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Ready files suit against PEDC

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

Also named as defendants are PEDC Board President Richard Stowers, board member Roger David and former board member Lewis Meers. The suit was filed July 28 in District Court in Travis County where Ready lives.

A lawsuit alleging violations of civil rights, the state's whistle blower law and libel and slander has been filed against the Pampa Economic Development Commission by Bill Ready, former executive director who was fired last September.

Also named as defendants are PEDC Board President Richard Stowers, board member Roger David and former board member Lewis Meers. The suit was filed July 28 in District Court in Travis County where Ready lives. Notice of the suit was served in Pampa Tuesday.

Asked about the suit, Stowers reserved comment saying only that a copy of the suit had been forwarded to the PEDC's liability and official's insurance carrier. He said the insurance had been purchased through Duncan, Fraser & Bridges in Pampa.

Ready was hired by the PEDC on March 4, 1999, at a salary of $68,000 together with benefits, moving costs, lease vehicle, health insurance, pension, holidays, vacation and sick leave, the suit said.

At the time Ready was fired, reasons given included misuse of the PEDC's credit card, using the PEDC Suburban for personal use and lying about going to a meeting in Lubbock that did not occur.

Later, Ready's attempt to receive unemployment compensation was rejected by the Texas Workforce Commission.

Ready is represented by Austin attorney John Judge who was interviewed by telephone Wednesday.

"I think the overall observation is these guys set my client up and trumped up false charges to discredit him after he began to point out irregularities in the operation of the PEDC," Judge said.

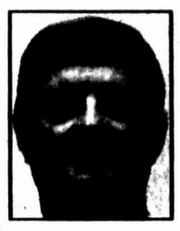
After starting to work, the suit says Ready began to observe "disturbing irregularities."

Among the claims listed in the suit are:

• [Ready] was asked to pay golf tournament fees in Ruidoso, N.M. for the defendant Roger David's wife, with PEDC funds. [Ready] questioned the propriety of the payment, but was told that it was standard practice for the corporation to expend tax-revenue-generated funds in such manner.

• [Ready] observed that defendant Lewis Meers, a certified public accountant, performed auditing and accounting work for business concerns that had applied for and received substantial grants of money from the [PEDC]. [Ready] also learned

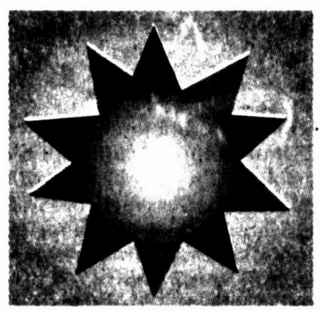
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Ready


Meers


Stowers


David



High today near 100
Low tonight 70
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Worth the Wait program Monday

PAMPA — Worth the Wait will present "W2W Wisdom to Wait," a parent-adult workshop, at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 14 in the library of Pampa High School. The workshop will be conducted by Dr. Rene' Rochester. Participants will take an assessment test to determine their confidence level in talking with teens about sex. In addition, Rochester will discuss ways to help teens recognize and avoid destructive patterns in relationships while reinforcing a healthy value system.

River running dry at Blanco

BLANCO (AP) — The river that runs through this Central Texas town is going dry.

Blanco city leaders have added to what were already some of the most stringent water restrictions in Central Texas.

Stage Four limits were imposed this week by the City Council because the main source of water, the Blanco River, is running dry in some spots and no longer pours over the dam.

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 4-12-22-47-51-54.

• **Bobby D. Gilmore, 60,** services pending
• **Jack Cavely Goddard, 71,** owner Cabely's Pest Control
• **Clyce R. Wheeler, 75,** retired from AAFES.

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Allsup's holdup men still sought

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer







The top two photos are of the same man as described by two witnesses.

Gray County Sheriff's deputies plan to distribute sketches of two men suspected of robbing a Pampa Allsup's store earlier this week, hoping to develop new leads in the case.

"We flew in a (Texas Department of Public Safety) artist out of Austin yesterday to interview witnesses and come up with sketches of the suspects," said Chief Deputy David Russell.

"We're still following leads," he said. "We thought we had some promising ones, but they didn't pan out. We have nothing concrete at this time."

Russell said deputies will post the artist's sketches around the area. "We'll put them up where people will see them," he said. He also plans to see if the robbery case could be added to Pampa Crime Stoppers.

According to deputies who investigated the robbery, two men entered the Allsup's store at Texas 152 and Price Road at 11:18 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 5. One man jumped over the counter and pushed a sharp object into the back of the clerk on duty while the other man reportedly took money from an open cash register drawer. The pair left the scene in a small white pickup, according to a witness who entered the store immediately after the robbery.

Sheriff's deputies continue to look for the witness, described as an older Hispanic man who speaks little English, hoping he can provide more information about what he saw that night.

"He's not in any kind of trouble," said Deputy Gary Noblett. "We just need to talk to him bad."

One of the suspects is described as a Hispanic male, five-foot, three-inches tall and approximately 140 pounds with a muscular build. Believed to be in his early twenties with short black hair and wearing a white tank top t-shirt and blue jeans.

The second suspect is also believed to a Hispanic male in his early

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Crime Stopper caller needed

The Crime Stoppers coordinator wants Crime Stopper Caller No. 0247 to call him at 10 p.m. at 669-3923. The coordinator said there is no Caller ID on the telephone or recording on the secure line.

Putting 'two-and-two' together
DPS Troopers make big 'pot' bust

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

A DPS trooper quickly put "two-and-two together" earlier this week resulting in a seizure of 54 pounds of marijuana and the arrest of two men and a woman, all from Illinois.

It all started a bit before noon Tuesday when DPS Trooper Lucinda Russell stopped an eastbound I-40 car on a traffic violation, said DPS Trooper Gary Don Davis. Two men were in the car.

"When Trooper Russell stopped the car she noticed a gold Mercury Marquis pass by that she thought might have been traveling with the other car," Davis said. "The Mercury slowed down and the woman driver looked over" at Russell and the stopped car.

Russell talked with the two men and got consent to search their rented vehicle, Davis said. "She didn't find any dope but she did find rental papers belonging to a gold Mercury Marquis.

"She put two-and-two together and called me to be on the lookout for the Mercury," Davis, said. "She's a real good trooper ... her daddy is Trooper Larry Dunnam over at Canadian.

"I found the car on I-40 eastbound at Groom," Davis said. "I almost missed it because she was following so close behind a Wal-Mart truck."

Davis stopped the Mercury for following the truck too closely and because the driver turned off at the I-40 - FM 2300 exit without giving a turn signal.

Meanwhile, Davis said Russell was able to hold the two men for a while because she'd checked their record and they'd had drug trafficking charges before.

Both Victor Arrelo, 30, Calumet City, Ill., and Arturo Castellano, 37, Illinois, were charged with transporting marijuana over 50 pounds

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Saturday's dog election has opinions being told

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Voters in Gray County will go to the polls Saturday to cast ballots in the election to decide whether or not to implement a dog registration program for dogs in the county.

Several area residents have expressed concern about consequences if the issue is passed by county voters.

James Hefley of McLean is concerned about the provision which says all dogs outside the city limits must wear a collar. A sheep rancher, Hefley said his Great Pyrenese dogs, which are sheep dogs, would be required to wear the collars. "If I have to keep a collar on them, they will get hung up in the fence and I will have dead dogs," said Hefley, who is also Precinct 4 County Commissioner.

Hefley said, "It is terrible what happened to Sheryl Lester's miniature horse, and I am very sorry for her. I just don't think the dog registration is the problem. I don't see how it will solve her problem."

He did say he would certainly support a county-wide Rabies Control law if the vote fails. "I think that is a good law," he said.

Lester circulated petitions requesting such an election after a miniature stallion owned by her was attacked by dogs in April. She presented the petitions to the county commission who called for the election after the required number of signatures on the petition calling for the election was validated.

Her horses are located outside the city limits and she said the dogs which attacked the horse came from the city limits .

The owner of the pit bulls which are alleged to have attacked the horse received four citations in connection with the incident. Two citations for animals at large and two citations for failure to display rabies tags were issued through the municipal court.

On July 19 a pregnant miniature horse owned by

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(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

Pampa High School "Pride of Pampa" band and color guard perfect a half-time routine for the upcoming football season and UIL marching contest next October. The routine includes Beach Boys hits and music performed by Blood, Sweat and Tears under the direction of Bruce Collins, director, and Jason Jones, assistant director.

Comment time on river Shiner given extension

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service gave in to demands from farmers and others and extended the comment period on whether landowners will have to face restrictions to protect the tiny Arkansas River shiner.

About 70 people attended a public hearing Wednesday in Oklahoma City on proposals to designate portions of rivers in Arkansas, Kansas, Texas and New Mexico as critical habitat for the shiner. About 200 attended a meeting earlier in the week in Amarillo, Texas.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has said there are probably only several thousand of the fish in the Canadian River and fewer than 100 on the Beaver and Cimarron rivers. There are about 100 in Kansas.

Most of those attending the Oklahoma City meeting spoke against the proposal and complained that the service hasn't released enough

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Services tomorrow

ANDERS, Aneka V. "Dee" — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

EARL, Jean — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.

GODDARD, Jack Cavely — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Raton, N.M.

Obituaries

BOBBY D. GILMORE

SHAMROCK — Bobby D. Gilmore, 60, died Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2000. Services are pending under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

JACK CAVELY GODDARD

RATON, N.M. — Jack Cavely Goddard, 71, a former Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2000, following a lengthy illness. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Mike Hensley officiating. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery under the direction of Alderette-Pomeroy Funeral Home.

Mr. Goddard was born Sept. 13, 1928, at Wichita, Kan., to the late John Hiram Goddard and Agnes Pollock Goddard. He married Betty Jean Purcell on June 13, 1945, at Oklahoma City, Okla. He moved to Borger and opened Red's Shoe Shop in 1949 and relocated to Pampa in 1968, owning-operating Cavely's Pest Control in Pampa as well as in Raton and Colorado until his death. In addition, he owned race horses, both Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds, at La Mesa Park in Raton.

He belonged to First Baptist Church of Raton.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Johnny Lee Goddard.

Survivors include his wife, Betty, of Raton; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon Goddard and Dean of Pampa and Deborah and Dennis Stamp of Amarillo; a granddaughter, Heather Stamp of Amarillo; and a grandson, John Goddard of Pampa.

W.W. 'COTTON' RUSSELL

DUNCAN, Okla. — W.W. "Cotton" Russell, 100, died Thursday, Aug. 10, 2000. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Russell was born Jan. 6, 1900, at Kosse, Texas, to James William and Annie Lou Russell. He married Loreta Hazel Ellison on May 29, 1924, at Lorenzo, Texas; she died June 29, 1978, at Pampa. He had been a Pampa resident most of his life, moving to Duncan in 1993 to be close to his daughter and her family.

He was a welder by trade. He and his brother owned-operated a welding shop in Stephenville for several years. He sold the shop in the early 1950s and returned to Pampa. He worked for Cabot Corporation until his retirement in 1965.

He was a member of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed restoring antique furniture with his wife.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister; and a brother, L.E. "Dick" Russell, who passed away Aug. 6, 2000.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, W.A. "Bill" and Vicki Russell of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; a daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Jerry Guyton of Duncan; four granddaughters; eight great-grandchildren; and many other beloved relatives.

CLYCE R. WHEELER

ANNISTON, Ala. — Clyce R. "Tex" Wheeler, 75, brother of a Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2000. Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in Anniston Memorial Funeral Home with the Rev. Mike Owens and the Rev. Ray Clevenger officiating. Burial will be in Anniston Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Wheeler was retired from AAFES and was a hospice volunteer.

He was a World War II veteran and belonged to Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include a daughter, Kristin Wheeler of Spain; a stepdaughter, Peggy Ward of Anniston; a stepson, James Ray Harris of Anniston; a sister, Pat Murray of Pampa; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to Hospice of East Alabama, 1302 Noble St., Anniston, AL 36201.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.18
Milo	2.29
Corn	2.74
Soybeans	3.58

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

Occidental	20 3/8	up 1/8
Fidelity Magellan	146.88	
Puritan	19.34	

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

BP Amoco	52 7/8	dn 3/16
Cabot	33 13/16	up 2 3/32
Cabot O&G	17 9/16	up 1/16
Chevron	83 1/16	up 15/32
Coca-Cola	60 7/16	up 5/8
Columbia/HCA	34 3/16	NC
Enron	81 9/16	dn 47/64
Halliburton	52 1/2	dn 1/8
KMI	33 7/8	dn 5/8
Kerr McGee	59 1/16	up 3/8
Limited	20 11/16	dn 3/16
McDonald's	32 11/16	NC
Exxon Mobil	81 3/16	up 1
New Atmos	21 1/2	NC
NCE	38 13/16	dn 1/8
NOI	35 15/16	dn 3/16
OKE	29 3/4	dn 1/16
Penney's	17 3/4	NC
Phillips	54 7/8	up 7/16
Pioneer Nat	12 1/2	dn 1/16
SLB	81 5/16	dn 15/16
Temeco	5 7/8	dn 1/16
Texaco	50 1/2	up 3/4
Ultramar	24	up 3/16
Wal-Mart	51 1/2	dn 2 1/8
Williams	47 1/8	up 3/16
New York Gold	272.15	
Silver	4.89	
West Texas Crude	30.35	

Police report

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

Wednesday, Aug. 9

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 500 block of Tignor. The front door of the residence received an estimated $100 damage and approximately $100 in damage was done to the inside of the building.

An attempted suicide was reported to the Pampa Police Department.

A black Radio Shack bag phone, value unknown, was found in the 800 block of Scott.

A report of failure to stop and exchange information at the scene of an accident was made to Pampa Police Department.

Thursday, Aug. 10

Theft over $50 and under $500 was reported in the 800 block of East Francis. Sometime between 9 p.m., Wednesday, and 6 a.m. today, a 26-inch, 21-speed red and maroon mountain bicycle valued at $115 was reportedly stolen.

Sheriff's Office

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

Wednesday, Aug. 9

Stephen Junior Cox, 33, Lefors, was arrested by the Lefors Marshall on two counts of issuing bad checks.

Accidents

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

Wednesday, Aug. 9

6:15 p.m. – A 1997 homemade utility trailer pulled by a 1996 Dodge pickup driven by Terry Eugene Timmons, 40, 1301 N. Starkweather, collided with a City of Pampa traffic signal at the intersection of Ballard and Browning streets. Damage to the traffic signal was estimated at $5,000. No citations were listed on the police report.

9:30 p.m. – A 1990 Chevrolet Camaro driven by Michael Moreno, 27, 345 Miami, collided with a legally parked 1997 Chevrolet Lumina owned by Charles Edmond Lowry, 1936 N. Wells, in the 600 block of East Francis. Moreno was cited for failure to stop and exchange information at the scene of an accident. No injuries were reported.

Fires

Pampa Fire Department received no calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Carson Co. Sheriff

Carson County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the week of July 31 through Aug. 6. Currently, 11 persons are incarcerated in Carson County Jail, and nine additional prisoners are being held in other jurisdictions.

July 31 through Aug. 6

Joe W. Saxton, 19, Zachary, La., was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and cited for failure to wear seat belt.

A male juvenile, 14, and a female juvenile, 16, both of Baton Rouge, La., were detained as runaways.

Henry Ford, 23, of Pampa, was arrested on outstanding traffic warrants out of Pampa.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, August 9

9:05 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Highway 60 east and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:33 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one patient to an Oklahoma hospital.

7:30 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported one to PRMC.

10:44 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Russell; no transport.

Thursday, August 10

3:13 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Seneca and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.

4:07 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of South Somerville and transported one to PRMC.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	1-888-Energas
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	1-800-750-2520
Water	669-5830

Texas executes two in one night

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — One was repentant. The other defiant.

Two condemned killers, both high on drugs when they committed their crimes, received a lethal dose of drugs 33 minutes apart in back-to-back executions Wednesday evening in the nation's busiest death chamber.

Supporters of one of the inmates, Oliver David Cruz, 33, said the man convicted of abducting, raping and fatally stabbing a 24-year-old woman stationed at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio was mentally retarded and should not have been put to death Wednesday evening.

But the U.S. Supreme Court, which has allowed some three dozen mentally ill or retarded prisoners to be executed in this country over the past two decades, refused to stop Cruz's lethal injection.

Just over a half-hour earlier, another inmate, Brian Keith Roberson, 36, was executed in an identical procedure for the 1986 stabbing deaths of an elderly couple who lived across the street from him in Dallas. The high court also had refused to stop his punishment.

Sobbing and teary-eyed, Cruz asked for forgiveness from his victim's family and his own family and apologized for the 1988 slaying.

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HOLDUP

twenties, five-foot, five-inches tall, skinny, and weighing approximately 130 pounds with shoulder-length black hair, cut short around the ears and pulled into a ponytail. At the time of the robbery, he was reportedly wearing a blue shirt and blue jeans.

Allsup's officials did not know the exact amount of money taken in the robbery, but said it was less than $200. The Allsup's clerk reportedly received a small cut from the sharp object pushed into her back, but did not require medical treatment.

Anyone having information regarding the Allsup's robbery may call Gray County Sheriff's Office at 669-8022.

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BUST

but under 2,000 pounds and remained behind bars this morning in the Carson County Jail, said Sheriff Gary Robertson. Their bond has not been set.

Upon stopping the woman, who had her 5-year-old son with her, Davis said he asked her some questions including who owned the car and where she was traveling.

"She told me it was a rental car but she couldn't produce the papers because they were in the other car," Davis said. "I wrote the warnings and asked her if I could search the car. She said 'yes.'"

Upon opening the trunk, the trooper said he discovered 54 pounds of marijuana, in various size bundles, spread on the trunk floor and covered with a blanket. He said the woman was enroute from Albuquerque to Oklahoma City.

He identified the woman as Cheryl Ann Lord, 26, of Sauk Village, Ill., who has posted $20,000 bond on the drug possession of over 50 pounds but less than 2,000 pounds, Davis said. When she was charged her son was turned over to Child Protective Services.

"She's a typical drug smuggler," Davis said of Lord, noting that rental cars are frequently used by smugglers "because if it's their car we can seize it."

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DOG

Lester was attacked. More than 100 stitches were required to repair the tissue ripped away from the horse's mouth and lacerations on the horse's head and flank.

County Commissioner Precinct 3 Gerald Wright said if the dog registration issue passes it will become expensive to the taxpayers. "We will have to hire at least one additional county employee if it passes, and furnish a vehicle," he said. "Also, we will have to either contract with the City of Pampa for animal control services or build a county-owned facility."

Wright said he had never seen a newly implemented county program that didn't cost the taxpayers money.

He said he thought the attacks upon Lester's miniature horses was horrible, but said the dog registration law won't solve her problem.

An area rancher, H. Joe Franklin, said, "This election is not about rabies. It is not about wild dogs. It is about anger. Justifiable anger, but misdirected at the people of Gray County," in a letter to the editor column of *The Pampa News*.

He wrote that both city dwellers and rural residents will be affected if a tax increase is necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this law.

Franklin also said the law will give anyone the right to kill a dog they deem is about to attack livestock, and says it opens the door to dog killing as a sport.

He also said rural people have had many years of town dogs packing up and coming out to the country. "We have handled this problem adequately in the past and will continue with good judgment as to whether a dog is just lost or a trouble maker," he said in his letter.

Gray County Treasurer Scott Hahn reported he has checked with Guadalupe County who has the dog registration law about what his office would need to implement the procedure if the measure passes. He said the software program will cost $2,200, and he has not received a cost of the tags.

The treasurer's office is the office which is required to register animals in a county-wide dog registration. The cost of registering each dog in the treasurer's office would be $1. Only dogs outside the Pampa city limits would be required to register. City of Pampa dogs are exempt because Pampa has the Rabies Control Law. However, dogs in Lefors and McLean would be required to be registered as they do not have the RCL.

Almost 240 county voters voted in the early voting which ended Tuesday.

The future of the dog registration measure will be decided Saturday at four polling locations: Precinct 1, Lefors Fire Department; Precincts 2, 8, 9, 10 and 13, Lovett Memorial Library; Precincts 3, 7, 11, 12, 14, and 15, Horace Mann School; and Precincts 4 and 5, Lovett Memorial Library in McLean. The polls will be open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

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SHINER

information. Many said the critical habitat proposal would impose unwarranted government intervention.

"I think it's the biggest land grab in recent times," said Lewis Mayer, a landowner in the Panhandle. "I don't think they're going to increase the number of Arkansas River shiners until they get more water in the river. How are they going to do that? It's just a big boondoggle."

The critical habitat designation applies to cases where federal funding, authorization or permits would be involved in the areas. The designation covers the portions of the rivers and land 300 feet on either side of the rivers.

Many farmers fear they would have to wait months for federal agencies to figure out what the landowners would be permitted to do.

"I'm here to let people know I don't want to be stepped on," said Frank Moore, a farmer and representative of the Ellis County Farm Bureau.

Carrel Bryant of Ada estimated that about 50,000 acres of land would be affected by the proposed critical habitat along about 1,160 river miles in the four states. About 60 acres would be his.

"The endangered species we need to be concerned about is the American farmer," he said.

Several spoke up for the 2-inch fish.

"I think we have a lot of people representing the interests of the people with a money stake in this," said Sylvia Pratt of Newkirk. "The reason I came is I want to make sure we have someone representing the interest of the thing that may be wiped off the face of the earth."

The Fish and Wildlife Service designated the shiner in 1998 as needing protection because of its dwindling numbers.

After Wednesday's meeting, Fish and Wildlife Service biologist Ken Collins said the service would extend the period for public comment from by mail from Aug. 29 until Oct. 8.

The Fish and Wildlife Service also told the crowd that an economic impact study on the shiner is nearly complete. It is expected to available next week.

The critical habitat includes the Beaver River in Oklahoma from the Lake Optima dam 128 river miles to the upstream side of the Canton Reservoir; along the Cimarron River from U.S. 54 in Kansas to near Waynoka, Okla., from the South Canadian River at the Oklahoma-Texas line to the Indian Nation Turnpike near Eufaula, Okla.; along the Canadian River from Logan, N.M., to the upper end of Lake Meredith near Amarillo, Texas; along the Canadian River from Canadian, Texas, to the Texas-Oklahoma border; and on the Arkansas River from the Kansas 27 bridge in Hamilton to the Kansas-Oklahoma border.

On the Net: Fish and Wildlife Service: http:southwest.fws.gov

Three workers pulled underwater

BELTON, Texas (AP) — A huge support beam collapsed at a lake construction site, dragging three workers underwater. One body was recovered, and divers searched Thursday for the other two men.

Witnesses said the three workers were clipped to the top of the concrete column, about 50 feet tall and 10 feet in diameter, when it collapsed at the bottom Wednesday. The entire structure toppled into waters 40 to 60 feet deep, about 50 feet off the shore of Stillhouse Hollow Lake.

The column was to support a pumping station for a water pipeline.

"Eighty tons of concrete and steel were thrown into the water at impact," Bell County Sheriff Dan Smith said.

Divers recovered the body of Crispin Rodriguez, 64, on Wednesday. The two men missing and presumed dead were Jim Bates, 27, and James DePriest, 27.

Weather focus

PAMPA – Sunny and hot today with a high near 100 and a less than 20 percent chance of thundershowers. Winds will be from the south at 10 to 20 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy with a low near 70, south winds at 5 to 15 mph and a 20 percent chance of thundershowers. Friday, sunny and hot with temperatures near 100 and south winds at 5 to 10 mph. Friday evening, lows near 70, partly cloudy, and a 20 percent chance of thundershowers. Saturday, partly cloudy with high of 95 to 100 and some thunderstorm chances. High Wednesday was 94 and the overnight low, 72.

STATEWIDE – After a break in the summer heat wave, triple-digit temperatures are returning to parts of Texas.

Under a high-pressure dome's influence, skies in North Texas were clearing and allowing highs to again climb.

A few thunderstorms were occurring over the southeast Texas Panhandle Thursday morning.

Isolated showers developed between Brownwood and Wichita Falls. Isolated thunderstorms were west and north of Wichita Falls, with widely scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between Austin and Centerville.

Some mid-level clouds moved into North Texas.

Early-morning temperatures were already in the 70s to 80s, with a few readings in the 60s in the far west.

It was 70 degrees at Conroe and 84 at Laughlin Air Force Base near Del Rio.

Winds were mostly southerly to southwesterly at 5 to 10 mph.

Only a slight chance of thunderstorms was forecast in the northwest through Saturday, with isolated, mainly afternoon showers and storms in the south. Most rainfall should subside by nightfall.

In West Texas, afternoon and evening showers or thunderstorms could develop across the Panhandle and South Plains and from the Big Bend region into the far west.

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Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literary Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

THEE PLACE

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

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

If interested in the ADHD/ADD Sport Group call Connie at 669-9364.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Women's Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

LAS PAMPA WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY

Las Pampa Water Garden and Koi Society meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFever.

MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING

First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

PAMPA LEARNING CENTER

Pampa Learning Center is currently accepting applications for the 2000-01 school year. The forms are available from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in the basement of the old Clarendon College building, 212 W. Cook. Prospective students must return applications and come to interviews between 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 14. Acceptance lists will be posted by 5 p.m. Aug. 15. Orientation for students and parents is scheduled Aug. 16. Orientation schedules will be posted with the acceptance list. Classes will begin Aug. 17.

HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, is currently accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds will benefit Heifer Project International, an Arkansas-based service organization which provides livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) along with training and support services to families and communities worldwide. For a limited time, donations will be matched 3-1 by a private foundation. HPI is a non-denominational not-for-profit agency. For more information, call the church office at 665-1031. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Friday and before 10:45 a.m. Sunday. For more information about HPI, call 1-800-422-0474 or visit http://www.heifer.org. on the Internet.

FIRST BAPTIST WOMEN'S RETREAT

First Baptist Church "Choices of the Heart" Women's Retreat is slated Sept. 29-Oct. 1 at New Beginnings Retreat Center in Channing with retreat leader Martha Baker. Total cost of the retreat is $87 (two per room). Twenty-five dollars is due Aug. 25 to reserve a spot. The balance must be paid by Sept. 15. Fees refundable upon request by Sept. 21. To register or for more information, call 669-1155.

HAPPY CELEBRATION

The 34th Annual Happy Days Celebration will be Aug. 18-20 at Happy. The event will include: Craft shows, a parade, an Old Timers reunion and barbecue, Top of Texas Cloggers, a barbecue, Little Britches Rodeo, Washer Pitch, "Introduction to Bull Riders," and a team roping. For parade inquiries, call (806) 558-2231. For booth space information, call (806) 558-2121. Call (806) 995-4646 about the bull rider event and (806) 558-3381 about the team roping.

PALO DURO BENEFIT

Palo Duro Canyon State Park Endowment Fund will present Western singer and poet Red Steagall and friends Don Edwards and Andy Wilkinson in a benefit performance at 8 p.m. Sept. 9 in Palo Duro's Pioneer Amphitheater. Tickets – to be available at the door – are $30 per person and may be purchased in advance at all First American Bank locations, at Palo Duro Canyon Visitor Center or by mail. For more information, call Larry Scruggs at (806) 488-2222, ext. 0.

All-FAITH WORSHIP SERVICE

Palo Duro Canyon State Park will host "All-Faith Worship Services" beginning at 9 a.m. throughout the month of August at the Cottonwood Day Use Area. In case of inclement weather, the services will be relocated to the Old West Stables. Park fees will be waived for the service only. For more information, contact the park at (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

RUSHING WIND EMMAUS

Rushing Wind Emmaus will meet at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12 at First Baptist Church, 601 N. Academy, Guymon, Okla. A meeting of the board of directors is scheduled at 4:30 p.m. at the church. A fellowship meal will be served followed by a worship service. A nursery will be provided. Rushing Wind will also sponsor a Walk to Emmaus Sept. 27-30 for women and a men's walk Oct. 25-28 at Waka Christian Center in Waka.

TENT EXTRAVAGANZA

Frank Phillips College will host a "Tent Extravaganza" from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 12 at the main campus in Borger. Free hot dogs and cokes will be served and FPC faculty and staff will be on hand to answer any questions about the college or school curriculum.

FPC

Frank Phillips College has announced the following upcoming continuing education and community service courses for the month of August: "Seniors Online Internet Class," Aug. 14-25; "American Red Cross Babysitting Training class," 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Aug. 12; "Beginning Sewing," Aug. 21-Oct. 30; "Medical Terminology," Aug. 21-Sept. 21. For more information, call (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 777.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4:30 p.m., Aug. 2, 9 and 12, Family Health Care, 600 W. Kentucky, Pampa; 1-4 p.m., Aug. 22, Family Clinic, McLean.

LIFE AFTER LOSS

American Cancer Society and Crown of Texas Hospice will sponsor a four-week "Life After Loss" seminar for those who have recently suffered the loss of a loved one from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Aug. 7, 14, 21 and 28 at Crown of Texas Hospice, 10000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo. To register or for more information, call (806) 353-4306.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following breast cancer screening clinics: July 28, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, and Aug. 14, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

ACT DEADLINE

The next ACT Assessment test will be administered Sept. 23. College-bound students must register for the college admissions and placement exam by Aug. 18. There is a late registration postmark deadline of Sept. 1 but an extra fee is charged for late registrations. Students can register for the ACT via their high school counselors or on-line at www.act.org. The website has sample tests and other helpful information.

BARDS OF BURBANK

Bards of Burbank is holding a poetry contest for religious poems with a $1,000 grand prize. Deadline for entry is Aug. 4. To enter, send one poem 21 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, PMB250, 2219 W. Olive Ave., Burbank, CA 91506; or enter on-line at www.friendlypoets.com.

Insurance license program to be focus of upcoming Texas Department of Insurance meeting in Austin

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Insurance will hold a public meeting from 10 a.m.-12 noon Wednesday, Aug. 16 at the Driskill Hotel in Austin to discuss the testing and licensing program for insurance licenses.

Officials from the department and representatives of Experior Assessments, LLC (Experior) and the Kelley Insurance Center at Drake University will provide trainers, managers and publishers with information concerning the testing and licensing program, and candidate performance, as well as collect comments and answer questions from those attending.

For more information, call the Licensing Assistance Group or Chris Bolton, manager-Renewals and Appointments, Texas Department of Insurance, (512) 322-3503, or Lance Hall, account manager, Experior, 1-800-786-3926, ext. 277.

A new Licensing Information Bulletin reflecting any changes for Texas candidates will be available in early November for exams on or after Jan. 1, 2001. Any license candidate planning to take a test Jan. 1, 2001, or later should have a copy of the new Bulletin. It contains test content outlines, forms, and information on how to apply for your license, register and then schedule tests directly with Experior.

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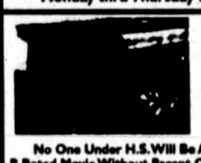
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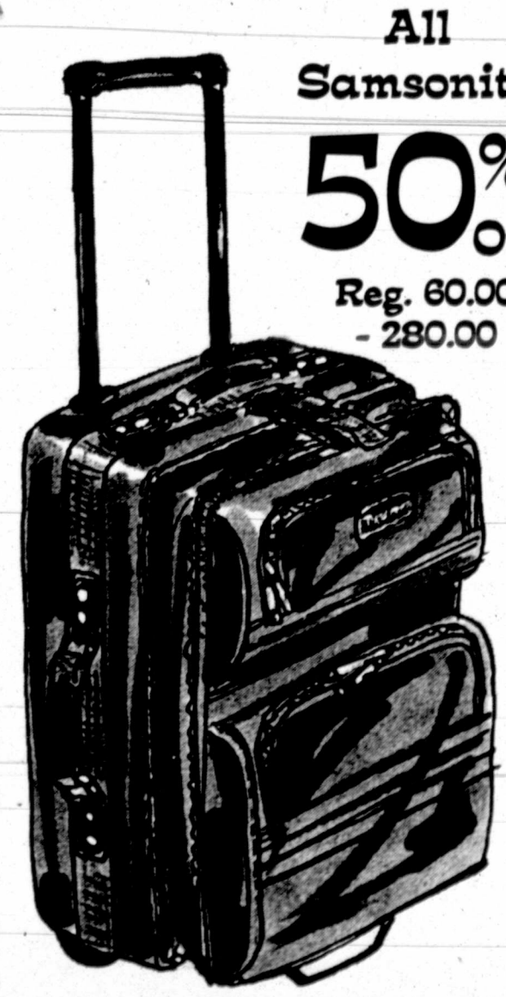
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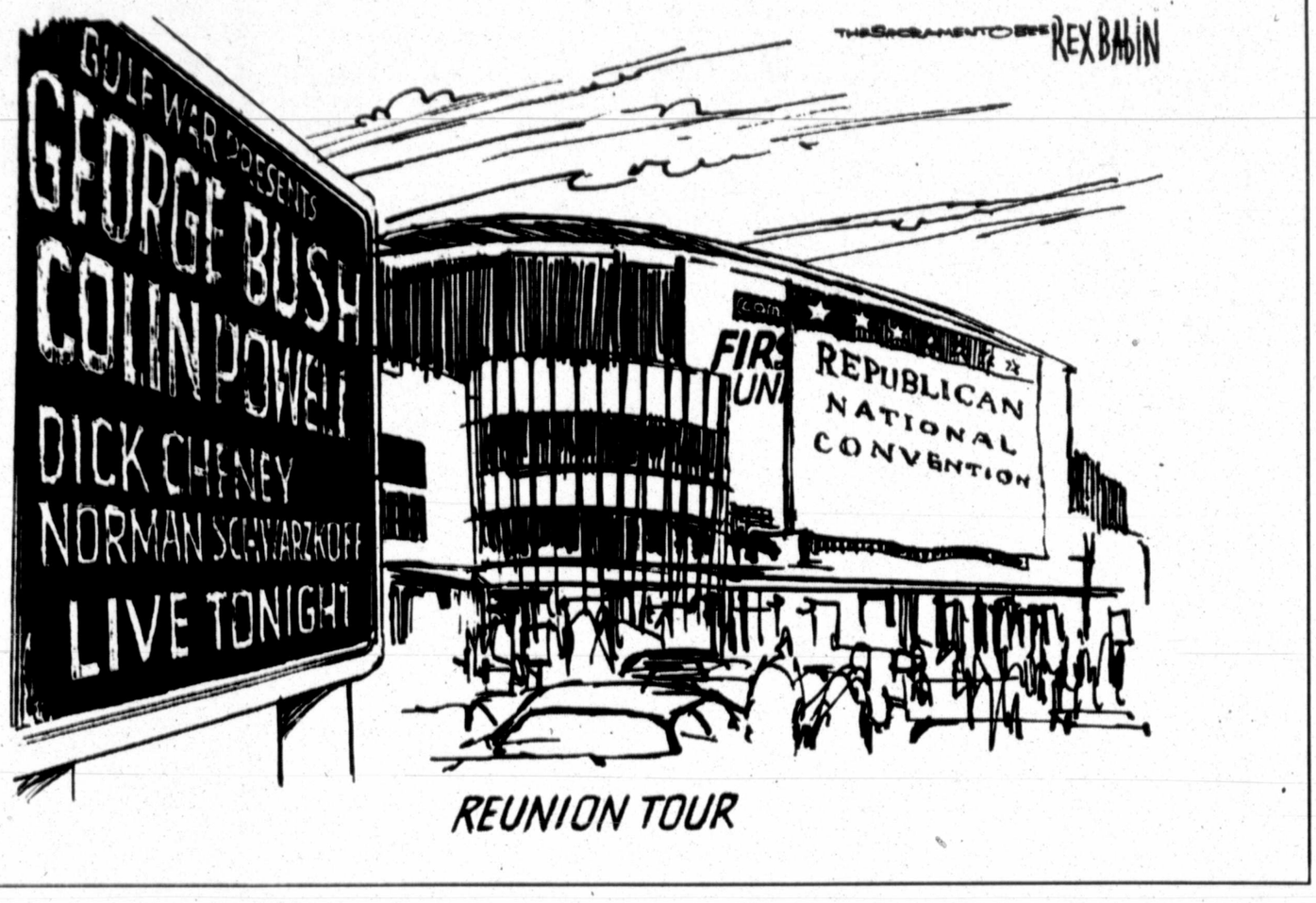
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Inside the Beltway
with
Sen. Hutchison

Social Security without limits

The Social Security earnings limit always struck me as one of the most ill-considered parts of the federal tax code. Government shouldn't be in the business of discouraging adults from working, regardless of what age they are.

Until last April, Social Security recipients age 65 to 69 lost $1 in benefits for every $3 they earned above the earnings limit, which in 1999 was $9,600. Beneficiaries subject to that penalty were being assessed, in effect, a 33 1/3 percent marginal tax rate after having paid into the Social Security system all their lives.

This punished and discriminated against seniors who remain active and productive in the workforce. It gnawed away at the idea that individuals should be allowed to decide how to spend their retirement years without government interference.

This earnings limit was the survivor of a bygone era, a product of the Great Depression when unemployment stood at 25 percent. At that time, there was a national consensus that an individual should retire completely after reaching a certain age, and make room for other, younger people badly in need of a job.

But in today's low-unemployment economy, it is important for those with experience and skill to stay in the workforce as long as possible. The continuing participation of older Americans is increasingly critical to the health of the U.S. economy. The 40 million-plus Americans age 60 and over represent a vast store of human capital. Economists estimate that removing the earnings limit could increase the labor supply by 5.3 percent by allowing individuals to continue working without tax penalties.

So in March of this year, Congress unanimously passed a bill eliminating the earnings penalty and it was signed into law the following month, directly affecting the hundreds of thousands of Social Security recipients who are working this year. The repeal is retroactive to Jan. 1, so the 415,000 working seniors will get refunds for the money already deducted from their Social Security checks.

In addition to the basic issues of fairness and the desirability of maintaining a skilled workforce, the repeal will strengthen the retirement security of Americans by giving seniors the choice of working longer and saving more — an important consideration when more people are living longer than ever before. Breakthroughs in medicine and biotechnology mean future retirees will live even longer. Repealing the earnings limit will help to raise the standard of living for many, many seniors, as well as strengthen our overall economy.

This was a correction to the tax code we could afford to make. No recipients are receiving higher benefits than they would have otherwise. We have balanced the budget and begun to pay down the debt. We anticipate healthy surpluses. There was no reason not to make this adjustment in basic fairness. Getting rid of this tax on working seniors was the right thing to do.

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Have a happy school year!



Nancy Young
Managing editor

It's that time of year again. School bells will soon be ringing. It seems like the beginning of school just keeps getting earlier and earlier. Of course, the number of days schools are required to hold classes keeps increasing.

Parents have been shopping for school clothes, and it seems like they were just shopping for summer clothes. With this hot weather, I think summer clothes are more appropriate for awhile longer though.

If you haven't shopped for school supplies in a few years, items are brighter and more colorful.

As two of my grandchildren started school today in Borger, I was enlisted to find school supplies yesterday.

I was so surprised to learn that first graders are required to have scissors which are sharp pointed. When I was in school many, many years ago, it seems to me we couldn't have sharp pointed scissors until about third or fourth grade.

Of course, that's been so long ago, my memory might be wrong. Then again teachers probably didn't trust us with the sharp points.

I love to see the children so excited about learning. Just listening to them giggle and talk about school is refreshing. The innocence in the eyes of the young children is enjoyable. They are so eager to learn.

It makes me think of a story my mother told about my first day of school in the first grade over half a century ago.

She said I had been so eager to go to school to learn to read, and had looked so forward to the first day of school.

At the end of the school day she was at the school to pick me up and anxious to know how my first day had gone. As she waited in the car, I came out the door and was crying my eyes out. She said her heart sank as she saw me, imagining everything under the sun.

As I got into the car she asked me what was wrong. I said, "I didn't learn how to read. You told me when I went to school I would learn how to read, and I didn't." She said she wanted to laugh, but knew it wasn't a good time because I was so devastated. She took the time to explain it was going to take a little longer than one day in school for me to learn to read, and to not give up. So she continued reading to me until I learned to read for myself.

I still love to read, and read most every day. It is so important for children to develop a love for reading.

A few years ago a young girl asked me what she needed to do to become a reporter. I started to tell her to write, write, write. I amended that and told her to read, read, read. And then to read some more. Reading about every subject you can get your hands on is wise. Learn about everything you can, I told her, because reporters write about any subject that is news. And that includes everything.

The continuous learning experiences is one thing I like the most about my work. I love to learn and I get plenty of opportunity in this field to do so.

So, as Pampa students prepare for classes which begin next Wednesday, let's prepare them for a lifetime of learning. The teachers have been busy for several weeks to be ready for the first day of school when the children arrive.

Eager to learn, they will be arriving at the schools all over town. It's not that much different than it was 50 years ago. Remember to watch out for those children on the streets as well. Have a happy school year.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 10, the 223rd day of 2000. There are 143 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 10, 1846, Congress chartered the Smithsonian Institution, named after English scientist James Smithson, whose bequest of $500,000 had made it possible.

On this date:

In 1809, Ecuador struck its first blow for independence from Spain.

In 1821, Missouri became the 24th state.

In 1874, Herbert Clark Hoover, the 31st president of the United States, was born in West Branch, Iowa.

In 1944, during World War II, American forces overcame remaining Japanese resistance on Guam.

In 1949, the National Military Establishment was renamed the Department of Defense.

In 1969, Leno and Rosemary LaBianca were murdered in their Los Angeles home by members of Charles Manson's cult, one day after actress Sharon Tate and four other people were slain.

In 1975, television personality David Frost announced he had purchased the exclusive rights to interview former President Nixon.

In 1977, postal employee David Berkowitz was arrested in Yonkers, N.Y., accused of being the Son of Sam gunman responsible for six slayings and seven woundings.

In 1988, President Reagan signed a measure providing $20,000 payments to Japanese-Americans interned during World War II.

In 1993, Ruth Bader Ginsburg was sworn in as the second female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Ten years ago: Washington, D.C., Mayor Marion Barry was convicted of a single misdemeanor drug charge and acquitted on another; the judge declared a mistrial on 12 other counts.

Five years ago: Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols were charged with 11 counts in the Oklahoma City bombing (McVeigh was later convicted of murder and is on federal death row; Nichols was convicted of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter). Norma McCorvey, Jane Roe of the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, announced she had joined the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue.

One year ago: A gunman opened fire at a Jewish community center in Los Angeles, wounding three boys, a teen-age girl and a woman; hours later, a gunman shot and killed letter carrier Joseph Ileto; a suspect, white supremacist Buford O. Furrow, faces charges in both shootings.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jeff Corey is 86. Singer Al Alberts (The Four Aces) is 78. Actress Rhonda Fleming is 77. Bluegrass singer-songwriter Jimmy Martin is 73. Singer Jimmy Dean is 72. Singer Eddie Fisher is 72. Actress Kate O'Mara is 61.

Florida tobacco ruling is not rational



Charley Reese
Syndicated columnist

The verdict against tobacco companies in Florida simply proves that in today's world, it is easy to find a bad trial judge and an ignorant jury.

No smoker can, with a straight face, claim to not know that cigarette smoking represents a risk to his or her health. Nor can any smoker claim to have been deceived by tobacco companies, which have been printing warnings on their products for more than 30 years.

But warnings about the health hazards of smoking came long before the surgeon general's report in 1964. Reader's Digest published results of studies in the United Kingdom in the late 1930s or early 1940s.

The result was a competition by the tobacco companies to produce cigarettes with lower nicotine and tar contents. It was during this period that the filter cigarette made its appearance. There was also heavy research to develop tobacco plants whose leaves had less nicotine. In other words, tobacco companies tried to keep their customers smoking, but they did so by offering them a product with less nicotine and tars. That puts the lie to the claim that tobacco companies were secretly doctoring their cigarettes to make people addicted.

In other words, tobacco companies did what all companies do try to design a product people will want. If they wanted less nicotine, that's what they got. That's no different than Coke or Pepsi, which continue to sell sugared water at a price higher than a gallon of gasoline.

This assault on the tobacco companies illustrates four negatives in current America. One, the rule of law is being destroyed before our very eyes by unscrupulous lawyers, dimwit judges and corrupted legislators. We as citizens will pay more for this than the tobacco companies will pay for their alleged sins.

Two, greed is rampant, especially on the part of politicians who, having taxed every conceivable object they could think of, are now trying to shake down corporations with specious lawsuits.

Three, the awful irresponsibility of people seems to be growing like a cancer. No tobacco company ever put a gun to anybody's head and ordered him or her to smoke. People smoke by choice. Other people choose not to smoke. Still others who did smoke chose to stop. But those who choose to smoke should be manly enough to take responsibility when the consequences show up. It's their fault, not the fault of the tobacco companies.

Fourth, the hypocrisy of the government in this matter stinks like a pile of garbage. Please note that at all times prior to the tobacco lawsuits, tobacco products have been declared legal and licensed for sale to the people of the 50 states by federal and state governments. Please note that this condition continues even after the lawsuits. Please note that as in the past, greedy governments collect taxes from the sale of tobacco products.

Now it seems inescapably logical to me that if one is going to claim that tobacco is an injurious product sold under false pretenses, then the government that licenses its sale is an accessory before and after the fact. How can you blame tobacco but not the government, which subsidized and authorized its sale and taxed its proceeds?

This is just another example of how America has become as irrational and arbitrary as the old Soviet Union. There is no logic to the treatment of the tobacco industry. A smart lawyer colluded with an unscrupulous governor to change the rules and make the suits possible.

And all along, the motive has not been improving health but simply greed. Only the lawyers and the politicians benefit from this sad escapade. Everybody else, smokers and nonsmokers alike, lose.

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that recipients of PEDC grants were expected, as an unspoken condition of their grant, to engage defendant Meers accountancy firm to perform accounting services at higher than market rates. [Ready] expressed concern that such practices constituted a conflict of interest, and appeared to him to be illegal.

• [Ready] observed that defendant Richard Stowers, through his position as a PEDC board member, gained confidential, operating, financial, and proprietary information regarding applicants for PEDC grants. [Ready] is informed, believes and alleges that Stowers used and exploited the information for the benefit of businesses in which [Stowers] was personally invested, and which were in competition with the grant applicants. Defendant Stowers insisted that the [Suburban] leased for the PEDC executive director be acquired through [Stowers'] Chevrolet dealership. [Ready] observed apparent irregularities involving defendant Stowers, interaction with U.S. Bus Manufacturing of Texas, Inc., a PEDC grant recipient, indebted to the PEDC in an amount in excess of $1.6 million before involuntary bankruptcy proceedings initiated by creditors other than defendants. [Ready] expressed concern that these practices constituted a conflict of interest, put the PEDC in a bad public light, and appeared to [Ready] to be illegal.

• Defendant Stowers was elected board president in July 1999. On or about July 17, 1999, [Ready] expressed his concerns regarding the irregular, improper, unethical, and illegal activities described [above] in a private meeting with the new board president, Stowers. [Stowers] made no positive response to plaintiff's expressions of concern.

• To the contrary, defendants, acting in combination and conspiracy, commenced a series of false, malicious, pretextual, bogus, and phony complaints regarding [Ready] and his job performance, in a benighted effort to engineer a pretextual justification for termination of [Ready's] employment, and to permanently blacken and discredit his reputation and credibility. Defendants falsely and maliciously accused plaintiff of theft. They unjustifiably complained about plaintiff's personal use of the lease vehicle and of the PEDC credit card, activities which were within generally accepted government and business guidelines, and in strict compliance with law. [Ready's] personal charges on the PEDC credit card were automatically deducted from his wages. [Ready] kept a log of personal and business use miles on the lease vehicle. Personal use miles were automatically charged to [Ready's] account and treated as income to him.

• ... In connection with [Ready's] duties, he developed a relationship with Wayne Boling, the economic development executive in Lubbock. [Ready] sought Boling's advice regarding the apparent conflict of interest practices of his board members.

• An informal, unscheduled, meeting of economic development executives was tentatively discussed for Sept. 1, 1999, in Lubbock. [Ready] marked the day on his calendar, indicating to his staff and the board, his intention to be away from Pampa.

• The ... meeting did not materialize as planned. [Ready] nevertheless continued with his trip to Lubbock in order to confer privately and confidentially with Wayne Boling about his conflict of interest concerns ... and to assist his twin daughters in dealing with the financial aid office at Texas Tech University ... Before leaving Pampa, ... [Ready] went to defendant Stower's Chevrolet agency for an oil change and attempted to inform board president Stowers of his personal errand in Lubbock. Defendant Stowers was too busy to speak to [Ready]. [Ready] was unable to have a face-to-face meeting with Wayne Boling, but did call him the following day, to discuss his concerns.

• Defendants knew that the Lubbock meeting had not been officially scheduled. Defendants concealed this knowledge from plaintiff in an attempt to entice and entrap him into a compromised position that could be manipulated into justification for termination of his employment and destruction of his reputation and credibility. Indeed, when questioned by defendants David and Stowers about a series of meetings, including the aborted Lubbock meeting, [Ready] responded without affirmatively explaining that the Lubbock meeting never materialized.

• Upon his return from Lubbock, plaintiff took his wife and son on a camping trip in Colorado over the Labor Day weekend. On or about Sept. 7, 1999, after his return to Pampa, [Ready] contacted Stowers and advised that the Lubbock meeting did not occur and that he had in fact attended to personal business at Texas Tech involving his twin daughters' scholarships ...

• In the afternoon of Sept. 7, 1999, defendant Stowers came to [Ready's] office, declared that a majority of the board members considered [Ready's] failure to give advance notice of the personal trip to Lubbock constituted a breach of trust, and demanded [Ready's] resignation. [Ready] declined to resign ... Stowers stated that [Ready's] employment was thereupon terminated ...

• Defendants knew, or should have known, that termination of [Ready's] employment under the terms and conditions employed by Stowers constituted a criminal violation of the Texas Open Meetings Act ... Defendant's subsequent reports to [The Pampa News] described [Ready's] status as one of "administrative leave." Indeed, defendants were legally incapable of terminating [Ready's] employment, except in the contest of an open meeting convened pursuant to notice as provided [by law] ... Such notice was given for a meeting of the board ... on Sept. 13, 1999 ... in which [Ready's] employment was actually terminated ...

• At the [end of the meeting] after [Ready] had expressed his conflict of interest concerns in public, defendants voted to terminate his employment ...

• On Oct. 5, 6 and 7, 1999, defendants falsely accused [Ready] of theft and professional misconduct ...

• On or about Dec. 7, 1999, [Ready] initiated PEDC's internal grievance proceedings in an effort to vindicate the wrongful termination ... [PEDC] has failed and refused to complete the grievance proceeding ...

Among remedies and damages outlined in the suit, Ready is seeking reinstatement and restitution of back pay and benefits, compensatory damages including future pecuniary losses, emotional pain and suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, loss of enjoyment of life and other nonpecuniary damages. He also seeks court, attorney and expense costs as well as a jury trial.

Ready also seeks completion of the PEDC internal grievance procedures. For this, attorney Judge said he may seek a preliminary hearing "because the PEDC never acted on the grievance."

'Get them off the car!' — Customers demand new tires

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Richard Dames wasn't waiting to be notified by mail. He wanted the tires on his pickup truck changed immediately, even though he hasn't seen any signs of defects.

"I've let my 20-year-old grandson drive it a couple of times. What if something happened to him?" asked Dames, of Albany, N.Y. "I won't drive it if it's not safe."

Other customers of Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. were similarly worried after the company announced Wednesday the voluntary recall of 6.5 million tires linked to nearly 300 failures and at least 46 deaths in the past three years.

"When customers hear there's a recall or a death involved, they come in screaming and say, 'Get them off the car!'" said Mike Barbaro, senior vice president of Town Fair Tire, an East Haven, Conn.-based chain of 52 stores.

About 70 percent of the tires are on Ford Motor Co. sports utility vehicles and light pickups, including the popular Ford Explorer. The tires also are used on vehicles made by Nissan Motor Co., Toyota Motor Co. and Subaru.

In most of the reported cases, the tires separated from their casings, sometimes at high speed. About 80 percent of the complaints came from Arizona, California, Florida and Texas, according to government and industry officials.

"The tires looked like a bicycle tire. All you saw was the inner tube," said Eric Albury, 26, of Miami Shores, Fla., who had to replace four Firestone tires because the treads came off while driving. "I have a seven-month-old baby. I'm not going to drive him around like that."

The recall covers size P235/75R15 Firestone radial ATX and radial ATX II tires produced in North America, and Wilderness AT brand tires produced at the company's Decatur, Ill., plant with the code "VD."

The company is offering replacements, with their brand or a competitor's brand, at no charge, regardless of the tire's age or mileage. Exchanges will occur in three stages, the first of which will concentrate on 11 Southern states.

Customers will be notified by mail and all tires will be replaced, company officials said. However, replacements in some parts of the country aren't expected to be completed for 18 months.

Firestone customers jammed company phone lines and rushed to tire retail stores for replacements.

"I am worried," said Hortensia Mata of Miami, who drives a 1992 Ford Explorer. "I am a longtime Firestone customer, but with all the accidents I need to take precautions."

Ian Hugh, owner of Hugh's Tire Service in Glendale, Ariz., said his telephone rang all day with customers worried about any make of Firestone tires.

"Firestone's trying to be as helpful as they can and I'm trying to be as helpful as I can," he said, noting some customers are asking for other brands.

Critics maintained the tires should have been taken off the highways sooner and that the manufacturer — as well as automakers using the tires — had indications of problems as far back as the early 1990s.

"This is something they've known about for a long time," said Joan Claybrook, president of the consumer advocacy group Public Citizen and a former National Highway Transportation Safety Administration administrator.

Bridgestone/Firestone should have made the move sooner, said John Allen, senior partner at Lippincott & Margulies Inc., a corporate image-consulting firm.

"You're dealing with safety, deaths and trust," Allen said. "I think good responsible citizenship and business practices should be to immediately take any threat to the public safety very seriously. They stonewalled."

More than 100 lawsuits were filed nationwide before the recall, including one by the family of a 10-year-old girl who was killed when her mother's Explorer allegedly crashed after a Firestone tire came apart.

"This didn't have to happen," the girl's mother, Alaina Culleton, said when the suit was filed last month in Jacksonville, Fla. "It doesn't have to happen again."

When announcing the recall, Gary Crigger, Bridgestone/Firestone executive vice president, apologized for the "lack of information over the past few days," and for the difficulty consumers had reaching a toll-free number to ask questions.

Crigger said the company has not been able to pinpoint any defect in the tires and suggested that driving in hot temperatures and low tire pressure may have been factors in the reported accidents.

Retailers including Sears Roebuck & Co. already had taken the tires off their shelves amid reports that they were the subject of a current federal safety investigation.

Union workers at Bridgestone-Firestone's Decatur plant said Wednesday they felt unfairly singled out by the recall. The company said the plant is "over-represented" in accident claims and reports.

"All these tires, no matter where they're made, come from the same stock and design used by all the manufacturers," said Harland Smith, a 32-year plant veteran. "That's why it's real confusing when they say so many of the bad tires come from here."

On the Net:

Bridgestone/Firestone: http://www.bridgestone-firestone.com

Ford Motor Co.: http://www.ford.com

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: http://www.nhtsa.gov

Public Citizen: http://www.citizen.org

Texas Treasure casino to set sail next month

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The owners of the newest casino ship on the Texas coast promised community leaders Wednesday that gambling will pay off big for the Coastal Bend.

Speaking at a gala replete with balloons and slot machines, executives for Viva Gaming and Resorts Inc. pledged to work with local businesses and described the Texas Treasure, a 1,200 passenger cruise ship, as a boon that will draw thousands of tourists to Corpus Christi.

After months of delays, the white and blue, 420-foot cruise ship is scheduled to begin trips into international waters as early as Sept. 15.

Even though its 450 slot machines were dormant and no dealers were shuffling cards at the 16 blackjack tables, visitors Wednesday got a taste of what the floating casino will look like in five weeks.

"This is not Las Vegas, believe me, I know that," Marty Gross, president and chief executive officer of Viva Gaming, said.

Medical examiners disagree on cause of death in shoplifting case

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — A 32-year-old man who died after a scuffle with a Lord & Taylor guard already had a bad heart and died of heart failure, a medical examiner testified.

The findings of Dr. L.J. Dragovic on Wednesday disputed testimony given Tuesday that said Frederick Finley died of asphyxia — a lack of oxygen. The testimony was part of a preliminary examination for a security guard charged with involuntary manslaughter.

Dennis Richardson, 29, is accused of choking Finley on June 22 after Richardson and other guards confronted him in the parking lot of the Fairlane Town Center. They suspected Finley's girlfriend's 11-year-old daughter of stealing. According to police reports, the guards said that Finley threw a punch, was dropped to the ground and put in a choke hold by Richardson.

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Report: Missile defense would result in buildup of nukes by China

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new U.S. intelligence report predicts China would accelerate its nuclear arms buildup if the United States erected a national defense against long-range missiles.

The prediction, in a classified report known as a National Intelligence Estimate, was disclosed Wednesday by U.S. officials speaking on condition of anonymity. They said it is part of a broader assessment of how foreign countries might respond to a U.S. decision to go ahead with a national missile defense.

President Clinton has said he would decide soon whether to authorize the initial steps toward deploying a network of missile interceptors, missile-tracking radars and battle management computers to defend all 50 states against a small-scale nuclear attack. China is among the few nations capable of a nuclear strike on the United States.

In making his decision, Clinton has said he would take into account four main factors: the urgency of the missile threat, the cost of a missile defense, the feasibility of building a reliable defense and the implications for U.S. foreign policy, including responses from China and other nations.

China and Russia are strongly opposed to the U.S. plan, arguing it would undercut the deterrent value of their nuclear arsenals, violate the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty and undermine global stability. As well, many U.S. allies in Europe are leery.

Clinton and his national security aides have tried, with little apparent success, to convince China's leaders that a U.S. national missile defense would not be directed against China's nuclear missile capability. A defensive system, they contend, would be for "rogue" nations like North Korea and Iran that are pursuing intercontinental ballistic missile technologies and might not be deterred by U.S. nuclear threats.

Separately, an unclassified CIA report released Wednesday said China increased its missile technology assistance to Pakistan last year and also had a hand in missile development in North Korea, Iran and Libya. The report said, "The Chinese have taken a very narrow interpretation of their nonproliferation commitment."

The spread of missile technology is at the heart of the Clinton administration's justification for developing a missile defense.

The fear is not only of an attack but also of the possibility that a country like Iraq — if armed with a missile capable of striking a U.S. city — might try to use the threat of an attack to persuade the United States to stay out of a regional crisis such as a conflict in the Persian Gulf.

U.S. officials who are familiar with the classified intelligence report said it states that China plans to increase its nuclear arsenal regardless of U.S. national missile defense plans. However, it adds that the increase likely would be sped up if a missile defense were built.

"Would they probably accelerate it? Yes," said one official.

Additions to China's nuclear arsenal probably would be modest, the report said, and designed to give China a numerical edge over the U.S. missile defense system, which in its initial configuration might overcome a couple of dozen incoming missiles.

The CIA said last year that China has about 20 long-range nuclear missiles capable of reaching any part of U.S. territory. It said then that China was likely to test within the next several years a longer range missile capable of being fired from a mobile platform, and that it would be targeted mainly at the United States.

The classified report also affirms an intelligence estimate of September 1999 that the United States most likely will face a missile threat by 2015 from North Korea, probably from Iran and possibly from Iraq, the officials said.

The report also predicts Russia would continue shrinking its nuclear force, which has been eroded in recent years by a lack of money. Russian officials have warned that they would feel compelled to respond to a U.S. missile defense, possibly by withdrawing from major arms control agreements.

Gun control law takes effect in New York

GARDEN CITY, N.Y. (AP) — It was a special day for Catherine Murphy, a New York City police officer whose 11-year-old son was accidentally killed in 1997 by a friend playing with a gun.

She was on hand Wednesday as the governor signed into law a sweeping bill that requires mandatory trigger locks, ballistic "fingerprinting" to better track weapons and background checks on gun buyers at gun shows in the state.

"It's a great day for me," Murphy said. "It means my son did not die in vain."

New York becomes the first state in the nation to close a loophole in the federal Brady Law, which requires gun sales by federally licensed firearms dealers to be accompanied by background checks. Sales at gun shows currently do not require such checks, however, unless the firearms are sold by a federally licensed dealer.

"This is something the rest of the nation should take a look at," Gov. George Pataki said. "I hope this serves as a model."

The bill-signing ceremony was held at the Garden City railroad station where a man went on a shooting rampage on a Long Island Rail Road train in 1993, killing six people.

The law's centerpiece would require New York handgun dealers and manufacturers who sell to dealers in the state to submit shell casings from the test firing of guns in their inventories to the state police's forensic lab. Computerized images of the casings would be kept on file.

Authorities would check the database against bullets and casings recovered at crime scenes to track the guns. Gun barrels leave telltale markings on bullets and shell casings.

The National Rifle Association has opposed the taking of bullet samples for the government, arguing that it is a preliminary step toward national gun registration.

Pataki stressed that the legislation is aimed at those engaged in illegal activity and not those who own guns to protect their homes, families or for hunting.

The new law also raises the legal age for purchasing handguns in New York from 18 to 21, bans all assault weapons listed under a 1994 federal law and makes it a felony punishable by up to seven years in prison to possess or sell any banned assault weapon. It also requires firearms retailers to include child safety locking devices with all purchases.

"New York has taken a courageous stand here," said Rep. Carolyn McCarthy, D-N.Y., whose husband was killed and her son critically wounded in the 1993 shooting spree. "Today is a victory for not only the victims of crimes but for those who have not been victims."

Canadian ground beef recalled after E. coli found

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Canadian company is recalling 73,800 pounds of ground beef and ground beef chuck distributed in the United States after regulators found the deadly E. coli pathogen in samples, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said Wednesday.

IBP Inc., which owns the meat distribution company Lakeside Packers in Alberta, issued the recall. The USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service said they received no reports of illnesses associated with the product.

It is IBP's third recall of E. coli-contaminated beef in a little more than a month.

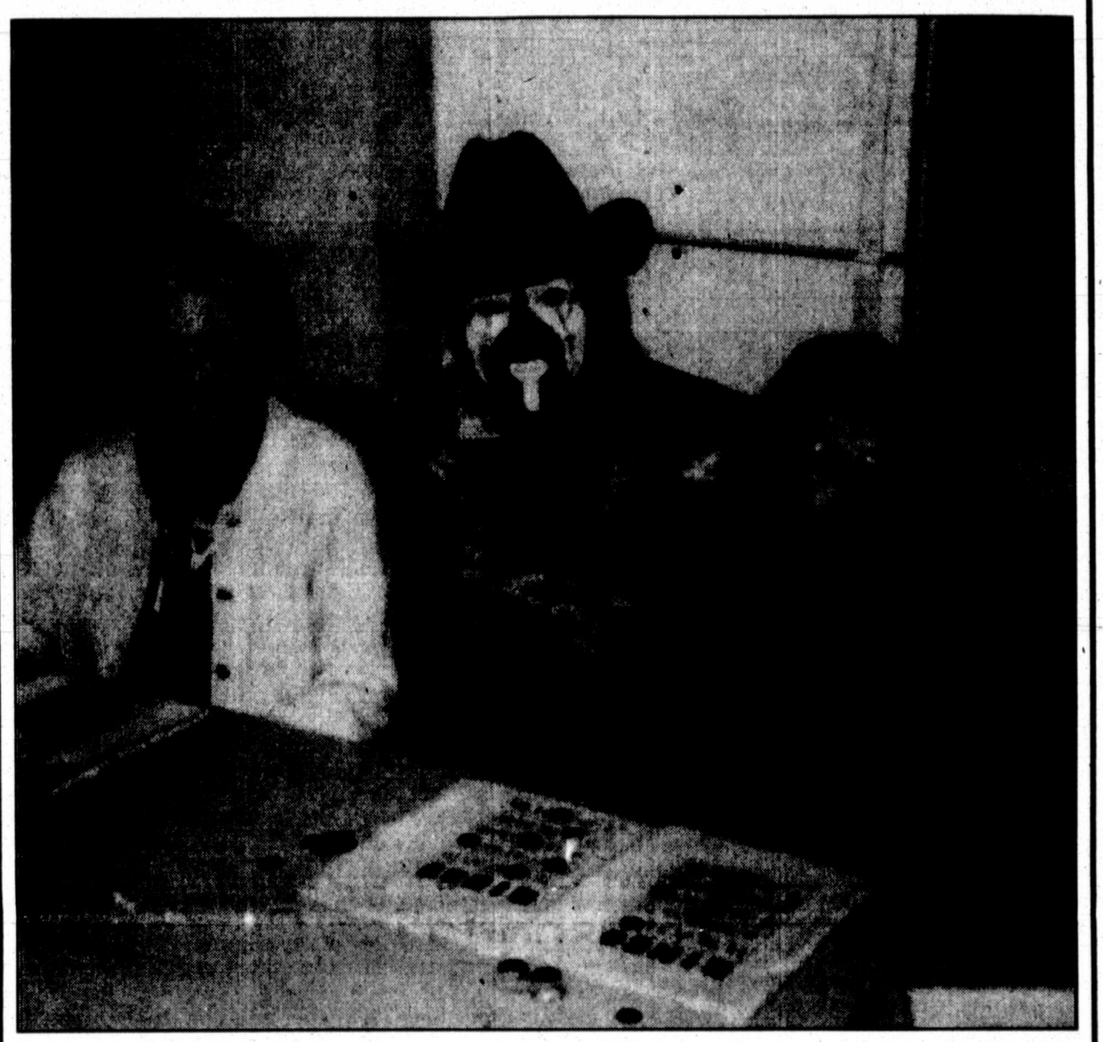
The imported beef was produced on July 19 in Canada and sent to distributors and wholesalers in Illinois, Washington, Florida and Kansas.

The beef is packed in 10 pound packages with eight packages per shipping case. Each case bears the code "Pack Date 19JUL2000" and "EST. 38" on the end panel. The packages under recall are marked with a code of "003800201," followed by five more characters.

In June, the company issued recalls of contaminated beef on consecutive days — 46,000 pounds, produced in at the Alberta site, on June 23; and 266,000 pounds produced at a plant in Geneseo, Ill., on June 24.

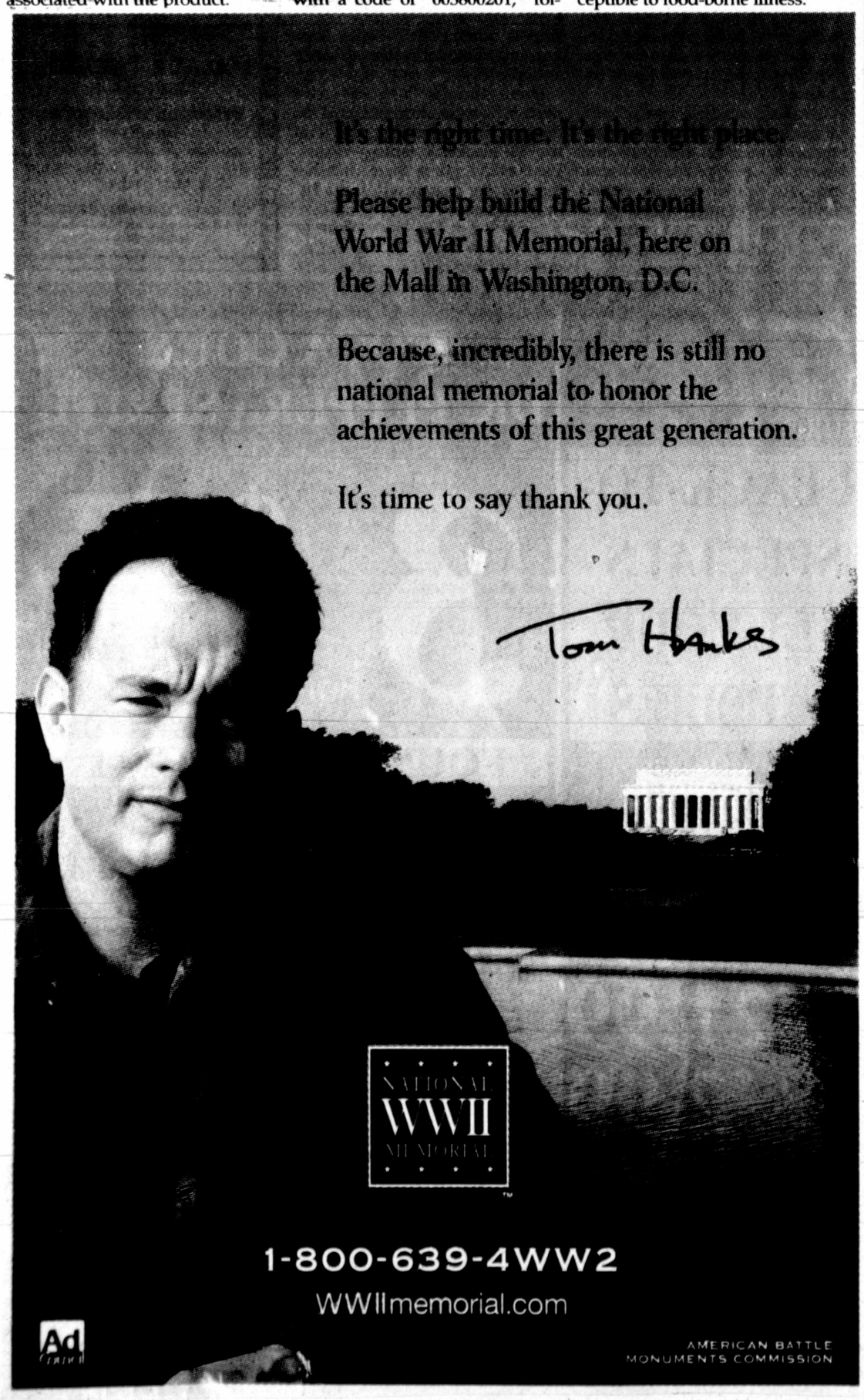
E. coli O157:H7 is a potentially deadly pathogen that can cause bloody diarrhea and dehydration. The very young, the elderly, and persons with compromised immune systems are the most susceptible to food-borne illness.

Meredith House



(Special photo)

Meredith House tenants Ollie Knotts and Telitha Jones had a special visit from rodeo bullfighter Jim Bob Feller.





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Mother tries to feed son while driving car

HOUSTON (AP) — When a 30-year-old woman heard her infant son crying from hunger, she responded as any mother would — she nursed him.

The only problem was that she was driving at the time.

According to police reports, Lucrecia Zuiga Ortuno was nursing her 8-month-old son while driving Monday morning, causing her to drive her car off the road, hit a sign and run into a fence.

Ortuno was jailed Wednesday in lieu of $5,000 bond on a charge of injury to a child. Her 7-year-old daughter, who was unrestrained in the front seat of the car, required stitches to close a split upper lip.

"I couldn't believe it when I got out there," Sheriff's Deputy Susan Cotter said. "I'm lucky I didn't have two dead kids out there."

The 8-month-old was not injured, but was under observation at Texas Children's Hospital.

Dermatologist raking in offers after posting reward for 'one nice girl'

SCARSDALE, N.Y. (AP) — The desperate dermatologist who offered $200,000 to anyone who could find him a bride is still single a month later, but says he's received some interesting offers.

Dr. Paul Dantzig, who works at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York, placed an ad in New York magazine last month offering $200,000 to anyone who could fix him up with the woman he eventually marries — or to the woman herself, if there's no matchmaker.

"If I was having any luck dating, I wouldn't be taking out this ad," Dantzig, 52, said at the time. "I just want to meet someone — one nice girl."

The divorced father of two even offered $100,000 for a relationship that lasts only six months.

"Now he's quietly faded away with mounds of letters and he's just having the time of his life," said Nancy Fedder, the personals editor at the magazine.

She said 190 responses came to the magazine by the end of last week, but since Dantzig's ad included his e-mail address, she figures that's where most of the proposals showed up.

The letters are still arriving, she said, from "third- and fourth-tier readers who are now getting the magazine from others or ripping the page out at the doctor's office."

Potbellied porkers run amok in Virginia

ROANOKE, Va. (AP) — Six small pigs have really gotten Buddy Swisher's bacon.

Swisher, an animal control officer, has spent much of the week under a hot sun chasing the pigs that suddenly appeared and began foraging in some back yards on Bent Mountain.

Swisher and resident Mark Webb managed to capture five of the wee pigs, but the other one escaped into the woods. Swisher speculated that the dirty half-dozen were once somebody's pets.

"They're friendly and all, but they don't like it when you touch them with the catch-pole," Swisher said Wednesday. "They flip and holler and squeal and cry."

He said Webb called four days ago to report a roving herd of potbellied pigs rummaging around in his yard and in a neighbor's garden. Five of the pigs weigh about 40 pounds, while the sixth, a boar, weighs 80 pounds, Swisher said.

"They're not aggressive. They'll walk around you, but they won't let you touch them," he said. "The problem is the pig has no neck. It's like putting a catch-pole on a basketball."

Three pigs were caught Monday, although three others escaped. Two more were rounded up Wednesday. All are being held in an animal shelter.

AWOL bear waddles to police station, climbs tree

NEW PALTZ, N.Y. (AP) — Police didn't have to look too hard when they got reports of a bear in town. It apparently wanted to cooperate.

The young male black bear was first sighted Tuesday about 7 a.m. waddling along a residential street. He was spotted by neighbors who called the police station about two blocks away.

As police prepared to respond, Sgt. Ray Zappone and Sgt. Don Krajicek saw the bear in the police department's parking lot.

"He was walking right down the sidewalk toward the back door of the station," Zappone said.

State Department of Environmental Conservation wildlife technicians tranquilized the beast and caught it as it tumbled from the tree it had climbed.

The bear was released in the Catskills on Tuesday afternoon.

Mail snafu results in overabundance of Social Security checks

CHICAGO (AP) — First, the checks got lost in the mail. Then some replacements checks were sent. And then the original checks arrived.

Now the Social Security Administration wants hundreds of pensioners and disabled people in northern Illinois to make a decision.

"They have to give one back," administration spokeswoman Mary Jarrett said Wednesday.

Some 1,750 checks and direct deposit statements due Thursday got lost in the mail. When people complained, the agency issued about 300 replacement checks.

But the originals eventually were found and delivered, resulting in duplicate August payments.

Tim Ratliff, spokesman for the U.S. Postal Service, said Wednesday that an investigation continues into how the checks got lost, and postal and administration officials are working together to ensure it doesn't happen again.

He said missing and wrong routing labels resulted in some trays of mail targeted for about six communities being incorrectly processed, delaying the mail.

West Texas A&M site of upcoming Texas Rural Transportation Conference

CANYON — Panhandle transportation issues — from major highway expansion to continued use of railway spurs in rural areas — will be the focus when West Texas A&M University serves as host site for the Texas Rural Transportation Conference slated from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 22.

The conference, scheduled at the Alumni Banquet Facility on the WTAMU campus, is being sponsored by the Texas Transportation Institute, the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and WTAMU. Funding for the conference has been provided by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

Texas Rep. David Swinford, chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture and Livestock, is scheduled as the lunch time speaker.

"The purpose of this conference is to identify rural transportation issues in the Texas Panhandle," Dr. Duane Rosa, regional director for TTI and conference chair, said. "We will focus on agricultural commodity movement by rail and truck; Interstate 27 expansion; rural intelligent transportation systems; and railroad transportation issues."

A schedule of special topics and speakers:

—9:45-10:30 a.m., "Agricultural Commodity Movement," Dr. Rob Harrison, executive director and senior research scientist for the Center for Transportation Research at the University of Texas at Austin.

—10:45-11:30 a.m., "Rural Railroad Issues," Jeffrey Warner, engineering research associate, Rail Research AAR Affiliated Lab, TTI, College Station.

—1:15-2 p.m., "Texas Trunk Highway System and 1-27 Expansion," Jack Foster, engineer, TxDOT in Austin and Mark Tomlinson, district engineer, TxDOT in Amarillo.

—2:15-3 p.m., "Rural Intelligent Transportation Systems," Mel Partee, ITS branch manager for traffic operations, TxDOT in Austin.

Brief periods for discussion have been scheduled to follow each speaker.

Each of the topics on the conference agenda is of importance to the future of panhandle agriculture and its overall economy, Rosa said.

"We've got to take a close look at our farm-to-market roads and bridges because they were not built with 18-wheelers in mind," Rosa said. "We need to talk about railroad mergers and discuss the continued use of the spurlines. Rural transportation has not received a lot of attention, yet 80 percent of the roads in Texas are rural. Our economy is totally dependent upon good transportation."

Lunch will be served from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., during which Rep. Swinford will discuss agriculture issues related to rural transportation.

WTAMU President Dr. Russell Long and TTI Director Herbert Richardson will deliver opening remarks beginning at 9:30 a.m., and Rosa will lead the discussion at the close of the conference (3-3:30 p.m.).

The conference is free and open to the public, although lunch must be purchased. For more information about the conference, contact Rosa at (806) 651-2276.

Fuller appearance



(Special photos)

Mike Fuller will perform from 8-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11 at The Coffee Shop, 220 N. Cuyler. Fuller plays a combination of original material and cover tunes, mainly in the Pop vein. He has a CD entitled "Babies" which is available at his live performances as well as at Hastings locations in Amarillo, Lubbock and Pampa. In addition, Fuller has songs included on volumes 1, 2, 4 and 5 of the Amarillo College Samplers. He has been performing in the Amarillo area for the last six years and often appears at The Grapevine Cafe in Lubbock and in Amarillo at Amigo's, O.H.M.S., Cafe Roma and Cafe Americana. For more information about the musician, check out www.amarilloentertainment.com. on the World Wide Web. This show is being sponsored by BKN Guitars.

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SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: Once a year, my mom, my two sisters and I go away for an "all-girl" weekend without husbands and children. We love this tradition and get along great.

My problem is the past few years we have gone to a casino. My sisters and mom love to gamble, but I don't enjoy it as much as they do. I get headaches when I'm in the casino for any length of time, and find myself spending money just to be around them. I've told them how I feel about the casino atmosphere, but it hasn't made a difference.

This year I suggested we go somewhere that doesn't have gambling, but one of my sisters insists that this is her only chance to gamble, so she wants to go somewhere that has a casino. For some of us, this getaway weekend is our only chance to see each other. If I say I don't want to go, I'll miss out on our reunion. If I go, I'll be miserable. Any suggestions?

MIFFED SIS
IN ORANGE COUNTY, CALIF.

DEAR MIFFED: An official vote is in order. State your case clearly, as you have for me. If you're outnumbered and the gang wants to plan next year's trip to another casino, ask them to at least make some compromise on the amount of time spent gambling and mixing in some other entertainment during the weekend.

Keep in mind you needn't spend every minute with them. Find other things to do that will be of more interest to you — and then join them for meals away from the casino.

Alternatively, consider making the next vacation a short cruise. Some of the larger ships offer gambling — and many other enjoyable activities.

If it's any comfort, I'm with you all the way. Gambling has never appealed much to me. I prefer a sure thing!

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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I recently discovered that my son and his girlfriend, "Lois," are sexually active. They have been seeing each other about nine months and both of them will be 18 in a few months. When her parents found out, they called us and the six of us had a discussion at our home.

Lois' father suggested — and I agreed — that they should stay apart for a time and think about their relationship and the consequences of sexual activity. At the time, I presumed that they would be allowed to see each other again at some point.

Abby, these are basically good kids. Neither experiments with drugs. Both get good grades and are involved in school activities. They are good people who made an error in judgment. I feel we must make sure they understand that sex is special and not for just anyone, and that they need to know the importance of safe sex.

My son told me today that Lois' father is considering not letting her leave for college in the fall, and her mother may quit her job to stay home to keep an eye on her during the day. What do you think?

SAN FRANCISCO DAD

DEAR DAD: I think the young woman's parents have overreacted. They can't keep her under lock and key forever. They have failed to consider that their daughter will be 18 in only a few months and can legally move out of the house.

Your attitude is a far healthier one for all concerned. As much as they might wish to, they cannot protect their daughter from the realities of life — and by age 18, sex is very much a reality to many people.

Horoscope

FRIDAY, AUG. 11, 2000

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 might be challenged to keep the lid on certain key situations. Communication remains active. Deal with a child or loved one. What seems important might not be to you. Still, honor feelings. Start your day with a caring gesture. Tonight: Clear out work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Dealing with pressure and an important realization challenges your thinking and well-being. Refuse to get locked into negativity. Sometimes you need to spend money in order to ease pressure or make your work easier. Your efforts do make a difference. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Work with a partner, especially when stunning news falls into your lap. Recognize a limitation. Deal with another's perspective. Your personality helps make a point. Another gets the gist of your meaning loud and clear. Be generous with family. Tonight: Keep conversations low-key.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might not always understand others. Costs could be piling up as the result of a misjudgment. Refrain from making a decision involving another's role in your life. Keep discussions flowing. You finally meet eye to eye. Tonight: Out and about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ The unexpected races through your morning. Maintain a sense of humor. As a result, you are energized and feeling vital. Schedule meetings and brainstorm with friends and co-workers. Your ideas open new doors. Tonight: Mosey on home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ How you see a situation could be substantially different as the day progresses. A jolt at work might leave you grasping at straws, but it does energize your creativity. There are no problems, only solutions. Your efforts could win awards! Tonight: Party the weekend in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your sense of humor comes out with a friend who sometimes shakes up the status quo. Loosen up and remain direct with loved ones. Take care of a family member. You know what this person needs. Give him exactly that. Foundations become stronger. Understanding builds. Tonight: Opt for a quiet night.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Information might force you to approach your work and home life differently. Perhaps you weren't juggling demands with the efficiency you thought. You know what you need. Follow-through counts with another. Make calls. Don't put off anything that can be done today. Tonight: TGIF!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Reveal your interest, despite another's strong reaction. Pursue an angle that another hasn't even thought of. Your innovative thinking draws others. As a result, your finances gain. A boss wants to acknowledge you for a job well done. Accept an offer here. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Your efforts bring positive results. You smile, and another reacts. Listen carefully to feedback from others. Someone at a distance manages to make your life more pleasant. Discuss a possible getaway or vacation. Opportunities blossom. Tonight: Let your imagination soar.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Revelations bloom, and you react. Be careful about how wildly you respond, as others are also likely to have strong responses. Creativity grows with new information. A partner whispers in your ear. Celebrate good news. Recognize what you shouldn't share. Keep a secret. Tonight: Take a night off.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might not understand exactly what another wants. Don't worry. You will hear loud and clear. Another's perception might be a lot different than yours. Willingly discuss different views with a friend. A family member goes out of his way for you. Tonight: Where your friends are.

BORN TODAY
Wrestler "Hulk" Hogan (1953), techie Steve Wozniak (1950), writer Alex Haley (1921)

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Crossword Puzzle

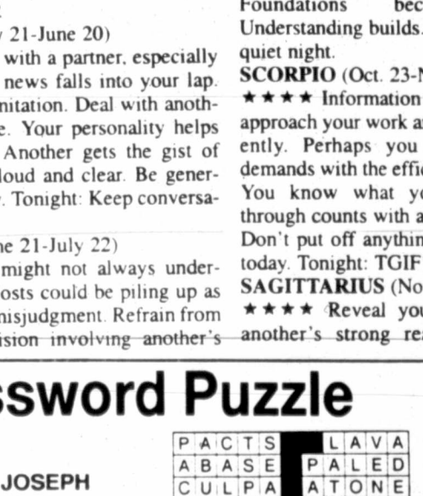
By THOMAS JOSEPH

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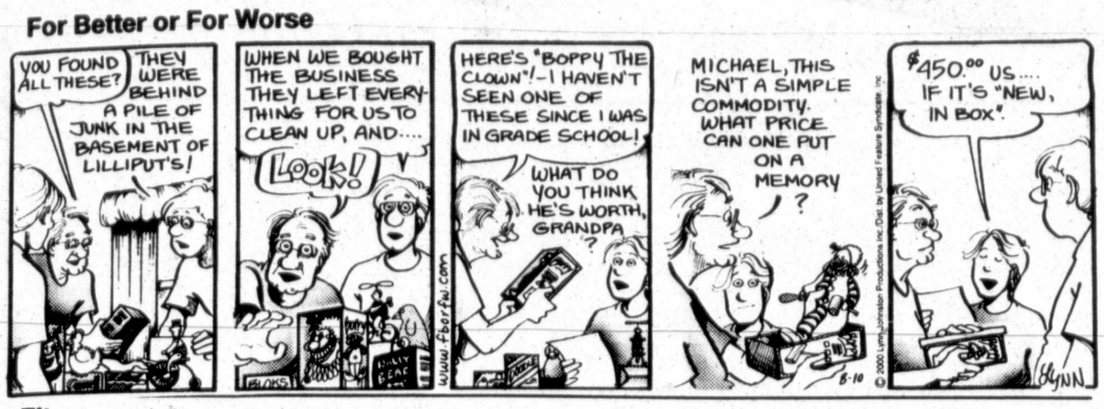
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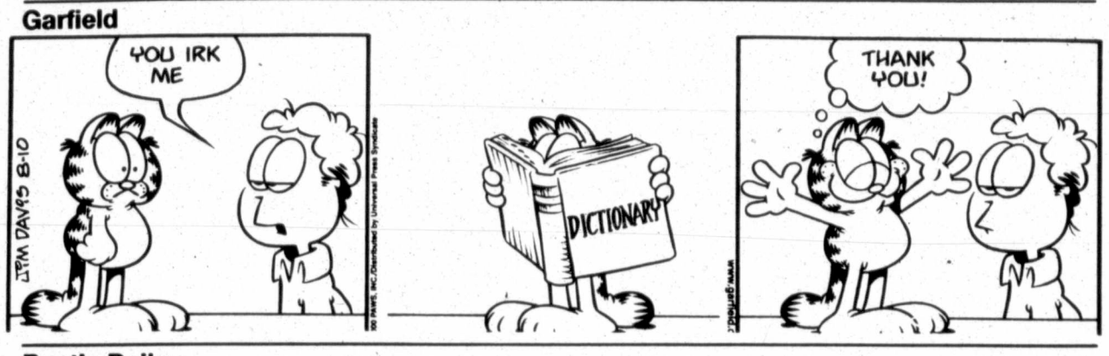
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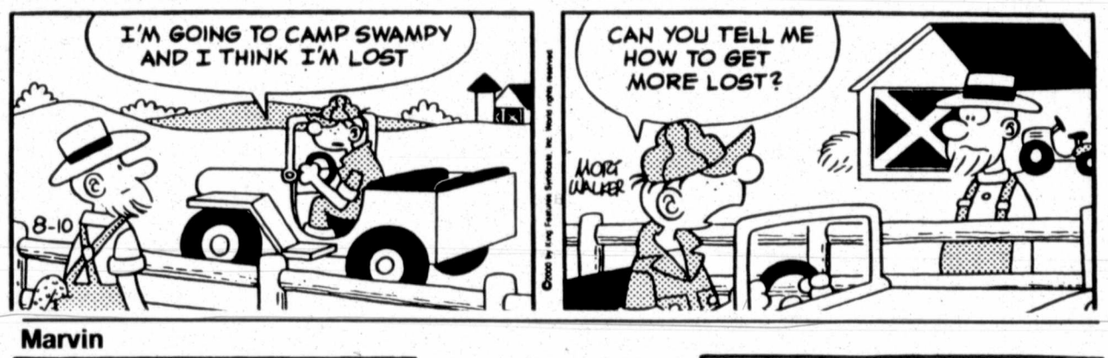
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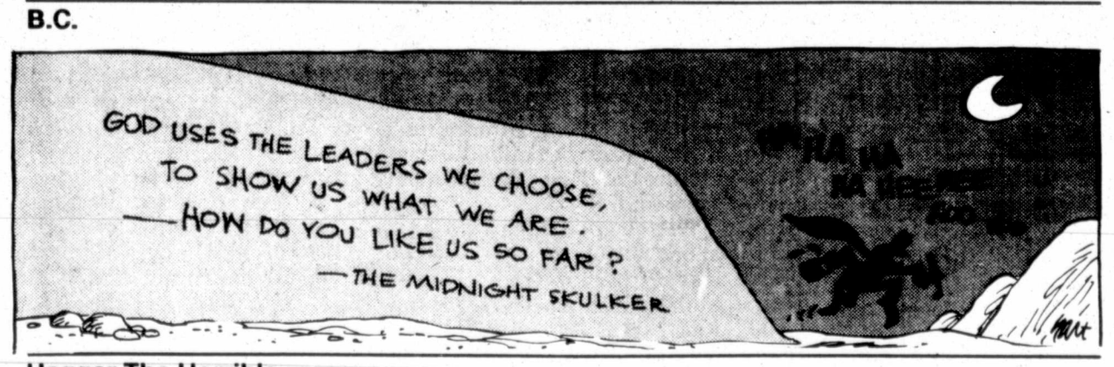
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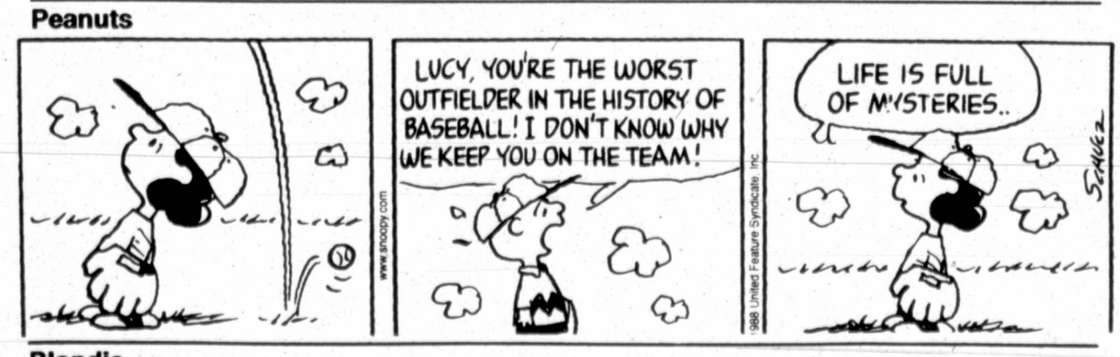
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SPORTS

Notebook

FOOTBALL

PAMPA — Pampa High seniors and juniors begin checking out football equipment at 12:03 a.m. Monday at the PHS athletic building. Sophomores check out equipment at 4:30 p.m., followed by freshmen at 5 p.m.

The first practice for all grades kicks off at 6 p.m. Monday.

A photo day for the public is set for 9 a.m. next Tuesday at Harvester Stadium.

The photo day will be under the direction of the Harvester Booster Club.

BASEBALL

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jeff Reed drew a bases-loaded walk from Antonio Osuna in the 10th inning Wednesday night as Chicago beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-4, the Cubs' 13th victory in 19 games.

Osuna (2-5) gave up a one-out double to Sammy Sosa, walked Mark Grace intentionally and hit Damon Buford with a 1-2 pitch to load the bases.

With the infield in, first baseman Eric Karros knocked down a grounder by Gary Matthews Jr. and made a desperate throw to the plate to force Sosa by a step.

Osuna got ahead of Reed 0-2 before walking him to force in Grace.

Tim Worrell (2-3), who escaped his own jam in the ninth, pitched one inning. Rick Aguilera thwarted another Dodgers threat in the 10th for his 27th save in 34 chances.

BASKETBALL

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Reggie Miller has a new contract, and he wants backcourt mate Mark Jackson to join him for another season with the Indiana Pacers.

"Mark has meant so much to the franchise," Miller said in a statement distributed at the news conference where his signing was announced. "You hear about some of these jerks and some of these guys with attitudes, it is hard to find quality people who know how to play the game.

"Mark knows how to play the game. It would be a disservice to this organization if they do not sign Mark."

Jackson is one of six key players, including four starters, who became free agents this summer. Club president Donnie Walsh has re-signed four and said Wednesday he'd like to bring back all six back. Rik Smits, who is considering retirement, is the other unsigned free agent.

Walsh said he hoped to talk with Smits later this month to discuss his plans and would negotiate a new deal if he the 7-foot-4 center wants to return.

The big change for Miller and his teammates since the Los Angeles Lakers ended their season in Game 6 of the NBA Finals has been Isiah Thomas replacing Larry Bird as coach.

"Isiah was one of the players along with Magic Johnson, Byron (Scott), Michael Cooper that helped cultivate and raise me when I was at UCLA when they would come in and play in the pick-up summer games," Miller said. "I have had a great relationship with him these past 10 or 11 years."

Miller, the NBA's career leader in 3-point attempts and baskets, apparently convinced Walsh to offer him a new contract during the playoffs, when Miller averaged 24 points.

Miller will be 35 this month.

"He has been part of every big moment that we've had here the last 13 years," Walsh said. "Judging from the playoffs that he had last year (season), I didn't see any age in all that. It seemed to me he played as well or better than he ever played. ... I think that was a remarkable performance."

Only eight Cowboys left from '95 champs

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — There's not much left of the only offense to win three Super Bowls in four years. Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith are it.

With Erik Williams away from the team while pondering retirement, the Dallas Cowboys have only two offensive players remaining who helped win championships in 1992, '93 and '95.

"There's not too many of us left," Aikman said Wednesday after the team announced that cornerback Kevin Smith, another member of Dallas' Three Rings club, had left training camp to ponder retirement.

"I think it's up to the individual how much longer they want to continue to put their bodies through it or put themselves through what you've got to go through. It's a very demanding sport, mentally and physically."

Four more players remain from the group that won three rings: defensive tackles Chad Hennings and Leon Lett, safety Darren Woodson and deep snapper Dale Hellestrae.

Larry Allen and Charlie Williams were part of the 1995 team, giving Dallas eight holdovers from its most recent championship squad.

The Cowboys also have Mark Stepnoski, who was on the '92 and '93 clubs.

The number of offensive survivors has dwindled the last few months.

Michael Irvin and Daryl Johnston called it a career in the weeks before training camp, then Williams decided not to report to camp because he wasn't sure whether he wanted to continue playing.

Aikman became accustomed to seeing players leave via free agency in the years following the Super ones. Watching friends go for more money was one thing. It's quite another when they're leaving because their bodies are breaking down.

"I think the finality of seeing the guys retire that you came in with, it tends to make you address a little bit more your own situation, how many years you have left," Aikman said.

Aikman, though, isn't counting his days.

"It depends on when you ask me that and what state of mind I'm in at the time," he said.

Smith also was sad to see his pals go. Johnston was Smith's lead blocker his entire career and Irvin had been one of his closest friends.

"I'm over it," Smith said. "I came to a realization about all of that a couple of weeks ago. but I've been prepared for it for a long time."

Like Aikman, Smith isn't interested in slowing down.

"I'm going to keep doing it every year," he said.

Pampa football schedules

PAMPA VARSITY

Sept.
1-Dalhart, 7:30 home; 8-Lubbock Estacado, 7:30 home; 15-Amarillo High, 7:30 Dick Bivins Stadium; 22-Open date; x-29-Palo Duro, 7:30 homecoming.

Oct.
x-6-Hereford, 7:30 away; x-13-Dumas, 7:30 away; x-20-Caprock, 7:30 home; x-27-Canyon, 7:30 Kimbrough Stadium.

Nov.
x-3-Randall, 7:30 home (senior night); x10-Borger, 7:30 away.

x-district games

PAMPA JUNIOR VARSITY

Sept.
7-Lubbock Estacado, 4:30 away; 14-Amarillo High sophomores, 7 home; 28-Palo Duro, 4:30 away.

Oct.
5-Hereford, 7 home; 12-Dumas, 7 home; 19-Caprock, 4:30 away; 26-Canyon, 7 home.

Nov.
2-Randall, 7 away; 9-Borger, 7 home.

PAMPA FRESHMEN

Sept.
7-Caprock, 4:30 away; 14-Borger, 5 home; 21-Canyon, 5 away; 28-Tascosa Black, 5 home.

Oct.
5-Randall, away; 12-Dumas, 5 home; 19-Palo Duro, 5 home; 26-Amarillo Black, 5 home.

Nov.
2- Tascosa Red, 4:30 away; 9-Hereford, 5 away.

Mets down Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Rick Reed at less than his best was more than enough to beat the Houston Astros.

Reed improved to 7-2 by winning his third straight decision as the New York Mets beat the Astros 12-5 Wednesday night.

No one was suggesting Reed was overpowering.

"His stuff was less than exceptional Rick Reed," manager Bobby Valentine said. "But he did what he had to do and gave us a chance to get the lead."

Reed gave up four runs, three of them earned, while scattering eight hits in seven innings. He admitted he wasn't up to par.

"I told (pitching coach) Dave Wallace I was getting away with some pitches," Reed said. "I guess it's better to be lucky than good, and luck was on my side. I was glad we were able to put a lot of runs on the board."

Reed was tough when he needed to be. With a 7-2 lead and two men on, he struck out Jeff Bagwell in the fifth inning.

"A home run here or a double there could have put them back in the game then," catcher Mike Piazza said. "That was big getting Bagwell out.

"Rick was throwing strikes and moving the ball around pretty effectively. He left a few balls up, but for the most part he kept it down."

Reed recalled that strikeout vividly.

"When you don't have your best stuff and you're struggling and fighting yourself, sometimes you just have to reach back and find something," he said. "I guess that's why they call it pitching. I was able to do that."

He had enough to impress the Astros.

"I like Reed a lot," manager Larry Dierker said. "But this might have been as poorly as I've seen him pitch. It's not that he was that bad, but he was up in the zone and he was hanging his breaking ball. He just was not as sharp as he was in the past.

"If I was him, I'd say I was glad I pitched like that on a day we scored a bunch of runs."

Bagwell went 1-for-4 against Reed, including two strikeouts.

"I thought he pitched well," Bagwell said. "He didn't have the best fastball I've ever seen him have. But he didn't make mistakes. He knows how to pitch."

Which can't be said as much for Jose Lima, who fell to 4-14 when he allowed seven runs in 3 1-3 innings.

"Lima continues to be disappointing," Dierker said. "If he were to pitch inside more, they wouldn't know what to do. All he does is throw his changeup out over the plate. He's making it real easy for the hitters."

Lima had predicted he would not lose the second half of the season. "I stunk. I have no excuses," Lima said. "The way this season's going, (I'm making) no more promises."

The Mets welcomed back Darryl Hamilton, who missed 107 games on the disabled list with a sprained left foot suffered April 7, the sixth game of the year. With Benny Agbayani hitting .313 and Jay Payton hitting .291, it appears Valentine will have some tough decisions to make.

"I don't think that's a dilemma," Valentine said. "I think it's a strength of the team."

Notes: After the game, the Astros optioned reliever Jason Green back to Class AAA New Orleans to activate right-hander Tony McKnight. McKnight, 3-7 with a 4.61 ERA at New Orleans, will start in place of Chris Holt on Thursday. Holt was hit in the face by a line drive Friday, but is expected to make his next start Monday ... Green left the game Wednesday with a bruised abdomen after throwing one-third of an inning ... The Mets have at least one home run in 18 of their last 26 games and 27 total during the span. ... The Mets have six pinch-hit homers this season.

Major League Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Baltimore	002 003 000	—	5	11	2
Detroit	100 000 100	—	2	7	0

Mercedes, Groom (8), Kohlmeier (9) and Fordyce; Blair, DPatterson (8), MJAnderson (9) and Ausmus. W—Mercedes 7-4. L—Blair 8-3. Sv—Kohlmeier (2). HR—Detroit, Macias (2).

Minnesota	011000 110	0 —	4	13	1
Tampa Bay	000102 010	1 —	5	11	0
(10 innings)					

Milton, BWells (8), Hawkins (10) and Moeller; Eiland, Creek (7), Yan (7), RMHernandez (9), Taylor (10) and Flaherty. W—Taylor 1-1. L—Hawkins 2-3. HRs—Minnesota, CGuzman (8). Tampa Bay, GVaughn (21), McGriff (20).

Oakland	000 000 010	—	1	9	3
New York	015 401 01x	—	12	12	1

Appier, DJones (4), TJMathews (6), Magnante (7), Tam (8) and Fasano; Pettitte, Watson (9) and Posada. W—Pettitte 13-6. L—Appier 10-9. HRs—Oakland, Fasano (6). New York, BeWilliams (26), TMartinez (11), Posada (21).

Texas	000 030 100	—	4	7	0
Cleveland	002 301 00x	—	6	8	0

Perisho, DDavis (4), Crabtree (7), JRZimmermn (8) and Haselman, Waszgis Jr. (8); Burba, Speier (5), Shuey (7), Karsay (8), Wickman (9) and SAlomar. W—Speier 3-1. L—Perisho 2-4. Sv—Wickman (4).

Toronto	101 000 001	—	3	11	1
Kansas City	10400000x	—	5	10	0

Trachsel, Borbon (6), Quantrill (7) and ACastillo, Fletcher (7); Suppan, Byrdak (9), ALarkin (9) and Zaun. W—Suppan 6-6. L—Trachsel 6-11. Sv—ALarkin (1). HRs—Toronto, Stewart (15). Kansas City, MJSweeney (17).

Seattle	000 020 100	—	3	8	1
Chicago	251 317 00x	—	19	24	0

Moyer, Ramsay (4), Paniagua (6) and DWilson, Widger (5); Sirotka, Myette (8) and CJohnson. W—Sirotka 10-9. L—Moyer 11-5. HRs—Seattle, Widger (1). Chicago, Durham (14), Graffanino (1), Thomas 2 (33).

Boston	003 000 001	—	4	8	0
Anaheim	100 001 000	—	2	6	0

Fassero, Pichardo (6), Cormier (7), DLowe (8) and Varitek; Wise, Holtz (8), Petkovsek (8) and BMolina. W—Fassero 8-5. L—Wise 0-1. Sv—DLowe (25). HRs—Boston, Garciaparra (18), Alexander (2). Anaheim, Gant (3), Salmon (26).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Florida	000 001 040	—	5	7	0
St. Louis	200 001 000	—	3	11	2

Dempster, Almanza (7), Miceli (8), Alfonseca (9) and Redmond; ACBenes, MMorris (7), MJames (8), Christiansen (9) and CHernandez. W—Almanza 4-0. L—MMorris 0-3. Sv—Alfonseca (34). HRs—Florida, Lowell (17). St. Louis, Drew (16).

Pittsburgh	000100 110	—	3	7	2
Colorado	000 100 102	—	4	7	1

Benson, Sauerbeck (8), MkWilliams (9) and Osik; Tavarez, House (8), GWhite (8) and Petrick. W—GWhite 8-1. L—MkWilliams 2-3. HR—Colorado, Petrick (1).

Milwaukee	000000 120	—	3	6	0
San Francisco	141 001 02x	—	9	13	0

Rigdon, Stull (3), Davis (5), de los Santos (6), RKing (7), Leskanic (8), Acevedo (8) and RCasanova; Rueter, DHenry (8), FARodriguez (8), Fultz (9) and Mirabelli. W—Rueter 8-7. L—Rigdon 0-2. HRs—San Francisco, Mueller (7), Kent (27).

San Diego	000 100 010	—	2	6	1
Philadelphia	000000021	—	3	9	0

Witasick, Wall (8), Slocumb (9) and BDavis; Bottenfield, Padilla (8), Brock (9) and Lieberthal. W—Brock 6-5. L—Slocumb 2-4.

Headgear donated



(Photo by Grover Black)

VFW Post Commander Rod Porter (left) and VFW Post Adjutant John Tripplehorn (right) presents boxing headgear to J.R. Moreno, founder of the Youth Survival Club of Pampa. The Veteran of Foreign Wars organization donated the headgear, which will be used at the Amateur Boxing Tournament Saturday night, starting at 7 in the National Guard Armory. Tickets (five dollars apiece) for the tournament can be purchased at either Domino's Pizza or Lentz Chevron. The tournament is being held by the Youth Survival Club and Pampa Kids and Youth Club. Tickets (six dollars apiece) can also be purchased at the door. Any donations for the exhibition matches will be appreciated.

Chinese clears walker to join U.S.

NEW YORK (AP) — Race walker Yueling Chen, the first Chinese woman to win an Olympic gold medal in track and field, was granted permission Thursday to compete for the United States at the Sydney Games.

The clearance by Chinese Olympic officials, at the request of the U.S. Olympic Committee, reversed China's initial refusal to waive the rules and allow Chen to race in Sydney for her new country.

Chen, the gold medalist in the 10-kilometer walk at the 1992 Olympics, became an American citizen April 12. Last month, she finished second in the 20K walk at the U.S. Olympic trials in Sacramento, Calif., conditionally qualifying her for the games in September.

An athlete who has competed in the Olympics for one country usually must wait three years to compete for another country after gaining new citizenship.

China refused the initial request to waive the three-year rule in Chen's case, and the USOC said earlier this month that it looked as if Chen would not be allowed to race in the Olympics this year.

On Wednesday, USOC president William Hybl faxed another request to Chinese Olympic Committee president Yuan Weimin for a waiver.

"I believe that this would be consistent with the spirit of cooperation and international goodwill that exists between our two nations," Hybl wrote.

"Granting a waiver to allow Ms. Chen to compete would be received worldwide as a good-faith gesture on behalf of the Chinese Olympic Committee — a gesture consistent with the ideals of sportsmanship and fair play that are the hallmarks of the Olympic Movement."

On Thursday, the Chinese gave their approval.

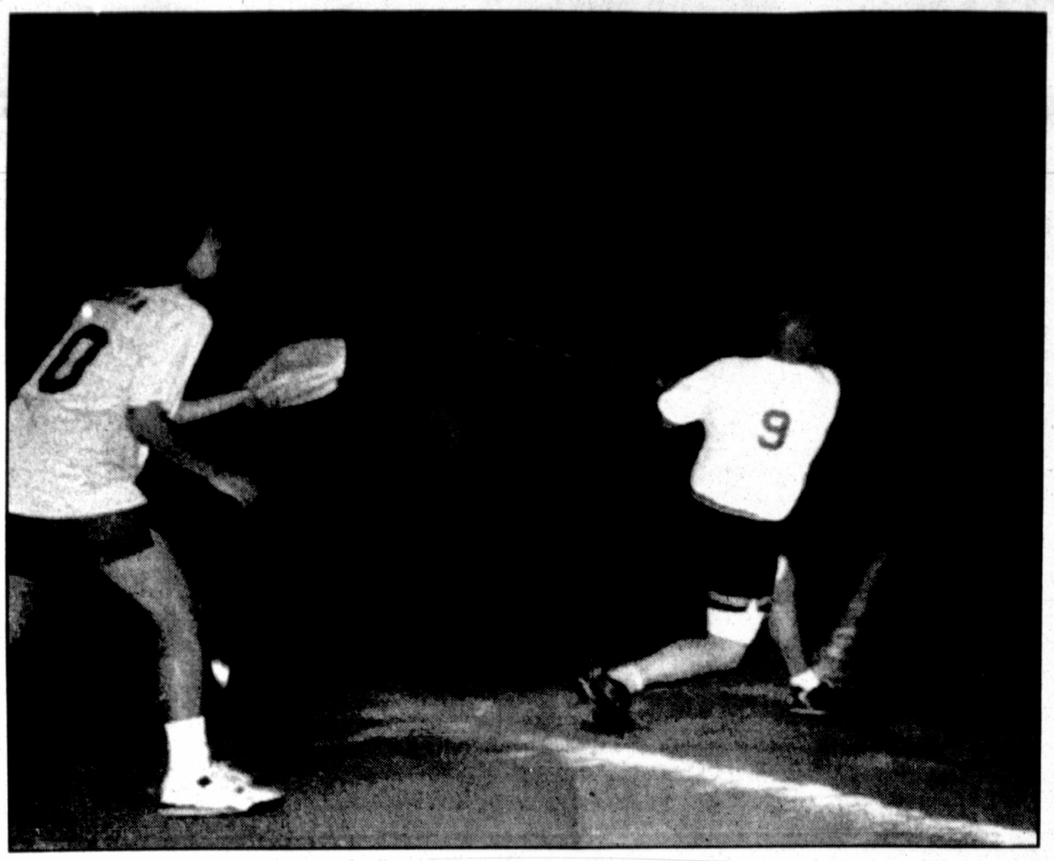
"In view of the existing cooperative relations between the Chinese Olympic Committee and the United States Olympic Committee, the Chinese Olympic Committee, in consultation with the Chinese Athletic Association, have agreed to grant a waiver to enable Ms. Chen to represent the United States in the forthcoming 27th Olympic Games in Sydney," Weimin wrote in a fax to Hybl.

"The United States Olympic Committee is excited for Miss Chen and we're appreciative of the waiver by the Chinese Olympic Committee," Hybl said. "This is something they didn't have to do.

"It's in the best interests of the athlete."

AMATEUR
BOXING TOURNAMENT
Date: Aug 12, 2000 TIME: 7:00 PM
Place: National Guard Armory
Pampa Kids & Youth Club
~AND~
JR's Boxing · Youth Survival
Exhibition Match Fund Raiser starts at 6:00 PM
FEATURING
Police Chief Charlie Morris
Chief Deputy David Russell
Lefors City Marshall John Worthington
Tickets: $5.00 Door: $6.00
Children 5 to 12: $3.00
Ages 4 & under: Free
All Donations Appreciated. Thank you
You can purchase tickets at the following locations:
Domino's Pizza
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It's a hit!



(Photo by Grover Black)

Paul Budd of Highland Baptist gets a hit in city softball league action as catcher Dreamia Tucker of the Sandra Bowers team looks on. Highland Baptist won the close contest 19-18.

White Sox rip Mariners, 19-3

By IRA PODELL
AP Sports Writer

The Chicago White Sox answered the Seattle Mariners' challenge with power.

Frank Thomas homered in his first two at-bats, Tony Graffanino hit his first career grand slam and Ray Durham also homered as the AL Central-leading White Sox routed the Western Division-leading Mariners 19-3 Wednesday night.

Seattle closed within a half-game of Chicago for the AL's best record by sweeping a road doubleheader Tuesday. But the Sox scored in each of the first six innings to stretch their advantage.

"This year's a special season and we want to let it continue," said Thomas, who almost hit a third homer, but his drive hit the center-field wall and the slugger settled for a double.

"We have a very explosive offense," he said. "When it's clicking, it's very dangerous."

In other AL games, it was Baltimore 5, Detroit 2; Cleveland 6, Texas 4; the New York Yankees 12, Oakland 1; Tampa Bay 5, Minnesota 4 in 10 innings; Kansas City 5, Toronto 3; and Boston 4, Anaheim 2.

Thomas knocked in five runs, one shy of his career high, and finished 3-for-4 with a walk.

"Frank looks like he's heating up," Sox manager Jerry Manuel said. "If he continues to do that, he's a guy who can carry us for a period of time. ... Hopefully, he's in one of those streaks where he hits home runs in bunches."

The 19 runs were a season high for the White Sox, topping the 18 they scored against the Mariners in April. Chicago also had a season-high 24 hits.

"If last night was long, tonight was longer," Mariners manager Lou Piniella said, referring to Tuesday's doubleheader. "They just put a whipping on us."

Jamie Moyer (11-5), who'd won eight of his last 11 starts, took the beating. He yielded a career-high 11 earned runs and 13 hits in 3 2-3 innings. His ERA ballooned from 4.50 to 5.30.

Mike Sirotka (10-9) allowed three runs and eight hits, and he gave Chicago's worn-out bullpen some relief by going seven innings.

"We got banged around pretty good last night and we showed, once again, that we're a good team," Chicago first baseman Paul Konerko said. "I don't think we ever doubted ourselves, but you want to nip things early.

"We're not giving up. We're planning on winning this thing."

Orioles 5, Tigers 2

Jose Mercedes (7-4) limited Detroit to two runs on five hits with six strikeouts and a walk in seven-plus innings. Mercedes is 6-2 as a starter — the only Baltimore starter with a winning record.

Rookie Ryan Kohlmeier got the last three outs for his second career save.

Willie Blair (8-3) had a three-game winning streak snapped after he allowed five runs on 10 hits in seven-plus innings at home.

Yankees 12, Athletics 1

Tino Martinez hit a grand slam and an RBI double as New York dealt Kevin Appier his worst loss ever.

Andy Pettitte (13-6) took a shutout into the eighth inning and won his fourth straight start. Jorge Posada and Bernie Williams hit solo home runs as New York sent the visiting A's to their fourth straight loss.

Appier (10-9) gave up 10 runs in only 3 2-3 innings.

Devil Rays 5, Twins 4

Miguel Cairo walked and scored the winning run in the bottom of the 10th when shortstop Cristian Guzman mishandled Jose Guillen's grounder.

LaTroy Hawkins (2-3) took the loss.

Bill Taylor (1-1), the fifth Tampa Bay pitcher, allowed one hit in the 10th.

McGriff hit his 20th homer, marking the 13th season he has reached at least 20 homers.

Royals 5, Blue Jays 3

Mike Sweeney had three hits, including a three-run homer, and Toronto lost for the eighth time in nine road games.

Steve Trachsel (6-11) went five innings, giving up five runs on eight hits, and remained winless in eight starts. He is 0-1 in two starts with the Blue Jays.

Jeff Suppan (6-6), 4-0 in his last six starts, got the victory.

Andy Larkin got the final out for his first career save.

Indians 6, Rangers 4

Kenny Lofton went 3-for-3, drove in two runs and scored twice in the leadoff spot as the Indians won for the seventh time in eight games.

Texas' Gabe Kapler extended the AL's longest hitting streak this season to 23 games with a bad-hop RBI single in the seventh.

Justin Speier (3-1) pitched two perfect innings in relief, striking out four. Bob Wickman worked the ninth for his fourth save since joining the Indians last month.

Matt Perisho (2-4) took the loss for the visitors.

Red Sox 4, Angels 2

Nomar Garciaparra hit a three-run homer as Boston snapped a four-game losing streak with a victory at Anaheim.

Jeff Fassero (8-5) pitched into the sixth inning for only his second win in nine starts. Derek Lowe pitched the final two innings for his 25th save.

Matt Wise (0-1) allowed three runs on five hits in his first career start.

Irvin arrested on marijuana charge

PLANO, Texas (AP) — Police looking for someone else have arrested former Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Michael Irvin for marijuana possession.

Irvin and 21-year-old Nelly Adham of Dallas were arrested at a north Dallas apartment by an FBI task force Wednesday. They were taken into custody at Plano City Jail and charged with possession of less than 2 ounces of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor, Plano Police Department Sgt. Mark Hunt said.

Irvin said he simply was in the wrong place at the wrong time and described the arrest as an unfortunate coincidence.

"I really don't know what went on. I was visiting somebody and the police came looking for somebody else and I was in the house," Irvin said after his lawyer signed for his release.

"They tore the house up and they found I guess what you would call a roach, a half a joint, and that's why I got arrested," he said.

Irvin said police found "nothing on me ... They impounded my car, they searched my car, and they found nothing in my car. That's all I gotta say." Irvin then departed in a sport-utility vehicle.

Maximum punishment on a Class B misdemeanor is a $2,000 fine and 180 days in jail.

FBI spokeswoman Lori Bailey said officers from a drug task force went to the apartment to arrest a woman for heroin trafficking as part of a regional sweep. The woman named in the warrant was not at the apartment, but Irvin and Adham — described as a friend of Irvin's — were there with marijuana, Hunt said.

"This is total happenstance. We had no prior knowledge he was going to be in there," Bailey said.

It was the second time in less than five years Irvin was charged with a drug crime. In 1996, he pleaded no contest to second-degree felony cocaine possession in exchange for four years of deferred probation, a $10,000 fine and dismissal of misdemeanor marijuana possession charges from the same incident.

Carl Duke, spokesman for the Plano Police Department, said he understood officers found marijuana on Irvin, but Irvin denied it.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said he would reserve comment until he knew more details, noting that in late 1996 Irvin was falsely accused of sexual assault. That claim came five months after Irvin pleaded no contest to felony drug charges.

Flashback

1965: Lee junior high of Pampa came from behind to beat Amarillo 14-12 in an 8th-grade football game.

Fullback Scotty King scored on a 2-yard plunge.

Danny Johnson threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to John Jenkins.

Scoreboard

SOFTBALL

City Softball League Scores
(Aug. 8 results)
G Bar Quarter Horses 12, H&S Heating 11
Moose Lodge 14, Stan's Hot Shot Service 7
Easy's Pop Shot 13, Henk's Lawn Service 7
H&S 13, Easy's 11
Moose 25, G Bar 16
Henk's 16, Stan's 11
Highland Baptist 19, Sandra Bowers 18
Just Ask Rental 24, D&K Glass 13
Celanese 25, Trinity Fellowship 21
Stan's 24, Henk's 20
Moose 16, G Bar 15
H&S 12, Easy's 10.

BASEBALL

National League
At A Glance
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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	69	45	.605	—
New York	65	47	.580	3
Florida	58	56	.509	11
Montreal	51	59	.464	16
Philadelphia	49	63	.438	19
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	61	52	.540	—
Cincinnati	56	57	.496	5
Chicago	53	60	.469	8
Pittsburgh	48	65	.425	13
Milwaukee	47	67	.412	14 1/2
Houston	43	71	.377	18 1/2
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	64	48	.571	—
Arizona	62	52	.544	3
Los Angeles	59	54	.522	5 1/2
Colorado	55	57	.491	9
San Diego	53	61	.465	12

Tuesday's Games
Philadelphia 10, San Diego 4
Atlanta 5, Cincinnati 4
Florida 7, St. Louis 0
Houston 9, N.Y. Mets 3
Colorado 6, Pittsburgh 1
Montreal 9, Arizona 3
Los Angeles 7, Chicago Cubs 5
San Francisco 1, Milwaukee 0
Wednesday's Games
Florida 5, St. Louis 3
Colorado 4, Pittsburgh 3
San Francisco 9, Milwaukee 3
Cincinnati 10, Atlanta 6
Philadelphia 3, San Diego 2
N.Y. Mets 12, Houston 5
Montreal 4, Arizona 3
Chicago Cubs 5, Los Angeles 4, 10 innings
Thursday's Games
Colorado (Astacio 9-8) at St. Louis (Stephenson 12-7), 3:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (B.J. Jones 6-5) at Houston (McKnight 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
San Diego (Williams 6-4) at Philadelphia (Wolf 9-5), 7:35 p.m.
Only games scheduled
Friday's Games
Cincinnati (Bell 5-6) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 8-8), 3:20 p.m.
Colorado (Bohanon 5-8) at Montreal (Hermanson 8-9), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Eaton 3-2) at Florida (Burnett 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Reynoso 8-7) at Pittsburgh (Serafini 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Gardner 7-5) at N.Y. Mets (Rusch 7-9), 7:10 p.m.
Houston (Elarton 12-4) at Philadelphia (Chen 6-1), 7:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 11-8) at Atlanta (Millwood 7-8), 7:40 p.m.
St. Louis (Kile 13-7) at Milwaukee (D'Amico 7-4), 8:05 p.m.

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	61	48	.560	—
Boston	57	53	.518	4 1/2
Toronto	59	57	.509	5 1/2
Baltimore	50	62	.446	12 1/2
Tampa Bay	49	63	.438	13 1/2
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	68	45	.602	—
Cleveland	59	52	.532	8
Detroit	52	60	.464	15 1/2
Kansas City	52	61	.460	16
Minnesota	52	64	.448	17 1/2
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	67	47	.588	—
Oakland	61	51	.545	5
Anaheim	59	56	.513	8 1/2
Texas	53	59	.473	12 1/2

Tuesday's Games
Seattle 12, Chicago White Sox 4, 1st game
Seattle 7, Chicago White Sox 5, 2nd game
Detroit 4, Baltimore 1
Texas 11, Cleveland 2
N.Y. Yankees 4, Oakland 3
Tampa Bay 5, Minnesota 0
Toronto 6, Kansas City 1
Anaheim 2, Boston 1
Wednesday's Games
Baltimore 5, Detroit 2
Cleveland 6, Texas 4
N.Y. Yankees 12, Oakland 1
Tampa Bay 5, Minnesota 4, 10 innings
Kansas City 5, Toronto 3
Chicago White Sox 19, Seattle 3
Boston 4, Anaheim 2
Thursday's Games
Oakland (Mulder 6-7) at N.Y. Yankees (Cone 1-10), 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Mays 6-13) at Tampa Bay (Sturtze 2-2), 12:15 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 6-7) at Detroit (Sparks 1-2), 1:05 p.m.
Toronto (Wells 17-4) at Kansas City (Meadows 1-0), 2:05 p.m.
Seattle (Sele 12-6) at Chicago White Sox (Parque 9-4), 2:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled
Friday's Games
Baltimore (Mussina 7-11) at Kansas City (Reichert 5-6), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Escobar 7-12) at Minnesota (Romero 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 13-4) at Tampa Bay (Rupe 4-4), 8:15 p.m.
Boston (Arrojo 0-1) at Texas (Davis 4-3), 8:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Finley 9-8) at Seattle (Abbott 7-4), 10:05 p.m.
Detroit (Nomo 4-10) at Oakland (Heredia 13-7), 10:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 8-8) at Anaheim (Schoeneweis 5-6), 10:05 p.m.

TODAY'S MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS
By The Associated Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE
BATTING—Helton, Colorado, .377; Hammonds, Colorado, .370; LCastillo, Florida, .359; VGuerrero, Montreal, .353; Piazza, New York, .343; Vidro, Montreal, .342; Kent, San Francisco, .338.
RUNS—Edmonds, St. Louis, 104; Helton, Colorado, 101; Bagwell, Houston, 99; AJones, Atlanta, 88; Bonds, San Francisco, 88; Cirillo, Colorado, 87; Sheffield, Los Angeles, 86.
RBI—Kent, San Francisco, 102; SSosa, Chicago, 102; Griffey Jr, Cincinnati, 96; Helton, Colorado, 94; VGuerrero, Montreal, 91; Giles, Pittsburgh, 91; Piazza, New York, 91.
HITS—Helton, Colorado, 151; Vidro, Montreal, 148; Kent, San Francisco, 142; SSosa, Chicago, 140; VGuerrero, Montreal, 139; AJones, Atlanta, 138; LGonzalez, Arizona, 137.
DOUBLES—Helton, Colorado, 37; Vidro, Montreal, 35; Cirillo, Colorado, 35; Kent, San Francisco, 34; LGonzalez, Arizona, 34; Abreu, Philadelphia, 33; EYoung, Chicago, 32.
TRIPLES—VGuerrero, Montreal, 9; NPerez, Colorado, 9; Belliard, Milwaukee, 8; Womack, Arizona, 8; Goodwin, Los Angeles, 8; Abreu, Philadelphia, 7; LWalker, Colorado, 7.
HOME RUNS—Sheffield, Los Angeles, 36; SSosa, Chicago, 35; Bonds, San Francisco, 34; Griffey Jr, Cincinnati, 33; Edmonds, St. Louis, 32; Piazza, New York, 30; McGwire, St. Louis, 30.
STOLEN BASES—LCastillo, Florida, 46; Goodwin, Los Angeles, 40; EYoung, Chicago, 38; Womack, Arizona, 31; Furcal, Atlanta, 26; PWilson, Florida, 26; QVeras, Atlanta, 25.
PITCHING (14 Decisions)—RDJohnson, Arizona, 15-4, .789, 2.25; Estes, San Francisco, 11-3, .786, 3.81; Elarton, Houston, 12-4, .750, 4.76; KBrown, Los Angeles, 10-4, .714, 2.47; ALeiter, New York, 12-5, .706, 3.28; Glavine, Atlanta, 14-6, .700, 3.86; Lieber, Chicago, 10-5, .667, 3.83; GMaddux, Atlanta, 12-6, .667, 3.21.
STRIKEOUTS—RDJohnson, Arizona, 255; Astacio, Colorado, 163; KBrown, Los Angeles, 154; Dempster, Florida, 148; Benson, Pittsburgh, 142; Kile, St. Louis, 142; ALeiter, New York, 142.
SAVES—Alfonseca, Florida, 34; Hoffman, San Diego, 30; Nen, San Francisco, 28; Benitez, New York, 27; Aguilera, Chicago, 27; Graves, Cincinnati, 18; Veres, St. Louis, 18; Shaw, Los Angeles, 18.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BATTING—Garciaparra, Boston, .385; CDelgado, Toronto, .364; Erstad, Anaheim, .355; IRodriguez, Texas, .347; ARodriguez, Seattle, .343; MJSweeney, Kansas City, .341; EMartinez, Seattle, .340.
RUNS—ARodriguez, Seattle, 102; CDelgado, Toronto, 94; Damon, Kansas City, 92; BeWilliams, New York, 88; Erstad, Anaheim, 86; Durham, Chicago, 86; Thomas, Chicago, 86.
RBI—EMartinez, Seattle, 107; BeWilliams, New York, 102; CDelgado, Toronto, 101; Thomas, Chicago, 99; MJSweeney, Kansas City, 96; JaGiambi, Oakland, 95; MOrdonez, Chicago, 91; TBatista, Toronto, 91; ARodriguez, Seattle, 91.
HITS—Erstad, Anaheim, 176; CDelgado, Toronto, 150; MJSweeney, Kansas City, 148; Damon, Kansas City, 145; Thomas, Chicago, 138; BeWilliams, New York, 137; Garciaparra, Boston, 136.
DOUBLES—CDelgado, Toronto, 43; Garciaparra, Boston, 39; Olerud, Seattle, 36; Higginson, Detroit, 32; BeWilliams, New York, 32; Lawton, Minnesota, 31; DeShields, Baltimore, 31; Belle, Baltimore, 31.
TRIPLES—CGuzman, Minnesota, 16; AKennedy, Anaheim, 9; Durham, Chicago, 7; Alicea, Texas, 7; BeWilliams, New York, 6; 6 are tied with 5.
HOME RUNS—TBatista, Toronto, 33; CDelgado, Toronto, 33; Thomas, Chicago, 33; Glaus, Anaheim, 31; GAnderson, Anaheim, 30; ARodriguez, Seattle, 30; Thome, Cleveland, 30; Justice, New York, 30.
STOLEN BASES—Damon, Kansas City, 34; DeShields, Baltimore, 28; RAlomar, Cleveland, 27; Henderson, Seattle, 25; Cairo, Tampa Bay, 23; Lawton, Minnesota, 23; McLemore, Seattle, 23.
PITCHING (14 Decisions)—DWells, Toronto, 17-4, .810, 3.85; Baldwin, Chicago, 13-4, .765, 4.16; PMartinez, Boston, 13-4, .765, 1.46; Hudson, Oakland, 12-4, .750, 4.74; Burba, Cleveland, 10-4, .714, 5.11; Moyer, Seattle, 11-5, .687, 5.30; Pettitte, New York, 13-6, .684, 4.21.
STRIKEOUTS—PMartinez, Boston, 204; Mussina, Baltimore, 145; Colon, Cleveland, 140; CFinley, Cleveland, 137; Nomo, Detroit, 132; Burba, Cleveland, 130; DWells, Toronto, 128; Clemens, New York, 128.
SAVES—TBJones, Detroit, 32; Sasaki, Seattle, 27; Koch, Toronto, 27; Wetteland, Texas, 26; DLowe, Boston, 25; Isringhausen, Oakland, 25; MRivera, New York, 25; Percival, Anaheim, 25.

BASKETBALL

Women's National Basketball Association
At A Glance
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	20	12	.625	—
y-Cleveland	17	15	.531	3
y-Orlando	16	16	.500	4
y-Washington	14	18	.438	6
Detroit	14	18	.438	6
Miami	13	19	.406	7
Indiana	9	23	.281	11
Charlotte	8	24	.250	12
WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	28	4	.875	—
y-Houston	27	5	.844	1
y-Sacramento	21	11	.656	7
y-Phoenix	20	12	.625	8
Utah	18	14	.563	10
Minnesota	15	17	.469	13
Portland	10	22	.313	18
Seattle	6	26	.188	22

x-clinched division
y-clinched playoff berth
Wednesday's Games
Washington 60, Cleveland 48
Miami 68, Orlando 64, 2OT
Detroit 66, New York 63
Indiana 67, Charlotte 51
Houston 77, Minnesota 64
Utah 89, Los Angeles 77
Sacramento 79, Seattle 46
Phoenix 68, Portland 60
End Regular Season

TRANSACTIONS

Wednesday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press
BASEBALL
American League
DETROIT TIGERS—Placed 1B Hal Morris on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled 1B-OF Dusty Allen from Toledo of the International League.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Activated RHP Dave Eiland from the disabled list. Optioned LHP Mike Duvall to Durham of the International League.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES—Named Dayton Moore director of international scouting.
CINCINNATI REDS—Announced OF Brooks Kieschnick cleared waivers and accepted an assignment to Louisville of the International League.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Optioned RHP Jason Green to New Orleans of the PCL. Activated RHP Tony McKnight.
MONTREAL EXPOS—Placed LHP Scott Downs on the 15-day disabled list.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Signed LHP Kirk Rueter to three-year contract.
BASKETBALL
INDIANA PACERS—Re-signed G Reggie Miller.
LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Signed F Nate Johnson.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS—Reached an injury settlement with K Jeff Jaeger.
DALLAS COWBOYS—Claimed TE Chris Smith off waivers.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Traded WR Robert Scott to the Denver Broncos for an undisclosed future draft pick.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed K Clay Rush.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CALGARY FLAMES—Announced the retirement of Lanny McDonald, vice president of corporate development. Named Brad McCrimmon assistant coach.
CAROLINA HURRICANES—Sign G Tyler Moss.
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Re-signed LW Ray Whitney re-signed to a three-year contract.
PHOENIX COYOTES—Signed LW Philippe Audet and D Dan Focht to one-year contracts.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
Preseason At A Glance
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AMERICAN CONFERENCE
East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
New England	2	0	0	1.000	33	10
Buffalo	1	0	0	1.000	21	20
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	48	57
Miami	0	1	0	.000	10	13
Indianapolis	0	2	0	.000	29	48
Central						
Pittsburgh	**2**	**0**	**0**	**1.000**	**51**	**20**
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	16	13
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	33	22
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	34	14
Tennessee	1	0	0	1.000	14	10
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	20	21
West						
Denver	**1**	**0**	**0**	**1.000**	**31**	**17**
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	23	20
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	28	16
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	10	14
Oakland	0	1	0	.000	17	31
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	17	31
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	8	20
Washington	0	1	0	.000	12	13
Dallas	0	2	0	.000	19	58
Philadelphia	0	2	0	.000	35	46
Central						
Chicago	**1**	**0**	**0**	**1.000**	**20**	**8**
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	37	24
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	13	12
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	10	13
Minnesota	0	1	0	.000	24	25
West						
Atlanta	**2**	**0**	**0**	**1.000**	**40**	**22**
St. Louis	1	0	0	1.000	31	17
New Orleans	1	1	0	.500	45	48
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	14	34
San Francisco	0	2	0	.000	20	43

Thursday's Games
Tampa Bay at Miami, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Cincinnati at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
New England at Washington, 8 p.m.
New York Giants at Jacksonville, 8 p.m.
Saturday's Games
New Orleans at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 8 p.m.
New York Jets at Baltimore, 8 p.m.
Buffalo at Detroit, 8:20 p.m.
Minnesota at San Diego, 9 p.m.
Seattle at Arizona, 10 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Green Bay at Denver, 4 p.m.
Oakland at Dallas, 7 p.m.
San Francisco at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Monday's Game
St. Louis at Tennessee, 7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 18
San Diego at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Tennessee at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Baltimore at Carolina, 8 p.m.
New York Giants at New York Jets, 8 p.m.
Arizona at Minnesota, 8:20 p.m.
Detroit at Oakland, 9 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 19
Chicago at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Indianapolis vs. Pittsburgh, at Mexico City, 8 p.m.
Buffalo at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Jacksonville at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Denver, 9 p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 11 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 20
Tampa Bay at New England, 4 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 21
Green Bay at Miami, 8 p.m.

Arena Football Playoffs
At A Glance
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First Round
Note: Seeds are in parentheses
Thursday, July 27
Arizona 41, Buffalo 34
Friday, July 28
Oklahoma 52, New England 38
Saturday, July 29
Tampa Bay 72, Milwaukee 64
Nashville 57, Grand Rapids 14
— — —
Quarterfinals
Thursday, Aug. 3
Orlando 34, Tampa Bay 24
Friday, Aug. 4
San Jose 63, Oklahoma 40
Saturday, Aug. 5
Arizona 53, Albany 50
Sunday, Aug. 6
Nashville 63, Iowa 56
— — —
Semifinals
Saturday, Aug. 12
Nashville (6) at San Jose (1), 4 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 13
Arizona (5) at Orlando (2), 1:30 p.m.
— — —
Arenabowl XIV
Sunday, Aug. 20
Lower Remaining Seed at Higher Remaining Seed, 1 p.m.

Thompson nets 25 as Comets beat Lynx

HOUSTON (AP) — Although unable to get her 3-point shots on target, Tina Thompson made 14-of-16 free throws and finished with a game-high 25 points for the Houston Comets.

Thompson made only 1-of-5 of her 3-point shots as the Comets defeated the Minnesota Lynx 77-64 on Wednesday night.

But Houston (27-5) scored 27 points off a season-high 19 steals, and shot 26-for-31 from the free-throw line.

Katie Smith had 22 points — 14 in the first half — and Betty Lennox added 20 points and eight rebounds for Minnesota (15-17).

Sheryl Swoopes had 17 points for the Comets, and finished with a 20.7-point average to beat Smith (20.2) for the scoring title.

The Lynx were in control for most of the first half, using a 15-2 run to take a 14-point lead with 5:13 remaining. However, the Comets responded with a 13-4 spurt to cut the deficit to 33-28 at halftime.

"I don't know what the reason was behind our slow start, but we definitely had one," Swoopes said. "I think after a while, we just realized this was the last regular-season game, and obviously, we didn't want to give our fans that kind of performance going into the playoffs."

Houston's run continued in the second half as the Comets scored the first eight points after the break until Minnesota finally scored after nearly five minutes had elapsed.

The Lynx never regained the lead, as the Comets used runs of 10-2 and 15-4 to seal the victory.

Houston's defensive effort overcame its 1-for-15 shooting on 3-pointers.

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1 Public Notice

A-1 Tree & Shrub Service - Tom Reynolds owner - We will no longer accept checks written on Bank Of America Pampa. All other checks are welcome. Borger 273-8027.

I, Kimberly Anne Jones, co-owner and operator of the Best Western Northgate Inn, am not involved in any lawsuit involving Phen-Fen or Redux. Furthermore, I am not involved in any litigation whatsoever. Signed, Kim Jones.
G-19 Aug. 10,11,13, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF SKELLYTOWN
TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Skellytown is giving notice of the city's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application request is $250,000 for sewer system improvements in the City of Skellytown. The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.
G-14 Aug. 10, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF LEFORS
TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The city of Lefors is giving notice of the city's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application request is $250,000 for a sewer system improvements in the city of Lefors. The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.
G-16 Aug. 10, 2000

NOTICE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Lefors will hold a final public hearing on Monday, August 14, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lefors City Hall in regards to the recently completed Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant funded water system improvements project. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Topics to be discussed will include the specific program improvements completed and the costs associated with the TCDP and the City of Lefors. Handicapped citizens needing assistance to attend this hearing should contact Judy Williams, City Secretary, at 835-2200 at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.
G-17 Aug. 10, 2000

Notice To Creditors
of the Estate of
Bonnie Nell Fabian

Notice is hereby given that original letters upon the Estate of BONNIE NELL FABIAN, Deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on 12th day of May, 2000 in Cause No. 8631, pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas. All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to me within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
Dated the 12th day of May, 2000.
Roderic Harold Fabian,
Independent Executor of
the Estate of
Bonnie Nell Fabian,
Deceased
c/o Buzzard Law Firm
Suite 436
Hughes Building
Pampa, Texas 79065
G-18 Aug. 10, 2000

3 Personal

BEAUTICONTROL Cosmetics sales, service, makeovers. Lynn Allison 1304 Christine, 669-3848

5 Special Notices

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21 Help Wanted

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714 N. Christy
Thurs. Fri. & Sat.
8-?

BOLIN Sale Barn: 415 W. Browning. Furn., kitchen items, baby items, cast iron, collectables, tons of misc., pickup tool box, glassware, tools, baby crib, microwave table, new things added.

705 Powell Big Sale, Thurs, 10th & Fri. 11th, new items, 10 am- 5pm, fifth wheel hitch, tail gate, headache rack, tow bar. No checks. No Early Birds.

TWO family garage sale, Fri. & Sat. 8:00-5:00, 2304 Cherokee.

SAT. only 8am-2pm. Pampa Nursing Center 1321 W. Kentucky

YARD Sale: 1505 Hamilton. Couch, loveseat, chair, stroller, crib, high chair, girls clothes, baby clothes, lots of misc. Fri. & Sat. 8-?

1344 Christine, Fri. 8-1p.m., Sat. 8-2 p.m. Dishes, housewares, home decor, full set china, silver jewelry, clothes, much much more!

1132 Willow Rd.: Dresser, loveseat, pickup toolbox. Friday & Saturday.

69a Garage Sales

GARAGE Sale, Fri. & Sat. 8-3, 1936 N. Wells, lots of kids stuff & much much more.

YARD Sale: Fri, Sat. 8-4 p.m. Kentucky Acres. West of Price Rd. on Kentucky, follow the Candy Canes

973 Cinderella Dr.: Tools, band instruments, king size waterbed, household items, some furn., clothing-all sizes, lots of everything. Fri. only, 8 a.m.-?

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623 E. Browning, Friday 8 a.m.-? Lots of miscellaneous.

YARD Sale, 420 N. Lowry, Fri. & Sat. 8-5, t.v, stereo, twin bed, bunk beds, linens, lots of boys & girls clothes, toys, 2 cars, lots of misc. No Early Birds.

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103 Homes For Sale

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ASSISTANT CREDIT MANAGER

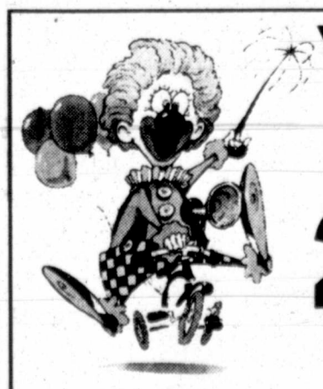
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'98 OLDS AURORA
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$23,950

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'98 Chevrolet Malibu
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Red, 30K Miles
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'00 PONTIAC GRAND AM
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$17,500

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$17,950

'00 BUICK CENTURY
Beige, 17K Miles
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Blue, 4K Miles
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4 Door, Maroon, 8K Miles
$24,950

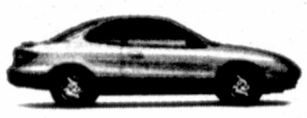
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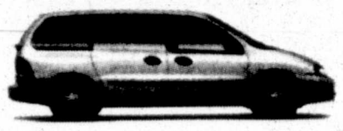
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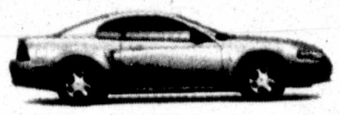
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Stk. #6240
2000 Ford Escort ZX2
MSRP $13,835,
-Disc. $1,385, -Rebate $1,500
$10,995 Or **$179** Mo.



Stk. #F4278
2000 Ford Windstar
MSRP $28,485
-Disc. $2,988, -Rebate $1,500
$23,997 Or **$299** Mo.



Stk. #1788
2000 Ford Mustang
MSRP $18,835,
-Disc. $840, -Rebate $1,000
$16,995 Or **5.9%**
For 60 Mos.



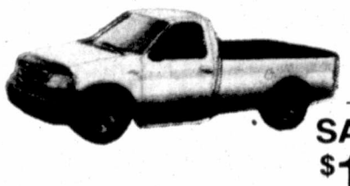
2000 Ford Crown Victoria
-Disc. $2,000, -Rebate $1,500
$3,500 OFF
Or **.9%** For 36 Mos.



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2001 Dodge Ram 1500
MSRP $16,840,
-Rebate $2,000
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MSRP $24,200,
-Disc. $1,205, -Rebate $1,000
$21,995



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2000 F150 Reg. Cab
MSRP $17,645
-Disc. $2,000, -Rebate $1,000
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$14,645 OR **$189** Mo.



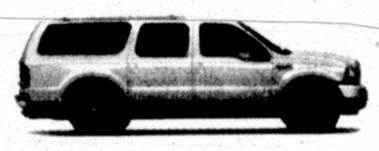
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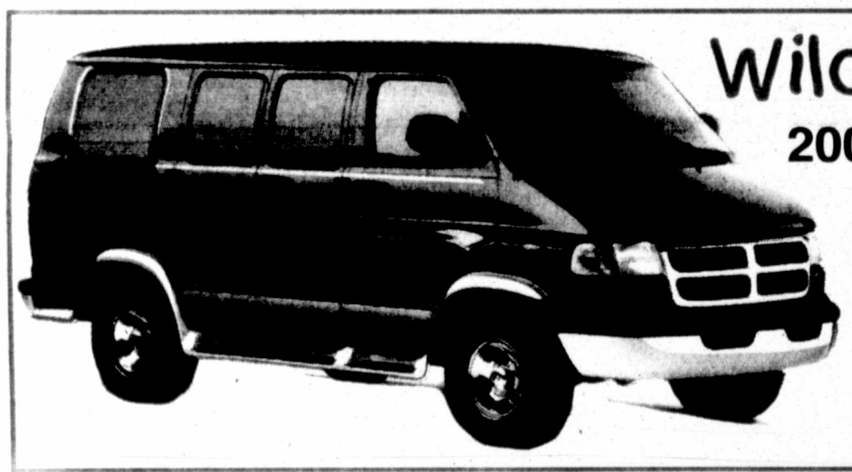
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2000 Chrysler LHS
MSRP $31,240,
-Disc. $2,245, -Rebate $1,000
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Stk. #F3179
2000 Ford Excursion
MSRP $38,370,
-Disc. $4,375
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2000 Ford Explorer
MSRP $27,750,
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MSRP $33,566
-Disc. $4,571, -Rebate $2,500
$26,495



Stk. #3527
2000 Jeep Cherokee
MSRP $22,480, -Disc. $3,485
$18,995



Stk. #F9952
2000 Ford Taurus
MSRP $22,315,
-Disc. $2,320, -Rebate $1,000
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For 60 Mos.

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B1572	**'99 Explorer,** 26xxx, Loaded & Sharp	$17,995
F3349A	**'99 Explorer,** 4 Dr., 4x4	$18,995
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