagielski said, laughing.

Six Houston players — Jamie Sharper, Billy Granville, Jerry Wisne, James Tuthill, Jabari Issa and Mike Jenkins — and the Texans mascot, Toro, signed footballs, helmets and photos of themselves for children and adults excited about the National Football League's return to Houston.

Cody Wick, 16, was among those who waited nearly 90 minutes to get a place at the head of the line.

"Once the Oilers left, I didn't really care about (pro) football," said Wick, who plays high school football at Waller High. "I'm really excited about the new team."

Mark Dixon said he brought his 11-year-old son, Julian, and his son's friend, Patrick Davis, 11, so they could see the pro players up close.

"We're excited to see them in Houston," Dixon said. "I wanted to see a new team."

Alex Saldana, 14, said he hoped to get all the players' autographs, but was especially excited at a chance to meet Sharper, a starting linebacker for the Texans.

Anita Linden of Bellaire said she came about noon to get one of the spots near the front of the line. Her 6-year-old son was hoping to get one or more autographs on his white football pants.

Jagielski said she rooted for the Dallas Cowboys during the years Houston was without a team.

"I still like the Cowboys, but not when they are playing the Texans," she said.

Sosa's slam caps a big weekend at Coors Field

Cubs' slugger sets NL record for RBIs in consecutive games

By MIKE FITZPATRICK
AP Sports Writer

Sammy Sosa capped a big weekend at Coors Field, Curt Schilling is one win from 20 and the Atlanta Braves just keep rolling along.

Sosa hit a grand slam and drove in five runs as the Chicago Cubs beat the Colorado Rockies 12-9 Sunday.

With nine RBIs on Saturday, when he hit a trio of three-run homers, Sosa set an NL record for RBIs in consecutive games with 14.

He went 8-for-12 in the three-game set and leads the majors with 39 home runs.

"I haven't had a series like this in a long time," Sosa said.

On his third try, Schilling (19-4) hardly broke a sweat while becoming the season's first 19-game winner.

He pitched seven scoreless innings as the Arizona Diamondbacks completed a three-game sweep of the Florida Marlins with a 9-2 victory.

Randy Johnson struck out 14 in an easy win over Florida on Saturday. He and Schilling lead the majors in strikeouts with 240 and 238, respectively.

"It reminds me of the old days of Koufax and Drysdale," Marlins manager Jeff Torborg said.

Chipper Jones had a career-high five hits, helping Kevin Millwood (11-6) win for the ninth time in 10 decisions as Atlanta beat the Houston Astros 13-3.

The Braves (77-40) won for the 10th time in 12 games.

They have the best record in the majors and a 19-game lead in the NL East — the largest margin in any division.

"I don't know if I've been any better," Millwood said. "It is one of those things, you get on a roll and you do everything you can to keep it going."

In other NL games, it was: San Francisco 5, Pittsburgh 4 in 11 innings; Cincinnati 9, San Diego 7 in 12 innings; Philadelphia 6, Los Angeles 3; St. Louis 9, New York 0; and Milwaukee 6, Montreal 2.

Frustrated with Chicago's losing ways, Sosa recently said he will seriously consider leaving as a free agent after the 2003 season.

He also vowed not to fly on the team's charter plane again, which he feels is unsafe after two emergency landings in the last two months.

None of that has affected Sosa's hitting, and he put on quite a power display in Colorado.

"A lot of Sammy over the weekend," Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said, shaking his head.

Schilling, who will go for his 20th win Friday against the Cubs, was headed to Chicago for the players' association meeting Monday, when a strike date could be set.

"I want to hear that we've got something solved, something done," he said.

Gary Sheffield hit his 21st home run for the Braves, who had a season-high 20 hits.

Giants 5, Pirates 4, 11 innings

Pinch-hitter Ramon Martinez singled home the winning run off Mike Williams (1-3) in the 11th inning at Pacific Bell Park.

Jeff Kent homered and drove in two runs for the Giants, who won for the sixth time in eight games even though closer Robb Nen blew a 4-3 lead in the ninth.

Barry Bonds started the winning rally with his fourth walk of the game. Nen (6-1) went a season-high three innings for the victory.

Reds 9, Padres 7, 12 innings

Aaron Boone hit a two-run homer off Brandon Villafuerte (1-1) in the 12th as Cincinnati blew a late five-run lead before completing a three-game sweep at Cinergy Field.

The Reds led 7-2 after six innings, but their bullpen let it slip away.

Bubba Trammell hit a solo homer in the seventh off Scott Williamson and a two-run shot in the ninth off Danny Graves that tied it.

The game was delayed by rain for 1 hour, 33 minutes in the ninth. Boone also hit three homers in the series opener Friday night.

Phillies 6, Dodgers 3

Jimmy Rollins capped his first career five-hit game with a tiebreaking RBI single in the eighth, and Philadelphia bounced back from two crushing losses at Dodger Stadium.

Mark Grudzielanek and Marquis Grissom each homered for the third time in three games, but the Dodgers tied a season high with four errors and saw their wild card lead over San Francisco cut to a half-game.

Cardinals 9, Mets 0

Scott Rolen hit his first home run with St. Louis and a two-run triple, lifting Chuck Finley over Pedro Astacio (11-5) at Busch Stadium.

Rolen, who arrived in a trade with Philadelphia on July 29, snapped a 2-for-32 slump.

He finished with three hits, two walks and three RBIs. Albert Pujols added a two-run double.

The Cardinals won for the fourth time in 11 games to maintain a two-game lead over Cincinnati in the NL Central. Finley (3-2) pitched five-hit ball for seven innings, striking out seven.

Brewers 6, Expos 2

Ben Sheets (6-14) scattered five hits over eight innings, getting home run support from Matt Stairs, Richie Sexson and Jose Hernandez at Miller Park.

Vladimir Guerrero hit his 32nd homer for Montreal, and third in three games.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	77	40	.658	—
Montreal	58	59	.496	19
New York	58	59	.496	19
Florida	56	61	.479	21
Philadelphia	55	62	.470	22

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	62	52	.544	—
Cincinnati	61	55	.526	2
Houston	60	56	.517	3
Pittsburgh	52	65	.444	11 1/2
Chicago	50	65	.435	12 1/2
Milwaukee	42	75	.359	21 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	73	45	.619	—
Los Angeles	66	52	.559	7
San Francisco	65	52	.556	7 1/2
Colorado	54	63	.462	18 1/2
San Diego	48	69	.410	24 1/2

Saturday's Games
St. Louis 5, N.Y. Mets 4
Houston 8, Atlanta 5
Arizona 9, Florida 2
San Francisco 8, Pittsburgh 3
Milwaukee 5, Montreal 2
Cincinnati 9, San Diego 0
Chicago Cubs 15, Colorado 1
Los Angeles 10, Philadelphia 8
Sunday's Games
Milwaukee 6, Montreal 2
Atlanta 13, Houston 3
Chicago Cubs 12, Colorado 9
Cincinnati 9, San Diego 7, 12 innings
Arizona 9, Florida 2
San Francisco 5, Pittsburgh 4, 11 innings
Philadelphia 6, Los Angeles 3
St. Louis 9, N.Y. Mets 0
Monday's Games
Colorado (Jennings 12-5) at Florida (Burnett 11-8), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Simontacchi 7-4) at Pittsburgh (Meadows 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Oswalt 13-6) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 9-5), 8:05 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Houston (Munro 2-2) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 9-8), 2:20 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ashby 8-9) at Montreal (Ohka 9-6), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Hampton 6-13) at Florida (Tavarez 8-9), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Morris 13-7) at Pittsburgh (J.Anderson 8-12), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Rusch 6-11) at Philadelphia (Padilla 11-7), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Peavy 3-4) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 8-7), 7:10 p.m.
Arizona (Helling 7-8) at Cincinnati (Haynes 12-7), 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 7-8) at Atlanta (Maddux 11-3), 7:35 p.m.

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East Division

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New York	72	44	.621	—
Boston	68	48	.586	4
Baltimore	56	59	.487	15 1/2
Toronto	51	65	.440	21
Tampa Bay	39	78	.333	33 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	70	49	.588	—
Chicago	57	62	.479	13
Cleveland	51	65	.440	17 1/2
Kansas City	48	70	.407	21 1/2
Detroit	45	72	.385	24

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	72	46	.610	—
Anaheim	69	48	.590	2 1/2
Oakland	68	50	.576	4
Texas	50	67	.427	21 1/2

Saturday's Games
Cleveland 4, Texas 3
Boston 2, Minnesota 0
Seattle 7, Chicago White Sox 3
Anaheim 11, Toronto 4
Oakland 8, N.Y. Yankees 0
Baltimore 3, Detroit 2
Tampa Bay 13, Kansas City 6
Sunday's Games
Anaheim 1, Toronto 0
Boston 3, Minnesota 1
Texas 11, Cleveland 5
N.Y. Yankees 8, Oakland 5
Detroit 2, Baltimore 1
Chicago White Sox 6, Seattle 5
Kansas City 10, Tampa Bay 0
Monday's Games
Detroit (Redman 7-9) at Anaheim (Appier 9-9), 10:05 p.m.
Toronto (Loaiza 4-6) at Oakland (Harang 4-2), 10:05 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Cleveland (Sabathia 7-9) at Tampa Bay (Sturtze 1-12), 7:15 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 5-10) at Minnesota (Reed 9-6), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 9-3) at Kansas City (Suppan 8-11), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Glover 4-5) at Texas (Benoit 2-1), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Lima 3-5) at Anaheim (Sele 8-8), 10:05 p.m.
Boston (Burkett 10-5) at Seattle (Pineiro 11-4), 10:05 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 4-4) at Oakland (Zito 15-5), 10:05 p.m.

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Eastern Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Wichita (Royals)	33	17	.660	—
x-Tulsa (Rangers)	26	24	.520	7
Shreveport (Giants)	19	31	.380	14
Arkansas (Angels)	14	36	.280	19

Western Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio(Mariners)	29	21	.580	—
El Paso(Diamondbacks)	27	23	.540	2
x-Round Rock(Astros)	27	23	.540	2
Midland (Athletics)	25	25	.500	4

x-won first half

Saturday's Games
El Paso 6, Round Rock 5, 10 innings
San Antonio 1, Midland 0
Tulsa 9, Arkansas 2
Wichita 2, Shreveport 0
Sunday's Games
No games scheduled
Monday's Games
Arkansas at Midland
Round Rock at Tulsa
San Antonio at Wichita
Shreveport at El Paso
Tuesday's Games
Arkansas at Midland
Round Rock at Tulsa
San Antonio at Wichita
Shreveport at El Paso

BASKETBALL

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-New York	18	13	.581	—
x-Charlotte	17	14	.548	1
x-Washington	17	14	.548	1
Indiana	15	16	.484	3
Orlando	15	16	.484	3
Miami	14	17	.452	4
Cleveland	10	21	.323	8
Detroit	9	22	.290	9

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	24	7	.774	—
x-Houston	23	8	.742	1
x-Utah	19	12	.613	5
x-Seattle	17	14	.548	7
Portland	16	16	.500	8 1/2
Sacramento	13	17	.433	10 1/2
Phoenix	11	20	.355	13
Minnesota	10	21	.323	14

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched conference

Saturday's Game
Sacramento 61, Houston 59
Sunday's Games
Orlando 71, Detroit 58
Charlotte 71, New York 58
Los Angeles 69, Minnesota 58
Washington 60, Cleveland 54
Indiana 77, Miami 63
Seattle 74, Utah 57
Phoenix 73, Portland 70
Monday's Game
Sacramento at Utah, 9 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Washington at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Miami, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
New York at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Seattle at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
End Regular Season

Healthy Westbrook out to land starting job

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Bryant Westbrook is healthy and back in Texas to win a starting cornerback job with the Dallas Cowboys, and coach Dave Campo is inclined to give him plenty of opportunities to do just that.

Westbrook, a former star at Texas, didn't bowl over the coaching staff in the Cowboys' 20-6 victory over Oakland on Friday in the team's first preseason contest.

In fact, Campo spoke more highly Sunday of the performances of cornerbacks Pat Dennis and Jason Bell in the game.

"I have a pretty good feel for Pat Dennis," the coach said of the third-year player out of Louisiana-Monroe. "He did some things for us last year, and I'll be honest, I like him — he's a football player."

But when it comes to Westbrook, who signed as a free agent in the offseason after five years in Detroit, Campo says he'll be patient.

Stewart wins at Watkins Glen

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. (AP) — As he begins his emotional healing process, Tony Stewart might do well to remember the words of old rival Robby Gordon.

"A little love," Gordon said when asked to describe his latest scrape with Stewart.

No, Stewart didn't get into another off-track altercation. On the 13th lap of the race Sunday, he hit Gordon, then held him off at the end to win at Watkins Glen International.

Stewart was racing for the first time since being placed on a season-long probation for the second year in a row and fined $60,000 for punching a photographer Aug. 4 at the Brickyard 400 in Indianapolis. He's seeking professional help for his explosive temper, but doesn't think the victory will begin to cure his problem.

"It's a Band-Aid," he said. "It's not going to heal me a bit."

But the tenor of Gordon — with whom Stewart once traded shoves in the garage area at Daytona — was one of respect for another aggressive racer without animosity borne by defeat. Stewart also could learn from it.

"Tony tried top dive-bomb me," Gordon said of the move Stewart made at the end of the front straight on the 2.45-mile road course. "He locked up his brakes, got into the side of me. That's racing."

Although he had to spend most of his time after the race explaining how ashamed he was of himself for his behavior a week earlier, Stewart might have unknowingly taken the first step on his road to recovery by easily accepting responsibility for hitting Gordon.

"It was my fault," Stewart said. "He gave me plenty of racing room down there on the bottom. I blew the corner and that's where the contact was."

Then, perhaps, came the second step in the self-healing process.

"I just kind of lifted to let him get his spot back because I wasn't going to take it by shoving him up the racetrack," Stewart said.

His Pontiac won by 1.636 seconds. It was his 15th career victory and third this year, matching Matt Kenseth for the most on the Winston Cup circuit.

Stewart hounded rookie Ryan Newman, who took the lead in his Ford on the 63rd of 90 laps, trying him inside and outside on the serpentine course. On the 72nd lap, the 31-year-old Stewart made his move on the 10th turn, and completed it on the 11th and final corner on the 72nd lap.

"Tony got me there coming into 10 and I was driving with the mirror the rest of the way," Newman said.

Stewart got away from Gordon with a quick restart one-third of the way through the $3.6 million event, and did the same thing to Newman when the green flag waved following caution periods that ended on the 76th and 82nd laps.

He survived one more restart after Kenny Wallace crashed hard into the foam wall on the 87th lap to bring out a race-halting red flag while the barrier was repaired. The race went green for a final lap — after a delay of 12 minutes, 45 seconds — but Stewart got the jump and drove away.

"I thought we still had a shot at it, but I wasn't ready for Tony to take off in turn 10," Gordon said of the final restart.

Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Aug.13, 2002:
You have the ability to swing from extremely social behavior to being an introvert. No one can pigeonhole you. Use your high vitality constructively in order to increase your strength and accomplish what you want. Curb a tendency to go to excess, which could be the source of a problem. Your humor and personality help others feel more at ease. You begin a new luck cycle this month, which might have many ups and downs, but in general will be positive. If you are single, you will have the option to change that status. In the next nine months someone quite spectacular enters your life. If attached, let the embers become sparks again. Add that touch of romance. A new home or addition might be in the stars! SCORPIO tests your limits.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Others come to you, though you might be quite sour about an idea. Unexpected developments involving a friend and a long-time relationship delight and surprise. Curb a tendency to overindulge in your present celebratory mood. Tonight: Fulfill another's request.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Dig into work. A boss makes an unusual request that might be difficult to fulfill. Should you feel intimidated or overwhelmed, ask for some support or help. Paperwork and calls start piling up. Prioritize and find solutions. Tonight: Go along with already-established plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Your mind drifts, delighting others with your imaginative plans. Look around. You might have a not-so-secret admirer. What would you like to happen here? Dig into work, and you'll accomplish a lot. You will make a key decision through concentrating on something else. Tonight: Happy at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Stirring out of your home might take an extra push. Think of something very special you might like to do. By energizing yourself in this manner, you cheer up and soar like an eagle. Later in the day, tap into your imagination, and you'll find answers. Tonight: Now for an adventure.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Express your innate sense of direction, despite someone's negativity. You've got what it takes. Allow others to have more influence on your decisions. You cannot be certain that you have thought out all details completely. Tonight: Happy at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ The pros and cons of a money matter finally get aired out. You'll find solutions if you just let go of a need to control or have things your way. Realize more of what might be needed. Make a gesture toward someone who might feel isolated. Tonight: Haunt your favorite spot.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Others will agree, even if you might have difficulty converting one person to your way of thinking. Your enormous charisma and creativity swing personal and professional matters to your favor. Deal with someone quite possessive. Tonight: Treat yourself to a new outfit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Step back, and others will reveal their true colors. How something goes and what happens could change your mind about a particular development. Flow with the unexpected. Express your personality. Beam in more of what you desire in the afternoon. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Let others understand your goals and directions. Use the a.m. to move a sometimes-conservative associate to your way of thinking. Close your door later on, if you want to get something done. Your gregarious personality aches to socialize. Tonight: Just for you.

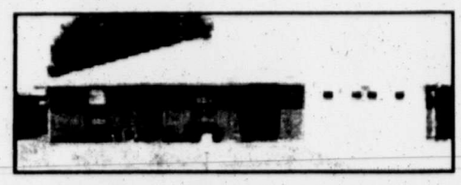
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Check out information. You discover that there might even be a thread of truth in some gossip. When you're ready to take a stand, do so. You discover that others easily differ. Follow the path to success. A meeting turns into a celebration. Tonight: You are the action.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Take a hint from Capricorn's message. The likelihood of understanding what motivates someone at a distance might be close to nil if you don't walk in his or her shoes. Others respond to your enthusiasm and energy. Tonight: Work as late as need be.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Be honest with yourself. If a partnership has become cumbersome, say so. Not everyone is in agreement with your ideas, but on a certain plane, a partner needs to be. Consider ways of clearing out a problem rather than avoiding the inevitable. Tonight: Choose an entertaining pastime.



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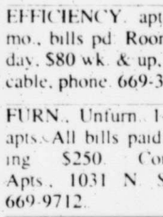
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Bioweapons expert denies any part in anthrax letters

By LAURA MECKLER
Associated Press Writer

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Fighting suggestions that he may have sent last fall's anthrax-laced letters, a bioweapons expert said he has never handled the toxin and fiercely denied any involvement in the deadly attacks.

Dr. Steven J. Hatfill said Sunday that he has cooperated with the investigation, only to see his life and work destroyed through speculation and innuendo by law enforcement officials and the news media.

"I am a loyal American and I love my country," Hatfill told reporters outside his lawyer's office. "I have had nothing to do in any way, shape or form with the mailing of these anthrax letters."

Hatfill, an American flag pin affixed to his lapel, said he had cooperated fully with authorities only to have defamatory information about him leaked to reporters.

He said he understood that authorities and the media had to consider his potential involvement after the letters killed five people and sickened more than a dozen others. "This does not, however, give them the right to smear me and gratuitously make a wasteland of my life in the process," he said.

Law enforcement officials have described Hatfill, 48, as a "person of interest," not a criminal suspect, and said he is only one of about 30 people being scrutinized.

A law enforcement official close to the case, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the scientist has not "received any more attention than any other person of interest in the investigation."

Hatfill's name, however, is the only one to have emerged publicly in the investigation.

And for that, he plans to ask the Justice Department to launch an investigation, a spokesman said Monday.

"You'd have to talk to his attorney, but I can tell you that they plan to file a complaint with the Justice Department's Office of Professional Responsibility to investigate" leaks to the news media about the probe, Pat Clawson said on NBC's "Today" show.

"Why would you want to single out someone for national attention if you do not have enough to charge them with a crime," he said.

Several questions have surfaced about Hatfill, including what appear to be exaggerations on his resume, his involvement in fighting for white rule in the former African colony of Rhodesia and whether he lost his security clearance while working for a defense contractor.

Neither he nor his lawyer, Victor M. Glasberg, would answer questions about his past. But Hatfill did say that anyone's life can be "picked apart" for inconsistencies.

"I do not claim to have lived a perfect life," he said.

Hatfill emphasized that his background is in the study of viral diseases such as Ebola, not bacterial diseases such as anthrax.

He said he was routinely vaccinated against anthrax because of his work at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute at Fort Detrick, Md., once home to the U.S. biological warfare program and repository for the Ames strain of anthrax that was used in the attacks. But he said he had not been inoculated since 1999 and had been susceptible to anthrax since 2000.

It is unclear how much residual protection he would have had from his earlier vaccinations.

Actor Jason Priestley's spine fractured in race car crash at speedway

SPARTA, Ky. (AP) — Actor Jason Priestley was in serious but stable condition Monday with a concussion and broken back a day after his race car crashed into a wall at 180 mph.

The 32-year-old former "Beverly Hills 90210" star, competing in the new Infiniti Pro Series, spun into the wall at Kentucky Speedway during practice Sunday.

Priestley was flown to the University of Kentucky Medical Center with a spinal fracture and a closed head injury, as well as a broken nose and broken bones in both feet.

Priestly was listed in serious but stable condition Monday morning, said Mary Margaret Colliver, a spokeswoman for the medical center.

Sunday night, Indy Racing League medical director Henry Bock said Priestly was breathing on his own.

"We have no indication from any of the scans that he's had that he has any further damage to his head," Bock said. "He has his eyes open, he looks around and will follow commands." There also was no sign of paralysis, he said.

Priestley, a native of British Columbia, became a TV heartthrob starring with Luke Perry, Shannen Doherty and Jennie Garth in the Fox network's "Beverly Hills 90210," which ran from 1990 to 2000. He played Brandon Walsh, the Minnesota boy whose family moves to Beverly Hills and learns to adjust to life there.

In recent years, he began focusing on auto racing and was considered to be a knowledgeable and talented driver.

"He's gotten to know everybody and changed everybody's opinion of him. He's shown he's a good racer. He's been running up front," driver Ed Carpenter said.

On Saturday, he qualified his Dallara-Infiniti — similar to an Indy Racing League car but smaller and less powerful — for a start next to pole-winner A.J. Foyt IV for Sunday's 100-mile race. The Infiniti Pro Series is the IRL's developmental series.

He crashed coming out of the second turn in the final practice, apparently after driving through a patch of "oil-dry," an absorbent material that had been spread on part of the track about 10 minutes earlier to soak up oil from another car.

"He got sideways and he corrected and then shot off the track," said former Indy 500 winner Arie Luyendyk, whose son, Arie Jr., competes with Priestley.

"He turned right into the wall, and his first impact was basically head-on," Luyendyk said. "I saw it from the top of the roof. What I'm thinking is that's really the one big hit that he took that might have hurt him."

In April, Priestley crashed a powerboat during a race in Miami, leaving one crew member with cracked ribs. In 1995, he crashed into a ditch during the Michelin SCCA Pro Rally in Olympia, Wash., but recovered to finish the race.

Last year, he completed an alcohol counseling program he was ordered to attend when he pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor DUI charge stemming from a December 1999 car crash in the Hollywood Hills. Priestley's Porsche was totaled and a friend broke an arm in the accident.

Priestly was nominated for two Golden Globe Awards and produced and directed a number of documentaries, television dramas, cable network specials and music videos. His film credits include "Eye of the Beholder," "Calendar Girl" and "Love and Death on Long Island."

Youths gear up for mission campaign

DALLAS (AP) — About 5,000 young people got an early start on preparations for Billy Graham's last scheduled evangelistic campaign of 2002.

The Christian youths from across North Texas took part in three hours of worship, music and prayer on a hot Sunday afternoon at Texas Stadium in Irving, home of the Dallas Cowboys.

The ailing evangelist's health was among the items on a prayer list.

Graham, 83, has Parkinson's disease and underwent brain surgery last year. His last scheduled evangelistic campaign this year is the "Metroplex Mission with Billy Graham," announced for Oct. 17-20 at Texas Stadium.

It would be his first such appearance in Dallas-Fort Worth since 1971.

The message to students Sunday was that they can make a difference by sharing their faith. They were asked to invite friends to the October event.

"Jesus doesn't need any more fans," said Ron Hutchcraft, a nationally known youth leader from New Jersey. "He needs players to get in the game and score for him."

Alexandria Williams, 18, of Dallas, watched in awe as the music of Austin-based Christian band Salvador moved the students to dance and lift their hands in worship.

"It's so cool to see because it's not just one color," The Dallas Morning News quoted her for Monday's editions. "It's people of all races coming together for one purpose — to worship God."

PFAA to offer stained glass beginner class

Pampa Fine Arts Association (PFAA) will sponsor a beginner's stained glass workshop with Christine Alexander from 5:30-9:30 p.m., Aug. 21-23 at Lovett Memorial Library.

Alexander's workshop – an introduction to basic stained glass fabrication techniques – will include discussion of history, tools, materials, and safety topics involved in the art of stained glass as well as hands-on demonstrations and practice of glass-cutting, copper foil fabrication and lead came fabrication.

The goal of the three-day clinic is to teach basic skills while completing two small glass panels.

Additional topics such as design, color, glass selection, and structural reinforcement will be explored as time permits.

The workshop will involve fabrication and construction of two suncatchers. Cost of the workshop $100. This fee includes all required materials. Deadline for registration is Aug. 14. For more information, contact Lee Crow, PFAA offices, 665-0343.



(Courtesy photo)
Here is an example of Christine Alexander's work. Reserve your space in this PFAA-sponsored workshop by calling Lee Crow at 665-0343.

Video casino icon struggles since SC ban

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Things have not been rosy for Henry Ingram since South Carolina banned video gambling two years ago.

Ingram, who once owned five video casinos in South Carolina, filed for bankruptcy last March in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Corpus Christi. His statement lists $2.9 million in assets and $3.8 million in liabilities.

Ingram, who works as a consultant to video gambling parlors in Texas, blames South Carolina's ban on video gambling for his troubles. He said he lost several million dollars and let go of 150 workers when the ban began on July 1, 2000.

"Texas is very friendly to do business," he said. "They bend over backwards to help you. Whereas South Carolina makes you bend over backwards to stay in business."

He's still angry at "two-faced politicians," who he says replaced his machines with the state Education Lottery.

"Now they're addicting them to scratch-offs," he said.

Ingram fought in court to keep South Carolina from banning his machines. While he lost that battle, he said he was glad to see his former opponent, state Attorney General Charlie Condon, lose his bid for governor in the Republican primary this year.

"I guess Condon found out what people think about him," he said.

Ingram was arrested by State Law Enforcement Division agents, who said he left three machines in a store in Ridgeland, S.C., running for several hours after the ban started. The charge was dropped, agency spokeswoman Kathryn Richardson said.

'Bathroom man' teaches students responsibility through clean restrooms

AVONDALE ESTATES, Ga. (AP) — In some school bathrooms, Tom Keating discovered it was easier to find the toilet paper hanging from the ceiling than the roll. In others, the toilets were chronically backed up, obscenities were scrawled on the walls and cigarette butts littered the sinks.

Everywhere he went, students told Keating they would rather wait all day than use filthy school restrooms.

That's when he found his calling as "Bathroom Man." He and his group, called Project CLEAN, get students to take on bathroom cleaning duty, learn responsibility and make school bathrooms a little less frightening.

"If you're here in a public place, you've got to learn some common responsibility. You don't pee on the floor — someone needs to teach the kids that," Keating said while walking through Avondale High School outside Atlanta, his latest project.

Cleaning duties such as scrubbing toilets and taking out the trash are usually handled by custodians. Keating, a former teacher, wants students to clean after themselves and help decorate bathrooms.

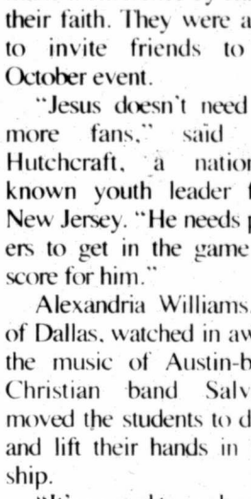
At Avondale, the transformation was obvious. Students gave the women's bathroom a fresh coat of red paint, hung paintings and draped ribbons across the ceiling. Brightly colored flowers sat in fixtures on the walls. Obscene graffiti has vanished from stall doors, and the restrooms almost smell pleasant.

At most schools, the changes are subtle. The signs above doors are changed from "Girls" and "Boys" to "Women" and "Men." Newly installed soap dispensers are curved around the edges so it's impossible to balance cigarette butts. Men's bathroom stalls now have doors, and heavy-duty toilet paper dispensers keep the paper stocked and prevent vandalism.

Keating cites studies showing as many as four out of 10 students avoid their school restrooms. While it is difficult to draw a direct link between clean bathrooms and academic achievement, Keating said students will pay closer attention in class if they aren't distracted.

Avondale Principal Tim Freeman said students' attitudes have noticeably improved since the school began working with Project CLEAN, which stands for Citizens, Learners and Educators Against Neglect.

Keating hopes his clean-bathroom quest catches on beyond the several school systems he's contracted with so far.



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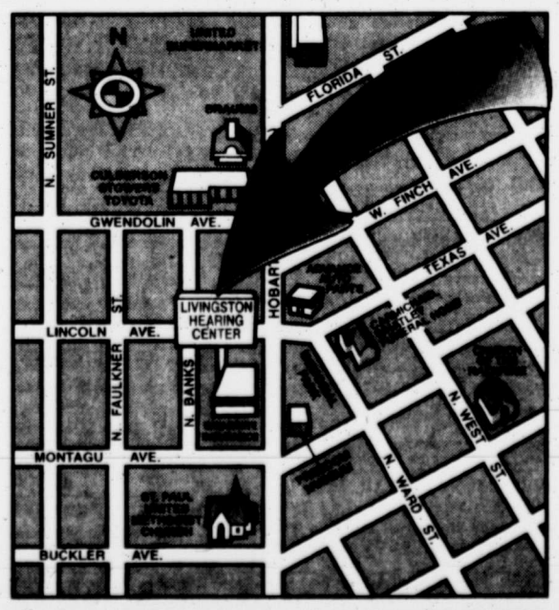
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