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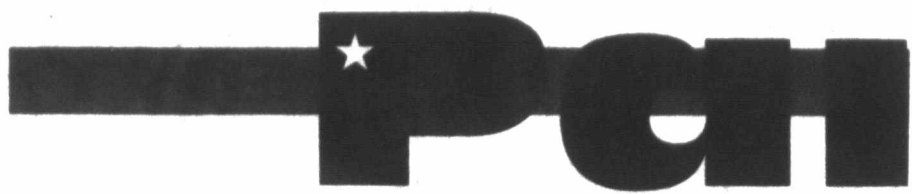
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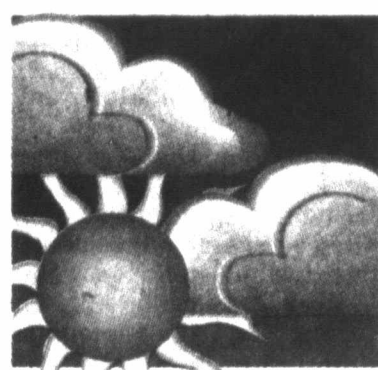
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PAMPA — Enrollment for children in the Headstart and Pre-kindergarten classes at Lamar Elementary will be held Aug. 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Although the classes will be held at Lamar, applications will be taken at Baker Elementary, 300 E. Tuke. In order to apply, parents should bring the child's birth certificate, shot record and social security card. Additional items needed are parent's proof of income (current pay stub or last year's income tax return will suffice) and proof of disability or any public assistance.

If parents are receiving public assistance, they must have the food stamp case number, not the Lone Star card.

A letter of acceptance will be mailed to the parents of children qualifying for enrollment into the programs.

PAMPA — A retirement reception will be held Monday, Aug. 25, for Jeane Roper Autry, with the adult probation department.

Autry has worked with adult probationers for over 20 years. Honoring her years of service to the county are District Court judges Kent Sims and Lee Waters.

The reception will begin at 3 p.m. in the District Courtroom. The public is invited to attend.

LUBBOCK (AP) — A potentially devastating fungus has completed its journey from Africa to the Texas Panhandle, the heart of the world's sorghum seed crop, resulting in chemical treatments being used on the crops.

Texas Agricultural Extension Service agents have identified sorghum ergot in at least three fields around Lubbock since Friday.

"Some seed companies have been waiting to treat, because treatment is expensive and the sorghum ergot hadn't been reported very close to us," said Harold Kaufman, an extension plant pathologist. "They need to quit waiting, because it's here."

DALLAS (AP) — Two men and one woman were killed early today when three men burst into a southeast Dallas home and opened fire, police said.

Six people were in the yellow, wood-frame house about 4 a.m. when the assailants entered and began shooting, said detective Chris Gilliam.

Linda Banks, 42, and Corey Ceasar, 19, both residents of the house, were dead at the scene, said Robert Breckenridge, field agent for the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office.

Russell Dixon, 23, died en route to a local hospital.

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Missing funds, unpaid bills prompt meeting

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

LEFORS — Unpaid bills, as much as \$40,000, and a similar amount of missing city funds has prompted the Lefors City Council to meet in a special session Thursday night.

Mayor Ben Watson said he will propose a number of steps at the 7 p.m. meeting in an attempt to restore order to the city's financial plight.

Watson, who was on the city council, was appointed mayor of Lefors after Velda Chadwick resigned. Chadwick had been appointed mayor following the resignation of elected Mayor Bob Jones last year.

"Velda moved out of town," said Watson. "With her moving out of town, she resigned, and I was appointed as mayor on Aug. 4."

Former Lefors Mayor Derl Boyd was appointed to Watson's seat on the city council.

The financial problems are just another event in the saga of the City of Lefors. Past problems include keeping personnel in the public utility superintendent position and accusations of wrong-doing by city officials and employees.

The financial problems in Lefors surfaced earlier this year, said Watson.

The council has questioned Virginia Maples, former city secretary, about bookkeeping records for the city.

"We were questioning her why we were not current with the books," said Watson.

The reason Maples gave council members was the computer was broken. The council replaced the hardware and purchased the necessary software to get the bookkeeping up to par.

"Our accountant came and put that software in and got them started," said Watson. "She said if she had all that, she could get our books current, but nothing ever came of it. We never saw

any kind of financial statements."

The council approved hiring a bookkeeper from a temporary service firm in Pampa to help bring the city's books up to date. About that time, Watson said, Maples quit and the council found out that a number of bills that they had approved to be paid had not been paid.

While most of the overdue accounts have been made current, he said, four months of unpaid bills — October, November, December and January — for the city's natural

gas service remain outstanding, amounting to about \$40,000.

"The records show where the council approved payment on the bills," said Watson. "They were presented to us showing a positive balance and each month it showed that those bills had been paid."

Watson said checks for the bills had been signed by the mayor and mayor pro-tem and issued. The checks, however, apparently have not cleared the bank. The city's bank account is apparently also missing a similar amount of money.

"The council is made up of citizens who are and are voted in to help conduct the business of the city," Watson said.

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Chisum joins leaders on fact-finding trip

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

State Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, will join Mayor Bob Neslage, County Judge Richard Peet and Lew Mollenkamp, executive director of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation on a trip to Beaumont next Monday to visit a Texas Youth Commission correctional facility.

The visit is a result of a meeting among community members this past Monday afternoon. Approximately 10 community leaders met to discuss whether Pampa wanted to enter into a bidding war as a potential location for one of the four new state youth correctional facilities.

Before committing to the bid through a letter of intent, the community leaders decided to visit the newest youth facility to "see what the City of Pampa would be getting into," said Mollenkamp.

Although all community leaders voiced support of the project, the decision on whether Pampa submit a bid request, along with other Texas cities and counties, will be made after this fact-finding trip.

But, if the consensus of the Monday afternoon meeting is a clue, it is likely, garnering the community's support, that Pampa will throw its hat into the bidding arena.

"I definitely say go for it," said Mayor Neslage. "We need to do everything we can."

Judge Peet added that Gray County could be a major competitor for the new youth correctional facility.

"We're finding out we're not necessarily a step-child; we're also a part of Texas," he said.

Referring to previous bids for adult prisons, Peet, Neslage and Bob White, warden of the Jordan Unit, agreed that the Texas Panhandle is being considered more often for such projects. Even an article in *The Dallas Morning News* addressed the growing number of state prisons located in West Texas.

"We've got the best people from Wichita Falls to the west of the state," said White about his personnel.

The youth facility, if built in Pampa, would bring in about 330 youth offenders, — a number that would gradually be increased to 660 — approximately 600 employees and \$20 million per year in salaries. That \$20 million circulated through Pampa and surrounding cities would be a significant boost to the area's economy.

A bid for such a facility, which will cost the state approximately \$19 million to construct, is a very costly and extensive project. One that city leaders agreed should be considered before entering the bidding process.

"If we could pull this off, it would be like David and Goliath," said PEDC Board President Lewis Meers. "We would be David."

And, indeed, competition for such a facility would be heavy throughout the state. With the high number of jobs and potential economic boost, the area is a prime candidate.

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State steps up nursing home enforcement

AUSTIN (AP) — Stepped-up enforcement of state nursing home regulations has many operators of the facilities feeling nervous.

"People are wondering, 'Am I next?'" asked Merrill Grey, manager of a Dallas-area home sued last week by Texas Attorney General Dan Morales.

Thirty lawsuits have been filed since June, and Morales pledges to keep that pace as long as state inspectors find serious health and safety problems in nursing homes.

"It's a difficult atmosphere," Melody Chatelle, a Texas vice president of Living Centers of America, told the Austin American-Statesman for a story published Wednesday.

Her company operates 92 nursing homes in Texas, including a Waco home sued last week. "It has people concerned, obviously," she said. "The overall desire of the industry (is) to re-enforce that, by and large, nursing facilities are a safe option for persons who need them."

One reason for the accelerated lawsuit filings is increased referrals of problem nursing homes to the attorney general from the Department of Human Services, which inspects them. Over the past year, referrals to the attorney general's office have increased almost fivefold, state records show.

The attorney general files lawsuits only after the human services agency refers a substandard home for litigation. State lawsuits seek fines of up to \$10,000 a day for each violation from nursing homes with health and safety problems that harm, or could harm, residents.

In the 1997 budget year, which ends Aug. 31, 53 nursing homes have been referred to the attorney general's office for litigation, records show. Last year only 11 nursing homes were referred for litigation.

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Hanging around ...



(Pampa News photo by Laura Haley)

Rick Urquhart rescues a dummy during a practice run for the 16th Annual Lineman's Rodeo, which was held Saturday. Urquhart and Todd Harrison were chosen to attend the rodeo in Lubbock this year, representing Pampa's SPS service center. Although they didn't have enough individuals to form a team, both competed in the apprentice category.

Steak eating contest reborn for this year's Tri-State fair

By DAVE BOWSER
Staff Writer

They apparently don't eat much steak in Gray or Wheeler Counties, but steak-eaters in Roberts and Hemphill County have answered the call for the revival of a steak-eating contest at the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo next month.

Among those entered in the contest are Rusty Early of Roberts County and Ed Culver of Hemphill County.

Other contestants include Ed Montana of Potter County, Rick McCracken of Deaf Smith County, Jacett Spinhirne of Oldham County, Jeff Kautz of Sherman County, Bill Carson of Hansford County, Brandon Conrad of Armstrong County and County Judge Ken Donahue of Ochiltree County.

A popular contest in the early 1970s, the Steak Out faded with the decade.

"It's been a while since they've had one," said Potter County Agent Jim Allison.

Actually, they haven't had one since 1975, according to Bob Lee of the Big Texan Steak Ranch in Amarillo, one of the sponsors of the contest.

"Back then the winnings were \$100 for first place," Lee said.

This year the winner gets \$1000 and another \$500 for the organization that sponsors him or her along with 250 single gate admission tickets to the 1998 fair. The second place eater wins \$500. Third place gets \$250.

The deadline for entries is Sept. 1, according to Gray County Agent Danny Nusser.

The contest, which lasts one hour, is measured by the number of one pound strip steaks the contestant can eat. Each contestant may request how they want their steaks cooked.

A contestant can be disqualified if he or she refuses to eat the steaks.

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'The Pampa News' begins new feature

The Lefors High School Journalism Department proudly announces the return of *Pirate Pride & Lefors News* beginning Thursday, Sept. 4, with issues to follow in *The Pampa News* every other Thursday throughout the school year.

Pirate Pride & Lefors News will be a full page in *The Pampa News* and will be produced by Lefors High School journalism students. The goal of this newspaper is to provide school and community news as well as serve as a tremendous learning tool for the students.

"*Pirate Pride & Lefors News*, which began in May as an expensive venture, has developed into a success story — at no cost," said Rick Pierce, LHS journalism teacher. "The *Pampa News* Publisher L.W. McCall, has agreed to give us one page every other week, at no cost to LHS or the community."

"This is a tremendous opportunity for the students and we greatly appreciate the generosity and dedication to service that is being shown by Mr. McCall and *The Pampa News*," continued Pierce. "We at LHS encourage the community to express their support and appreciation to *The Pampa News*."

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Ambulance

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

TUESDAY, August 19
7:03 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Roberta on a medical assist.
7:03 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Somerville on a medical emergency, and one patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center Emergency Room.
9:21 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the Columbia Medical Center ICU to transport one patient to Baptist St. Anthony's.
11:08 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Baptist St. Anthony's to transport one patient to a local nursing facility.
2:19 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Prairie Drive on a medical emergency, and one patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.
3:24 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to 800 block of West 25th on a fall injury. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center Emergency Room.
3:57 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of North Russell on a medical call. One patient was taken to Columbia Medical Center.
5:32 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center to transport one patient to the 800 block of North Russell.
8:53 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Rose on a medical call and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.
10:30 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Russell on a medical call and one patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.
10:53 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Banks on a medical call and no patients were transported.
11:48 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transport to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Antebay Grain of Pampa:	
Wheat	3.27
Milo	4.25
Corn	1.88
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:	
Occidental	21.00/16 dn 1/16
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:	
Magellan	96.50
Puritan	19.86
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:	
Amoco	90.08 dn 1/4
Arco	75.00 dn 9/16
Cabot	27.08 up 5/16
Cabot O&G	21.18 SC
Chevron	78.15/16 SC
Coca Cola	69.11/16 dn 1/8
Columbia/HCA	52.15/16 dn 1/16
Enron	36.78 up 3/16
Halliburton	44.08 up 5/8
Ingersoll Rand	62.3/16 SC
KNE	40.1/8 dn 7/16
Kerr-McGee	61.1/16 up 1/4
Limited	22.7/16 SC
Mapco	29.5/16 dn 3/16
McDonald's	49.1/2 dn 1/4
Modi	74.15/16 up 1/16
New Atmos	25.3/4 dn 5/16
New Cent. Enr.	41.1/8 up 1/8
Penney's	60.13/16 dn 3/16
Phillips	47.5/8 SC
Pioneer Nat. Res.	36.1/8 SC
SLB	73.11/16 dn 5/16
Tenneco	45 up 3/8
Texasco	113.11/16 dn 3/16
Ultramar	32.1/16 dn 1/16
Wal-Mart	35.1/4 up 3/8
New York Gold	322.10
Silver	4.44
West Texas Crude	20.19

Police report

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

MONDAY, August 18
Pampa Police Officer Jimmy Lake was reported driving while intoxicated in the 900 block of West Rham.
TUESDAY, August 19
A theft of two fire axes, valued at \$120, was reported at 201 W. Foster.
Criminal mischief was reported at 1713 Buckler.
Criminal mischief was reported at 701 W. Brown.

Sheriff's Office

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

TUESDAY, August 19
Kristi Wise Moore, 30, 902 Fisher, was arrested on charges of theft by check in Randall County.

Accidents

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19
An accident was reported at the intersection of 1400 Banks St. and 1000 Randy Matson. A 1995 white Ford driven by Roy Douglas Johnston Jr., of Oklahoma, collided into a 1994 white Lincoln driven by Margery Dixon Salmon, 2326 Beech Lane. Johnston was cited for running a stop sign.
An accident was reported at the intersection of 300 W. Brown and 300 S. Gray. A 1993 white Chevy driven by James Randall Ferrell, 1119 Elmore, collided with a 1989 white Ford driven by Melvin Don Brown Jr., 516 E. Browning. No citations were issued.

Fires

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

TUESDAY, August 19
3:10 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to an alarm malfunction call at Columbia Medical Center.

Calendar of events

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
Narcotics Anonymous, a new non-profit group to aid people having problems with the use of narcotics, will have meetings at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1121 S. Hobart. For more information, call 669-6260 or 669-2665.

Emergency numbers

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

LEFORS

city," said Watson. "They come in on a regular schedule of one meeting per month, the second Monday of every month. On good faith, they accept what is handed to them and try to make decisions on what is handed to them. All our decisions were based on what was given to us in good faith."

It is difficult to tell exactly where the city stands because of the lack of financial records, he said.

"There's no way of knowing if the money has been removed because we don't have any books," said Watson.

According to the check ledgers, the money was removed. But, the bank doesn't show the checks cleared.

"All it shows is that the checks were written," said Watson. "We cannot find those checks and they've never come through. They've never cleared the bank."

Perhaps the even more intriguing aspect is the funds missing from the city's account.

"But come to find out the money that was supposed to be there for those checks wasn't there," Watson continued. "We don't know what's going on. I'm not wanting to point any fingers at anybody. There's some problems here. We need to discover what they are and correct them. My intent is not to point fingers. My intent is to correct the problems."

That is why Watson called a special meeting for the council at 7 p.m. Thursday night.

"We've got to take measures," he said. "Right now, we've got to get our books current. We've got to cut overhead. We've got to raise additional revenue. We've got to bring those past due accounts current."

Watson said he was proposing to stop previously approved employment of two contract laborers, which are scheduled to replace summer labor whose contracts end today. He is also proposing to end overtime. And, he wants council members to be updated on the city's bookkeeping status at every regular meeting.

"That will keep the council informed of where this office stands," he said. "We need to know what

is going on with our books. We've had lip service for the last several months. I want a paper trail. I want something that says 'This is where we're at' and 'This is what we're doing' and 'This is, where we're going' and 'This is when we'll have it fixed.'"

Watson said he wants to hire a bookkeeper on a temporary basis to help the new city secretary, Judy Williams, bring the city's books current and establish a viable bookkeeping system.

"What I'm looking for is someone to come in for X amount of dollars, fix it and go on," Watson said. "I'm not wanting to hire another staff member for the city office. That's not what I want to do."

He is proposing hiring a certified public accounting firm to help correct the problem. Other corrective actions Watson is suggesting include using a purchase order system with attached receipts for purchases made by city officials and employees.

"It's a paper trail," he said. "We do not have any paper trail. We've got to know where things are going and papers the way to do it. That's the only way to do it."

Watson said he will also bring up for discussion establishing an \$8 monthly surcharge on residents' gas bill to pay off the overdue bills to the gas company. He said he would like to take action on such a surcharge during the council's regular September meeting.

Watson has tried this before, but the motion has also died for a lack of a second.

"It's not a permanent deal," he said. "It's something until we get out of this situation."

Watson said that as far as he knows the city is current on all of its bills except for the gas bill.

Once the city's financial records are made current, then the focus will move to whether there has been any wrong doing.

"If somebody did something wrong, we'll need to correct it," he said, "but at this point, I think we've just got to figure out where we are. It's going to be slow. It's not something we can fix overnight. The best way to do it is to acknowledge the problem and take steps to correct it."

He said that is what he's trying to do now.

"We'll get through this," he said.

ENFORCEMENT

igation.

"There were some communication problems between our folks and the (attorney general) section over there that is primarily responsible for these cases, and now that's cleared up," said Paul Leche, deputy general counsel for the human services department. "We're very happy that it has."

Legislators criticized both the Department of Human Services and the attorney general's office for lax enforcement. A new law will require both agencies to report each year on their efforts to enforce nursing home laws.

Large nursing home chains and individual operators alike are being sued by the state, often catching them unaware. Most

homes learn about the lawsuits when a newspaper or television reporter calls for comment.

"It is very scary because you don't know what is there being filed against you," said Grey, who was called out of a Texas Board of Nursing Facility Administrators meeting last week when her home got sued.

"I thought we had already paid a penalty for that situation. I said, 'You've got to be kidding.'"

Grey's nursing home in Lancaster, a suburb south of Dallas, was sued for employing a nurse who allegedly withheld tube feedings and medications from residents 2 1/2 years ago.

The Texas Health Care Association, a trade group that

represents most nursing homes in the state, is analyzing the lawsuits filed this summer to determine whether the state is being heavy-handed.

"We want to make sure it's a serious situation that's being focused on and not a news media campaign," said Tom Suehs, the group's executive director.

If residents are in jeopardy and nothing was done to correct problems, that's a different story, Suehs said.

"But we don't think a facility should have a major fine or lawsuit from the (attorney general) if it's a single incident and the facility did everything under their control to avoid it or prevent it," he said.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. South to southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Low of 70. Thursday, partly cloudy with highs near 90. South winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Low of 67. Tuesday's high was 90, the overnight low was 67.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows 60 to 65. North wind 5 to 15 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy with highs near 85 to 90. South to southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in mid 60s. South Plains/Low Rolling Plains: Tonight, fair. Lows mid 60s to near 70. Thursday, sunny. Highs 90-95. Thursday night, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows mid 60s to lower 70s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos: Tonight, partly cloudy with isolated evening thunderstorms. Lows in upper 60s. Thursday, sunny. Highs around 95. Thursday night, fair. Lows 65-70. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau: Tonight, clear. Lows around 70. Thursday, sunny. Highs in upper 90s. Thursday night, fair. Lows upper 60s to mid 70s. Far West Texas: Tonight,

partly cloudy with scattered evening thunderstorms. Lows near 70. Thursday, partly cloudy with isolated afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in mid 90s. Thursday night, fair. Lows 65-70. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area: Tonight, isolated evening thunderstorms, otherwise fair. Lows 60s and 70s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs mid 80s mountains to 106 Rio Grande. Thursday night, fair. Lows 60s and 70s.

North Texas — Tonight, becoming clear. Lows 71 to 75. Thursday, partly cloudy and warm. Highs 91 to 96. Thursday night, increasing cloudiness with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows 73 to 79.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, mostly clear becoming mostly cloudy after midnight south central. Lows in mid to upper 70s, lower 70s Hill Country. Thursday, mostly sunny with a slight chance of afternoon showers or thunderstorms southeast. Highs in mid to upper 90s, near 103 along the Rio Grande river. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in mid to upper 70s, lower 70s Hill Country. Southeast and Upper Coast: Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in mid 70s inland to lower 80s coast. Thursday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in upper 90s inland to lower 90s coast.

Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows the lower 70s inland, upper 70s coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, mostly clear. Lows near 80 coast to mid 70s inland. Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s coast to the upper 90s inland, near 105. Rio Grande plains. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows near 80 coast, mid 70s inland. Deep South: Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in upper 70s coast to mid 70s inland. Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs near 90 coast, mid and upper 90s inland, 100 to 107 inland west. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows near 80 coast, mid 70s inland.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Tonight through Thursday night, mostly fair skies late nights and mornings. Partly cloudy afternoons and evenings with scattered thunderstorms, mainly over the mountains. Lows 40s and 50s mountains with mid 50s to 60s lower elevations. Highs 70s and 80s mountains with mid 80s to 90s lower elevations.

Oklahoma — Tonight, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms northwest. Lows in upper 60s to lower 70s. Thursday, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs in upper 80s to mid 90s. Thursday night, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms, especially northwest. Lows in upper 60s to lower 70s.

TRIP

tial economic growth for communities, Pampa would be entering a bidding arena with several larger cities.

Pampa has played this game in the past, narrowly missing an opportunity by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to expand the present Jordan Unit by another 600 beds. That particular bid went to the top

eight proposals; the City of Pampa was ranked ninth, said PEDC Project Director Susan Tripplehorn at the Monday afternoon meeting.

However, the past bidding process has been a valuable learning experience, which could prove beneficial in the bidding war for one of the four youth correctional facilities, agreed the

community leaders. With any luck, the visit to the Beaumont site will give the officials an understanding of the day-to-day functions, maintenance and operations of such a facility.

Upon returning, the community leaders must decide whether the entities should unite and wade through the bidding wars or throw in the towel.

FAIR

fied if he becomes sick, stands up or leaves his seat.

The winner along with second and third place is determined by the number of steaks eaten within the hour.

Each of the contestants now entered thinks he can eat enough steak to walk away a winner. No one in Gray or Wheeler County as yet feels confident enough to enter.

Nusser said he considered entering the contest until he found out that the last winner ate 16 one-pound steaks to vanquish the competition.

Besides, Nusser shrugged, his wife has him on a diet.

Nusser may want to try what the first organizer of the contest tried.

"The very first one in 1972, they had trouble getting contest-

tants," Lee said. "They had three people that had entered and one of them was a food salesman that happened to be in the Big Texan on old Route 66. My dad, R.J. Lee, went down to the Salvation Army and asked the transients if they wanted to come down for a free steak. They said, 'Yeah!' That was the majority of the first official steak eating contest."

BORDER

the border from El Paso, as a huge environmental problem beyond the control of Texas officials.

"Maybe there are ways to go above the two state governments...and the two nations to international organizations that can invest across borders," he said.

Gregory Rocha, a political science professor at the University of Texas at El Paso, said developing a coordinated plan is a good idea because it will take a unified

effort to solve border problems. Cynics can dismiss the report as something that's unlikely to result in any improvements, Rocha said.

"On the other hand," he said, "you can say that at least they are looking into the problems and paying attention and maybe trying something different that we haven't seen up to now."

State Rep. Pat Haggerty, R-El Paso, is skeptical about the timing of the project. Sharp, a

Democrat, is running against Republican Rick Perry for lieutenant governor next year.

"From a political standpoint, it's fairly obvious what he's doing," Haggerty said. "If I was John Sharp and running for lieutenant governor, I'd be working the border too."

Still, he acknowledged the study could help.

"It may be insurmountable, but, by gosh, you sure can peck away at the problem," Haggerty said.

City briefs

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EMERGENCY JAIL Release. 24 hrs. Jack Ward, 669-9911. Adv. **JACK'S FAUCET** Shop now open! Delta Premier and Pro Plus faucets & plumbing supplies. 715 W. Foster, 665-7115. Adv.

SUMMER CLEARANCE Sidewalk Sale starts Wednesday at Celebrations Gift Shop, 1617 N. Hobart. Adv.

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Carson County government: Carson County Commissioners' Court meets, installs new communication line near Groom

The Carson County Commissioners considered several issues last week in their Aug. 11 meeting.

The Court approved the installation of a communication line across a county road in precinct one, south of Groom.

In review, the court examined the list of County C.D.L. drivers who are required to take random drug testing. Testing is done by Allied Compliance of Lubbock, Texas.

Judge Roselius asked commissioners to advise the court when a "Cooperation Agreement" with other local governments needs to be initiated. The agree-

ments will need to be approved by the county commissioners' court as well as the other local governing boards.

The county is considering future road work in the following locations: one block of Hazel Street and three blocks on Chester street in the City of Panhandle. The following road work is current underway:

- one block of 9th Street between Maple and Oak;
- one block of 13th Street between Franklin and Park;
- and, Park Street between 2nd and Roosevelt, all in Skellytown.

In other matters, Commissioner

Howell informed the court that he found a 1988 model van to purchase in order to transfer state prisoners to work in precinct four.

The court canvassed the Constitutional Amendment Election returns of Aug. 9. The amendment was approved in Carson County by 484 votes and opposed by 44.

In addition, Wanda Hood, Carson County Emergency Management Coordinator, discussed the joint emergency management exercise with the D.O.E. Pantex facility, which was held Wednesday, Aug. 13.

Commissioners continue to work on the proposed budget for 1997-1998.

Court refuses to open hearing on lottery deals memo to public

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Possible evidence that government prosecutors improperly released information that outlined kickback deals involving lottery lobbyists in New York and Texas will be seen by a judge before any of it is disclosed to the public, a federal appeals court ruled.

Tuesday's decision by the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals was a defeat for newspapers here and in Texas, who had challenged the closing of the hearing by a federal judge in Newark.

The issue was sparked by a document released in January by federal prosecutors in New Jersey regarding the pending sentencing of J. David Smith, the former national sales manager for Gtech, the world's largest lottery company.

Smith, 50, of Morganfield, Ky., was convicted here in October of accepting kickbacks from lobbyists doing work for Gtech in New Jersey while he was still with the company.

The memo raised questions about the business practices of Gtech, of West Greenwich, R.I., which runs lotteries in 29 of the 38 states that have them and in 30 nations. The company has never been charged.

Lawyers for Gtech, their lobbyists in New York and Texas, and Smith said the government document contained grand jury information that should have remained secret, and that prosecutors should be punished.

As a result of the dispute, Smith has yet to be sentenced. He could be sentenced to several years in prison.

U.S. District Judge Nicholas H. Politan, who presided over the trial of Smith and two New Jersey lobbyists, ruled in March he would have a closed hearing the next month to explore whether prosecutors erred.

That ruling was challenged by *The Star-Ledger* of Newark and two Texas newspapers — the *Austin American-Statesman* and *The Dallas Morning News*, who contended they had First Amendment and common law rights to attend and see lawyers' submissions that Politan sealed.

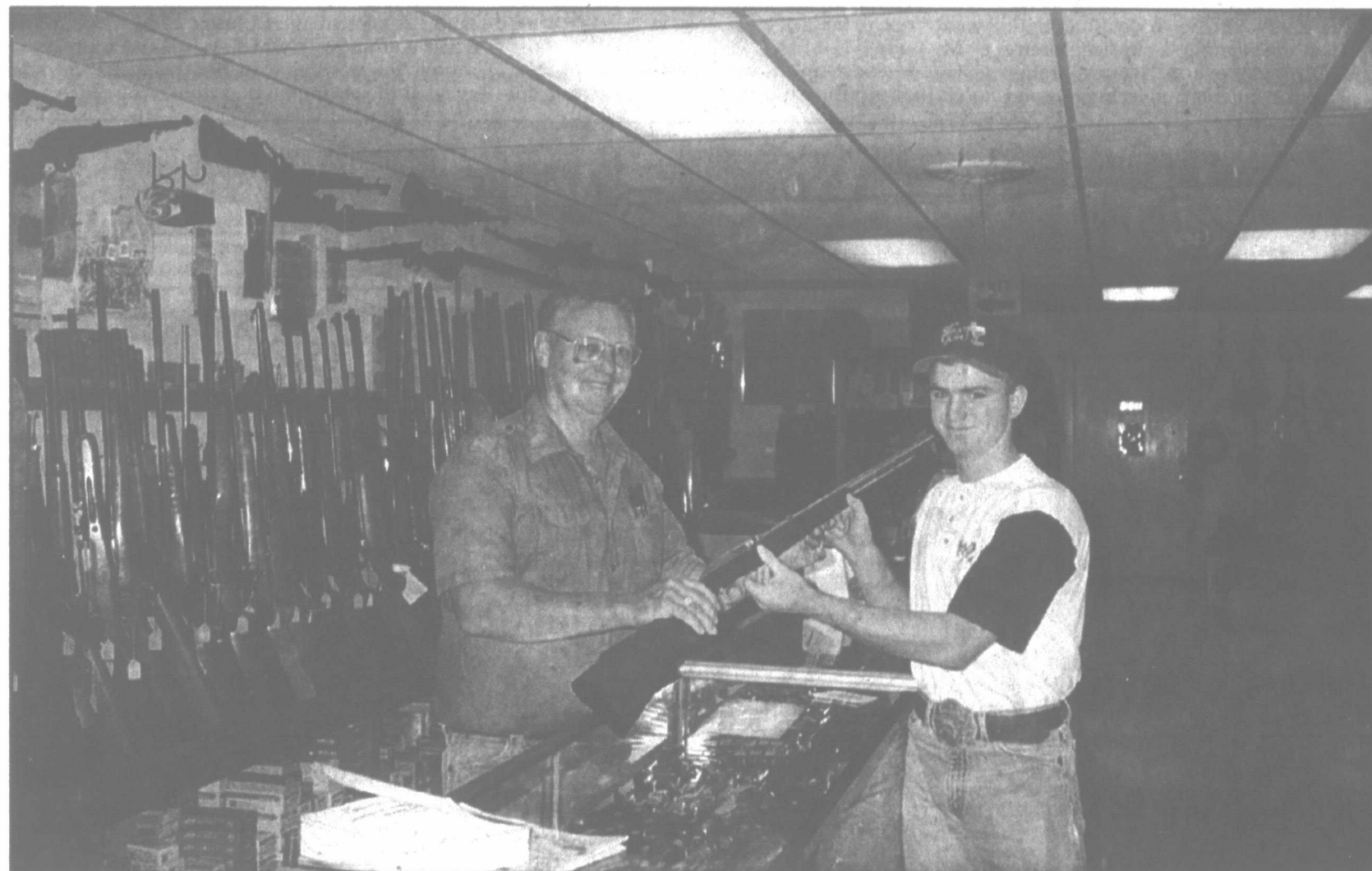
As a result, a 3rd Circuit panel in April ordered Politan to delay the hearing until it decides whether the public can be excluded from the proceeding.

In Tuesday's ruling, the appellate panel upheld Politan's decision, saying the newspapers have no right to a hearing or papers "if secret grand jury material would be disclosed by that access."

Citing court rules requiring judges to close hearings and seal papers relating to grand jury proceedings, the appellate panel said secret review of the material is necessary in this case.

The panel also rejected an alternative suggested by the newspapers, in which Politan could remove secret material from papers and then allow them to be seen, and allow the public to attend "nonsecret" parts of any hearing. The panel said such a scheme would be "highly impractical and inefficient and would create a circus-like 'revolving door' hearing."

Rifle prize



The Fellowship Baptist Youth Group was successful thanks to the citizens of Pampa. Above, Ted Dickman, owner of Pampa Pawn, presents a .22-caliber rifle to Curtis Atwood. Atwood won the rifle during the youth group fund-raising campaign.

MTV forming quite an attachment to state capitol, calls Austin 'cool'

AUSTIN (AP) — First, MTV picks Austin as the setting for its premier attempt at a sit-com, a funny look at the life of three singles called *Austin Stories*.

Now Austin will play host to the cable network's first Sports and Music Festival the weekend of Oct. 17. MTV officials announced Tuesday.

When asked why Austin was getting so much attention from the music channel, Salli Frattini, MTV's vice president in charge of production, said, "Because Austin's cool."

She sounded entirely too much like MTV's Beavis and Butt-head, created by Mike Judge, who, by the way, lives in Austin.

"The timing was kind of unintentional," Ms. Frattini said. "That (*Austin Stories*) comes out

of our development department. It wasn't like, 'Oh, we are doing *Austin Stories*, so let's do the Sports and Music Festival there.' They were kind of very independent decisions."

That may make an even bigger statement about Austin's increasingly prominent image in the entertainment world.

The city already hosts the internationally renowned South by Southwest music festival every spring as well as a film and screenwriter's conference that draws Hollywood honchos in the fall.

Numerous movies have been shot in and around the city, including the latest project by Austin filmmaker Richard Linklater, called *The Newton Boys*, starring Texan Matthew McConaughey. It will be out next year.

Throw in the fact that stars such as Sandra Bullock and Shawn Colvin have bought homes in the area and some longtime residents are beginning to fear the city is losing its Texas Hill Country charm and becoming too glitzy.

Austin Mayor Kirk Watson says the attention MTV is bringing to the city is good.

"It's always good for Austin when new people get to come and see what a great place we've got," Watson said. "This is an exciting place, so it's always good for Austin to be able to be showcased this way, not to mention the money that comes along with the deal."

Ms. Frattini said the network expects to spend roughly \$1 million alone in hotel expenses to put on the three-day festival, which will be aired on MTV the weekend of Nov. 7-10 with 10 hours of original programming.

It will be no ordinary sports festival. The events, held outdoors in Zilker Park, will include BMX Bike, skateboarding, in-line skating and, gulp, snowboarding.

MTV officials say they will be able to refrigerate enough shaved ice — snow, for all practical purposes — to put on "Big Air" events featuring some of the world's best snowboarders in Texas heat in October.

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Opinion

Bill Gates takes a bite of Apple

It's not for nothing that Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates is known in high-tech circles as "The Gator."

Gates snapped up \$150 million worth of Apple Computer Inc. non-voting stock, a move some analysts believed to be a life-giving alliance for troubled Apple.

Yet it all was an odd deal to digest for longtime observers of the computer rivalry scene and Gates' track record of luring in otherwise unsuspecting companies for his Big Bite.

The first landmark moment came with IBM in 1981, when Microsoft inked a deal to provide the disk operating system (DOS) for IBM's new PC. But the deal left Microsoft free to sell the DOS to other companies — spawning the "clone" — hardware companies that now dominate the market, almost every one of which uses Microsoft software. IBM was left on the sidelines, at least in this market.

Then in 1983, Microsoft made a deal with Apple that insured Microsoft software would be written for the new Macintosh, introduced in 1984, and that Microsoft would know exactly how the Mac ticked. Soon after, Microsoft's Windows system came out, working like a cheap clone of the Mac's operating system. Apple sued, but a judge ruled the "look and feel" of a computer program can't be copyrighted.

It also is not lost on Apple watchers that the same corporate leader, Apple co-founder Steve Jobs, who walked into the arms of Gates in 1983, appears to be the man behind the decision this time around, too. Jobs was forced out of Apple in 1985 and returned last year as a "strategic adviser."

So how does Gates benefit? Microsoft at the moment is in a heated competition with Silicon Valley-based Netscape to provide computer users a way to get to and browse the Internet. The deal puts Microsoft's Internet Explorer on new Mac systems, giving Microsoft another leg up on Netscape's Navigator.

And Microsoft also pledged to hold the non-voting stock for three years and to develop software for the Mac. Of course, to develop such software Microsoft will have to be given inside information on new Mac developments — a competitive advantage whose attainment has a historical ring to it.

And by bailing out a rival, Microsoft might blunt the anti-trust suits being brought against it by the U.S. Justice Department. After all, how bad can the Gator be if he's "helping" a rival survive?

Bottom line: Apple gets a meal ticket, but it needs to be careful it doesn't become the meal.

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Mondays are the worst!!

Although you read this on Wednesdays, I'm afraid I write this column on Mondays. I hate Mondays. Actually, I hate mornings, in general. I am still waiting for that time in life when I will be able to wake up without an alarm clock. I want an internal alarm clock. The kind that when you wake yourself up, you can't go back to sleep. My dad has one. I think he's had it since his 40th birthday. Of course, some people get it when they're born and have it all their lives. Not me. I have a faulty internal alarm clock. I couldn't get up in the morning on my own if the bed was on fire. I would just roll out of bed, after receiving my second degree burns, and go find another room to sleep in.

When you get right down to it, I love to sleep. I would call it one of my favorite past times. I heard on the radio this morning from Paul Harvey that two in every five people in the U.S. love to garden. It's the American hobby of choice. But not for me. I sleep.

I love to dream and snuggle under blankets at anytime of the day. That's also a part of the problem; I'd rather sleep in the day. There's something so good and so off-limits about sleeping in the brightness of the day. Whether it be 10 a.m., or 2:30 p.m. or 5:15 in the evening, I can sleep pretty much anytime. Anywhere, too, planes, trains, automobiles, libraries, interesting lectures, good

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action-packed movies, my shoulder ... and even when I take Vivarin. You see, unfortunately for me, I don't drink coffee. Anyone who doesn't drink coffee has a problem, quite literally. (This is where I change the subject momentarily)

For instance, someone offers you coffee ... you say, "no thank you." What are they thinking? Your rude! That's what their thinking! Why wouldn't anyone want a nice, steaming cup of java? I don't know. Coffee makes me sick. So, in college, I tried Vivarin — it's caffeine times 10 in one single pill. I'd take two. Then, I'd shake all night while I tried to write my term paper, and then I'd get sick and want to go to bed.

My point?

Good question. I really have no point. I was just saying that not even Vivarin — caf-

feine in the rawest form — can keep me awake.

Obviously, I've got a problem. Oh, and by the way, let me just remind you that loving to sleep is not laziness. It's just a genetic thing. My mom enjoys sleep, too. Napping, good ole hard core napping has been passed down in my family for generations.

Moving to my conclusion, based on the fact that I am writing a column about sleep on a Monday morning, how many hours of sleep do you think I got last night? You're right, not many. Five and a half to be exact. I need 10.

Not kidding. I believe the urban legend states that we, as adults, need only eight hours a sleep a night. Again, not me. Ten to twelve will allow me to cook dinner at night. Eight hours gives me the ability to answer the phone in the morning. Six hours makes me down right grumpy. And anything less than that makes me too tired to care. But even though I need so much sleep to feel right, it doesn't mean I get it. I rarely get 10 hours of sleep at night. I get home by 5 p.m., open my bills, brush away some tears, give my puppy a nice bowl of water so that she can pour the water all over the kitchen and chew the bowl in the living room while we watch *Entertainment Tonight*, and the next thing you know, it's 11:30 p.m. and I am cursing myself for not being in bed by 9. It's a vicious cycle. It makes me tired. I think I'll go take a nap.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 20, the 232nd day of 1997. There are 133 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 20, 1968, the Soviet Union and other Warsaw Pact nations began invading Czechoslovakia to crush the "Prague Spring" liberalization drive of Alexander Dubcek's regime.

On this date:

In 1833, Benjamin Harrison, the 23rd president of the United States, was born in North Bend, Ohio.

In 1866, President Andrew Johnson formally declared the Civil War over, even though the fighting had stopped months earlier.

In 1914, German forces occupied

Brussels, Belgium, during World War I.

In 1918, Britain opened its offensive on the Western front during World War I.

In 1920, pioneering American radio station 8MK in Detroit (later WWJ) began daily broadcasting.

In 1940, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill paid tribute to the Royal Air Force, saying, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

In 1953, the Soviet Union publicly acknowledged it had tested a hydrogen bomb.

In 1955, hundreds of people were killed in anti-French rioting in Morocco and Algeria.

In 1964, President Johnson signed a nearly \$1 billion anti-poverty measure.

In 1977, the United States launched Voyager 2, an unmanned spacecraft carrying a 12-inch copper phonograph record containing greetings in dozens of languages, samples of music and sounds of nature.

Ten years ago: A federal appeals court in Washington, D.C., rejected Lt. Col. Oliver North's argument that the independent counsel investigating the Iran-Contra affair was operating under an invalid Justice Department regulation.

Five years ago: In the early hours of Aug. 20, the Republican National Convention in Houston renominated President Bush and Vice President Quayle. On the evening of the 20th, Bush delivered a hard-hitting speech in which he attacked the Democrats and promised to seek

across-the-board tax cuts if re-elected.

One year ago: President Clinton approved the first minimum-wage increase in five years, raising the hourly minimum by 90 cents to \$5.15 per hour over 13 months. Susan McDougal was sentenced in Little Rock, Ark., to two years in prison in a Whitewater fraud case.

Today's Birthdays: Former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, is 64. Country singer Justin Tubb is 62. Singer-musician Isaac Hayes is 55. Former CBS anchorwoman Connie Chung is 51. Rock singer Robert Plant (Led Zeppelin) is 49. Country singer Rudy Gatlin is 45. Actor-director Peter Horton is 44. "Today" show weatherman Al Roker is 43. Actress Joan Allen is 41. Rapper KRS-One is 32.

Time to abolish a useless agency

Doris Meissner could find herself out of a job next year. A federal advisory panel has recommended that her beleaguered agency, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, be abolished and its duties handed off to other government agencies.

This amounts to a "no confidence" vote in Meissner, who promised to reform the INS when she took over its reins in 1993. On her watch, the agency has not only failed to secure this nation's borders from invasion by illegal aliens, it also has completely fallen down on its job of preserving the integrity of the U.S. citizenship process.

Indeed, while Meissner suggests that INS initiatives like "Operation Gatekeeper" have stanchied the influx of illegal aliens along America's southern border, her agency's website shows that the numbers of illegals stealing into the United States has remained constant at more than 300,000 a year.

Also, while Meissner claims that "there is no validity to the notion that people are becoming citizens today who would not have 10 years ago," a Justice Department report revealed that her agency allowed more than 180,000 foreign nationals to become American citizens without completion of legally required criminal background checks.

This was in addition to 71,000 aliens with criminal records (including 10,800 charged with such felonies as rape, child molestation and aggravated assault) whom the INS actually knew about, but who received U.S. citizenship anyway.

Meanwhile, at least several thousand immigrants without criminal records obtained U.S. citizenship through fraudulent means. Most were clients of Naturalization Assistance Services, one of six private companies authorized by

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Meissner's agency to administer tests for immigrants seeking citizenship.

NAS, boasting a nationwide operation of more than 400 affiliates, went much further than merely administering citizenship tests. An expose by ABC-TV's 20/20, using a hidden camera, showed NAS test monitors providing correct answers to immigrant test takers. Moreover, many of the test takers couldn't even speak English, a prerequisite for becoming an American citizen.

After revelation of each and every INS failing, Meissner has promised to "fundamentally restructure" her agency and to make "significant changes." But the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform, which urges abolition of the INS, argues that the agency is "set up for failure." And in the words of Bruce A. Morrison, one of the commission's nine members, "there are some fundamental structural impediments to doing the job right."

So Morrison and his fellow commissioners, appointed by both Congress and the president, recommend that the immigration system be broken down into four components: border and interior enforcement, benefits and visas, workplace labor standards and an

appeals process for enforcement action.

Under the commission's plan, these duties would be spread over three agencies. The Justice Department would set up a Bureau of Immigration Enforcement, which would include the Border Patrol, inspection of people arriving at ports of entry, detention of illegal aliens and deportations and investigation of immigration-related crime.

The State Department would create an Undersecretariat for Citizenship, Immigration and Refugee Admission. It would process visas and issue passports, while also taking over the citizenship process. The Labor Department would enforce sanctions against employers who hire illegal alien workers or fail to comply with other immigration-related labor requirements.

The commission's plan has been well received by both Republicans and Democrats in Congress, who will ultimately decide whether the INS will be abolished. But Meissner, concerned perhaps about her bureaucratic legacy, has signaled that her 156-year-old agency will not go down without a fight.

In a prepared statement released recently, the INS blamed its current problems on years of neglect by Congress and the White House, during which the agency was understaffed and underfunded. But the fact is, over the past decade, the agency's budget has increased by more than 500 percent, while its staff has doubled. Yet the performance of the INS has gotten worse rather than better.

The INS is simply a failed agency. And rather than investing years in trying to reform the INS, as Meissner favors, Congress ought to go ahead and pull the plug on the agency and let other government departments assume its duties.

State briefs

Poisoning suspected in deaths of oak trees along 11-mile stretch

DALLAS (AP) — Hundreds of trees and plants along the median on an 11-mile stretch of a north Dallas street probably were poisoned during a city worker's well-meaning but misguided attempts to control weeds, some experts are speculating.

One resident is outraged. "I told the city, 'Next time you send somebody to our neighborhood, send somebody with a brain,'" said Kelli Hurst, who lives near the east end of the street — Royal Lane.

City arborist Renee Burke-Brown wrote in a memo dated July 3 that at least some of the trees along Royal Lane "are in a severe state of stress due to herbicide poisoning."

Street maintenance supervisor Franco Flores said city workers and private subcontractors have been questioned and all deny spraying herbicide on Royal Lane medians.

Stolen lottery tickets showing up all over state, officials say

PEARSALL (AP) — Someone is attempting "all over the state" to collect on winning tickets from 4,000 scratch-off Texas Lottery tickets stolen last weekend.

But security safeguards built into the program are foiling the would-be winners, Frio County Sheriff Carl Burris said Tuesday.

Someone took the whole container of lottery tickets from a convenience store at the edge of Pearsall sometime between 12:30 a.m. and 3 a.m. Saturday, officials said.

But the lottery system's computer is foiling the would-be "winners" from collecting, Burris said. When someone attempts to collect on a stolen ticket, the sys-

tem rejects the ticket and the store refuses to pay.

Burris said the tickets have surfaced at Giddings, Columbus and Houston. He did not know how many people are attempting to collect, but said there have been about 70 reports of attempts to cash in winning tickets from the stolen tickets.

New rule could prevent legitimate court cases, citizens group warns

AUSTIN (AP) — A new court rule approved by the state Supreme Court will make lawsuits in Texas more expensive and could keep legitimate cases from going to trial, the group Texas Citizen Action is warning.

Walt Borges is director of the consumer group's court watch program. He said the new "no-evidence" summary judgment rule will allow more lawsuit defendants to claim that people suing them have no evidence to prove their cases.

If judges agree to the summary judgment motions, cases against the defendants can be thrown out of court.

Under current rules, people who make no-evidence summary judgment motions must prove there is no evidence that could prove the allegations leveled against them. Under the new rule, the people suing would have to prove they have evidence to back their claims.

"The great fear is that because of the pressure of malpractice lawsuits and zealous defense, everyone is afraid that every single defense lawyer is going to file these routinely," Borges said Tuesday. "The impact is that it creates an entirely new level of procedure. You have to have a hearing and go through all the evidence."

'Cop Land' takes Stallone to the top

By JOHN HORN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sylvester Stallone left behind his typical Rambo-style hero for a reluctant sheriff tackling corrupt New York City cops in *Cop Land* and saw the movie debut at No. 1.

Cop Land pushed aside *Air Force One* and *Conspiracy Theory* this weekend.

Shaquille O'Neal, however, shot an air ball with his superhero movie *Steel*, which landed in 16th place.

Among other new films, the science fiction movie *Event Horizon* opened modestly in fourth.

In limited release, the British comedy *The Full Monty* was popular.

Cop Land took in \$13.5 million, compared to \$12.4 million for the Harrison Ford thriller *Air Force One*, and \$12.3 million for the Mel Gibson-Julia Roberts drama *Conspiracy Theory*.

Conspiracy Theory and *Def Jam's How to Be a Player* were off more than 36 percent in their second weekends.

The top 20 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.:

1. *Cop Land*, Miramax, \$13.5 million, 2,233 locations, \$6,050 average, \$13.5 million, one week.

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Top weekend movies		
Weekend of Aug. 15-17, 1997		
All dollar figures in millions		
Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens		
		Weekend gross
1	<i>Cop Land</i>	\$13.5
	\$13.5, one week, 2,233 screens	
2	<i>Air Force One</i>	\$12.4
	\$12.4, four weeks, 2,061 screens	
3	<i>Conspiracy Theory</i>	\$12.3
	\$12.3, two weeks, 2,003 screens	
4	<i>Event Horizon</i>	\$8.5
	\$8.5, one week, 2,311 screens	
5	<i>Spawn</i>	\$5
	\$4.7, three weeks, 2,478 screens	
6	<i>George of the Jungle</i>	\$4.8
	\$4.8, two weeks, 2,431 screens	
7	<i>Men in Black</i>	\$4.2
	\$225.3, seven weeks, 2,261 screens	
8	<i>Picture Perfect</i>	\$3.3
	\$23.7, three weeks, 1,677 screens	
9	<i>Contact</i>	\$2.9
	\$2.9, six weeks, 1,451 screens	
10	<i>Def Jam's How to Be a Player</i>	\$2.53
	\$10, two weeks, 756 screens	

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc.

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2. *Air Force One*, Columbia, \$12.4 million, 2,981 locations, \$4,143 average, \$130.4 million, four weeks.

3. *Conspiracy Theory*, Warner Bros., \$12.3 million, 2,803 locations, \$4,392 average, \$40.7 million, two weeks.

4. *Event Horizon*, Paramount, \$9.5 million, 2,311 locations, \$4,116 average, \$9.5 million, one week.

5. *Spawn*, New Line, \$5 million, 2,478 locations, \$2,012 average, \$46.7 million, three weeks.

6. *George of the Jungle*, Disney, \$4.8 million, 2,431 locations, \$1,980 average, \$84.6 million, five weeks.

7. *Men in Black*, Columbia, \$4.2 million, 2,261 locations, \$1,860 average, \$225.3 million, seven weeks.

8. *Picture Perfect*, Fox, \$3.3 million, 1,677 locations, \$1,981 average, \$23.7 million, three weeks.

9. *Contact*, Warner Bros., \$2.9 million, 1,451 locations, \$1,980 average, \$88.6 million, six weeks.

10. *Def Jam's How to Be a Player*, Gramercy, \$2.53 million, 756 locations, \$3,344 average, \$10 million, two weeks.

11. *Air Bud*, Disney, \$2.49 million, 1,551 locations, \$1,604 average, \$16.3 million, three weeks.

12. *Nothing to Lose*, Disney, \$1.7 million, 1,136 locations, \$1,530 average, \$40.3 million, five weeks.

13. *My Best Friend's Wedding*, TriStar, \$1.6 million, 1,232 locations, \$1,312 average, \$116.1 million, nine weeks.

14. *Face/Off*, Paramount, \$1.1 million, 1,110 locations, \$1,012 average, \$107.7 million, eight weeks.

15. *Good Burger*, Paramount, \$1 million, 1,362 locations, \$744 average, \$20.4 million, four weeks.

16. *Steel*, Warner Bros., \$870,000, 1,260 locations, \$691 average, \$870,000, one week.

17. *The Lost World: Jurassic Park*, Universal, \$748,000, 787 locations, \$950 average, \$226.4 million, 13 weeks.

18. *Hercules*, Disney, \$640,000, 647 locations, \$989 average, \$90.1 million, nine weeks.

19. *Mrs. Brown*, Miramax, \$549,000, 130 locations, \$4,222 average, \$2.7 million, four weeks.

20. *Shall We Dance*, Miramax, \$528,000, 130 locations, \$4,063 average, \$3.6 million, six weeks.

How to make back-to-school less stressful ...

ROSELAND, N.J. — Every parent's back-to-school list should include more than just pencils and paper. Parents also need to think about well-child exams, immunizations, exercise and an emphasis on eating right.

"The anticipation and preparation for another school year is exciting but also stressful for parents and children," said Dr. Charles Cutler, vice president, medical services, for Prudential HealthCare. "By taking steps to ensure that your children start off healthy, you are well on your way to a happy and successful school year."

Parents should provide psychological support, as well as make sure children receive necessary medical check-ups and immunizations. Dr. Cutler noted that these types of preventive care check-ups and tests may be covered by health plans like the ones offered by Prudential HealthCare. Here are some tips from Dr. Cutler to help make your child's school year a healthier one.

• **Talk with your children about their feelings for the upcoming school year.** Spend time with your child talking about the upcoming school year — any fears, challenges, accom-

plishments, or projects that they see ahead for themselves. Go over their schedule and discuss study habits so they feel less anxiety and stress over possible workloads.

• **Schedule a well-child exam for children.** Check with your primary care doctor on whether your child is due for one. This might include a history and physical examination; height, weight and blood pressure measurements; vision screening; developmental and behavioral assessments; and counseling on child safety, diet and exercise.

• **Find out if your child needs a physical exam.** Typically, older children should have a physical exam every other year, unless they have a medical condition or will be participating in organized sports. Schedule physicals well in advance to avoid the Labor Day crunch. Also, check with the school about special forms or requirements for participating in sports and bring these to the attention of your physician.

• **Review immunization records; keep track of visits and shots.** While most children should receive their basic immunizations before age two, some diseases like tetanus, measles and hepatitis B require booster

shots in later years between the ages 11 and 18. Prudential HealthCare provides parents with tips and helpful guidelines on childhood immunizations available on the Internet at www.prudential.com/healthcare. The site includes: a childhood immunization schedule to see when each shot is required; an immunization record to keep track of shots received; and a True/False quiz to test your knowledge.

• **Meet with the school nurse.** If your child has a chronic condition, like diabetes or asthma, and needs to take medication during school hours, it's important to discuss your child's medical history with the school nurse. Give the nurse contact information for the pediatrician and/or family doctor. Plan a timetable for your child to take their medication and set up a reminder system so they won't forget.

• **Schedule a dental appointment for your child.** Get this out of the way before the school year begins to save you the hassle of scheduling it during school hours or around after-school activities or sports.

• **Stress the importance of routine physical activity with your child.** Talk about sports

they might be interested in during the school year or other ways to stay physically fit like simply joining a health club or gym. Set a good example — exercise regularly yourself or with your children.

• **Make sure your child eats a balanced diet.** A balanced diet consists of breads, cereals, pasta, and low-fat baked goods; fruits and vegetables; dairy foods (milk, cheeses, etc.); lean meats, poultry, fish; and low-fat snacks such as pretzels, graham crackers, animal crackers instead of corn chips or potato chips. Keep healthy foods and snacks around the house. Be a good role model by eating the foods you want your child to eat. Get your child into the routine of eating a well-balanced breakfast, the most important meal of the day.

Frank Phillips to offer special Assessment Test

BORGER — Students who have not taken the official TASP test may still enroll at Frank Phillips College this fall by taking the FPC Assessment Test, an abbreviated form of the TASP test. The Assessment Test will be offered in the FPC library at 4 p.m. Aug. 19 and at 6 p.m. Aug. 20.

To register, students must bring their driver's license and social security number and pay a \$4 testing fee. For more information regarding testing and enrollment,

call Traci Keisling, director of counseling, testing and career placement, at (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 751.

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Area codes:

Texans reminded new area codes become effective soon

IRVING — Telephone users are reminded new areas codes assigned last May to portions of north and central Texas must be dialed to complete a call beginning Aug. 24.

The metropolitan Fort Worth area retains the 817 code. Cities in the northern part of the state changed from 817 to 940, including Childress, Wichita Falls, Gainesville, Denton, Mineral Wells, Throckmorton, Haskell and Aspermont.

Central Texas cities in 817 changed to the 254 area code, including Waco, Breckenridge, Glen Rose, Hillsboro, Donie, Cameron, Killeen, Evant, May, Cross Plains and Cisco.

GTE reminds telephone users to reprogram automated equipment that uses the area code, such as storing or analyzing telephone numbers, security systems, business telephone systems, modems, speed call lists and automatic dialing.

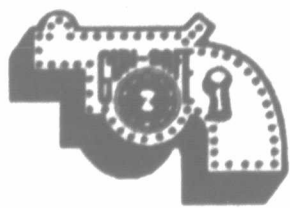
Central and North Texas are two of 70 regions nationwide to receive new area codes over the last two years. The need for codes has increased due to population and business growth, entry of new competitors for local service, and the proliferation in use of fax machines, modems cellular phones, pagers and additional phone lines.

In 1996, the 972 area code began serving the suburban areas surrounding Dallas, and the 281 area code replaced 713 for suburban areas surrounding Houston.

In July of this year, the 830 area code was assigned to the part of the 210 area code north of Webb County, and the 956 area code was placed in service for the portion of the 210 area from Webb County south. The San Antonio metropolitan area remained 210. Mandatory use of the new south Texas codes will occur Oct. 6.

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NEWS

Indians to mobilize against effort to end tribal immunity

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sally Matsch thought she was a victim of age discrimination when she was fired from a Minnesota Indian casino, so she sued the tribe that ran it.

But the Prairie Island Indian Community forced the case into tribal court, where it was dismissed when the tribe claimed immunity. The case is tied up in appeals as pressure mounts on Congress to strip Indian tribes of one of their most closely guarded powers — immunity from lawsuits.

"The cards are stacked against us," said Matsch's attorney, Craig Greenberg.

Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., last month inserted a provision into the Interior Department's 1998 appropriations bill that would deny federal benefits to tribes that refuse to waive immunity and allow litigants to bypass tribal courts and go straight to a federal judge.

The provision is expected to be the subject of a fight on the Senate floor when Congress returns to work in September.

Indian tribes are sending dozens of letters to Senate offices this month, and tribal leaders are expected to converge on Washington after Labor Day to lobby against the provision.

"We look at it as blackmail," said Bobby Whitefeather, chairman of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa in Minnesota. "It's not right. It's not just. It's not legal."

Many tribes rely heavily on Washington to pay for everything from police to education and social programs, and the federal government often is one of the few employers on a reservation.

Tribes also hope to strip the legislation of a second Gorton provision, which would force tribes to provide an accounting for all their income. The measure grew out of concerns that tribes that were made wealthy by gambling are still receiving federal assistance.

"Federal dollars are shrinking as it is. The funding formula for tribes doesn't factor in social, economic needs at all," said Cynthia Bergman, a spokeswoman for Gorton, who chairs the Senate Appropriations subcommittee that controls money for the Interior Department.

The chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo., and the panel's senior Democrat, Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, are expected to fight both provisions on the Senate floor.

The Clinton administration also is opposed to them.

In a letter to the Appropriations Committee, White House Budget Director Franklin Raines said the provisions "would infringe on native American sovereignty and potentially have severe consequences for other tribal programs."



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World briefs

Israeli jets raid Lebanon, casualties reported

BAALBEK, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli fighter-bombers today blasted guerrilla bases in Lebanon, a day after Hezbollah rockets struck northern Israel, Lebanese security officials said.

Four jets fired six missiles at the Hezbollah base near Janta village on the Syrian frontier, injuring four people, Lebanese security officials said on customary condition of anonymity.

In southern Lebanon, Israeli jets blasted an electricity pylon, downing lines leading from the power plant at Jiye, 20 miles south of Beirut. It was the first Israeli attack on Lebanese economic installations since its large incursion into Lebanon in April 1996.

An Israeli jet also fired a missile into an orange grove near Toufahta, between the southern ports on Sidon and Tyre, the officials said.

In a statement issued in Jerusalem, the Israeli army said it was targeting an artillery battery of the Lebanese army, which it said had joined in battles Monday between the guerrillas and an Israeli-allied militia.

Seven people killed in Swiss alpine accidents, one dead in France

SION, Switzerland (AP) — Seven people were killed Tuesday in two rock and ice slides in the Swiss Alps, and one German climber was found dead on France's Mont Blanc.

A four-member mountain climbing party that was roped together perished in an ice avalanche as they climbed the northwest wall of the Taeschhorn, police said. The avalanche hit about 13,780 feet up the mountain.

The climbers' identities

have yet to be determined.

In the second accident above Bettmeralp, also in the southern Swiss canton of Valais, three workers were killed by a rock slide at 9,200 feet as they cleared a footpath toward the Eggishorn, police said.

French police did not further identify the dead German man. Even experienced climbers die on Mont Blanc's icy cliffs every year, victims of unpredictable weather and hidden crevasses.

More than 60 people have been killed in the Alps since mid-July.

NATO troops seal off police facilities in tense Banja Luka

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — NATO troops today sealed off six police buildings in the Bosnian Serb president's stronghold after investigators concluded police may have violated human rights.

International officials are coming down increasingly on the side of President Biljana Plavsic in her bitter dispute with war crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic and his supporters, who are based in the eastern town of Pale.

Their quarrel threatens to break the Bosnian Serb republic, itself only half of Bosnia, into two more pieces.

Officials said in recent days that investigators were looking for evidence that Plavsic's telephones had been bugged, and that judges had been intimidated into overturning her order for new elections to replace the pro-Karadzic Bosnian Serb assembly.

Maj. Mike Moran, a NATO spokesman in Banja Luka, said by telephone that the peace force and U.N. police monitors launched a large operation early today after an investigation indicated that Banja Luka police may have violated human rights.

Guerrilla rivalry:

Columbia rebel groups share leftist ideology, harbor resentment for one another

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Talking strategy over the radio, a leftist rebel commander grumbled to a comrade about a rival guerrilla band that is pushing onto their prized territory.

"The area is important and we're not prepared to share it," the unidentified National Liberation Army commander said. A transcript of the conversation — intercepted by the military and published Tuesday in Bogota's El Tiempo newspaper — may signal new obstacles to Colombia's already faltering quest for peace.

Colombia's two biggest rebel groups rarely clash and share the same leftist ideology, but a conflict brewing in the eastern oil zone shows the rivalry sometimes runs deep.

That may make a government-proposed joint peace with the two bands, divided by tactics and separate commands, even harder to achieve after decades of low-level fighting.

"It would be good if they got together, because it would make negotiating easier,"

said Jesus Antonio Bejarano, a former government peace envoy and security adviser.

The dispute centers on Arauca, a northeastern province along the Venezuelan border where rebels routinely sabotage Colombia's biggest oil pipeline and extort money from businesses that profit from petroleum, the nation's No. 1 industry.

The National Liberation Army, also known by its Spanish initials ELN, has been dominant there for a decade. Now, the larger Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, known as the FARC, wants a share.

"They (the ELN) think it's their own territory. It's unacceptable interference," said Alvaro Valencia, a former army general who fought both rebel bands in the 1960s.

Some military experts believe the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, and not its smaller rival, shot down a helicopter in Arauca on July 6, killing 21 soldiers.

In the intercepted radio conversation, the National Liberation Army commander dis-

cusses efforts by his rebel rivals to coordinate joint attacks in the lucrative oil zones. He appears to threaten violence if the FARC doesn't respect the ELN's right to the oil wealth.

"The priority is to safeguard the profits," he said. "If we don't make a deal, we'll have to hit them."

Despite isolated skirmishes, the two rebel bands — made up of some 15,000 guerrillas — have traditionally respected each other's territory. On some occasions, they have joined forces to attack a military base.

Both bands clothe their growing peasant ranks in pilfered army and police uniforms. Their chiefs sat at the same table during failed peace talks with the government in Mexico and Venezuela in the early 1990s.

But the name of a panel that meets when the two groups plot joint policy, the Simon Bolivar Guerrilla Coordinator, has faded from rebel rhetoric in recent months.



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Working Wife's Family Provokes Full-Time Hurt

DEAR ABBY: I have never written to you before, but I have a problem that I hope you can help me with. I have been married to the same man for almost 25 years. We are very happy and have a good life. My problem is my family. They constantly use the word "overburdened" when they describe me and intimate that it is my husband's fault.

I work full time, which they see as a problem. Quite honestly, I'd prefer to be a stay-at-home mom, but in today's world it takes two paychecks. My family knows the statistics, but believe that I'm forced to work because my husband is not a good enough provider. It doesn't help that my sister does not work and they think her husband is wonderful.

My husband works full time and helps around the house. I can't have a direct confrontation with my parents because of their declining health. I also realize it will probably be impossible to change their opinion, but I'd like to know how to handle their degrading remarks.

HURT IN TULSA

DEAR HURT: The next time a disparaging remark is made about the fact that you are a working wife, say, "My husband is the light of my life. I have never been happier than I have been during the years of our marriage. I can't imagine why you think I am overburdened. And it hurts me when you make



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disparaging remarks about my life and the man I love."

DEAR ABBY: My situation is similar to that of "Single Dad in San Diego," whose drug-addicted former girlfriend neglected their son. Sadly, a child can be seriously affected by the neglect or emotional abuse of an unhealthy parent. Children who grow up with a chemically dependent parent carry lasting scars into adulthood, resulting in problems with intimacy, low self-esteem, depression, drug or alcohol abuse and more.

Rather than waste time complaining about my wife's behavior and the unfairness of the situation, I put my energies into helping myself and my son. I attended meetings of Al-Anon Family Groups and learned that I didn't have to be a victim, even if I was powerless to change her behavior. Her shame and denial prevented her from acknowledging how her son was being hurt, and she resisted my

efforts to get help for him. Fortunately, I didn't give up.

I took my son to Alateen, where he received powerful and positive messages about his own self-worth, which helped to counteract the negative messages he was receiving as a result of his mother's inattentiveness. I also sought professional counseling for him which dealt with the specific problems that children of chemically dependent or emotionally unstable parents face.

It wasn't easy to find an affordable counselor who was willing to see a client on weekends (the only time my son was with me), but my persistence paid off. I was able to find someone who was of invaluable help to my son. He has learned to love his mother while disliking the symptoms of her illness, and he's much better off today than he would have been had I wasted my energy pointing the finger at her and bemoaning my fate.

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Your Birthday

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In a situation where your voice had carried little weight previously, you will be elevated to a position of power in the year ahead. Be assertive, but not a bully. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Partnership arrangements could yield far greater returns today than your independent operations. Align with individuals whose talents complement yours. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your best probabilities for success today could come from a joint endeavor. A strong ally and a little luck will put you in the win column.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) An associate could be of considerable help to you personally today. It is a friend with clout who has done several favors for you in the past.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you're determined to see an important matter through to its conclusion today, you'll get the results you desire. Do not deviate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It will be more gratifying for you to assist others instead of just serving your own interests or ambitions. Render aid where needed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Conditions continue to be favorable for your financial dealings. You may find a new channel that will expand what you already have going.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) That good news for which you've been hoping might arrive today. It pertains to a matter that

could enhance your material security and well-being.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You will have a lot more control over today's events than you think. You might have to pull the strings from behind the scenes when orchestrating plans.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today you might receive something substantial for which you have yearned. It could fulfill your expectations in an unexpected manner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A significant objective is now achievable, but first you must let persons who are in positions to help know what you expect from them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A new development that has commanded your interests could have greater potential than you suspect. Reassess it and all of its ramifications.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You could be most lucky today in an arrangement where change will play a major role. Flow with events as they unfold without making alterations.

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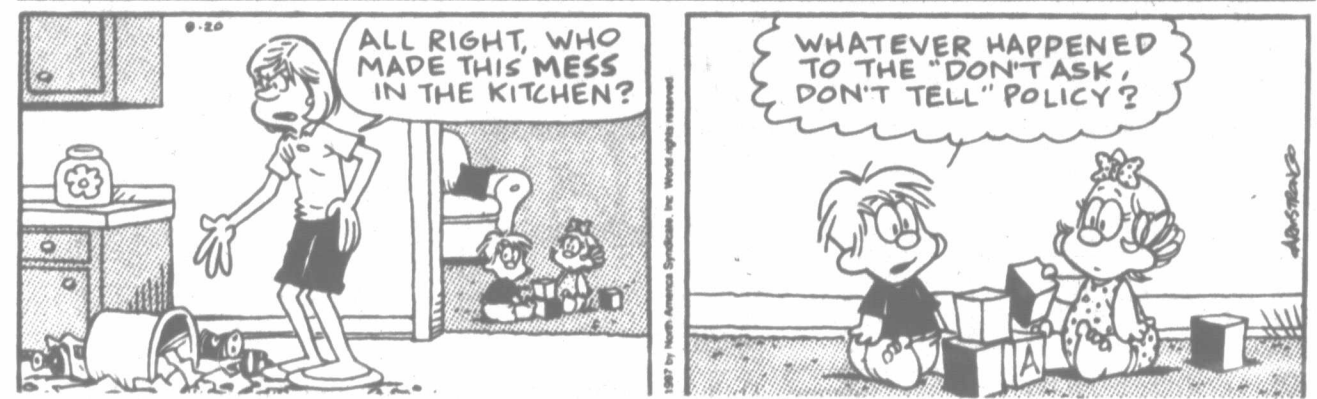
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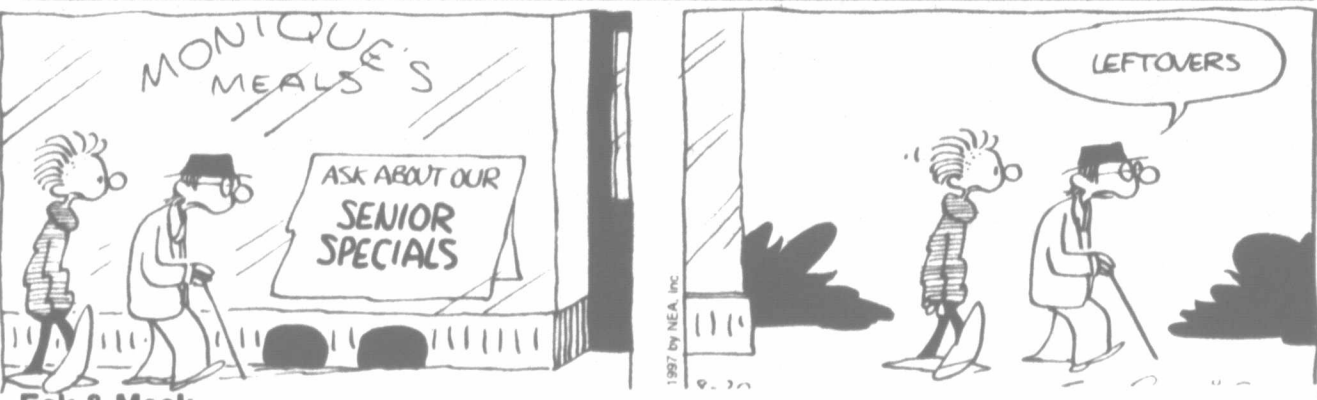
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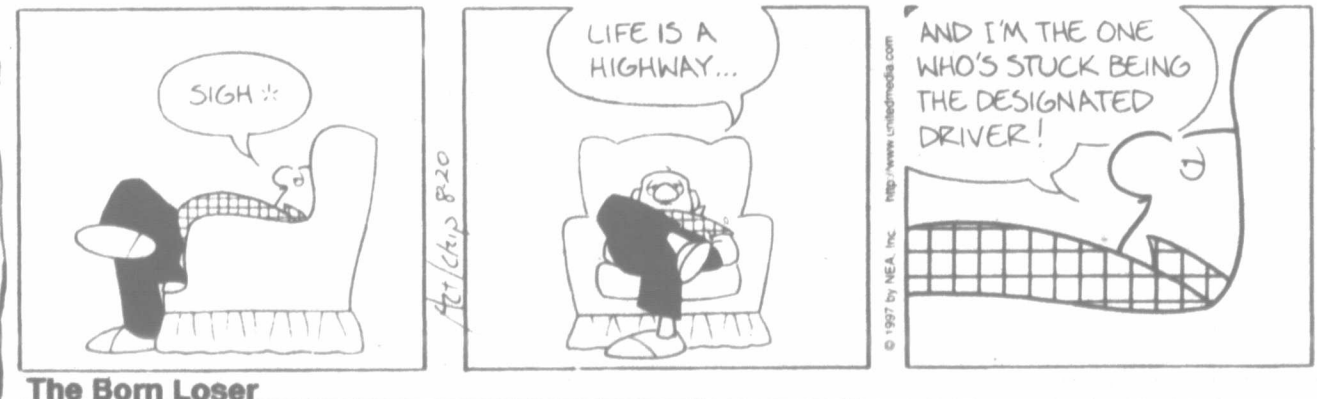
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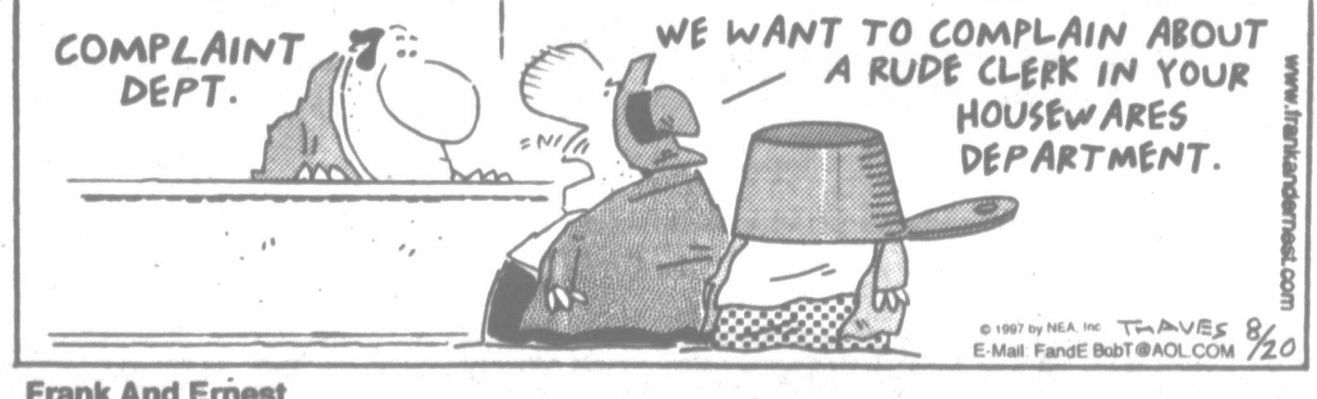
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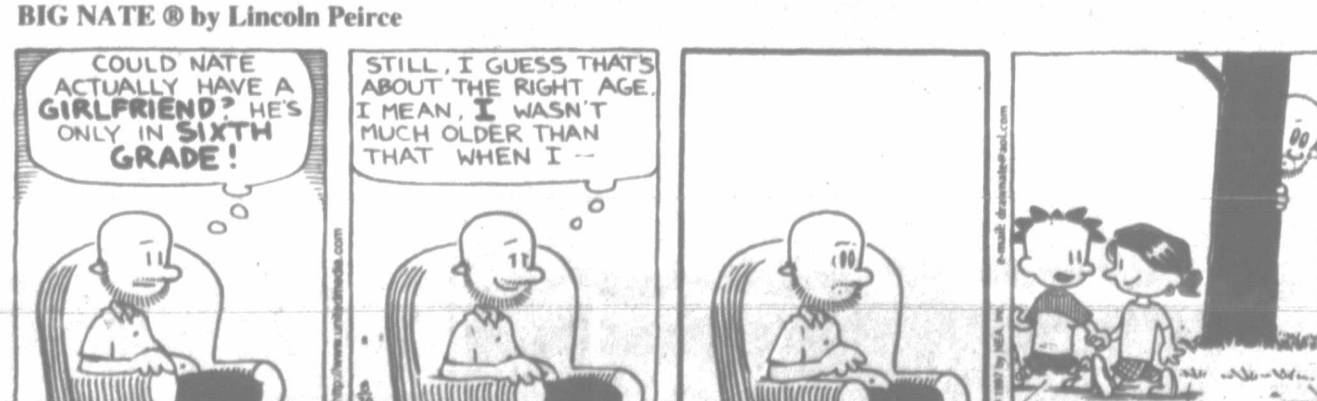
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FOOTBALL

PAMPA — Miami scrimmages Hedley and Lake View in a three-way scrimmage Friday, starting at 5 p.m. in Hedley.

Miami opens the 1997 season Sept. 5 at home against Follett.

McLean is scheduled to scrimmage Guthrie at 6 p.m. Thursday in McLean. The Tigers open Sept. 5 at Amherst. Starting time is 7:30 p.m.

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A projected starting cornerback on the Texas Christian University football team has surfaced after being a no-show for the first six days of pre-season drills, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported today.

In a copyright story, the newspaper said Terrance Cook of Everman was seen walking outside Amon Carter Stadium on Tuesday afternoon and said he was returning to the team.

TCU head coach Pat Sullivan confirmed that he had spoken with Cook and said he expected him at Tuesday afternoon's practice.

But the practice came and went without Cook.

"I expected him back, yes," said Sullivan. "Obviously, he didn't get finished with what I thought he would get through."

BASKETBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Cynthia Cooper may well win the WNBA's first MVP award. If so, she says she'll give all the credit to her teammates.

Cooper scored 31 points and Janeth Arcain added 20 Tuesday night as the Houston Comets strengthened their WNBA Eastern Conference lead with a 77-69 victory over the Charlotte Sting.

"If I do win the MVP, it is a team award," Cooper said afterward. "We play for one another."

The Comets (18-8) boosted their lead to 1 1/2 games over New York, which lost to Utah on Tuesday night.

TENNIS

NEW YORK (AP) — The players got their way when they made the seedings for the 1997 U.S. Open.

The U.S. Open seeding committee a year ago seeded the draw according to surface, as all four Grand Slam tournaments are allowed to do. Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov went home, while Austria's Thomas Muster and the entire men's contingent from Spain threatened to follow suit.

This time, the seedings were followed to the letter.

Seeking his third straight U.S. Open title and fifth in his career, Pete Sampras, in no surprise, is the No. 1 seed. The right-hander from Tampa, Fla., hasn't lost at the National Tennis Center since he was upset in the third round of the 1994 tournament by Peru's Jaime Yzaga.

In the women's singles, the No. 1 seed is top-ranked Martina Hingis. Like Sampras, Hingis is seeking her third Grand Slam tournament title of 1997, having won the Australian Open in January and Wimbledon in July.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Eric Karros hit a tiebreaking home run with two outs in the eighth inning and newly acquired Eric Young had three hits, leading the Los Angeles Dodgers over the New York Mets 4-2 Tuesday night.

Ismael Valdes (8-10) pitched seven strong innings as the Dodgers sent New York to its fourth straight loss. A two-run single by pitcher Brian Bohanon was all the Mets could manage in their eighth defeat in 11 games.

Karros hit his 25th home run, connecting for a solo shot off Bohanon (3-2) that put the Dodgers ahead 3-2. Karros had not homered in 86 at-bats since July 25 — prior to that drought, he had homered eight times in 86 at-bats.

Cowboys' Miller misses another practice

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Anthony Miller slumps on his dressing room stool wearily answering for the hundredth time why he's missing another practice.

His right knee hurts, that's why, and he has the hangdog look of someone who missed hitting the lottery by one number.

"Frustrating. Very, very frustrating," he says. "But I've got to deal with it. I've just got to make sure it's (the knee) right before I play."

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The Dallas Cowboys believed Miller was going to be the playmaker opposite Michael Irvin who would give NFL secondaries the shakes. There would be no more double coverage on Irvin without paying the price.

Miller, a speed receiver who can go deep for the big play, caught 56 passes with Denver last year and he wasn't the primary receiver. He's been to five Pro Bowls. The Cowboys thought it was their free agent steal of the year.

"He's the only disappointment we had in training camp that he couldn't work," Dallas

coach Barry Switzer said.

Miller worked one day but pain had him limping when it was over. A recent magnetic resonance imaging of the knee showed only a bone bruise. Doctors had scoped the same knee in June.

"There's no sense risking the knee in the preseason because I sure don't want to have any more setbacks," Miller said. "It's one of those day-to-day deals. I keep a lot of ice on it. I just hope I'm going to wake up one day and it's not hurting."

While Miller is out, the offense, which was No. 24 in the NFL last year, is hurting.

"It's a big concern to me," said quarterback Troy Aikman. "We signed him in June and I think we've worked together for three days. We need time together. I don't know how he plays. We need as much practice time as we can get. It's a big disappointment."

Miller said where his absence is hurting is the timing on the deep routes.

"Those deep balls, those 9 routes, that's where the timing has to be perfect," Miller said. "I think we can get the regular, shorter routes down quick. I just wish I knew what I was dealing with on this knee thing."

Running back Emmitt Smith said the Cowboys needed Miller to take the double coverage heat off of Irvin and open up the offense for the running game.

"I don't think a defense can cover Irvin and Miller and stop our running game at the same time," Smith said. "That's why we have to get him out on the field."

Miller isn't expected to play in Friday night's final preseason game against the Tennessee Oilers.

So when will it be Miller's time?

The Cowboys wonder and wait.

Lady Harvesters win volleyball triangular

AMARILLO — The Pampa Lady Harvesters opened the volleyball season with wins against Palo Duro and River Road in a triangular Tuesday night at Palo Duro Activity Center.

Pampa coach Sandra Thornton said it was total team effort with all 11 girls playing and all 11 contributing to the victories.

Pampa defeated River Road, 15-7, 15-12. Katy Cavalier was 18 of 18 from the service line, scoring 12 service points. Lisa Dwight was 23 of 27 in hitting with 10 kills while April Lopez had 14 assists, including 40 of 41 in setting. Keili played an outstanding all-around match

for the Lady Harvesters.

Pampa lost the first game, 6-15 against Palo Duro, but rallied for identical 15-9 wins in the last two games.

Earl was 19 of 20 from the service line, scoring 13 points and four aces. Lopez had 17 assists and Dwight was 21 of 25 in hitting, including nine kills.

The Lady Harvesters are entered in the Lubbock Tournament Friday and Saturday in the Monterey gym.

In junior varsity action, Pampa defeated Palo Duro, 12-15, 15-4, 15-12 and lost to River Road, 15-8, 5-15, 10-15. Pampa JV's are entered in the Hereford Tournament and play Perryton in first-round action at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Gymnastics of Pampa hosts preseason meet

PAMPA — Gymnastics of Pampa team members are gearing up for the 1997 competition season. They recently hosted a preseason meet for Level 4 and 5 gymnasts against The Flip Flop Shop of Dumas.

Competing for Team Pampa in Level 5 were Amy Youree, Alyssa Bromwell, Rebecca Middlebrook and Ashlee Ferguson. Alyssa Bromwell took first place in all-events, vault, bars, beam and floor exercise and won the All-Around for 10 year olds with the highest score of the meet.

Rebecca Middlebrook was second in the Level 5, 10-year-old All-Around. She placed second on vault and floor exercise, third on bars and fourth on balance beam. Ashlee Ferguson was third in that division in All-Around. She was second on bars, third on vault and beam, and fourth on floor exercise.

In the 9-year-old Division,

Amy Youree finished second in the All-Around. She took first place in floor exercise, second on vault and beam, and third on bars.

The Level 4 competitors for Pampa were Lacie Long, Becky Diggs, Amy Freeman and Brittany Warminski. All four gymnasts are competing for the first time. Level 4 is a pre-competitive level where gymnasts compete against themselves to improve their scores. Once the gymnasts have gained experience, they can advance to the next higher level, which is Level 5.

Team Pampa gymnasts will be competing in several district meets this fall. Three of the gymnasts, Alyssa Bromwell, Amy Youree and Jaclyn Spearman, are entered in a Fort Worth meet on Aug. 23. The entire team will be going to Odessa for the first district qualifying meet on Sept. 13.

Rangers fall to Brewers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Jose Mercedes has pitched well since the All-Star break, with little to show for it.

The Milwaukee Brewers right-hander didn't have a particularly strong outing on Tuesday night, but he got strong run support for a change.

Mark Loretta drove in a career-high four runs to lead Mercedes and the Brewers to an 8-2 win over the Texas Rangers.

"This is the first time all season that I've gotten this kind of run support," said Mercedes, backed by only 15 runs in his first seven starts after the All-Star break. "It's nice having a big lead like that. You can throw the fastball and if they hit a home run, it still doesn't hurt you that bad. I'd had a lot of bad luck, so it was nice to get a win."

Mercedes (5-7), loser of five of his previous six decisions, allowed four hits and walked four in 5 1/3 innings. He took advantage of a 7-2 lead after four innings as the Brewers won for the fourth time in five games.

The win wasn't pretty, but manager Phil Garner wasn't about to turn it down as Milwaukee tries to stay alive in the AL Central race.

"When the game's over, it looks like a relatively easy win, but it wasn't," Garner said. "My pitchers couldn't get the ball over the plate. They were behind almost every hitter. As a player, you get bored. It was a slow, poorly pitched game. The best thing was that we won the game."

Loretta had a two-run triple and two sacrifice flies for Milwaukee, which managed only one hit in the second game of Monday night's doubleheader split with the Rangers. Loretta was hitless in his previous nine at-bats.

"Loretta stepped up and gave us a nice cushion," Garner said. "He did a great job and also made a nice play at third base for us. So let's talk about him."

Mercedes struck out seven and Ron Villone fanned six in 3 1/3 innings. The 13 strikeouts matched a season-high for Milwaukee pitchers. Villone came within one out of recording his first save in more than a year, but when he walked two with two outs in the ninth, Garner went to Mark Davis for the final out.

"I didn't want to have to do that, but Villone had thrown more pitches than he had in a long time and I didn't want him to hurt his arm," Garner said.

Meanwhile, the fading Rangers have lost four of six, with poor starting pitching one of the team's biggest shortcomings.

"We've got some work to do," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "Starting pitching is such an important part of the game. If you pitch well early, you can get some momentum going for your offense. If you get behind three, four runs, that makes for a long night."

The Brewers jumped on starter Julio Santana (3-5) for three runs in the first.

Mighty Miami



(Special photo)

The most dominating Pampa Area football program ever? It would have to be the Miami Warriors from 1942-45. During that four-year span, the Warriors lost only two games, defeating many bigger schools. Dare Locke, who played on those powerhouse Miami teams, said several of the players on those championship teams still live in Gray County and the surrounding area. "We're not looking for any glory now, but many of those guys have died and others are in their 70's," Locke said. "There's probably a lot of people who don't know about Miami's record back then." Locke now lives in Pampa. The team above is made up of members of the class of 1942-43, which went unbeaten in 11-man football. Front row, from left, are Clink Hivlin, Roy Pennington, Eugene Moore, Bob Haynes, Bob Duniven, Tom Coffee, and Dare Locke; Middle row, from left, Ralph McLaughlin, Truitt Thompson, Bill Riddle, Harold Scrimshire, Stan McKenzie and Jim Caldwell; Back row, from left, Frank Heare, Jay Paul Maulsby, Horace Shields, Leland Ethel, coach Jake Spenser, Charles Bryant, Wayne Parker and Pee-wee Howard.

NFL '97: Wild race looming in up-and-coming AFC Central

By BARRY WILNER
AP Football Writer

If you can find any pity in your heart for Art Modell, this might be the time for it. Not only is Modell's team stuck in the one of the league's worst stadiums for one more year, but the Baltimore Ravens also are stuck in a division where they have no chance of competing.

While the Ravens did an admirable job rebuilding their woeful defense, they're still light years behind the top teams in the AFC Central. And that means a group of four from which any might emerge as champion.

Right now, the Pittsburgh Steelers, despite heavy losses on defense and an untested quarterback, appear able to defend what has become almost a perennial division crown. They will be pressed by Jacksonville, even though quarterback Mark Brunell will miss at least a month with a knee injury.

Just behind should be Cincinnati, which has changed its defensive scheme, moving several people around in hopes of finding a winning formula. The Bengals already have the division's best offense.

Houston, er, Tennessee — can't the move from Texas be accompanied by a name change to something more appropriate? — also made some major moves, particularly by promoting Steve McNair at quarterback. A major move up from 8-8 might depend on replacing two key veterans, CB Cris Dishman and LB Micheal Barrow, who left through free agency.

Regardless, the Ravens will be

languishing behind four teams.

"This is a highly competitive division," coach Ted Marchibroda says. "You have teams that have been to the championship game and the Super Bowl and teams on the way up. Every week should be interesting."

For Pittsburgh to be the No. 1 team in the Central, Jerome Bettis will need to rush as often (320 attempts) for as many yards (1,431) and touchdowns (11) as he did last year. He just might, operating behind a strong offensive line anchored by All-Pro center Dermontti Dawson and guard Will Wolford.

A strong showing by Bettis will ease the burden on Stewart, who will do his slashing permanently from behind center and looked good in preseason. Developing the passing game could take time, though, because former starters Andre Hastings and Ernie Mills left as free agents.

"I can't foresee a bad season if we all stay healthy — me and the offensive line — unless we don't get that support from the passing game," Bettis said. "If the passing game doesn't come around, eventually that becomes a problem ... because they start putting 8-9-10 people along the line of scrimmage."

Which is how many players opponents often think they see up front on the Pittsburgh defense. In reality, though, it's the guys who don't push up to the line, the cornerbacks, who must prove themselves.

The Steelers chose not to re-sign Rod Woodson, their best defender since the Steel Curtain days, and lost Willie Williams to Seattle.

Acquiring Donnell Woolford will help, but top draftee Chad Scott will be tested often at the other corner. At least he'll have a pair of outstanding safeties, Carnell Lake and Darren Perry, to help him.

And they have star linebacker Greg Lloyd back after he missed 15 games last season with a wrecked knee. Lloyd, Levon Kirkland and Jason Gildon are a formidable trio that must make up for the departure of Chad Brown (13 sacks).

If the Steelers stumble even slightly, look for the Jaguars to pass them. In just their third season, the Jags have a championship look when Brunell is available.

Of course, he probably won't be around until early October, so unproven Rob Johnson — he didn't throw a pass last season — must keep the offense clicking and will face a key test in Jacksonville's third game, against Pittsburgh.

Johnson has the weapons around him. Natrone Means was sensational when he finally got healthy and into shape last year and could run for 1,000 yards. Keenan McCardell and Jimmy Smith are terrific receivers, even if they're relatively unknown. In-tackles Tony Boselli and Leon Searcy, the Jags have the foundation of an overpowering line.

The offense carried the Jags for most of 1996. The defense joined in during the playoffs and, in end Tony Brackens, linebackers Kevin Hardy and Eddie Robinson and DBs Deon Figures and Chris Hudson, there might be enough playmakers.

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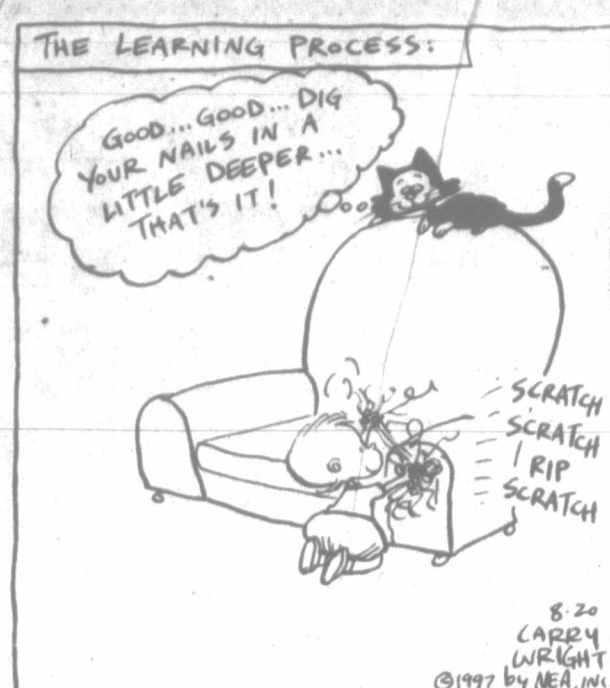
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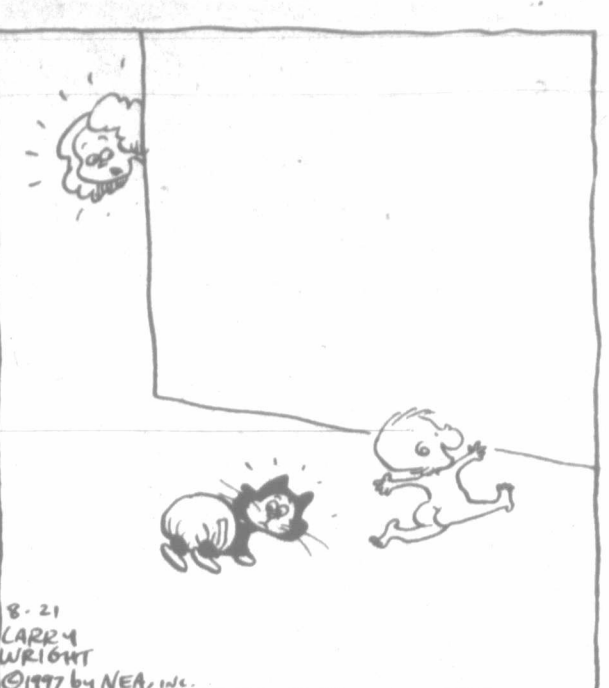
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FDA approves hand implant for quadriplegics

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eric Schremp's diving accident left him a quadriplegic barely able to feed himself with a fork strapped onto his almost useless wrist.

Now a revolutionary implant has restored movement to the Ohio man's paralyzed hand, allowing him to shave, feed himself, even take notes in his college classes.

The Food and Drug Administration on Monday approved the Freehand electronic hand, the world's first prosthesis to restore movement to a paralyzed limb.

"I looked at this as a way to add more quality to my life," said Schremp, of Sheffield Lake, Ohio, who tested the implant last year. "Plus, it adds confidence that you're able to pick up a glass in public, do normal things."

The implant by NeuroControl Corp. of Cleveland offers hope to about 54,000 U.S. quadriplegics who retain some upper-body movement but cannot move their hands to perform the most basic of tasks. The Freehand's implanted electrodes send electric impulses to muscles that force a paralyzed hand to move on command.

The FDA says the \$50,000 implant promises to be the first in a line of increasingly sophisticated devices to force paralyzed limbs to work again.

"You've seen 'Star Wars'?" asked Dr. Dan Spiker, FDA's deputy neurologic devices director, referring to the movie trilogy in which Luke Skywalker gets a fully working hand transplant. This first prosthetic hand "is rudimentary compared to that."

But that's where we're headed ... It's exciting."

Freehand won't help the severely injured such as actor Christopher Reeve, doctors cautioned. It is for quadriplegics who can still move their shoulders, a motion needed to operate the implant.

Today, quadriplegics get some help from external devices that let them type on computers by blowing into a mouthpiece or

feed themselves with a fork strapped to a hand. Patients also try tendon and muscle transplants with very limited success.

The Freehand system, in contrast, is an electronic substitute for the brain's nerve impulses that, because of spinal cord injury, can no longer signal the hand to move.

A surgeon implants a 2-inch processor into the chest, threads electrodes under the skin down to the patient's better hand and attaches them to hand muscles. Patients wear under their clothing on the opposite shoulder a small joystick. A jerk of the shoulder sends an electronic signal to the implant to tell the thumb to move toward the fingers in a pinching motion.

Tap a button on the chest with

the arm, and the device forces the muscles into a more intricate movement to grasp a larger object such as a cup.

The faster the shoulder jerks, the quicker the hand movement. Once patients grasp the object, an upward shoulder movement locks the grasp in place until they're ready to open the hand again.

Testing of 61 quadriplegics found they all performed tasks of daily living significantly better with the implant, which was developed in 25 years of testing at Case Western Reserve University. Its inventors formed NeuroControl to commercialize the implant.

Mastering the Freehand takes an average of three months, said NeuroControl's Geoffrey Thrope, who co-invented the Freehand.

The patient's hand is encased in a cast for a month, and then must undergo extensive physical rehabilitation and training to operate the device.

NeuroControl, which began shipping the Freehand to hospitals Monday, already is testing a second-generation electronic hand to restore hand movement to the more severely paralyzed. It also is developing implants to restore leg function and control over bladder function.

Nobody knows how long the Freehand system will last before the wires deteriorate or snap, the FDA cautioned. In clinical testing, 20 percent of the patients required additional surgery to reposition the device, replace broken electrodes or remove electrodes because of infection.

Hand Implant

The Freehand System is a neuroprosthetic device that enables people with quadriplegia to grasp, hold, and release objects.

Electrodes, the stimulation causes muscles to contract, providing a functional hand grasp.

Implanted stimulator is a pacemaker-size device that sends electrical stimulation to eight electrodes.

Transmission Coil is worn over the implanted stimulator.

Shoulder position sensor translates small shoulder movements into a control signal.

External controller (usually located on wheelchair) receives the control signals and processes the information into radio waves to power and control the implant through the transmission coil.

Source: NeuroControl Corporation

APIC: Tower

Scientists discover genetic blueprints of ulcer-causing bacterium

By MATT CRENSON
AP Science Editor

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists have created the complete genetic blueprint for the bacterium that causes stomach ulcers, generating a wealth of knowledge about how the organism works and suggesting new ways to stop it.

Just a few years ago, many experts didn't even believe that the bacterium *Helicobacter pylori* causes ulcers. But the complete genetic map published Thursday graphically illustrates how the bacterium not only survives, but thrives and wreaks havoc in a place as caustic as a vat of sulfuric acid — the human stomach.

"It's a pretty phenomenal little machine," said Craig Venter, director of the Institute for Genomic Research in Rockville, Md. "This tells us a lot about how it lives with a human host and how it might even cause disease."

About half of the world's population is thought to be infected with some strain of *Helicobacter pylori*, although not everybody who has it develops an ulcer. Infection by the bacterium can also lead to stomach cancer.

Although some of the microbe's biological tricks are already understood, the genetic map published in the British journal *Nature* reveals a multitude of new ones.

The genes show how *Helicobacter pylori* sticks to the stomach wall, how it evades the human immune system by rapidly evolving to mimic human cells, and how it partially protects its own insides from stomach acid by creating especially alkaline

proteins. Other genes show how *Helicobacter pylori* captures iron in an environment where acidity makes the nutrient extremely hard to come by.

"Those kinds of things will be important" in developing new treatments, said Loren Laine, a professor of medicine at the University of Southern California School of Medicine.

Ulcers currently are treated with antibiotics as well as acid-fighting drugs. But the genetic blueprint suggests an ulcer vaccine or some other revolutionary treatment might be possible, Venter said.

The blueprints reveal 1,590 genes in *Helicobacter pylori*, a tiny number compared with the nearly 100,000 human genes that are thought to exist. About 70 percent of the ulcer bacterium's genes have known functions. What the other 30 percent do is anybody's guess.

"Some of those will be undoubtedly identified by better computer analysis," said Russell Doolittle, a molecular geneticist at the University of California at San Diego.

When two Australian doctors discovered *Helicobacter pylori* 15

years ago, most doctors thought that ulcers resulted from stress and poor diet. Ulcers were treated with acid-neutralizing drugs such as cimetidine, known commercially as Tagamet, and ranitidine, or Zantac. The drugs remain popular today because they are useful for stomach ailments other than ulcers.

"There was never great evidence that diet and stress cause ulcers per se," Laine said.

Nevertheless, Barry Marshall and Robin Warren were nearly laughed out of medical meetings when they began suggesting in 1983 that *Helicobacter pylori* might be the true cause of ulcers. But later research, including a shocking experiment in which Marshall swallowed *Helicobacter pylori* to demonstrate its sinister effects, brought their colleagues around.

The gene map was created by scientists from the Institute for Genomic Research and colleagues in the United States and Sweden. They made it by blasting multiple copies of *Helicobacter pylori*'s DNA into manageable bits, reading the small pieces and then putting them back together with computers.

BOSTON (AP) — A medicine abandoned by its maker two years ago appears to be the first drug to substantially reduce the high failure rate of angioplasty, one of the most expensive and vexing problems in heart care.

About 500,000 Americans — and another 500,000 people worldwide — undergo angioplasty each year to unclog plugged heart arteries. In about 20 percent of cases, though, the procedure has to be repeated within a few months because the blood vessels fill up again.

Doctors have tried many tactics to get around this problem, even zapping the arteries with radiation, but until now no medicine has worked well.

In a study in Thursday's issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, Canadian doctors found that the medicine probucol cuts the need for repeat angioplasties in half.

Dr. Gilles Cote, one of the researchers, estimates that in the United States alone, routine use of probucol could save \$700 million annually by eliminating the need for repeat angioplasties, which typically cost about \$16,000 apiece.

"Honestly, I would like to put all my patients on probucol if I had the choice," he said.

However, he does not have the choice. Two years ago, under pressure from the Food and Drug Administration, Hoechst-Marion-Roussel pulled probucol from the market almost everywhere.

Probucol, also known as Lorelco, was sold as a cholesterol-lowering medicine. With the

spokeswoman, Renee Grojean, said the pharmaceutical company is reviewing the data from the latest study but has made no decision on whether to reintroduce the drug.

Besides being a weak cholesterol lowerer, probucol is a strong antioxidant, a compound that can counter the damaging effects of oxygen molecules.

Cote and colleagues from the Montreal Heart Institute tested probucol on 317 men and women undergoing routine angioplasty. Treatment began a month before the procedure and lasted for seven months. The patients were assigned to get probucol alone, probucol plus high doses of vitamins, vitamins alone or dummy pills.

Angioplasty involves threading a tube into the heart arteries and briefly inflating a balloon that squeezes away the blockage. In about 40 percent of cases, the artery closes up again within six months, and when this happens, about half of patients need to have the angioplasty repeated because of chest pain.

"With the introduction of much more powerful cholesterol drugs, the FDA questioned the continued use of probucol ... the company stopped selling it everywhere except Japan."

introduction of much more powerful cholesterol drugs called statins, the FDA questioned the continued use of probucol. Since sales had already faded, and the patent was running out, the company stopped selling it everywhere except Japan, where it continued to be popular.

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