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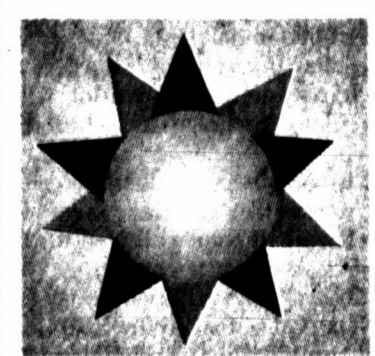
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Lefors athletic physicals Friday

LEFORS - Physicals for Lefors Independent School District athletes are scheduled for Friday, Aug. 4. A bus will be leaving the Lefors school at 9:45 a.m. for McLean. Physical forms may be picked up at the Lefors elementary school office during normal business hours. All athletes must come by the elementary office and fill out a medical history questionnaire. If more than 30 athletes require a physical, then only the high school athletes will have a physical on Friday. Physicals for junior high athletes will be scheduled at a later date.

No winning ticket

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket was worth an estimated \$6 million. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 9-13-19-27-30-38. Saturday night's drawing will be worth about \$9 million.

Officer shot near San Marcos

SAN MARCOS, Texas (AP) — A law enforcement officer was shot Thursday morning along Interstate 35 between Kyle and San Marcos, officials said.
Hays County sheriff's department spokesman Sgt. Allen Bridges said the officer, who was not identified, was taken to a hospital in undetermined condition.

• William S. Roberts, services pending.
• Richard Wesley Fry, 40, former Rural-Metro Ambulance in Pampa.

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Merchants ready for Tax Free Days

Stores stock up for big sales days

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Pampa shoppers will save money during this three-day weekend as they converge upon local stores to purchase school clothes.

Local merchants are prepared for what they hope will be as big a turnout as they had last year during the Tax Free Holiday.

David Hurd, owner of Brown's Shoe Fit in downtown Pampa, said Friday and Saturday of the 1999 sales holiday were his biggest sales days of last year.

"Of course, the back-to-school time is my 'prime time' for sales," said Hurd. "Children going back to school always need new shoes."

Hurd said 95 percent of his inventory will qualify as tax-free. He will have extra employees assisting in the store during Friday and Saturday as he said all his stock will be on sale as part of the Downtown Street Party.

Christy Parker, manager of Dunlap's, said all the store's merchandise will be tax free again this year and they will be open on Sunday as well as having extended hours.

"We will be open early and late," she said. "Last year the response to the Sales Tax Holiday was tremendous. I just hope the new hasn't worn off." Parker said Dunlap's entire staff, plus extra help, will be on hand for all three days of the tax free holiday. She also said the store has ordered extra stock.

"We were surprised by the huge turnout last year, but we're prepared for this year," she said.

"We have some really good deals."

Parker said the tax free weekend was comparable to the day after Thanksgiving shopping day in 1999.

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(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

The Gift Box Christian Books and Gifts will be among the many Pampa merchants participating in the Downtown Street Festival Saturday. Jack Sutherland, owner, displays some of the Christian t-shirts he has in stock. He also has Christian pictures and books which will be on sale.

Early-morning fracas ends in man's arrest

Police officers investigating a call from a convenience store early this morning ended up in a scuffle with one of the persons they were questioning. One officer received minor injuries from the fracas.

At 5:36 a.m. today, Sgt. Tommy Pickering of the Pampa Police Department, was dispatched to Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather, to investigate a report that a woman had tried to purchase gasoline with a money order. The woman had left the store by the time Pickering arrived, according to police reports.

Police said it is against Allsup's company policy to accept money orders for gasoline.

While questioning customers in the store, Sgt. Pickering interviewed a man known to him who gave him a false name. Pickering conducted a pat down search and felt an object that could be a weapon, police records show.

When the officer tried to retrieve the object, the man started resisting and the two scuffled. Pickering had the man in control when backup officer, David Conner, arrived, but then the man began resisting again. Sgt. Pickering suffered a minor injury to the elbow during the fight, according to the police report. A crack pipe was found on the man, police said.

David Lee Ellison, 33, 605 S. Plains, was arrested on charges of resisting arrest, failure to identify, possession of drug paraphernalia and an outstanding warrant for theft.

Boom in the night ...

Pampa's 9-1-1 switchboard lit up at about 10:30 p.m. last night when an explosion rocked the Hobart and Foster streets area of the city.

"We got at least eight 9-1-1 calls and more on another (telephone) line," said Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris.

Three trucks and six firefighters were dispatched to a vehicle fire at the intersection of Hobart and Foster streets at 10:30 p.m. When they arrived, firefighters discovered a tractor-trailer rig owned by Klemie Trucking was on fire.

Investigation showed the brakes on the truck had apparently locked and started a fire which caused two tires to explode with a loud boom. The truck driver was able to escape without injury.

The explosion rocked a trailer at Kentucky and Hobart streets, one person reported. Witnesses in a car a block away from the truck reported feeling the vehicle move from the force of the blast. Others had windows and dishes reportedly rattled by the explosion.

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

While a two-year maximum prison sentence usually applies to the offense of criminally negligent homicide, having a record of prior felony convictions automatically ups the penalty range a defendant faces.

And that's what happened earlier this week when an Odessa truck driver, Johnny Lee Johnson, 40, agreed to plead guilty in a plea bargain that included a 12-year prison sentence. Judge Steven Emmert pronounced that sentence on Johnson earlier this week in 31st District Court in Miami.

Special Prosecutor Charles L. Kessie said Johnson's felony record meant the criminally negligent homicide charge was no longer a "state jail felony" with a two-year maximum sentence. It became, he said, a "second-degree felony" punishable by from two-to-20 years.

Johnson, charged in the March 19, 1999, traffic death of Michael Wayne Keenan, 42, of Amarillo,

had previous felony convictions — car tampering in Missouri and burglary in Oklahoma, Kessie said Wednesday.

Because of the enhanced sentence range, had the case gone before a jury and Johnson been convicted, Kessie said, "the jury could have given him 20 years if they wanted to."

David Scott of Perryton defended Johnson. "From my perspective," Scott said, "Mr. Kessie quickly put together a thorough and pretty powerful case. It was in the best interest of my client to take the plea offer."

"The death of Mr. Keenan is a tragedy for his family and for my client as well," the defense attorney said.

Though Johnson was not charged with intoxication manslaughter, a second-degree felony, Kessie said the trucker "could have been" because his blood alcohol level was .07 percent when it was taken two hours after the crash. While the reading was below the then .10 percent legal presumption

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New 'officer' set to join Pampa PD

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

The Pampa Police Department will soon have a new "officer" on the beat — Nick, a fully-trained Belgian Malinois has been donated to the department and the dog will be used primarily to sniff out drugs.

Pampa's city commission, by a vote of 4-to-1, agreed to accept the gift of Nick from his former Roberts County owner and handler, Curtis Dalton, who has moved to Colorado.

Voting against accepting the 8-year-old dog was Commission Jeff Andrews who expressed concern about whether or not the program will be effective.

Andrews said the city previ-

ously owned dogs that were owned by officers but whose care was paid for by the city. These dogs, he said, were not used effectively.

All told, Andrews believes the cost of the dog's care, handler's extra pay, call-out pay, etc., will run the city from \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year.

While agreeing that "one good bust" will make the canine unit worth the expense, Andrews said he wants to see what will make this dog program work differently than in the past.

Police Chief Charlie Morris said the dog, which resembles a German shepherd, is well trained and finished in second place last year during a statewide competition.

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(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Gabriel Lunsford proudly shows off two of the large onions her grandparents grew this summer on their farm near Clarendon. Ben and Neil Burrow bring their onions as well as many other vegetables and preserves to the local farmers market on Foster near Hobart each Wednesday and Saturday in Pampa.

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Services tomorrow

ROGERS, Calvin Barney — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

Obituaries

RICHARD WESLEY FRY

EGAN, La. — Richard Wesley Fry, 40, a former Pampa resident, died Sunday, July 30, 2000. Memorial services were to be at 1 p.m. today in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Amarillo with the Rev. Ken Keller officiating. Graveside services were to be at 3:30 p.m. today in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa.

Mr. Fry was born July 25, 1960. He was raised in Pampa and attended Clarendon College and Amarillo College, receiving a degree in paramedicine. He worked for Rural-Metro Ambulance in Pampa and Amarillo Nursing Center in Amarillo prior to moving to Egan in 1997.

Survivors include Darryl Taylor of Egan, La., Mark McKinney of Amarillo, a sister, Mia Hunter, and a cousin, Vicky Keeley of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Amarillo or to a favorite charity.

WILLIAM S. ROBERTS

AMARILLO — William S. Roberts, a former Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2000. Services are pending under the direction of Lattimer Funeral Home of Nashville, Ark.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Anichur Grain of Pampa:

Wheat	2.26
Milo	2.33
Corn	2.78
Soybeans	3.62

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

Occidental	19.13/16	dn 1/16
Fidelity Magell.	133.12	dn 1/16
Puritan	19.11	dn 1/16

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

Amoco.....	NA		
Cabot.....	32 11/16	dn 3/16	
Cabot O&G.....	17 3/4	dn 1/4	
Chevron.....	80 5/8	up 13/16	
Coca-Cola.....	62 13/16	dn 1/8	

Police report

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

Wednesday, Aug. 2

Aggravated sexual assault of a child was reported in the 400 block of North Banks. Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 500 block of Warren.

Theft was reported in the 2100 block of Beech. Stalking by a non-family member was reported to the Pampa Police Department.

Manager of the Dollar General Store, 2225 Perryton Pkwy, Ste. 3, reported burglary of the store sometime between 6:50 p.m., Aug. 1, and 8:45 a.m., Aug. 2. Approximately \$500 in cash was reportedly stolen. According to the police report, it is unknown where the burglar entered or exited the business.

A 14-year-old male was detained and turned over to juvenile authorities in connection with an aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, Aug. 2

10:42 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC) and transferred one to Northwest Texas Hospital (NETH), Amarillo.

12:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to NETH, Amarillo.

4:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of West Albert and transported one to PRMC.

5:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of North Zimmers and transported one to PRMC.

8:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Hobart and Florida streets. No one was transported.

Fires

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

Wednesday, Aug. 2

10:30 p.m. — Three units and six firefighters responded to a vehicle fire at Hobart and Foster streets. Brakes on a tractor trailer rig apparently locked down and started a fire, causing two tires to blow out. No injuries were reported.

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of intoxication, Kessie said, that does not preclude a person with a below .10 (now .08) reading from being charged with an intoxication offense.

However, at the scene of the accident on icy U.S. Highway 70 about 16 miles north of Pampa, Kessie said Johnson "did not exhibit obvious signs of drunkenness."

Kessie said the accident occurred when Johnson's truck and semi-trailer jack-knifed on "sleet covered, slick and hazardous" Highway 70 and crossed into the path of Keenan's on-coming pickup.

Kessie said accident reconstruction experts esti-

mated the speed of Johnson's rig at 50-to-60 mph. at the time of impact.

Before the plea bargain was set, Kessie said he met with Keenan's widow, her civil lawsuit attorneys and, by phone, the dead man's brother.

"We met for about an hour," Kessie said of the victim's family. "The plea bargain was their option. If they had wanted to go to trial we would have. It was their call."

Kessie, Hemphill County attorney, was appointed by District Attorney John Mann to handle the case as special prosecutor.

Kessie, is the Democratic nominee for the 31st/223rd District Attorney post and faces Republican primary winner Rick Roach, Roberts County attorney in the Nov. 7 general election.

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OFFICER

And unlike in the past, Morris said this dog will be owned by the city, not an individual. The chief said a strict policy on the dog's use will be written.

Although there is no cost for the dog, valued at \$5,000, Morris told commissioners the city will have to pay for training for the officer who will handle Nick as well as for care, feeding, and vet bills. Also, Nick and his new handler will have to be recertified.

While a individual officer who is interested in being the handler has Nick now, the chief said it

doesn't mean that particular officer will automatically be chosen. Morris said the application process for handler will be an open one.

He did explain, however, that Dalton was leaving and before he did it was necessary to teach a Pampa officer the dog's commands, which are all spoken in Dutch.

In addition to sniffing out marijuana and cocaine, the chief said Nick has been trained on "several other controlled substances" as well.

Speaking to the need for such an animal, Deputy Chief Terry

Young told commissioners there have been times when local police wanted to use a dog in particular cases but could not because it would take too long to get an animal to Pampa.

When officers stop a car and don't have probable cause to conduct a search, a police dog can be brought in to sniff for drugs. If the certified drug dog indicates a "hit," the dog's action becomes the probable cause that makes a search legal, Young explained.

Another planned use for the dog will be to make unannounced locker and other searches in Pampa schools, Morris said.

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TAX FREE

Beall's store manager Kathryn Phillips said she and her staff are looking forward to the 2000 Sales Tax Holiday.

"We've stocked up more, learning from last year," she said. "The Sales Tax Holiday of 1999 was more productive for us than the day after Thanksgiving shopping day was last year." It is traditionally one of the biggest shopping days of the year.

"We know what to prepare for this year," she said. "Everyone on staff is scheduled to work, and we will be offering an additional ten percent off from 8 a.m.-12 noon."

Phillips said her customers didn't have complaints about what was tax free in 1999 as several lists were posted throughout the store detailing what qualified as tax free merchandise.

Coelene Stover, Manager of Wayne's Western Wear, said they are prepared for the tax free sale.

"We learned from last year. We were so busy last year and know what to expect this year," she said. "We will have extra help on hand, too."

She said the store had plenty of merchandise last

year for the customers, and says they will have again this year.

City of Pampa Finance Director John Horst said the 1999 August sales tax revenues to the city were down \$13,000 from 1998. "Whether all of this came from the Sales Tax Holiday or not isn't known. We'll have a better idea when we get the 2000 sales tax reports."

Horst said \$868,950 in taxable merchandise must be sold to generate \$13,000 in sales tax.

No state or local sales tax will be charged on most clothing and footwear priced under \$100, according to Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander.

The first weekend in August was designated by the Texas Legislature as the official Sales Tax Holiday to help parents outfit their children for the new school year.

Pampa downtown merchants will be sponsoring a Downtown Street Festival Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Special sales, food, music, games for children, and prizes will be available.

The Amarillo Rattlers hockey team will be on hand at 10 a.m. to present a clinic for the youngsters.

Appeals court orders actor Robert Downey Jr. released from custody

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Robert Downey Jr. was in seclusion in a "sober living environment" Thursday, his first full day of freedom after being released from prison where he served time for drug violations, his lawyer said.

An appeals court ruled Wednesday he had served enough time to fulfill his three-year sentence, saying he should get more credit for time he had served in rehabilitation. He was released on \$5,000 bail.

"He's en route to an undisclosed, secluded location," said Robert Waters, the actor's attorney. "He will be in a sober living environment, but not a specific program at this point. He'll be living as though he's on parole."

Waters planned a news conference Thursday to discuss his client's release. Downey, 34, was not scheduled to attend.

Downey was jailed after he admitted during a probation hearing that he was missing scheduled drug tests. In August 1999, Superior Court Judge Lawrence Mira sentenced him to three years in prison for violating his probation.

Under Mira's original sentence, which included some credit for time served, Downey would have been eligible for release Nov. 2. The appeals court said that the time served was not calculated correctly and he could go free immediately.

Downey was released at mid-afternoon from a drug treatment section of the prison at Corcoran, said Bob Martinez, a spokesman for the California Department of Corrections.

The son of film director Robert Downey earned an Oscar nomination for his work in the title role in "Chaplin," the 1992 screen biography of the comedian. Other film credits include "Less Than Zero," "Natural Born Killers," "One Night Stand," "Two Girls and a Guy" and "U.S. Marshals."

The actor's legal troubles date to June 1996, when he was stopped for speeding on the Pacific Coast Highway and authorities found cocaine, heroin and a pistol in his vehicle.

A month later Downey was found passed out on a child's bed in a neighbor's home. Three days later, he was arrested for leaving a recovery center.

Soaring temps have power grid in California under strain

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — With California's power grid straining to meet demand, both state and federal officials are looking into the turmoil surrounding the state's deregulated electric industry.

A power emergency was called for the third consecutive day Wednesday, triggering voluntary cutbacks by large commercial customers. That avoided the possibility of rolling blackouts in the nation's most populous state.

"We all face a heat wave that extends from Washington to Texas and there's not as much electricity available from neighboring states to serve California's power needs," said Claudia Chandler, spokeswoman for the California Electricity Commission.

Power supplies have also been tight this year in New England, where there have been scattered power outages.

In California, a 1996 law ordered restructuring of the electric services market to break utilities' monopoly power and introduce competition. Power generators are supposed to compete to offer energy to distributors, who then compete to deliver the energy to consumers.

With electricity demand increasing about 2 percent each year — and generation capacity lagging — nearly half the states have taken steps to end electricity monopolies and allow consumers to shop for the cheapest power provider.

But even utility officials have acknowledged that deregulation isn't working, at least not in California. They blame a lack of new power plants and the absence of a policy to manage distribution when power lines are congested.

With utility bills soaring in San Diego, a new report prepared by the state Public Utilities Commission said the deregulation scheme was

flawed and warned of new increases in the cost of power.

Gov. Gray Davis said the report raised a number of questions and called for an investigation into "possible manipulation in the wholesale electricity marketplace." Attorney General Bill Lockyer said Wednesday his office is examining price spikes in San Diego as part of a broad probe into deregulation.

Federal authorities are also examining California's power industry, and state lawmakers are likely to examine the issue next month. The PUC, meeting in San Francisco, was scheduled to consider a freeze in electricity rates Thursday.

California has 1,100 power plants but also imports about 25 percent of its power annually from other states. The state hasn't built new power plants in about 20 years and has had an average growth of about 485,000 new residents each year in the last five years. Though four plants are under construction, the first won't begin operating until next year.

Meanwhile, the state's demand for electricity rose toward record levels Wednesday, according to the California Independent System Operator, which manages electricity flow to 75 percent of the state power grid.

On the Net:

California PUC: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov>
California ISO: <http://www2.caiso.com>
Energy Department electricity statistics: <http://www.eia.doe.gov>
North American Electric Reliability Council: <http://www.nerc.com>
Utility Consumers Action Network: <http://www.ucan.org>

People in the news ...

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — All charges have been dropped against a man who was arrested after rocker Ted Nugent accused him of assault at an anti-fur protest.

The San Francisco district attorney's office decided Tuesday to release Bhaskar Sinha, 21.

Nugent said Sinha bumped and threatened him Sunday, but a security camera that recorded the incident showed no contact. A charge of threatening Nugent was also dropped because it was too vague.

Nugent came out of a Neiman Marcus store and ran right into an animal rights group's regular protest against the sale of furs. Nugent, an outspoken supporter of guns and hunting, got into an argument with Sinha over his hunting plans.

produced the Fugees' hit record "The Score" in 1996 and sang on a solo album released by Fugees singer Wyclef Jean.

FRANKLIN, Tenn. (AP) — Tony Soprano's mob boss "Uncle Junior" is about to sing. Dominic Chianese, who plays Corrado Erico Soprano on HBO's hit series "The Sopranos," was in a Franklin recording studio last weekend recording his first album.

"He is a fluty, pleasant tenor," said Dino Elefante, co-owner of The Sound Kitchen.

Elefante said the album,

which was recorded with studio musicians, includes several standards like "Ragone" and "For the Good Times." Chianese wrote three songs himself.

"I was giving Dominic a tour of the studio and he ended up singing 'Amazing Grace' with a gospel quartet that was recording here," Elefante said. "It was an amazing moment. Junior Soprano was in my studio singing 'Amazing Grace.' You talk about worlds colliding."

Chianese is shopping for a record label. A release date for the album has not yet been set.

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SUNSET BAR & Grill, re-opening under new management Aug. 7, 2000. Bill Kimball invites his old & new friends to come and see him. New hours are 6 p.m.-midnight, Mon.-Fri. 6 p.m.-1 a.m. Sat.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Sunny and hot today and Friday with highs in the mid to upper 90s. Winds will be from the south at 10 to 20 mph. Evening lows will be in the upper 60s with low level clouds. High Wednesday was 97 and the low, 68.

STATEWIDE — Prospects for scattered to isolated rainfall are continuing for the beginning of the weekend, but weather forecasters say the precipitation won't cut the summer heat much. Already on Thursday morning,

temperatures were climbing into the 80s across parts of Texas. Extremes ranged from 63 degrees at Marfa to 84 at Dyess Air Force Base near Abilene.

Other readings included 70 at Nacogdoches, 80 at Odessa, 82 at Laughlin AFB near Del Rio and 73 at Corpus Christi.

Winds were mostly easterly to southerly at 5 to 10 mph across most of the state, with southerly to southwesterly breezes in the South Plains and light and variable conditions in the far west.

Some cloudiness developed

over the lower Rio Grande Valley. A chance of mostly afternoon thunderstorms persisted for North Texas through Saturday.

Typical summer temperatures were forecast to continue, with many readings pushing toward the century mark.

Daytime highs were expected to range from the upper 90s in the northeast to 104 in the northwest and near 105 along the Rio Grande.

Lows overnight should be in the 50s in the far West Texas mountains and upper 60s to mid-70s elsewhere.

Classifieds get results - 669-2525

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literacy 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.

PHS EXAMS

Pampa High School students wanting to earn credit by examination may test Aug. 4. Those students planning to take the exam need to register with their high school counselor immediately, according to Billie Lowrey, 669-4800.

HIGH PLAINS FOOD BANK FUND-RAISER

The First Annual Wedding/Travel Expo, to benefit the High Plains Food Bank, will be from 1-4 p.m. Aug. 6 at the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza. The wedding portion of the show will include the following vendors — wedding cakes, bridal gowns, limousines, tuxedos, photography and much more. A silent auction and a drawing for a Sandals Honeymoon Land Package will also be held.

PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY

Pampa Prison Ministry will meet Aug. 8, the second Tuesday in August instead of the first Tuesday of the month. The group will resume its normal meeting time in September.

CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

The City of McLean will hold its second annual city-wide garage sale from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5. Free maps of all sites are available at the McLean Post Office, Texaco Country Corner or Taylor Mart. For more information, call the McLean Chamber of Commerce at (806) 779-0000.

FPC

Frank Phillips College has announced the following upcoming continuing education and community service courses for the month of July: "Basic Life Support Class," 8 a.m.-6 p.m., July 15; "How to Publicize Your Organization?," 1-5 p.m., July 21, 28 and Aug. 4; and Kids' College Session IV. For more information, call 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.

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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.

BOY SCOUTS

The Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America is open to boys between the ages of 6 and 18 and includes a 27-county area in the Texas Panhandle. The BSA program includes Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing, a new program for 14- to 20-year-old boys and girls. For more information, call (806) 358-6500.

CAFE

Cultural Academic Student Exchange is seeking families of all types — retired couples, couples with children, single parent families and childless couples — to host a high school exchange student. For more information, call 877-846-5848.

TEXAS' ANNIVERSARY TICKETS

Tickets for the 35th anniversary season of the outdoor musical drama "TEXAS" (June 7-Aug. 19, 2000) are now available for purchase on-line at www.texasmusicaldrama.com. For more information, call (806) 655-2181.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG BOOKLET

The Cost Containment Research Institute in Washington, D.C., recently published at 32-page booklet, "Free & Low Cost Prescription Drugs." The revised third edition provides information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Prescription Drug Booklet #: PDF-370, P.O. Box 462, Elmira, NY 14902-0462. The information is also available at www.institute-dc.org.

U.S.N. ARMED GUARD VETERANS

U.S.N. Armed Guard World War II veterans are seeking former gun crew members. The guards were a special branch of the WWII Naval Service who manned guns and communications on Liberty Ships, tankers, troopships and other small crafts. Contact: U.S.N. Armed Guard WWII Veterans, Charles A. Lloyd Chairman, 115 Wall Creek Drive, Rolesville, N.C. 27571 919-570-0909. Ex-guards should include a list of ships served aboard along with dates on and off for computer data file to help locate other shipmates. The U.S.N. Armed Guard 19th National Reunion will be May 21-24, 2000, at Drawbridge Estate Hotel in Fort Mitchell, Ky., 1-800-354-9793-9866.

AMERICA'S HOMECOMING QUEEN

America's Homecoming Queen, Inc., a non-profit organization promoting education, educational travel and non-violence in schools will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2000 for 1981-00 high school homecoming queens. For more information, call, e-mail or write: (901) 794-8680; Telex@pacbell.net; 6135 Mt. Moriah, Suite 111, Memphis TN, 38115.

T.O.P.S. #149

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

T.O.P.S. #41

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.

VFW CHARITY BINGO

The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. This week we are discussing the negative symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

STAGE RIGHT THEATRE

Stage Right Theatre will present "Hamlet" in its third annual

"Shakespeare in the Park" performance beginning with pre-show entertainment at 7:30 p.m. followed by the regular performance at 8 p.m. Aug. 9-12 in Sam Houston Park in Amarillo. For more information, call Karen Robertson, (806) 353-7888 or (806) 355-0914.

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PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The International Library of Photography is pleased to announce that over \$60,000.00 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Amateur Photography Contest. The deadline for the contest is Oct. 28, 2000. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free. To enter send one photograph in only one of the following categories: People, Travel, Pets, Children, Sports, Nature, Action, Humor, Portraiture, or Other. The photo must be a color or black-and-white print (unmounted), 8"x10" or smaller. All entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back, as well as the category and the title of the photo. Photographs should be sent to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-9008, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Entries must be postmarked by Oct. 28, 2000.

LOVE POEMS SOUGHT IN POETRY CONTEST 2000

The New York Poetry Alliance is sponsoring Poetry 2000, a free contest open to everyone. A \$1000 cash prize will be awarded to the winner. There are 28 prizes in all. The deadline for entering is Aug. 14, 2000. To enter, send poem 21 lines or less to: New York Poetry Alliance, Box 1588, New York, NY 10116-1588. Or enter on-line at www.freecontest.com.

BISON EXHIBIT

Palo Duro Canyon State Park is currently exhibiting "Environmental Resources Protection at Pantex Plant," a display of artifacts recovered near the shore of playa lake on the site of a Pantex plant in Carson Co. The artifacts are approximately 650 years old and point to human activity involving the processing and usage of bison. For more information, contact Heather Lanman at (806) 488-2227, ext. 49. Palo Duro Canyon State Park is located 12 miles east of the city of Canyon on Hwy 217.

BBB RESOURCE GUIDE

The Better Business Bureau is offering "The Spring BBB Membership Directory and Resource Guide." The publication is available free of charge and includes a listing of BBB member companies as well as businesses who qualify as members and who uphold BBB's standards of ethical practices. The guide also provides tips on how to be better shoppers along with information on current scams. For more information or to obtain the guide, call (806) 379-7133.

TFS APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Texas Folklife Resources is currently accepting applications for its Apprenticeship program. The Apprenticeships in the Folk Arts program encouraged the continuation of Texas traditional arts by providing master artists funds for training qualified apprentices. Texas traditional arts or folk arts are those art forms learned informally, often passed from generation to generation. Deadline for application is Sept. 1. All participants must be residents of Texas. For more information or for an application, contact Caroline Herring, program coordinator, at Texas Folklife Resources, 1317 South Congress, Austin, TX 78704; or call (512) 441-9255.

GED TESTING

Clarendon College-Pampa Center conducts GED testing the fourth Monday and Tuesday of every month except for May and June. Test dates for these two months are May 22 and 23 and June 19 and 20. Those taking the full test must attend both days. Preregistration is required. For more information, call Jana Wesson-Martin at 665-8801.

WRCA RODEO

Working Ranch Cowboy Association will hold its fifth World Championship Ranch Rodeo Nov. 9-11 in Amarillo. Cowboys from working ranches across the Northern Hemisphere will compete for the title of Best in the World.

NATIONAL ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

The National Arbor Day Foundation is offering "What Tree is That?" a 72-page tree identification guide book. The book is free of charge and may be obtained by sending your name and address to: "What Tree is That?", The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

TCA WEBSITE

A list of "10 Hot Summer Cultural Events" can be accessed via the Texas Commission on the Arts website at www.artsonart.com — the most comprehensive arts calendar on the Internet in Texas. Visitors to the site can search the database by city, region, date, topic or organization name as well as access a travel planner section that allows visitors to hyperlink to vendors to rent a car, make airline reservations or book hotel rooms.

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VIEWPOINTS



Inside the Beltway

with

Rep. Mac Thornberry

National Energy Security Act of 2000

The expected relaxation and family fun of a summer vacation are being overshadowed this year by a painful experience along the road — rising gas prices.

Even more frustrating is that this pinch to the pocketbook may have been preventable. This past spring, Energy Secretary Bill Richardson promised that gas prices would not exceed \$2 a gallon. Yet many parts of the country have seen prices above and beyond this point. This administration has not been successful in keeping its promises when it comes to reducing the "pain" at the pump. The reason we're enduring rising gas prices is because of our dependence on foreign oil.

60 percent of what we need, and the administration has done nothing to reverse this trend. Adding insult to injury, the president and vice president have offered weak and vague solutions to the problem. In fact, this administration has worked against virtually every sector of our energy industry, either through misguided regulations or additional forces.

For several years now, I've pushed a number of proposals to boost our oil and gas production here at home. I recently pulled some of these proposals together into a comprehensive plan geared around the development and stewardship of our natural resources, including oil and gas. Called The National Energy Security Act of 2000, this plan will provide tax credits and incentives for many resources, while studying the feasibility of alternatives.

This plan would decrease our dependence on other countries while utilizing what we have at home. It would also take a step toward making sure we have a solid, reliable supply of energy under our control.

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Everyone can benefit from 'quiet time'

I'm about to take a stand some people aren't going to like: I hate cell phones. The rudeness exhibited by some owners of cell phones absolutely appalls me.

Recently, I was in a local restaurant enjoying a very pleasant meal when I heard a ringing — it was a cell phone. A fellow diner answered her phone and proceeded to carry on quite a personal conversation in a not-so-quiet voice. Soon after I heard another ring, then another and another. As I glanced around I saw three more people answering their cell phones. Then, there were those who were placing calls.

I had this sudden flashback of a scene in a movie I had seen in which a woman became so enraged over all the ringing in a public restaurant that she threw a cell phone in an aquarium. I had the same urge, but I controlled myself. Besides, I didn't see an aquarium nearby.

Quite frequently when I'm in the grocery stores in the evening I see customers calling home on the cell phones about what to have for supper. Can't they make a list at home in the morning?

A few months ago, I was in a store in Amarillo and observed a new father trying to decide what kind of diapers to get for the new baby. He asked my opinion, but still wasn't sure. After four calls on the cell phone to his wife about the diapers, he chose the ones I had suggested!

On a bitterly cold Friday afternoon last winter, I stopped by a video rental store in another town on my way home to rent a movie. As I searched, I watched a man frantically making a



Nancy Young

Managing editor

cell call to his children — the store didn't have the movie they wanted to watch, and asked for suggestions. The conversation that ensued made me almost believe in retroactive birth control.

From his side of the conversation, the "children" were not pleased with dad because the store didn't have the movie. As if it was his fault. No matter what he suggested, it did not please them. He struggled with a decision of what movies would make them happy. As I continued my quest to find a decent movie, he was still on his cell phone.

What did we do in the "olden days" when we didn't have cell phones? We used a pay phone or substituted. I really think a lot more planning went on in most lives. At least we had Plan B if Plan A didn't work out, and we didn't have to call home.

Now, I know not everyone with a cell phone is rude or, at best, not a planner. However, I am so tired of having phones ring at the most inappropriate times and places.

Why the fascination with cell phones? I read

the other day a sociologist said people feel important when they use cell phones in public. She said, "Now everybody gets to be a big shot."

Then there are those cell users who are called about work everywhere they go. How did people conduct business before cell phones?

I wonder just how many of the cell phone calls are necessary, and couldn't wait until people get to the privacy of their own homes to have personal and business conversations. Advanced technology can be wonderful, but manners and consideration for others are still important, too.

I've read "No cell phones" signs are showing up in many public buildings which include restaurants, theaters, libraries, museums and doctors' offices. Some cell phone users feel they are being abused and the criticism being heaped upon them isn't fair. They say cell phones are here to stay.

Seems to me that if people had a little more quiet time to reflect as they drive and shop, there might not be nearly as many ulcers, migraines and all the different kinds of rage. Some just don't seem to enjoy the little things in life, the important things.

I guess maybe it's not the cell phones I detest because each phone has to have a human to operate it. It just might be the behavior of the people operating these little devices that I don't like.

Well, it sure won't change overnight, but I can always hope.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 3, the 216th day of 2000. There are 150 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 3, 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, on a voyage that took him to the present-day Americas.

On this date:

In 1914, Germany declared war on France.

In 1923, Calvin Coolidge was sworn in as the 30th president of the United States, following the death of Warren G. Harding.

In 1936, the State Department urged Americans in Spain to leave

because of that country's civil war.

In 1949, the National Basketball Association was formed.

In 1958, the nuclear-powered submarine Nautilus became the first vessel to cross the North Pole underwater.

In 1980, closing ceremonies were held in Moscow for the 1980 Summer Olympic Games, which had been boycotted by dozens of countries, including the United States.

In 1981, U.S. air traffic controllers went on strike, despite a warning from President Reagan they would be fired.

In 1988, the Soviet Union released Mathias Rust, the young West

German pilot who had landed a light plane in Moscow's Red Square in May 1987.

In 1993, the Senate voted 96-3 to confirm Supreme Court nominee Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

In 1994, Stephen G. Breyer was sworn in as the Supreme Court's newest justice in a private ceremony at Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist's Vermont summer home.

Ten years ago: A day after Iraq invaded Kuwait, thousands of Iraqi soldiers pushed to within a few miles of the border with Saudi Arabia, heightening world concerns that the invasion could spread.

Five years ago: A Palestinian, Eyad

Ismail, was flown to the United States from Jordan to face charges he'd driven a bomb-laden van into New York's World Trade Center. (The 1993 explosion killed six people and injured more than one thousand; Ismail is serving a life sentence.)

One year ago: Congressional Republicans, shrugging off a presidential veto threat, nailed down the details of an agreement for a 10-year, \$792 billion tax cut. Arbitrators ruled the government had to pay the heirs of Dallas dressmaker Abraham Zapruder \$16 million for his movie film that captured the assassination of President Kennedy. The first issue of Talk magazine hit newsstands.

Don't give up on the Bill of Rights, folks

I've given up on the Constitution. After all, the Constitution and the republic of sovereign states it created were destroyed in 1865. But I still have some hope for the Bill of Rights, those first 10 amendments.

For that reason, I intend to vote for George W. Bush. He's the only candidate with a chance to win who hasn't indicated that he views the Bill of Rights with utter contempt.

Yes, my conservative friends, I know that Pat Buchanan would make a better president. But Pat isn't going to win. He isn't going to win not because I say he isn't, but because an overwhelming majority of Americans don't agree with him. If you think otherwise, then I believe that you are out of touch with your fellow Americans. I suggest you look at the kinds of movies and television programs they patronize by the millions.

At any rate, reality will decide that issue on Nov. 7.

But so far as I can foresee the future, smell the political winds and spot tracks in the jungle, our choice for president is either George W. Bush or Albert Gore. There is a huge difference in these two guys — true, not on many issues such as trade or big government but on the key issue of respecting the Bill of Rights.

Gore already has said publicly on more than one occasion that he will appoint people to the Supreme Court who won't be bound by the document's original meaning. In other words,



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

Gore's Supreme Court, which would curse the country for decades, would be an anything-goes legislative type of court with a left-liberal agenda.

If Gore is elected, you can kiss your right to own firearms good-bye. What has the Gore-Clinton mob been hollering on this subject? "If they can do it in Australia and England, we can do it here." And just what did they do in Australia and England? They confiscated and destroyed practically all the private firearms held by the population.

Don't kid yourself. That's the intention of the Gore crowd: first registration and licensing, then confiscation. Otherwise, there is no point, as no sane criminal is going either to register or apply for a license. What they want is your name, your address and a complete inventory of all your firearms. Then, when they later pass legislation, similar to that already on the books in California, you will be given so many days to surrender your arms or be declared a criminal

felon.

And don't think they will be satisfied with effectively repealing the Second Amendment. They will go after speech, the press, religion and protection from search and seizure. Already the FBI has placed, with court authorization, a software sniffer program on an Internet service provider that scans all the e-mail that flows through it. The results of the scan are not available to the provider, nor is the provider allowed to notify its customers that the FBI is monitoring all e-mail.

The Gore-Clinton crowd has been insistent that the federal government should have a key to all private encryption. It has authorized searches of public housing for firearms — without a warrant — as if the residents of public housing were not entitled to a Bill of Rights.

They will go after hate-speech laws, which will make private thoughts criminal. Nothing is more of an abomination to the First Amendment than for the government to criminalize people's thoughts and opinions. Several European countries have already done this. If you, for example, disagree with the orthodox version of the Holocaust, you can be sent to prison.

As Thomas Jefferson and James Madison both said, however, the only way to maintain freedom is to be tolerant of error. People have a right to be wrong or mistaken. A vote for Gore is a vote against liberty.

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Former President Ford recuperating from stroke

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Former President Gerald Ford took a brief walk Thursday, an aide said, after being hospitalized a day earlier for what doctors said was one or possibly two small strokes.

"The president has been up and had a brief, short walk this morning," Calvin McDowell, a member of Ford's staff, told reporters. "That is very encouraging."

Ford, 87, remained listed in serious condition at Hahnemann University Hospital, where doctors defended their original diagnosis of a sinus infection the night before they determined he had suffered the stroke.

"The situation is unchanged from yesterday," Mike Halter, the hospital's chief executive officer, told reporters.

Ford's chief of staff, Penny Circle, said he was resting comfortably and continues to improve. His two sons, Mike and Jack, and his daughter Susan and her husband, Vaden Bales, were expected to arrive Thursday, Circle said.

Ford is expected to remain hospitalized for five or six days and is being treated with drugs to prevent his blood from clotting.

He was taken from the Republican National

Convention to the hospital shortly after midnight Tuesday and was given some antibiotics for what doctors diagnosed then as a sinus attack. He left the hospital after about half an hour.

Doctors said the former president had complained of soreness in his face, but asked only for pain relief. He returned Wednesday morning with slurred speech and difficulties with balance.

"I can tell you that the care that he was given ... by the emergency room was appropriate," Dr. Steven Klasko, associate dean of clinical affairs at the hospital, said Wednesday.

Neurological exams confirmed he had suffered at least one mild stroke, doctors said.

Dr. Robert Schwartzman, the hospital's chief of neurology, said the stroke was not initially detected because "it looks like an ear infection." He said Ford's private doctor had been treating him for pain in his face and tongue.

McDowell said Ford has not questioned the hospital's diagnoses and believes the staff "has been nothing but fabulous."

Doctors said it is easy to misdiagnose a stroke — most commonly caused by a blood clot in the brain — because many of the symptoms look like other ailments.

Dr. Jeffrey Saver, neurological director of the UCLA Stroke Center, said as many as 5 percent of all strokes are initially misdiagnosed.

"All too often, patients wish to deny that a stroke may be occurring," he said. "Frequently, they are denying the symptoms, and are waiting, hoping it will pass."

Dr. Wayne Satz, head of Hahnemann's emergency room, said Ford had "absolutely a normal neurological exam" Tuesday and that "all he sought at that time was pain relief."

"He was treated appropriately and discharged as per his wishes," Satz said.

Doctors also were asked if Ford's health was endangered because he wasn't immediately treated with an effective clot-busting drug. But Dr. Carole Thomas, director of the neurointensive care unit at Hahnemann, said that even if the stroke had been diagnosed earlier, Ford's symptoms were too mild to use the drug.

Saver said the drug can cause bleeding in the brain and is used only in cases where the risk of a severe stroke outweighs the danger.

Thomas said Ford's stroke, suffered in the back of

his brain, showed no bleeding.

"He should totally recover," Schwartzman said.

Doctors said they believed mild arterial disease caused the clot in Ford's brain stem, the part of the brain that controls balance, speech and other faculties.

Schwartzman said they suspected Ford also suffered a mild stroke a day earlier, but there was no evidence of brain damage or permanent disability.

The health problems of the nation's 38th president dampened the mood at an otherwise jubilant GOP celebration. Well wishes came from President Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, former president George Bush, and the presumptive Republican nominee, George W. Bush.

Steve Young, former quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers, opened the session with a prayer in which he sought "a time of healing" for Ford and wife Betty, who was at his bedside.

Ford was appointed vice president by Richard Nixon, and sworn in as president in August 1974 after Nixon resigned in the midst of Watergate.

Ford later pardoned Nixon — an act widely believed to have contributed to his loss to Jimmy Carter in 1976.

Convention roundup Bush to give speech tonight

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush, building on a political dynasty spanning three generations, claims the Republican presidential nomination Thursday night declaring that America needs a change of leadership to solve the tough problems that President Clinton and Al Gore failed to fix.

"We are all a little weary of the Clinton-Gore routine," running mate Dick Cheney told the confetti-filled GOP convention Wednesday night. "But the wheel has turned. And it is time, it is time for them to go."

"Send them home," delegates shouted back, taking off their hats and waving goodbye. Cheney's speech provided the partisan bite that had been missing in a convention programmed to present a softer, more moderate face.

Bush said he would deliver a closing speech that "speaks from my heart. I'm going to lift the spirit of the country."

Born to one of America's most prestigious political families, Bush begins his quest just eight years after his father was forced from the Oval Office. His grandfather was a U.S. senator from Connecticut. His brother is the governor of Florida.

In his own prime-time televised address, Bush will share his disappointment about what he believes is the Clinton-Gore administration's failure over eight years to improve schools, reform Social Security, overhaul taxes, beef up the military and attach some form of prescription drug benefit to Medicare.

"He will talk about the current administration's failure to get anything done," said spokeswoman Karen Hughes. "The tone will be regretful rather than critical."

Bush, 54, seeks to become the first presidential son to win the White House since John Quincy Adams in 1824. Bush enters the race ahead in the polls and leading a party more united than it's been in 16 years.

Cheney said "big changes are coming to Washington" if Bush wins in November. He promised Bush "will repair what has been damaged" and "restore decency and integrity to the Oval Office."

Bush and Cheney officially won their nominations in a tumultuous convention gala. Bush watched from his hotel suite a few miles away. He described himself as "a tough competitor" and said, "I'm going to give it my best shot."

"What are we to make of the past eight years?" Cheney questioned in his acceptance speech, taking aim at Clinton and Gore, the Democratic presidential nominee-in-waiting. "I look at them," Cheney said, "and see opportunities squandered. The wheel has turned. And it is time. It is time for them to go."

Cheney's time-for-them-to-go barb was borrowed from Al Gore's vice presidential speech before the Democratic convention in 1992, aimed at then-President George Bush.

Cheney presented his credentials as a former congressman, White House chief of staff, defense secretary and business executive. He said that Gore would try to pull away from Clinton to be his own man. "But we will never see one without thinking of the other."

He said Clinton and Gore came in together. "Now let us see them off together," he chortled.

A tracking poll taken during the convention and released Thursday gave Bush a 14-point lead in the presidential race against Gore, 48 percent to 34 percent, largely unchanged from Wednesday. The nonpartisan Voter.com-Battleground poll of 1,000 likely voters taken Tuesday and Wednesday had Ralph Nader at 6 percent and Pat Buchanan at 2 percent and had a 3 percentage point error margin.

At Cheney's behest, the convention paused to convey good wishes to former President Ford, hospitalized after suffering perhaps two strokes in Philadelphia. Doctors said Ford should recover completely.

The final night of the convention belongs to Bush.

There will be a generational theme woven through Bush's acceptance speech, noting that this is the first election since World War II without a candidate of that generation. "What will our generation do?" Hughes said Bush would ask.

"What the speech is doing is saying we have a unique moment, because with our prosperity and relative peace we have the means to tackle the tough problems before they create a crisis for our children," she said.

Untested on the international stage, Bush hopes his speech will demonstrate that his business background and two terms as governor have given him the skills to lead the nation, keep the economy booming and deal with problems abroad.

"My fellow Americans," he said in a practice run at the convention microphone, "I accept your nomination."

Bush makes that declaration official in closing the convention.

Democrats tried to get a word in edgewise, faxing and phoning statements to news organizations.

"So much for the Republicans' positive campaign," said Gore spokesman Chris Lehane. "Tonight they're turning the clock back with a card-carrying conservative member of the Republican old guard. They're engaging in the only type of Republican politics they know: attack politics."

A five-page rebuttal from Gore's campaign claimed Cheney had delivered "one of the most negative Republican convention speeches since Pat Buchanan. The mask is off the GOP masquerade ball."

Bush's brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, said Thursday that "the gloves were off, perhaps" in Cheney's speech but he called it a "deft touch." "It was not smash mouth; there was no degrading of people," he said on NBC's "Today" show.

Exclusive dormitories to open at UT-Austin

AUSTIN (AP) — Campus life will be more desirable for some students at the nation's largest public university campus, with the scheduled opening of an upscale, \$52 million dormitory.

The \$66-million San Jacinto Residence Hall is the first new dormitory to open at The University of Texas at Austin in more than 30 years.

Some rooms at the dormitory will have a view of Royal-Memorial Stadium suitable for watching games. Rooms will also have private baths, computer connections and individually controlled thermostats.

"It's really a quality of life that the students want," Floyd Hoelting, director of the UT Division of Housing and Food Service, told the Austin American-Statesman.

San Jacinto Hall's 433 double rooms are divided into two wings connected by a breezeway so there's less of an institutional feel.

For the first 350 students assigned to the north wing, move-in is less than three weeks away. But rooms in the south wing, including those with sta-

dium views, won't be ready until the spring.

In the summer, the dorm will double as a hotel conference center with nightly rates of \$70.

Crews are still working to keep construction on schedule for the north wing. Last month, five bricklayers received minor injuries when a scaffold at the site gave way beneath them.

Rooms at the five-story residence hall at the north end of Clark Field will cost \$600 a year more than any of UT's other residence halls.

That includes the mammoth Jester Dormitory, which opened in 1969 to 3,000 students and is so densely populated that it has its own ZIP code.

Although UT is the nation's largest university, with enrollment edging toward 50,000, only 5,500 students lived in on-campus housing last year because of limited space.

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The summer humidity may be a bane for some delegates to the Republican National Convention, but it's been a boon for the city's hair salons.

Many salons have extended their hours to accommodate crowds of Republicans in search of tamer tresses, manicures, pedicures and even massages.

Santa Mendoza, a delegate from Hartford, Conn., worried about what the humidity was doing to her shoulder-length hair as she prepared to be on C-SPAN.

"This requires professional help," said Mendoza, who turned to the Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hair Salon.

Thanks to a hair- and nail-emergency hotline set up by Pierre & Carlo Salon & Spa at the Bellevue, Susan Weddington, the chairwoman of the Texas delegation was able to find a quick cure for a chipped nail.

"It happened at 10 o'clock last night," Weddington said Wednesday, displaying her broken nail.

"We're just kind of natural women in Texas," Weddington said. "We're not too pretentious, but we do like to have our nails done. It looks good when we wave."

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Doctors defend Ford diagnosis

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — As Gerald Ford continued his recovery, doctors defended their diagnosis of a sinus infection before they determined he had suffered one and possibly two small strokes. Doctors said the former president had complained of soreness in his face, but asked only for pain reliever. The former president went from the Republican National Convention to a hospital for about a half-hour Tuesday night and was given antibiotics. He returned Wednesday morning with slurred speech and difficulties with balance.

Protesters settle down since police confrontations

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — With more than 300 activists still in jail, protests aimed at the Republican convention were quiet and peaceful Wednesday,

a day after demonstrators clashed with police and snarled traffic. A few small protests popped up around town, and activists held banners and signs at several locations to greet George W. Bush, who arrived Wednesday to accept the party's nomination for president. The quiet demonstrations were in contrast to Tuesday evening's mayhem.

Fires rage in western states

LAVA HOT SPRINGS, Idaho (AP) — Nearly 50 large fires were burning early Thursday across more than 700,000 acres in Texas and the West. Nearly 3.6 million acres have burned in the United States this season, the most since at least the late 1980s. "This is not something that's going to be over next week," warned Forest Service Chief Mike Dombeck, who met with fire strategists at the National Interagency Fire

Center in Boise before leaving to tour fire lines. The fires have stretched resources so thin that federal officials are considering bringing in crews from Mexico and technical experts from Australia.

Big banks charge larger fees

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's largest banks charge significantly more for services than smaller banks that do business in only one state, the Federal Reserve has found in an annual survey of bank fees. The Fed report, released Wednesday, also found that the number of banks offering free checking account services dropped to 10.8 percent in 1999, compared with 17.3 percent in 1998. The number of savings and loans with free checking account services rose to 30 percent last year, compared with 23.4 percent in 1998.

Troops restore order in post-election Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — A shaky calm has returned to Venezuela's provinces after violent protests that broke out over disputed election results. At least one person was killed and a dozen others injured Tuesday when supporters of President Hugo Chavez clashed with opposition backers in several states where results of gubernatorial races were being contested. Thousands of army troops were called in to restore order. Several incumbent opposition governors who lost by thin margins in Sunday's elections said they would challenge the results in court but urged their supporters to refrain from violence.

Charges dropped against Ted Nugent for protester

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — All charges have been dropped against a man who was arrested after rocker Ted Nugent accused him of assault at an anti-fur protest. The San Francisco district attorney's office decided Tuesday to release Bhaskar Sinha, 21. Nugent said Sinha bumped and threatened him Sunday, but a security camera that recorded the incident showed no contact. A charge of threatening Nugent was also dropped because it was too vague. Nugent came out of a Neiman Marcus store and ran right into an animal rights group's regular protest against the sale of furs. Nugent, an outspoken supporter of guns and hunting, got into an argument with Sinha over his hunting plans.

Death of Julius Erving's son ruled accidental

SANFORD, Fla. (AP) — The youngest son of NBA great Julius "Dr. J" Erving died of accidental drowning when he inadvertently drove his car into a retention pond, the Seminole County sheriff ruled Wednesday. Trace amounts of cocaine were found in 19-year-old Cory Erving's decomposed body, indicating he had ingested the drug within two or three days of the accident, but they were at insufficient levels to affect his driving or ability to escape from the car, said Sheriff Don Eslinger. The final report by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office ends the investigation into the younger Erving's mysterious disappearance more than two months ago.

Jury: Family swindled out of Padre Island oil profits

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — They've waited more than six decades for this.

They've seen strangers take over their ranch lands, watched as condominiums and towering hotels rose on the sands of the island they once owned.

Wednesday morning, after an eight-year court battle, the Ballis were vindicated.

An all-Hispanic jury decided Gilbert Kerlin, 90, has been swindling the Mexican-American family ever since he bought Padre Island in 1938.

On Monday, the same jury will decide how much the New York lawyer must pay to make up for decades of malice and fraud. Three hundred Ballis are asking for \$11 million.

The historic opinion lends credence to the generations-old Balli complaint: The powerful border dynasty slipped into poverty after Anglo settlers stripped them of land and social status.

"We worked so hard for this, so hard," a trembling and tearful Alma Torres, 55, said after judge Pat McDowell read the jury verdict. "My mom and my dad died hoping for this to happen."

The Balli decision is "revolutionary," said Armando C. Alonzo, associate professor of history at Texas A&M University and author of "Tejano Legacy: Rancheros and Settlers in South Texas."

"It serves as a model. It sets a precedent for other Hispanics in other parts of the Southwest to look seriously into the possibility of obtaining equity in the courts," Alonzo said.

Family members from Florida, Arizona and Mexico piled into wooden benches, lined the back walls and squatted in the aisle to hear the jury's decision. Afterward, the Ballis exploded from the courtroom, hugging, crying and slapping one another on the back.

"This is going to open the doors," Pearl Balli said. "This is not an isolated case. This happened to a lot of people."

Kerlin had just earned a law degree from Harvard when he flew to South Texas, sought out the surviving Balli heirs and bought the deeds to 61,000 acres on Padre Island. Sixty years later, nobody can agree how much Kerlin paid for what was then a desolate Coast Guard outpost.

The young lawyer agreed to share with the Ballis any money he earned from drilling oil wells into the island.

According to Balli lore, the heirs carefully copied down their addresses, and awaited a check. They never heard from Kerlin again.

Decades passed. Kerlin leased drilling rights to Padre Island, and sold its sandy surface to developers. He earned millions.

The Ballis, meanwhile, struggled to make ends meet.

Rebecca Gomez Sexton grew up on a dirt road in Brownsville. The family couldn't afford doctors, medicines or shoes, Gomez recalls. She was the first in her family to learn English, the first to graduate from high school.

"This has been an open wound for generations," said Sexton, who grew up listening to her grandfather lament the loss of Padre Island.

"My father would sit on the front step and say how we owned Padre Island," Torres recalled. "We thought he was crazy. If we owned the island, why were we poor? Where was our education?"

After years of squatters, auctions and arguments, the history of Padre Island is blurred.

The island was named after Padre Nicolas Balli, a Mexican priest who received the island as a grant from King Carlos III of Spain in 1765. The priest willed the island to his nephew. The Balli heirs are direct descendants of the nephew.

By the 1930s, the family had fallen upon hard times. Almost all of their vast Rio Grande ranch lands had been lost or repossessed. Most of the survivors were struggling to feed their families. They spoke little or no English.

The Ballis probably didn't realize what they were selling Kerlin, or how much it was worth, their survivors say.

Kerlin, meanwhile, found documents indicating the Ballis sold Padre Island in the 19th century. Many property owners sold off parcels of land along the Rio Grande during the uncertain months leading up to the Mexican-American War, Kerlin's lawyers pointed out.

Documents from Matamoros, Mexico — the border city across from Brownsville, Texas — indicate the Ballis sold the land to a man named Santiago Morales in 1830. Kerlin used those papers to argue that he didn't owe the Ballis any money, because they sold him an island they didn't own.

Standing before the jury in cowboy boots and a pressed suit, Kerlin lawyer M. Steve Smith last week called the Balli lawsuit a "nuisance claim."

The Ballis say the Morales sale never went through. Balli attorney Tom McCall says Mexican documents indicate Morales later gave the island back, and collected a refund.

Much of the narrow barrier island — which stretches some 160 miles along the Texas Gulf Coast from Corpus Christi to Brownsville — is now the Padre Island National Seashore. The beaches are dotted with condominiums, resorts and restaurants.

A gag order barred Kerlin and his lawyers from saying whether he will appeal.

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Former Socorro ISD official in hot seat

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — An auditor hired in 1998 to find out why the Socorro Independent School District's books wouldn't balance says a \$2 million discrepancy led her to Mekeli T. Ileremia, the district's former director of risk management.

"We think the evidence is going to show in this case that Mr. Ileremia violated all the trust and responsibility that was placed on him," prosecutor Kyle Lasley said Tuesday, the first day of Ileremia's trial in Texas district court.

On April 4, Ileremia was charged with theft of more than \$200,000 and misapplication of fiduciary property, both first-degree felonies carrying a maximum sentence of life in prison. Ileremia has said he is innocent.

Ileremia is charged in connection with a scheme to defraud the school district of \$4.7 million by billing the district for background checks on district employees that were not performed.

"The expenditures in the workers' compensation fund had increased about \$2 million from one year to the next," auditor Nila Newton testified, adding that "several companies were being paid large amounts repetitiously."

Newton said the invoices were for payments to four companies that were owned by the same person and all were approved by Ileremia. She also found other discrepancies.

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Scientists unlock blueprint of deadly cholera genome

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists have developed the genetic blueprint of cholera, a step that may point the way to better vaccines or treatments for the ancient terror that has claimed millions of lives around the world and remains a hazard in many nations.

Once widely feared, epidemics of the diarrhea-causing disease occurred regularly in the United States and other western nations before modern water- and sewage-treatment processes were developed in the late 19th century.

It remains "a living terror for people in the developing world, not a historical one," said Richard Gallagher, biological sciences editor of the journal Nature, which is publishing the findings Thursday.

Cholera is one of nature's most efficient killers, sometimes claiming lives within hours of onset. The bacterium attacks the intestine of humans and can cause death by severe dehydration resulting from diarrhea.

Most lives can be saved with modern rehydration therapy, but that often is not widely available in developing nations.

A half-million cases have been reported to the World Health Organization in the last two years with 20,000 deaths, said Claire Fraser of The Institute for Genomic Research in Rockville, Md., whose researchers analyzed the genetic structure of the bacterium. World Health Organization figures show just under 37,000 cases in the first half of this year with 2,033 deaths, all but two in Africa.

"Knowing the (cholera) genome gives us a tremendous opportunity to better understand its role in the environment and ... also its effect on humans," Rita

Colwell, director of the National Science Foundation, said at a news conference to discuss the report.

The development is especially important in the potential production of vaccines, added John J. Mekalanos of Harvard Medical School. He said it provides an "open book" of the bacterium's structure, which will allow researchers to find and delete dangerous genes before using the bacteria to make vaccine.

"This will be the starting point for most future studies," said microbiologist Matthew Waldor of Tufts Medical School in Boston. He co-wrote an accompanying commentary on the research, which also was being published in Nature.

Fraser, director of the group that developed the genome blueprint, cautioned that, despite the new knowledge of the genetic makeup, the idea of eradicating cholera "is probably not practical."

The research team found the germ, known as "Vibrio cholerae," has two round chromosomes with 3,885 genes. They are formed from about 4 million chemical building blocks known as base pairs, about 3 million in the larger chromosome and about 1 million in the smaller.

The project cost \$793,712, Fraser said, or about 20 cents per base pair.

The researchers identified the genes by chemically breaking up strands of the cholera DNA. They analyzed the fragments separately and later determined how to reassemble them in order. Similar techniques have been used to identify the genes of other disease microbes and of humans.

Cholera has afflicted humans for more than 2,000 years. The

symptoms were mentioned as long ago as Hippocrates and even earlier in Sanskrit writings.

It is largely eradicated from the United States and other industrial nations. The few cases occasionally reported come in with travelers from infected areas.

Most cases, Colwell said, result from people eating undercooked shellfish or raw shellfish "bootlegged" from beds where fishing is banned because of pollution.

The bacteria is common in fecal contaminated food and water and can thrive in brackish coastal waters and bays, Colwell said, including the Bay of Bengal and even Chesapeake Bay.

Epidemics still plague parts of Asia, Africa and Latin America, where water supplies often are contaminated.

Colwell said that because the bacteria attach to a tiny plankton, it can be removed by filtering water. She said experiments in Bangladesh have had some success filtering water through layers of cloth used for women's saris.

Cholera epidemics devastated parts of the United States during the Civil War era and later in the 19th century. The disease led to development in England of early epidemiological research.

In a case famous in medical history, a cholera epidemic was ravaging London in 1849, and Dr. John Snow prepared a map marking the homes of people struck by the disease. Noticing that the cases centered on a public water pump, Snow persuaded authorities to remove the pump handle, which forced residents to go elsewhere for drinking water. As soon as water from the well was no longer being used, new cases of cholera declined dramatically.

Link exists between childhood abuse, adult depression in women, researchers say

ATLANTA (AP) — Abuse in early childhood dramatically changes the brain chemistry of women for life, making them more vulnerable to anxiety disorders and more easily frustrated by stress as adults, a study suggests.

Researchers said the results could lead to profound advances in treatment for depression — for women and men. The study was published Wednesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Dramatic differences in women based on whether they had been physically or sexually abused as children came to light when they were asked to speak in front of a poker-faced audience and to solve tricky math problems.

In women who had been abused, a key hormone that regulates the body's response to stress responded six times as strongly as in women with no abuse history. The early trauma makes the hormone hypersensitive, researchers said.

"We've known for a long time that if you enrich the environment during early development, you can get critical, positive long-term effects," said Dr. Charles Nemeroff of Emory University, one of the study's authors. "This is the other side of the coin, the dark side."

Anti-depressant medication available now indirectly targets the body's hormonal response to stress. But researchers said Wednesday the new information bolstered ongoing studies on whether anti-depressants can target specific stress-reaction hormones.

They also said it could help victims of abuse prevent falling into deep depression.

"This should be beneficial is seen."

Film would offer indepth look at Bush

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — An "intimate" film that presents a personal look at George W. Bush will be shown just before he accepts his party's nomination for president Thursday night.

"We wanted to try to capture a sense of the person that we've gotten to know," said Stuart Stevens, the Bush media adviser who directed the 9 1/2 minute film.

Stevens called the film, titled "The Sky's the Limit," a "very personal" look at Bush.

Delegates at the Republican National Convention will see footage of Bush at his Crawford, Texas, ranch; in Kennebunkport, Maine, where his parents have a summer home; and in Austin, Texas, where he resides as Texas governor.

Bush's wife, Laura, is featured in the film. Their twin daughters, Jenna and Barbara, appear but do not speak to the camera.

Stevens would not say what role the governor's parents play. But a film crew was in Kennebunkport in June, filming former President Bush and other family members during a birthday celebration for Barbara Bush.

ing whether we can reduce that sensitivity," said Dr. Jeffrey Newport, a study author.

A professor from the University of Georgia disagreed with the conclusions from the Emory report.

"It's not always so," said Allie C. Kilpatrick, a professor of social work at the University of Georgia. "There are so many intervening factors. Who was the person providing the abuse, how long did the abuse continue, how much force and trauma occurred at the time? All those factor in to how someone reacts later in life."

Kilpatrick said she did a study of her own with 500 women, including some who had sexual relations with their fathers when they were children.

"The effects were all varied," she said. "There were some women who had no traumatic effects and there were women who had a lot. It all depends on those intervening variables and

the resiliency of the individual."

The Emory study examined 49 women ages 18 to 45, dividing them into four groups by whether they had been abused as children and whether they suffered depression as adults.

They were told to speak before a panel of observers who had been told not to show any reaction, and they were asked to subtract 17 from 4,000 continually.

Blood tests measured the response of cortisol and adrenocorticotrophic hormone, or ACTH, two hormones closely related to another hormone called CRF that controls the body's reaction to stress.

Cortisol and ACTH are much more easily measured in blood than CRF.

Researchers said they focused on women because both abuse and adult depression are more widely reported among women than men. But they said similar tests on animals have shown almost no difference in the responses of males and females.

'Lipscomb 2000' county-wide celebration in offing Labor Day

LIPSCOMB — Lipscomb County will be the site of "Lipscomb 2000," a countywide celebration slated Labor Day weekend, Sept. 2-3. Activities will include a free barbecue dinner at 12 noon Saturday and a countywide worship service and picnic lunch at 10:30 a.m. Sunday on the courthouse lawn. Floyd Theisen of Lipscomb will preside over the Sunday morning worship service and pastors from each community have been invited to participate as well.

A dedication ceremony will be held for the new Wolf Creek Heritage Museum and pianist, composer and entertainer Valjean Johns will perform in the Big Top Tent. Also in the offing will be a parade, a Lipscomb school reunion, a trail ride and a dance featuring Western Swing Hall of Famer, Frankie McWhorter, and Ed Montana.

In addition, food booths and arts and crafts booths and displays will be available.

The planning committee for the Labor Day celebration will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 7 in Judge Willis Smith's office in Lipscomb. The committee is open for suggestions and any interested volunteers are encouraged to attend. For more information, call the Lipscomb County Judge's office at (806) 862-4131 or any committee member. Caps and shirts will be available Aug. 8 for sale.

Committee members: LaVaun Kraft, Lipscomb; Ralph Maxfield, Booker; Jim Shearer, Follett; Greg Yauck, co-chairman, Darrouzett; John Fritzen, Higgins; Willis Smith, co-chairman; Terry Boughan, Dick Wilberforce, Velma Barton, Anna Lee Barton and Toni Good, all of Booker; (arts, crafts, games and Big Top activities committee members); Kathryn Paul, Lipscomb (trail ride committee member); Dianna Born, Lipscomb (chairman, Food Booth Committee); and Ron Schneider (parade chairman).

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Man files \$800 million lawsuit, claiming cellular phone caused brain cancer

BALTIMORE (AP) — A Maryland doctor filed an \$800 million lawsuit against a cell phone maker and a telecommunications company, claiming years of using the wireless devices caused his brain cancer.

Chris Newman, 41, brought the suit against Motorola Inc. and Verizon Communications on Tuesday in Baltimore City Circuit Court.

The Food and Drug Administration has said there is no evidence that radiation from cellular telephones poses a health risk. However, the FDA has also said there is no proof that cell phones are risk-free.

The malignant tumor was discovered in March 1998 behind Newman's right ear. Newman's attorney, Joanne Suder, said her client, a neurologist, used wireless phones at least several times a day between 1992 and 1998.

"Because of the nature of his work he had to be in touch with patients on a minute-to-minute basis," Suder said.

The suit seeks \$100 million in compensatory damages and \$700 million in punitive damages. Motorola was named as the maker of the

phone Newman used and Verizon was formed after service provider Bell Atlantic merged with GTE this year.

Concerns that cellular phones may cause cancer or other health problems have grown over the past few years. In June, the FDA announced a partnership with the phone industry under which about \$1 million in studies on the issue would be conducted.

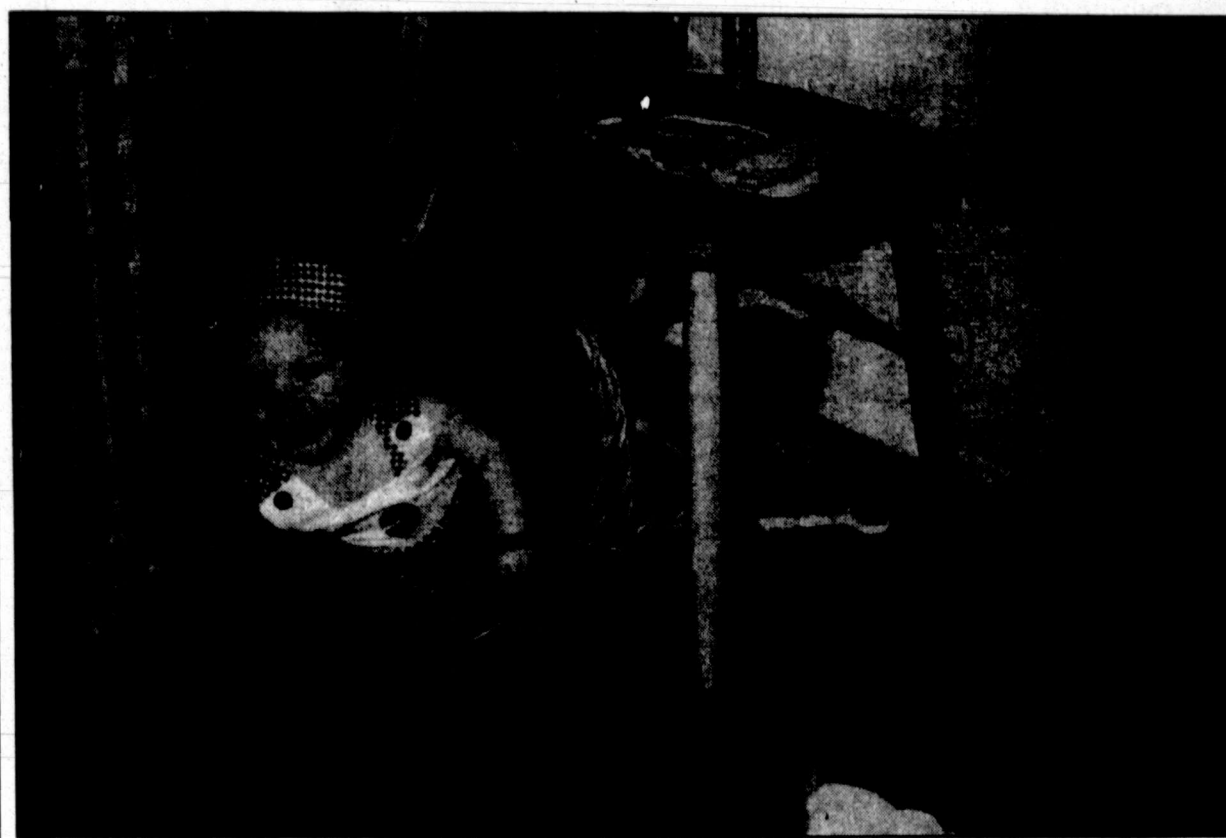
A trade group for the wireless industry introduced a policy last month requiring cell phone makers to disclose information on radiation levels produced by their phones.

More than 90 million American now have cell phones; most began using them in the past five years.

Norman Sandler, a spokesman for Schaumburg, Ill.-based Motorola, said company officials had not seen the lawsuit and could not comment. However, similar lawsuits over the past few years have been withdrawn by the plaintiffs or dismissed by the courts, Sandler said.

"We have maintained for years that such assertions are groundless," Sandler said.

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Navy Guns by Any Name Can Be Accidentally Fired

DEAR ABBY: The letter from Lowell K. Allen, who served on the submarine "Cato" in World War II, contained some errors. First and foremost, there never was a submarine called the Cato. Also, there is not now, never has and never will be a 20 mm submarine gun. I think the man meant to say a Thompson .45-caliber submarine gun.

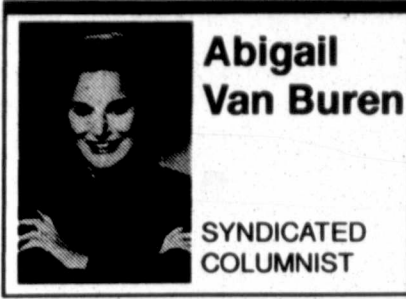
He did correctly point out, however, that even the so-called "educated" make mistakes. I spent 30 years in the Navy, 1943-1973, and there are documented cases of deck guns being fired "accidentally."

J. PAUL SURPREMANT, LCDR U.S. NAVY (RET.), FLORIDA

DEAR PAUL: Thank you and the other readers who pointed out the inaccuracies in that letter. Because of a typographical error at my syndicate, Mr. Allen's ship was referred to as the "Cato." Mr. Allen served on the USS Gato (SS212).

I contacted Mr. Allen, who apologized for incorrectly referring to the gun as a 20 mm submarine gun, and said it was probably a .45-caliber submarine gun as many readers accurately guessed. Also, two initials were transposed in Mr. Allen's rank. He was RMCS, meaning Radio Man, Chief, Senior.

I appreciate the fact that so many people took the time to write and point out the errors.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

You are all heroes in my book. However, I didn't write that column because I have an "anti-gun agenda." I wrote it because I am anti-gun from the bottom of my heart.

DEAR ABBY: My son, "Marty," and his wife, "Darla," recently spent a week with me in my home. I worked very hard to make their visit enjoyable. One evening I planned a lovely dinner. After we finished, I asked Darla if she would help me clear the table. She looked at me as if I had mortally wounded her — and walked out of the room!

Later, I approached Marty and told him how upset I was over Darla's behavior. He replied, "This isn't the 1950s, Mom. She doesn't have to help." He also said that Darla was never taught to express appreciation and wasn't raised to do housework. (She didn't lift a finger the entire week.)

That was three weeks ago. I haven't heard a word from them since they left. Was I wrong in ask-

ing my daughter-in-law to help?

UPSET MOM IN FLORIDA

DEAR UPSET: Certainly not. And I hope your son didn't just sit there, since I assume you raised him to lend a hand when there's a job to be done.

You are not going to change Darla. The next time they visit, go to restaurants or buy take-out food and serve it on paper plates.

I hope that when you pay them a visit, they pamper you as you pampered them — but don't hold your breath. As tempting as it would be not to lift a finger, I know it's not in your DNA to play the helpless houseguest.

CONFIDENTIAL TO MARTHA IN MOBILE: Look carefully before you leap. Experience is the comb life gives you after you've lost your hair.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope

FRIDAY, AUG. 4, 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)

***** Others lead the way. All you need to do is follow. Don't hesitate to zoom in. Surprises surround friendships. Roll with the punches and tap into your sense of humor. Another means well, but you might not always understand this person. Tonight: Out with the crowds.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** You take charge and make a difference where it counts. Eliminate the unnecessary at work. Curtail red tape, with the goal of getting out of work early. Schedule time at the gym or take a walk at lunch. A boss surprises you. Work with those in charge. Tonight: Relax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Reach out for others, but prepare to be stunned. Someone's idea of what works could absolutely floor you. Maintain a sense of humor when dealing with a relative or in-law. Use your imagination and lighten up your life and your work. Others appreciate what you add. Tonight: Play the night away.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Your mind roves from the office to your home life. A partner could have an interesting way of tweaking your interest. Allow more fun into your life.

Another's requests could be costly. Decide if the expense is ultimately worth it. Schedule a barbecue. Tonight: Veg out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Your strength of personality allows you to clear out work. Clear your desk and return calls. Understand that nothing is written in stone. In fact, greet a turnabout with flexibility. You could be delighted by what comes out of this. Recognize another's efforts. Tonight: Join friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Your decisions prove to be right on the money. Don't let others interfere with your ideas. Recognize what is going on with a co-worker. He isn't testing your limits; he simply doesn't have your steadiness. Schedule an appointment for a checkup. Tonight: Pace yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Refuse to back down on something you really want. If you don't stand up for yourself, who will? Use your charm, and another will tumble into your lap. You could even be shocked by another's behavior. Allow your sense of humor to come out. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Sit back and let the boss take charge. You don't always need to play the bad guy in order to get projects moving. Your intuition helps you know what to do professionally. Trust your judgment more often. Toss conventionality to the wind when dealing with family. Tonight: Do your thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Investigate information. Refuse to take another's answers as

workable for you. Find experts and ask your questions. Bring friends together, even if it's just for munchies after work. Your perspective helps a close associate visualize what he wants. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Others look to you for answers. You might not always be comfortable being the reliable one in your crowd. Tell an important associate, friend or partner that you want a role change. Learn to say no, rather than accepting responsibilities through default. Tonight: Be the lead actor in your life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Prepare to take off for a special few days. Others want your time and attention. Be open to information that comes through the grapevine. You might not always be predictable, and you sometimes irk others. Explain to those around you how your thinking process works.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Another makes an effort to pitch in. Learn to work as a team rather than as a strong individual. You gain insights about yourself but also about someone very close to you. Don't push buttons if possible. Express your nurturing qualities. Others respond. Tonight: Keep working on a one-on-one level.

BORN TODAY

Queen Mother Elizabeth (1900), actor Billy Bob Thornton (1955), novelist Leon Uris (1924)

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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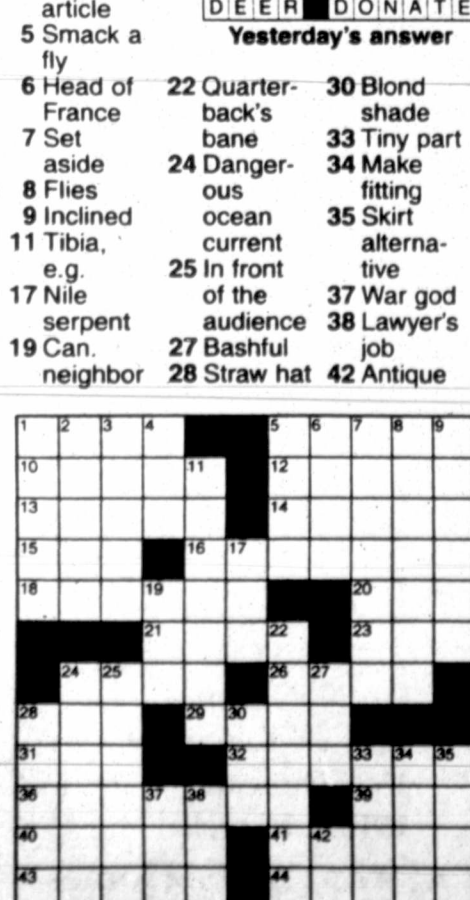
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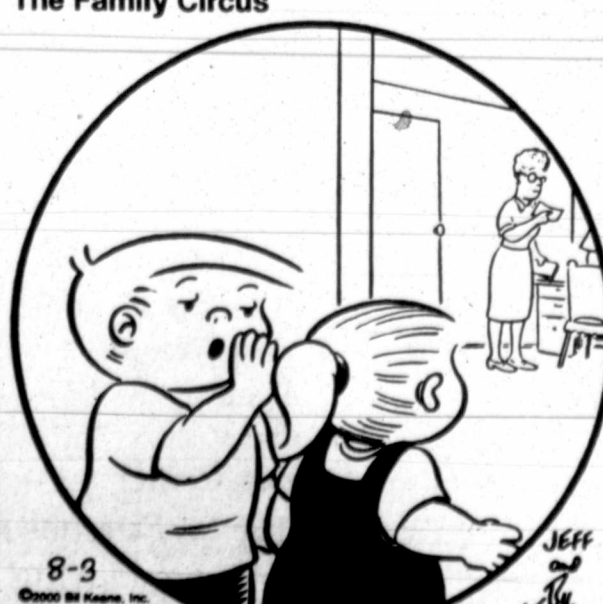
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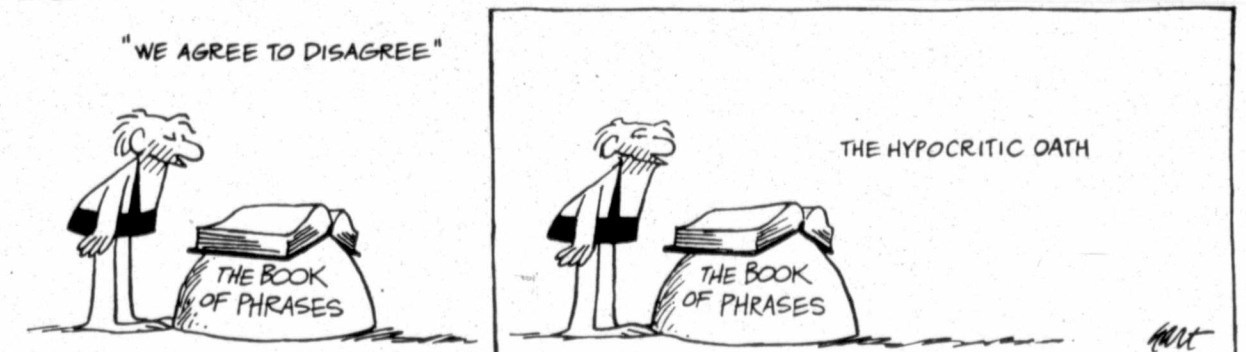
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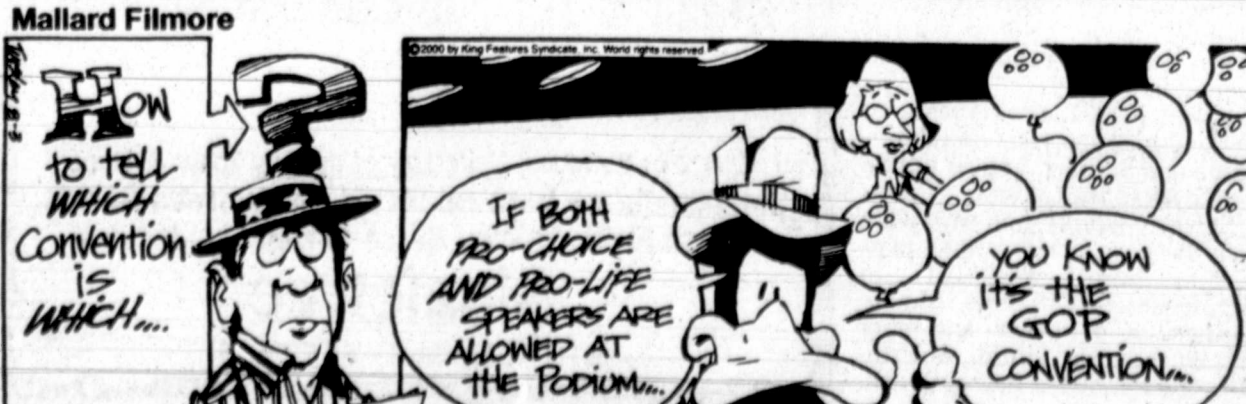
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Unions strike possible in Verizon talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Contract negotiations are continuing at Verizon Communications, but officials of unions representing more than 85,000 workers in 12 eastern states say a strike is possible this weekend.

Union negotiators are seeking higher pay and better benefits and also want to organize wireless workers at Verizon, formerly known as Bell Atlantic.

One union source, discussing the situation on condition of anonymity, said a strike was "very possible," but talks are continuing.

Responding, Verizon spokesman Steve Marcus said: "Both sides are continuing to negotiate in good faith and are working hard to reach an agreement by the deadline of the current contracts. We are hopeful that this can be accomplished."

Verizon was created in June by the merger of Bell Atlantic and GTE Corp. Its wireless operation is its fastest growing division, a separate company run through a joint venture with Vodafone AirTouch.

The Communications Workers of America represents about 72,500 Verizon workers. The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers represents 13,000 others.

The union source said none of the major issues posed by union negotiators has been addressed by Verizon in contract talks that began June 26.

Negotiators moved the talks to Washington on Monday in anticipation of the 12:01 a.m. EDT Sunday deadline. The union source said little had been accomplished as of Wednesday afternoon, however, and a company response on a variety of matters was awaited.

Verizon workers in 12 states and the District of Columbia are represented. The states covered: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia.

The CWA this week gave its president, Morton Bahr, authority to call a strike if the deadline passes without agreement.

Much of the dispute was generated by the unions' demand for member access to new jobs in the wireless operation.

New FDA recycling regs in final phase

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government completed new standards Wednesday to ensure that disposable medical devices are safely resterilized and rehabilitated before being reused.

Recycling devices like cardiac catheters and angioplasty balloons, intended to be used once and thrown in the trash, is a growing but controversial medical practice that largely has gone unregulated.

The Food and Drug Administration's own research has uncovered problems with some reused disposable devices, such as angioplasty balloons stretched out of shape by the cleaning procedure.

A Kansas woman is living with a piece of metal lodged inside her heart after a reused catheter broke during surgery last year. Some studies have concluded that a few patients caught infections like hepatitis or pneumonia from resterilized devices.

Yet the FDA insists the practice is not much riskier than using standard medical equipment. Even new heart catheters occasionally break, and many medical devices made to be used repeatedly commonly cause infections if they're not resterilized properly.

The FDA announced it would require hospitals and resterilizing companies to meet standards proving they recycle safely, and Wednesday the agency issued final guidelines.

The toughest requirements will be for hospitals or companies that want to resterilize high-risk devices, those that are hard to clean or contain delicate materials that could be damaged in sterilization. They would have to quickly seek FDA approval that their methods are safe and effective.

Clinton grants death penalty reprieve to inmate seeking clemency

■ The White House indicated last month that Clinton would delay Garza's execution so that he has the same opportunity to use the new procedures as would any of the other 20 inmates on federal death row.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The last president to sign a death warrant for a federal inmate was John F. Kennedy in 1963. One of President Clinton's last Oval Office decisions may be whether to sign the next one.

Clinton on Wednesday postponed the scheduled execution of a Texas drug dealer until Dec. 12, five weeks before the close of Clinton's term. The inmate, Juan Raul Garza, had been set for execution Aug. 5 at the federal

penitentiary in Terre Haute, Ind.

In the meantime, Garza will use new government procedures to ask Clinton for clemency, in much the same way that state death-row inmates make last appeals to their governors.

Garza's Houston attorney, Gregory Wiercioch, said he intends to ask Clinton to commute Garza's sentence to life in prison without the possibility of parole. The clemency request will focus on whether minorities and residents of just a few, mostly southern, states have been disproportionately sentenced to death under the federal system.

"Racial disparities ... and where these cases come from makes a big difference," in whether an inmate is sentenced to death, Wiercioch said Wednesday.

The Justice Department is studying that same question but has not yet issued a report.

As the Garza execution loomed, the Clinton administration also began reviewing federal procedures for carrying out the death penalty, includ-

ing the apparatus needed to file a clemency appeal. Justice Department lawyers then decided to write a new set of rules, which were released Wednesday.

The new, 10-page clemency guidelines allow an inmate 30 days to file for clemency after an execution date is set. The Justice Department then has 90 days to review the request and make a recommendation to the president.

The rules provide an opportunity for the inmate's attorney to make an oral presentation to the Justice Department's pardon attorney. They also provide a chance for families of the victims, with the assistance of prosecutors in the case, to make their own oral presentation to the pardon attorney.

The White House indicated last month that Clinton would delay Garza's execution so that he has the same opportunity to use the new procedures as would any of the other 20 inmates on federal death row.

Presidents can grant a reprieve, as was last done in 1937 by Franklin Delano Roosevelt, or they can commute an inmate's sentence to less than death.

Clinton, a death penalty supporter, has not commented directly on the Garza case.

The 43-year-old inmate was convicted in August 1993 in Brownsville, Texas, of killing three men between April 1990 and January 1991. A 10-count indictment named him as the

boss of a drug ring that imported tons of marijuana into the United States between 1983 and 1993. He has lost appeals all the way up to the Supreme Court.

In January, Illinois Gov. George Ryan, a Republican, suspended executions in that state until a panel could study its fairness. Thirteen Illinois death row inmates have had their convictions overturned since 1977.

Ryan's decision helped propel the question of capital punishment into the presidential campaign. Both Vice President Al Gore and his Republican opponent, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, reiterated their support for the death penalty.

Gore has expressed concern over racial disparities but does not support a moratorium on executions. Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer said the governor believes executions deter crime but also "understands the complexity of each individual death penalty decision."

One Democrat who has sought a moratorium on all executions, Sen. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin, said Clinton's decision to delay the Garza execution "was the only fair and just thing to do, particularly at a time when Americans are increasingly questioning the fairness of our nation's administration of the death penalty."

On the Net: Justice Department: <http://www.usdoj.gov>

U.S., on 10th anniversary of Iraqi invasion, cites gains, unfulfilled goals

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 10th anniversary of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait passed with the Clinton administration admitting that many U.S. goals remain unfulfilled, including the ouster of President Saddam Hussein.

Nevertheless, the State Department said Wednesday, Iraq is far weaker militarily than it was.

"A decade has now lapsed with Saddam unable to invade a neighbor. That fact alone marks an important success for the international community," said David Welch, who heads the State Department's international organizations bureau.

Welch conceded that the February 1991 liberation of Kuwait by a U.S.-led coalition was not the final chapter of the Iraq saga.

Saddam has not given up his weapons of mass destruction and continues abusive practices, Welch said.

"It's not over for some 600 Kuwaiti missing persons and POWs seized by Iraqi forces in Kuwait," he said. "Nor is it over for the people of Iraq who continue to suffer the brutal misrule of the Saddam Hussein regime."

Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said Wednesday the United States spends well over \$1 billion a year patrolling Iraq with jet fighters to keep Iraqi warplanes grounded. Also, to deter future Iraqi adventurism, the United States maintains 24,000 troops on station in the Persian Gulf region.

David Scheffer, U.S. ambassador-at-large for war crimes who joined Welch at a news conference, renewed the administration's wish that a war crimes tribunal be established for Iraq.

Scheffer said the administration is collecting evidence to hold Saddam and top aides accountable for two decades of crimes against Iraqis and the people of the countries Iraqi forces have invaded, Kuwait and Iran.

"He must be brought to account for his crimes," Scheffer said.

The administration has had little to say about Saddam's efforts to reconstitute weapons of mass destruction since Iraq expelled U.N. weapons inspectors in December 1998.

Richard Butler, former chairman of the defunct U.S. weapons inspection agency, says Saddam has not been sitting on his hands.

Saddam, Butler wrote in The Washington Post, is "manufacturing the weapons of mass destruction with which he threatens the Iraqi people, his neighbors and, by extension, the safety of the world."

The United Nations is to try and send new inspectors soon. But because Iraq remains under sanctions for ignoring terms of the cease-fire, Saddam is not expected to cooperate.

That the Iraq agenda remains unfinished after 10 years is duly noted in the Republican presidential campaign platform.

"Perhaps nowhere has the inheritance of Republican governance been squandered so fatefully as with respect to Iraq," the GOP platform plank on Iraq says. "The anti-Iraq coalition assembled to oppose Saddam Hussein has disintegrated." It adds that the administration has only "pretended" to support the removal of Saddam Hussein from power.

Some critics argue that the problems could have been avoided if former President Bush had not called off the Desert Storm operation without removing Saddam by force if necessary.

Congress has appropriated \$97 million for use by anti-Saddam Iraqis to oust his regime. Some opposition leaders have complained bitterly that no money has been earmarked for lethal equipment.

Welch suggested that the administration must proceed cautiously lest rebel forces receiving U.S. support face annihilation by Saddam's troops.

"We would like to help them in a way that's responsible ... and doesn't raise undue risk to them, either inside or outside," he said.

Government imposes punitive duties on tin plate steel from Japan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The International Trade Commission imposed duties of up to 95.29 percent Wednesday on Japanese exports of tin plate, the kind of steel used to make beer cans.

The punitive duty represents the amount the Commerce Department determined was the difference between the price Japanese exporters were charging customers in the United States and the price they were

charging in Japan for the same type of steel.

The Japanese steel industry issued a statement expressing bewilderment that the ITC, a U.S. government body, was not convinced by testimony from steel buyers, who said imports of the Japanese steel did not influence prices in the United States.

"We are puzzled and disappointed that in the face of such overwhelming evidence, the ITC elected to

restrict imports," said Hidenori Tazawa, chairman of the Japan Steel Information Center.

Weirton Steel Corp., which filed the trade case along with the Independent Steelworkers Union and the United Steel Workers of America, praised the ITC's action, which is expected to result in drastic reductions in the amount of Japanese tin plate entering the U.S. steel market.

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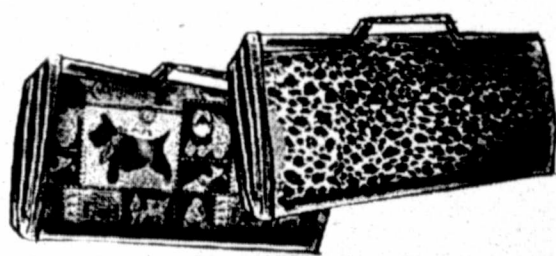
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Building on dynasty, Bush claiming GOP presidential nomination

By TERENCE HUNT
AP White House Correspondent

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush, building on a political dynasty spanning three generations, claims the Republican presidential nomination Thursday night declaring that America needs a change of leadership to solve the tough problems that President Clinton and Al Gore failed to fix.

"We are all a little weary of the Clinton-Gore routine," running mate Dick Cheney told the confetti-filled GOP convention Wednesday night. "But the wheel has turned. And it is time, it is time for them to go."

"Send them home," delegates shouted back, taking off their hats and waving goodbye. Cheney's speech provided the partisan bite that had been missing in a convention programmed to present a softer, more moderate face.

Bush said he would deliver a closing speech that "speaks from my heart. I'm going to lift the spirit of the country."

Born to one of America's most prestigious political families, Bush begins his quest just eight years after his father was forced from the Oval Office. His grandfather was a U.S. senator from Connecticut. His brother is the governor of Florida.

In his own prime-time televised address, Bush will share his disappointment about what he believes is the Clinton-Gore administration's failure over eight years to improve schools, reform Social Security, overhaul taxes, beef up the military and attach some form of prescription drug benefit to Medicare.

"He will talk about the current administration's failure to get anything done," said spokeswoman Karen Hughes. "The tone will be regretful rather than critical."

Bush, 54, seeks to become the first presidential son to win the White House since John Quincy Adams in 1824. Bush enters the race ahead in the polls and leading a party more united than it's been in 16 years.

Cheney said "big changes are coming to Washington" if Bush wins in November. He promised Bush "will repair what has been damaged" and "restore decency and integrity to the Oval Office."

Bush and Cheney officially won their nominations in a tumultuous convention gala. Bush watched from his hotel suite a few miles away. He described himself as "a tough competitor" and said, "I'm going to give it my best shot."

"What are we to make of the past eight years?" Cheney questioned in his acceptance speech, taking aim at Clinton and Gore, the Democratic presidential nominee-in-waiting. "I look at them," Cheney said, "and see opportunities squandered. The wheel has turned. And it is time. It is time for them to go."

Cheney's time-for-them-to-go barb was borrowed from Al Gore's vice presidential speech before the Democratic convention in 1992, aimed at then-President George Bush.

Cheney presented his credentials as a former congressman, White House chief of staff, defense secretary and business executive. He said that Gore would try to pull away from Clinton to be his own man. "But we will never see one without thinking of the other."

He said Clinton and Gore came in together. "Now let us see them off together," he chortled.

At Cheney's behest, the convention paused to convey good wishes to former President Ford, hospitalized after suffering perhaps two strokes in Philadelphia. Doctors said Ford should recover completely.

The final night of the convention belongs to Bush.

There will be a generational theme woven through Bush's acceptance speech, noting that this is the first election since World War II without a candidate of that generation. "What will our generation do?" Hughes said Bush would ask.

"What the speech is doing is saying we have a unique moment, because with our prosperity and relative peace we have the means to tackle the tough problems before they create a crisis for our children," she said.

Untested on the international stage, Bush hopes his speech will demonstrate that his business background and two terms as governor have given him the skills to lead the nation, keep the economy booming and deal with problems abroad.

"My fellow Americans," he said in a practice run at the conven-

tion microphone, "I accept your nomination."

Bush makes that declaration official in closing the convention.

Democrats tried to get a word in edgewise, faxing and phoning statements to news organizations.

"So much for the Republicans' positive campaign," said Gore spokesman Chris Lehane. "Tonight they're turning the clock back with a card-carrying conservative member of the Republican old guard. They're engaging in the only type of Republican politics they know: attack politics."

A five-page rebuttal from Gore's campaign claimed Cheney had delivered "one of the most negative Republican convention speeches since Pat Buchanan. The mask is off the GOP masquerade ball."

Bush's biography invites father-son comparisons.

The younger Bush left his boyhood home in West Texas to follow his father's footsteps at prep school in Andover, Mass., Yale University and the secret Skull and Bones society. He also got an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.

Like his father, he became a fighter pilot — he was in the Texas Air National Guard, his dad was a combat pilot in World War II — and went into the oil business in Texas. When the oil bust hit, he moved on, eventually buying the Texas Rangers baseball team, aided by family connections and a willing group of investors.

In 1994, Bush ran for governor against popular incumbent Ann Richards in 1994 and pulled off an upset. Four years later he easily won re-election.

Images ...



Cindy Graves submitted this photo of granddaughter Tiffany Graves at McDonald's in the Images Photo Contest this spring. Little Tiffany is of Germany.

Former Wonder Bread workers win settlement

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — One man complained he was forced to endure racial epithets. Another said he was ordered to do strenuous jobs despite his disabilities. A third had to work during a federal holiday.

They were among 17 black former employees at a Wonder Bread plant who were awarded \$120 million in punitive damages Wednesday in a racial discrimination lawsuit against the nation's largest wholesale baker.

Interstate Bakeries Corp., the Kansas City, Mo.-based company that produces Wonder Bread, Twinkies, Home Pride and Hostess Cupcakes, said it would appeal the award.

After the verdict was read and the jury dismissed, the former plant workers hugged and kissed — some even embracing jurors. "Thank you Jesus!" one former employee shouted from the back of the courtroom in San Francisco Superior Court.

"I think this is a wake-up call," Waukeen McCoy, one of the employees' attorneys, said as he hugged a client.

The verdict came two days after the same

jury found that all 21 employees in the suit were subjected to working conditions inferior to those of their white counterparts.

The plaintiffs, all workers at one San Francisco plant, claimed they were denied promotions, subjected to racist comments and given the worst shifts.

After a two-month trial, the panel on Monday awarded them \$11 million in damages, but said the 17 who suffered the most could claim punitive damages. The judge cut the \$11 million to \$5.8 million on Wednesday.

The 17 men and women will share the punitive award, which are designed to punish a company for wrongdoing. All 21 share in the actual damages awarded Monday.

"We are disappointed that punitive damages were awarded," lawyers for the bakery said in a statement. "The facts of the case do not support awarding any damages."

The bakery said it would ask the judge to reduce the damages awarded because some of the allegations, which date back more than 30 years, occurred when Ralston Purina

owned the plant.

"These people were treated wrong," said jury foreman Francisco Ortiz, an electronics worker. "I think we did the right thing here."

Charles Wright, a 52-year-old former delivery man, said white workers were allowed to take days off for most any reason but the company wouldn't let him off to honor Martin Luther King Day.

"This is definitely way beyond my wildest imagination," Wright said about the verdict. Not all of the jurors agreed with the verdict.

Christopher Keating, a San Francisco State University student, did not award any damages during the trial's second phase. "I didn't find there was a preponderance of the evidence for any of them," he said.

Only nine of 12 jurors are required to reach a verdict under California civil law.

The jury, which included two black members, spent nine days deliberating over testimony about racial slurs and other indignities suffered at the hands of co-workers.

Evidence lacking for homicide ruling in faith healing death

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (AP) — A 2-day-old boy who died last month might have survived had his parents relied on doctors instead of prayer, but the coroner Wednesday stopped short of ruling his death a homicide.

Billy Ray Reed died July 9 after having difficulty breathing, Mesa County Coroner Rob Kurtzman said. Kurtzman said the child died because a hole in his heart limited the supply of oxygen in his blood.

He said the manner of death was undetermined. Billy Ray was born at home without a doctor present. Kurtzman said that if the parents had sought medical attention after the boy was born, his life almost certainly could have been saved.

"This (the heart problem) is not something that I would ordinarily think of as a cause of death," the coroner said.

Kurtzman said he had favored a homicide ruling but did not have enough evidence. He said since no doctor saw the boy when he was alive, officials did not know the symptoms were.

The boy's parents, Billy Reed, 31, and Barbara Reed, 23, did not answer a phone call Wednesday seeking comment.

Mondis Herrman, an elder in the Reeds' church, the General Assembly Church of the First Born, said he was relieved.

"I don't think there was any criminal activity going on here. They were just doing what they felt was best," Herrman said.

District Attorney Frank Daniels said he would review Kurtzman's report and a sheriff's report before deciding whether to press charges. Under Colorado law, parents who rely on faith healing are not automatically considered criminally liable in such cases.

In February, the parents of Warren Trevette Glory, also members of the church, were sentenced to 16 years' probation in the death of their 18-day-old baby, who died of pneumonia and bacterial meningitis.

Charges of negligent homicide against Warren's parents were dropped in exchange for a guilty plea to child abuse.

Britain to add pet passport program

LONDON (AP) — Fifteen rabies-free islands — including Australia, Japan and Hawaii — will be added to the "pet passport" program that allows cats and dogs to enter Britain without being quarantined for six months.

The program was implemented in February, beginning with 22 rabies-free European countries. Each passport certifies the pet has a microchip implant verifying its identity and that it has been vaccinated against rabies and tested by a government-approved laboratory.

The 15 islands, which will be added at the end of January, were included as part of an ongoing expansion process, Agriculture Minister Baroness Hayman said Wednesday.

Other countries will be considered for inclusion in the pet passport program in the near future, including the continental United States, she said.

"We obviously have to do this step by step," the minister said. "In reforming quarantine, we shouldn't be reducing protection against rabies."

Since the program's implementation, more than 5,000 pets have bypassed the six-month quarantine.

The other islands or island groups added to the program are New Zealand, Singapore, Cyprus, Malta, the Falkland Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, St. Helena, Ascension Island, Barbados, Montserrat and Bermuda.

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Cheney addresses convention, vows 'big changes' in speech

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — In a withering attack on the Clinton-Gore administration, Dick Cheney accused the Democratic pair of squandering opportunities to help ordinary Americans. He promised "big changes" if George W. Bush is elected.

Cheney — a former six-term congressman, defense secretary and oil executive — accepted the Republican party's vice presidential nomination Wednesday night and opened a new chapter in his political life.

He lambasted President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore for failing to help children and reform education, not fixing Social Security and depleting the nation's military power.

Saying there has been "little purpose in the White House" these last eight years, Cheney contrasted the Republican ticket with Clinton and Gore, who will claim the Democratic presidential nomination later this month.

"They will make accusations ... we will make proposals. ... They will offer more lectures, legalisms, and carefully worded denials," Cheney said, touching off a roar of applause in the convention hall. "We offer another way ... a better way ... and a stiff dose of truth."

Before Wednesday's speech, Cheney had not taken on the role of attack dog — something most running mates do in presidential campaigns. But his address was peppered with barbs and criticisms of both Clinton and Gore.

Since 1995, Cheney has been the chief executive officer of Halliburton Co. of Dallas, where he also has owned a house. He plans to resign that post on Aug. 16 and sell his Highland Park residence.

"We are all a little weary of the Clinton-Gore routine," Cheney said. And, he borrowed a crowd-pleasing line that Al Gore used in the 1992 presidential campaign against Bush's father: "It is time for them to go."

The crowd didn't miss a beat. They picked up on the line and chanted back "Time to go! Time to go!" and motioned with their thumbs in the air.

"They came in together. Now let us see them off together," Cheney said.

Robert Orben, former speechwriter for President Ford, said Cheney delivered the speech in somewhat of a monotone, but he gave him high marks for being aggressive, but not mean.

"Dick Cheney has to be the kindest attack dog ever," Orben said. "He did it very very well."

At one point the crowd broke out in laughter when Cheney referred to Clinton as the "man from Hope" who is going "home, ah, to New York" this fall, a thinly veiled reference to Hillary Rodham Clinton's bid for a New York Senate seat.

Cheney, who served under three presidents, cast himself as a man of broad experience and said "I know what it takes" to do the job.

"I have been in the company of leaders ... and I see in our nominee the qualities of mind and spirit our nation needs," Cheney said.

Cheney said he and his wife, Lynne, were content in their life out of the public eye with time for fishing and grandchildren.

But he said he was glad to return to the public arena because, "I have been given an opportunity to serve beside a man who has the courage and the vision and the goodness to be a great president."

Cheney said Bush will bring a new era of bipartisanship to Washington, "reaching across the partisan aisle to do the people's business."

And, Bush would "restore decency and integrity to the Oval Office," Cheney said, touching off another round of applause.

The speech marked Cheney's reintroduction to the American public who last saw him in the early 1990s on nightly newscasts as the United States tried to oust Saddam Hussein from Kuwait.

And for voters who were too young to remember those days, this was their first good look at the candidate, whose political pedigree reaches back a quarter-century.

Cheney was nominated by a roar of acclamation from Republican delegates, who waved signs saying "We Love Cheney" and "Our Next VP."

Cheney acknowledged his former boss and mentor President Gerald Ford, who was hospitalized with a stroke on Wednesday, saying, "I wouldn't be here tonight if it wasn't for the trust and confidence he put in me 25 years ago."

Lynne Cheney, a prominent conservative and former head of the National Endowment for the Humanities, introduced her husband as a "fabulous father" who taught his two daughters flyfishing, a Cheney passion that defines him, his wife said, because "it is definitely not a sport for chatterboxes."

Images ...



Carrie Lott of Lefors submitted this photo of trick-or-treaters Khorl, Kyndan and Keenan Lott in the spring 2000 Images Photo Contest.

New home sales drops for third straight month

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sales of new homes fell for a third straight month in June, registering the slowest sales pace since 1997 as higher mortgage rates cut more deeply into the housing boom.

The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that new home sales dropped by 3.7 percent in June. Sales declined in all regions of the country except the West.

The drop, which followed decreases of 0.9 percent in May and 8.2 percent in April, pushed the annual sales rate sales down to 829,000 homes, the slowest pace since December 1997.

Economists blamed the decline on higher mortgage rates, which hit a five-year peak of 8.64 percent in mid-May. While rates have come down a bit since then, analysts said they remain at levels that will lessen demand for new homes.

"We are not talking about falling off a cliff, but we do

believe housing will be slowing for the rest of the year," said Stanley Duobinis, economic forecasting director at the National Association of Home Builders in Washington.

He predicted new home sales would total 867,000 this year and 808,000 in 2001, down from the record of 909,000 sales set in 1999 but still higher than the 807,000 new homes sold in 1997.

Part of the reason builders are optimistic home sales will remain strong is that mortgage rates have come down from their May highs. Last week, Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, reported the nationwide average for 30-year mortgages had dipped to 8.13 percent.

Karen Dexter, an economist for Merrill Lynch in New York, said she expected mortgage rates to stay close to current levels because of a belief that the Federal Reserve will not boost interest rates further.

Other economists said they were still looking for one or perhaps two more Fed rate increases as the central bank works to slow economic growth further to make sure inflation does not get out of control. The Fed's next meeting is Aug. 22.

The decline in home sales in June pushed prices down as well.

The median sales price, the midpoint where half the homes sold for more and half for less, dropped 1.4 percent to \$159,000 in June, down from \$161,200 in

May. That was the lowest median sales price since August 1999, when it was \$154,900.

The average price of a new home sold in June was \$196,300, down 1 percent from a May average of \$198,300.

The West had a 0.5 percent sales increase, to an annual rate of 220,000 homes.

Sales fell the most in the Midwest, down 7 percent to a

rate of 133,000 units, the slowest sales pace since September 1997. Sales were off 5.1 percent in the South to an annual rate of 408,000 units and dropped 1.5 percent in the Northeast to an annual rate of 67,000 units.

On the Net:
Home sales report:
<http://www.census.gov/cgi-bin/briefroom/BriefRm>

George Bush, with a 'P,' is generating new buzz

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — He's been called the budding family star, a symbol of the new inclusiveness of the Republican Party and a measure of youth activism in politics.

Of course, his uncle, the presidential nominee, just calls 24-year-old George P. "the hot member of the family." Former President Bush, his grandfather, favors comparisons to Ricky Martin, the Latin pop star.

On Thursday night, the Rice University graduate will warm up the crowds before his uncle's acceptance speech, delivering remarks "peppered in Spanish" and extending his hand to young and Hispanic voters.

The son of Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and his Mexican wife, Columba, George P. has been a valuable asset in the Bush campaign's strategy to reach out to both of those groups.

He has done so relentlessly this week, scurrying from convention floor to pubs to parks talking up his uncle. He sees himself adding

a personal touch to politics and urges young adults not to cave into apathy or cynicism.

"It's up to us to carry the torch," he declared to a GOP youth caucus rally. "Are you guys with it?"

There is usually a rousing response. Visiting hundreds of young convention-goers who were painting posters Sunday afternoon, George P. found himself nearly mobbed by fans waving cameras and seeking handshakes.

Despite his grandfather's words, George P. is quick to brush off any suggestions of rock star treatment.

"It's flattering," George P. said. "But I do have a message, and I do have a purpose."

And a weighty name to uphold. Each part bears some connection to his famous family's legacy. There's George and Bush. And also his middle initial "P," which some people call him by. That stands for Prescott, as in Sen. Prescott Bush of Connecticut, his great-great grandfather.

But George P., who heads off to law school at the University of Texas in the fall, says he's bound to his uncle's campaign by more than family ties. George W.'s efforts to reach out to minority groups and his track record on education in the state of Texas also appealed to the young Bush, who taught school in Homestead, Fla.

While calling himself a minor player in the process, he is clearly enjoying his time here as a member of the Bush clan. At a Republican fund-raiser Wednesday, George P. recruited sidekick and father Jeb to do a "Top 10" list for why the Texas governor should be elected.

But his grandmother, Barbara Bush — the family "enforcer" — advises him "not to be a showoff like my grandfather," he said.

That George Bush, the former president, insists that "it hasn't gone to his head. He's the same down-to-earth kid we love dearly."

Family members may have only one concern about the young Bush jumping in to political life: being overstaged.

"I'm not so sure we should be campaigning with him anymore," the nominee George W. said to his brother Jeb Wednesday. "People are kind of looking beyond us these days."

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U.N. accuses tobacco industry of undermining anti-smoking push

■ The report found tobacco companies often covered up their role — for example, by secretly funding “independent” experts to conduct research, appear at conferences and lobby WHO scientists with the intention of distorting, discrediting or influencing tobacco studies.

GENEVA (AP) — The World Health Organization on Wednesday accused tobacco companies of plotting elaborate strategies to undermine its campaign to reduce smoking around the world.

“The tobacco companies’ own documents show that they viewed WHO, an international public health agency, as one of their foremost enemies,” said a 248-page report by a group of independent experts.

The study accused the companies of inserting their own consultants into WHO positions. It charged that they used other U.N. agencies to acquire information on WHO and lobbied delegates from developing countries to resist anti-tobacco resolutions.

One of the companies named, Philip Morris, insisted Wednesday that “inferences of

improper influence are not accurate,” adding that it neither altered WHO public health messages nor obstructed any WHO initiatives. David Nabarro, executive director of WHO, said the agency is examining the report, which it commissioned last October.

Swiss scientist Thomas Zeltner led the four-member committee of independent experts in its review of thousands of tobacco industry documents.

The documents came from among some 30 million made public during a case by the state of Minnesota against the tobacco industry that resulted in companies paying out \$6.6 billion. They concerned the activities of Philip Morris, British American Tobacco, R.J. Reynolds, Brown and Williamson, American Tobacco Company, Lorillard Tobacco

Company, the Tobacco Institute and the Council for Tobacco Research.

“On the basis of the volume of attempted and successful acts of subversion identified in its limited search, it is reasonable to believe that the tobacco companies’ subversion of WHO’s tobacco control activities has resulted in significant harm,” the experts’ report said.

WHO has made the fight against smoking a top priority. It aims to conclude a global accord by May 2003 to cut cigarette consumption and stem the rising death toll.

The agency estimates that smoking kills more than 4 million people a year. It has warned that the toll may rise to 10 million per year by 2030 because of surging tobacco use in developing countries.

The experts urged WHO

member countries to investigate industry attempts to infiltrate their health efforts. The WHO should monitor companies’ conduct and help members in determining remedies for past misconduct, they said.

Zeltner said tobacco companies likely will try to defeat or weaken the new global accord against smoking even though they have said they want to work with public health bodies.

“Let’s hope it’s true,” he told a news conference. “Let’s also be careful and monitor very carefully what’s going on in WHO.”

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torting, discrediting or influencing tobacco studies.

They found that “the tobacco companies hid behind a variety of ostensibly independent quasi-academic, public policy and business organizations whose tobacco industry funding was not disclosed.”

The report also highlighted a meeting of Philip Morris executives at Boca Raton, Fla., in November 1988. The so-called Boca Raton plan, the report says, “is a master plan for, among many goals, attacking WHO’s tobacco control programs, influencing the priorities of WHO Regional Offices, and targeting the structure, management and resources of the WHO.”

David Davies, a vice president of Philip Morris International, said in a statement that “some company documents that refer to WHO,

going back many decades, do not reflect an approach that today we would adopt with WHO.”

The company insisted it neither altered WHO public health messages nor obstructed any WHO initiatives. But it conceded the material in the documents was “the product of a polarized and unproductive environment in which few solutions were sought, and conflict prevailed over consensus. Philip Morris regrets this.”

On the Net:
World Health Organization
<http://www.who.int>
Documents from the Minnesota case:
<http://www.pmdocs.com>
British American Tobacco
<http://www.bat.com>
Philip Morris <http://philip-morris.com/tobacco-bus>

President-elect of Mexico to request end to U.S. certification in drug fight

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico’s president-elect will ask for an end to the unilateral U.S. certification of Latin American countries’ anti-drug efforts when he meets with President Clinton, aides said.

The certification program has long been criticized as a symbol of U.S. domination. Countries that refuse to participate risk losing trade benefits and possible access to international loans.

Aguilar Zinser, a foreign relations adviser to President-elect Vicente Fox, said the United States should join an “international process” that would allow the formation of a regional anti-narcotics group made up of countries fighting the drug trade.

Another proposal Fox planned to bring to Clinton during their Aug. 24 meeting at the White House was creating a “border czar” who would direct a Mexican agency coordinating federal and state forces and who would work with the United States on border issues.

Fox, who will be formally certified as Mexico’s president-elect on Wednesday, also plans to meet with Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore and Republican George W. Bush during meetings in Washington and Dallas.

He will present his “future vision for a profound relationship with the partners in the North American Free Trade Agreement,” said Jorge Castaneda, a Fox foreign relations adviser.

Fox has said he would like to expand the trade bloc into a common market allowing the free movement of workers between borders — an idea

likely to meet opposition in the United States.

On July 2, Fox became the first opposition presidential candidate to defeat a member of Mexico’s ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, which has been in power since 1929.

Fox’s pro-business stance, and the close ties between the PRI and Mexico’s largest unions, had led to concerns about possible labor unrest when he takes office Dec. 1. Fox met Tuesday with labor leaders in an attempt to head off any such disputes.

Leonardo Rodriguez Alcaine of the pro-government Mexican Workers Confederation said afterward that Fox promised to respect unions and work rules, and the two had found “some common ground.”

Rodriguez Alcaine had said before the elections that he would call a general strike if Fox won; he later backed off that threat and claimed he had been misinterpreted.

Fox held a somewhat warmer meeting with leaders of the smaller, independent National Workers Union, despite their opposition to his proposal to apply sales taxes to food and medicines.

Meanwhile, dissident PRI members called Tuesday for President Ernesto Zedillo to be expelled after he presided over the party’s first presidential loss in 71 years. Zedillo’s grip weakened further Tuesday when the man he had reportedly supported to take over the PRI’s top post — Jesus Murillo Karam — announced he would leave the party leadership.

State proposes exchange of abandoned airport land with downtown parking lot

AUSTIN (AP) — Hoping to get a piece of the city’s abandoned former airport, the state of Texas has suggested a land swap that would trade 20-acres of the prime real estate for a downtown parking lot the city wants to turn into an art museum.

The state wants to obtain a 20-acre tract at the former Robert Mueller Municipal Airport, a 1930s-vintage airport near downtown that was replaced last year by Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

The state hasn’t determined what the 20-acre tract would be used for, said Matt Kelley, spokesman for the Texas General Services Office. The plot has hangars that once housed the state’s air fleet.

Some of the space is being used by film director Robert Rodriguez

and the moviemaker could get a one-year extension, Kelley said.

In exchange, the city would get a what is now a downtown surface parking lot near Republic Park that could be used for a new Austin Museum of Art.

“This is a wonderful deal for the museum,” museum spokeswoman Kate Robertson told the Austin American-Statesman in Wednesday’s editions. “We can have programs that spill into the park, and it lends itself nicely to sculptures.”

“We really appreciate the city and the state helping to make sure this happens,” Robertson said.

The city council Thursday will review a final draft of plans to redevelop the entire 711-acre tract, which includes an elementary school, a new Austin-Travis County

emergency command center, and a soundstage for the Austin Film Society.

The former airport’s neighbors are concerned the state’s plans for the site may overshadow plans to build homes in the area.

“I don’t think I like that,” said Rick Krivoniak, an Austin resident who chaired a committee who developed a 20-year plan to develop the old airport. Krivoniak said he fears the state would use the tract to build a monolithic office tower.

The state-owned land wouldn’t be subject to Austin’s zoning laws.

City council member Beverly Griffith said she and her peers would be sensitive to the neighbor’s concerns, calling Mueller redevelopment “one of the most important things to happen this decade.”

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Tracy Washington entered this picture of Camron Washington entitled “Camron’s First Car” in the 2000 Images Photo Contest.

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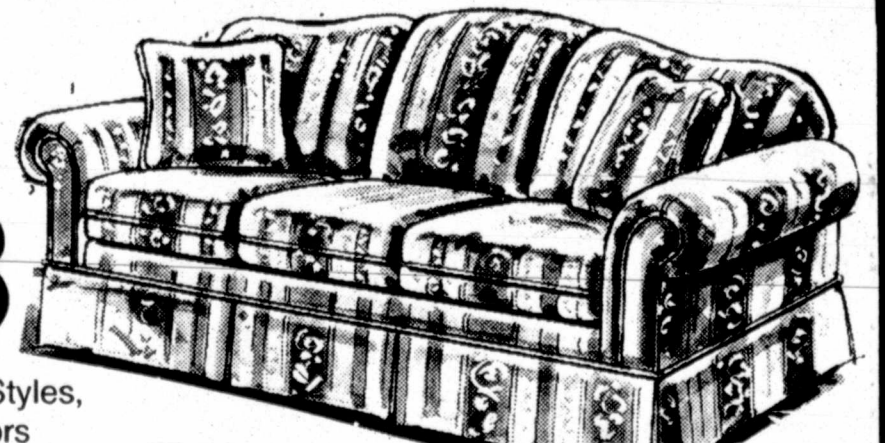
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Study: Quitting smoking even late lowers cancer risk

By EMMA ROSS
AP Medical Writer

LONDON (AP) — Giving up smoking even late in life eliminates most of the lung cancer risk, and the risk is decreased more than 90 percent for those who quit before they turn 35, new research indicates.

Health experts have said for years that it's never too late to give up smoking. While studies have shown the effect on lung cancer rates can be dramatic, research published this week in the British Medical Journal gives the clearest evidence yet of how beneficial it can be.

The work also provides the first prediction of the number of tobacco deaths that will occur worldwide in the next 100 years if smoking patterns persist — 1 billion, compared to 100 million in the last century — and how many deaths could be avoided if people quit.

Experts call the findings a warning for public health officials to refocus their efforts on current cigarette smokers, instead of concentrating too much on trying to prevent adolescents from starting the habit.

"There's been a tendency to write people off once they start smoking," said Stanton Glantz, a smoking researcher at the University of California-San Francisco who has found similar benefits for heart disease when people quit smoking.

"This is a wake-up call to the public health community that they

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need to get back to the population as a whole," said Glantz, who was not connected with the new research.

The study by scientists at Oxford University was a follow-up of research that began after World War II, when smoking was growing in popularity in Britain. In 1950, the group published a study that was credited with discovering the link between smoking and lung cancer.

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Widespread dropping of the habit in Britain since the 1950 revelation has halved the number of lung cancer deaths that otherwise would be occurring, said Sir Richard Peto, who led the Oxford study.

Because widespread smoking started earlier in Britain than other countries and Britons started quitting en masse first, Peto said the country has seen the world's largest decrease in lung cancer deaths.

Britain also is experiencing the most rapid decrease worldwide in all premature deaths from tobacco.

It has led the world in quitting smoking chiefly because the original study identifying the risk involved doctors, who promptly started giving up the habit, Peto said.

Tobacco deaths in the United States are following the same trend as Britain, though there is a lag because the habit was taken up en masse later.

Deaths among middle-aged men started to drop in the United States in the early 1980s, compared with the early 1960s in Britain. But worldwide, smoking deaths are increasing because people in other countries started smoking more recently and a lag exists between taking up smoking and dying from it.

Peto's findings on worldwide smoking numbers are to be published this month in the book "Global Health in the 21st Century."

His research found there already are 1 billion smokers and that, by 2030, another billion or so young adults will have started to smoke.

If current smoking patterns continue, worldwide tobacco deaths will rise from 4 million a year now to about 10 million a year around 2030, an increase of about 100 million a decade, Peto estimated.

If trends continue, he predicted about 15 percent of all adult deaths worldwide in the second half of the 21st century will be due to tobacco.

"These numbers of tobacco deaths before 2050 cannot be greatly reduced unless a substantial proportion of the adults who have already been smoking for some time give up," the study said. "A decrease over the next decade or two in the proportion of children who become smokers will not have its main effect on mortality until the third quarter of the century."

The study reports trends in men because that's where the impact has shown up first, since they took up smoking earlier. Researchers say the benefits would be the same for women.

No matter how early in life a smoker quits, some of the damage done is irreversible and the risk of lung cancer never declines to normal. Recent research has shown that starting before the age of 18 is particularly harmful to the lungs.

But the latest study found that only 2 percent of those who quit by 30 developed the disease by age 75, compared with a 0.4 percent chance for people who have never smoked.

It found that 10 percent of those who quit at 60 will die of lung cancer, and that continuing to smoke into old age results in a 16 percent risk.

Peto said that if the British trends in quitting are mirrored worldwide over the next decade or two, about one-third of the tobacco deaths expected by 2020 would be avoided.

Smoking deaths in the second quarter of the 21st century would be almost half of what they would otherwise be, he said.

"Such changes would avoid about 20 million or 30 million tobacco deaths in the first quarter of the century and would avoid about 450 million in the second quarter," his study said.

Robert Smith of the American Cancer Society said he was impressed with the findings, but that it remains to be seen whether they will stimulate renewed interest in helping chronic smokers quit.

"We absolutely must not neglect current smokers," Smith said. "We have essentially given up on them. Giving up smoking is largely considered a private matter between a smoker and his conscience."

On the Net:
American Cancer Society: <http://www.cancer.org>

Physicists make headway towards explaining where the antimatter went

TOKYO (AP) — Why is the world filled with something rather than nothing?

In what could evolve into the answer to one of physics' most basic questions, scientists this week laid out the first steps in their search for a difference between matter and antimatter.

Two international teams of scientists made the announcement at a conference in Japan, and while their findings are very imprecise, experts say the research's direction is highly promising.

Gerry Bauer, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology researcher who also studies matter, called the experiments a milestone in a road that began with a 1964 study that won the Nobel Prize.

The research challenges the predictions of the Standard Model, a set of mathematical formulas physicists use to describe the universe's elementary particles and their interactions. Disproving the Standard Model would open the way for alternative models of the universe.

If anyone can find a way to contradict the Standard Model, Bauer said, "Then everyone's very excited."

"What we're trying to do is understand the most fundamental building blocks of the universe," David Hitlin, spokesman for one of the two projects, called BaBar, said after the researchers gave a progress report Monday at the 30th International Conference on High Energy Physics in Osaka, Japan. "Over time, you develop a true under-

standing of how the universe is composed, how it developed from the time of the Big Bang."

Theoretically, nature is symmetrical: Every known subatomic particle, the matter that makes up the world, is paired with an antiparticle of antimatter.

Early in the life of the universe there was slightly more matter than antimatter. Today, antimatter is found only in cosmic rays and particle accelerators.

So where did all that antimatter go?

If antimatter decays more quickly than matter, that could help answer the question. What the teams are doing is studying the decay rates in a particular particle to see if there is a difference that would allow for the universe to exist.

This confusing contradiction to the rule of particle-antiparticle symmetry is a phenomenon called "CP violation," or "charge-parity violation."

The physicists are studying specific particles — B mesons — in laboratories called "B Factories," where they are making millions of the subatomic particles.

Both teams said their data is very preliminary and "still very imprecise," said Hitlin, spokesman for the California-based BaBar. They mostly wanted to let their colleagues know that they had taken this important first step down the road.

If they find no difference in decay rates, that would contradict the Standard Model's prediction. So far, Belle's findings are very much in line with the

Standard Model, BaBar's somewhat less so.

Asymmetry was first found in 1964 in another particle. In 1998 and 1999, researchers found signs of asymmetry in B mesons at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory outside Chicago.

Bauer, who worked on the 1998 project at Fermilab, said researchers have been "desperately trying" to find a conflict with the Standard Model because that would make room — conceptually — for the many alternative models of the universe that abound today, such as string theory.

String theory posits that all the particles that make up the world are actually tiny vibrating loops, resonating in concert.

The results of the research are good, but not yet statistically strong enough to make definitive statements, said Fumihiko Takasaki, spokesman for the sec-

ond group, Belle. Belle is based at KEK, a Japanese national laboratory for high energy accelerator research in Tsukuba City, near Tokyo.

"It's a hint of CP violation in B meson decay," he said. "This is a very good start."

BaBar is based at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center in California.

The Belle team aims to submit its findings to a scientific journal in October or November. The BaBar team will publish in six months or so.

On the Net:
BaBar home page: www.slac.stanford.edu/BFROO
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KEK High Energy Accelerator Research Organization: www.kek.jp
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Indian official discusses cease-fire

SRINAGAR, India (AP) — A top Indian official discussed peace moves with a main Islamic guerrilla group in Kashmir on Thursday, a day after the slaughter of 101 people in the troubled Himalayan province.

India's Home Secretary Kamal Pande met with Fazal Haq Qureshi, a former separatist leader, in Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu-Kashmir state. Qureshi arrived with four Hezb-ul Mujahedeen military commanders, one of them wearing a handkerchief to cover his face.

The meeting is the first known talks between the government and the Islamic guerrillas since 1989, when the militants began fighting for an independent state or merger with Islamic Pakistan.

It comes on the heels of a 24-hour wave of violence by suspected Islamic guerrillas. At least 101 people were slaughtered Tuesday night and Wednesday morning in attacks that appeared to be in reprisal for India's attempt to secure peace in the divided territory, which both India and Pakistan claim in its entirety.

India blamed Pakistan for sponsoring the attacks to derail the peace efforts. Pakistan has denied that and condemned the killings.

Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee left for Kashmir on Thursday to visit Pahalgam, where 33 Hindu pilgrims were gunned down near a religious shrine on Tuesday.

Vajpayee told Parliament on Wednesday that the slayings would not deter the government from holding talks with the Hezb-ul Mujahedeen, the largest militant group, which agreed last week to the first cease-fire in 11 years.

The Indian government ordered security forces to stop all operations against the pro-Pakistan group. However, rebel chief Sayed Salahuddin threatened on Thursday to resume fighting in five days if India does not include Pakistan in the talks over Kashmir's future.

"We have given India an ultimatum that it should accept our demand by Tuesday, 5 p.m.," Salahuddin told The Associated Press in Islamabad, the Pakistani capital. "If India doesn't initiate meaningful tripartite talks, we will resume our operations."

India welcomed the group's cease-fire but has maintained that it is not prepared to involve Pakistan in discussions.

More than 25,000 people have been killed since military and guerrilla forces began fighting in 1989.

The U.S. State Department expressed outrage Wednesday over the new massacres in Kashmir and welcomed Vajpayee's stated commitment to pursue a policy of peace. Spokesman Philip Reeker said the violence clearly was aimed at undermining the cease-fire declared last week.

"We urge the governments, and organizations involved to carry the process forward and not to allow the enemies of peace to sabotage this promising initiative," Reeker said.

Asked whether he was aware of any Pakistani involvement, Reeker said he was not in a position to assess blame for lack of evidence.

Pakistan has said it supports the cause of the militants but denies it gives them cash, arms or training, as India alleges.

Pakistan's military ruler, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, on Wednesday repeated his offer to open talks with India on Kashmir and said the cease-fire presented an opportunity for peace.

More than a dozen other militant groups fighting in Kashmir have rejected the Hezb-ul Mujahedeen's cease-fire proposal and have vowed to continue their quest for independence.

Last week, a Hezb-ul Mujahedeen commander was killed by the army in an exchange of gunfire after the cease-fire. The two sides then decided to work out procedures to avoid further conflicts. The Hezb-ul Mujahedeen also named Qureshi, who is now considered a moderate, as its emissary.

In Jammu, the winter capital of Jammu-Kashmir, a curfew was relaxed Thursday morning to allow people to shop for essentials. Dozens of people were taken into preventive custody to keep them from holding demonstrations against the killings, police said.

Images ...



This photo of Clara Hupp, 85, entitled "Bringing in the Millennium" was submitted in the Images Photo Contest by Ray Hupp.

Reports: Chili's high court has stripped Pinochet's immunity from prosecution

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Chile's Supreme Court has stripped Gen. Augusto Pinochet of immunity from prosecution, paving the way for the former dictator to stand trial on human rights charges, a lawyer and an official close to Pinochet said Wednesday.

The court refused to publicly release its ruling. But lawyer Hugo Gutiérrez, who represents one of the plaintiffs accusing the 84-year-old general of rights abuses, said he had "fully confirmed" the Supreme Court justices removed Pinochet's immunity on Tuesday.

An official at the Pinochet Foundation, a private group of Pinochet supporters and former aides, also said it was clear Pinochet had lost.

Pinochet faces 154 criminal complaints stemming from human rights abuses during his 1973-90 dictatorship, but he cannot be tried unless his congressional legal immunity is removed.

A lower court stripped Pinochet of that immunity earlier this year, and Pinochet appealed. The Supreme Court's 20 justices met for four hours Tuesday to hear the

appeal and did not release a decision afterward.

The justices "maintain our agreement not to give any information whatsoever until the legal ruling has been written and signed by all of us," Chief Justice Hernan Alvarez said Wednesday. He said an announcement could come next week.

Despite the official secrecy, Chilean media reports said the court turned down Pinochet's appeal, and many said the vote was 11-9 against Pinochet.

According to an official tally, 3,190 people were killed during Pinochet's regime, and more than 1,000 remain missing after being arrested during those years.

Judge Juan Guzman, who is probing complaints from relatives of the missing, is seeking Pinochet's trial in one of the most notorious incidents — the so-called "caravan of death." That was the name given to a military squad that summarily executed 72 political prisoners in several cities shortly after Pinochet's bloody 1973 coup.

Last month, the Chilean military made an unprecedented promise

to help determine what happened to the more than 1,000 dissidents who disappeared.

That pledge appeared to begin yielding results Wednesday, when Methodist Bishop Enrique Vilches delivered to the government what he described as information on 780 of the missing. He said the information was received by members of his church from former military and secret police officials.

Details on the information Vilches turned over were not immediately available.

The military made its promise to help unravel the fates of the missing in an agreement with government officials and human rights activists. The agreement included a guarantee of anonymity for those coming forward with information.

Chilean exiles and human rights groups in Britain celebrated the report. Pinochet left Britain in March after he was declared mentally unfit to be extradited to Spain on torture charges, ending a 16-month legal saga.

Israel: Early elections bill okayed in early vote

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak's coalition unraveled further over his peace policies Wednesday as his foreign minister resigned and parliament approved early elections in a preliminary vote.

Barak will be able to cling to power at least until late October, though, since parliament heads into a three-month summer recess after Wednesday's turbulent session. Barak said he would press on with his agenda, including peace talks with the Palestinians.

The Palestinians said Barak must act quickly now.

"I think the road toward a solution is open for both of us," Palestinian negotiator Nabil Shaath said. "If Mr. Barak decided ... to be tied down with his desires to have a majority around him, or to start thinking of elections more than the peace process, he will probably lose both."

The two sides have until Sept. 13 to reach a treaty, and both said new ground was broken at last month's Camp David summit even though it ended without agreement. Barak supporters have said that once a treaty is concluded, he could call early elections and turn the vote into a peace referendum.

Barak played down the significance of Wednesday's 61-51 early elections vote, which needs three more readings. Asked whether there would be elections soon, he said: "Absolutely not." The next scheduled election for parliament and prime minister is in 2003.

However, the opposition scored an important victory by getting an absolute majority of the 120 legislators to back the early elections bill. The bill will need an absolute majority to achieve final passage once parliament returns from recess in October, and the opposition demonstrated Wednesday that it can muster the votes.

Some former Cabinet ministers voted against Barak, including Foreign Minister David Levy, who submitted his resignation moments earlier.

Barak wandered around the unicameral parliament Wednesday as a roll-call vote was held. He smiled and appeared unperturbed. After Levy cast his vote, Barak sat down next to him in the row of seats reserved for Cabinet minis-

ters. The two spoke cordially and even shook hands.

However, in a news conference just an hour earlier, Levy accused Barak of having betrayed him. The foreign minister, a one-time hard-liner who switched political camps ahead of the May 1999 election, said Barak never let on how far he was willing to go in giving in to Palestinian demands.

Levy, who had refused to accompany Barak to the summit, said the prime minister agreed to a de facto division of Jerusalem, the city claimed by both Israelis and Palestinians as a capital.

"For the first time, on the issue of Jerusalem, we were prepared to divide Jerusalem, and even at this moment there is no way to back away from this promise," said Levy.

In his election campaign, Barak had pledged he would never agree to a division of the city. After returning from Camp David, he said that while many ideas were raised, Israel did not commit itself to specific proposals in the talks.

Barak said he would try to reshuffle his coalition soon, but Wednesday's vote suggested that the defectors were not considering a return to the government. Three hawkish parties, including the ultra-Orthodox Shas, had left the coalition even before Barak flew to Camp David, saying they feared he would succumb to U.S. pressure and make too many concessions.

In the midst of his political troubles, Barak claimed a diplomatic coup, saying President Clinton plans to move his country's embassy to disputed Jerusalem before he leaves office on Jan. 20.

U.S. officials, however, would only repeat Clinton's comments made last week that he is reviewing the option of moving the embassy and would make a decision by the end of the year.

After the summit talks collapsed, Clinton expressed concern that the Palestinians would make good on their pledge to declare statehood unilaterally on Sept. 13, the treaty deadline, if there is no agreement for a final peace deal.

Clinton suggested that this would prompt him to move the embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Congress has mandated the move, but Clinton in the past invoked an option to delay it to avert damage to peace prospects.

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PSA REFEREE CLINIC

The Pampa Soccer Association will hold a Grade 8 referee clinic August 18-20. The clinic will begin on Friday at 6 p.m. at the First Christian Church. Grade 8 referees may officiate the middle of full sided or short sided games as well as run the line. PSA will also hold a Grade 10 linesman clinic August 26 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at First Christian Church. Interested people should call Jeff Kirkpatrick at 669-2066 or Miles Cook at 665-3036.

BASKETBALL

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — All-Star forward Tim Duncan re-signed with San Antonio after turning down an offer to join the Orlando Magic. Duncan gets a reported three-year deal worth \$32.6 million that includes a fourth-year option that would make it worth \$45.9 million.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Jalen Rose, the NBA's most improved player last season, and Austin Croshere, who blossomed into one of the league's top reserves with his strong performance in the finals, re-signed with the Indiana Pacers.

Rose signed a 7-year deal worth \$93 million, according to his agent, David Falk. Croshere reportedly signed for \$51 million over seven years.

The 6-foot-8 Rose led the Pacers in scoring last season, averaging 18.2 points per game. The 6-9 Croshere averaged 10.3 points and 6.4 rebounds in 81 games as the Pacers reached the NBA Finals for the first time. He averaged 15.2 points and 6.0 rebounds off the bench in the series.

HOUSTON (AP) — Cuttino Mobley, runner-up for the sixth man award last season, reached agreement with the Houston Rockets on a six-year, \$31 million contract. Mobley ranked second on the team in scoring with 15.8 points per game.

SEATTLE (AP) — Rashard Lewis re-signed with Seattle, agreeing to a three-year contract worth \$13.3 million, with a player option after the 2001-02 season. Lewis, a 6-foot-10 small forward, averaged 8.2 points and 4.1 rebounds per game last season.

SANFORD, Fla. (AP) — Cory Erving, the youngest son of NBA great Julius Erving, died of accidental drowning when he inadvertently drove his car into a retention pond, the Seminole County sheriff ruled.

OLYMPICS

HAVANA (AP) — Cuban high jumper Javier Sotomayor learned he will be able to compete in the Sydney Olympics. The International Amateur Athletic Federation cut Sotomayor's drug suspension from two years to one, making him eligible for the 2000 Olympic games. But it did not exonerate him for drug use.

A two-time world champion, the world record-holder and the '92 Olympic champion, Sotomayor was stripped of his gold medal in the high jump at last year's Pan American Games after testing positive for cocaine.

Sotomayor has maintained his innocence and suggested he was set up by someone trying to harm Cuba's reputation.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Thieves undercut the medal hopes of the U.S. bobsled team, stealing 11 sets of experimental runners worth almost \$45,000. It is unlikely they can be replaced before the Salt Lake City Games in 2002.

Soccer fun ...



The Franks Foods under 8 boys outdoor soccer team participates in the Pampa Soccer Association. Team members are, back row, from left, Shane Smith, Aaron Silva, Cotton Sweatt and head Coach Stuart Stoffle. Front row, from left, Cody McIntyre, Kelly Stoffle and Ryan Stoffle. Daniel Valenzuela is also a team member.

Rangers 7, White Sox 2

Helling's solid pitching behind Rangers victory

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas manager Johnny Oates is accustomed to seeing good things from Rick Helling.

That was the case again Wednesday night, when Helling (13-7) pitched 6 2-3 solid innings to win his sixth straight decision for the Rangers, who defeated the Chicago White Sox 7-2.

Helling allowed two runs on four hits with five walks and six strikeouts, and Texas snapped a three-game losing streak.

Oates has seen it all before. "He threw a lot of pitches. I thought he lost a little focus — a couple of pitches that could have been strikes but were not," Oates said. "We've seen him sharper, but he gave us six-plus innings."

White Sox manager Jerry Manuel said Helling just kept fighting back.

"He struggled with his stuff all night, but he battled," Manuel said. "That's the way I've always known Rick. We had a couple of chances against him, but he held his own."

Tim Lincecum completed the four-hitter for Texas by pitching 2 1-3 innings for his first save.

Helling said he tried to stay away from a steady diet of fastballs against the league's best-hitting team.

"I knew they were the best offense in the league, and you've really got to concentrate on making good pitches," he said. "When you face an offense as good as theirs is, you have to keep them off-balance."

Meanwhile, Rusty Greer ended one streak and Gabe Kapler continued another for Texas, which earned a split in the two-game series.

Greer, 0-for-12 before the game, broke a scoreless tie with a third-inning single that scored Frank Catalanotto from second. Kapler then doubled to the left-center field gap, scoring Greer and extending his major league-leading hitting streak to 16 games.

Ricky Ledee added an RBI groundout and Bill Haselman had an RBI single during the inning as Texas built a 4-0 lead.

Kapler said he hasn't thought about how long his streak might last.

"I'm not going into games thinking I want to get one hit," he said. "I'm trying to drive in runs."

White Sox rookie Jon Garland (2-3) took the loss, allowing four runs and nine hits in six innings.

Manuel said, despite the loss, he wasn't disappointed with Garland's performance.

"When he gets in trouble, he seems to compete at a different level," Manuel said. "It's a good quality to see in a young starting pitcher."

"I'm happy with where he is. He's 20 years old in a pennant race — it's a great experience for him."

The White Sox cut Texas' lead in half in the fourth inning when Chris Singleton's two-out, two-run double scored Herbert Perry and Carlos Lee.

Chicago threatened again in the fifth after a walk to Paul Konerko loaded the bases with two outs. However, Helling struck out Perry to end the inning.

Texas then added three more in the seventh. Pinch-hitter Chad Curtis singled home Rafael Palmeiro, who doubled. Haselman's double put the Rangers ahead 6-2, and Mike Lamb's RBI single added another run.

Notes: Curtis is 6-for-11 as a pinch-hitter this year.

White Sox DH Harold Baines, who celebrated his return to his old team with an RBI on Tuesday night, did not play Wednesday. The Rangers have eight players on the disabled list, the latest being pitcher Darren Oliver, who went on the DL Tuesday. Seven, including All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez, have season-ending injuries. The Rangers said Wednesday that OF Jason McDonald was assigned from Class A Charlotte to Triple-A Oklahoma, while RHP Clint Sodowsky was promoted from Double-A Tulsa to Oklahoma.

Cowboys, Falcons arrive for preseason game in Tokyo Dome

TOKYO (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys and Atlanta Falcons touched down in Tokyo on Thursday for a preseason NFL showdown after a grueling flight that caused some good-natured grumbling.

The two teams meet Sunday in the American Bowl at the 50,000-seat Tokyo Dome for the 35th edition of the annual overseas matchup.

"The Cowboys have more American Bowl experience with seven appearances, against none for Atlanta. But there's something about playing on foreign turf that seems to have jinxed them: Dallas' record in the series is 0-6-1."

And some of the players were none too excited about the 13-hour flight.

"When you've been playing 10 years and been through 10 camps, you just don't want to travel," said veteran Cowboys tight end Jackie Harris before leaving Texas.

On the other hand, there's plenty of motivation to shine for at least one member of the Falcons camp: quarterback Tony Graziani.

Not only is Graziani fighting for the spot as Atlanta's second-string QB, he's become something of a collector of touchdown passes in far-flung places.

Graziani wants to make Japan the sixth country where he's connected in the end zone, after the United States, Spain, Britain, Germany and the Netherlands. The quarterback played last season for the Barcelona Dragons in the NFL's Europe League.

As part of American Bowl tradition, the teams have invited Japanese stars to join their roster, but it remained unclear if they would get playing time.

Linebacker Masafumi Kawaguchi and receiver Masato Itai, who have played in NFL Europe, will suit up for the Cowboys, while tight end Nachi Abe was on the roster for Atlanta.

Kawaguchi said during practice with the Cowboys that he's eager to get noticed, even if that means playing on the special teams squad.

Sunday's game will be the 10th American Bowl played in Japan. NFL spokesman Pete Abitante said the knowledge of football among fans here has improved dramatically.

Delhomme, Tolliver and Brooks battle for No. 2 Qback job

Jeff Blake sewed up the New Orleans Saints' No. 1 quarterback job when he signed his contract. It's the rest of the depth chart that is up for grabs.

Ten-year veteran Billy Joe Tolliver and Jake Delhomme, who's been in the league two years, but has taken few snaps, were considered the leading contenders for the Nos. 2 and 3 spots. Then, this week, the Saints traded to get Aaron Brooks, a fourth-round pick for the Green Bay Packers last year. Also in the mix is Marc Bulger, a sixth-round pick this year.

Saints coach Jim Haslett, then the defensive coordinator for the Steelers, said Pittsburgh considered Brooks as a second-round pick.

Saints general manager Randy Mueller, who last year was the vice president of football operations for Seattle, said they also considered Brooks in the second round.

"I've liked the kid," Mueller said. "He's a big kid that runs well. We were all unanimous that this kind of kid doesn't come around that often."

Brooks joined the Saints on Tuesday in Jacksonville when they practiced against the Jaguars. He knows the basic offensive concept, but until Wednesday was using the Green Bay cadence, Haslett said.

So where does that leave the other three quarterbacks? Haslett said they aren't necessarily fighting over just one job.

"We've also talked about carrying four quarterbacks," Haslett said. "A lot of teams do that. We did that in Pittsburgh last year. Carolina did it. There are teams that do that all the time."

Despite Brooks' lack of experience, Haslett hopes to get him into Saturday's preseason game against the Minnesota Vikings.

Lions

All-Pro defensive end Robert Porcher agreed to a one-year tender offer of \$4.253 million with the Detroit Lions on Wednesday, ending a holdout that dragged on nearly six months.

Porcher's signing was just in time as defensive tackle Luther Elliss had surgery and will be out for at least two weeks.

The agreement means the Lions can retain the franchise player designation while beginning talks with Porcher on an extended contract.

NASCAR's Gordon having 'wonderful year'

A smile came to Jeff Gordon's face as he leaned back in an easy chair in his trailer, looking more relaxed than he has in years.

These are less stressful times for Gordon, no longer the phenom who won races or came close virtually every week for nearly five years.

He's now just another top driver who has escaped constant attention by losing a lot more than he wins.

But Gordon isn't complaining. As he returned home to Indiana, where he races Saturday in the Brickyard 400, he was a picture of contentment.

"In a lot of ways it's been a wonderful year even though I haven't seen the results I'd like," said Gordon, who nonetheless is seeking his third victory this season. "When we went four years in a row battling for the championship, it drained me."

For years, Gordon insisted he wasn't so special. He has said he was merely fortunate to be with a great team that gave him cars capable of winning just about anywhere. Few bought into the modesty.

"I was surprised every time I pulled into the winner's circle," he said. "I'd tell the people that and they'd say, 'I knew he was going to say that.'"

They don't anymore. After getting 45 of his 51 career victories in 145 races, the three-time Winston Cup champion has won only four times in his last 38 starts.

Gone is Ray Evernham, the best crew chief of his era. Gone are the Rainbow Warriors, the fastest over-the-wall guys in the business. And gone is The Kid, replaced by an introspective veteran who turns 29 Sunday.

"It was never one person that made it happen," said Gordon, who two years ago tied series records with four straight victories and 13 overall. "It wasn't me. It wasn't Ray. It was the whole combination."

"Now, I'm playing more of a leadership role, but I'm also relying on the people that make it happen."

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Among them is Robbie Loomis, Gordon's third crew chief since September. He sees a relaxed Gordon, and jokes about it.

"That's no good," Loomis said. "We want him tense and tight."

Instead, he says Gordon — given part ownership last year of his Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet — has shown the patience other greats of the sport have had.

"Sometimes it's tough to stay on top," Loomis said. "But you look back at David Pearson, Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt. They proved that it's how you handle being down a bit that matters most."

Gordon is handling it well, in part because he says the perception that he wouldn't be able to deal with defeat wasn't accurate.

"People forget that I've been racing for a lot of years, and I've lost a lot more than I've won," he said.

Like most racers who drive Chevys — which have won just five of 19 races while Fords have taken nine — Gordon says the car is at a disadvantage. Because of aerodynamics, it's slower than the Fords on the longest NASCAR tracks.

That didn't seem like much of a problem in 1997, when

Chevys won just 11 races — 10 of them by Gordon. So, what's the problem now?

Gordon says much of it has to do with the aerodynamic balance of the redesigned Monte Carlo.

"We've had all the same setups under this car as we have in the past," he said. "There's a lot more to it than just throwing a setup under the car."

What about the loss of Evernham, who quit last September to become a car owner in Dodge's return to Winston Cup next year?

Gordon concedes that chemistry with Evernham was a big part of his past success. But he likes the way Loomis has settled in, and the pit stops have been fine this season.

"I see the chemistry getting better," Gordon said. "I think you're going to see better results because of that."

He speaks of last season as a hit-or-miss experience. He failed to finish seven times, frequently blowing right front tires.

Despite winning seven races to extend his record of leading the circuit in victories to five straight seasons, he finished sixth in the points race. He's eighth going into the Brickyard 400.

But there have been no DNFs this season, so his place in the standings is because of better competition, not breakdowns.

"We pushed the envelope too far last year," Gordon said.

And this year?

"Things that you were able to do 3-4-5 years ago, you can't do today," he said. "Everything's different, even the way I have to drive the car."

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Jordan is second 'Big Brother' houseguest to get the boot

NEW YORK (AP) — Birthday girl Jordan got a gift from "Big Brother" viewers: She got the boot. The former stripper Wednesday night became the second of 10 contenders to be booted from the camera- and microphone-bugged house on the CBS "reality" series, which airs the residents' antics six nights a week.

Jordan, a Minneapolis resident who turned 27 Wednesday, and Curtis, a New York City lawyer, were marked for expulsion by a house vote last week.

Then viewers took over. In a phone poll, 78 percent of callers picked Jordan for banishment. Curtis was chosen by 22 percent. CBS would not divulge how many people voted.

The last remaining houseguest when the series concludes in September will win a half-million dollars.

The bad news was conveyed to Jordan by Julie Chen, who anchored the live hour from a Los Angeles studio adjoining the house.

Smiling bravely, Jordan hugged her housemates in the living room and again on the front doorstep. She toted her backpack and dragged her swimming-pool raft down the front walk. Outside the chain-link fence, she embraced her waiting boyfriend.

Then, in the studio, she faced a debriefing. Chen asked Jordan her reaction to being out.

"I feel foreign to everyone outside the house," she said.

Was she surprised that she made such a negative impression?

"It depends on how they edited me," she replied.

Would she consider posing for a nude pictorial?

"I'd consider it," she said, "but the chances are close to none."

During the program, viewers were given a glimpse of the Minneapolis topless club where Jordan danced for two years.

"She will come back," predicted Blake, one of her former colleagues. "She hasn't cleaned out her locker."

The broadcast also included instant analysis from Dr. Drew Pinsky, known as a health and relationship specialist. The viewers, he told Chen, "are tending to vote out people who create instability in the house."

The first to be ousted two weeks ago was William, a 27-year-old youth counselor and black activist from Philadelphia. He had spent much of his time fighting with fellow residents.

Since "Big Brother" premiered on July 5, Jordan had similarly tried her housemates' patience. She

was characterized by several of them as a manipulator and provocateur.

She displayed wide mood swings, on one occasion seen weeping in bed in the middle of the night. "I'm totally losing it right now," she wailed into her body mike, "and I don't know why."

While each week's five other episodes are taped highlights, "Big Brother" features an around-the-clock Web site that streams live sight and sound.

It was here on computer screens that Jordan could be spied preparing for the worst Wednesday, an hour before she learned her fate on the telecast.

"I bought such cute clothes for the show," she declared, packing her things.

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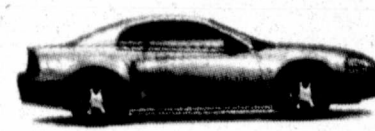
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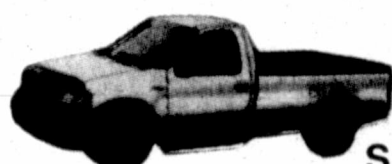
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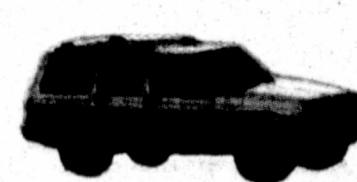
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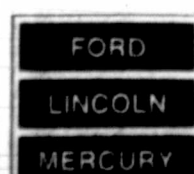
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Summer spruce-up Projects improve PISD facilities

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

While students swam and played and rode their bikes this summer, Pampa Independent School District (PISD) facilities management personnel worked hard to complete major projects before the next school year begins.

"The main (project) ... was removing asbestos floor tile at the Middle School and High School," said Denver Bruner, facilities management coordinator.

"It's not because of the asbestos, it's because the tile is dated and broken and ugly," he said. Asbestos floor tile poses no health hazards when it is waxed and not moved, he explained.

The tile floors in the Pampa Middle School cafeteria were laid when the school was built in 1958. PHS's cafeteria floor dates to its opening in 1941, 59 years ago.

"We wanted to brighten (the cafeteria) up, make it a nice place to eat," Bruner said.

Tiles have been laid at Pampa Middle School following the red, white and blue theme of the school mascot, the Patriots. A white, green and gold tile color scheme is

planned for Pampa High School's cafeteria.

Asbestos Maintenance Inc. of Borger removed the old tile, he said, with ECO-Systems of Dallas acting as the asbestos consultant.

Inmates from the Jordan Prison Unit east of Pampa also painted approximately five or six classrooms.

"We're only doing the ones that requested or needed it," Bruner said.

Bruner said the biggest project using prison inmate labor was installing rubber treads on each stair step at Pampa High School.

This is the sixth year PISD has used prisoners to help with special projects, he explained.

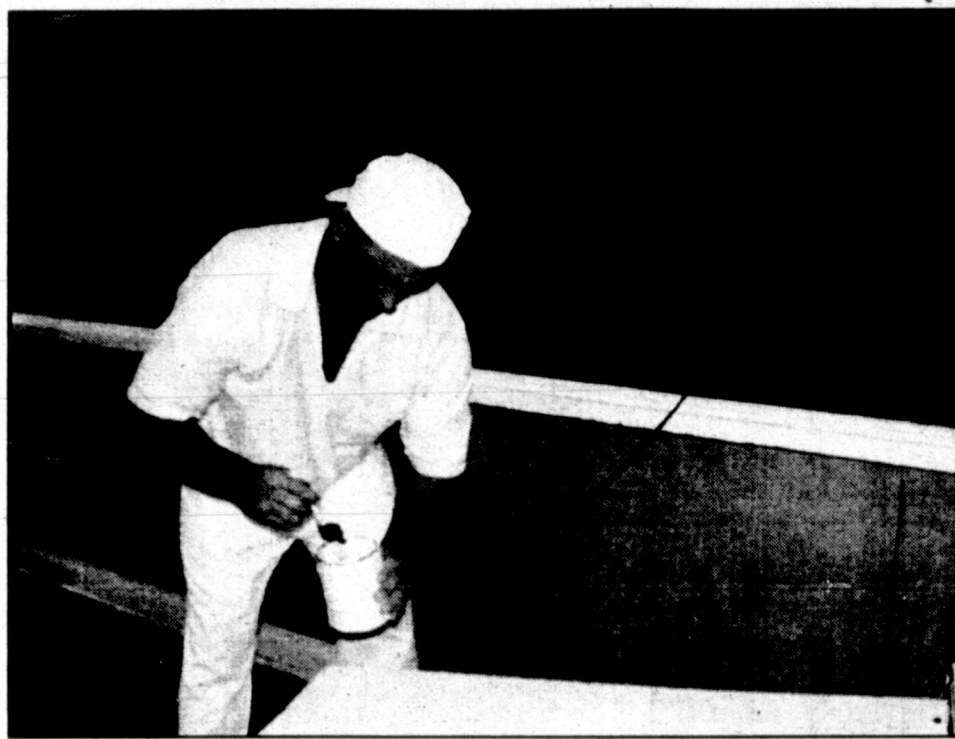
Only non-profit or tax-exempt organizations are eligible for prison labor details.

"You have to make a request six months to a year ahead of time," Bruner said.

If an organization is selected, a crew of three to 10 inmates is assigned to the project at no charge to the organization. A guard accompanies each crew.

"The unit supplies the food. All we supply is restrooms and work," Bruner said.

To express his thanks to the crew,



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Painting a podium during the summer maintenance program at Pampa High School is Brett Dodson, an inmate at Rufe Jordan Unit. Workers are busy painting and making repairs before classes begin Aug. 16.

Bruner provided one meal a week. "Chicken Express or Dyers are their favorites," he commented.

Using prisoners to work has not saved the district any money, he explained.

"They've allowed us to do \$150,000 worth of work that wouldn't have gotten done otherwise," he said, adding that last year the prisoners resurfaced the tennis courts. "That probably would have gotten put off."

Bruner said he has had no problems with the prisoner workers.

"They only work during the summer when there are no students," he said, adding the crews are selected for their good behavior. Most are "short-timers," he added, who are about to be discharged. They are all screened, so there are no sex offenders.

"Most of them are DWI, drug offenses, and hot checks," he said.

"I think they look forward to a chance to come out of the prison. And they get a chance to see what they've done," he said.

"It's worked so well in the past, I've written recommendations, one to the Parole Board and one to a potential employer, for two guys who were good workers. They proved to me that they were ready to find a job on the outside," he said.

Other projects included normal summer cleaning of the elementary schools, such as stripping and waxing the tile and terrazzo floors, cleaning carpets and repairing any minor problems.

"There's not a lot to do with them. They're still basically brand new," Bruner said.

Work on the grounds began before school ended. All the practice fields were weeded and over seeded with Bermuda grass.

"The Bermuda is spreading and doing what it's supposed to do," he said.

After completing the summer projects, Bruner said facilities management will look forward to starting any projects in the proposed five year plan that are approved in the upcoming budget.

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43% of students qualify for food program

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Approximately 43 percent of the students in the Pampa Independent School District are eligible for free or reduced meals, said Food Service Director Debbie Middleton.

"There are several students from families who would qualify if they would only apply," she said. "I just wish they would complete an application."

Income eligibility guidelines for the National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Programs are furnished with the applications sent home to the parents the first day of school,

For the 2000-2001 school year, a family of four can earn up to \$22,165 annually and be eligible for free meals, or up to \$31,543 for reduced price.

and are federal guidelines.

"We also welcome anyone to come by the food service office from now to the start of classes to complete their application," she said. "Also, anyone needing assistance with the application will be assisted by someone from the food services staff."

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annually and be eligible for free meals, or up to \$31,543 for reduced price.

"All students in the school district receive these applications to take home to their parents," she said.

Middleton said with the computerized system used by the food service department, no one will know who is on the program and who is not. "There is no flagging,"

she said.

Households receiving food stamps or TANF only have to list their child's name and food stamp or TANF case number. An adult household member must sign the application.

Other households who do not list these case numbers must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of income received by each household member.

She said those who qualify for reduced prices would receive breakfast at a cost of \$.30 per meal and lunch \$.40.

Additional information may be received by contacting her at 669-4718.

School meals cost same as last year

Meal costs will not be changing for the students in the Pampa Independent School District for the 2000-2001 school year, according to Debbie Middleton, PISD Food Service Director.

Lunch costs will continue to be elementary, \$1.05; middle school, \$1.15; and high school, \$1.25. All PISD schools charge \$.65 for breakfast, and the meal is open to any child.

Middleton said cereal is served daily plus other breakfast menu foods.

She is very proud of the nutritious and delicious meals which the six campuses serve to their students. She would love to serve each student in the Pampa School District.

Elementary students have a choice of two entrees a day to choose from in the school cafeteria. The middle school and high school students may choose from at least eight entrees daily.

The middle school and high school students enjoy individual pan pizza on the menu daily.

Middleton encourages all parents of students to prepay into the student accounts which are available to them. Students may use the prepaid account for either breakfast, lunch or snacks. There is no requirement on the amount to be paid into the account.

"Having these accounts really helps to speed up the lines," she said. "If the student runs out of money in the account, we encourage them to pay for their meals before the school day begins."

Middleton said each elementary school has the students go to the gym in the mornings. She said a staff member is always near the gym in the mornings who will take payment from the students before they enter the gym.

She encourages parents to eat with their students in the cafeteria during the school year. Middleton said the meals offered to the students are nutritious and delicious, and welcomes the parents to know just what their children are eating.

The PISD Food Service Department employs 34 employees on the six campuses.

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- 2 single subject spiral notebooks (no perforated notebooks)
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- 1 pair scissors (sharp point)
- 1 highlighter
- glue sticks (Elmer's)
- 1 6X9 steno notebook
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- 2 red grading pens
- 1 box map colors - small
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 2 spiral notebooks
- 1 notebook
- 1 pkg. manila paper
- 1 - 4 oz. bottle of Elmer's glue

TRAVIS first grade supply list ...

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- 1 Spiral Notebook (70 page)
- 1 Box Crayons (24 count)
- 1 Pair Fiskars pointed tip scissors
- 2 Bottles Elmer's white school glue
- 2 Pkg. #2 pencils
- 2 Pocket folders (pockets at the bottom)
- 1 School box (cigar box size only)
- 1 Box quart size Ziplock bags
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 - 1 Box of Crayola Markers (classic colors only)-Broad tip-No fine point
 - 1 School Box
 - 1 Box of Ziplock Bags (quart or gallon size)
 - 1 Wide Ruled Spiral Notebook (70 page)
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 - 2 Pocket Folders for Home Work
 - 1 Pink Eraser
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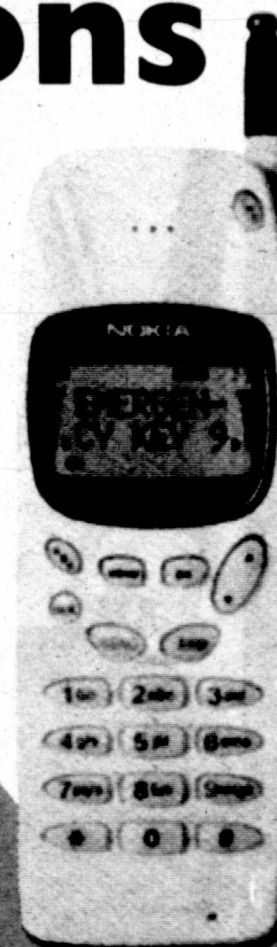
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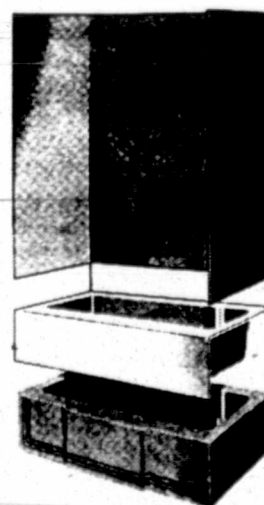
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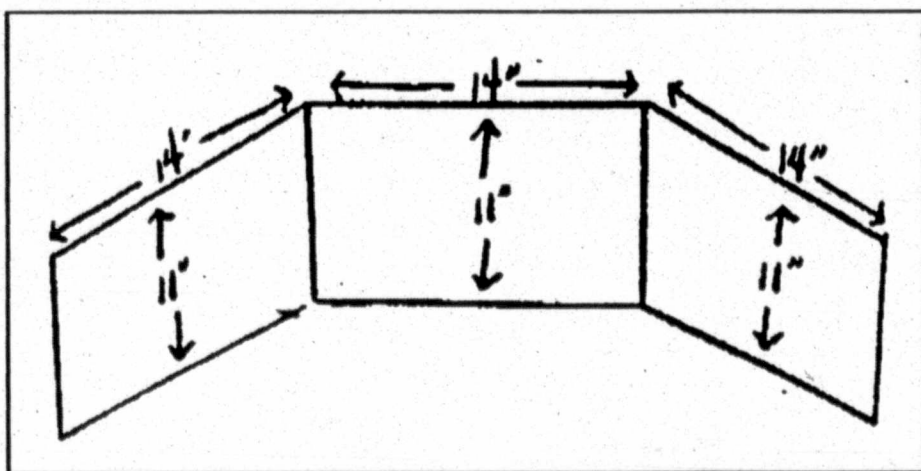
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AUSTIN first grade supply list ...

- 1 Box of crayons (24 count)
- 2 #2 pencils (sharpened before class)
- 2 Large boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Bottle of white Elmer's Glue (4 oz. - not blue)
- 2 School boxes (no larger than a cigar box size)
- 1 Large Spiral Wide-ruled notebook (3 subject) - not the perforated type notebook
- 2 pocket folders (bottom pockets - not side)
- 2 - 1 subject notebooks
- 1 study Carrol - no cardboard.

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AUSTIN kindergarten supply list ...

- 2 boxes crayons (8 count), skinny, basic colors
- 1 pkg. Crayola markers - fat size
- 3 yellow #2 pencils
- 1 box Kleenex or Puffs (large)
- 1 glue (4 oz.) Elmer's Glue (please no blue gel glue)
- 2 large glue sticks
- 1 plastic school box (cigar box size, please)
- 1 pkg. 12 X 18 manila paper - 50 sheets
- 1 school bag or backpack that zips - optional
- 1 towel for rest time - no mats please
- Please label all supplies with child's name (including crayons)

AUSTIN third grade supply list ...

- 2 folders (with pocket only)
- 1 box colored pencils
- 2 #2 pencils
- 2 red grading pencils
- 1 Elmer's white school glue (4 oz.)
- 1 box of crayons (24 count)
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Mead steno pad (not wide lined)
- 1 pkg. wide ruled notebook paper (200 count)
- 1 box Crayola markers - regular size
- 1 small school box
- 1 pink pearl eraser
- 1 pocket folder with brads

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AUSTIN second grade supply list ...

- 1 Box crayons (24 count)
- 2 #2 Pencils
- 2 Pink Pearl Erasers
- 1 - 8 oz. bottle of Elmer's Glue
- 2 Glue Sticks
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Spiral notebooks - wide ruled / 70 page
- Markers
- School Box (Cigar Box Size Only)
- 1 Sturdy Carrol

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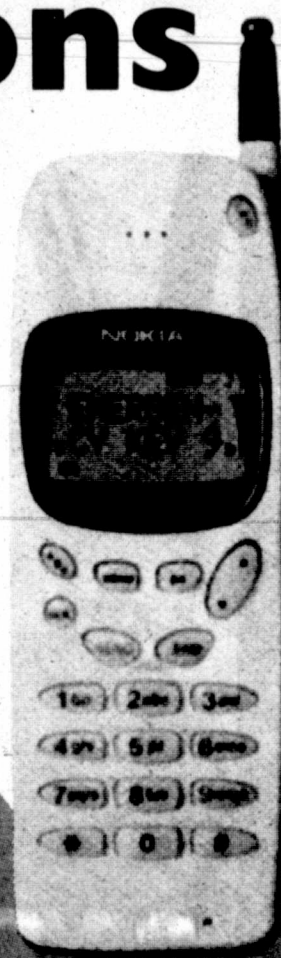
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- 2 Boxes of Kleenex - large
- 1 School Box - small, plastic (no longer than 6"X9" - must fit in school cubby)
- 2 #2 Pencils
- 4 Large Glue Sticks
- 1 Set fat Crayola Brand washable markers (not skinny) Classic colors only - No bolds or pastels.
- 1 Nap towel (must be able to fit on small school cubby)
- 1 School Backpack (large enough for pocket folder to fit)
- 1 Package 12"X18" Manila Paper
- 1 Box of snack or gallon-size Ziploc Baggies (generic brand is ok)
- 3 Plain Pocket Folders (these are the cheap ones)
- **Additional supplies will be requested as needed.
- Label Jackets and Book Bags only.
- Do Not Label crayons or markers with child's name. This way we can return items if need be.

TRAVIS third grade supply list ...

- 1 Package Pencils
- 2 Packages Wide Lined Paper
- 3 Pocket Folders
- 1 Package Large Markers
- 1 Package Red Marking Pens
- 2 Boxes Kleenex
- 1 Box Crayons (24 count)
- 1 Large Pink eraser
- 1 Box Ziploc Bags
- 1 Bottle of 4 oz. White Glue
- *No trapper keepers please!

TRAVIS fourth grade supply list ...

- 1 Box #2 Pencils (no mechanical pencils)
- 2 Red Grading Pens or Pencils
- Notebook paper (wide lined)
- Large Zippered Pencil Bag
- 6 Pocket Folders
- 1 Box of Crayons (24 count)
- 1 Elmers Glue
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex (200 count)
- 1 Centimeter and Inch Ruler
- 1 Box Washable Markers (8 count)
- No Notebooks

TRAVIS fifth grade supply list ...

- 1 Three Ring Binder (No Trapper Keepers)
- 5 Notebook Dividers
- 1 Notebook Paper
- 2 #2 Pencils
- 2 Folders
- 1 Glue
- 1 Box Map Colors
- 1 Box Kleenex
- 1 Four-Subject Spiral (Must be 4 subject minimum)
- 1 Box Crayons (24 Count)
- 1 Package Erasable Pens
- 2 Red Grading Pens

LAMAR kindergarten grade supply list ...

- 3 pencils - regular size
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 4 glue sticks
- 1 school box
- 3 boxes Crayola crayons (8 count, small size, basic colors)

LAMAR first grade supply list ...

- 1 crayons (24 count)
- 1 Elmer's glue (8oz)
- 1 pkg. #2 pencils (10 count yellow only)
- 1 school box (plastic)
- 2 pocket folders (one yellow, one purple)
- 2 boxes Kleenex
- 1 spiral notebook (wide line)
- 1 box gallon or snack size Ziploc bags

LAMAR second grade supply list ...

- 1 box crayons (24)
- 1 pkg. #2 pencils (10 count)
- 1 eraser
- 2 large Kleenex
- 2 pocket folders
- 8 oz. glue
- pointed scissors
- 1 school box - regular size
- 1 pkg. notebook paper (wide line)
- 1 spiral notebook (wide line)

LAMAR third grade supply list ...

- 2 pocket folders
- 1 school box
- 3 - #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils)
- 1 (8 oz.) glue
- 1 scissors
- 1 box crayons (24)
- 2 large Kleenex
- 1 pkg. notebook paper (wide line)
- No notebooks or Trapper Keepers

Sales Tax Holiday Friday, Saturday and Sunday will save you money on Back to School shopping!

LAMAR fourth grade supply list ...

- 1 ruler
- 3 - #2 pencils
- 1 8 oz. glue
- 1 pkg. notebook paper (wide line)
- 1 zipper bag (no school boxes)
- 1 box crayons (24) or markers
- 1 scissors (sharp)
- 1 box Kleenex
- 2 pocket folders with brads

LAMAR fifth grade supply list ...

- 2 pocket folders
- 1 box crayons (16 count)
- 2 pkg. notebook paper (wide ruled)
- 6 - 10 #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils)
- 2 spiral notebooks (wide rule)
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 eraser
- No Binder Notebooks

Wilson kindergarten supply list ...

- 4 boxes crayola primary color crayons (8 count, regular size)
- 4 #2 pencils
- 1 school box
- 1 bottle glue
- 3 glue sticks
- 1 box watercolor paints (primary colors)
- 1 box sandwich Ziplock bags
- 1 box map colors (primary colors)
- 1 box washable markers (8 count primary colors)
- Nap mat (towel, regular size)

Wilson first grade supply list ...

- 1 eraser
- 1 pencil box (no oversized boxes, please)
- 6 #2 pencils
- 1 - 8 oz. Elmer's glue
- 1 box crayola crayon's (24 count, no pastel or fluorescent)
- 3 box crayola crayon's (8 count, no pastel or fluorescent)
- 1 yellow highlighter
- 1 pair Fiskar rounded tip scissors
- 1 box sandwich Ziplock bags
- 2 pocket folders
- Back pack or school bag
- 1 pkg. of crayola markers (8 count classic)
- Please label all items!

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Wilson second grade supply list ...

1 box crayons (24 count)
2 #2 pencils
1 Elmer's School glue gel (6 oz.)
school box
1 box ziplock bags (50 count)
2 glue sticks
2 pocket folders
1 eraser

Wilson fourth grade supply list ...

2 #2 pencils
1 box crayons
1 large pkg. notebook paper (wide ruled)
1 pocket folder
1 box map pencils
1 spiral notebook
1 - 3 ring binder 2 in.
1 pkg. dividers (5)
1 box Ziplock bags

Wilson third grade supply list ...

2 large notebook paper (wide ruled)
4 #2 pencils
1 box crayons (24 count)
1 bottle Elmer's glue (4 oz.)
1 school box or zipper bag
2 pocket folders (no brads)
1 spiral notebook
1 eraser (pink pearl-large)
1 box ziplock bags
Markers (optional)
No Notebooks

Wilson fifth grade supply list ...

4 #2 pencils
4 spiral notebooks
1 box crayons or markers
1 box map pencils
1 - 12" metric ruler
Wide-lined notebook
2 pocket folders (with brads)
backpack/book bag
1 box crayons (24 count)
4 glue sticks

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Immunization rules

AUSTIN — Some children enrolling in schools or child-care facilities this fall will face new immunization rules for hepatitis A, hepatitis B and chickenpox (varicella), effective Aug. 1. Plus students in public and private schools and child-care facilities must be up to date on all their immunizations, according to Kristin Hamlett of the Immunization Division at Texas Department of Health.

The hepatitis A vaccine requirement affects only those children attending school or child-care facilities in 32 counties along the Texas-Mexico border. Since Aug. 1, 1999, two doses of hepatitis A have been required for children 5 years and older, born on or after Sept. 2, 1992. As of Aug. 1, 2000, this requirement expands to include younger children enrolled in licensed child-care facilities.

Two-year-olds must get one dose of hepatitis A vaccine on or after their second birthday. Children in this birth group — born on or after Sept. 2, 1992 — must have two doses by the time they turn three. Children with proof of a previous hepatitis A infection do not need to be vaccinated.

Studies show that 50 percent of children in the 32 border counties in Texas have been infected with hepatitis A by age 10. During the last 10 years, an average of 39 cases of hepatitis A infection per 100,000 population a year was recorded in this area. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends routine hepatitis A vaccinations in areas that average at least 10 cases per 100,000 population a year for 10 years.

Also as of Aug. 1, the existing requirement for hepatitis B vaccine expands to include a group of adolescents. Previously, children born on or after Sept. 2, 1992, had to show proof of receiving three doses of hepatitis B vaccine by age five. As of Aug. 1, children born on or after Sept. 2, 1988, also must be vaccinated against hepatitis B. These children may receive the vaccine at any time before age 12, but proof of vaccination will not be required until 30 days after their 12th birthday. Children with proof of a previous hepatitis B infection do not need to be vaccinated.

Before recommendation for universal infant vaccination against hepatitis B, about 30,000 children and adolescents were infected annually in the country. A large number of people infected with hepatitis B early in life become chronic carriers who can continue to transmit the disease. Vaccination against hepatitis B is the only way to decrease the number of chronic carriers.

Chickenpox (varicella) vaccine or a history of having had chickenpox disease is required for two groups of children as of Aug. 1. The first group is children born on or after Sept. 2, 1994, who are 12 months of age or older. A second group, children born on or after Sept. 2, 1988, but before Sept. 2, 1994, must show proof of vaccination or a history of having had chickenpox by 30 days after their 12th birthday.

Before the vaccine, about 4 million cases of chickenpox occurred each year in the United States, with up to 200,000 patients having complications including an average of 100 deaths.

Other vaccines required at various ages are polio; diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis (DTaP); Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib); and measles, mumps and rubella. Children who have not completed a particular series of shots may attend school or child-care facilities if they have received at least the first dose and are on schedule for the remaining doses as soon as medically possible.

"Children vaccinated at the earliest recommended age always meet state immunization requirements," said Robert Crider, director of TDH's Immunization Division.

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Keeping an Eye on Texas

Sales Tax Holiday Aug. 4-6

Texas families have an opportunity to stretch their clothing budgets during the second annual Sales Tax Holiday, Aug. 4-6. No state and local sales taxes will be charged on most clothing and footwear priced under \$100.

Items exempt from state and local sales taxes include:

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| Dresses | Boots — cowboy and hiking |
| Coats | Diapers — adult and baby |
| Sweaters | Work clothes and uniforms |
| Jeans | Gym suits and uniforms |
| Shirts | Pants and trousers |
| | Shoes — sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis and walking |



For a complete list of tax-exempt items, go to the Comptroller's Web site at:

www.window.state.tx.us

SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Cover Photo — Jazmyn Hair, 5, is ready for her first day of kindergarten at Travis Elementary School. She is the daughter of Carrie Ellis and Dewayne Hair of Pampa. City schools begin August 16.



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CLASSES BEGIN: AUGUST 28th, 2000 CLASSES END: DECEMBER 14th, 2000

TIME	DAY	DPT	NBR	CLASS DESCRIPTION	HRS	INSTRUCTOR	TIME	DAY	DPT	NBR	CLASS DESCRIPTION	HRS	INSTRUCTOR
7:00-9:50 PM	T	Acct	2301	Accounting I	3	Seabourn	7:00-9:50 PM	W	ITNW	1433	Microsoft Networking	4	Doucette
9:00-12:00 AM	M/TH	Acnt	1403	Intro. To Acct. I	4	Haynes	Lab	TBA			Microsoft Networking		
Lab TBA				Intro. To Acct. I			7:00-9:50 PM	TH	ITNW	2451	Windows NT Core Tech	4	Doucette
1:00-4:00 PM	M/TH	Acnt	1404	Intro. To Acct. II	4	Haynes	Lab	TBA			Windows NT Core Tech		
Lab TBA				Intro. To Acct. II			10:30-11:50 AM	T/TH	Math	0307	Beginning Algebra	2	Buckhaults
2:00-4:50 PM	T	Arts	2346	Intro To Ceramics	3	Shelley	7:00-9:50 PM	TH	Math	0307	Beginning Algebra		
Lab TBA				Intro To Ceramics			7:00-9:50 PM	TH	Math	0308	Intermediate Algebra	3	Stewart
7:00-9:50 PM	T	Biol	1322	Nutrition	3	Glaeser	7:00-9:50 PM	M	Math	1314	College Algebra	3	Howard
7:00-9:50 PM	TH	Biol	1406	General Bilogy I	4	Kepley	7:00-9:50 PM	T	Math	1332	Modern Math I	3	Baker
Lab 4:30-6:50 PM	TH			General Bilogy I			8:00-9:30 AM	T/TH	Mchn	1317	Mach Shop Blueprint	3	Grant
4:00-6:50 PM	M	Biol	2401	Human A&P I	4	Glaeser	9:30-10:50 AM	M/W	Mchn	1320	Precision Tools	3	Grant
Lab 7:00-9:50 PM	M			Human A&P I			Lab 11:00-12:00 AM	M/W			Precision Tools		
4:30-6:50 PM	T	Biol	2420	Microbiology	4	Staff	9:30-10:50 AM	M-W	Mchn	1320	Precision Tools	3	Grant
Lab 7:00-9:50 PM	T			Microbiology			Lab 11:00-12:00 AM	M-W			Precision Tools		
	TBA	Busi	1307	Personal Finance	3	Staff	9:30-10:50 AM	T/TH	Mchn	1343	Machine Shop Math	3	Grant
	TBA	Busi	2301	Business Law	3	Staff	9:30-10:50 AM	T-TH	Mchn	1343	Machine Shop Match	3	Grant
7:00-9:50 PM	W	Chem	1111	Chem 1311 Lab \$30	1	Edens	6:00-10:00 PM	TH	Mchn	1432	Bench Work & Layout	4	Grant
Lab TBA				Chem 1311 Lab \$30			Lab	TBA			Bench Work & Layout		
7:00-9:50 PM	M	Chem	1311	Gen. College Chem I	3	Edens	7:00-9:50 PM	W	Ofad	2304	Info Processing I	3	Scarborough
6:00-8:50 PM	T	Cosc	1301	Computer Apps I	3	Buckhaults	Lab	TBA			Info Processing I		
Lab	T			Computer Apps I			8:00-9:20 AM	M/W	Osht	1401	Intro Safety/Health	4	Grant
9:00-10:15 AM	M/W	Cosc	1301	Computer Apps I	3	Buckhaults	Lab 11:00-12:00 AM	T/TH			Intro Safety/Health		
Lab	M/W			Computer Apps I			8:00-9:20 AM	M/W	Osht	1401	Intro Safety/Health	4	Grant
6:00-8:50 PM	M	Cosc	1401	Computer Apps II	4	Buckhaults	Lab 11:00-12:00 AM	T/TH			Intro safety/Health		
Lab	M			Computer Apps II			10:30-1:30 AM	TH	Phed	1110	Golf	1	Teichmann
7:00-9:50 PM	TH	Crij	1306	Courts & Procedure	3	Jeffrey	6:00-9:50 PM	M	Phed	1110	Bowling	1	Haynes
7:00-9:50 PM	M	Econ	2301	Macroeconomics	3	Schaefer	4:00-5:00 PM	W	Poft	1313	Prof. Dev. Off. Per.	3	Haynes
5:00-7:00 PM	T	Engl	0307	Dev Writing	2	Thompson	Lab	TBA			Prof. Dev. Off. Per.		
9:00-10:20 AM	T/TH	Engl	1301	Eng Comp/Rhetoric I	3	Thompson		TBA	Psys	1100	Orientation	1	Wesson-Martin
7:00-9:50 PM	T	Engl	1301	Eng Comp/Rhetoric I	3	Scoggin	2:00-4:50 PM	T	Psys	2301	General Psychology	3	Denney
10:30-11:50 AM	M/W	Engl	1302	Eng Comp/Rhetoric II	3	Thompson	7:00-9:50 PM	TH	Psys	2301	General Psychology	3	Vinson
9:00-10:20 AM	T/TH	Engl	1302	Eng Comp/Rhetoric II	3	Scoggin	7:00-9:50 PM	W	Psys	2308	Child Psychology	3	Vinson
7:00-9:50 PM	M	Engl	2331	Non Western Lit.	3	Thompson	5:00-7:00 PM	T	Read	0307	Dev Reading	3	Thompson
9:00-10:20 AM	M/W	Engl	2331	Non Western Lit.	3	Thompson	2:00-4:45 PM	W	Soci	1301	Intro To Sociology	3	Wilson
10:30-11:50 AM	T/TH	Engl	2332	World Literature I	3	Scoggin	6:30-9:20 PM	T	Soci	2301	Family In Society	3	Denney
10:30-11:50 AM	T/TH	Govt	2301	US & TX Constitution	3	Tibbets	10:30-11:50 AM	T/TH	Span	1411	Beginning Span I	4	Hernandez
1:00-3:50 PM	T	Govt	2302	US & TX Government	3	Tibbets	7:00-9:50 PM	M	Spch	1318	Interpersonal Speech	3	Larkin
7:00-9:50 PM	W	Govt	2302	US & TX Government	3	Jeffrey	2:00-4:50 PM	W	Spch	1321	Bus. & Prof. Speech	3	Wilson
9:00-10:20 AM	T/TH	Hist	1301	U.S. History To 1865	3	Williams	7:00-9:50 PM	W	Spch	1321	Bus. & Prof. Speech	3	Larkin
7:00-9:50 PM	T	Hist	1301	U.S. History To 1865	3	Rapstine	1:00-4:00 PM	M/TH	POFT	1429	Keyboard Mastery I	3	Haynes
7:00-9:50 PM	W	Hist	1301	U.S. History To 1865	3	Dinsmore	Lab	TBA			Keyboard Mastery I		
10:30-11:50 AM	T/TH	Hist	1302	U.S. Hist To Present	3	Williams	4:00-5:00 PM	T	POFT	1331	Computational Skills	3	Haynes
7:00-9:50 PM	TH	Hist	1302	U.S. Hist To Present	3	Rapstine	Lab	TBA			Computational Skills		
12:00-1:20 PM	T/TH	Hitt	1305	Medical Term. (WF)	3	Staff	9:00-12:00 AM	M/TH	POFT	2401	Word Processing I	4	Haynes
7:00-9:50 PM	TH	Huma	1315	Fine Arts Apprec.	3	Juengerman	Lab	TBA			Word Processing I		
10:30-11:50 AM	T/TH	Huma	1315	Fine Arts Apprec.	3	Thompson							