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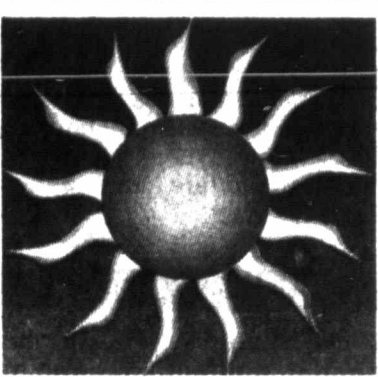
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PAMPA — The Red Cross is holding an adult CPR class Monday, July 27 at 6 p.m. Anyone interested should call to enroll at 669-7121.

BASTROP, (AP) — The seven-member Bastrop school board has voted 5-2 to approve a planned trip to Disney World next spring for the Bastrop High School band.

Plans for the trip, and raising the money to get there, had been on hold as some board members expressed concern over whether the students should be allowed to patronize the Florida theme park, owned by the Walt Disney Co.

Last month, board member Roger Osborn and board Vice President Evelyn Weilert said the board, and the band, should not support the corporation's stance on insurance benefits for homosexuals or the films made by Disney subsidiary Miramax Films.

Board member Mark Rose, who is general manager of the Lower Colorado River Authority, made the motion that the board approve the trip. "Is there a clear and present danger here?" Rose asked. "Is there something that's going to happen to those kids on that particular trip?"

- **Minnie Mae Chilton, 96**, longtime McLean resident.
- **H. Pauline Prichard Pinson, 86**, former bookkeeper at White House Lumber Co.
- **J.R. "Jim" Stroup, 94**, his was the second recorded birth in Briscoe County.
- **Rev. Jimmy R. Wilson, 68**. Services pending.

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'Excitement' fuels college fund drive

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

"There is an air of excitement in Pampa, a sense that we're moving forward," said City Attorney Don Lane. He was speaking yesterday at the Building Pampa's Future

Rally at the M.K. Brown Auditorium to a full room of over 200 people.

Lane cited new and remodeled schools, new street improvements, the extension of the half-cent sales tax to fund economic development, the remodeling of Lovett Library and the

announcement that a dairy is opening in Gray County.

"I would like to add one more thing to that list, this drive to build a new building to house the Pampa Center of Clarendon College," he said.

The new facility as proposed will be about 26,000 square feet

and cost about \$2.6 million.

That cost does not include the 10 acres of land which was donated to the Pampa Center Foundation by Dr. R.M. Hampton. It is between Kentucky and Somerville east of Hobart.

In earlier efforts to get the

funds needed, the Foundation raised \$375,000, Lane said, and another \$300,000 has been committed by the Pampa Economic Development Corporation.

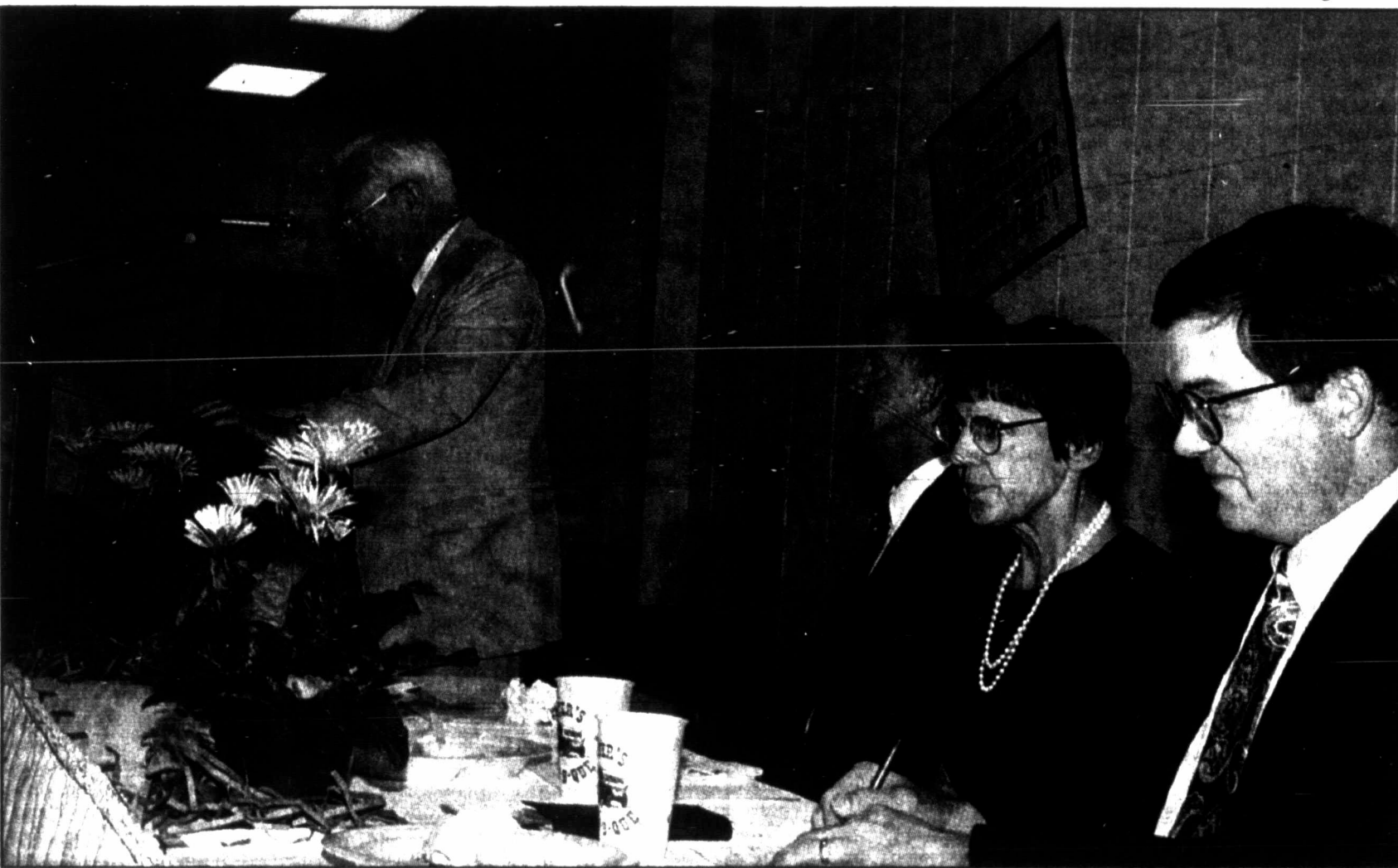
The Foundation has a goal to have the funds raised or pledged so they can break ground by the end of this year. While groups

and organizations have committed a lot of money, Clarendon College has pledged \$700,000. Lane said it is the task of the Foundation and citizens of Pampa to raise the \$800,000 still needed to meet the goal.

"That task, to raise \$800,000, is going to require a willingness of each and every one of us to make a significant financial commitment that may be paid over a five-year period," Lane said.

He quoted Foundation board member Chuck White who said citizens must "Catch the Vision," in order to raise the money.

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Bill Waters rallies the crowd while on stage is Chamber of Commerce President Richard Stowers, Clarendon College Dean of Instruction Myrna Cassel and Pampa Center Dean Joe Kyle.

Officials talk over drought's big grip on Texas Panhandle

AMARILLO -- State, local and national officials gathered here today to discuss the hot, dry summer and what can be done about it, particularly with regard to agriculture.

According to Dr. Steve Winter, agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station here, the lack of rainfall and excessive heat are bordering on the extreme. Much of the Texas Panhandle has had 25 percent or less of the average rainfall it would have normally had in the last four months.

Sondra Ziegler, West Texas regional director for Sen. Phil Gramm, said legislation has been introduced in both the House and the Senate to help with drought relief.

A resolution passed the Senate last week, she said that among other things encouraged the streamlining of drought relief declarations so states could receive emergency funds more quickly.

James D. Sartewelle III, a risk management economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service here, said that to date panhandle agricultural producers have suffered an estimated \$137.5 million in direct losses. Adding resulting losses from industries associated with harvesting, transporting, processing and marketing agricultural and food products, total losses for the Texas Panhandle alone are expected to reach \$462.5 million.

According to U.S. Department of Agriculture figures 68 percent

"The drought will end when it wants to."

of area pastures and rangeland are in poor shape.

Even irrigated crops, such as corn, are expected to be below normal because of drought-related stress.

But Winter thinks there is still a chance of traditional rains in August.

"This degree of deficit (in rain fall) is unlikely to continue over a 12-month period," he said. "If it did, rainfall would be in the range of five inches or less for a year and would be less than any historical record I'm aware of."

Historically, when spring and early summers are dry, August rains provide some relief, he said.

"Let's hope that happens this year, too," he said.

Jim Allison, Potter County extension agent, said his office was advising gardeners and homeowners not to water their lawns in the heat of the day.

"You can lose up to 60 percent of the water applied to the lawn that way," he said. The most efficient time for watering is before 10 a.m. and after 9 p.m.

Winter said it would be difficult if not impossible to predict the end of the drought that has spread across the state.

"The drought will end when it wants to," he shrugged.

Thornberry pays visit; tours Harvest House

Mac Thornberry made a special stop to Pampa's Harvest House recently before returning to Washington for the July session.

The congressman, who was unavailable at the time of the facility's opening earlier this spring, told the more than 50 residents he was happy to see this community taking the initiative to support those in need without relying on federal dollars.

Thornberry said he is pleased with what he saw and took pride in visiting successful panhandle projects like the Harvest House — projects that give him something to brag about in Washington.

The Harvest House — an outreach ministry of Trinity Fellowship of Pampa — provides food and limited financial assistance as well as weekly church services to citizens in the community.

Thornberry toured the facility and visited with Ed and Carolyn Stroud, directors of the house, as well as the approximate 50 people who greeted the congressman.

Among the supporters were Pat Lundy and her

son, Thomas, who came to the event to meet Congressman Thornberry in person.

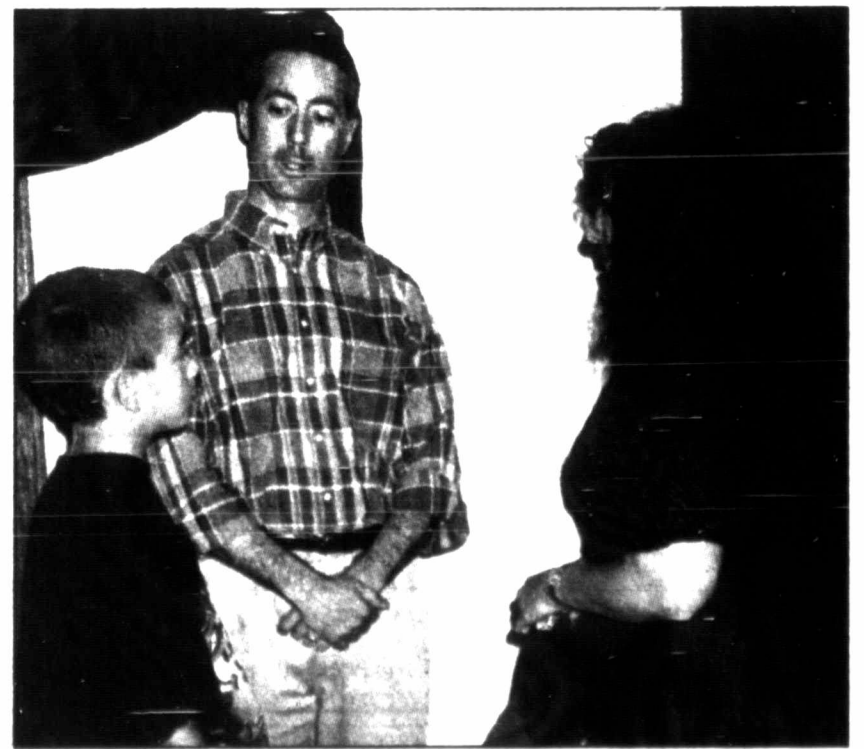
The Harvest House, in conjunction with Thornberry's office, recently assisted Lundy in the process of qualifying for disability. Lundy, who suffers severely from a number of serious ailments, is unable to work and prior to the assistance was barely managing to live with her young son on \$168 a month, according to the Harvest House's Carolyn Stroud.

But as a result of Thornberry's help in this special case, Stroud said, Lundy was able to get through some of the bureaucracy and receive the disability funding she has tried to receive for many years.

This is an unusual case — not something that happens on a regular basis — said Stroud. But in this instance a call to Thornberry's office meant the difference between living and barely living for this mother and her son, she said.

After touring the facility, Thornberry also fielded

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Pat Lundy and her son, Thomas, visit with U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry at the Harvest House.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

CHILTON, Minnie May — 1:30 p.m., Heald Methodist Church, McLean.
JONES, Homer — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

Obituaries

MINNIE MAY CHILTON

McLEAN — Minnie May Chilton, 96, died Monday, July 20, 1998, at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Albuquerque, N.M. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Heald Methodist Church at McLean with the Rev. Jim Teeter, of St. Paul's Methodist Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery at McLean under the direction of Abell Funeral Home in Hale Center.

Mrs. Chilton was born May 19, 1920, at Chilicothe. She married Josh Chilton on July 3, 1920, at Groom. She had been a McLean resident since childhood, moving from the community at age 90. She was a member of Heald Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband; and two sons, J.B. Chilton and Johnnie Chilton.

Survivors include a daughter, Lajune Blackshear of Albuquerque; a sister, Tincy Gideon of McLean; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

H. PAULINE PRICHARD PINSON

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — H. Pauline Prichard Pinson, 86, a former Shamrock resident, died Wednesday, July 15, 1998. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Shamrock Cemetery at Shamrock. Arrangements are under the direction of Ahlberg Funeral Chapel and Crematory of Longmont, Colo.

Mrs. Pinson was born at Miami where she graduated from high school prior to attending West Texas State University. She was a Canadian resident from 1932 until returning to Miami in 1937. She married J.D. Prichard in 1932; he died in 1965. She was bookkeeper for White House Lumber Company, operated by her first husband.

She moved to Perryton in 1946, to Shamrock in 1955 and back to Canadian in 1970. She married O.C. "Clyde" Pinson in 1970 at Canadian; he died in 1982. The couple owned a five and dime store and soda fountain for several years before selling the business and purchasing a clothing and accessories store. She had been a Colorado resident since 1990, moving to Fort Collins from Longmont in 1996.

Survivors include a daughter, Jan Karen Pakan of Niwot, Colo., and Palmer, Alaska; a stepdaughter, Carol Ann Moore of Houston; a stepson, Larry Pinson of Yorba Linda, Calif.; and two grandchildren.

J.R. 'JIM' STROUP

QUITAQUE — J.R. "Jim" Stroup, 94, died Tuesday, July 21, 1998, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Anthony Sisemore officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery under the direction of Myers-Long Funeral Directors of Quitaque.

Mr. Stroup was born Aug. 3, 1903, five miles southwest of Quitaque and was the second recorded birth in Briscoe County. He graduated from school at Quitaque and attended Wayland College where he was a member of the basketball team in 1924. He married Mertie Wise on Dec. 26, 1926, at Plainview; she died June 22, 1969. He ranched in Quitaque most of his life and was a member and deacon of First Baptist Church. He was a longtime member of Quitaque Lions Club.

He was preceded in death by a son, James LeRoy Stroup, on Nov. 15, 1935.

Survivors include a brother, Jack Stroup of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church.

REV. JIMMY R. WILSON

ODESSA — The Rev. Jimmy R. Wilson, 68, died Wednesday, July 22, 1998, at Lubbock. Services are pending.

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at Furr's Cafeteria.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

The White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrowhead collection and art gallery. Elevator.

EMMAUS REUNION

Emmaus Reunion Group meets the second Thursday of each month. For more information call 669-3426 or 669-9226.

TOWN MEETING

Local town meeting will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in the M.K. Brown Green Room. The meeting will include a video presentation. For more information Call Martha Fell at 1-806-358-7022 or Sherry at 665-6962.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, July 21

10:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

11:56 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to

Police report

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

Tuesday, July 21

Jennifer M. Laden, 25, 332 Davis, was arrested on charges of no valid drivers license and no tag light.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported when \$250 in stereo equipment was stolen.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported when a cell phone was stolen.

Wednesday, July 22

Lana Whitely Murrah, 36, Mobeetie, was arrested on charges of failure to id and warrants.

Sheriff's Office

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

Tuesday, July 21

Jerry Dale Ledford, 27, 1601 Fir, was arrested on charges of domestic assault.

Edward Harry Miller, 33, 425 Wynn, was arrested on warrants.

Accidents

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

Tuesday, July 21

Both drivers were cited for expired motor vehicle inspections and Raymond Douglas Hassell, 51, 638 N. Sumner, was cited for failure to yield, no proof of insurance and expired tags when he backed his 1985 Chevrolet pickup into the 600 block of N. Sumner where it was struck by the 1985 Camaro driven by Matthew Riley Archibald, 20, 901 E. Kentucky. No injuries were reported.

Billy Thomas Shadden, 22, Somerville Ala., was cited for failure to yield right of way and no liability insurance when he turned his 1996 Cavalier in front of the 1988 Oldsmobile driven by Calinda Michelle Riley, 27, 1325 Garland. No injuries were reported.

Tristan Andrew Hilton, 18, 1829 N. Christy, was cited for failure to control speed when her 1991 Hyundai struck the 1989 Chevrolet pickup driven by Ronald Craig Provence, 27, 1012 Duncan, who was stopped at a stop light at Hobart and Foster. No injuries were reported.

Fires

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

Tuesday, July 21

10:15 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 700 block of N. Hobart to assist police.

5:30 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to Kentucky Acres on a grass fire.

9:14 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 600 block of N. Sumner on an automobile accident.

10:12 Two units and four personnel responded to Hobart and Foster on an automobile accident.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.58	Chevron	82 15/16	up 1/8
Milo	3.49	Coca-Cola	84 5/16	up 1/16
Corn	3.92	Columbia/HCA	29 11/16	up 3/16
Soybeans	5.62	Enron	55 15/16	dn 1/2
		Halliburton	40	dn 5/16
		IRI	10 9/16	dn 9/16
		KNE	51 15/16	dn 9/16
		Kerr-McGee	56 5/8	up 1/4
		Limited	30 9/16	dn 1/16
		McDonald's	68 5/16	dn 15/16
		Mobil	73 7/8	up 1/4
		New Atmos	29 7/16	dn 1/8
		Occidental	44 11/16	dn 3/16
		Penney's	65	up 1/4
		Phillips	46 3/4	up 1/4
		Pioneer Nat. Res.	21 3/4	NC
		SLB	63 15/16	dn 13/16
		Tenneco	37 5/8	up 1 5/8
		Texaco	58 7/8	up 3/16
		Ultramar	27 7/8	NC
		Wal-Mart	68 1/2	up 1/2
		Williams	33 1/2	dn 7/8
		New York Gold	294.20	5.59
		Silver	5.59	5.59
		West Texas Crude	13.67	

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

Occidental	24 9/16	dn 1/8
Puritan	113.81	
Magellan	21.53	

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

Amoco	40 1/8	dn 1/16
Arco	71 15/16	up 3/16
Cabot	32 3/8	dn 3/16
Cabot O&G	18	dn 5/16

Correction

A name was spelled incorrectly in yesterday's marriage license reporting. The correct spelling is Liesa Admire Teakell and Ricky Allen Knight.

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

Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

2:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Wells and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

9:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of N. Sumner on an automobile accident. No one was transported.

Note to readers: The Pampa News now offers expanded obituaries that allow for the inclusion of additional survivors such as in-laws, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, special friends, etc. For more information, ask your funeral director or call the newspaper at 669-2525.

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COLLEGE

Lane introduced Bill Waters, whom he called the dean of the Pampa legal profession, and credited him with helping make the M.K. Brown Auditorium and a prison a reality here.

Waters argued that while some people have said the project to build the new building is dead, he believes that to be untrue.

"We may be on the ninth life of that cat and it's now do or die but the presence of each one of you shows this project has life," he said.

Waters cited the example of Lubbock years ago when it decided to build Texas Tech. At the time, he said time Lubbock was about half the size of Amarillo but now the city is larger.

He also asked if the generosity of some Pampa

founders has spoiled the city. He cited the M.K. Brown Auditorium and swimming pool along with the library and the Pampa Youth and Community Center, all donated free of cost. "Did the generosity of our ancestors help us or spoil us?"

"I don't see how this community can afford to fail," Waters said.

At the end of the meeting several donations were made including Celanese which pledged \$125,000 over the next five years. Les Howard of IRI pledged \$20,000, and another \$20,000 came from W O Operating System. An there were other gifts, too.

Richard Stowers, president of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, said that while the big contributions are great, commitments both large and small are needed from every citizen to make the project work.

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as fast as he had hoped. He said the air conditioning is working and the gas for the heating should be hooked up this week. He still believes all necessary building should be finished by the time school opens in just over three weeks.

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THORNBERRY

ions from supporters during a question and answer period.

Among the remarks, a question was asked concerning the possibility of religious "community outreach" organizations receiving federal funding in the future.

It would be difficult for a religious entity to run a facility like the Harvest House with federal backing

Alvis and board member Ken Miller related their difficulties in hiring a new math teacher in part because of the lack of available housing. The board agreed to look into various ways to acquire housing they can offer as part of an employment package.

In closed session the board did hire Larry Gray as the new math teacher.

because of the imposed restraints resulting from the separation of church and state issues, according to the congressman.

However, the subject has not been ruled out because of the documented success religiously affiliated organizations have over their non-religious counterparts, according to Thornberry.

There are a few religiously-oriented community outreach groups that qualify right now for limited federal funding, he said, but a strict grant application process is required.

Plana drug case indictments

PLANO, Texas (AP) — Federal authorities today announced a 36-count indictment involving 29 suspects believed to have delivered or sold the drugs that led to five overdoses, four of them fatal, in the Dallas suburb of Plano.

A spate of heroin overdoses in this affluent city of 188,000 spurred federal and local task force to take the unusual step of targeting the people who sold the deadly drugs, said U.S. Attorney Mike Bradford of the Eastern District of Texas.

He and Julio Mercado, special agent in charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration in Dallas, announced the arrests this morning.

Bradford said prosecutors believe drug traffickers smuggled black tar heroin and cocaine from Mexico and sought to sell them specifically in Plano. The city has drawn national attention in the wake of 17 fatal overdoses over the past four years.

The indictment alleges a conspiracy to distribute black tar heroin and cocaine, Bradford said.

"The indictment further alleges that the conspirators specifically targeted Plano and the young people of the community of Plano as a new market for their drug, a new market to distribute this deadly poison," Bradford said.

He said the alleged drug dealers knew that addicts were dying from their wares, but that "the defendants intentionally and in a very calculated and cold-blooded way, distributed that cocaine with the knowledge that it was killing people."

Bradford said prosecutors believe the smugglers used hidden compartments in shoes and other means to get the drugs into the United States.

He indicated that some suspects could face as much as life in prison under federal law.

There is no statute that allows

Texas or federal prosecutors to charge a drug seller with manslaughter or assault if the drugs cause a fatal or near-fatal overdose. But DEA spokesman Paul Villaseca said earlier that the task force investigated this case with an eye toward bigger sentences for the participants.

"This is definitely a new twist from dealing with an overdose death as 'too bad, so sad, you shouldn't have been doing drugs' to treating it as almost a homicide and running a full-blown homicide investigation," Villaseca said.

The task force was "able to tease out the distribution of the drugs that caused the deaths," Villaseca said.

A federal sentencing enhancement will allow prosecutors to raise the possible jail term for a charge of conspiracy to distribute illegal drugs from a maximum of 10 years to a possible 20-to-life term.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Sunny and hot today with a high near 100 and a southwest wind at 10-20 mph. Tonight, a chance of thunderstorms early then fair with a low of 68 and northwest winds at 5-15 mph. Tomorrow, sunny and a bit cooler with highs in the mid 90s and a chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Yesterday's high was 99; the overnight low, 68.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS South Plains/Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Low 65-75. Thursday, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. High in the 90s. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight and Thursday, partly cloudy. Low in the mid 70s. High near 100. Far West Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Low near 70. Thursday, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. High in the mid 90s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s mountains to the upper 70s along the river. Thursday, partly cloudy with a

chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s mountains to around 107 along the Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight and Thursday, clear to partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms east, and along the red river Thursday. Low in the mid 70s to near 80. High 97 to 104.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, some low clouds forming late. Otherwise mostly clear. Lows from the mid to upper 70s south central and Hill Country to near 80 western plateau. Thursday, partly cloudy and hot with isolated afternoon showers or thunderstorms western plateau and southeastern portions of south central Texas. Highs from the upper 90s south central to near 103 western plateau. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, widely scattered showers and thunderstorms ending during the evening becoming fair overnight. Lows in the upper 70s inland to near 80 coast. Thursday, partly sunny. Continued hot and humid with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Hot with highs in the upper 90s inland to

near 90 coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, partly cloudy with isolated showers toward morning.

Lows near 80 coast to the upper 70s inland. Thursday, partly cloudy and breezy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Hot with highs in the lower 90s coast to the upper 90s inland.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Tonight, partly cloudy. Scattered mainly evening thunderstorms most numerous mountains, west and north. Lows 40s and 50s mountains with upper 50s to lower 70s elsewhere. Thursday, partly cloudy and cooler, especially northeast. Scattered afternoon and nighttime thunderstorms most numerous mountains, west and north. Highs upper 60s to mid 80s mountains and north-east, mid 80s to upper 90s elsewhere. Lows 40s and 50s mountains with upper 50s to lower 70s elsewhere.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, partly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms north. Lows lower and middle 70s. Thursday, partly cloudy and cooler than central. A chance of thunderstorms. Highs near 90 north to near 100 south.

Woman slain; ex in custody

HOUSTON (AP) — A man suspected of killing his ex-wife and then taking his two daughters hostage was shot this morning following an almost six-hour standoff with authorities. The children were released unharmed.

Harris County Sheriff's Department spokeswoman Celeste Spaugh said she did not know whether authorities shot the suspect or whether the man might have shot himself. The man, whose name was not released, was in custody.

"The children are safe," Ms. Spaugh said.

The standoff ended shortly after the suspect fired two shots from within the house. The apparent domestic dispute began around 4 a.m. when witnesses reported hearing shouting from the home.

City briefs

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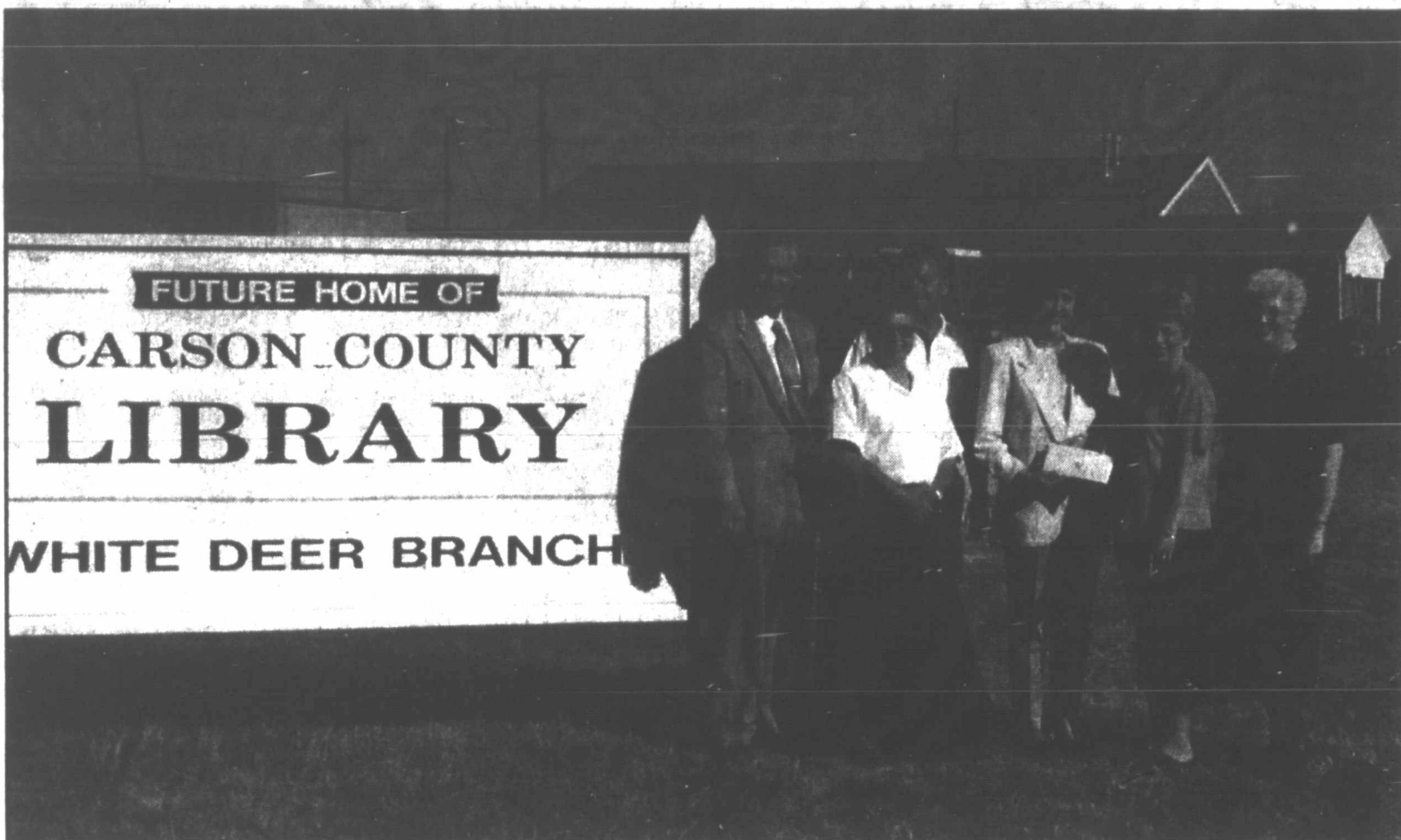
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Cabot donation



Cabot Corporation Foundation, Inc., recently presented a check to the White Deer Branch Library Building Fund in the amount of \$5,000. The donation will be used towards the construction of the Carson County Library. The new facility will be approximately 1335 square feet and will hold 12,000 volumes, building will commence within the next few weeks. From left: Carson County Judge, Jay Roselius; White Deer librarian, Cathy Martinez; Tom Stamp and Judy Maze, Cabot representatives; Carson County Head Librarian, Terri Koetting; treasurer of building fund, Elice Sailor.

(Special photo)

First American in space dies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Astronaut Alan Shepard, the first American to fly in space and the fifth human to walk on the moon, has died at age 74.

Shepard, one of the revered original seven Mercury astronauts named by NASA in April 1959, died Tuesday night at Community Hospital near Monterey, Calif., said Howard Benedict, executive director of the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation in Titusville, Fla., who had talked to Shepard's wife.

The former Navy test pilot made a 15-minute suborbital flight — five of those minutes in space — on May 5, 1961, aboard the Freedom 7 spacecraft.

Ten years later, after overcoming a serious ear infection that lingered for six years, Shepard returned to space for his second and last flight as commander of Apollo 14 on Jan. 31, 1971. He was one of only a dozen people to walk on the moon.

"Those of us who are old enough to remember the first space flights will always remember what an impression he made on us and on the world," President Clinton told an audience after being passed word of the astronaut's death. "So I would like to express the gratitude of our nation and to say that our thoughts and prayers are with his family."

Only four of the original seven Mercury astronauts are still living: Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Scott Carpenter and Walter Schirra.

Shepard spent 33 hours on the moon during the third lunar landing mission and became the only lunar golfer, playfully whacking golf balls with a six-iron. On that flight, Shepard, Edgar Mitchell and Stuart Roosa spent nine days in space; Mitchell and Shepard stayed on the moon for two days.

Although Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin beat Shepard into space by 23 days, Shepard's 1961 flight marked the beginning of the infant U.S. space program. He prophetically called that first flight "just the first baby step, aiming for bigger and better things."

On the historic launch morning, Shepard — and the nation — waited impatiently for more than four hours as NASA corrected problems with an electrical system, a ground computer and the rocket's fuel pressure. It was the second launch attempt; the first one three days earlier was foiled by storms.

The Redstone rocket finally ignited at 9:34 a.m. and lifted Shepard 116 miles high and 302 miles downrange from Cape Canaveral, reaching a speed of 5,100 mph before plopping into the Atlantic Ocean.

"Everything is A-OK!" an excited Shepard said after the flight as his capsule bobbed in the Atlantic Ocean.

Less than three weeks later, on May 25, 1961, President Kennedy set forth the goal of landing a man on the moon by the end of the decade.

Known for his cocksure determination and ready wit, Shepard also could be perceived as icily distant and stubborn. He had been characterized as the most eager to be picked from among three astronauts who were finalists for the famous first flight.

"There are lots of answers why I want to be the first man in space, but a short answer would be this: the flight obviously is a challenge and I feel that the more severe challenge will occur on the first flight and I signed up to accept this challenge," he said before his selection from the trio in early 1961.

Thirty years later, in an interview, Shepard looked back on his historic Mercury flight — which he said he considered the most exciting point of his career — and marveled that the U.S. space program had encountered only two fatal accidents: the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger on Jan. 28, 1986, which claimed seven lives; and the burning of the Apollo 1 cabin Jan. 27, 1967, on the Kennedy Space Center launch pad, which killed three astronauts.

"Thirty years ago, the large percentage of population thought we were crazy sitting on the top of a rocket and allowing ourselves to be thrust into space," Shepard recalled. "There was a lot of doubt... especially from some of the more learned members of the medical community who thought that man shouldn't be in space; it wasn't his place to be there."

"Had we said 30 years ago that we were going to put man in space for 30 years and we're only going to have two accidents, we would have said, 'Boy, we'll take that right now.' Certainly, pushing out the

frontiers as we did and still are doing, and having one accident in flight, the other on the ground, really is remarkable."

In the years between the two flights, Shepard headed NASA's astronaut office and began investing — in banks, oil wells, quarter-horses and real estate.

Retiring from the space agency and from the Navy as a rear admiral in 1974, he became a millionaire as a developer of commercial property, a partner in a venture capital group, a director of mutual fund companies and president of a beer distributorship, among other interests. Shepard also was president of the Mercury Seven Foundation, which raises money for science and engineering scholarships.

Shepard was a native of Derry, N.H., and son of a banker. He showed an early interest in airplanes and started working at a nearby airport while in high school.

He was graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1944 and saw World War II action in the Pacific aboard the destroyer Cogswell. He earned his aviator's wings after the war and became a test pilot before his astronaut selection.

After his second flight, Shepard served as a delegate by presidential appointment to the 26th United Nations General Assembly in 1971. He continued as chief of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration astronaut office from June 1971 until August 1974, when he retired.

Meredith House



(Special photo)

Meredith House honored its June Employee of the Month, Maria Copado. She has been serving people in the care industry for over nine years. She is seen here with Tweety Bird, the official Meredith House Mascot.

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Business highlights...

Interest rates could rise if prices go up faster

WASHINGTON (AP) — Asia's turmoil has sharply slowed both U.S. economic growth and inflation, but the Federal Reserve remains ready to raise interest rates if prices begin to rise faster, Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress.

Delivering the central bank's midyear report on Tuesday, Greenspan signaled that Fed policy-makers' interest-rate stance remains where it has been since late March — on hold but open to higher rates if labor shortages and rising wages awaken now-dormant inflation.

And despite the hopes of some Wall Street investors and the AFL-CIO, he offered no hint that policy-makers would consider lowering rates to counter the factors slowing American growth, which include plunging export sales to Asia, the General Motors strike and a buildup of unsold goods in inventory.

Ballmer promoted at Microsoft

NEW YORK (AP) — Steve Ballmer, the behind-the-scenes executioner of Microsoft Corp.'s hard-driving marketing tactics, was promoted to president Tuesday in a move that solidifies his prospects to succeed chairman Bill Gates.

Ballmer, long-time friend and former Harvard University classmate of Gates, gets broader day-to-day management duties at Microsoft in exchange for ceding direct control of sales and marketing.

The promotion formalizes Ballmer's growing importance as the No. 2 Microsoft executive at a time when the world's most powerful technology company faces unprecedented scrutiny from government regulators.

Merk & Co. lowers profit expectations

NEW YORK (AP) — Merck & Co. on Tuesday lowered its profit expectations for the year, a move that dragged down stocks of other pharmaceutical companies even though some reported second-quarter earnings near Wall Street forecasts.

Wall Street has had a voracious appetite for drug stocks. But Merck's cautionary note put investors off of the traditionally market-beating drug sector.

As earnings for Merck and SmithKline Beecham PLC disappointed investors, Schering-Plough Corp. slightly beat analysts' early expectations, and American Home Products Corp. and Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. matched forecasts. Schering's stock had already been boosted after the company told analysts earlier this month it would slightly beat forecasts.

Clinton cracking down on nursing homes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Calling the care of the elderly one of the nation's "most sacred duties," President Clinton said Tuesday he is cracking down on nursing homes that are lax about quality and on states that do a poor job of regulating them.

The president asked Congress to tighten oversight of nursing homes. And he used his executive authority to require that states inspect nursing homes on a frequent and random basis, "so there is no time to hide neglect and abuse."

"The duty we owe to our parents is one of the most sacred duties we as Americans owe to each other," Clinton said. "When people living in nursing homes have as much fear from dehydration and poor nutrition as they do from the diseases of old age... then we are failing our parents and we must do more."

Judge orders GM, UAW into arbitration

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — A federal judge Tuesday formally ordered the United Auto Workers and General Motors Corp. into arbitration over the automaker's claim that the union's lengthy strikes are illegal.

District Judge Paul V. Gadola also warned that any attempts to delay or prolong the arbitration may be met with a contempt-of-court citation and fines. He said his jurisdiction also extends to enforcing any decision or award of the arbitrator.

UAW lawyer Michael Nicholson argued that the order was unnecessary and beyond the court's jurisdiction. After Gadola last week admonished the two sides to set a date with independent arbitrator Thomas Roberts, the automaker and its biggest union set the first hearing for Wednesday.

Viagra sales slow

NEW YORK (AP) — Is the thrill gone already?

Demand for Viagra has tapered off in recent weeks as more insurers say they won't pay for the impotency treatment drug and patients aren't asking for it as much.

Pharmacists filled 184,312 prescriptions for the little blue pill during the week ending July 10, compared to a peak of 303,424 in the week ending May 8, industry researcher IMS Health said Tuesday.

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Dumping Disney bad idea

John Mahoney
Guest columnist

So the State Board of Education voted to sell off its \$43 million investment in Disney stock because its "social conservative" wing doesn't like "Pulp Fiction," among other movies churned out by a Disney-owned subsidiary. If it were not for the serious implications raised by this move, one might be tempted to ridicule the Board's vote as a "Goofy" or "Mickey Mouse" stunt. But that would be an insult to some classically timeless cartoon characters created by Disney. In reality, the Board's divestiture of its Disney stock is a bad investment decision, bad public policy and an unfortunate commentary on this Board's brand of politics.

I have never seen "Pulp Fiction" for the same reasons that Board Chairman Jack Christie and his colleagues don't like it. I don't find violent and sexually explicit movies to be appealing nor do I want anyone's children watching them. However, my agreement with the State Board's majority on this matter starts and ends right there, for I believe that it is wrong to mix one's personal preferences for entertainment with one's duties as a public official, particularly when a fiduciary responsibility is involved.

The State Board of Education administers the Permanent School Fund, established by the Texas Constitution, that serves as an endowment fund of sorts for public education. The state legislature appropriates money every two years in addition to what the Fund provides, all of which, in turn, flows to local school districts as the state's share of the cost of education. The larger the Fund, the less money required from state and local tax dollars.

The fiduciary obligation imposed upon the Board is quite clear: to maximize the Fund using sound investment principles instead of moral or political ideology, just as Governor Bush has said. Any professional fund manager who would have suggested to a client that their Disney stock be dumped, solely because one of its subsidiaries turned out some movies objectionable to the manager, would have been promptly fired.

Over the past decade, Disney has been one of the most prolific performers in the market with a 45% return on investment in the past year alone, triggering a 3-1 stock split on the very day as the Board's vote. Analysts confidently foresee strong numbers in the future. How is dumping a \$43million investment over a few movies anything but an egregious breach of the Board's fiduciary duty to the taxpayers and children of the State of Texas?

It was almost amusing to read the rationalizations offered by various board members on the winning side with such self-serving pronouncements as "it was time to sell" and boldly trumpeting a few negative numbers from an earlier Disney quarterly report as the result of the national Southern Baptist Convention boycott over yet another family values-oriented assault upon the company that Walt built.

Now I understand the wisdom of our state

legislators, including those who belong to the same political party as the Disney-dumpers, in stripping the State Board of much of its power. On more than one occasion this Board has shown its predisposition to using a political litmus test approach to public education issues. Now its micromanagement of its investment portfolio has cost Texas schools the chance to fully capitalize on a phenomenal investment opportunity.

More importantly, it is bad public policy. The State Board of Education has now set a dangerous precedent in using other than financial and economic criteria to make investments of public funds. By what standard can we now expect the Board to judge any particular investment? Who will set that standard?

One anti-Disney board member concluded that these investments should be made for the good of the "schoolchildren of this state and nation." If this is the standard, will the Board reexamine all of its investments in light of this newly articulated criteria? Will it likewise sell off its stock in companies whose business is alcoholic beverages or gambling casinos, which are, by law, inappropriate for schoolchildren and which raise moral issues in the minds of some? Will it dump its shares of media stock in HBO and TCI, which regularly broadcast the very movies that Chairman Christie calls "garbage" into our living rooms for children to see or videotape when parents are asleep or not home? Once this moral vetting of the Fortune 500 begins, where will it stop?

The idea, according to Chairman Christie, was to send a message, take a bold stand. There was a message, loud and clear, which is the most disturbing part of this entire episode. That message was one of pure, unadulterated intolerance for which Disney became the undeserved recipient.

It is undisputed that Disney has been, and still is, a leader in family entertainment. However, it owns a subsidiary company that makes movies, without the Disney name, that admittedly are not standard Disney fare. And for that, the Board deems Disney stock unsuitable for public investment.

Forget all the good things that Disney does. Forget the constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech and expression that even Hollywood enjoys. If they are out of sync with the rigid, lockstep mentality of this Board on just one issue, in this instance, mature content films, then a message has to be sent. Disney fails the litmus test even though they had only one wrong answer. Intolerance has been elevated to an art form, or worse yet, public policy.

I don't choose to see all the movies put out by

Disney or its subsidiaries. However, that would not cause me to jettison a great investment if I liked everything else they were doing. It is difficult to accept the notion that good decisions are made by focusing on isolated instances or occasional differences of opinion rather than looking at the bigger picture. Not so with those in control at the State Board. Our elected representatives insist on slavish adherence to their professed values and ideology from which no deviation is allowed. Don't dare be caught on the other side of the fence from them, not even on one, single issue. Imagine how far we would get if we conducted our personal and business relationships in similar fashion. Yet apparently, it is the cornerstone of public education policy in the State of Texas. Just what kind of message are we sending to our children?

Make no mistake about it. The Board's action is confirmation that they are willing to use the instruments of government to impose their social agenda upon us all and to affect the commerce of America in the marketplace, all in the name of our children. They are supported by some of the same groups who for years have railed against social engineering by government, yet they would resort to the same approach when it comes to morals and values. And the question again becomes, as it always does, whose morals and whose values?

Now the Board needs to be sent a message: If you want to exercise your personal, moral values, then boycott Disney as private citizens. Sell your Disney stock. Don't take your children to Disney World. Don't go to their movies. But do not deprive our children and our schools of public money by gutting a solid investment in a company who happens to do quite a lot for the very values you promote.

Your duties under state law are unmistakably clear. You were elected to make decisions about public education. You were not elected to be the moral conscience of the public at large nor to provide an imprimatur on our choice of films, music or other entertainment.

When it comes to the suitability of certain movies for younger audiences, please leave those decisions to parents and theatre managers. The lack of ticket sales at the box office has doomed more movies than all the Wall Street transactions you can make. And if you really want to do something about the pervasive effect of violence on young people in schools today (yes, movies do bear some of the responsibility), forget sending messages to Disney, whose stock will have a buyer for every share you sell, and start delivering messages that will have an impact on our children in their schools.

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Opinion

Big Brother gets closer to reality all the time ...

■ Congress should pass new legislation that stops the DOT from using state drivers' licenses as a path toward a national ID card.

The federal government continues its slow but steady progress toward a national identification system.

On June 17, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration issued proposed new rules that would require all state drivers' licenses, by Oct. 1, 2000, contain a person's Social Security number that can be "read Visually or by electronic means" and that the states verify the numbers with the Social Security Administration.

The proposed new rules would implement the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, giving the federal government another means to track the citizenship status of individuals.

On another front, Immigration and Nationalization Service officials unveiled INSAPASS, a high-tech identification system that checks a person's biometrics — such as hand and retina scans — for the purposes of getting frequent travelers quickly through Customs. People must apply for and register with the system voluntarily, but they must provide detailed personal information that becomes part of the government's databases.

Both the uniform drivers' licenses, and the high-tech Customs ID system are small, targeted programs with nominally benign purposes. But both are part of a growing trend that is unhealthy in a free society — the federal government amassing more and more information about individual citizens in centralized databases.

"It's interesting that we have all these agencies now harping away at some kind of system of national ID card," Stephen Moore told us. Moore is the Cato Institute's director of fiscal policy studies, who has testified before Congress on the hazards of national ID cards. "Health and Human Services wants to track down deadbeat dads' health records. The Immigration Service wants to track down illegal immigrants. And the Department of Transportation wants uniform driver records."

In addition, in 1996 the Republican Congress mandated a new federal database for all newly hired workers in the country.

All this government data on private persons adds up to "a dangerous combination," Mr. Moore said. "You can just keep adding more and more information on the person. So the government has a private dossier on every American in a single place."

And this isn't a government that can be trusted with such data. Congress has been holding hearings on the abuses of taxpayers by the IRS, in which agents intimidated taxpayers and in some cases sold private tax data. The Clinton administration also is being investigated for inappropriately using the FBI files of 900 persons.

The DOT's proposed rules are opposed not only by libertarian institutions like the Cato Institute but by such liberal groups as the American Civil Liberties Union. Moore warned, "These are more steps toward Big Brotherism that should be rejected by people who cherish liberty."

Congress should pass new legislation that stops the DOT from using state drivers' licenses as a path toward a national ID card.

—Odessa American



China is not America's friend

Charley Reese
Syndicated columnist

Years ago when I was a green 20-year-old reporter, a Turkish colonel gave me a good lesson in foreign policy. He was on one of those State Department tours, and I had been sent to interview him.

"Do you think Turkey and the United States will remain friends?" I asked.

He stared at me with all the warmth of a rattlesnake and said, "Turkey and the United States are not friends. We just happen to have the same enemy."

George Washington said the same thing in different words when he warned that no nation could be trusted beyond its self-interest. That's a good thing to keep in mind when you read all this gushy nonsense about China that journalists, corporate shells and academic leftists are writing.

China is not our friend. We just at the moment happen to have what the ruling power in each country wants: The Chinese want capital and technology; and the American transnational corporations want cheap labor with which to make their consumer junk.

The late Joe Ka, a friend who made excellent egg rolls but also had a doctorate in history and literature, told me once that Americans should remember that Chinese leaders are used to thinking 50 to 100 years ahead. American politicians are used to thinking no further than the next election.

It was embarrassing to watch President Clinton attend services in a state-controlled church and visit a state-controlled village where state-controlled leaders are chosen in state-controlled elections and then prattle on about the winds of democracy. All around him dissidents were being arrested and true Christians were meeting secretly in private homes to avoid arrest and persecution.

I have no idea how the current Chinese leaders view the future or what their plans are. We do know, from the public military journals that have been translated, that their military officers write about tactics and strategy for defeating the United States. We do know that they are making an effort to beef up their military power, both conventional and nuclear. That at least indicates to any sensible person that they view us as a future opponent in war.

There is no reason why the Chinese should like Americans. We were as colonialist in our own way as the British. We've never looked upon China as anything but a market, and we still don't.

Back in the 1940s, when the nationalists start-

ed losing the civil war, we bailed out on them and left the country to the Communists who killed, some scholars estimate, 60 million people, not counting Tibetans and Americans in Korea.

And now President Clinton is playing pals with the Communists. You might as well buy a rattlesnake as a pet for your baby as think you can be friends with a Communist. If they are overthrown one day, the people they oppressed will not think highly of us for supporting their oppressors. Nationalistic Chinese who are not Communists will be just as hostile to the idea of America hegemony in the region.

Some Americans seem shocked by the idea that other people might not like us. Others take a trip to China, have a pleasant time and come back saying, "Oh, the Chinese are nice people. Not to worry."

Of course the Chinese are nice people. So are we. So are Germans, Japanese, Italians and Iraqis, but we've all gone to war. Nice people in countries don't decide war or peace. Governments make that decision. Between elections, we Americans have virtually no control over our government, and the Chinese people have even less control over theirs.

There is no such thing as friendship between governments. As the Turk said, sometimes different governments have the same enemy. But sometimes they don't.

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GOP tobacco bill may target lawyer fees

WASHINGTON (AP) — Key House Republicans want to stop teenagers from buying cigarettes out of vending machines and have the government run a costly ad campaign as part of legislation to crack down on underage smoking.

GOP officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Tuesday that legislation still in the drafting stage also is expected to give the FDA limited authority to regulate cigarette manufacturing. Another provision likely will place a \$1,000-per-hour cap on fees collected by lawyers participating in tobacco-related suits.

The emerging bill will not contain two key provisions from rival legislation backed by the White House and many Democrats — neither a proposed tax increase on cigarettes, nor penalties for tobacco companies that fail to meet smoking reduction targets.

Nor will it include provisions sought by the tobacco industry to shelter its companies from lawsuit liability — a provision that Republican pollsters have cautioned GOP lawmakers against embracing.

Republican officials detailed the outlines of the legislation on Tuesday but cautioned that the drafting is not yet complete, and decisions are subject to change.

Rep. Deborah Pryce, R-Ohio, head of the GOP task force that has been crafting the bill for several weeks, declined to comment on the effort.

Whatever emerges from the GOP leadership is expected to spark a battle on the floor of the House, where Democrats are pushing their own election-year proposal with the backing of the White House.

Senior Republicans hope to bring the tobacco measure to the House floor early next month as part of legislation to reauthorize the office of the federal drug policy director. To build support, they

also hope to include one or more relatively non-controversial bills to crack down on drug abuse.

The tobacco legislation is the second of two contested election-year issues that the GOP leadership envisions tackling on the House floor before lawmakers begin their month-long August break. Republican officials have been privately counting votes in the past few days on their bill to enhance patient rights, and hope to bring that measure to a vote Friday.

The White House and Democrats have criticized that bill, as well, for failing to go far enough to protect patients from abuses of managed care companies.

Many Democrats are expected to oppose the emerging GOP tobacco measure and to back an alternative that includes a \$1.50-per-pack tax increase on tobacco, full Food and Drug Administration authority over nicotine and cigarette advertising and "look back" penalties for companies that don't meet teen smoking reduction targets.

Republicans sharply attacked a proposed \$1.10-per-pack tax in a Senate bill in criticism that mirrored complaints aired in television advertisements financed by the tobacco industry. Ultimately, that measure died after weeks of debate.

In the House, officials said the task force was hoping to draft a provision that would make it impossible for minors to buy cigarettes from vending machines. One approach would be to alter the machine so it would only work with a token that a clerk could issue in exchange for cash, or by equipping it with a switch that a clerk could activate.

Republicans are expected to approve a plan to spend nearly \$200 million in anti-smoking ads aimed at teen-agers in the first year

after the legislation takes effect. Officials said Tuesday no decision had been made how to pay for the effort.

Republicans also said the provision in their bill designed to give the FDA authority over cigarettes is being worded to deny the agency the right to ban nicotine. In addition, Republicans are expected to give the Federal Trade Commission power to regulate the tobacco industry's marketing to teen-agers.

Jordan Unit July Employee of the month



Captain Barbara Webb

The Jordan Unit has announced Captain Barbara Webb as their July Employee of the Month. Webb is currently Laundry Manager 111 and has been at the Jordan Unit since 1994. Webb says she loves everything about her job, and hopes to retire, someday, from the Jordan Unit.

Beloved television actor Robert Young dies at 91

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Robert Young, loved by millions of viewers as television's all-knowing dad on "Father Knows Best" and the compassionate "Marcus Welby, M.D.," has died. He was 91.

Young died Tuesday evening at his home in Westlake Village, his physician, Dr. John Horton, said today.

"He just stopped breathing, basically," Horton said. "It was basically related to age, and he had had heart surgery and his heart was not so good."

After a prolific career in films, where Young appeared in such well-remembered movies as "Sitting Pretty," "Northwest Passage" and "Journey for Margaret," he went on to even greater success in two long-running television shows that were among the most popular of their respective decades.

"Father Knows Best," which Young originated on radio in 1949, was moved to television in 1954 and, after a rocky start in the ratings, finished its run in 1959-60 as No. 6. It was so popular that CBS continued it in primetime reruns for two seasons after the original run ended in 1960.

In contrast to the shows where the comedy came largely from a blundering character, "Father Knows Best" aimed for chuckles more than belly-laughs as Jim and Margaret Anderson thoughtfully soothed the growing pains of their Betty, Bud and Kathy.

Answering latter-day criticism that the show wasn't realistic, Young said that adding a subplot about illness or drugs "would have been like taking a beautiful painting and obliterating it with black paint — and that really would have turned the audience off. We never intended the series to be more than a weekly half-hour of fun and entertainment."

He recalled telling a producer friend, in the process of creating the original radio show, "I'd like to be the father, but not a boob." He said they strove to create "what we thought would be representative of a middle-class American family, if there was such a thing. There probably isn't, but that was what we were looking for."

"Marcus Welby, M.D.," which ran on ABC from 1969 to 1976, got even larger audiences with a similarly thoughtful, compassionate lead character. It was the highest-rated show in the 1970-71 season — the first ABC show to be so rated — and was in the top 15 shows for four seasons, 1969-73.

Young's role as the general practitioner who

strove to understand patients' hopes and fears as well as their diseases brought him praise from medical groups.

"He's understanding and dedicated," Young once said of his character. "These are words that for some reason have fallen into disuse. I knew from the start that I had to come back to play this man." Young won two Emmys for "Father Knows Best"

"Father Knows Best," ... was moved to television in 1954 and, after a rocky start in the ratings, finished its run in 1959-60 as No. 6. It was so popular that CBS continued it in primetime reruns for two seasons after the original run ended in 1960.

and a third for "Marcus Welby M.D."

After Young stepped down from "Welby," he wasn't away from the screen long. Among his television work after that were a "Father Knows Best" Christmas reunion movie; "All My Darling Daughters," where he was the father of the brides; and that TV movie's sequel, in which he got married. In 1987, he played a man who went to prison for killing his ailing wife, "Mercy or Murder."

"I enjoy acting," Young once remarked. "Whenever anyone says 'retire' I say, 'Retire to what?'"

He was married to the same woman for more than 60 years, and they had four daughters. But his life had its valleys as well. He had a history of alcoholism and depression, and in 1991 he made a suicide attempt.

Young was born Feb. 22, 1907, in Chicago, fourth of five children of an Irish immigrant building contractor. The family moved to Los Angeles when he was 10.

He said he found the make-up he wore for high school plays a shield for much of his natural shyness. After graduation he worked as a bank clerk by day and a student actor nights at the Pasadena Community Playhouse.

His theater work eventually drew Hollywood interest, and a screen test brought his first film role in "The Black Camel."

Former cadets to meet in courtroom

NEW BRAUNFELS, Texas (AP) — Ex-lovers Diane Zamora and David Graham meet again today, under the watchful eyes of jail guards in a courtroom where Graham stands accused of committing murder to prove his devotion.

Their attorneys insist the legal matters at hand — not emotions — now bind the two, who once were high school sweethearts before they headed off to attend prestigious military academies and then were charged with killing a 16-year-old girl.

"They haven't seen each other in a long time," said John Linebarger, Miss Zamora's attorney.

"He is not apprehensive about her at all," added Graham's attorney, Dan Cogdell. "He's trying to get through this trial and live his life."

Defense lawyers for Graham, 20, a former Air Force Academy

cadet, contend Miss Zamora acted alone in shooting to death Adrienne Jones on Dec. 4, 1995, while they were all in high school in the Fort Worth area.

Prosecutors allege the engaged couple committed the crime together after a jealous Miss Zamora demanded the death of Miss Jones because she wrongly believed Graham and Miss Jones had sex.

Miss Zamora later attended the Naval Academy, where she confessed in a late-night chat with a dormitory roommate that led investigators to her and Graham in September 1996.

Miss Zamora was convicted of capital murder in February in Fort Worth and is serving a life prison sentence.

She was transferred Tuesday from a state women's prison in Gatesville to New Braunfels for a court hearing to determine

whether she will testify in Graham's trial.

Because her conviction is on appeal, Linebarger said, he would recommend that she invoke her Fifth Amendment right not to testify in Graham's trial.

"Ultimately, it will be her decision," Linebarger said. "There's no benefit to Diane whatsoever by testifying."

Prosecutors have offered Miss Zamora "use testimony immunity" if she does testify as a defense witness, meaning her testimony cannot be used against her in the future.

Graham was not called to testify in her trial.

Graham's attorneys want Miss Zamora to be their first witness when they begin presenting their case because they believe if she is forced to tell the truth it will show Graham was not present when Miss Jones was killed.

Restoration scheduled for Capitol dome

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cracked and corroded in more than 200 places, the U.S. Capitol dome — the most recognized symbol of democracy in the nation, perhaps in the world — needs fixing.

Paint peels off from the inside and outside, rust stains cast-iron plates and the bolts holding them together.

A major restoration project scheduled to begin by January should repair the damage. The price tag attached to the overhaul is \$26 million but the estimate could jump higher if officials discover further damage once more than a dozen layers of lead-based paint are stripped away.

The dome is in "terrific condition," assured pro-

ject director Jim Ellison, a special assistant to the Architect of the Capitol. But years of ice and sweltering heat have taken their toll on the dome and its 8.9 million pounds of cast iron. Ellison said the cracks and corrosion are more due to the nature of the brittle metal rather than any structural faults.

"I don't want people to get nervous. The dome is not about to collapse or fall down," he said. "We certainly don't have an emergency situation."

The repairs are expected to take four years, but many repairs will be done at night to minimize disruption to offices in the main building, Ellison said.

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DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Loves Him and Wants to Help," whose intelligent, learning-disabled boyfriend needs assistance in reading and writing skills.

Please let "Loves Him" and all your other readers know about Literacy Volunteers of America Inc. This is a fabulous organization that trains volunteers — ordinary, workaday men and women, not necessarily teachers by profession — to give reading and writing instruction to adults. (LVA also provides instruction in English as a second language.) All instruction is absolutely free. LVA students from both programs have gone on to college, if that is their goal.

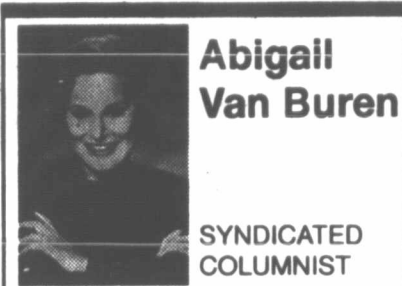
Also, please encourage everyone who is blessed with the gift of literacy to consider becoming a volunteer tutor. The training, like the classes, is also free of charge — and the rewards for enriching another person's life are priceless.

I found Literacy Volunteers of America Inc. in the white pages of my local phone book.

KATHLEEN TROOST,
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DEAR RITCHIE: Although I have known about books-on-tape for the blind, I was unaware that they could also be made available to people with learning disabilities. Thank you for informing my readers and me. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am responding to the column in which you asked your readers to define "elderly." I am 13 years old, and to me, elderly means someone who is kind, patient, not in a hurry, and someone who will really listen. When you hear the word "elderly" in the news, I think it gives the story a little more meaning than it would if they didn't use that term. I've met quite a few people who are past middle age, and most of them are very charming and quite good listeners.

KARL STRUBE JR.,
GARDEN GROVE, CALIF.

DEAR KARL: You sound like a young man who should be cloned. I'll bet that people of all ages really listen when you speak.

Horoscope

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1998

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You are challenged. You could choose to be inspired or depressed. You establish new beginnings. Use your talent for creative problem-solving. A child or loved one plays a significant role. Financial pressure is intense. Take the high road. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★ Pressure builds. A partner remains a source of solace and strength. New beginnings happen on the home front. Confusion at work could cause you dismay. Build a stronger rapport with family. Ultimately, they will be there when work isn't. Tonight: Race on home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Talk up a storm, and clear the decks. You don't totally comprehend news. Keep questioning. You might be resisting hearing the true gist of the message. A friend helps you get to the bottom of a problem. You need a different perspective. Tonight: A hot discussion.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Be careful with funds. A decision you implement today could have long-term implications. Confusion

abounds. Handle finances, and get around a problem. Concentrating on work will actually help you relax. Take a lesson in computers. Tonight: Budget time, and pay bills.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Happily, you are master of your destiny, but there are times you need to confirm that. Make a resolution to regain the control you need. An associate might not necessarily trick you, but he is deceiving himself. Let your creative juices flow. Tonight: Whatever you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★ Playing ostrich is the only way to go. If you feel like leaving work and running home, don't be surprised. Confusion and misunderstandings mark the day. Normally, you seek out answers, but their arrival might be delayed. Tonight: The supreme vanishing act.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★ A special friend or child runs circles around you. Don't kid yourself; someone could easily fool you. Perhaps you don't see the whole truth because you don't want to. A difficult partner could be a major player in deceptions that also include money. Tonight: Get in there, and figure it out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★ You know more than you reveal. But it feels better to avoid the problem. Be aware that you aren't getting the complete story at home or within the family. Plug into work, make business decisions and empower yourself. New career beginnings are possible. Tonight: Work

late, if you need to.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Let your imagination rock and roll. The pressure between you and a friend is high, mainly because you aren't speaking the same language. Try another tactic to clarify your point. The object is not to be threatening. You can reach a new rapport. Tonight: Off to the movies.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Use extra caution with finances. Someone may mean well, but he can mess up your funds more than you can imagine. Creative financing doesn't work. Instincts help you manage difficult situations. Use your money savvy. Tonight: Have a quick discussion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ No matter what you do, confusion lurks. Right now, you cannot get the message clearly. Question with care, and be more sure of yourself. Family drains your energy. A partner wants a new beginning. Take off your rose-colored glasses first. Tonight: Spend time with a friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Listen carefully to a loved one. You are not getting the whole story. Evaluation encourages you to make resolutions about work habits. A boss has your best interests in mind. Discussions prove fruitful. Recognize your tendency to be negative. Tonight: Get some exercise.

BORN TODAY

Actress Gloria DeHaven (1925), actor Woody Harrelson (1961), radio personality Don Imus (1940)

Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Hemingway
- 5 Beliefs
- 11 Actor
- 12 Twelfth Night
- 13 Race
- 14 Inventor's
- 15 Wing
- 16 Appointment
- 17 Confiscate
- 19 Surfing
- 22 Still
- 24 Asparagus
- 26 Italian capital
- 27 Italian money
- 28 Presses
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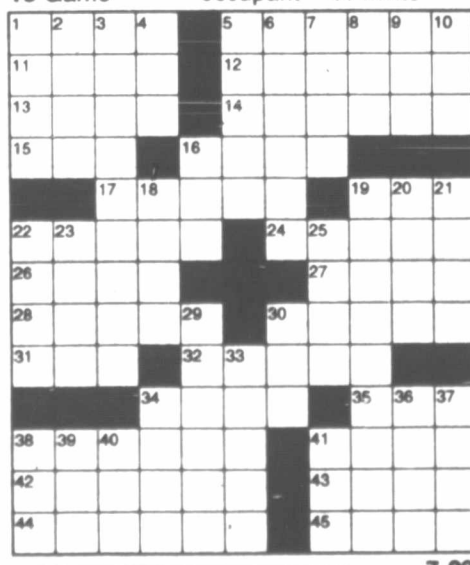
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- 1 Baseball's
- 2 Off base,
- 3 "Grace-
- 4 Hill
- 5 November
- 6 Gladders
- 7 Nick at —
- 8 Genesis
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- 10 Took a
- 16 Game



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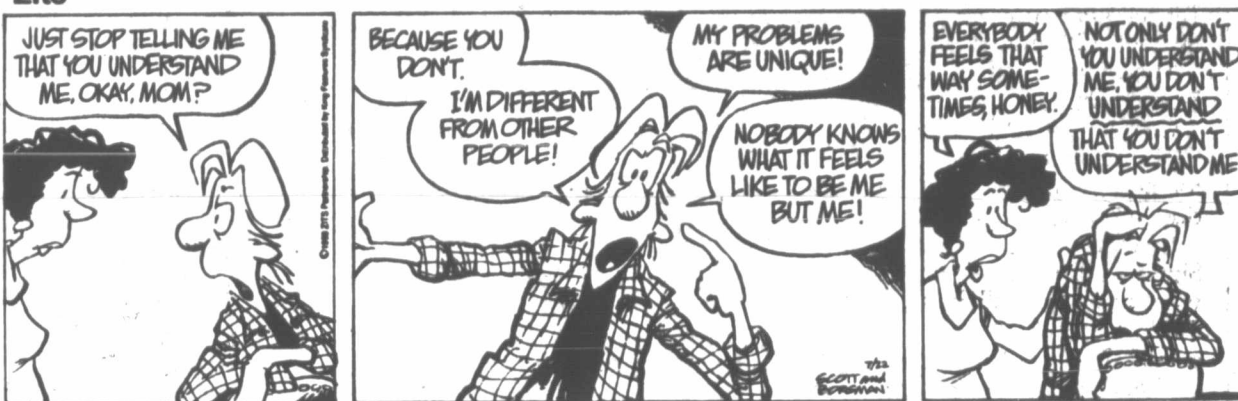


"I like phoning better than E-mail 'cause you don't hafta know how to spell."

For Better or For Worse



Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



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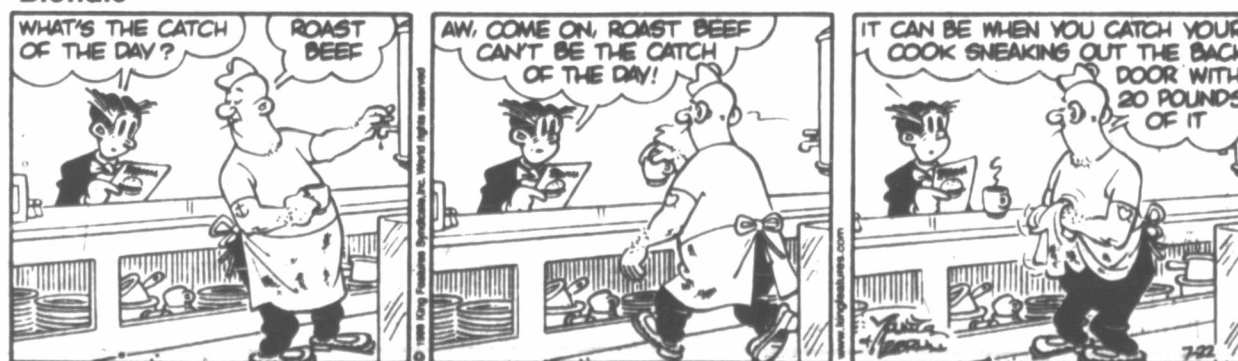
Haggard The Horrible



Peanuts



Blondie



Mallard Filmore



SPORTS

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BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Pampa Kids Club is hosting a Hoop-It-Up Tournament Aug. 7-8 for third through 12th grades.

The tournament will have a 3-on-3 format.

Cost is five dollars for Kids Club members and ten dollars for non-members. Payment is due upon sign-up.

Registration ends Aug. 3. Sign up with your coach if you want to play or call Sonny and Tinde Haskins at 669-7762 or 669-6732.

Kids Club standings (as of July 19)

3rd-4th Grade	
Team	Wins
Magic	5
Rockets	5
Mavericks	2
Suns	2
Lakers	2
Jazz	1
5th-6th Grade	
Team	Wins
Nuggets	5
Suns 4 (2 forfeits)	
Sonics	3
Clippers	2
7th-8th Grade (from June 20 only, new teams were formed)	
Team	Wins
Rockets	3
Jazz	2 (1 forfeit)
Bulls	1
Celtics	1 (forfeit)

SOFTBALL

BRISCOE — The Fort Elliott Senior Class of '99 will sponsor a Coed Softball Tournament July 31-Aug. 1 at Briscoe.

A men's tournament may also be held, depending on the number of teams which sign up.

Cost is \$100 per team and interested persons may contact Curtis Smith at 375-2454 (work) or 375-2129 (home).

There will be no home run limit.

GOLF

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Legendary golfer Ben Hogan helped put the Colonial Country Club on the map. But now, most of his trophies and memorabilia are leaving the Fort Worth club for the East Coast.

Hogan's widow, Valerie Hogan, has reached an agreement with the U.S. Golf Association to showcase many of the golf great's collectibles at the USGA Museum and Library in Far Hills, N.J.

Parties who know about the negotiations confirmed the agreement for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, but said no binding contract had been signed.

USGA curator Andy Mutch said he expected a formal announcement later this week at the U.S. Senior Open in Pacific Palisades, Calif. He said a Hogan display will occupy a 1,000-square-foot room at the museum, known as the Golf House.

FOOTBALL

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — Free agent linebacker K.D. Williams signed Tuesday with the Dallas Cowboys after Broderick Thomas was lost for the season because of a knee injury.

Williams, who played at Henderson State in Arkansas, also was in the Canadian Football League in 1995 and 1996 and spent last season with the Frankfurt Galaxy of NFL-Europe.

BASEBALL

CLEVELAND (AP) — Jeff Branson's tiebreaking homer off Tim Wakefield, his first in nearly a year, helped give Cleveland a 4-2 victory over Boston on Tuesday night in the rain-shortened second game of a day-night double-header.

The night game was finally called at 12:48 a.m. after a second rain delay. The rain-soaked, lightning-filled marathon finally ended more than 11 hours after the first pitch was thrown in the opener.

Rangers rip Royals; Gonzalez has 5 RBIs

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The comparisons to Hack Wilson are becoming more frequent for Juan Gonzalez.

The Texas Rangers slugger is aware he is on pace to break Wilson's 68-year-old single-season record of 190 RBIs in a season, but he insists the pressure to maintain that pace didn't contribute to a recent streak of nine games without an RBI. It also did not motivate him to drive in nine runs in the three games since slump ended.

"In my mind, I know everybody's talking about Hack Wilson's record, but I'm playing my game. I'm just taking it day-by-day," said Gonzalez, who homered twice and drove in five runs in Tuesday night's 15-5 rout of the Kansas City Royals.

Gonzalez has a major-league leading 110 RBIs in 99 games. Wilson had 103 RBIs after the same number of games in 1930.

Gonzalez hit a solo homer in

the second inning and a three-run shot in the sixth that gave Texas a 15-4 lead. He also had an RBI single in the Rangers' nine-run first inning.

"The last three games, I've been trying to be more patient," Gonzalez said. "I've been trying too hard and maybe losing a little bit of my mechanics."

Gonzalez wasn't the only Ranger with a hot bat, as Texas hit a season-high six home runs against the Royals. That matched the Royals' record for most home runs by an opponent, first set by the Boston Red Sox in 1977.

Texas' Roberto Kelly and Mike Simms each hit three-run homers in the first inning. Simms hit his off starter Jose Rosado (4-8) and Kelly against reliever Jim Pittsley.

All four of the Rangers' hits against Pittsley were home runs. Kevin Elster hit a leadoff homer in the third inning for an 11-3 lead, and Rusty Greer led off the fourth with a homer that made it 12-3.

"I didn't have to tell anybody anything (about Pittsley)," Kelly said. "It was obvious that everybody was on their game and swinging the bat well."

Rick Helling (13-5) pitched a seven-hitter with three strikeouts and no walks. He retired 15 batters on fly balls. It was Helling's second complete game of the season. He went the distance on April 3 in a 5-0 win at Toronto.

"That wasn't an easy game to pitch," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "Rick did just what we wanted him to do, which was throw the ball in the strike zone and make them swing the bat."

Helling's 13 wins put him second in the AL behind the Yankees' David Cone, who also won on Tuesday night.

"You get a big lead, the main thing you want to do is get your team on and off the field as fast as you can," Helling said. "You want to keep them out of the heat, let them get back to swing-

ing the bats again. I gave up a few runs, but I was trying to make quick innings for us and save the bullpen."

Eight of the Rangers' first-inning runs were unearned, the result of an error by Royals third baseman Dean Palmer, who misplayed a grounder by leadoff hitter Mark McLemore.

Rosado lasted just two-thirds of an inning, giving up eight runs and six hits.

Will Clark and Fernando Tatis also had RBIs in the first.

Jeff Conine and Johnny Damon hit solo home runs for the Royals. Conine added an RBI single in the seventh inning.

"We made good contact, but hit it right at people," Royals manager Tony Muser said. "They made good contact and hit it over the fence. You can't defend a ball over the fence."

Notes: Gonzalez's 20th career two-homer game extended his

hitting streak to a season-high 11 games. ... Ivan Rodriguez, the AL's leading hitter, was the only Royals starter without a hit. He went 0-for-5, dropping his average from .347 to .342, still tops in the league. ... The four home runs given up by Pittsley also tied a Royals team record. Tim Belcher was the last Kansas City pitcher to give up four homers in a game, against Oakland on April 11. ... Simms' homer was his ninth of the season, matching his career high. He also hit nine homers with Houston in 1995. Prior to his first-inning homer Tuesday, he was hitless in 10 at-bats. ... This was the 20th game this season in which the Royals have given up 10 or more runs. They have lost all 20. ... Kansas City's Sal Fasano was hit by a pitch in the third inning. He has now been hit by pitch 12 times this season, a team high and one behind the Yankees' Chuck Knoblauch.

Ticket sales are slow for scrimmage

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Slow ticket sales for the Dallas Cowboys' scrimmage, which sold out the Sun Bowl in its inaugural year, have raised the possibility that this year's game might not reach the break-even point.

Unless another 10,000 tickets are sold in the next two weeks, event guarantors could be left picking up part of the tab for the Aug. 6 game.

"This would be the first year we would have to draw on that letter of credit," said Wes Jurey, president of the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce.

Jurey said he is still optimistic the game will continue to pay for itself, as it did in the summers of 1996, when a sellout crowd of 51,118 was in attendance, and 1997, when more than 40,000 were sold.

He is hoping a trend of sales picking up in the final weeks will continue.

Only some 21,000 tickets have been sold. Organizers said they must sell more than 30,000 to reach the break-even point of about \$700,000.

But even reaching that point, would mean little or nothing for the game's charity, the United Way. The 1996 game delivered a profit of \$205,500, which was matched dollar for dollar by a local charitable foundation.



Elmer Wilson of Pampa is a two-time winner of the Tri-State Tournament.

Tri-State Seniors tee off next week at PCC golf course

PAMPA — The 64th annual Tri-State Senior Golf Association Tournament is set for July 27-31 at the Pampa Country Club.

Tournament play tees off July 29 and ends July 31 with stroke play in all flights.

Registration is scheduled Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Pampa Country Club and continues Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The annual senior banquet will be held at 7:30 July 30 in the Heritage Room at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

The last two Tri-State tournaments have been won by Pampa golfers. Eddie Duenkel won last year while Elmer Wilson was won in '94.

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1940 - Byron Clancy, Carter, Okla.
1941 - John Payne, Edmond, Okla.
1942 - Roy Allen, Oklahoma City, Okla.
1943 - Harrison Smith, Oklahoma City
1944 - Red Gober, Austin
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1946 - Red Gober, Austin
1947 - Chick Trout, Lubbock
1948 - Red Gober, Austin

1949 - Paul Dickinson, Ardmore, Okla.
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1952 - Frank Day, Plainview
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1954 - Red Covington, San Angelo
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1982 - Jack Williams, Plainview
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1987 - Ken Bailey, Amarillo
1988 - Jim Kirk, Ardmore, Okla.
1989 - Jake Broyles, Lamesa
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1992 - Dick Alexander, Lubbock
1993 - Jake Broyles, Lamesa
1994 - Elmer Wilson, Pampa
1995 - Tom Miller, Wichita Falls
1996 - Elmer Wilson, Pampa
1997 - Eddie Duenkel, Pampa

Chargers cornerback gets \$17.15 million deal

By BERNIE WILSON

AP Sports Writer

After a year of on-and-off negotiations, San Diego Chargers cornerback Terrance Shaw finally has a contract he's happy with — a five-year deal worth \$17.15 million.

The Chargers reworked the final year of Shaw's three-year contract and added a four-year extension Tuesday, three days before the first practice of training camp. The extension will average more than \$4 million a year. Shaw got a signing bonus believed to be \$3.75 million.

"I just want to be a part of a good team," Shaw said. "I just want to contribute."

Shaw, who became a starter in his rookie season of 1995, skipped the final two days of a voluntary minicamp in June because he was unhappy that a new deal hadn't been completed.

Shaw was a second-round draft pick out of Stephen F. Austin in 1995, just three months after San Diego's secondary was burned so badly in the Super Bowl by San Francisco. General manager Bobby Beathard obtained the pick and two others by sending his first-round selection to Carolina.

"We needed to get him wrapped up," Beathard said. "It's a big thing for us. I'm happy because he can be a leader, and I think he will end up as one of the strong defensive leaders."

Shaw was fourth with 71 tackles and had one interception last year, when the Chargers were 4-12.

Meanwhile, Leigh Steinberg,

NFL Camps Roundup

the agent for rookie quarterback Ryan Leaf, said a little progress was made in contract talks with the Chargers.

"We're working steadily toward our goal of getting him in camp on time," said Steinberg, who added that negotiations could go a day or two past the opening of camp. "We're not going to allow time out of camp to affect his career."

Steinberg is believed to have asked the Chargers for \$35 million over six years, with a \$10.8 million signing bonus for Leaf, the second pick in the draft. The Chargers are believed to have offered roughly \$24 million over six years, with a \$7.5 million bonus. One point of contention is the number of voidable years in the deal.

Also Tuesday, Beathard confirmed that linebacker Junior Seau underwent arthroscopic surgery on July 1 to remove a tiny bone spur from his right knee. Seau is expected to be ready for the first practice, Beathard said. Seau tore cartilage in his left knee in camp last year and missed the season opener.

Colts

Peyton Manning's agent and prospective boss sat down to discuss the quarterback's future.

Tom Condon, the former Kansas City guard who represents the NFL draft's top pick, flew to Indianapolis to talk with Colts president Bill Polian in an attempt to work out a deal before the team opens camp on Thursday.

"We have a framework, but no

dollar amounts have been discussed," said Polian, who added that Oakland's \$14.5 million, six-year deal with Charles Woodson, the fourth overall pick, might provide a framework.

Rams

Ryan McNeil, the holdout cornerback, is now St. Louis' top priority in contract talks.

"I get the sense and the feel that it's being looked at more seriously now by the Rams than maybe they have in the past," McNeil's agent, Brian Ransom, said Tuesday. "We're not close to having anything done yet, but hopefully it'll happen in the next couple days."

McNeil led the NFL with nine interceptions last year when he made \$1.2 million. In the offseason the Rams made him their franchise player, which ensures him of a \$3.2 million salary — the average of the five top-paid players at his position last year. The Rams also have offered \$13 million over four years.

Ransom is seeking \$30 million over five years for McNeil.

Cowboys

Ernie Mills, formerly with Pittsburgh and Carolina, is making a strong bid to become the starting wide receiver opposite Michael Irvin.

"He's been the leader of our receiving corps," Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman said. "He has been very consistent. In fact, I'm learning a lot about our new offense from him."

The Cowboys continued to work on a shotgun offense, which Aikman has rarely used.

He looked uncomfortable and threw an interception.

Raiders

If Jon Gruden is nervous about his first head coaching job, his voice doesn't betray his jitters.

Gruden, the former offensive coordinator for the Philadelphia Eagles, was hired by Oakland in the offseason after the team went 4-12 last year.

Gruden, 34, replaced Joe Bugel, who lasted a year. Bugel had taken over from Mike White, who had the job two seasons.

Gruden admits he has a tough job when camp opens. Rookies and selected veterans report Tuesday night and practice on Wednesday. "We have to make our practices hard," he said of the planned two-a-day routine. "They have to be of game-like speed."

Bucs

Mike Alstott began running for the first time since injuring his left hip during offseason drills on June 8. He was on crutches for about a month and could miss as many as three of the Buccaneers' five exhibition games.

"I've got to be smart about it. I've got to realize that if I do come back too soon, and I don't come back when by body feels right, I could hurt myself again and be out for the season," Alstott said. "I'd rather take time now to get my body and hip in condition and be ready for the long haul."

Alstott rushed for 665 yards and scored a team-high 10 touchdowns last season.

His agent, Jim Steiner, is also talking about a contract extension for Alstott, who will be paid

about \$650,000 this year and could become a restricted free agent at the end of the season. He says he's not worried about the injury affecting the talks.

Patriots

Coach Pete Carroll said New England looked rusty in its first practice session in full pads.

"It was clear that we needed a lot of work," Carroll said. "I thought that the offensive side of the ball came off much better than we did on the defensive side. We need all the work we can get, that was really clear."

Fullback Tony Carter, obtained as a free agent from Chicago, impressed Carroll with his blocking in the Tuesday morning practice. Carter will replace Sam Gash, who signed as a free agent with the Buffalo Bills.

Ravens

Jim Harbaugh's first pass with the Baltimore Ravens was perfect, a touchdown pass to tight end Scott Richards.

"It's a good way to start. Hopefully there'll be lots of those," he said. "You hate to start on an interception or an incompleteness. Might as well start on a completion that eats up 40 yards."

It was the first day as starting quarterback for Harbaugh, obtained in an offseason trade.

The only significant absentee on the first day of camp Tuesday was cornerback Duane Starks, the Ravens' top pick in the 1998 draft and the 10th player taken overall. Starks is holding out for a long-term contract, but negotiations continue and team officials expect him in camp by the end of the week.

Wagner not afraid to return to mound

HOUSTON (AP) — Billy Wagner expects to continue pitching just as he'll continue driving his car.

One week after being hit in the head by a batted ball, Wagner talked about the experience for the first time Tuesday and assured fans he'll not be frightened to take the mound when he fully recovers.

"I get in the car every day too and I don't say 'Oh, please Lord, I hope I don't wreck,'" Wagner said. "So I won't expect to go to the mound and say, 'Oh God, don't let me get hit again, don't let this happen.' That would make me not as competitive as I want to be."

A line drive by Kelly Stinnett of Arizona was on top of Wagner so quickly that he didn't have time to deflect it away. The drive sent Wagner sprawling, but he never lost consciousness and amazingly sustained only a concussion and a lacerated inner ear.

"I'm very blessed, you're out there surrounded by angels," Wagner said. "Any time a ball is hit back at you like that, you've got to count your blessings. I'm very fortunate to be sitting here talking."

Wagner's first thoughts were for his wife, Sarah, who is eight months pregnant.

"It happened so quick, I wasn't scared," Wagner said. "The thing that scared me the most was I knew that my wife was watching and she didn't know what was going on. I just wanted to make sure her and the baby would be all

right.

"I knew that I was going to be all right. I hadn't passed out or anything like that."

Wagner said he didn't really have pain from the blow.

"That's the funny part, it never hurt, I guess it hit the hard part of my head," Wagner said. "It stunned and dazed me. I didn't know what was going on at the time but I knew that I was at a ball game that my wife was watching. It was sore but it didn't hurt."

Wagner had a 2.87 ERA and 22 saves at the time he was injured. The left-hander made it clear he has no fear of returning to the mound after such a dangerous experience.

Wagner said he wasn't bothered by watching a replay.

"I think a lot of people are expecting me to be horrified by it, but I've been injured so many times growing up," Wagner said. "I broke my collar bone four times and I had concussions in football. It's a part of sports. I don't get scared over things like that."

Wagner has read the stories of other players being hit by batted balls, including Baltimore's Mike Mussina and Arizona's Willie Blair.

In 1957, Indians pitcher Herb Score was struck in the eye by a line drive hit by Gil McDougald of the New York Yankees. Score pitched five more years in the majors but never regained full form.

Wagner is eligible to return on July 31.

Woods outduels Maddux in marquee pitching matchup

By The Associated Press

The rookie strikeout sensation beat the crafty veteran in one of the best pitching matchups of the season.

Kerry Wood outdueled Greg Maddux, pitching 7 2-3 shutout innings and striking out 11 as the Chicago Cubs defeated the Atlanta Braves 3-0 Tuesday night before a sellout crowd at Turner Field.

"I just went out and turned it up a little," said Wood (9-5), who held the Braves to five hits and reached double figures in strikeouts for the sixth time in 18 major league starts.

Maddux (13-4), a four-time Cy Young winner whose forte is placement rather than power, lost for the first time to his former team. Maddux, who was 7-0 with a 1.51 ERA against the Cubs, allowed three runs and five hits in seven innings.

"We made a few mistakes and they didn't," said Maddux, who struck out eight and walked one. "I'm happy with the way I threw the ball."

It was a rough night for 21-year-old Braves center fielder Andruw Jones.

He was thrown out at home after running through a coach's sign, struck out with the bases loaded and was replaced in the middle of the eighth inning by manager Bobby Cox for failing to hustle after a soft line drive dropped in front of him.

"It was obvious that he didn't try for the ball," Cox said. "It's as simple as that."

Jones disagreed.

"I always give 100 percent, especially on defense," he said. "I don't play around on defense."

Sham back as Cowboys broadcaster

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — On July 31, there will be that old familiar broadcast voice back for the Dallas Cowboys, Brad Sham, who butted heads with owner Jerry Jones and lived to tell about it.

Sham returns for his 20th year — broadcasting the Cowboys play-by-play over KVIL-FM after a hiatus broadcasting Texas Rangers baseball.

"It's great to be back," said Sham as he patrolled the sidelines at Midwestern State University learning numbers and names for the 1998 season.

"Nice catch by No. 15," Sham said. "That would be free agent rookie Anthony Eubanks of Arkansas."

Sham already had the receiver's number committed to memory and it was just the first week of training camp.

"I missed it," Sham said of broadcasting for the Cowboys. "Doing the Rangers was fun, but it was a long, hard season."

Mickey Morandini had a run-scoring single in the third, and the Cubs added two runs in the fourth on Jose Hernandez's RBI grounder and a squeeze bunt by former Atlanta shortstop Jeff Blauser.

In other NL games, it was Philadelphia 3, Montreal 2; Milwaukee 6, Florida 4; New York 4, Pittsburgh 0; Colorado 5, Houston 0; Los Angeles 4, Cincinnati 2; San Diego 6, St. Louis 3; and Arizona 5, San Francisco 3.

Phillies 3, Expos 2

At Montreal, Mark Portugal pitched a four-hitter as Philadelphia won its third straight.

Portugal (6-2) took a two-hitter and a 3-1 lead into the ninth before allowing consecutive singles to Orlando Cabrera and pinch-hitter Scott Livingstone. On Terry Jones' attempted sacrifice, catcher Mark Lieberthal threw the ball into right field, allowing Cabrera to score.

Portugal struck out Ryan McGuire for the first out before intentionally walking Vladimir Guerrero to load the bases. Portugal then struck out pinch-hitter Robert Perez and got Mark Grudzielanek on a comebacker.

Brewers 6, Marlins 4

At Miami, Mark Loretta snapped a tie with an RBI double in the ninth as the Milwaukee Brewers completed a season sweep of the Marlins.

The Brewers, who came back from a 4-0 deficit, won all nine games from Florida this season.

Fernando Vina led off the ninth with a double off Antonio Alfonseca (2-3). One out later, Loretta hit a drive off the top of the wall in left field, scoring Vina. Jeff Cirillo's RBI groundout then made it 6-4.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL

National League

At A Glance

All Times EDT

East Division

New York	49	46
Montreal	39	60

Central Division

	W	L
Houston	59	40

West Division

Milwaukee	50	48
St. Louis	46	53
Pittsburgh	46	54

Monday's Games

Philadelphia 3, Montreal 1

Milwaukee 5, Florida 3

Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Mets 1

Chicago Cubs 11, Atlanta 4

Houston 10, Colorado 9

Los Angeles 2, Cincinnati 0

St. Louis 13, San Diego 1

San Francisco 5, Arizona 3

Tuesday's Games

Philadelphia 3, Montreal 2

Milwaukee 6, Florida 4

N.Y. Mets 4, Pittsburgh 0

Colorado 5, Houston 0

Los Angeles 4, Cincinnati 2

San Diego 6, St. Louis 3

Arizona 5, San Francisco 3

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Mets (Pulsipher 0-0 and Nomo 3-8) at Milwaukee (Woodall 4-1 and Patrick 4-0), 2:05 p.m.

Florida (Dempster 1-4) at Pittsburgh (Van Poppel 0-0), 7:05 p.m.

Atlanta (Glaivine 13-4) at Philadelphia (Lowe 4-2), 7:35 p.m.

Montreal (Vazquez 3-8) at Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 9-5), 8:05 p.m.

Cincinnati (Renteria 6-10) at Colorado (Astacio 7-10), 9:05 p.m.

St. Louis (Witt 0-1) at San Francisco (Rueter 10-5), 10:35 p.m.

Houston (Lima 8-5) at Los Angeles (Bohannon 2-9), 10:35 p.m.

Arizona (Blair 4-13) at San Diego (Ashby 13-5), 10:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games

N.Y. Mets (Lester 10-4) at Milwaukee (Woodard 7-5), 2:05 p.m.

Montreal (Powell 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Clark 5-9), 2:20 p.m.

St. Louis (Bottelkamp 2-5) at San Francisco (Darwin 6-7), 3:35 p.m.

Arizona (Anderson 7-8) at San Diego (Hamilton 8-9), 5:05 p.m.

Florida (Meadows 9-6) at Pittsburgh (Lieber 7-10), 7:05 p.m.

Atlanta (Millwood 10-5) at Philadelphia (Green 6-8), 7:35 p.m.

Cincinnati (Harnisch 7-4) at Colorado (Jones 3-4), 9:05 p.m.

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American League

At A Glance

East Division

160	13 1/2	Minnesota	45	53	.459	10 1/2
450	14 1/2	Chicago	44	56	.440	12 1/2

Central Division

550	—	Detroit	42	56	.429	13 1/2
540	11	West Division				
510	14		W	L	Pct.	GB

West Division

364	28 1/2	Anaheim	53	45	.541	1 1/2
		Oakland	46	52	.469	8 1/2
		Seattle	46	54	.460	9 1/2

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Seattle (Johnson 9-8) at Tampa Bay (Arrojo 11-6), 7:05 p.m.

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Texas (Sele 12-6) at Kansas City (Rapp 8-9), 8:05 p.m.

Anaheim (Sparks 3-2) at Minnesota (Radke 9-8), 8:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Anaheim (Dickson 9-7) at Minnesota (Milton 5-7), 1:15 p.m.

Detroit (Thompson 9-8) at Cleveland (Wright 9-5), 7:05 p.m.

Toronto (Carpenter 6-4) at Boston (Avery 7-2), 7:05 p.m.

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East Division

Harnisch to a two-year contract extension with a club option for the 2001 season.

Central Division

MONTREAL EXPOS—Placed CF Rondell White on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled

West Division

NEW YORK METS—Announced that C Alberto Castillo has cleared waivers and was

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East Division

NY-NJ	10	9	1	28	35	32
Columbus	9	9	0	27	33	27
Tampa Bay	6	15	0	18	24	36

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Salvadorians convicted in 1980 of murdering three American nuns' paroled from prison

SAN VICENTE, El Salvador (AP) — Two former national guardsmen convicted in the rapes and murders of three American nuns have been paroled from prison, complicating efforts to investigate allegations that the murders were ordered by high-ranking officers.

A five-man squad kidnapped, raped and killed Roman Catholic nuns Ita Ford, Dorothy Kazel and Maura Clark and layworker Jean Donovan on Dec. 2, 1980. A third member could be released today.

The two guardsmen were released Tuesday under a new law intended to ease prison overcrowding. Each had served 17 years of a 30-year prison sentence.

The two other former guardsmen convicted in the case did not qualify for release because one previously had been convicted on weapons charges and the other had participated in a prison disturbance.

The crimes caused outrage in the United States, which strongly supported the Salvadoran government during the 1980-1992 civil war. The women apparently were killed because military-backed death squads suspected them of sympathizing with leftist guerrillas.

"The families of the churchwomen have felt that the government of El Salvador should certainly not have released these men before closely questioning them on the matter of higher orders: Who ordered this crime and who covered it up," said William Ford, Ita Ford's brother, in a telephone

interview from his home in Upper Montclair, N.J.

The Clinton administration and the State Department previously had criticized the plan to parole the guardsmen, a process that has been delayed by appeals from prosecutors.

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Former Guardsman Jose Roberto Moreno Canjura quietly left La Esperanza prison, four miles north of San Salvador, while Sgt. Luis Colindres — who commanded the guard squad — walked out of a prison in San Vicente, about 40 miles southeast of San Salvador.

"I have always worked in accordance with the law," Colindres told reporters at the prison gates, breaking a 14-year silence on his conviction. He refused to back up claims by other members of the squad that they received orders from "higher ups" to murder the four women.

"Unfortunately, as a low-ranking officer, one must often keep to

the sidelines," Colindres said, without elaborating.

The New York-based Lawyers Committee for Human Rights reported earlier this year that one of the convicted guardsmen quoted Colindres as telling the squad: "Don't be worried. This is an order that comes from higher levels, and nothing is going to happen to us."

A 1993 U.N. commission report determined that the director of the national guard at the time of the slayings, Col. Eugenio Vides Casanova, and Defense Minister Jose Guillermo Garcia, had tried to hide the killings. It also concluded that Vides Casanova knew that the guardsmen had killed the women on the orders of superiors.

The victims' families and supporters were angered earlier this year when they learned that both former officials were living in the United States.

William Ford said both men "should certainly be called to testify under oath in front of Congress about what they know about the orders to murder the women and the subsequent coverup."

Vides Casanova has denied those accusations, saying "my conscience would never be able to rest if I knew their orders to kill came from above."

In June, the Salvadoran government said it could not reopen the probe into the slayings despite evidence that those who orchestrated the killings were never punished.

Research finds decline in hurricanes despite global warming theory

WASHINGTON (AP) — While some scientists fear global warming will lead to more hurricanes, so far it isn't happening. Indeed, the number of hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico has declined in recent years, researchers say.

The peak period for Gulf hurricanes was 1916-1925 when 14 of the storms came ashore, including six severe hurricanes, according to a Florida State University report.

By contrast, nine hurricanes, including four severe ones, made landfall in 1976-85 and eight, one severe, occurred in 1986-95, according to the study in the July edition of the Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society.

The research was prompted by questions from New Orleans officials concerned that global change would lead to more hurricanes striking that city, located on the Gulf and largely below sea level.

"So we sat down and looked at the available data, and saw there's really no trend yet to support that" fear, said Mark C. Bove, a graduate assistant at Florida State's Center for Ocean-Atmospheric Prediction Studies.

It's hard to pinpoint a reason for the apparent decline in recent decades, Bove said in a telephone interview. But he noted that hurricane frequency can be affected by the El Nino phenomenon as well as other climate variables.

El Nino, an unusual warming of water in the eastern Pacific Ocean, can change weather worldwide and scientists say that years when it occurs tend to have few hurricanes in the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico.

Last summer was marked by a strong El Nino, and just one hurricane made landfall in the United States, for example. Now that El Nino has ended, disaster preparedness officials fear more storms this summer.

William Gray, a hurricane expert at Colorado State University, has found indications of a 30-year cycle in hurricanes, Bove said.

Despite the fewer storms in recent decades, the sharp growth of coastal communities has placed more people at risk when storms do occur, Bove said, echoing a threat emergency preparedness managers have been citing for years.

An estimated 47 million people reside in coastal communities, and most have never been through a major hurricane. Emergency planners fear new residents may not respond to warnings when a storm occurs.

Bove said that he, graduate student David F. Zierden and professor James J. O'Brien studied hurricanes back to 1896 because those were the most reliable records available. A further analysis of the relationship between Atlantic hurricanes and El Nino is expected to be published in the fall, he said.

Their report on Gulf hurricanes focuses on storms that came ashore between Cape Sable, Fla., and Brownsville, Texas. To be rated as a hurricane a storm must have sustained winds of at least 65 knots (74.7 mph). To be considered severe, it must have winds of 96 knots (110.4 mph).

Here's the study's rundown on the hurricanes coming ashore along the Gulf Coast per decade:

- 1896-1905: 8 storms, 1 severe.
- 1906-1915: 13 storms, 6 severe.
- 1916-1925: 14 storms, 6 severe.
- 1926-1935: 11 storms, 7 severe.
- 1936-1945: 13 storms, 4 severe.
- 1946-1955: 9 storms, 3 severe.
- 1956-1965: 10 storms, 5 severe.
- 1966-1975: 11 storms, 5 severe.
- 1976-1985: 9 storms, 4 severe.
- 1986-1995: 8 storms, 1 severe.

Texas: First in nation in five subject areas on written tests

AUSTIN — Texas ranked first in the nation among states that have written academic standards in five major subject areas, according to a Fordham Foundation report titled "The State of State Standards" released this month. The five subject areas are geography, history, English, mathematics and science.

When states with partially completed standards are considered, only Arizona outranked Texas. Arizona has completed standards in only three of the five subject areas. California, which has completed four, tied with Texas for second place.

Of the 50 states and the District of Columbia, only three (Texas, Arizona and California) scored a "B" overall. No state received an "A." Fifteen were graded "C," 21 ranked "D," nine ranked "E" and three have not developed standards in any of the five areas.

"Texas is ahead of other states in the area of accountability," said David Sublasky, TASB president from Fabens ISD, "and the Fordham Foundation's report underlines the fact that the Texas public education system has become a role model for the nation."

Among other Fordham findings: Texas scored an A on its geography standards. Only two other states, Colorado and Indiana, scored as high; Texas scored a B on its history standards. Only Virginia scored higher with an A, and only two other states scored B's (California and Massachusetts); Texas scored a B on its English standards. Only one state scored higher

(Massachusetts with an A), and only four other states scored B's (Arizona, Virginia, Georgia, and Illinois); Texas scored a B on its math standards. Only three states scored an A (California, North Carolina, and Ohio). Texas' lowest ranking came on its science standards, scoring a C. Six states scored A's, and seven scored B's.

The Fordham Foundation, based in Washington D.C., sponsors research, publications, and action projects in education reform at the national level. Its major focus is the renewal of elementary and secondary education.

Commentators who were asked to cite the main lessons the country should draw from the Fordham report said, "we should do everything we can to encourage the good work going on in states such as Arizona, California, and Texas and to hold it up as a model for all." Texas was specifically lauded as having a model standard in geography, and Texas and Virginia were cited as having "history standards light-years better than the national history standards."

Texas developed the draft of its academic standards, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skill (TEKS), over the course of 1995 and 1996. Fifteen subject-area teams met collectively to consider format consistency, comparability of skills at each grade level, and articulation of skills from kindergarten through Grade 12.

Meeting individually thereafter, the teams produced the first draft of TEKS in February 1996 and received over 12,000

responses to that draft. In addition, the State Board of Education (SBOE) Review Committees provided advice on revisions. The second draft was sent out for further public review in July 1996.

The review processes included distribution to all campuses and school districts, publication on the world wide web, and public outreach by regional education service centers through town meetings and public hearings. The SBOE adopted the TEKS in July 1997. Full implementation in the classroom begins with the 1998-99 school year.

Sonic scholarship



(Special photo) Bob Burkett recently awarded Marisol Resendiz of Pampa a \$1,000 scholarship on behalf of Sonic Drive-Ins. She has worked at the local Sonic for almost four years and plans to attend Amarillo College.

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