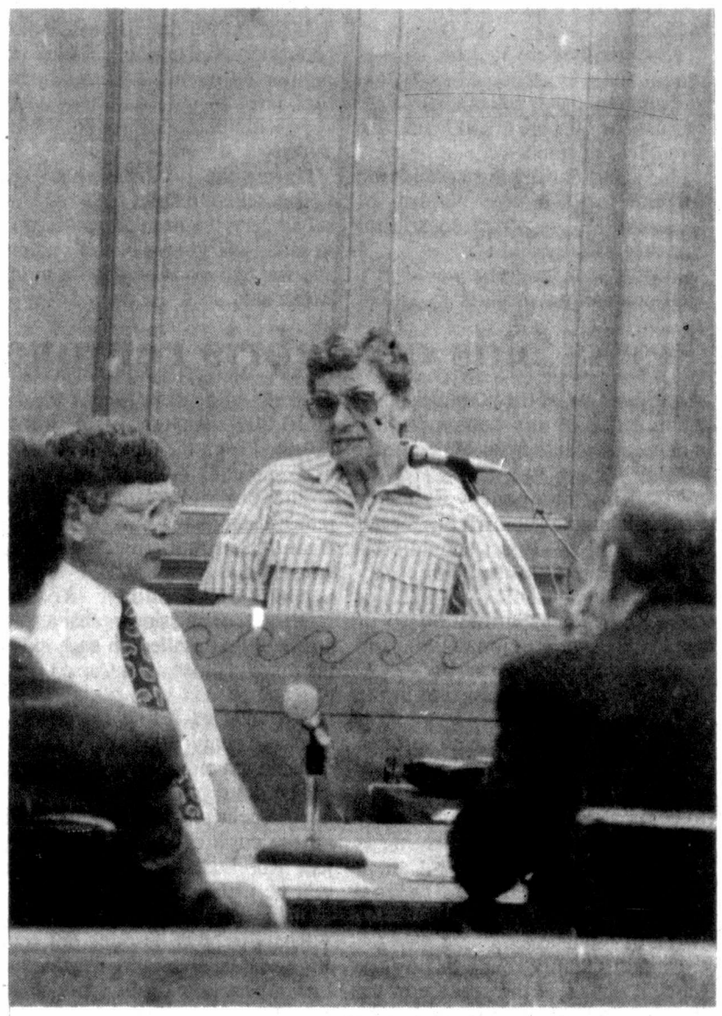
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Lawsuit on alleged negligence in care opens



(Staff photo by Darlene Holmes)

Ruth Abbott testifies in 223rd District Court this morning in a civil lawsuit alleging negligence leading to the death of her mother.

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
Lifestyles Editor

A civil lawsuit alleging negligence in regard to the care of an 88-year old Pampa woman opened in 223rd District Court Monday.

Ruth Abbott, individually and as administratrix of the estate of Bessie Inez Curtis, has alleged in court documents filed Nov. 13, 1990, that Beverly Enterprises-Texas Inc., d/b/a/ Coronado Nursing Center, failed to provide Curtis with appropriate care, leading to Curtis's death Sept. 18, 1990.

The original suit was amended Sept. 17, 1992 to include Pampa physician Dr. Laxmand Bhatia. In that document, damages totaling over $2.3 million were requested by Abbott.

Abbott is the only child of Curtis.

The six man, six woman jury heard opening arguments Monday before Judge Lee Waters in the third floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse.

Amarillo attorney Gene Storrs, opening for the plaintiff, told jurors: "The case is about 'What was anybody doing about Bessie Inez Curtis's condition?' "

He explained that Curtis developed some abrasions on the third and fourth toes of her left foot about March 14, 1990, at which time she was a patient at CNC. The seemingly minor condition developed into an infection which progressed to gangrene requiring the amputation of the two toes and, a short time later, the left foot below the ankle. He alleged that the amputations led ultimately to Curtis's death in the fall of 1990.

Storrs told jurors that Bhatia didn't do more than make rounds at CNC as required by Medicare – once on March 31, 1990 and again on April 29, 1990. By the time of the April 29 visit, Storrs said, gangrene had become apparent in Curtis's foot.

"He either failed to come over and help this lady or the nursing home dropped the ball," Storrs said.

Curtis, Storrs said, began dying when the amputations began.

Tom Riney, representing CNC, delineated what he said were Curtis' medical problems at the time she entered the care facility on Feb. 14, 1989. He said that she suffered from vascular problems, as evidenced by a stroke in late 1988. He maintained that her artery problems were not in one part of her body only, but were in her foot, too. Perhaps the blood flow in Curtis's toes was too slight to carry the prescribed antibiotics, Riney suggested, and therefore failed to fight the infection.

Amputation was a result of the disease process, not a lack of care, Riney told jurors.

"Frankly, there isn't much that could be done to change the outcome," he said.

"She wasn't 'allowed' to have her foot turn gangrenous anymore than she was 'allowed' to have a stroke at Coronado Hospital," Riney said.

Bob Brown of Dallas, opened for Bhatia. He outlined to jurors Bhatia's qualifications – board certification in internal medicine and sub-board certification in infectious disease and gerontology.

He outlined a "road map" for jurors from Bhatia's point of view. Bhatia, he said, began treating Curtis in 1985, including her stays of about 130 days in the extended care unit of Coronado Hospital and about 90 days of acute care in the same facility. Brown said that an expert witness expected to be called by the plaintiff will not be qualified to comment on the case.

"Who is (Dr. Andrew Campbell) to criticize Dr. Bhatia with his qualifications?" Brown asked.

The attorney told jurors he was committed to proving that Curtis died, not from substandard care, but from a compromised vascular system.

Testifying first was plaintiff Ruth Abbott. Under questioning, she told jurors that her mother lived independently until late 1988 but after breaking her hip and suffering a stroke causing blindness, she was moved to CNC. Abbott said Curtis was visited daily by some family member, rode frequently in a wheelchair, heard clearly and understood what was said to her. She was unable to feed herself or tend to personal needs. Curtis suffered little pain, Abbott said.

After the abrasions were noted in March 1990, Abbott said some sort of ointment was applied to them but they "steadily got worse." Nursing staff procured a prescription antibiotic from Bhatia, but the toes did not heal. Abbott testified that she again complained about the abrasions and nurses obtained a second prescription antibiotic.

However, the toes became worse, not better, Abbot said, and developed "little red areas" around the scabs. The spots were first pink, bright red, angry red than black, she said. Abbott testified that her mother would moan, "My foot hurts, my foot hurts."

"It was very hard to take," said Abbott about discovering that her mother's toes were black.

Again, she said, she told nurses that "what we were doing was not getting them well."

Abbot testified that she called Bhatia and told him that he didn't realize how serious her mother's situation was. She said he told her he would be around in a few days on his regular rounds.

Bhatia made rounds on March 31, with Abbott present.

"Did he look at her foot?" Storrs asked.

"Not really," Abbott replied.

She said he was on the other side of the bed from her mother's left foot.

Abbott testified that the physician returned again April 29, at which time he told her that her mother needed to be taken to the hospital for surgery because her foot had gangrene. The toes were amputated on May 2, 1990.

The plaintiff testified that a fear of bone infection caused the foot below the ankle to be amputated in mid May. She said her mother seemed in great pain.

Abbott noted that after the second amputation, Curtis seemed to give up hope and went into a gradual decline. She seemed depressed and lost over 30 pounds. In September, 1990, Curtis developed pneumonia and died.

The plaintiff testified that following her mother's death, she began to take anti-depressant medication. She said she cannot sleep and thinks about the past.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

City Commission meetings

The Pampa City Commission is scheduled to meet in regular session this evening at 6 p.m. in the City Commission chamber on the third floor of City Hall.

Prior to the regular meeting, the commission will meet in a work session at 4 p.m.

Items scheduled to be discussed in the regular meeting include:

- Appointing a physician to the City Health Authority position.
- Considering the acceptance of a bid for mortar mixing and application equipment.
- Authorizing the interim city manager, Nathan Hopson, to execute contracts concerning solid waste disposal with Borger, Fritch, Stinnett and the company of BFI.
- Considering the acceptance of a bid for a delinquent tax property which is west of lot 9, block 1 of the Schneider Herlacher Addition of the city of Pampa
- Authorizing the interim city manager to negotiate a contract for a wastewater re-use study.

In the work session which is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m., the commission will consider the following items:

- A private grant application.
- The wastewater re-use study
- Water rate information in the budget review.

The Pampa City Commission normally meets in regular session at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month in the City Commission chamber of the third floor of City Hall. Work sessions, beginning at 4 p.m., usually precede the regular meeting.

Report: No foul play in death

AMARILLO – A preliminary report by an Amarillo forensic pathologist indicates no foul play in the death of 33-year-old Lloyd Keith French of Pampa, according to Sgt. Modina Holmes of the Potter-Randall Special Crimes Unit.

French was discovered dead inside a maroon Ford thunderbird at the emergency entrance of St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo just before 9 a.m. Sunday morning.

The white male driver of the car who had summoned hospital personnel to the vehicle then left on foot. The unnamed man was later found at a lounge in east Amarillo and was taken into custody by Amarillo police on traffic warrants unrelated to the death.

Sgt. Holmes said a final autopsy report is expected possibly within two weeks after Dr. Elizabeth Peacock completes toxicology and other lab work.

The initial post-mortem did not indicate any outward signs of trauma, and Amarillo police are not investigating the death as a homicide, Sgt. Holmes said.

Western Auto store to open

A new Western Auto store is scheduled to open in Pampa July 26.

The store will be located at 2225 Perryton Parkway. Barbara Ketcherside, who was the owner of the Sears catalog store previously at that location, is the owner of the new store.

Ketcherside said the store will resemble the former Sears outlet in several ways. Western Auto will carry large appliances, lawn mowers, tools, tires and automotive accessories. Western Auto will accept Sears charge cards as well.

Western Auto will carry more electronics and more lawn and garden equipment than the former Sears store, and the store will have a line of bicycles and accessories, Ketcherside said. Also, repair service and warranty work will be available through the store.

Sears closed the Pampa catalog store in June as part of the company's restructuring and shutdown of the catalog operation. Western Auto is a fully owned subsidiary of Sears.

A previous Western Auto franchise operated at two locations in downtown Pampa until around 1980.

Hobart widening hearing set today

The Texas Department of Transportation will be conducting a public meeting to discuss the upcoming construction on Hobart Street (Texas 70) at 2 p.m. today in the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium.

The public is welcome to attend the meeting in which the contractor, Gilvin-Terrill Inc. of Amarillo, will discuss the planned construction schedule.

The total bid awarded to Gilvin-Terrill totaled more than $4,119,000. The limits of the project will stretch from Texas 152 north to 21st Avenue and is designed to help reduce congestion and provide a smoother ride for motorists.

The roadway is scheduled to be widened from 60 feet to 88 feet.

City sales tax revenue less than expected again

By RANDAL K. McGAVOCK
Staff Writer

For the fifth consecutive month, revenue from Pampa's sales tax is less than expected, according to the city.

As usual, however, the state's comptroller's office reported a drastic increase in revenues which a former Pampa city manger has called misleading and many other people in and out of city government discount.

Last month, Glen Hackler, who was Pampa's city manager at the time, blamed some of the decrease in revenues to an area business which moved from inside the city limits to outside the city limits in an attempt to avoid paying sales tax.

That one business accounted for approximately 10 percent of the city's sales taxes it received.

For the month of July, the city of Pampa received a check for $180,495.75 in sales tax receipts from the state's comptroller. That is 19.08 percent less than what was budgeted for the 1992-1993 fiscal year and 9.78 percent less than the 1991-1992 fiscal year after being restated to take a tax increase into account.

In 1992, Pampa residents voted to increase the sales tax by 1 cent. When the increase was finished, the city sales tax totaled 2 cents, double the amount the city normally collected.

At the same time the increase came, the property tax was cut by the same amount in an effort to shift the tax base of the city.

Merchants collect the state's 6.25 cent sales tax and the local sales tax of 2 cents and send it all to the comptrollers office with their tax returns.

The state retains its share and returns to cities, counties and other taxing entities their portion of the sales tax every month.

This month's tax rebates include taxes collected on May sales and reported to the state in June by businesses filing monthly tax returns.

Depending on the amount of sales tax they collect, businesses file monthly, quarterly or annually.

Gray County, which includes the cities of Lefors, McLean and Pampa, received a total of $181,987.06 from the sales taxes this month. McLean sales taxes totaled $1,491.31 while Lefors received no sales tax receipts from the state office.

In Carson County, which includes the cities of Groom, Panhandle, Skellytown and White Deer, a total of $12,049.22 in sales taxes were received this month.

That is an increase of 41.77 percent over last July's check of $8,498.96.

For the year, Carson County has received $94,078.31 in sales tax receipts.

In Hemphill County, the city of Canadian is the only entity which receives sales tax receipts.

This month, it received $11,139.34, a 13.97 percent increase as compared to the same period last year.

For the year, however, Canadian has received $84,115.38, a 1.81 percent increase for the same time period last year.

Roberts County, in which Miami is the only city receiving sales tax money from the state, reported a decrease of 4.34 percent in the money it received this month as compared to the same time last year. For July 1993, Miami reportedly received$1,085.87 from the comptroller's office, a decrease from July 1992 check of $1,135.16.

In Wheeler County, in which the cities of Mobeetie, Shamrock and Wheeler sit, sales tax receipts were up in one city, down in another and not reported in the third.

Shamrock received a check for $12,402.32 for the month of July. That is an increase of 5.3 percent over the same time period last year.

Wheeler, on the other hand, posted a lost in sales tax receipts, according to the state comptroller's office. It received a check for $4,230.16, a decrease of 2.36 percent as compared to the July 1992 check for $4,332.21.

The city of Mobeetie reported no sales tax receipts for the month. For the year, however, it has collected $926.45, down 8.9 percent from the same time period of last year.

Lefors City Council reviews payraise issue for employees

LEFORS – Lefors city employees may soon be getting a raise, but first the Lefors City Council has to decide in what form that raise would be.

Lefors council members on Monday asked City Secretary Phyllis Crutcher to compare the overall cost of providing city employees with free natural gas and water utilities services as an in-kind "raise" and the overall cost of paying them a raise of $100 a month.

The city of Lefors currently does not pay the natural gas or water utilities bills of its employees. There are two part-time and four full-time Lefors city employees, according to Crutcher, who related news from the Monday meeting.

Crutcher is expected to provide a cost comparison on the salary issue to the council at its regularly scheduled meeting on Aug. 9.

Also on Monday, the council discussed progress on the razing of the former pool hall along First Street, across from Lefors Civic Center. Troy Shipman is leading the volunteers on the project, which began a few weeks ago, Crutcher said.

Donnie Jones gave the tax-delinquent property to the city of Lefors in 1991, and the city of Lefors was required by law to wait two years before it could tear the building down.

The former pool hall, a two-story building, has no pool tables in it, Crutcher said.

In other news on Monday, the council authorized the city to advertise for bids on an old tractor-mower it wants to sell.

– John McMillan

INSIDE TODAY

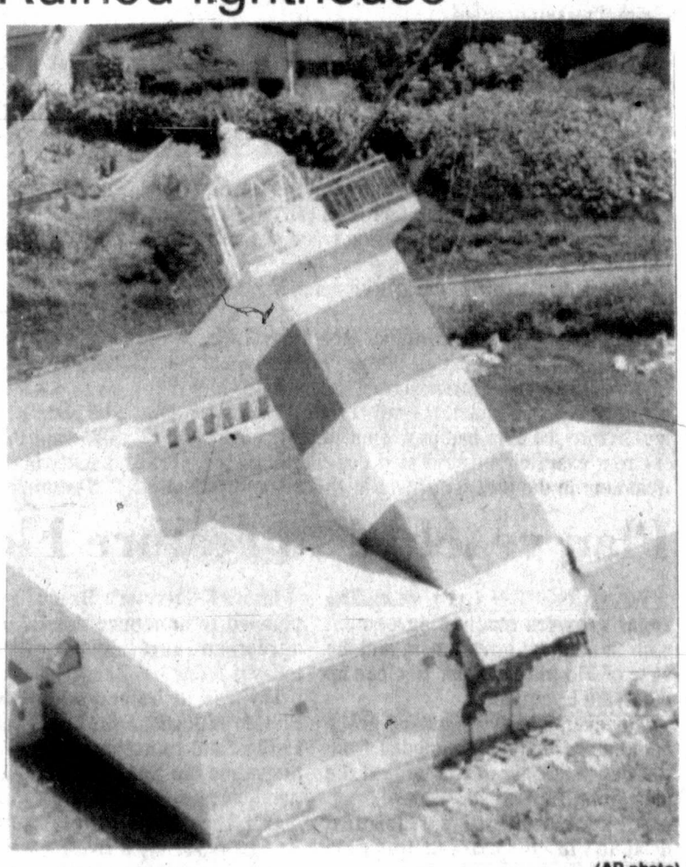
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Ruined lighthouse



(AP photo)

A ruined lighthouse on the small fishing island of Okushiri, Japan, is pictured from a helicopter Tuesday morning after a strong earthquake jolted northern Japan late Monday night. See related story, Page 3.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

FRENCH, Lloyd Keith — 10 a.m., Central Baptist Church.

Obituaries

LLOYD KEITH FRENCH

Lloyd Keith French, 33, died Sunday, July 11, 1993, at Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Central Baptist Church, with the Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. French was born on Sept. 24, 1959, in Pampa, where he was a lifelong resident. He was a 1977 graduate of Pampa High School and attended Angelo State University. He was the former owner and operator of the Music Shoppe. He was a member of Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Kevin French and Gary French, both of Pampa; a daughter, Rhiannon French of Pampa; his mother, Frances French of Pampa; two brothers, Lance French and Lee French, both of Pampa; and a sister, Lainie Brewer of Dallas. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert E. (Bob) French, in 1990.

The family will be at 1805 Beech in Pampa and requests memorials be to the Central Baptist Church building fund.

Fires

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

MONDAY, July 12

1 p.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to a medical assistance call at 1321 W. Kentucky.

8:42 p.m. — Three units and seven firefighters responded to an alarm malfunction at Coronado Center.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL
Admissions
Pampa
Vick Clyde
Canadian
Gracie P. Norris
Lola Schafer
Skellytown
Vester Cook
Dismissals
Pampa
William Eads
Charles E. Poston
Debra Ann Williams and baby girl
Lefors
J.T. Roberson
Miami
Andrea C. McDowell

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL
Admissions
Shamrock
No admissions were reported.

Dismissals
Shamrock
R.C. Hawk
Truman Brashears
Wellington
Louise Vaughan
Wheeler
Buela Orr

Calendar of events

REP. BILL SARPALIUS MOBILE OFFICE

U.S. Rep. Bill Sarpalius' mobile office will be in Pampa on Wednesday, July 14, from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Gray County Court House.

Emergency numbers

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

Police report

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

MONDAY, July 12

Evco Exxon Quick Stop, 900 S. Hobart, reported a forgery.

Teressa Jayne Anguiano, 1040 S. Varnon Dr., reported a theft.

An unidentified woman reported a sexual assault.

Julie Maness, 333 Sunset, reported criminal mischief.

Albertson's, 1233 N. Hobart, reported a theft by check.

Alvin Leroy Hilbern, 737 N. Dwight, reported criminal mischief.

Barbara Preas, 604 Sloan, reported a theft by check.

TODAY, July 13

The Dallas County Sheriff's Office requested an outside agency report.

The city of Pampa reported evading detention.

The city of Pampa reported a possession of marijuana (under 2 oz.).

Albertson's, 1233 N. Hobart, reported a forgery.

Arrests

TODAY, July 13

John Monroe Moore, 33, 1104 N. Starkweather, was arrested in the 1100 block of Starkweather on charges of driving while intoxicated, evading arrest and an outside agency report.

Robert Edward Martindale, age unknown, 321 W. Brown #9, was arrested at his residence on a charge of possession of marijuana (under 2 oz.).

Sheriff's Office

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

MONDAY, July 12

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported an agency assist (canine unit).

Arrests

MONDAY, July 12

Sara Mae Mitchell, 36, 1004 Oklahoma, was arrested on a charge of tampering with governmental record. She was released after posting bond.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SUNDAY, July 11

1:45 a.m. — A 1984 Buick driven by Jenny Rebecca Edwards, 18, 1936 N. Zimmers, collided with a light pole owned by Southwestern Public Service in the 2900 block of North Duncan. Both Edwards and a passenger in the vehicle, Angel Briggs, 18, 1215 W. Crawford, reported injuries. Briggs refused treatment at the scene of the accident. Edwards, however, was transported in a patrol car to Coronado Hospital, where she was treated for minor injuries and released. Citations are pending.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.64
Milo	3.87
Corn	4.41

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

Serfco	5 1/8	NC
Occidental	20 3/8	dn 1/8

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

Magellan	69.76
Puritan	16.39

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

Amoco	53 7/8	dn 1/4
Arco	113 3/8	dn 1/8
Cabot	47 5/8	dn 1/8
Cabot O&G	23 1/4	dn 1/8
Chevron	84 1/2	dn 1/2
Coca-Cola	44 3/8	up 1/8
Enron	67 1/8	up 1/4
Halliburton	37 1/2	NC
HealthTrust Inc.	19 7/8	dn 1/4
Ingersoll Rand	32 1/2	up 1/8
KNE	38 1/8	up 1/8
Kerr McGee	50 5/8	up 1/8
Limited	20 5/8	up 5/8
Mapco	57 5/8	dn 1/8
Maxus	8 5/8	up 1/8
McDonald's	48 3/4	dn 1/8
Mobil	71	dn 5/8
New Atmos	28 5/8	up 1/8
Parker & Parsley	27 1/4	up 3/8
Penney's	44	NC
Phillips	29 3/8	dn 1/8
SLB	63 5/8	up 1/8
SPS	33 1/2	up 1/4
Tenneco	51 1/2	up 3/4
Texaco	62 1/2	dn 1/4
Wal-Mart	26 1/4	up 1/8
New York Gold		392.25
Silver		4.95
West Texas Crude		18.10

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Lawsuit

"I can't get my mind to stop worrying," she said.

Storrs asked her: "Why didn't you just pick your mother up and leave?"

Abbot replied that the other Pampa nursing center lacked a bathing facility and she didn't want to move her mother out of town.

"Why not change doctors?"

"You don't have too good a choice of doctors, either," Abbott replied.

"Do you have problems in missing your mother?"

"Things will come up and I'll think, 'I need to tell Mother,' but there's no mother to tell."

Riney led defense cross examination. He reiterated Curtis's medical condition, then said to Abbot, "In fact, she was suffering from depression when she was admitted to CNC."

"No, I don't think she'd given up hope of going home," Abbot replied.

Abbott agreed that her mother took Triavil.

"It wasn't for depression but her nerves would get ... She would get too overwrought," she said.

She also testified that her mother took Xanax for anxiety before she ever had problems with her toes.

Cross examination revelaled that Curtis had received treatment in the past for phlebitis, blisters and skin conditions, cellulitis and an abcess of the leg, and a urinary tract infection.

Riney introduced into evidence a document titled, "Request of Physician to Withold or Withdraw Life-Sustaining Procedures from a Terminally Ill Patient."

Abbott admitted signing the document.

"I knew she would not want to be hooked up to any machines that would keep her alive artificially," she said.

"You understand that your mother had a grave condition caused by disease before she went to CNC?"

"Well, not by disease," Abbott said.

"Dr. Bhatia recommended tube feeding, correct?"

"I don't remember that," she replied.

Abbott also testified that she had no memory of her mother vomiting food which caused her final bout with pneumonia.

Brown, in further cross examination, noted that Bhatia was not named in the original suit, but was added later.

The attorney asked Abbott about a new type of dressing used for her mother's toes and asked how could it be that the dressing could be changed if the physician were not aware of her mother's toes. Abbot replied that she didn't recall a new type dressing being used. She also said that pain relief medication was not delivered quickly in the nursing center.

Testimony was scheduled to continued today.

Plan reached to restore Florida Everglades

WASHINGTON (AP) – Leading sugar growers reached agreement with the federal government and the state of Florida on a plan to clean up the dying Everglades.

However, an environmental group complained of being excluded from the negotiations and predicted the plan would suffer as a result.

A statement of principles, designed to end years of litigation and begin restoring the fragile wetlands and marshes in southern Florida, was agreed upon late Monday night, according to a participant in the talks who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt planned to announce details of the agreement at a news conference today.

He was to be accompanied by Florida officials, Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., and representatives of U.S. Sugar and Flo-Sun, Inc., the region's two biggest sugar growers.

But Tom Martin, director of the Audubon Society's Everglades campaign, complained Monday that the pact would suffer from lack of participation in the final negotiations by environmentalists and Indians who have been active in litigation and previous negotiations.

The agreement "will not do the job, because it's from a subgroup," he said.

The once-lush 1.4-million-acre Everglades National Park has been polluted and degraded by decades of runoff from sugar cane fields and by federal and state water projects.

More than half of the original 4 million acres in the Everglades have been drained for urban development and farming.

The natural water flows through the "river of grass" have been disrupted by human intrusions, including extensive flood control projects by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Lefors may hire new school principal

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

The principal of Abilene Christian School may soon be taking a leap of faith into the Panhandle.

Lefors school board is expected to interview the principal, Michael Green, 43, during a closed session of its school board meeting this evening, said Joe Roper, superintendent of Lefors ISD.

The Lefors school board meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in Lefors Elementary School library, Roper said.

Green has been principal and head coach at Abilene Christian School, a kindergarten through 12th grade institution in Abilene, for three years.

He is the only candidate for principal of Lefors High School that the Lefors school board plans to interview, Roper said.

If the Lefors school board approves the hiring of Green – a vote it could take this evening after its closed session has ended and the board has reconvened in open session – Green would replace Art Brokenbek as principal of Lefors High School, Roper said. Brokenbek was principal of the school for the 1992-93 school year.

The new principal is expected to begin his duties by Aug. 1, Roper said.

Roper said Lefors school district will probably offer a higher salary to the new principal than the $25,000 annual salary paid to Brokenbek, Roper said. The Lefors High School principal's position is for 11 months of the year, he said.

There are 61 students and 10 teachers at Lefors High School, which serves grades seven through 12. Lefors High School was built in 1928 and is housed in a one-story building.

Also this evening, the Lefors school board is scheduled to discuss and approve the hiring of a part-time counselor to serve kindergarten through 12th grade.

The candidate being considered for the job, George Watson of McLean, 72, is a retired school counselor, Roper said.

If Watson is hired, he would provide counseling services to Lefors school district two days per week. The appointment would begin Aug. 16, Roper said.

Through a cooperative agreement with other area school districts, Watson would also provide counseling services to Allison, Fort Elliott and Kelton school districts for one day of the week each.

The salary for the counselor serving the four school districts is expected to be about $30,000, payment of which would be shared by the four districts, Roper said.

The shared appointment of a professional staff member would be the only such employment agreement among the four school districts, Roper said.

"This (appointment) will make a counselor available to our kids on a regular basis, and this should be a real asset to our school to have a counselor here that much," Roper said.

During the 1992-93 school year, Lefors school district received counseling services from Jerry Martin of Region XVI service center in Amarillo for two or three days a month, Roper said.

Carson County seeks bids on debris removal

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

PANHANDLE – Carson County is advertising for bidders on a project to dispose of debris left by the 1992 tornadoes that struck that county.

The ashes and metals from the tornado-related debris, estimated at 15,000 or more cubic yards, are being stored in a burn pit about 1 1/2 miles east of Fritch on property owned by Jake Berry.

After a 5 p.m. public hearing on Monday at which no one from the general public attended, Carson County Commissioners Court voted unanimously to transfer the debris to a state-certified landfill. That landfill is expected to be in Randall County, Potter County or Hutchinson County.

Carson County commissioners decided against burying the debris because of the expense of such burial and because of the possible liability expense of any contamination that might result from burying the debris.

Trucking companies or other firms wishing to submit a bid for the debris-removal project should contact Carson County Judge Jay Roselius in Panhandle (537-3622) or John Kehiel or Courtney Sharp of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission in Amarillo (372-3381). The PRPC is assisting in the bid-solicitation.

The commissioners plan to open bids on the debris-removal project at a specially called meeting scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 28, Roselius said. The meeting is expected to be held in the Carson County Commissioners' Court Room of the Carson County Courthouse in Panhandle.

Carson County plans to pay for most, if not all, of the expense of the debris-removal project, including engineering expenses, from a $350,000 disaster relief grant it obtained from the Texas Department of Community Affairs.

The engineer for the debris-removal project is Dwight Brandt of Brandt Engineering Services in Amarillo.

Also on Monday, Roselius informed commissioners that a safety arm will be installed on each side of the railroad crossing at Carson County Road W and U.S. 60, about two miles west of White Deer, and at Carson County Road G and U.S. 60, about seven miles west of Panhandle.

The state of Texas and the U.S. government are expected to pay for all the costs of the safety-arm project, Roselius said. The safety arms will be installed within the next 12 months, he said.

Roselius said he does not recall any accidents with motor vehicles at the railroad crossings, "but there's quite a lot of traffic there."

Three arrested in anti-abortion protest in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) – A 16-year-old girl who has been arrested more than 30 times for blocking abortion clinic entrances has been arrested again.

Jamie Tellier, 16, of Dallas, on Monday became the first person to be arrested in connection with protests that began Friday night in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Police handcuffed her and led her away after she walked onto a clinic parking lot to talk to a reporter despite police warnings over a loud speaker for all protesters to stay off the property of the North Dallas Women's Clinic on North Central Expressway.

Her mother, Laura Tellier, 39, and Tom Wieghard, 39, of Houston, also were arrested when they stepped off a grassy curbside strip to which the protesters had been limited.

A Dallas police spokesman said the two adults were taken to the Lew Sterrett Justice Center and charged with criminal trespass, a Class B misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to $1,000 or up to six months in jail.

The teenager was charged with investigation of juvenile delinquency.

A court date for the teenager before a state district judge was already pending. The judge was considering whether to declare her a delinquent because of her numerous anti-abortion activities.

The 16-year-old was expelled from a Plano middle school last year for refusing to stop passing out anti-abortion material. She also was among those arrested last year for protests outside clinics during the Republican National Convention.

If she is declared a delinquent, she could be taken from her mother and placed in a state facility.

Police Capt. Doug Kowalski said the Telliers were among five protesters who entered the North Dallas Women's Clinic on North Central Expressway about 3 p.m. Monday with plans "to hold the doors open and allow an invasion" of the clinic.

Released child killer moved to undisclosed locale

AUSTIN (AP) – Released child killer Raul Meza has been moved from a Mineral Wells halfway house. Where is he now is a good question.

"I honestly don't know where he's at," Dan Guerra, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's pardons and paroles division said Monday. "I could not tell you if he's in a halfway house, a residence or a car."

Meza, 32, has been bounced from five Texas communities once residents learned that their new neighbor served 11 years in prison for the rape and strangulation death of 8-year-old Kendra Page of Austin.

Guerra said Meza is still in Texas, though officials have said he could be sent out-of-state.

Guerra said that plan may fail, also because of the publicity surrounding his arrival.

Meza's previous stops in Uvalde, El Paso County, Wichita Falls, San Antonio and Mineral Wells, where he left Saturday morning, each were met with local outrage.

"We're still looking at options for out of state," Guerra said. "But with the feelers we're sending out, there's a strong possibility we may not be able to place this guy in another state.

"If that happens, we are just going to have to come up with some solution where he will stay somewhere in Texas," he added. "Other states are kind of concerned with the high profile-type case that it is."

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LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, chance of showers and thunderstorms, some possibly severe, the low in the upper 60s. Wednesday, variable cloudiness, with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, south winds 5 to 15 mph, becoming easterly 10 to 20 mph, high in the upper 80s. The high on Monday was 85 degrees; the overnight low was 68 degrees, with 0.07 inch moisture.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas – Panhandle: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms, some possibly severe this evening. Lows in the 60s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the 80s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy with a chance of evening thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s. South Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows in upper 60s to near 70. Wednesday, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs in low to mid 90s. Wednesday night, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows around 70.

North Texas – Tonight through Wednesday night, partly cloudy northwest and north with a slight chance of thunderstorms, mostly clear east and south. Lows both nights in low to mid 70s. Highs in mid 90s.

South Texas – Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, partly cloudy with isolated evening showers or thunderstorms west. Lows upper 60s to near 70 Hill Country to 70s south central. Wednesday and Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Widely scattered afternoon and evening showers or thunderstorms west and extreme north. Highs in the 90s with near 100 west. Lows upper 60s to near 70 Hill Country to 70s south central. Coastal Bend: Tonight through Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Warm at night to hot in the afternoon. Lows from 70s inland to low 80s coast. Highs near 90 coast to 90s inland. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Tonight through Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Warm at night to hot in the afternoon. Lows from 70s inland to low 80s coast. Highs near 90 coast to upper 90s and 100 to 102 inland west.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico – Tonight, partly to mostly cloudy with isolated to scattered thunderstorms, least chance northwest. Lows 40s and 50s mountains and north with 60s to low 70s elsewhere. Wednesday and Wednesday night, slight chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms northwest. Otherwise partly to mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Locally heavy rain possible. Highs 70s to mid 80s mountains with 80s and 90s elsewhere. Lows 40s and 50s mounains and north with 60s to low 70s elsewhere.

Oklahoma – Tonight, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms mainly north. Lows in low to mid 70s. Wednesday, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms mainly north. Highs in low to mid 90s.



(AP photo)
Small motor vehicles are piled up one atop another in this television photo taken following an earthquake in Esashi City in northern Japan late Monday night.

Earthquake shakes northern Japan; dozens dead, missing

By ERIC TALMADGE
Associated Press Writer

OKUSHIRI, Japan (AP) – Normally placid fishing villages in northern Japan awoke to massive destruction today following a major earthquake that set hundreds of houses ablaze and triggered tidal waves as far away as Russia and South Korea.

Hokkaido prefectural police said 36 people were known to have died, and that the number of casualties was expected to rise. Kyodo News Service reported at least 71 dead and 169 missing.

In Russia, three people were reported missing after tidal waves up to 16 feet high washed ashore in Nakhodka, near Vladivostok, a civil defense official told the Interfax news agency.

"This is terrible and it is so sad," said Japan's Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, who planned to travel to the stricken region later in the day.

The Japanese, living square on the Pacific "rim of fire," face a constant threat of destruction from earthquakes and volcanic activity. Monday's quake matched the strongest to hit Japan in 15 years, 7.8 on the Richter scale, the Central Meteorological Agency said.

It was centered 30 miles under the Sea of Japan and about 50 miles west of Hokkaido, the nation's third most-populous island with 5.6 million people. Several strong aftershocks followed.

Huge tidal waves lashed areas of the Japan Sea coast, sweeping away scores of wooden houses and destroying small fishing boats moored at ports along the coasts of both Japan and South Korea.

The tidal waves slammed into Sakhalin Island and Nakhodka, washing a dozen fishing ships aground but no injuries were reported, said a Russian state emergency committee spokesman.

Meteorological Agency officials said many of Japan's quake victims did not have time to flee to higher ground before the tidal waves struck.

Worst hit was Okushiri, a small island just 30 miles south of the epicenter.

An entire hillside collapsed on the island's two-story wooden Yoyoso Hotel, killing at least five people and leaving about 20 missing. The public television network NHK reported six or seven people were rescued from the burning hotel.

About 300 houses burned on another part of the island of 4,600 people. A number of houses also were washed away by tidal waves. One was seen floating out to sea.

By morning, the town was reduced to a few roofs sitting on still-smoldering ashes of the wooden houses destroyed by fires and waves.

Survivors wept as they began to search through the wreckage.

The island was without running water or electricity, and its small airport was closed because of damaged runways.

"This is beyond belief," said Okushiri mayor Yukio Koshimori.

Tidal waves wrecked about 60 small fishing boats along South Korea's east coast, more than 600 miles from the quake's epicenter, said Central Anti-Disaster Headquarters. Newspaper reports said the waves were 15 feet tall.

Elsewhere in Hokkaido, houses were knocked off their foundations, roads were buckled, and store shelves emptied of their contents.

Junichi Konya, a city official in the coastal town of Esashi, said the tidal wave smashed cars against nearby rocks and sucked about 30 vehicles into the town's harbor. Some cars had their lights on and may have been occupied when washed away.

"This is the worst I've ever seen," he said. "The tsunami 10 years ago was nothing like this."

In villages on the west coast of Hokkaido, 12 people were missing in tidal waves that swept away 30 houses, NHK said. In another town, 10 people were injured by collapsing houses, it added.

The Tomari nuclear plant, 56 miles east of the epicenter, was operating "as usual" after an inspection that revealed no problems following the quake, said Takahiro Kojima, spokesman for the Hokkaido Electric Power Co.

The quake was not felt in Tokyo, 500 miles to the south.

On Okushiri, aftershocks were frightening already-edgy residents. The meteorological agency reported aftershocks of 5.4 on the Richter scale at 11:36 p.m. and 6.3 at 1:12 a.m.

Masahiro Miyamoto, a local schoolmaster, said of the aftershocks, "There was a rocking, with a boom, at 10- to 20-minute intervals, and each time people fled outside from the (school) gym."

NHK warned people to evacuate northern Japanese coastal areas immediately after the quake hit at 10:17 p.m. (8:17 a.m. CDT).

The strongest quake before Monday's was a 7.9 temblor that killed 52 people in Hokkaido in 1978.

A 7.8 quake struck Hokkaido on Jan. 18, killing two people, injuring 425 and causing widespread damage to buildings and roads. It was centered off the Pacific near Kushiro, 250 miles east of Monday's epicenter.

The Richter scale is a gauge of the energy released by an earthquake.

A temblor of magnitude 7 is a major quake, capable of causing widespread heavy damage in populated areas. One of magnitude 8 is a "great" earthquake capable of tremendous damage.

Texas officials seeking relief from EPA landfill mandates

WASHINGTON (AP) – The Environmental Protection Agency will work with Texas officials to craft federal landfill monitoring regulations that won't put too much strain on small communities in arid regions.

State and local officials met Monday with the director of the EPA's municipal solid waste program to express their concern that as many as 150 Texas communities will be hurt unless relief is provided.

To buy some time to come up with new regulations and give the affected towns time to adjust to them, the EPA is proposing a two-year delay for implementation.

Without relief, the Texans said, many communities in West Texas and the Panhandle will be forced to shut down their landfills and truck their trash to distant dumps. Another fear is that residents trying to skirt rising garbage pickup fees will illegally dump their waste along roadsides or burn it.

The EPA, which is due to implement regulations on most municipal solid waste landfills later this year, was willing to exempt communities in arid regions from the requirement they drill expensive groundwater wells. The exemption would have applied only to towns that generate little trash and have scant rainfall.

But the EPA was ordered in May by a District of Columbia federal judge to impose groundwater monitoring mandates on all municipal solid waste landfills – thereby sparking concern in Texas.

The Texas Water Commission estimates the groundwater monitoring would cost $100 a year per household on average in sparsely-populated areas with an average annual income of $13,911.

"It'll financially break these small towns," said Eric Fox, an aide to Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-San Antonio, whose district spans much of West Texas. "They don't want to be excluded from environmental regulations, they just want some common sense put into it."

A TWC briefing paper prepared for the EPA meeting cautioned that the additional landfill costs "will dramatically increase the potential for illegal dumping and burning."

At a typical drilling cost of $80 a foot, communities with groundwater frequently located at least 500 feet below the surface are looking at hefty bills to sink the three or more wells needed for monitoring.

Among those at the EPA briefing were Texas Water Commissioner Peggy Garner; representatives of Gov. Ann Richards and Attorney General Dan Morales; and state Rep. Bob Turner, D-Crockett.

Bruce Weddle, head of EPA's municipal solid waste program, said the agency sympathizes with the Texans' concerns and is working to tailor a suitable system.

"We are going to be working with the state of Texas and local governments in West Texas to try to find some common ground that meets the statute requirements," he said.

Possible alternatives include allowing communities to monitor groundwater from existing wells nearby; decreasing the number of required wells or the frequency of monitoring; or using sensors under the landfill.

"What we can't do is say 'Don't worry about groundwater monitoring; you don't need to do it,' " Weddle said.

Texas officials are prepared to seek help from Congress if they can't get it elsewhere. Rep. Bill Sarpalius, D-Amarillo, this week will introduce legislation that would allow EPA to exempt arid landfills from the groundwater monitoring requirements.

At least 30 lawmakers, most from Southwestern states, will co-sponsor the measure.

Rap murder case penalty deliberations resume

AUSTIN (AP) – The same jury that took just 40 minutes to convict Ronald Ray Howard of killing a state trooper still hasn't come up with his punishment after days of deliberations.

The eight-man, four-woman jury quit late Monday without issuing a sentence for Howard, 19, who claims hard-driving rap music swayed him to commit the capital offense.

The jury discussed for eight hours Monday, the fourth day of deliberations, whether Howard should receive a life sentence or death by lethal injection. They were scheduled to resume their deliberations today.

When the jurors left for the day, the victim's wife, Linda Davidson, walked out of the courtroom in tears.

On Sunday, State District Judge Whayland Kilgore said that the jury was deadlocked 10-2 in favor of sentencing Howard to death in the slaying of Department of Public Safety Trooper Bill Davidson.

All jurors must agree for Howard to receive the death penalty.

Defense attorney Allen Tanner made four motions for a mistrial between Friday and Sunday. Tanner said forcing the panel to continue deliberating would put undue pressure on the two dissenting jurors to change their minds.

Kilgore has turned down the motions.

If the judge were to declare a mistrial, Howard automatically would be sentenced to life in prison.

The trooper was shot near Victoria in April 1992. Davidson was struck in the neck at close range after stopping Howard for having a broken headlight. Howard was driving a stolen vehicle.

Howard's attorney said that a childhood of violence in Houston's inner-city, including brushes with gangs and hours of listening to angry "gangsta rap" music, taught him to hate police.

In his closing argument, Tanner had told jurors: "This music builds up in a young kid's head ... We're not saying it's the only cause, but it's a contributing cause along with everything else."

Texas tops nation in prison population growth

WASHINGTON (AP) – Texas' prison population grew almost 20 percent last year – the largest gain posted by any state, the Justice Department says.

But a state official who monitors prison statistics says the Texas increase doesn't mean thousands of additional people are being sentenced to prison terms – just that prisoners are serving longer sentences behind bars.

The Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics said Texas' prison population jumped 18.4 percent in 1992, more than double the national gain of 7.2 percent. The Texas hike accounted for 16 percent of the U.S. increase in inmates held in federal or state correctional institutions.

State and federal prisons in Texas held 61,178 prisoners last year, up 9,501 from a year earlier.

But the executive director of the Texas Criminal Justice Policy Council said Monday that much of the surge can be attributed to Texas' current push to make prisoners serve more time.

"About three years ago, we were releasing 150 people a day. Now, we're releasing 60 to 70 per day," said Tony Fabelo, whose agency researches criminal justice issues for the governor and the Legislature.

"That cut in half the number of releases, and that by itself explains 85 to 90 percent of the increase."

Gov. Ann Richards last month signed legislation that will double the minimum prison term for violent criminals and creates a new state jail system for non-violent felons.

The state jails will free up prison space so that violent offenders can be incarcerated longer, officials said.

The Legislature has approved a billion-dollar prison program that will add 55,000 prison, state jail and substance abuse facility beds by 1996.

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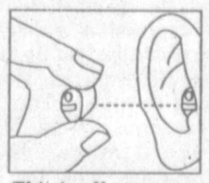
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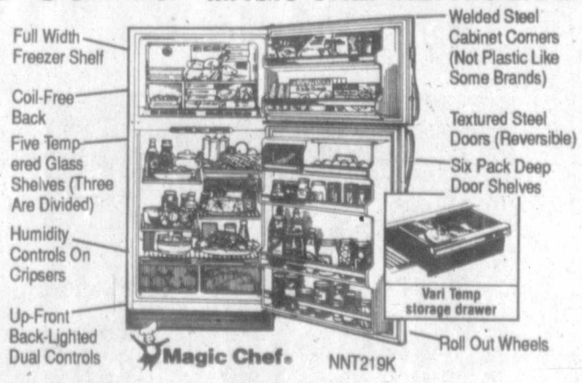
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Louise Fletcher
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Opinion

Trade barriers drive up prices

We probably shouldn't be surprised that the forever-hedging Clinton administration seems to harbor protectionist sentiments on trade policy even while it publicly endorses free trade. But the administration's announcement recently that it would impose penalties against foreign steel for "dumping" in the U.S. market flies in the face even of the usual misguided protectionist yearnings – not to mention that the move also betrays U.S. consumers.

Administration Commerce Secretary Ron Brown maintains that foreign steel producers in a number of nations have been selling steel unfairly below cost in the United States. The "unfair" part presumably is that U.S. producers find it hard to match those prices. We just call it competition; but the Commerce Department reserves the right to assess special duties, jacking up the price of the foreign steel. Dumping duties will be assessed up to 109 percent on steel from 19 nations, and so-called subsidy penalties of up to 73 percent will target steel from 12 countries that poured government funds into their steel mills.

By any reckoning, such hefty tariffs effectively bar the targeted steel from entering this country at all because it becomes too expensive to compete.

Presumably, some steel makers as well as related labor unions are pleased with this ham-handed decree; in fact, as is always the case with trade sanctions, we should all be mourning.

Trade barriers only drive up the cost of products for consumers at home by eliminating competition from abroad. And as economists have known the better part of two centuries, all such trade barriers squander markedly more of a nation's wealth in higher prices than is retained by that nation through any jobs that protectionism might save.

But it's worse even than that. This particular swipe at free trade makes still less sense considering the commodity involved. Steel is one of those primary materials used probably by more industries than we could list on this page.

Raising its price not only will have the ripple effect of passing on higher prices to consumers for myriad products that use steel – but it also poses the very real threat of killing jobs in the industries that make those products.

The ironic insult atop the injury of these steel tariffs is that, while the Commerce Department hopes to stave off the loss of some U.S. steel jobs to foreign competition, the same action is gutting industries reliant on steel.

As has often been noted by free trade advocates, trade policy isn't supposed to preserve jobs; left unfettered, free trade simply creates more wealth. That wealth, in the long run, creates far more jobs than are preserved by protectionism.

In this case, though, even the administration's shortsighted aim to

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A disgusting drug war weapon



Stephen Chapman

Following the example of the Almighty, who sends rain on both the just and the unjust, American law enforcement officials belive that the war on drugs should not arbitrarily spare the innocent. They prefer to inflict severe penalties with lavish abandon, on the assumption that some of those on the receiving end are bound to deserve everything they get.

This is the thinking behind asset forfeiture, a legal procedure allowing the government to help itself to the property of those it suspects of some tie to drug offenses (and, lately, other crimes). It has become a favorite tool of police and prosecutors, who have used it to take cash, cars, houses, boats and farms from people – some of whom have been convicted of only minor offenses, some of whom have been convicted of no offense and some of whom are not even suspected of an offense.

This approach is appealing to authorities because the old verities don't apply. You are not innocent until proven guilty, and your punishment need not fit your crime. The government can confiscate your possessions on a mere suspicion, leaving you the burden of proving that you deserve their return.

At least that's how things stood until the Supreme Court began to interfere. Of the nine justices on the court in the term that just ended, eight were appointed by Republican presidents with an eye to shoring up law and order. The Rehnquist court does not make a habit of criticizing police and prosecutors, but recently, the use of asset forfeiture has drawn two sharp rebukes.

The latest came in the case of a South Dakota man, Richard Lyle Austin, convicted of possessing cocaine with intent to distribute and sentenced to seven years in jail. The federal government also took the opportunity to seize his mobile home and auto-body shop, which were worth about $400,000.

For an offense that under South Dakota law carries a maximum fine of $10,000, Austin was assessed the equivalent of a fine 40 times larger. He challenged the confiscation as a violation of the Eighth Amendment, which forbids "excessive fines."

Austin's lawsuit didn't seem to have much hope, since courts have indulged the weird premise that in such cases, the offender targeted by the government is not the owner but the property, which, being a mere thing, lacks the rights enjoyed by human beings.

Austin kept cocaine in his mobile home and delivered it at his repair shop, making both of them vile accessories to the crime. A federal district court and a federal appeals court both ruled against him, noting that if property can be taken from the innocent, as the Supreme Court has allowed, there can hardly be mercy for the guilty.

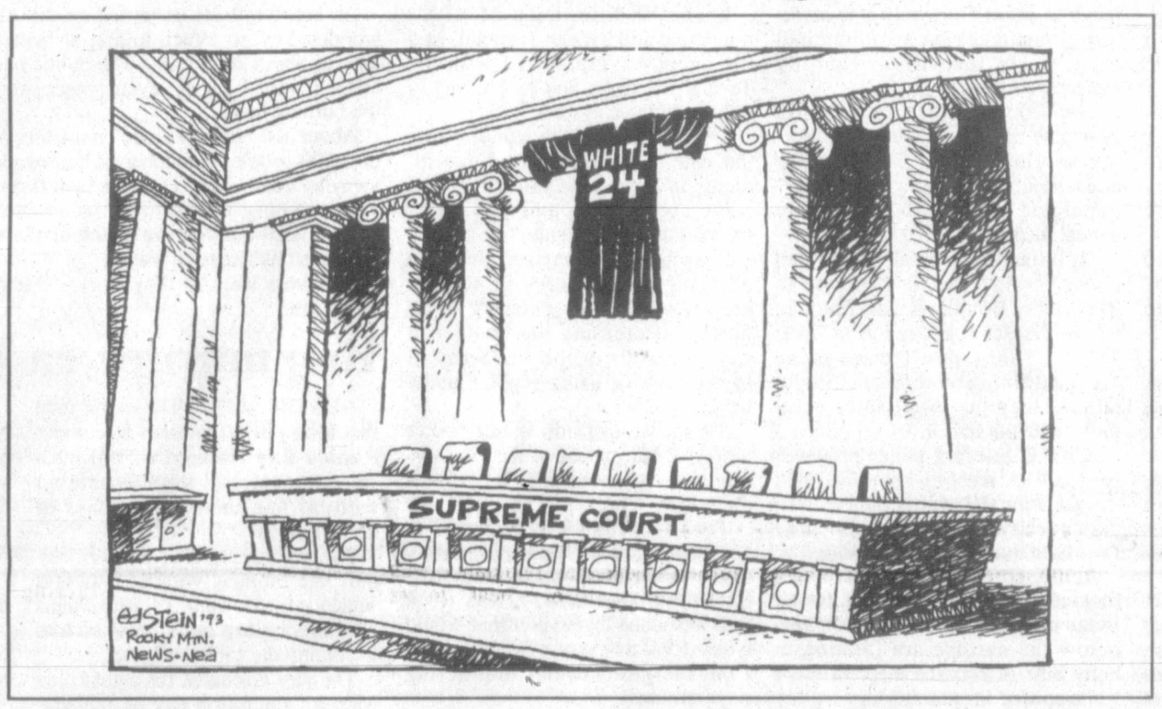
But while the lower courts were reviewing its past decisions on asset forfeiture, the Supreme Court was getting squeamish about its promiscuous use. In February, it said law enforcement officials couldn't confiscate a house allegedly bought with drug money without establishing that the owner had done something wrong – an elementary proposition overlooked in the past. From now on, the court announced, innocent parties must be treated differently from guilty ones.

Then, in its recent decision, the court said that even guilty ones have rights, including the right not to be impoverished at the whim of a U.S. attorney. The Justice Department had argued that the Austin forfeiture couldn't be an excessive punishment because it wasn't a punishment at all. The seizure had purely practical goals – to prevent that mobile home and body shop from reverting to a life of crime and to compensate the government for the social ills caused by drug use.

The justices did the Justice Department the favor of not laughing out loud, but they ruled unanimously for Austin. Forfeiture is punishment, the court concluded, and like other monetary punishments, it has to be proportionate to the offense. The Austin seizure will be allowed to stand only if lower courts find it wasn't excessive.

The Supreme Court has shown that its patience with asset forfeiture has limits, and there are signs that Congress may feel the same. An influential conservative, Rep. Henry Hyde (R-Ill.), has introduced a bill to put some constraints on law enforcement officials, which has the endorsement of the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys. Liberal Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.), who held subcommittee hearings on the issue, is drafting legislation of his own.

Henry Hyde and the ACLU, the Rehnquist court and John Conyers – we see a convergence here of people who usually can barely agree on whether it's dark or light out. They are lining up on the same side of this issue because the harms of asset forfeiture have become as obvious as the noonday sun.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 13, the 194th day of 1993. There are 171 days left in the year.

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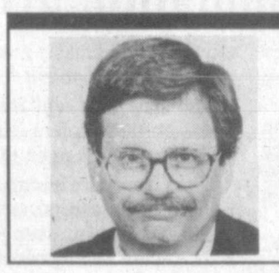
In 1787, Congress enacted an ordinance governing the Northwest Territory.

In 1821, Confederate cavalry commander Nathan Bedford Forrest was born in Bedford County, Tenn.

In 1863, rioting against the Civil War military draft erupted in New York City. The violence resulted in the deaths of about 1,000 people over three days.

In 1977, a 25-hour blackout hit the New York City area after lightning struck upstate power lines.

On the cutting edge of fashion



Lewis Grizzard

Sadly, I've never been able to find a comfortable spot on the cutting edge of fashion although, Lord knows, I've tried.

When polyester leisure suits became the rage, I thought, "In order to find a comfortable sport on the cutting edge of fashion, I really need to get myself one of those polyester leisure suits."

But I kept waiting for the price to go down or a fast food chain to offer one with a burger, so by the time I finally bought one at a reduced price at a men's clothing outlet store/sewer repair service they already had been declared fire and health hazards, and representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency showed up at my house and took mine away.

It was a color seen only in emergency flare guns, if you must know.

Well, here I am with a similar decision to make. The latest thing in men's fashions, I have been noticing, is to wear a long-sleeved shirt with the top button buttoned with no tie.

A number of male television stars are into this look. I noticed comedian Gary Shandling dressed that way on television the other night. I happened to pick up a copy of *Esquire* magazine in an airport and there were men in there in the same garb.

Most of these shirts, to me, at least, appear to be the sort your Uncle Carl used to wear. Uncle Carl was an aluminum siding salesman who used to visit once a year, pull on your ears and offer you guidance and encouragement with such advice as "make yourself useful, kid, and go get me another beer."

Uncle Carl bought these shirts at a men's clothing outlet store/discount bowling alley. They were sort of shiny, had large collars and a vest pocket where Uncle Carl kept his package of Lucky Strikes.

(The late Uncle Carl, incidentally, died recently when shot by an EPA agent while trying to light up a Lucky in a nonsmoking area at a bowling alley.)

"That's a really ugly shirt Uncle Carl is wearing," you used to think to yourself, but how did you know that in the '90s, television stars would be wearing that same sort of shirt buttoned to the top?

Nerds in high school used to wear those shirts, too, and I seem to recall they buttoned their top buttons. We used to laugh at them, and the more violent among us used to take away their chemistry books and beat them over their heads with them.

"That's for wearing that shirt," nerds were told.

But look at me. I'm this far from going out and buying myself an Uncle Carl/nerd shirt, buttoning the top button, and seeing if I can find a good, used Bunsen burner.

What may keep me from doing that, however, is I've also noticed just how often the cutting edge of fashion changes.

We've gone from leisure suits to Nehru jackets (although I'm not certain I have that in the right order) to shirts unbuttoned to the navel with gold chains dangling down to same, and now to the buttoned-up look.

The minute I go out and buy one of these shirts (or order it from a dead aluminum-siding salesmen's clothing catalog), the fashion likely would change again and I'll be looking like a pair of $3.50 Keds in Michael Jordan's shoe closet.

Since I didn't get in on this at the very beginning, the wise move might be for me to wait for the next fashion wind to blow, and go with that.

Maybe bell-bottoms will come back. I have a pair Uncle Carl wore in the Navy. I can always dye them flare-gun mauve.

Bosnia is not 'problem from hell'



William A. Rusher

A few weeks ago Secretary of State Warren Christopher, in a forgivable burst of exasperation, called the Bosnian crisis a "problem from hell." The expression is a colorful one and deserves appropriate use, but Bosnia is the wrong target.

The Bosnian crisis is just another Balkan fracas among close neighbors who hate each other for reasons centuries old. Mr. Christopher is annoyed because he can't stop the killing, but he will quickly learn that being the world's only superpower doesn't guarantee that everybody else will bow down before us.

There is, however, a real "problem from hell," and one can only hope that it is getting more attention behind the scenes than Messrs. Clinton and Christopher have vouchsafed it in public. I am referring to North Korea's flat refusal to permit U.N. inspectors to investigate the sites where we have reason to believe it is manufacturing nuclear weapons.

Such inspections are required of all nations that have signed the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty – of which North Korea is one. Not long ago, however, its aging dictator Kim Il-Sung blocked certain vital inspections, and followed that up by serving notice, as required under the treaty, that North Korea would withdraw from it in 90 days.

The Clinton administration professed to take all this calmly, merely expressing the hope that North Korea would change its mind before the 90 days were up. Sure enough, after a few hand-holding sessions with U.S. and U.N. officials, the North Koreans allowed themselves to be talked into not repudiating the treaty after all. The world, or those parts of it in communion with Warren Christopher, heaved a sigh of relief.

But, significantly, North Korea did not back down an inch on its refusal to let U.N. inspectors investigate the key sites. We are left with a situation in which Pyongyang has a firm grip on the baby, and Mr. Christopher is holding a huge bucket of bath water.

If one thing is clear, it is that the rest of the world, led by the United States, simply can't afford to let Kim Il-Sung build nuclear weapons. He and his son (who is also his political heir) have a cast-iron grip on their impoverished half of Korea, as well as one of the world's biggest armies. Kim has demonstrated repeatedly, beginning with his all-out onslaught on South Korea in June 1950, that he will launch any military attack that he considers likely to succeed. A North Korea armed with nuclear weapons would be a constant threat to the peace of the entire Far East.

What to do? The first thing that comes to mind is Israel's successful demolition (by bombing) of Iraq's almost-complete facility for the construction of nuclear weapons, more than a decade ago. There was nothing Iraq could do but grin and bear it.

But any similar attack on North Korea's production facilities would, it is feared, instantly result in a full-scale military invasion of South Korea by Kim Il-Sung's powerful army. This prospect brings to mind the three painful years the United States spent fighting in in the early 1950s, at the cost of scores of thousands of American lives. Obviously, neither Bill Clinton personally nor the American people in general have any appetite for a replay of that blood scenario.

We would, of course, warn Kim that any such retaliation for a strike against his nuclear-weapon facilities would be met by an aerial bombardment that would make the one on Iraq look merciful, and leave his army with no nation at its back.

But somehow that doesn't sound like Messrs. Clinton and Christopher. Far more probably they will just let the danger worsen until, in Kim's own sweet time, the chickens come home to roost.

'Last Action Hero' left out of record box office weekend

By JEFF WILSON
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) – *Jurassic Park* and *The Firm* led Hollywood to a record $100 million-plus weekend at the nation's box office, but Arnold Schwarzenegger's *Last Action Hero* was left out of the action.

The $100 million figure was a record for a non-holiday Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The old record, $96.8 million, was set in June 1989, when the box-office lineup included *Batman* and *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids*.

Top producers were Tom Cruise in *The Firm*, ($17.9 million); Steven Spielberg's *Jurassic Park*, ($15.31 million); and Clint Eastwood in the new thriller *In the Line of Fire*, ($15.27 million).

The *Last Action Hero* fell out of the Top 10 after only four weeks and a retooled promotion campaign. And some of the 2,339 theaters obligated to show the movie under four-week deals can now pull out as those contracts run out.

Columbia Pictures last week redesigned newspaper advertisements to pump up the movie. Instead of a smiling Arnold carrying a boy, the new full-page ads depicted a snarling Schwarzenegger holding a pistol.

It didn't work. The $80 million movie was 11th in the latest rankings, earning about half its cost so far and only $2.6 million this past weekend.

About 19.6 million tickets were sold last weekend, compared with 21.7 million the previous record weekend. But the average ticket price, including children's admissions, has gone up from $4.45 to $5.09 since then, according to the Motion Picture Association of America.

"Based on what we are seeing now, this is going to be a record summer," said John Krier, whose Exhibitor Relations Co. tracks movie performance.

Jurassic Park is the season's biggest moneymaker, earning $237 million in just five weeks. It is the No. 8 top-grossing film of all time. Spielberg's *E.T. the Extraterrestrial* holds the top spot, with $400 million.

The Mexican movie *Like Water for Chocolate*, a tale of love and food, has now become the highest-grossing foreign language film of the past decade. It has earned $12.1 million, topping the $12 million made by 1990's *Cinema Paradiso*.

Here are the weekend's top 20 films, according to Exhibitor Relations. Estimated ticket sales are from Friday through Sunday, with distributor, weekend gross, number of theater locations, average per location, total gross and number of weeks in release.

Figures are based on actual receipts and projections where actual figures were not available.

1. *The Firm*, Paramount, $17.9 million, 2,393 locations, $7,495 per location, $73.8 million, 2 1/2 weeks.

2. *Jurassic Park*, Universal, $15.31 million, 2,565 locations, $5,970 per location, $236.4 million, five weeks.

3. *In the Line of Fire*, Columbia, $15.27 million, 1,903 locations, $8,024 per location, $15.27 million, one week.

4. *Sleepless in Seattle*, TriStar, $10.2 million, 1,622 locations, $6,262 per location, $59 million, three weeks.

5. *Rookie of the Year*, 20th Century Fox, $9.1 million, 1,460 locations, $6,248 per location, $12.5 million, one week.

6. *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, Disney, $6 million, 1,831 locations, $3,285 per location, $18.6 million, two weeks (re-released).

7. *Dennis the Menace*, Warner Bros., $5.5 million, 2,085 locations, $2,644 per location, $35.5 million, three weeks.

8. *Son-in-Law*, Disney, $4.8 million, 1,406 locations, $3,438 per location, $14.8 million, two weeks.

9. *Weekend at Bernie's 2*, TriStar, $4 million, 1,334 locations, $3,002 per location, $4 million, one week.

10. *What's Love Got to Do With It*, Disney, $3.3 million, 1,038 locations, $3,220 per location, $26.9 million, five weeks.

11. *Last Action Hero*, Columbia, $2.6 million, 2,339 locations, $1,117 per location, $44.4 million, four weeks.

12. *Cliffhanger*, TriStar, $1.6 million, 1,260 locations, $1,249 per location, $74.1 million, seven weeks.

13. *Menace II Society*, New Line, $964,534, 430 locations, $2,243 per location, $22.4 million, seven weeks.

14. *Much Ado About Nothing*, Goldwyn, $941,442, 204 locations, $4,615 per location, $11.1 million, 10 weeks.

15. *Hot Shots! Part Deux*, 20th Century Fox, $594,348, 695 locations, $855 per location, $36.3 million, eight weeks.

16. *Like Water for Chocolate*, Miramax, $553,053, 167 locations, $3,312 per location, $12.1 million, 21 weeks.

17. *Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story*, Universal, $501,510, 590 locations, $850 per location, $33.8 million, 10 weeks.

18. *Made in America*, Warner Bros., $464,665, 1,005 locations, $462 per location, $41.9 million, seven weeks.

19. *Dave*, Warner Bros., $455,270, 512 locations, $889 per location, $61 million, 10 weeks.

20. *The Sandlot*, 20th Century Fox, $324,167, 427 locations, $759 per location, $30.8 million, 14 weeks.

Midwestern flooding: 'We're in a Third World country'

By MIKE GLOVER
Associated Press Writer

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) – Residents carrying plastic jugs lined up for their five-gallon rations of drinking water in the flood-stricken Des Moines area, and hundreds of Midwesterners were inoculated against water-borne diseases.

"I feel like we're in a Third World country," said Ed Conlow, a researcher for the Iowa state House.

The rain-swollen Mississippi River and its tributaries continued to swallow up land today in the upper Midwest as residents and National Guardsmen piled sandbags to try to save homes and businesses.

Des Moines and other cities have been brought to a near standstill. About 250,000 people in and around Iowa's capital were without running water after floodwaters knocked out a water treatment plant over the weekend.

Damage across the region will far exceed the $1.2 billion in aid announced by President Clinton last week, Gov. Terry Branstad said. Branstad said he will ask the government to declare all of Iowa a disaster area.

The flooding has caused at least 19 deaths, 13 in Missouri. The Red Cross said more than 7,600 homes were damaged or destroyed in Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Illinois.

No looting has been reported, but some residents still feared losing their belongings. In West Alton, Mo., Michael Payeur refused to leave his waterlogged home and relied on supplies brought to him by boat by his daughter.

"There's looters out here," he said. "They can get in and out."

Water Patrolman Don Carnahan navigated the West Alton area with care. "You got to watch the road signs," he said. "They'll sure cut a hole in the boat."

Vice President Al Gore visited Lemay, Mo., and Grafton, Ill., on Monday. The water was so high he had to duck when his boat passed under power lines. He also took a helicopter tour and said in wonder, "You can't even tell where the Mississippi begins and the farmland ends."

Gore talked to the president by phone and then assured residents there would be a "forceful, coordinated response."

More rain was forecast for today and Wednesday, but the National Weather Service said it was not expected to raise water levels. Some Mississippi tributaries were slowly falling. The Des Moines River was 7.8 feet above flood stage at Des Moines on Monday but was down nearly a foot from Sunday's record crest.



(AP photo)

Vice President Al Gore talks to media and residents of Lemay, Mo., Monday about the floods.

In Missouri, nurses from Cameron Community Hospital and the Harrison County Health Department gave more than 800 inoculations for diphtheria and tetanus from Friday to Monday, said Mary Tripolino, the hospital's nursing director.

Missouri health officials warned those working around the floodwaters to get shots. The water has been contaminated with raw sewage, fertilizer and other contaminants.

Health officials in Des Moines opened a clinic offering free tetanus shots.

Word awaited on gays policy

WASHINGTON (AP) – A potential Senate threat to write into law a ban on homosexuals in the military is putting pressure on President Clinton to come up with his own policy by Thursday.

Clinton changed the 50-year-old prohibition last January, ordering recruiters to stop asking applicants about their sexual orientation and suspending the formal discharge of gays from the military.

The president also asked Defense Secretary Les Aspin to draw up an executive order on lifting the ban by July 15.

Days after Clinton's action, the Senate rejected a Republican attempt to write the ban into law, 62-37, and endorsed the president's changes – but only until July 15.

After that date, any senator could offer an amendment not only to turn the clock back to the policy before Clinton changed it but to go a step further and propose to make the prohibition law.

Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind., a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and a proponent of the ban, heads the list of lawmakers likely to offer such a measure, said congressional sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The rules of the House of Representatives would make a similar action highly unlikely.

Aspin accompanied Clinton to South Korea and Hawaii, but senior White House officials said the defense secretary has not and will not mention the issue to the president until he returns to Washington.

Clinton is expected back at midnight Wednesday.

A senior Pentagon official said last week that Aspin would present Clinton with three options on lifting the ban. The Joint Chiefs of Staff agreed to one plan that would allow homosexuals to serve as long as they kept their sexual orientation secret.

Each of the three options is a slight variant on how to express the opening sentence of the current regulation, which states, "homosexuality is incompatible with military service," said congressional sources.

All spoke on condition of anonymity.

Both the House and Senate Armed Services committees have scheduled final action on their versions of the fiscal 1994 defense budget next week. The issue of gays in the military has held up completion of the House bill as freshman Rep. Stephen Buyer, R-Ind., is weighing an amendment in the personnel subcommittee to codify the ban.

Lawmakers get serious about reforms for Congress

By LARRY MARGASAK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) – Congress' in-house reformers were holding a let-your-hair-down, private retreat at the Naval Academy one recent Sunday, when a gorgeous sunset appeared over the Severn River.

Rather than stop to admire it, committee leaders ordered the curtains closed to block out any distractions, a Senate staff member recalled.

For some, the incident illustrated that after 34 hearings, 100 hours of testimony and hundreds of suggestions, the Joint Committee on the Organization of Congress may be nearing recommendations to fix what's wrong with the House and Senate.

"This is the greatest opportunity we've ever had" to change Congress, exulted Sen. David Boren, D-Okla., co-chairman of the reform panel that held its first hearing in January.

Boren and several other participants said they believe the committee is moving toward recommending that Congress:

— Substantially reduce the number of committees and subcommittees, now 266, cut the number of committee assignments for each lawmaker and eliminate numerous jobs in Congress' work force of 37,900, counting legislative agencies like the Library of Congress.

— Replace annual budgets with a two-year process, in which one year would be devoted to appropriating money and the second to carefully considering spending priorities and controls.

— Apply civil rights and labor laws to Congress. House employees are barred from filing lawsuits in sexual harassment cases, and workplace safety rules do not apply to the legislative branch.

While the committee has not made specific recommendations, Boren has expressed his view that the 218 congressional subcommittees could be reduced by half. He has talked about reducing legislative branch employees by 25 percent, which would be nearly 9,500 positions.

Despite the evident progress, participants in the retreat said there is more discord than agreement over whether to change some traditional practices.

The sacred cow in the House is committee jurisdiction, which gives several panels joint control over major legislation. The Senate reveres its filibuster, a delaying tactic that lets a minority keep a bill from coming to a vote, and its right to attach amendments – regardless of subject matter – to any bill.

Rep. David R. Obey, D-Wis., said he left the retreat "somewhat disturbed" because "resistance was expressed, with some heat" to his desire – shared by about four other House members – for an end to those Senate practices.

"Without (changing) those, anything else is marginal," Obey said. "But the indication from the Senate side is, it's not willing to deal with either one of those items. If we don't deal with those items, we don't deal with the need for reform."

Sen. Pete V. Domenici, R-N.M., ranking Republican on his chamber's budget committee, said with a touch of sarcasm that he hopes the filibuster dispute is not being raised "to prevent real reform" in cutting committee assignments, reducing the number of committees and changing the budget process.

The 28-member committee has equal numbers of House and Senate members, Republicans and Democrats. Only House committee lawmakers can vote on matters solely affecting their chamber and the same applies to senators.

In a survey of both chambers, the committee found overwhelming support for reducing subcommittees, limiting committee assignments, streamlining the budget process, applying federal laws to Congress and taking more time to study issues. More than half the respondents backed shifts in committee turf, and half agreed Congress is overstaffed.

The panel also is considering changes in ethics procedures but has reached no consensus.

Committee members will spend the summer talking to leaders and key power brokers in both chambers.

The panel plans to write its proposals this fall and go out of existence Dec. 31.

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CIA man let radical sheik into United States despite terrorist ties

WASHINGTON (AP) – It turns out it was a CIA man who let Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman into the United States despite his alleged ties to terrorists.

The government has concluded it was an unwitting blunder, a U.S. official said Monday.

That's one of the findings in a classified report by the State Department's inspector general on Abdel-Rahman, some of whose followers have been arrested in connection with the World Trade Center bombing and an alleged plot foiled last month by the FBI to bomb New York City landmarks and tunnels.

The report, prepared with the help of the CIA's inspector general, found that a CIA officer serving at the U.S. Embassy in Sudan unwittingly approved Abdel-Rahman's request to enter the United States in 1990, according to a U.S. official who is familiar with the report.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the CIA officer approved Abdel-Rahman's tourist visa after an embassy consular clerk assured him the sheik's name was not on a list of foreigners ineligible because of their alleged ties with terrorists.

The investigation found that the CIA officer did not recognize Abdel-Rahman's name, said the official, even though the sheik was known to U.S. counterterrorism officials because of his support of Muslim radicals in Egypt.

In 1987, Abdel-Rahman was placed on a list of 2.7 million foreigners ineligible for entry into the United States. Also, the U.S. Embassy in Egypt had warned the Sudan post in 1990 that Abdel-Rahman might try to enter the United States and should be banned, said a government official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The sheik had applied for visas at the U.S. Embassy in Cairo five or six times in the 1980s but was rejected, said this official.

The Egyptian cleric, who is blind, was tried and acquitted in connection with the 1981 assassination of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, and was charged with inciting a 1989 riot in Egypt.

The Sudanese consular clerk who handled Abdel-Rahman's visa application assured the CIA officer that he had checked the name against the so-called watch list – but he had not, the investigators found.

The clerk was reprimanded but was not disciplined further because of his honorable employment record, said a third official.

This administration official, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, said investigators were convinced the clerk had acted out of haste or carelessness but not with intent to deceive.

Nonetheless, the findings are bound to bolster widespread speculation that the CIA arranged for Abdel-Rahman to get into the United States because he had helped the agency recruit Afghan rebels to fight the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in the 1980s.

The CIA and other U.S. agencies firmly deny any connection with Abdel-Rahman. The official who spoke of the report's findings noted that Abdel-Rahman did not travel to Pakistan – the staging point for the Afghan rebels fighting in neighboring Afghanistan – until 1990, after the Soviets had pulled out.



(AP photo)

American U.N. soldiers await transport to their Skopje airport base Monday after arriving in Macedonia.

Reaction varies to U.S. troops

SKOPJE, Macedonia (AP) – The government of this small and obscure country is grateful for the arrival of U.S. troops whose aim is to prevent fighting such as that which has ravaged much of former Yugoslavia. Not so for many suspicious Skopje residents.

The 300 troops, the last of whom arrived Monday, are the first U.S. combat unit to wear the blue berets of U.N. peacekeepers.

The 700 Scandinavian troops who have been in Macedonia since January have a similar mission: patrolling the border of Macedonia and Serbia, the dominant province of what's left of Yugoslavia.

That frontier has been quiet but Macedonian and Western analysts agree on the need to deter possible aggression against a region that Serb nationalists consider "southern Serbia."

Macedonia seceded peacefully from the crumbling Yugoslav federation in 1991. But it has failed to gain international recognition because of Greece's objections to its name, and government officials hope that the arrival of the Americans would help speed recognition.

Athens claims that the name Macedonia implies territorial pretensions toward the northern Greek province of the same name. Although in April the United States supported Macedonia's membership in the United Nations, it has also not officially recognized the new state.

"The arrival of the troops makes U.S. recognition much more certain," President Kiro Gligorov said in a recent interview.

"This event shows that the international community has finally verified the status of Macedonia as a peace-loving nation," declared a commentary on government-run Macedonian television.

But not all Macedonians appeared happy with the deployment of the Americans.

Most vocal in their opposition were representatives of the republic's ethnic Serb minority. Serbs account for about 20,000 of Macedonia's 2 million people.

"The claim that the threat to this republic comes from the north is entirely unacceptable to us," said Stevo Stojanovic, secretary of the Serbian Union of Macedonia. "We consider the arrival of the Americans as completely unnecessary and counter-productive."

Some Skopje residents suspected that the U.S. administration had ulterior motives in sending its soldiers to Macedonia.

"I will be very happy to have the Americans here, but only if they remain within the framework of the United Nations," said travel agent Hristo Filip. "It would not be good if they came in order to use Macedonia as a platform for attacks on other states."

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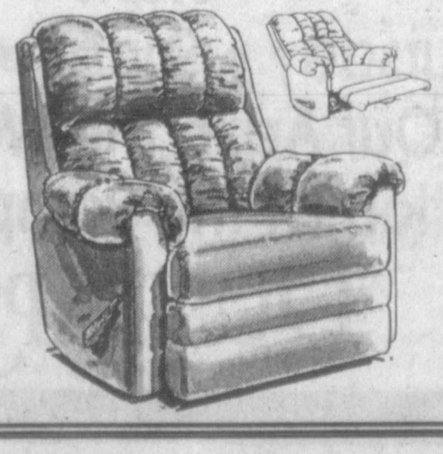


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Lifestyles

PHS grad makes career underwater

By BARBARA SHUPE

PANAMA CITY, Fla.—In 1969, Charles E Gilbert was a year out of Pampa High School and facing a tough choice — either be drafted into the U.S. Army or enlist in another armed service. Gilbert's draft lottery number was a single digit, a real "winner" that virtually guaranteed him a stint in the Army and a ticket to Vietnam. Gilbert wanted to serve, he even volunteered for Vietnam, but not in the Army.

"It was the only lottery I'd ever won in my life," said Gilbert, the son of Paulette and Charles D. Gilbert Jr. of Pampa.

"My family had always served in the Navy or Coast Guard, so I chose the Navy."

The war ended before he had a chance to go to Vietnam. But by that time, the then-youthful sailor had discovered Navy diving.

"Diving was something I'd always wanted to do," Gilbert recalled. "As a kid, I watched Lloyd Bridges on (the TV show) 'Sea Hunt.' It's kind of funny that someone from a land-locked area would want to be a diver."

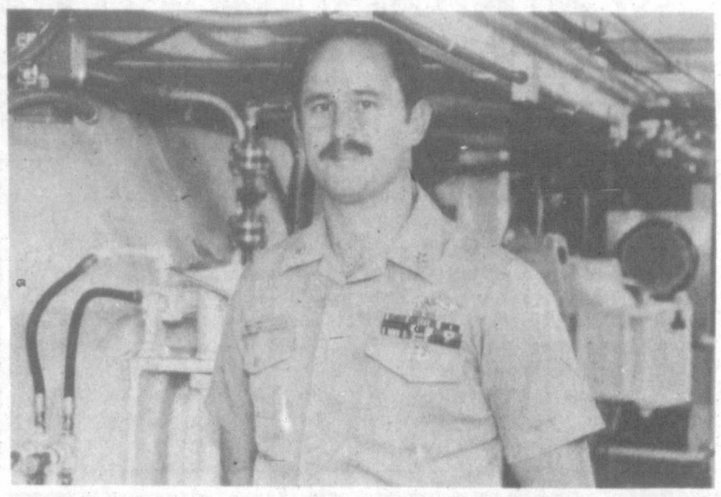
In the last 23 years, Gilbert has excelled in the diving field and earned some much-deserved recognition. He has risen to the Navy's highest enlisted rank, master chief petty officer, attained the designation of master diver and was twice awarded the Legion of Merit, one of the Navy's highest decorations for valor.

For the past three years, Gilbert has been an engineering master diver for the Navy Experimental Diving Unit (NEDU), based in this Florida panhandle city.

NEDU was established in 1913 at the New York Naval Shipyard to conduct diver's training and research, and moved to Pensacola in 1975. Over the years, NEDU personnel have pioneered diving techniques that have benefitted fleet divers world-wide, whether operating in the open sea, river or harbor.

Today's diving-related tasks, such as salvage, submarine rescue, special warfare, explosive ordnance disposal, and ocean engineering/underwater construction, are safer and more comfortable thanks to the experts at NEDU. It's their job to test and evaluate diving equipment, practices and procedures prior to distribution in the fleet.

"Once we test the equipment and give it our seal of approval, we put it on a list of 'approved for Navy use' equipment," said the 42-year-old master chief. "We do both unmanned and manned testing."



(U. S. Navy photo by Lt. Kim E. Dixon)

Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Charles E. Gilbert is a master diver assigned to the Navy Experimental Diving Unit in Panama City, Fla.

Aboard NEDU, Gilbert oversees the maintenance and operation of the Ocean Simulation Facility (OSF). The OSF is a large, hyperbaric chamber complex that simulates the depth and pressure of underwater conditions and tests the diver's ability to work at world-record depths in a controlled environment.

"I coordinate all diving in the OSF and any necessary system changes to facilitate experiments the divers are doing," he said. "As a master diver, I'm also responsible for the safe conduct of all dives."

In the early days, Gilbert hadn't even considered a career in the Navy, much less attaining the status of master diver.

"I'd planned on doing four years, getting out and going back to college," Gilbert recalled. "But the Navy kept challenging me with interest schools and assignments, and rewarding me with the camaraderie of good people.

"I've really enjoyed the Navy, always had a good time. The people are great," observed Gilbert. "If it wasn't for diving, I wouldn't be in the Navy.

"There's a lot of job satisfaction in my work," continued Gilbert, who's married to the former Linda A. Gore of Springfield. The couple has three children, Brian Stiffler, 23, Eric Stiffler, 20, and Amanda, 5. "I think that divers are a little more motivated than the regular fleet guy. I'd definitely recommend it."

With over two decades of experience in the Navy diving community, Gilbert certainly can give much advice to junior sailors interested in turning to diving for a career. But, now, Gilbert is contemplating his future, a future that doesn't include wearing a uniform every day.

"I'm thinking about retiring from the Navy," said Gilbert. "I'll have 24 years in next February."

When Gilbert leaves the Navy, he hopes to take advantage of all that he's learned over the past 23 years.

"I'd like to get into the medical field of hyperbaric oxygen treatments," explained the 1968 PHS graduate. "Doctors are using hyperbaric oxygen to treat all kinds of problems, including gangrene and carbon dioxide poisoning.

"It's been found that oxygen at increased pressure has a healing effect. The medical profession is finding a lot of uses for it. I see opportunity in this growing field."

The chance to be a diver may have been responsible for keeping Gilbert in the Navy, but diving skills are only a fraction of what he feels he will take with him when he's piped ashore for the last time.

"I've gotten to do and see things I wouldn't have been able to do as a civilian," concluded Gilbert. "The Navy's instilled in me a greater sense of pride in myself and the country. It's given me a sense of direction for my life."

Backyard may become wildlife refuge

By COUNTRY LIVING
For AP Special Features

You can turn your back yard into a certified wildlife habitat, offering sanctuary to a wide range of creatures — and saving yourself a lot of outdoor work at the same time.

While the plight of species such as the bald eagle and the whale receive the lion's share of publicity, Monica Michael Willis wrote in an article in the current issue of *Country Living*, everyday insects, birds and small mammals dwindle in relative obscurity.

The National Wildlife Federation's Backyard Wildlife Habitat Program, in an effort to strike a balance between the needs of humankind and the continuing health of indigenous animals and plant life, offers a guide to homeowners interested in creating wildlife sanctuaries in their backyards. The program encourages people to forego clipped shrubs and perfectly manicured lawns in favor of creating a natural landscape that attracts wildlife and highlights native plants.

To become a certified Backyard Wildlife Habitat, a site must be structured around the four basic needs of all creatures — food, water, cover in which to hide and a place to raise the young. The program details ways this can be done and provides information on how to attract specific animals to your property.

Once the program's criteria have been met, your yard becomes certified and is entered in the National Wildlife Federation's national registry. To date there are nearly 12,000 certified habitats.

Craig Tufts, chief naturalist and manager of the Backyard Wildlife Habitat Program, said of gardening for wildlife: "My own yard, Habitat 2364, is less than a quarter acre, but six years of work including the planting of more than 300 shrubs, trees and flowers, have provided habitat for many feeding and nesting birds. More than 40 kinds of butterflies visit, looking for nectar and places where their caterpillars might find a healthy food supply. My kids enjoy going on critter hunts, discovering insects and spiders, surprising turtles and frogs, and watching groundhogs and cottontail rabbits grow bigger on the clover in our lawn."

The amount of land involved has little bearing on the success of a habitat. Certified terrace gardens in New York City attract scores of insects, butterflies and birds. Over the years, the Backyard Wildlife Habitat Program has certified sites that include a fire station, the 235-acre governor's mansion in Topeka, Kan., and nursing homes.

The only thing the properties have in common is that the needs of wildlife are considered when the land is cultivated. Native shrubs, trees and other plants that produce berries, nuts or seeds provide food, protective cover and spots for nesting. Flowering plants and wildflowers attract insects and butterflies. A variety of bird feeders ensure the appearance of winged creatures.

An elevated birdbath, a dish of water or a pond take care of water requirements. For cover, leave in place hollow logs, dead trees, rock piles, dense shrubs and other "yard debris" that might interest animals.

There are benefits for humans, too.

"Habitats are low-maintenance gardening in a sense," said John Behm, director of the National Wildlife Federation's Urban Wildlife Programs. "In addition to doing the right thing for your landscape, there's also less work and less stress involved when you return open spaces to nature."

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For more information, call the National Wildlife Federation, 1-800- 432-6564.



The Book Report

by
Ellen Malone, Lovett Library Staff

Tell Me No Secrets
by Joy Fielding

In the latest psychological thriller by Fielding, the tidy world of prosecutor Jess Koster becomes unraveled in a nightmare of terror. Still haunted by the mysterious disappearance of her mother eight years earlier, Jess panics when a client she is defending from a brutal rapist vanishes. When death threats arrive in her mailbox and someone seems to be following her, she finds herself unwillingly endangered and entangled in a brutal world of violence.

The Red Horseman
by Stephen Coonts

Nuclear proliferation in the post-Cold War era forms the backdrop for a chilling new novel. With the downfall of the Soviet Union, twenty thousand tactical nuclear weapons are making their way towards the black market, and Rear Admiral Jake Grafton is determined to stop the arms bazaar before it begins. As the countdown to Armageddon looms, Grafton takes to the skies himself to destroy the weapons.

Paper Doll
by Robert B. Parker

A Boston private eye shatters a client's image of his picture-perfect family. Convinced that his late wife Olivia's brutal street slaying was something other than a random act of violence, aggrieved Boston Brahmin Loudon Tripp hires Spenser to find the truth. And as Spenser investigates, he discovers that Olivia Tripp's reputation is far from saintly, her children are far from angels, and his client's vision of his family is far from true.

Perfect
by Judith McNaught

In a sweeping tale of romance, passion, and adventure, the noted author created her most intriguing heroine yet. Hillary Spencer, the survivor of a not-so-perfect childhood, believes firmly in giving people a second chance. However, she never expects to discover "Mr. Right" in such an unlikely place and to be swept up into a whirlwind of passion and an eternal romance with this smoldering lover straight out of her dreams.

The Fifties
by David Halberstam

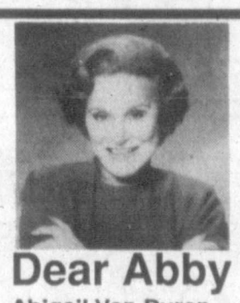
The Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Best and The Brightest* and *The Summer of '49* portrays the social, cultural, and political legacy of the 1950s. The sweeping saga of the decade of Jack Kerouac, Joseph McCarthy, and Elvis Presley offers portraits of giants of the age — Eisenhower, Dulles, Oppenheimer, Hoover, and Nixon. In addition, Halberstam explores the impact of television, which brought I Love Lucy, Charles Van Doren and the quiz-show scandals, and the Little Rock riots into America's living rooms.

Mary Ellen's Clean House!
by Mary Ellen Pinkham

The guru of the useful household hint has done it again. Her latest guide contains practical and easy-to-follow instructions on cleaning and repairing almost everything found in the home. In addition, her essays recommend to the cost-conscious consumer the most beneficial purchases for the home. With her usual flair, she fins uses for products that even the manufacturers had not envisioned.

Other new fiction books:
Play With Cobras by Thomas
Kingdom by Brock
Nobodys Fool by Lynch
When Mama Makes Up Her Mind by White
Angels and Insects by Byatt
Other new non-fiction books
Preachers Girl by Schutze
The Real Anita Hill by Brock
Beating the Street by Lynch
Virtural Reality by Pimentel
The G-Index Diet by Podell

Mom aims to educate on adoption terms



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to the letter from a birth mother whose daughter was adopted shortly after birth. You responded with a beautiful poem titled, "Legacy of an Adopted Child."

I can certainly relate to this poem, being the mother of two children, an 11-year-old son by birth, and an adopted 2-year-old daughter from Korea. This column referred to the "natural" mother vs. "birth" mother, which brings me to my reason for writing.

As an adoptive parent, I feel it is important to educate the public regarding the use of proper terms when speaking about adoption. I consider myself and my daughter to be very "natural" and "real." I have also been asked whether or not I have any children "of my own." My response is: "Are you asking if I have any children by birth?"

I do not wish to discourage these questions, and I am very sympathetic to the fact that most people simply do not know the proper terms to use, but I am concerned about how their questions sound to the adopted child. Imagine how you and your child would feel if someone asked you point-blank: "Do you know anything about her real mother?" Thanks for helping me educate a few people.

JUST CALL ME "MOM"

DEAR MOM: You have made some excellent points. Thanks for educating the general public concerning adoption terminology.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently attended the wedding of a co-worker and was shocked to see another guest (female) handing out her business cards to all the guests. (She was in real estate.)

I noticed that some of the guests politely put the card in purse or pocket, then walked away shaking their heads as if to say, "How tasteless!"

I have been in business a long time, and I carry my business cards with me, but I am very discreet about where and to whom I give them.

In your opinion, Abby, when is it appropriate to give someone your business card?

APPALLED
IN BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.

DEAR APPALLED: When he or she has asked for it.

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DEAR ABBY: My problem is one that many others have these days. I do not enjoy being videotaped. As a matter of fact, I *hate* it! I am not photogenic. I absolutely despise the way I look in the playbacks. For some reason or other, the person doing the recording just assumes that he or she has the right to film anyone who happens to be around. They don't even bother to ask for permission.

What is the best way to handle this invasion of privacy — besides destroying the video camera?

I would assume the host or hostess should be able to control the videotaping, but sometimes, they are the guilty parties.

THEDA PACHECO, BALTIMORE

DEAR THEDA: If you see the "taper" first, you can get out of camera range. You can also let the taper know how you feel about having your picture taken. Whatever you do — do not stick out your tongue and cross your eyes in an effort to "ruin" the tape. It will give the taper an even more unflattering picture to preserve for posterity.

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DEAR ABBY: In regards to mispronounced names: Our family name is "Venema," and for some reason, very few people get it right; so first, I spell it — then I say, "Venema — it rhymes with enema." It usually gets a chuckle, but they always remember it.

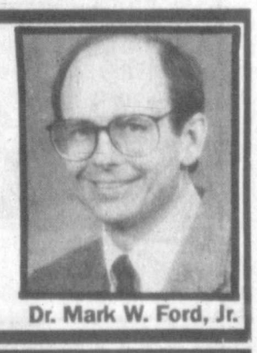
A MINNESOTA VENEMA

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

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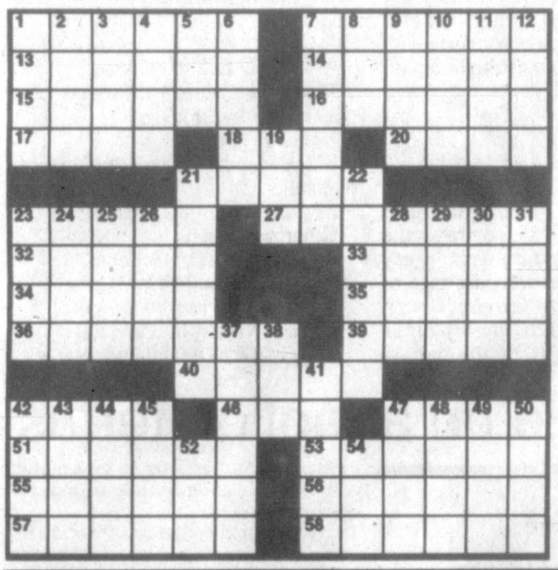
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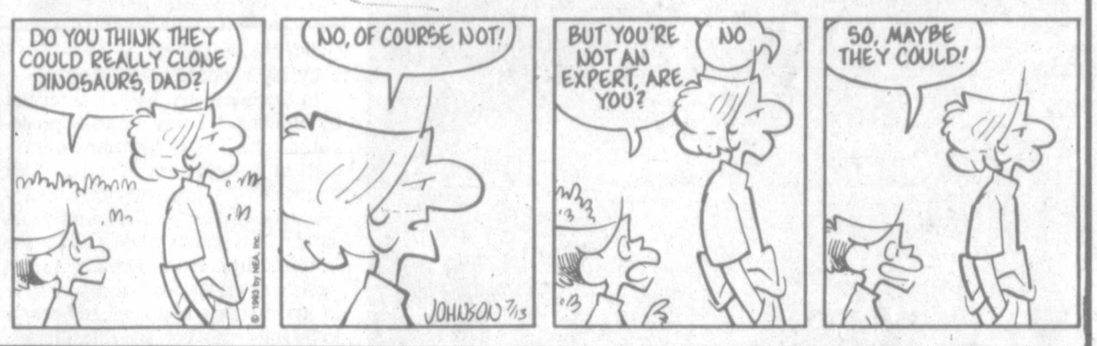
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WALNUT COVE — By Mark Cullum



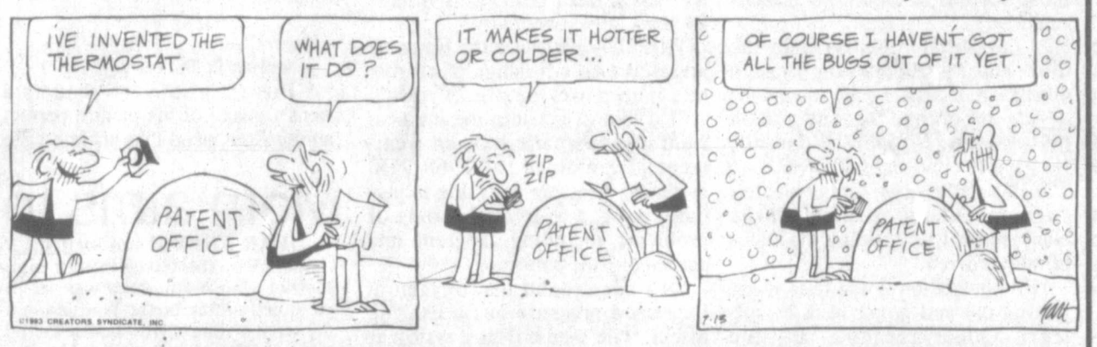
ARLO & JANIS — By Jimmy Johnson



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B.C. — By Johnny Hart



MARVIN



MARMADUKE — By Brad Anderson



"Carrots, corn, string beans, and of course, to keep peace in the family, bones."

KIT N' CARLYLE — By Larry Wright



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WINTHROP — By Dick Cavalli



SNAFU — By Bruce Beattie



"In case of a sudden loss of profits, oxygen masks will automatically drop from the overhead compartments."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS — By Bil Keane



"Why do you say, 'Go to your room,' and other kids' moms call it 'time out'?"

CALVIN AND HOBBES — By Bill Watterson



THE BORN LOSER — By Art and Chip Sansom



FRANK AND ERNEST — By Bob Thaves



PEANUTS — By Charles M. Schulz



GARFIELD — By Jim Davis



CANCER (June 21-July 22) Things you handle for others might not work out as well as you hope today, so don't get too involved. However, you should get straight A's in managing your personal interests. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $1.25 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Left to your own devices today your creative instincts and imagination should be very fruitful. This might not be true, however, when you feel you must incorporate the ideas of associates.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It looks like you're going to break into that group of people with whom you've always wanted to establish a friendly rapport. You'll be surprised as to how much everyone has in common.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Because others will be paying close attention to you today, your words and ideas will carry considerable weight. Be sure what you espouse leaves the type of impression you feel is most desirable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Try to devote time to mental projects today. You're especially gifted in this area and you could come up with a new spin for a fatigued endeavor.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Generally speaking your assets are rather well rounded out today, but you're likely to be the sharpest at doing tasks that allow you to research, probe and detect.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Partnership arrangements could produce mutual benefits for persons with whom you're involved today. The results might not be optimum, but they should be quite good.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) While at work today there is a chance you might devise a better way of doing something that will enhance productivity, make your job easier and cut costs.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today you tend to draw strength and ideas off of friends with whom you're involved. If they are optimistic and enthusiastic, it could have a dramatic, positive effect on your attitude.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) An abrasive situation from the past might be favorably terminated today as your attention shifts to new interests. However, the ideas that motivate you aren't apt to originate with you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't be afraid to ask questions today if someone is teaching you something you do not fully grasp. It might be necessary to review this material two or more times.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There are indications you might be more adroit at handling financial matters today than you will be later in the week. Take care of these situations now while you're on a roll.

Sports

Jordan takes center stage

BALTIMORE (AP) — Al Kaline sheepishly asked for a souvenir picture. Ken Griffey Jr. came over to rub shoulders. Reggie Jackson whispered hitting tips in his ear. Fans and cameramen followed his every step.

At the showcase for baseball stars past and present, the center of attention was a 6-foot-5 right-hander who gave up baseball in high school.

His Chicago White Sox uniform had No. 23 and the name Jordan on the back. His tongue shot out after every swing, carefully licking his top lip. Sweat trickled down his forehead.

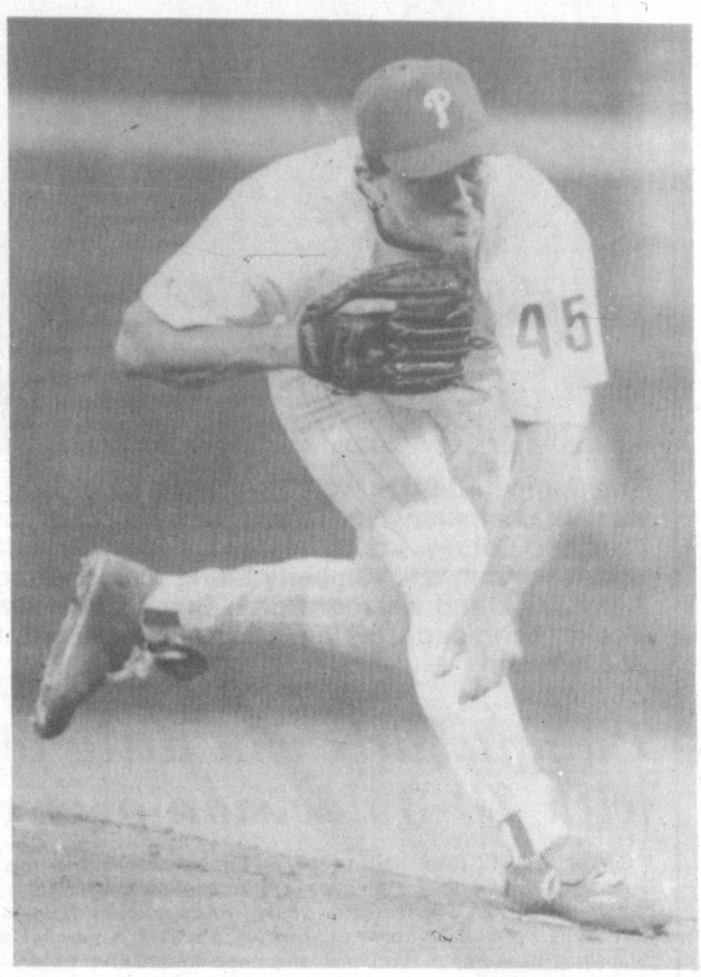
Even on a field loaded with Hall of Famers and All-Stars, the loudest cheers were for Michael Jordan. Fresh off a weekend golf tournament, Jordan tried his luck in a celebrity home run derby and added some luster to Monday's festivities on the eve of the All-Star Game.

If baseball was worried that Jordan would steal the limelight from its own stars, those fears were unfounded. He did, however, turn some of the sport's legends into star-struck fans.

"I wanted to have a picture taken with him," said Kaline, the Hall of Fame outfielder. "He's maybe the greatest athlete that's ever lived. He's bigger than life."

Wearing blue shorts, a white golf shirt and black baseball spikes, Jordan took batting practice with actors Bill Murray, Jim Belushi and Tom Selleck.

Oriole Park is perfect place for All-Star Game



(AP photo)
Terry Mulholland of the Phillies will be starting on the mound for the National League.

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) — To National Leaguers more accustomed to sterile synchronicity, Oriole Park at Camden Yards is a wondrous new treat. And they love it.

They've played baseball for years, yet Ryne Sandberg, Barry Bonds and the other NL players couldn't stop talking Monday about Camden Yards, the site of Tuesday's All-Star game. It's a nearly new yet old-style stadium that's re-energized baseball in Baltimore more than a string of pennant winners ever did.

Oriole Park's cozy setting, intimate sight lines and endless character are remarkable revelations to players accustomed to, and sometimes disgusted by, the endless NL circuit of character-less concrete shells — Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, St. Louis.

"It's unbelievable, this place is two years old and already it should be considered a shrine," the Cubs' Mark Grace said. "The fans are right there on top of you, and it's so perfect. It's great that baseball is getting back to parks that the players and fans can really enjoy."

Grace and teammate Sandberg play in one of baseball's most storied ballparks, Wrigley Field, yet even they appreciate Baltimore's exciting new toy.

"We see so many round, concrete stadiums, it's great to play in a ballpark with a lot of character like Wrigley Field," Sandberg said. "It's high tech, cement and steel, yet it's got such an old time feel to it. It's got a lot of good, fun things about it."

To the Pirates' Andy Van Slyke, himself a student and not just a player of the game, Camden Yards is what baseball was like in the 1920s — and what it should be like in 2020.

"This is the future of baseball and this should be the future," he said. "This game is so different than football ... all of the stadiums shouldn't be the same. A stadium like this is an amazing example of what can happen when a city does something right."

"It's unbelievable, this place is two years old and already it should be considered a shrine."

– Mark Grace

What Van Slyke sees is a downtown stadium filled with modern amenities — spacious aisles, abundant concession stands, exciting architecture — but old-time feel and charm. There's so much character in Camden Yards, one almost expects to see Babe Ruth, whose father once ran a saloon on these very grounds, waddle up to the plate.

"It's beautiful, it's really beautiful. You're not supposed to think of a ballpark as being beautiful, but this is," the Giants' Robby Thompson said. "When I was driving through town, I started looking for it and I almost missed it, it blends in so well with the rest of the downtown. Some ballparks stick out like a sore thumb, but not this place."

Giants pitcher John Burkett loves playing the game so much he even enjoys the NL's most despised and uninspired stadium, Candlestick Park. So seeing Camden Yards for the first time was almost like visiting hallowed ground.

"I've heard so much about it that my expectations were high, and it's great it lived up to my expectations," he said. "I saw it on TV, but it's so much better in person. It's a new park that's designed to be old, but look new. What else could you want?

How about a few more of them? Texas and Cleveland will get new-but-old stadiums next year, but Colorado's Coors Field is still a few years off. And there are no concrete plans in cities like Philadelphia, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh to replace their concrete mausoleums.

What a shame.

"This is the prettiest ballpark I've ever seen. You just look at this park, and it makes you feel good, it makes you want to go out there and play," the Pirates' Jay Bell said. "It's exciting what a new stadium brings to a city. It's amazing. I can't picture a more beautiful place."

The National Leaguers' only regret is the only time they'll see Camden Yards, unless they're traded or they sign with an AL team, is the once-in-a-career All-Star Game or World Series.

"It's great that baseball is moving into the future by going back to the past," Grace said.

Training camps prepare to open around National Football League

By FRANK ELTMAN
Associated Press Writer

Steve Young may miss the opening of training camp. Troy Aikman may not miss as much camp as everyone thought he would.

Young's contract with the San Francisco 49ers expired after last season, and under league rules he cannot participate in camp until a new one is in place. The 49ers' camp opens Wednesday.

"We have every intention of him being in training camp, but it takes two to do a contract," said Leigh Steinberg, Young's agent. "We also have every intention of having him compensated fairly."

Aikman, the Super Bowl MVP, threw a football for the first time since undergoing back surgery June 19. He downplayed the short tosses as an insignificant step in his rehabilitation.

"Just standing there throwing, I didn't expect to feel any pain or any discomfort," Aikman said after making several dozen throws. "It really doesn't test the back all that much, at least in my opinion."

The Cowboys are hoping to have Aikman in practice the second week of August after the team returns from an exhibition game in London against the Detroit Lions.

In other NFL training camp news:

— Quarterback Billy Joe Hobert left his baseball bat in Sarasota, Fla., and reported to camp with the Los Angeles Raiders. Hobert, who was playing minor league baseball in the Chicago White Sox system for the past three weeks, became the first of the Raiders' six draft picks to come to terms and joined the team late in the second of two workouts Monday.

— The Seattle Seahawks' top draft pick, quarterback Rick Mirer, and six other 1993 draft choices are still not signed. Rookies and some veterans report to camp Wednesday in Kirkland, Wash., for physicals. Mirer, of Notre Dame, was the second player chosen in this year's draft.

— New Orleans Saints coach Jim Mora said it could take the entire preseason to decide on his No. 1 quarterback. Bobby Hebert left the Saints during the offseason and signed with Atlanta, leaving the competition between Wade Wilson, Steve Walsh and Mike Buck. "I don't think it makes any difference whatsoever," Mora said. "Our team is comfortable with all three guys."

— The Green Bay Packers will have all their draft choices in camp Wednesday when free agents, rookies and selected veterans report. The Packers spent $30 million to bring in defensive star Reggie White and six other free agents in an attempt to improve on a 9-7 finish last season.

— Wide receiver Andre Rison is participating in Atlanta Falcons workouts despite a contract dispute. Rison, who owns NFL records for most catches in the first three years (215) and four years (308) of a career, feels he's worth as much money as the Falcons paid some free agents they signed during the offseason. Also in Falcons camp was running back Eric Dickerson, acquired last week in a trade with the Los Angeles Raiders.

Young, who has never missed a day of training camp, made $2.5 million last season when he led the NFL in passing and was named the most valuable player. He guided San Francisco to a league-best 14-2 regular-season mark and a berth in the NFC championship, where the 49ers lost, 30-20, to the Cowboys.

"He was the MVP of the league, which distinguishes him from other people so that we're probably looking at a contract that would be a little bit trend setting," Steinberg said from his Newport Beach, Calif., office.

Carmen Policy, president of the 49ers, did not return a phone call seeking comment on the status of the negotiations with Young. Steinberg said he talked by phone with Policy on Sunday and planned to meet with him today or Wednesday.

In Irving, Texas, Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson was pleased with Aikman's workout.

"He's much farther along than what anybody ever anticipated. I really feel optimistic and somewhat realistic that he'll be there for the opening ballgame," Johnson said.

Two-time defending champ takes huge lead in Tour de France despite bad weather

LAC DE MADINE, France (AP) — Neither rain, nor wind, nor a flat tire could stop two-time defending champion Miguel Indurain from taking a large lead in the Tour de France.

Indurain overcame all those obstacles and still won the ninth stage time trial by more than two minutes Monday to move into the overall lead.

Indurain ended up 2 minute, 11 seconds ahead of Italian Gianni Bugno, 2:22 ahead of Dutchman Eric Breukink; 3:18 ahead of Swiss Alex Zulle and 5:18 ahead of Italian Claudio Chiappucci for the day.

Those were expected to be his major rivals.

After the first 10 days of the tour, counting bonus seconds for sprints and top finishes on flat terrain, Indurain holds a 1:35 advantage over Breukink, 2:30 over Belgian Johan Bruyneel and 2:32 over Bugno.

Riders like Italy's Mario Cipollini, Belgium's Wilfried Nelissen and France's Laurent Jalabert, sprinters who enjoyed the flat stages, were more than five minutes back after giving up chunks of time to Indurain on a wet, windy day.

Showers and even hail hindered the riders on the course in eastern France near Metz. Although Indurain avoided the hard rain, the course was still wet when he started.

"Like others I was bothered by the wind and I was even the victim of a flat tire," Indurain said.

The riders have an off day Tuesday before starting two days in the Alps on Wednesday. "It's important to have the advantage before the hills," Indurain said.

Chiappuccci is in 14th place overall, more than five minutes behind Indurain, but he has been the Tour's top climber the last two years and is expected to make a move in the mountains.

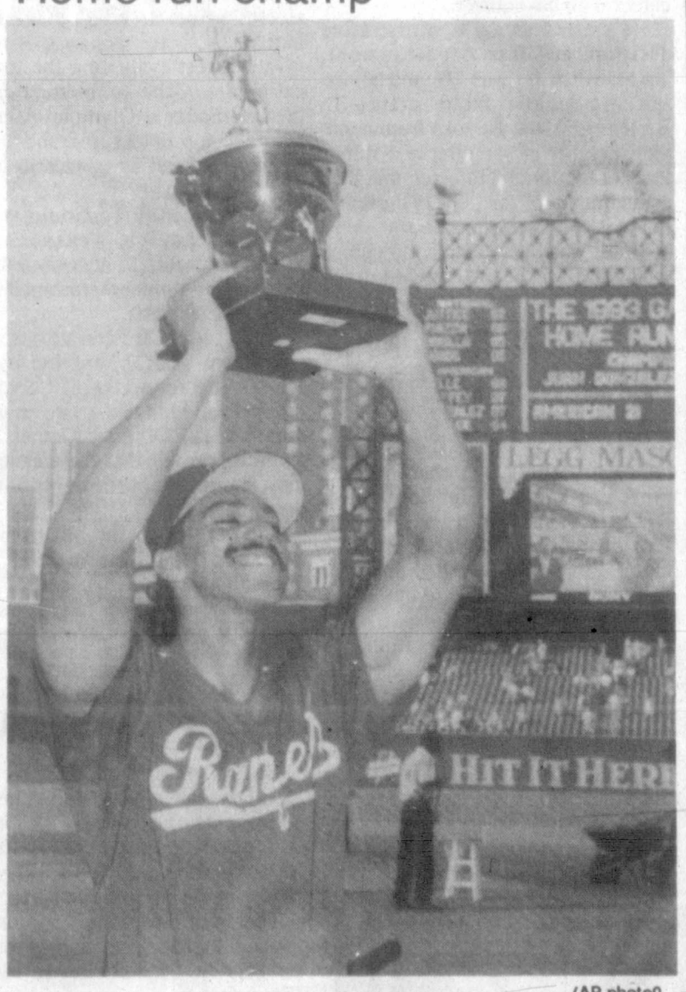
"I don't think that the victory is already mine. There's still two more weeks to suffer before arriving in Paris," Indurain said.

After Friday, the Tour heads across southern France for three days in the Pyrenees before hurrying back north.

Another time trial is scheduled on July 24 before the Tour ends the next day in Paris.

American Lance Armstrong finished his time trial 6:04 behind Indurain and wound up the day in 18th, 5:19 back.

Home run champ



(AP photo0
Juan Gonzalez of the Texas Rangers shows off his trophy after winning the home run contest during the All-Star baseball festivities Monday in Baltimore.

Cuban baseball player seeks asylum in U.S.

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — A Cuban baseball player who disappeared from the World University Games two days ago surfaced in Miami on Monday and said he was defecting.

Edilberto Oropesa, citing as his hero St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Rene Arocha — who left the Cuban national team and sought asylum exactly two years before Oropesa's escape — appeared on a Spanish-language radio station in Miami. He said he had planned to attempt to defect, but wasn't sure how to go about it.

"For months before in training, every night I was thinking about it," Oropesa said.

He was talking with his cousin through a chain-link fence at Sal Maglie Stadium in Niagara Falls, where the Cuban team was about to play a game.

"He told me, 'I want to stay here,'" said the cousin, Leo Landlin. "I told him, 'How are we going to do this?' And he goes, 'I'm going to jump the fence.'"

Oropesa went over the fence, ran to his cousin's car and they sped off.

"It's the dream of every Cuban ballplayer to make it to the big leagues," said Oropesa, who is not as highly regarded as Arocha.

A second Cuban baseball player, Reynaldo Ortones, reportedly defected over the weekend and was expected at a radio station in Miami today, television station WSVN said Monday night. No details were available on how Ortones had left the team.

Cuban officials refused comment on Ortones' whereabouts and on Oropesa's statements. Earlier, Morales Quintana, chief of mission for the Cubans, said Oropesa "no longer is a member of our team. The team and his teammates reject this type of conduct."

Asked if security could have been tighter at the stadium, Nelson Guzman, Cuba's first secretary for cultural affairs, said, "These are not political prisoners. They are baseball players representing their country with pride."

Astros make trade with Reds

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros traded minor-league first baseman and outfielder Jack Daugherty to the Cincinnati Reds for Class AAA outfielder Steve Carter.

Daugherty, 33, started the season at Class AAA Tucson and was promoted to the Astros for four games in April. In 42 games for Tucson, he hit .390 with two homers and 29 RBIs.

Carter, 28, has played the entire season for Indianapolis in the Reds' organization. He hit .264 in 212 at-bats, including three homers and 22 RBIs.

Carter has been assigned to the Astros' club in Tucson.

Couples hopes to start turning golf game around at British Open

By BOB GREEN
AP Golf Writer

SANDWICH, England (AP) — Fred Couples' life began to change at this tournament a year ago.

Now, going into the 122nd British Open, he's hoping — even expecting — that his game will change.

Couples, ever cautious in his public pronouncements, however, admitted "I've got a long way to go," before he's ready to challenge favorites Nick Faldo, Nick Price and Payne Stewart in the oldest of golf's championships.

"I don't really see myself beating them head-to-head right now," Couples said Monday after a practice round at Royal St. George's, the fearsome old course in the sandhills overlooking Pegwell Bay on England's southeast coast.

"But that's OK," Couples said. "My day will come again."

And it may come quickly, he said.

Despite a sparse playing schedule, Couples has won once and recorded seven top-10 finishes. Not bad, but far off his Player of the Year pace of 1992.

But there are reasons for it.

"I haven't played a lot this year," Couples said. "Usually, I play 80 percent of my golf by this time of the year. This time, I'm doing the total opposite.

"This is the start of the big part of my season. I'm looking forward to it.

"I think I'm on a good pace. I'm not playing that poorly at all. It's just that I haven't played that much and I'm kind of rusty. I play 15, 16 good holes a day, but when I play a bad one, I'm not saving strokes. That's the difference.

"I may not ever have another streak like I had last season, but if I can pick it up a little, I could have a great year."

The reason he hasn't played much this season?

"Basically, I'm lazy," Couples said.

Only under persistent questioning did he admit that the unravelling of his marriage, which began at this tournament in Muirfield, Scotland a year ago, and now is in the hands of attorneys, is at least partially responsible for his change in schedule.

He indicated he shifted the playing emphasis to the latter part of the year in order to get the divorce proceedings out of the way.

"All I can say is I'm a much happier person now; hanging around with my friends; having fun playing golf," he said.

Baseball today

By The Associated Press

SCOREBOARD

The 64th All-Star game between the American League and National League will be played at Orioles Park at Camden Yards (8:40 p.m. EDT, CBS). Terry Mulholland starts for the NL against Mark Langston of the AL.

STAR STATS

The NL holds a 37-25-1 advantage over the AL in All-Star competition.

STREAKS

Entering tonight's game, the AL had won five consecutive All-Star games. ... The last time Baltimore played host to the All-Star game was 34 years ago at Memorial Stadium.

SWINGS

The AL All-Star squad has six players with 65 or more RBIs. The NL has only three.

SLUGGERS

Juan Gonzalez of Texas outslugged Ken Griffey Jr. of Seattle 12-11 Monday in the home run derby. They went to extra innings.

STARTERS

Terry Mulholland is the first Phillies pitcher to start in the All-Star game since Steve Carlton in 1980.

STOPPERS

San Diego's Mark Davis is currently being paid by four different teams.

STAR POWER

Wade Boggs, in a 3-for-26 slump for the Yankees, started at third base for the AL. Surprisingly, however, his backup is Scott Copper of the Boston Red Sox. Cooper, who took Boggs' place in Boston, is batting .282 with six homers and 36 RBIs.

STARTING LINEUPS

Paul Molitor has played at five different positions in All-Star play: designated hitter, first base, second base, third base and center field. ... Gary Sheffield of Florida is the first player with an expansion team to start in the All-Star game since Leon Wagner (first game) and Billy Moran (second game) of the Angels in 1962 when two games were played.

STARS

Michael Jordan and Tom Selleck were among the stars who took place Monday in the celebrity home run derby. Selleck hit the ball over the right-field wall.

SCOUTING

Greg Blosser hit a pair of home runs and drove in four runs to power the Pawtucket Red Sox to a 9-3 victory over the Richmond Braves in an International League game Monday night.

SLUMPS

Toronto's team ERA in July is 5.49 and All-Star Joe Carter is batting only .179 this month. ... Atlanta has scored two runs or less in 30 games this season.

STANDINGS

At the All-Star break last season, Cincinnati led the NL West by two games and San Francisco was eight games out. This season, the Giants lead by nine games and the Reds are 14 1/2 back.

SPEAKING

"If anyone charges to the mound, I would fine him $6 million." — St. Louis Cardinals Hall of Fame pitcher Bob Gibson on all the brawls in baseball.

SEASONS

July 13

1934 — Babe Ruth hit his 700th home run in a 4-2 victory over Tommy Bridges and the Detroit Tigers. It was also the game where Lou Gehrig left in the first inning with a severe case of lumbago, the most serious threat to his streak. He returned for one at bat the next day.

1943 — The first night game in All-Star history, at Philadelphia's Shibe Park, went to the American League, 5-4, despite a single, triple and home run by National League center fielder Vince DiMaggio of the Pittsburgh Pirates. The big blow was a three-run homer by Bobby Doerr of the Boston Red Sox, which gave the AL the lead for good.

1954 — Pitcher Dean Stone did not retire a batter and recevied credit for the American League's 11-9 All-Star victory at Cleveland. Red Schoendienst tried to steal a run for the National League after Stone was summoned into the game in the eighth inning, but the pitcher's throw to the plate nailed the runner for the third out.

1963 — Early Wynn, at 43 years of age, registered his 300th and last league victory, pitching the first five innings of Cleveland's 7-4 triumph over the Kansas City A's.

1965 — The National League took the lead over the American League for the first time since the All-Star series began, winning 6-5 at Metropolitan Stadium in Bloomington, Minn.

1971 — Reggie Jackson's mammoth home run off the power generator on the right-field roof at Detroit's Tiger Stadium highlighted a barrage of six home runs — three by each team — as the American League beat the National League 6-4 in the All-Star game.

1982 — The National League registered its 11th consecutive All-Star victory over the American League with a 4-1 victory at Montreal's Olympic Stadium, the first time the game was played outside the United States. Dave Concepcion's two-run homer off Dennis Eckersley in the second inning was the deciding hit.

Today's Birthday: Greg Litton, 29.

Pampa hosts state tourney for 9-10 year olds

The Bambino West Texas State Tournament for 9 and 10-year olds begins Wednesday night at Optimist Park with the National League taking on the American League.

The winner of the best two out of three tournament will advance to Fort Smith, Arkansas for the Southwest Regional Tournament.

This will be the first year that Pampa has competed in 9-10 year-old tourney. It was inaugurated last year, but Pampa did not field a team.

The 9-10 program consists of two six-team leagues and 15 players were selected from each league to participate in the tournament.



(Staff photo by Danny Cowan)

The Pampa All-Stars won the District One Girls Little League Softball Tournament championship. Team members are, front, from left, Tera Dougherty, Candace Cathey, Lori Lindsey, Lindsey Donnell and Jessica Conner; second row, from left, Kimberly Clark, Monica Dominguez, Holly Brooks, Lisa Kirkpatrick and Heather Petty; (back row, from left, coach Jimmie Clark, Becky Richmond, Kristan Albus, Lisa Dwight, Molly Seabourn and coach Joe Wilson.

Pampa girls win little league tourney with 10-8 decision over visiting Dumas

Pampa's 11-12 team held off Dumas, 10-8, Monday night to capture the District One Girls Little League Softball Tournament, catapulting them into the sectional tournament.

The sectional tournament will be held in Pampa, starting on July 23.

Lori Lindsey, the Pampa pitcher, had things going her way. Her teammates had staked her to a 6-0 lead and she was able to hold Dumas scoreless until the fourth inning when they scored one run.

Pampa scored in the first, getting three walks and a Dumas error. They came back in the second to score five runs. Candace Cathey led off with a grounder that the first baseman was unable to handle. It was followed by a single by Holly Brooks, a fielder's choice by Lindsey, a walk to Kimberly Clark and three consecutive singles by Lisa Kirkpatrick, Tera Dougherty and Becky Richmond.

In the fifth for Dumas, they scored six runs to take a 7-6 lead. It could have been more, but Lindsey Donnell made the defensive play of the game when she caught up with a fast sinking fly ball to right center. Dumas had the bases loaded at the time, but the catch snuffed out the rally, leaving Dumas ahead by a single run.

Pampa came back in the bottom of the fifth. Lindsey led off with a single, followed by a walk to Clark, A walk to Kirkpatrick, a single by Heather Petty and a single by Lisa Dwight, accounting for four runs to put Pampa up by 10-7.

Lindsey was able to hold Dumas to one run in the top of the sixth, completing the 10-8 win.

The Pampa team, coached by Jimmie Clark and Joe Wilson, finished the tournament with a 6-0 record.

The Pampa All-Stars will now prepare for the sectional. Teams from as faw away as San Angelo and Waco are entered in the tournament. The winner advances to the state tournament at Waco in August.

Padres' general manager continues to take heat for trading Sheffield

By BERNIE WILSON
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO (AP) — San Diego Padres general manager Randy Smith, who continues to take heat for trading All-Star third baseman Gary Sheffield, knows all about criticism. After all, he spent some time in the peanut gallery, too.

Smith had the unique opportunity of learning the baseball business from his father, Tal, a former front-office executive who spent more than five seasons as general manager of the Houston Astros.

One of the lessons Smith learned from his dad — one he's trying to get Padres fans to understand — is that trades have to be made, for whatever reason.

"There were times when I thought he was making a mistake, but he turned out to be right the majority of the time," Randy Smith recalled.

The deal that stands out is the one in which Tal Smith sent left-hander Floyd Bannister to the Seattle Mariners for shortstop Craig Reynolds in December 1978.

"I'd been preached to and preached to that the only way to win in the Astrodome was with pitching, speed and defense," the younger Smith said. "He had a left-handed power pitcher that he traded for a shortstop I wasn't familiar with. Reynolds was the guy that cemented the infield and gave us a team that won in 1980. He was the missing link."

Said Tal Smith, "He had his opinion on things and he was a big critic of some of my deals. But for the most part, he didn't intrude. He was a model son in that respect. He had great interest but deferred comment in most cases, and would ask questions for his own enlightenment."

All that interest paid off for Smith, who became the youngest GM in major-league history when the Padres hired him on June 9, six days before his 30th birthday. He traded Sheffield to the Florida Marlins on June 24, and has tried to shake off criticism ever since.

"I think all the fans want in San Diego is a winner," Smith said. "If we produce and put a winner out there, all this stuff will be forgotten and we'll go on."

Smith has been exposed to baseball since he was a toddler. Even when his playing career was derailed by an arm injury as a high school senior, he knew exactly where he was heading.

"I wanted to be an executive and eventually become a GM. That was the only thing I ever wanted to do," he said.

So while others his age were playing college ball or struggling in the minors, Smith was helping his dad, by then a consultant, researching salary arbitration cases and reading scouting reports.

"In his early 20s he probably knew as much or more so about arbitration than most people in the game," Tal Smith said.

With the exception of 1 1/2 years as the Colorado Rockies assistant GM, Smith has spent his entire career with the Padres.

He started as an administrative assistant at Class AA Beaumont, Texas, when he was 20, and joined the big-league front office in September 1984. He rose from assistant director of scouting and minor leagues to scouting director, and thus signed many of the players currently in the Padres' system.

Smith was San Diego's top choice when Joe McIlvaine stepped down as GM.

"I've spent 30 years around the game and 10 years of it at the club level," Smith said. "I feel I was ready for the challenge."

So does his dad.

"He had to battle the age and nepotism labels, which frankly, I think is a burden," Tal Smith said. "The name may help you get your foot in the door, but after that it's tough. I think he's handled that very well. He's worked hard to get where he is."

Smith said he's consumed by baseball, even more so now that the Padres are rebuilding from within. For him, a 12-hour day is "a fairly short day."

"I like to work. I love the game," he said. "It's really the only thing that I ever talk about.

"If something happened and they said, 'There's no such thing as baseball anymore, what are you going to do?' then geez, I'd be in trouble."

Sydney could be site of Olympics 2000

LONDON (AP) — Sydney's chances of staging the 2000 Olympic Games have been bolstered, while Brasilia's have been buried.

In a report evaluating the technical merits of the six bidding cities, the International Olympic Committee gave top marks to front-runner Sydney and failing grades to long-shot Brasilia.

The IOC Inquiry Commission found no tangible weaknesses in Sydney's venues, accomodation, security, environment, transportation and financial plans.

"The bid offers conditions over and above what is required by the IOC," the report said. "Sydney offers a solid bid and a safe environment for the Olympic Games. The commission felt that the concept of the Games was based on priority to the athletes."

The verdict on the bid from the Brazilian capital, meanwhile, was unusually harsh.

"The commission felt that standards in general were currently below what is expected of an Olympic bid," the report said.

It cited "the apparent total absence of contact with sport in the planning of the candidature" and suggested that "local politics figured highly in motivation for the bid."

The report will increase pressure on Brasilia to withdraw from the race, which will be decided by secret ballot in Monte Carlo on Sept. 23.

Even though Brasilia has virtually no chance of winning, other candidates fear that IOC members from Latin America will vote for the city out of sympathy in the early rounds.

The other contenders are Beijing; Berlin; Istanbul, Turkey; and Manchester, England.

Most of the report's findings were reported last week after being leaked to a German news agency. That led the IOC to release the report Monday, several days earlier than planned.

The IOC report, written by an 11-man commission comprising representatives of the IOC, international federations, national Olympic committees and athletes, is meant strictly as a guideline for the IOC. It does not rate the cities and it focuses only on the technical aspects of the bids.

Most IOC members will have visited the six candidate cities by the time of the vote. They may ignore the technical issues and make their decision based on geographical, political or personal factors.

The evaluation report urges IOC members "to consider the current economic, political and other factors which may not be covered in the technical evaluation."

Two years ago, Salt Lake City had the best technical bid for the 1998 Winter Games. Yet the IOC chose Nagano, Japan, because members felt the Games should return to Asia.

The report said Beijing, considered Sydney's top rival, has a "realistic and solid" bid. But it raised concern about possible entry restrictions into China, poor environmental standards and insufficient telecommunications facilities.

Allison dies from injuries

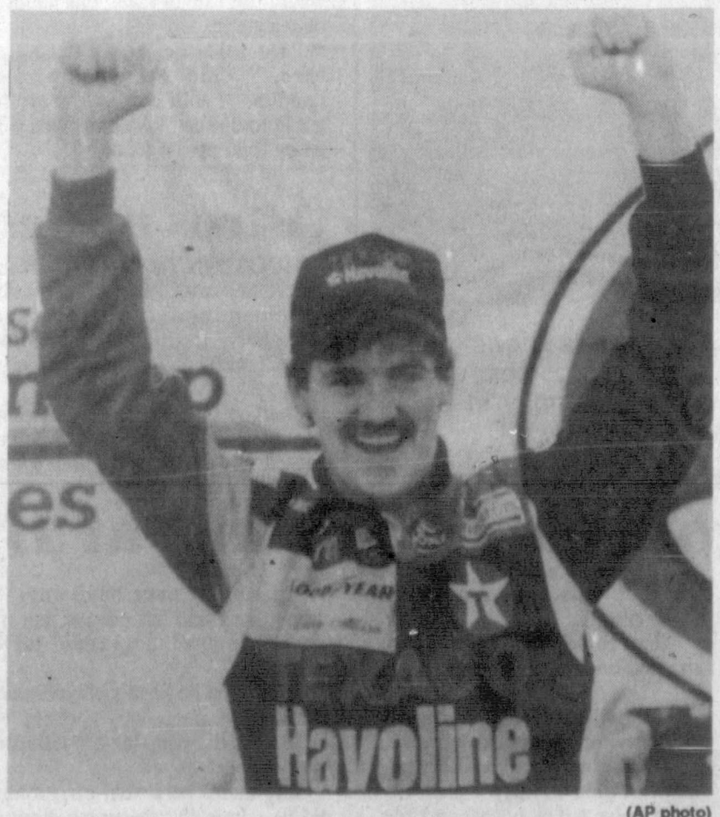
CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Davey Allison died this morning of injuries he suffered when a helicopter he was piloting crashed in the infield at Talladega Superspeedway, his racing team said.

The 32-year-old stock car driver died in Birmingham, Ala., hospital at approximately 8:30 a.m., EDT, according to a woman at Robert Yates Racing in Charlotte.

The accident took place Monday when Allison and another driver, Red Farmer, flew to the speedway to watch test driving.

Farmer, the only other occupant of the helicopter, was in Carraway Methodist Medical Center in Birmingham.

He was in critical but stable condition after suffering a broken rib, collarbone and nose.



(AP photo)

Davey Allison is pictured above after winning the Daytona 500 last year.

Services held for former Dodger great

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) — Give Don Drysdale a baseball and he was an intimidator, an intense competitor who gave no quarter. Off the field, he was warm and friendly, a devoted family man who loved to laugh.

That was the portrait painted by those eulogizing Drysdale at memorial services Monday for the Hall of Fame pitcher.

There were solemn tributes, with many, including Dodgers pitcher Orel Hershiser and broadcaster Dick Enberg, unable to fight back tears.

"He was a modern-day hero," said Hershiser, who in 1988 broke Drysdale's 20-year-old major league record for consecutive scoreless innings.

Reading a letter he had written to Drysdale's children in memory of their father, Hershiser, his voice breaking, said: "He not only was a great pitcher, but his very being personified greatness. Everyone in this game needs a mentor, and I've had one of the greatest ones you could ever have."

Drysdale greeted Hershiser as he came off the field after breaking the record and congratulated him for keeping the mark in the Dodgers family.

Enberg, who worked with Drysdale after the pitcher retired and moved into the broadcast booth, said: "There was an expression he used over and over — 'If you hurry in and out of the clubhouse, you'll hurry in and out of the game. You have a responsibility to your teammates and to the fans.'

"To some of us, he may have hurried in and out of life too soon and didn't give us enough time to tell him that we loved him."

And there was humor, as Bob Uecker, at the request of Drysdale's widow, Ann Meyers, recalled lighter moments from Drysdale's life.

"I remember the first time Don touched me; it was right here," Uecker said, pointing to a spot on his neck where Drysdale — who hit a major league-record 154 batters during his career — nicked him with a brushback pitch.

Uecker, the broadcaster who gained more fame with tales of his undistinguished baseball career than he did playing, recalled how, in his final major league game, he faced Drysdale.

"We had been out together the night before and, before the game, I found out that as Drysdale was going over our lineup card, he saw my name and asked, 'Who's that?' That aggravated me. ... The first time up, I singled, right between his legs. Then I stood on first base and apologized to him. ... He had a great, great sense of humor; he loved to laugh and have a good time."

Drysdale, 56, who started with the Dodgers in Brooklyn before they moved to Los Angeles, died of a heart attack. Authorities said Drysdale apparently died the night of July 2 in his Montreal hotel room. His body was found the next day.

More than 1,000 people attended the services Monday, including a crowd of some 150 fans gathered behind ropes outside the Forest Lawn chapel.

The services were the second in two weeks for a Dodgers great elected to baseball's Hall of Fame. A week earlier, Roy Campanella, a catcher for the Dodgers in Brooklyn, died at age 71. Drysdale attended memorial services for Campanella June 30 at Forest Lawn-Hollywood Hills.

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TOP O Texas Lodge 1381 Meeting Night Monday and Tuesday.

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19 Situations

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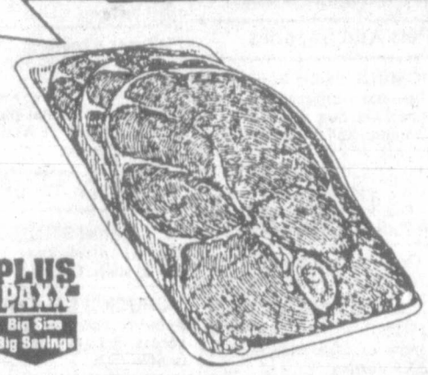


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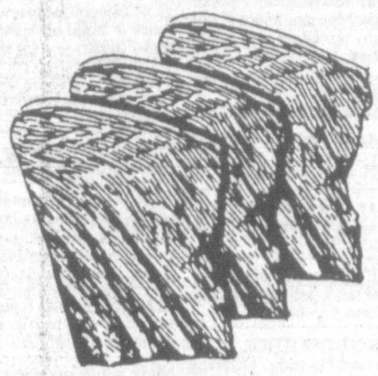
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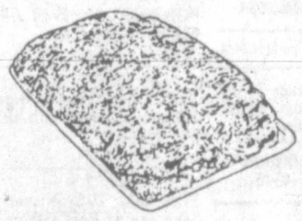
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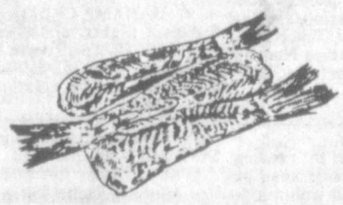
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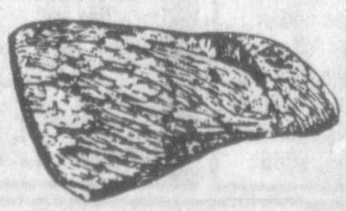
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