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LOCAL

City Commission sets noon meeting

Pampa City Commission will meet at noon Thursday at City Hall to consider taking action on a tax rate for the proposed budget and to take a record vote. Also, the commission will consider the refinancing of the 1992 revenue bonds, an action that Finance Director John Horst said will save about \$200,000 over the life of the bonds. The Rural Metro Ambulance Service rate increase request is also listed on the agenda.

Quick TASP Test

Clarendon College will offer a quick TASP test beginning at 8:30 a.m., Aug. 8 and 15. Participants must bring two forms of identification including a picture ID. For more information on fees or to sign-up, call 665-8801.

DEATHS

- Paul Dean Caldwell, 49, farmer-rancher.
- Gay Paulette Dismuke, 59, homemaker.
- Routhie Hall, 79, homemaker.
- Jay "Curtis" Holland, 52, sand company foreman.

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Interim city manager steps in

By KATE B. DICKSON
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

Pampa's interim city manager is off to a fast start this week with staff meetings and night-time cramming sessions to learn more about local government operations.

"I love my job," retired municipal manager John K. Hatchel told *The Pampa News* this morning — his second day at Pampa City Hall.

After retiring with almost 33 years in city management, this is Hatchel's second stint as an interim manager, he said. Last year he served in Balcones Heights near San Antonio for more than two months until that city hired a new manager.

His last job before retiring in 1999 was as assistant city manager for 15 years for the City of Waco.

"I hope to be an interim manager once a year," Hatchel said. "It keeps my hand in city government."

He says his "philosophy" as to how he operates his office includes having

"an open door policy. Citizens who have a concern or problem are welcome to call me or come in."

So far he's met with the city's directors, is meeting with city commissioners individually and has gone to one police department shift-change meeting.

Before meeting with city directors, Hatchel had reviewed their credentials and said, "it looks like Pampa has a pretty good staff."

When Hatchel walked into the city manager's office on Monday, he said, "I had something interesting on my desk."

It was the proposal from Rural Metro Ambulance Service seeking to increase Pampa's yearly subsidy from \$45,000 to \$90,000.

High on his priority list is the city budget, which he's familiarizing himself with, and also to work with city commissioners to hire a new police chief.

Hatchel said having an interim manager on the job provides an oppor-

tunity "to make assessments in processes and procedures. And, since it is for a short time, an interim manager can make changes that will make life easier for the new manager."

An active member of the Texas Republican Party, Hatchel and his wife Linda are part of the volunteer corp that masses whenever President George W. Bush visits his ranch in Crawford.

Linda is a retired teacher who taught in the public schools and later taught composition and literature in the community college system, Hatchel said.

Though Hatchel can't be there tonight when Bush arrives, Linda will be as she is the coordinator of all the volunteers, including the drivers — a job Hatchel usually does behind the wheel of a van.

It's been his task to drive a van that either is filled with senior White House staff members or members of the White House press corps.

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John Hatchel
Interim City Manager

Commissioners wrestling with constable differences

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Gray County Constable salaries are not uniform.

The three constables' salaries as well as the method which the county pays for car expenses is different. Two of the constables are paid mileage and the third is furnished a car by the county.

Gray County Commissioners wrestled with how to make the salaries and car expenses equal during their Friday budget meeting for the men in the constable positions.

Two constables, James Lewis and Frank Sparling, both make \$21,441.60 while Chris Lockridge's salary is \$26,217.84.

All members of the commissioners court agreed with County Judge Richard Peet when he said their salaries should be comparable.

Precinct 3 County Commissioner Gerald Wright said, "All the county commissioners make the same. So should the constables."

The problem is: how do they do it?

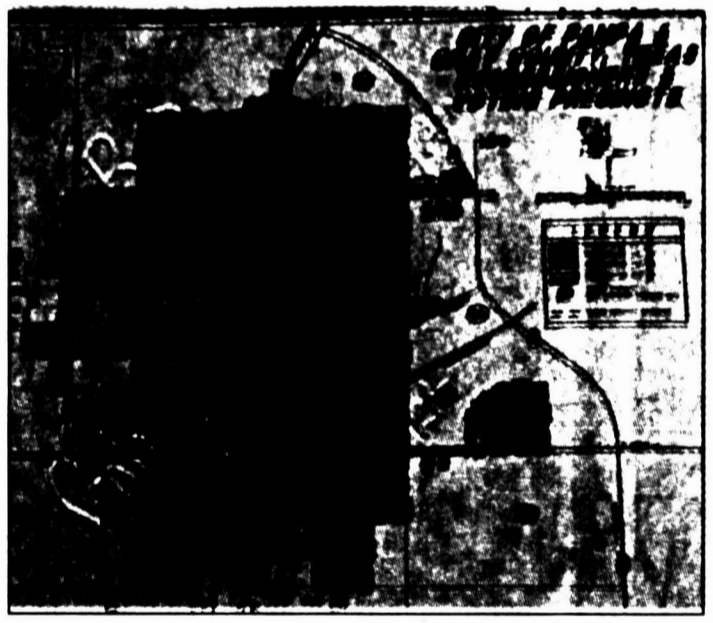
County Judge Richard Peet said that the salary discrepancy took place before he and

County Commissioner James Hetley took office in 1995.

He said he understands that when the Precinct 2 Constable position was up for election several years ago, a new candidate was seeking the position when the previous office holder declined to run.

"It is my understanding that the candidate

asked about the salary and was given the amount of the base salary and the longevity pay that the previous constable had received," said Peet. "When he was elected he was given that amount even though it is higher than the other two constables."



This map outlines the precincts represented by the three Gray County constables.

Commissioners Court has discussed this several times during the budget sessions through the years, but has taken no action, he said.

"The other constables have wondered why their base is different," said Peet.

Then there is Lewis who represents both Precincts 1 and 3. The two precincts were combined several years ago.

"This also happened before I took office," said Peet, "but what I have been told is that an

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Psychologist: Britton suffers mental illness

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

AMARILLO — A neuro-psychologist opened the defense case today, testifying that Christopher Chad Britton, 28, facing the death penalty for killing a Hemphill County Deputy last year, suffers from mental illness.

Britton is on trial here in the shooting death Hemphill County Deputy Sheriff Jim Bruce Graham on Father's Day 2001, in Canadian. Britton was found guilty last week by the six-man, six-woman jury.

On Monday, the same jury began hearing testimony in the punishment phase of the trial.

Dr. Tom Ciccerello told jurors today that Britton suffers from a bipolar disorder characterized by hyperactivity, inflated self-esteem, an increased need for sleep and flights of fantasy and thought.

Dr. Ciccerello testified that she examined Britton twice, first in August 2001, at the Gray County jail, and again in June, in the Randall County jail.

"The timing of the evalua-

tion is important," Ciccerello said.

She testified it is important that an examination be made in this type case as soon as possible after the offense. Over time and in a different environment, she said, people suffering mental problems can get better.

Ciccerello said that in addition to interviewing Britton, she had talked with his family members, including Britton's mother and father, and friends, and had reviewed legal, medical, military and academic records.

"It's very important to talk to family members," she said.

Ciccerello said that in her first meeting with Britton, he was able to communicate his thoughts, but he was delusional.

"His thoughts were clearly illogical," she said.

He told her that he had the ability to receive messages from God through the Bible, but when he showed other people the messages, the messages disappeared.

Britton told Ciccerello that he was a soldier of God and was to lead God's army.

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Health official: Rabbit fever no longer threat

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

Rabbit fever, or tularemia, may have run its course in the Texas Panhandle after 16 or 17 dead rabbits and five dead squirrels were found over a three-month period at the Gene Howe Wildlife Management Area north of Canadian.

That's according to Dr. James Alexander with the Texas Department of Health in Canyon. He said the disease is

"fairly rare" and can be found in about 250 species of animals including humans.

One of six forms of the disease is especially serious because if left untreated there's a 30 percent to 60 percent chance of death in humans.

When the Center for Disease Control lab in Fort Collins, Colo., notified officials that rabbits had tested positive for the disease, (See FEVER, Page 3)

New PHS students to register Aug 12-13

High school students, new to the school district, can register for the 2002-2003 school year at Pampa High School, 111 W. Harvester, on Monday, Aug. 12, and Tuesday, Aug. 13.

Registration times are 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1 p.m. until 3 p.m., each day, said Karla Howell, school counselor.

Students should be accompanied by a parent or a guardian to register in the Counselor's Office, located in the Main Office area.

New students should bring the following information:

- birth certificate;
- social security card;
- address of previous school;
- last report card from previous school;
- immunization record (required by state law).

Incoming freshmen who have completed eighth grade at Pampa Middle School last year and have completed pre-registration for high school last spring, are already registered as a Pampa High School 9th grader, Howell explained.

"Pampa High School Student Council invites all 9th graders and 10th, 11th, and 12th graders new to the district, to Orientation at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 20, at the Pampa High School Auditorium," she said. "This is an opportunity for new students to tour the building, locate classrooms and become involved in high school life."

Howell said officials plan to mail 2002-2003 information packets to students in August. (See STUDENTS, Page 3)

Did You Know...

Where Was The Original County Seat?

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Letters

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OBITUARIES

GAY PAULETTE DISMUKE 1943-2002

Gay Paulette Dismuke, 59, of Pampa, died Saturday, Aug. 3, 2002, at Pampa, Texas. Services will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Charles Lowry, pastor of the Fellowship Baptist Church, and Mr. Mark McCullar officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Dismuke was born April 7, 1943, in Phillips, Texas. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1953. She married Richard Dismuke on July 17, 1981, in Pampa. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Donnie Shipley, and one sister, Kay O'Daniel.

Survivors include her husband, Richard, of the home; five sons and two daughters-in-law, Christopher Woodward, Brandon Woodward, Vernon Woodward, and Wayne and Terry

Woodward, all of Pampa, and Norman and Cindy Woodward of Cummings, Ga.; one daughter and son-in-law, Wanda and Greg Campbell of Pampa; one sister, Judy Haynes of Pampa; one brother, Kenneth Shipley of Arlington; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m., today at the funeral home and requests memorials be to Pampa Special Olympics in care of Shelly Dyer, 2384 Chestnut, Pampa, TX 79065.

www.carmichael-whatley.com



JAY 'CURTIS' HOLLAND 1949-2002

DODGE CITY, Kan. — Jay "Curtis" Holland, 52, died Sunday, Aug. 4, 2002. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday in Greencrest Cemetery under the direction of Swaim Funeral Home of Dodge City.

Mr. Holland was born Oct. 10, 1949, at Pampa, to Jay C. Holland and Georgia D. McGuffin. He grew up in Miami, graduating from Miami High School, and later earned a college degree in diesel engineering. In 1979, he moved from Miami to Dodge City where he was employed by KGP,

KPL, and Broce Construction. He was currently a foreman for Dodge City Sand Company.

Survivors include his mother, Georgia Holland of Miami; two sons, Gary Lee Holland and Bradley Holland, both of Denton; a daughter, Teresa Rooney of Dodge City; two brothers, Joe Wayne Holland of Pampa and Rex Holland of Amarillo; a sister, Eddie Cope of Happy; and eight grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 12-8 p.m., today at Swaim Funeral Home.

ROUTHIE HALL 1923-2002

Routhie Hall, 79, of Pampa, died Monday, Aug. 5, 2002, at Amarillo, Texas. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday at Fairview Cemetery with Dr. Randy White, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hall was born July 3, 1923, in Blossom, Texas. She married M.L. Hall on March 2, 1951. She had been a resident of Pampa from 1954 until 2000, when she moved to Amarillo.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Pampa. She was a member of the Pampa Country Club where she was an avid golfer and bridge player. She also loved fishing.

Survivors include her husband, M.L. Hall, of



the home; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jim and Karen Hall of Pampa and Gary Allen Hall of Amarillo; a sister, Rose Mary Larson of Livingston; and two grandchildren, Price Hall

and Allison Hall, both of Pampa.
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PAUL DEAN CALDWELL 1953-2002

BALOKO, Okla. — Paul Dean Caldwell, 49, died Sunday, Aug. 4, 2002, at Beaver County Memorial Hospital in Beaver, Okla. Services will be at 10 a.m., Thursday in Beaver First Christian Church in Beaver with Dennis Warren and Brian Loreg officiating. Interment will be in Pioneer Cemetery under the direction of Clark Funeral Service of Beaver.

Mr. Caldwell was born Feb. 22, 1953, at Beaver, to Paul Baker and Delores Maedean Brown Caldwell. He graduated from high school in 1971 and attended one year of col-

lege. He was a farmer-rancher in Beaver County.

He married Diana Kane on March 8, 1975, at Meade, Kan.

Survivors include his wife, Diana, of the home; a son, Jamie Paul Caldwell of Beaver; a daughter, Candace Michelle Caldwell, of the home; his parents, Paul and Maedean Caldwell of Baloko; three sisters, Delores Coxwell of Booker, Vivian Godfrey of Pampa, and Debra Fox of Amarillo; and a grandchild.

SERVICES TOMORROW

DISMUKE, Gay Paulette — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

HALL, Routhie — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

HOLLAND, Jay "Curtis" — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Greencrest Cemetery, Dodge City, Kan.

Medical center recalls body parts, warn some may be diseased

HOUSTON (AP) — The University of Texas Medical Branch has issued a recall of body parts shipped to research facilities across the nation, warning that some may have carried infectious, and even fatal, diseases.

The center announced Monday that the diseased body parts may have been shipped accidentally because of poor record keeping. Officials alerted about 60 research programs, including some at the Galveston center, to the infection and issued a recall of parts shipped within an 18-month period.

"Unembalmed body parts shipped between November 2000 and May 2002 may not have been

tested for hepatitis B, hepatitis C and HIV," spokeswoman Chris Comer said in Tuesday's Houston Chronicle.

It was not known Monday whether any researchers were exposed to, or infected with, dangerous viruses, but UTMB officials urged that anyone involved in research with body parts shipped from the medical center's Willed Body Program during that period take precautions.

The concern arose after officials discovered that records in the program — which also has come under FBI scrutiny — were so jumbled that they could not determine whether any of the parts had been

tested for the viruses.

"We just don't have confidence in the completeness or accuracy of the records, so what we're doing is sending letters of notification to these medical research programs," Comer said.

The warning is the latest of several bizarre disclosures about the Willed Body Program that have emerged since early July, when officials said the FBI was investigating the possible illegal sale of body parts by a program employee who was fired on May 9.

In recent weeks, UTMB officials also announced that the ashes of scores of body donors, whose families had expected to receive their

cremated remains, instead were commingled.

So far, the fiasco has been blamed on Allen Tyler Jr., who worked in the program for 36 years and who UTMB officials say supervised the handling of donated bodies from their arrival to their delivery to an on-campus crematorium.

"The same individual who kept records on everything else was also responsible for obtaining serology tests and keeping records of the results," Comer said Monday, referring to tests for hepatitis strains and HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

"We are extremely unhappy that Mr. Tyler's inadequate documentation regarding serology testing may

have resulted in incomplete and erroneous information being provided to our colleagues who are engaged in vital medical research and teaching," said Dr. Steven A. Lieberman, associate dean for educational affairs, in a prepared statement.

"The use of universal precautions and the low risk associated with simple contact with infected tissues make the risk of infection very low," he said. "However, we felt it was important to use extra caution and to notify those who received shipments of tissue from UTMB that the information provided by Mr. Tyler may have been unreliable."

ON RECORD

CARSON CO. SHERIFF

The Carson County Sheriff's Department released the following jail intake report.

July 29-August 4

Francisco Mendoza, 43, Pampa, arrested on a Pampa Police Department warrant.

Alton Curry, 48, Pampa, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver less than 400 grams, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver less than 28 grams, possession of marijuana less than two grams.

William Alexander, 29, Bunsville, Minn., money laundering, more than \$3,000 but less than \$20,000.

FIRE

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

Monday, Aug. 5

10:14 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision in the 2200 block of Duncan. Firefighters assisted Rural Metro Ambulance in preparing patients for transport.

POLICE

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

Saturday, August 3

A 16-year-old boy was reported to have run away from the 300 block of Tignor.

Sunday, August 4

An abandoned vehicle was reported on Buckler Street.

Monday, August 5

Property destruction was reported when a football thrown by two boys hit and dented a pickup truck in the 400 block of Powell.

A report of enticing a child was taken in the 1300 block of North Duncan after a man was alleged to have attempted to get a 16-year-old girl to move out of town with him.

Tuesday, August 6

A 15-year-old girl was reported to have run away from the 100 block of West 27th.

Christopher Paul Givens, 27, 400 S. Louisiana, arrested on warrants for violation of protective order and possession of marijuana.

AMBULANCE

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

Monday, August 5

10:06 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Duncan and transported two to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

12:05 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of North Hobart and transported one to PRMC.

SHERIFF

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

Friday, August 2

An assault causing bodily injuries (minor) was reported on County Road 21 about 0.5 miles north of Highway 152.

Monday, August 5

Christopher Lance Moore, 20, Heldley, Texas, violation of probation/evading arrest or detention. Rufus Sito Nanez III, 27, violation of probation/burglary of a habitation.

STOCKS

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

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Milo	3.96
Corn	4.35
Soybeans	4.74
Sunflowers	9.75

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

Occidental	25.91	+0.94
Fidelity Magell	74.66	+2.71
Puritan	18.80	+0.30

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

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VLO	32.37	+1.45
Halliburton	12.12	+0.62
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KMI	39.93	+0.77
XCEL	7.99	+1.47
Kerr McGee	43.69	+1.91
Limited	16.03	+0.04
Williams	2.68	+0.37
McDonalds	23.94	+0.10
Exxon Mobil	33.58	+1.08
Atmos	21.61	+0.60
Pioneer Nat	22.47	+0.80
Penney's	16.75	+0.84
Phillips	48.52	+2.02
Schlumberger	38.06	+0.50
Tenneco	7.78	+1.82
CVX	70.60	+2.54
Wal-Mart	47.60	+2.00
OKI	18.35	+1.05
NS Group	7.08	+0.18
New York Gold	308.15	
Silver	4.63	
West Texas Crude	26.58	

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy, highs in the middle 90s, southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Tonight should be partly cloudy with lows in the lower 70s, and southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Wednesday should be partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the middle 90s. East winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows around 70. Southeast winds 15 to 20 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Thursday, mostly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 90. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 30 percent. Thursday night, mostly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms. Lows around 70. Chance of precipitation 30 percent. Friday, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 90. Chance of precipitation 20 percent. Friday night, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows around 70. Chance of precipitation 20 percent. Saturday, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 90. Chance of precipitation 20 percent. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs around 90. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

STATEWIDE

High temperatures across the state may be tempered by chances of rain from North Texas to the deep south.

North Texas will be partly cloudy Tuesday night with a slight chance of thunderstorms to the west and east. Central parts will have a chance of thunderstorms as lows range from the lower to middle 70s.

Wednesday, isolated thunderstorms to the west will be accompanied by a chance of rain in central and eastern parts. Highs will be in the upper 80s to mid 90s.

The Texas Panhandle will be partly cloudy Tuesday night with a slight chance of thunderstorms far west, and lows from 66 to 74. Wednesday skies will be partly cloudy with a slight chance

of thunderstorms and highs from 90 to 98.

Far West Texas will be partly cloudy Tuesday with a slight chance of evening thunderstorms and lows in the middle 60s. Mostly sunny skies will prevail on Wednesday though muggy, then give way to partly cloudy skies in the afternoon with a slight chance of thunderstorms and highs in the lower 90s.

Deep South Texas on Tuesday night and Wednesday should be partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Tuesday night lows will range from 75 to the west and 80 along the coast. Highs on Wednesday will range from 89 at the coast to 101 west.

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TRIAL

against evil. Through various psychological tests given at the Gray County jail, Cicerello said she was able to determine that he was not faking his beliefs.

"There was no indication he was faking," she said. The prosecution rested shortly after 9 a.m. today after putting a girl on the witness stand that testified she had seen Britton mistreat and injure a puppy.

Monday, Britton's first wife, Carol Weschke, told jurors she married Britton when he was 19 and she was 37.

Weschke accused Britton of physically and verbally abusing her. She said he accused her of being unfaithful and at one time broke her arm. She testified that Britton continued to harass her even after their divorce in 1995.

Chad Britton's second wife, Julie, also testified that Britton had physically and verbally abused her, saying that during one argument, he had blocked the door, preventing her from escaping. When she pushed him, she said, he hit her twice in the face with his fist, knocking her to the floor.

"He called me a 'cry baby' and told me to get up," Julie Britton said.

She testified that she then grabbed a bayonet to protect herself as she called police, but Britton took the phone away from her and threw it across the room.

Julie Britton also testified about a sexual abuse incident involving Britton and her eight-year-old daughter.

Defense attorney Mark Buzzard questioned

her in detail about almost a dozen moves in less than five years while she was living with Britton.

Chad Britton, Julie Britton said, worked most of the time and often the moves were in order to get another job.

Responding to prosecutor John Neal, however, Julie Britton said that most of the money Chad Britton made went for drugs and alcohol.

She said Britton got money from his grandfather, Dondle Fuller, and threatened to beat him or kill him. She said that Britton also, at times, threatened to kill her.

Julie Britton recounted for Buzzard the day that Britton told her he had prayed for rain while unloading pipe at an oil rig on a hot, dry day and that a rain-drop had fallen on him. Then, Britton had accused his wife of being a witch.

"He got mad at me because I argued with him," Julie Britton said.

Julie Britton admitted to Buzzard that before she had started seeing Chad Britton, she had sought counseling and had attempted suicide.

She told Buzzard that she had bought drugs for Britton, but she was afraid of him if she had refused.

Through the past week of the trial, Britton sat without apparent emotion at the defense table, but he appeared to become agitated Monday as Sam Schafer, a tree trimmer, testified about having seen Britton kick his 4-year-old son.

Schafer said he was pruning a tree near the Brittons' home two or three months before the death of Deputy Graham when he heard yelling and screaming.

He went to investigate, he said, and saw

Britton standing on the porch screaming through a screen door at a woman. He said Britton then turned to the child standing beside him and yelled, "You, you little son of a bitch, you're probably not mine either."

Schafer testified that Britton then kicked the child.

Terry Wayne of Canadian, who had been Britton's boss, recounted in court Monday how he had found the remains of a marijuana cigarette and the cap from a syringe in Britton's company truck and had insisted that Britton take a drug test about three weeks before Graham's death.

He said Britton had quit rather than take the drug test, but Britton had begun harassing him two days later.

Wayne said that Britton had threatened Wayne with what appeared to be an ax handle and kept calling Wayne and his wife. Wayne said that Britton accused Wayne of sleeping with Britton's girl friend, Stephanie Garza, and that Britton threatened to kill Wayne.

"He would say he'd get me," Wayne said.

Wayne said he called the Hemphill County Sheriff's Office but felt he got no help from them.

Wayne agreed with defense attorney Warren Clark that Britton's accusations were baseless. "That was crazy, wasn't it?" Clark asked.

"Yes," responded Wayne.

Wayne said that in the five or six years that he had known Britton, he had never seen that kind of behavior before.

The final witness Monday was Mike Mitchell of Portales, N.M.

He testified that on the morning of June 16, the day before Deputy Graham was killed, a

pickup turned into his dairy, then turned around quickly and left.

"He was slinging gravel," Mitchell said.

Mitchell testified that he saw a lady fall out of the passenger's side of the truck.

"She was skint in a lot of places," Mitchell said.

He described the woman as a short Hispanic woman, about 18 or 19 years old, and weighing about 180 pounds.

During the guilt and innocence phase of the trial, Stephanie Garza had described fighting with Britton while driving between Clovis and Portales.

She said they had turned into a dairy, and she had jumped out.

Mitchell Monday said the woman that fell from the truck was in a panic and said that the man in the truck was going to kill her.

As the truck turned and raced toward the woman who fell from it and one of Mitchell's co-workers that had gone to help her, Mitchell said he took a shotgun from his pickup and stood where the driver of the oncoming truck could see him.

Mitchell said the truck came to a stop about three or four feet behind the two women and the driver got out.

"He was yelling that he didn't do anything to her," Mitchell said.

Holding his shotgun, Mitchell ordered the man back in his truck and the man drove off.

Mitchell described the driver as being large, not wearing a shirt and having a shaved head.

When he was asked to identify the man if the man was in the courtroom, however, Mitchell identified an Amarillo Globe-News reporter sitting in the audience.

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COUNTY

individual ran for Precinct Three and won the position, but never took office. I have heard that he ran with the intention of dissolving the position, but it was before I was in office."

Peet said he understood that Precinct Three was then combined with Precinct Four, and Lewis is constable for the total area.

Frank Sparling is Precinct 4 Constable which encompasses the McLean area. Lockridge's area is Pampa.

The duties of the constable have been discussed on several occasions lately. Lockridge has told the commission that he backs up other law enforcement in addition to his other duties.

Peet said the primary duties of a constable are to serve warrants out of Justice of the Peace Courts. He said the warrants for the county are served by deputies.

When appearing before the commission concerning his budget, Lockridge told them District Attorney Rick Roach has a \$22,000 check for him from a drug bust he made several months ago.

He said he is going to get a car with a portion of the money. Lockridge has exceeded his budget due to extensive car repairs.

In Friday's budget meeting, Peet asked if Lockridge would have to get approval from the commissioners court to purchase a vehi-

cle. County Auditor Elaine Morris said the constable can spend the money any way he wants as long as it is on his office, and that the commissioners court doesn't have a say in the expenditures of these funds.

Use of cars in performing their duties is another area that is not the same.

Gray County furnishes Lockridge's vehicle while Lewis and Sparling furnish their own vehicles and receive mileage.

According to County Auditor Elaine Morris, Lewis travels about 8,000 miles a year.

Commissioners discussed several options to make the constable salaries and duties equal.

"We could raise Sparling's and Lewis' salaries a little and lower Lockridge's a little by averaging them together," said Hefley.

Commissioner Gerald Wright said he thought it would be best to wait until next year to make the change when candidates would be getting ready to file for the constable positions which would be elected in 2004.

"The only way to make everybody happy is to raise the others," said Commissioner Joe Wheeley. "I'm not going to do it."

He added that it is always hard to cut anybody's salary.

Wheeley also said at the meeting he has had complaints about Lockridge using his county vehicle to go to work at another job.

"It is concerning some taxpayers," he said.

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STUDENTS

2003 class schedules to high school students on Aug. 9.

Questions regarding registration for the new school year should be directed to the Counselor's Office at 669-4800.

Howell is counselor for 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students whose last names begin with A through K. Starla Kindle is counselor for 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students whose last name begin with L through Z, and Dale Ammons serves as counselor for all 9th grade students.

Students who are planning to get a Credit-by-Exam cannot be currently enrolled in the course, Howell said. Students will need to register with their high school counselor at least five days before the test date, she explained.

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INTERIM

Not only has Hatchel been able to meet "some very interesting people," and been aboard Air Force One, he says with a smile, "I even got to scratch Barney."

Barney, a Scottish terrier, is one of President Bush's two dogs that travel with him. Barney is often seen tucked under the President's arm. The

other is a Brittany spaniel named Spot.

"People have no idea what it takes to move the president around," Hatchel said, adding that security is even more tight after Sept. 11.

Just to move Bush from the ranch to the Country Club in Crawford takes a convoy of at least 13 vehicles, Hatchel said.

Putting his thoughts back on Pampa, Hatchel said he

expects it will take him "about a week" to become acquainted with the workings of city government.

"We have to be on a fast track," he said. Commenting on his experience, Hatchel noted that while all cities are different, much is the same.

"You sort of know what's going to work and what's not going to," he said. "You don't have to reinvent the wheel."

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FEVER

Alexander said a warning was sent to Hemphill County Hospital on July 12.

No cases in humans have turned up.

The infection is transmitted by contact with infected animals, tick bites and by airborne particles, Alexander said. Symptoms include fever, painful swollen lymph glands

if bitten by a tick; abdominal pain if ingested; and pneumonia-like symptoms if inhaled.

Those who do regular lawn work or come into close contact with wildlife should pay attention to how they're feeling within a week of being outside, Alexander said. People who get tick bites should pay extra attention.

Those who see dead animals should leave them alone,

Alexander said, noting that "just one" dead rabbit, squirrel, rodent or other animal is not indicative of rabbit fever.

At the wildlife management area, Alexander said officials became concerned after finding "a dead rabbit here ... another one there."

But if anyone finding a dead animal is worried Alexander suggested calling a local veterinarian or him at 806-655-7151.

Utility says dump truck cut power

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — A preliminary investigation by El Paso Electric has found that contact between a vehicle and a high voltage transmission line led to last week's regional power outage.

According to utility officials, the raised bed of a dump truck belonging to a subcontractor working for El Paso

Electric accidentally made contact with a transmission line near Deming, N.M.

El Paso Electric spokesman Henry Quintana said the line near Deming and two other transmission lines serving the area are designed to take over when one line goes down.

"For some reason, the power line sent messages to

the other two lines and shut down," he said. "They should be independent. We know that there was a fault, but we still don't know why they acted like they did."

Two more Amarillo Diocese priests resign, bringing total to five

DALLAS (AP) — The Diocese of Amarillo has had five parish priests resign as a result of the sex abuse charter adopted by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops during a June meeting in Dallas.

The number grew to five after two more parish priests quietly resigned about two

weeks ago, diocese officials said Monday.

The priests are 58-year-old Rev. Jim Hutzler pastor at St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Panhandle, and the 73-year-old Rev. Ed Graff, most recently pastor of churches in Silverton, Turkey and Quitaque.

Diocesan officials said they're not sure why the men

didn't resign as quickly as the other priests.

"They resigned a month after the charter; I don't know exactly when they read it," diocesan spokeswoman Cathy Lexa said in Tuesday's editions of The Dallas Morning News. "It's my understanding that a copy of the charter was sent out to every priest in the

diocese by Bishop 1/8John 3/8 Yanta after he returned from Dallas. ...

"It's only my speculation that they contemplated on the words as they read the charter and dealt within their own heart what was in their pasts. And I'm sure they took it to prayer, because I believe all these men are good men."

The sexual-abuse scandal in the U.S. Catholic Church has taken an especially heavy toll in the Texas Panhandle, where the resignations have worsened a shortage of parish priests.

Almost a third of the 35 parishes in the sprawling 26-county diocese are without full-time priests.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'A merry heart doeth good'

I do not mean any disrespect to anyone, but people in Pampa gripe more than any place I have ever lived. What they have to gripe about, I don't know.

They have good people, good churches, good stores to shop in if they wish. And things could be better if they would shop at home, but the big city beckons them.

I believe in helping the local people. We have one of the best small hospitals anywhere and some of the best doctors for a small town. If the people are good to you, thank them.

Pampa Hospital has some of the most wonderful people. When I go to the hospital here, I am taken care of professionally, but I always feel loved, they are so good to me.

Pampa is a good place to live. I live here in the Pam Apartments where we look out for each other. Most of us are getting on up in years but we are young at heart.

My granny used to say, "Don't count the years in numbers, stay young at heart." In Psalms it says, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." My granny used to say, "Love and faith and little children and old dogs and God will take care of the rest."

God sends his blessings in his own way. We may ask today for something and it might be days before he answers. But he will answer if we ask in faith.

I like living in Pampa and I believe the economy will get better in Pampa. God has always taken care of his people. "Ask and ye shall receive; knock and it shall be opened unto you."

Nell Derr
 Pampa

Water is the essence of life

Water is the essence of life, and no life can be sustained without water. The water of the High Plains belongs to each and every person who lives on top of this miracle. And each and every person has a right to say or vote on the usage of our resource.

This resource does not belong to one man, whose greed has already played havoc with another natural resource, our natural gas. Nor should it be within the decision of a few who look at water as only money. It is not their total right to decide the future of generations.

Also if God had wanted the water elsewhere, he would have put it there or created his own pipeline in the form of a river. He doesn't need man to tell him where to place his water.

Prepare your children, grandchildren and generations that follow how to live in the desert, because that is what their inheritance will be. And prepare to explain to your creator why you stood by while a small few were allowed to destroy his gift to our land.

This area was built by strong forceful ranchers and farmers who stood tall and protected their families' land and animals, and who inherited strength, morals, honor, pride, virtue, honesty and character from their grandfathers. Surely this lineage has not totally disappeared from the face of our land. Stand up and be counted, or would you prefer to simply stand by, meek and mild, while one lone man becomes richer destroying our resources. He owns a tiny piece of land here, so he crowned himself and decided our faith for an on.

Something stinks here, worse than the lake water we're forced to use: while our pure water is shipped to strangers. Wake up, people, demand and get answers before it's too late to even cry.

Jayne Anne Starr
 Amarillo

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

The Pampa News welcomes and encourages readers to express their opinions on issues of public interest and concern. However, we also reserve the right to accept or reject any letter for publication.

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Letters may be dropped off at the office, 403 W. Atchison, or mailed to The Pampa News, Letters to the Editor, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066.

Nell Derr's letter, printed in today's "Letters to the Editor," reminds me of a principle I know well, but sometimes forget to use.

Her simple honesty reminds me that positive actions create positive reactions.

I'll be honest. Since I've returned the newspaper, I've heard the words "positive and negative" so much I'd be delighted to see the two words stricken from the English language.

"The paper needs to be more positive," I'm often told. "Why do you focus so much on the negative? You only print bad news. You never print good news."

The insinuation is that the bad things that happen are the fault of the paper.

A newspaper reflects the community. It is a mirror held up to what is going on. While it may only be a one-dimensional image like a mirror, it still shows the features of the face before it.

A newspaper can also be a light cast on a dark corner, sometimes revealing what



DEE DEE LARAMORE
 EDITOR

is hidden in that corner.

This leads me back to my favorite words — positive and negative.

There are those who would have us print only the positive things that are happening in our community — and they want to be the ones to define what is positive.

The implication is — if the newspaper did not print anything negative, then there would be nothing negative.

Sometimes a bright light reveals flaws and the ugly face in the mirror dispels the beautiful image created in the mind.

I know of a number of attempts to publish newspapers that only focused on so-

called "positive." None of them survived. A neighboring newspaper is attempting to do this right now. I watch as the number of pages gets less and less and their advertising dwindles.

Positive-thinking works. I'm a firm believer in the Norman Vincent Peale principle. In fact, it changed my life years ago when I realized that my negative thoughts and actions caused negative reactions.

However, when the positive ignores the negative, problems will arise. There is no truth to only positive. There is no truth to only negative.

The truth is found in the balance between the two.

That's what I seek as a person and as a newspaper editor — the truth. To find it, I will search both the positive and the negative.

I believe, with all my heart, that the ultimate result will be ... Positive.

Mallard Fillmore by Bruce Tinsley



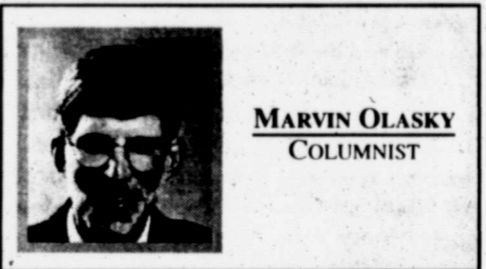
How to fight our addiction to Saudi oil

NORTH SLOPE, ALASKA — Late last June, as we came in for a gravel runway landing at this barren spot north of the Arctic circle, I thought of an e-mail I had recently received from a liberal friend. Attaching an article about Saudi Arabian corruption and ruthlessness, he noted: "We should be really worried about the Saudis. Better to get off the oil addiction, asap."

Boy, that's the truth — but how? I'm all in favor of turning off electric lights and conditioning ourselves to comfortable but not refrigerated air. We should share rides when practical, telecommute when possible and not buy behemoth vehicles when we don't need them — although we should remember that big families often need big cars.

Amid June snow flurries, I walked around the Arctic petroleum facilities that I had seen from the air. I had envisioned seeing the trash and debris typical of old-time oil fields, but here the tundra was clear. The facilities up here actually display one of the environmental movement's victories — the new technology that has come in over the past decade in response to ecological concerns allows oil workers to make only a very small footprint in this vast land.

That technology also allows us to increase our domestic oil flow with not much more environmental impact than spitting in a lake. All we have to do is to open up for production a part of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge that is just as desolate as the ground I walked



MARVIN OLASKY
 COLUMNIST

upon last month. The U.S. Geological Survey says there is a 95 percent probability that at least 6 billion barrels of oil can be recovered from Alaska's ANWR — and that amount could readily go to 10 billion barrels. Others say 16 billion barrels is a reasonable figure.

You may have seen television network news portrayals of ANWR this spring when the House of Representatives approved but the Senate voted down a bill to open up a part of the refuge for production. The two-minute propaganda reports showed beautiful lakes and hills, and those are present in the southern part of ANWR — but nobody's asking to drill there. The oil deposits are at North Slope latitude, only 20 degrees short of the North Pole.

With a House-Senate conference committee now meeting to debate and perhaps reconcile the competing bills, I hope the assembled political leaders look at the facts and not just the reactions of their constituents and contributors. For example, drilling for oil way up north is not like drilling for oil in Texas a generation ago. Up here, six-acre gravel drilling pads are used to tap vast oil fields and are

removed when drilling is complete.

What is that tiny and temporary scar worth to us? Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham says that "average estimates" of ANWR's reserves suggest there's enough there "to replace oil imports from the Persian Gulf region for 10 years, or from Iraq for 50 years." It's true that it would take a few years for ANWR oil to make such a difference, but if we don't start now we won't be any better off down the road.

And what of the wildlife? First, ANWR use would affect no more than 12,000 (some say 2,000) of the wildlife refuge's 19 million acres. Second, look at the record: Some environmentalists predicted that the oil pipeline would harm the Alaskan caribou, but caribou herds have increased since its construction. The caribou appear to like the little ridge on which the pipeline sits, because it helps them escape the real marauders of the tundra: not men, mosquitoes.

During the 600-mile flight back to Anchorage, sitting in the cockpit, I was able to get a different look at descending into a cloudbank than is available from a passenger window. The clouds from in front looked almost like a wall, but the pilot without hesitation flew right in, and anyone who said the cloud was a wall would lose his license.

As the House-Senate conference committee meets, I hope senators will not once again see clouds as barriers. We have two main options: Rely on corrupt Saudi leaders, or dive into the cloud.

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 6, the 218th day of 2002. There are 147 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 6, 1945, during World War II, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, killing an estimated 140,000 people in the first use of a nuclear weapon in warfare.

On this date:

In 1787, the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia began to debate the articles contained in a draft of the United States Constitution.

In 1806, the Holy Roman Empire went out of existence as Emperor Francis I abdicated.

In 1825, Bolivia declared its independence from Peru.

In 1890, convicted murderer William Kemmler became the first person to be executed in the electric chair as he was put to death at Auburn State Prison in New York.

In 1914, Austria-Hungary declared war against Russia and Serbia declared war against Germany.

In 1926, Gertrude Ederle of New York became the first American woman to swim the English Channel. She did it in about 14 1/2 hours.

In 1962, Jamaica became an independent dominion within the British Commonwealth.

In 1965, President Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act.

In 1978, Pope Paul VI died at Castel Gandolfo at age 80.

In 1986, William J. Schroeder died after living 620 days with the Jarvik Seven artificial heart.

Ten years ago: President Bush granted full diplomatic recognition to the former Yugoslav republics of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Slovenia and Croatia, the same day Britain's Independent Television News showed videotape of emaciated detainees at a pair of Serb prison camps. Americans led by Carl Lewis swept the long jump at the Barcelona Summer Olympics, while Kevin Young won the 400 hurdles and Mike Marsh the 200 meters.

Five years ago: Korean Air Flight 801 crashed into a hillside a short distance from Guam International Airport, killing 228 of the 254 aboard the Boeing 747. Ending years of impassioned rivalry, Apple Computer and Microsoft agreed to share technology in a deal giving Microsoft a stake in Apple's survival.

One year ago: Ending months of speculation, former President Clinton said he would write his much sought-after memoirs for publisher Alfred A. Knopf. General Duong Van "Big" Minh, who was the president of South Vietnam for just a few days before the country fell to Communist invaders in 1975, died in Pasadena, Calif., at age 86. Brazilian author Jorge Amado died at age 88.

Today's Birthdays:

Entrepreneur Sir Freddie Laker is 80. Actress-singer Abbey Lincoln is 72. Actor-director Peter Bonerz is 64. Actor Michael Anderson Jr. is 59. Actor Dorian Harewood is 52.

Business Review

Consuelo's, GoldKraft: Popular Pampa Places

Customer service is a top priority with the staff at GoldKraft Jewelers in Pampa, and they are quite successful.

Longtime Pampa residents Bob and Nita Dedmon have been extremely pleased with the quality of work and service they have received as customers of the local business owned by Dee and Consuelo Martinez on North Hobart.

When Nita Dedmon lost a baguette from a ring, the couple took the ring to Dee Martinez. "He repaired it and the price was reasonable," said Bob Dedmon. "I was really pleased with the workmanship."

When the couple celebrated 53 years of marriage in December, Nita Dedmon purchased a ring for her husband from an area store. "The stones were loose," said Bob. "I took the ring to Dee at GoldKraft. He tightened the diamonds, and he also resized the ring. After such excellent service I took another ring in to him I'd had for 20 years to be sized correctly. He has done an exceptionally good job on everything."

Dedmon said he has been well pleased with the work. "I wish more merchants through the years were like him," he said. "He's a craftsman in my estimation."

Nita Dedmon said she has also been extremely pleased with him, and she added, "He is extremely honest."

Martinez is currently doing another job for the Dedmons.

"I'm very thankful for customers like the Dedmons," said Dee. "Not everybody is as kind as the Dedmons. It is a pleasure helping them. Sometimes you become friends with the customers." He said he was pleased to see how pleasant people could be.

"When it comes to symbolism, jewelry can say 'I love you' when often the giver doesn't know how to say it," said Dee.

He explained that a recent example is a gentleman named Don who came into his store. Dee said the man was looking for a 50 anniversary present and was unsure of what to get. "This is his story. I will let him explain," he said.



Professional cooks Nohemi Solis, Diana Lara, and Luz Elena Jimenez prepare the delicious meals at Consuelo's at 1328 N. Hobart. Recently added items to the menu include pork loin, steamed vegetables, grilled squash and new desserts.

"When I came in to GoldKraft, I had no idea of what to get my wife," said Don Thompson. "We were planning to renew our vows. Friends and family would be attending. My wife and I had been through thick and thin together...spending a life time of joys and sorrows. What could I get for someone so special to me?"

Thompson said he began to talk to Martinez.

"He asked all the right questions while zeroing in on what my needs were. When I told him our plans to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary, he said 'This is something that is rare these days. There is nothing in the case that can adequately symbolize your 50-year journey together.'"

"But," said Dee, "I can tell your story with jewelry. For example, I can build a heart pen-

dant symbolizing your love for each other. We can incorporate rings interlocked symbolizing your marriage. In the center of the rings, the numbers '5' and '0' will symbolize 50 years together. At the top of the heart, where the chain goes through, we can place a 'V' for victory that few couples will ever enjoy. Also, rough texture can be between the fork of the 'V' symbolizing life's great struggles."

Finally and last, but not least, Dee wanted to recognize that Don and Lois were Christian people. "We incorporated seven diamonds which is symbolic of God's number of completion and perfection," said Dee.

"This piece of jewelry tells our story," said the Thompson couple.

"Our lives came together for a common purpose that day," said Dee Martinez. "We are

truly friends. So much so that my wife Consuelo and I were invited to their home to share a meal with them. They are wonderful people. We got a chance to meet through GoldKraft Jewelers. What a joy it is to serve and know we can call them friends."

GoldKraft is located at 1334 N. Hobart.

Consuelo's Restaurant, located at 1328 N. Hobart, is also owned by Dee and Consuelo Martinez.

In the short period the restaurant has been open, it has gained a wide reputation for its authentic Mexican food. Customers from all over the Texas Panhandle are traveling to Pampa to eat at the restaurant. The cleanliness of the restaurant staff is impressive to the customers.

Many customers are eating at the restaurant two or three times a week, or more.

A local teacher, Loretta Flaherty, said, "Sometimes we go to the restaurant two or three times a week. Other times we'll call in our order and take the food home to eat."

"My favorite is chicken fajitas while my husband, Kent, is partial to the chicken quesadillas," she said.

Teresa Cruz, who is self-employed, said, "I like the food very much. Their waitresses are very nice and friendly. The restaurant is always clean and I like the style they decorated the place."

"Personally, I hardly eat Mexican food out because I feel I cook better than they do in the Mexican restaurants in town, but I do eat at Consuelo's. They cook like I do at home."

"My favorites are fajitas, enchiladas and combination plate. Also, I like their flan," she said.

Local restaurant owners Dwight and Kathy Dennis said, "It's a clean atmosphere. The food is really good, and it's a non-smoking atmosphere."

"It's one of the few places that has real authentic Mexican food. The service and the friendly atmosphere are great."

"Our favorites are beef fajita quesadillas, nachos and tacos," said Dwight and Kathy.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

Classes Help Seniors Keep Their Driving Skills Sharp

DEAR ABBY: "Protective New Dad," who is reluctant to allow his grandmother to drive his baby around town, should ask Grandma to enroll in the special AARP Driver Safety Course designed especially for senior citizens.

Drivers learn defensive-driving techniques and find out how to adjust their driving to compensate for normal age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time.

In California, drivers older than 55 who complete the course get a certificate issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles. It makes them eligible for a reduction in their auto insurance rates. (In other states with similar laws, the age varies.)

To learn more about the course, including when and where classes will be held in any area, your readers can visit AARP's Web site at www.aarp.org or call the toll-free number: 1-888-227-7669 (1-888-AARP-NOW).

DOROTHY SEDLEY, AARP VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTOR

DEAR DOROTHY: As our population ages, a course such as the one offered by AARP becomes an important safety measure for the road. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: If "Protective New Dad" has any doubts about his grandmother's driving skills, I urge him to stand firm and not allow his daughter in her great-grandmother's car no matter what.

When I was a young teen, my mother — tired of being a "taxi service" — hired a neighborhood girl, "Maggie," to drive me to band practice. Mother knew Maggie had already totaled two cars, but didn't want to hurt her feelings by telling her she wasn't a good driver. Mother ignored my protests and so off I went — scared to death.

Instead of driving me straight to band practice, Maggie drove all over town, picking up her friends and leaving at boys. We had countless near-misses. By the time I returned home, I was shaking like a leaf and had wet my pants in sheer terror. I quit the band the next day.

Abby, that was 25 years ago. I never got over the fact that my mother chose the feelings of another girl over the safety of her own daughter. Maggie went on to crack up another car, seriously injuring her passenger — who could have been me!

I urge all parents to choose carefully who drives their child. If someone's feelings get hurt — tough! He or she will get over it, but the loss of a child is irreversible. You better believe my own daughter's safety comes first.

SAVED MYSELF IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Protective New Dad" should have been more strongly worded. If he's uncomfortable about Grandma's driving, it's not just his own child he should worry about — it's everyone else's, too. That's the approach I took with both my mother and grandmother when it became obvious their reflexes weren't what they once were.

First, I persuaded them to admit they were "a bit slower." Then I said: "You love children, and there are lots of them in this neighborhood. Could you ever forgive yourself if a child darted into the street, and there was a tragedy because you couldn't slam on the brakes fast enough?"

They each handed over their car keys. It wasn't fun for any of us, but it may have saved lives.

I GOT THE KEYS IN CALIFORNIA

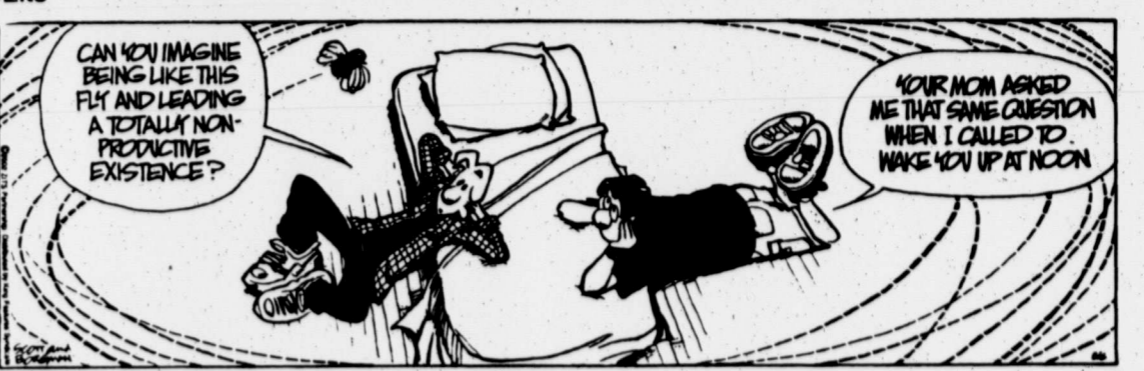
DEAR I GOT THE KEYS: That's strong medicine, and I commend you for taking the initiative to ensure the safety of others.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeane Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 48440, Los Angeles, CA 90068.

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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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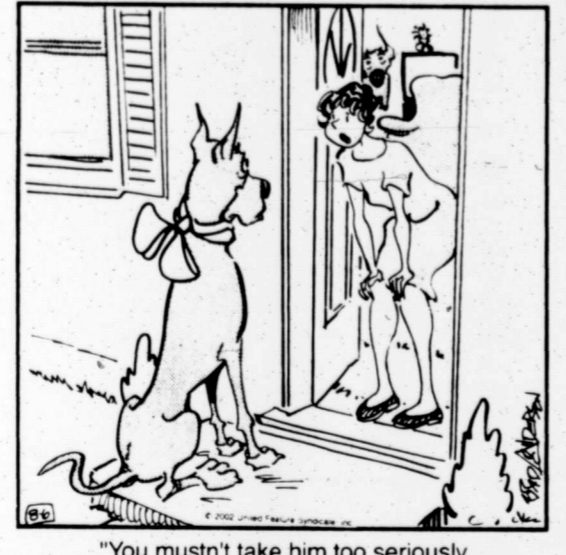
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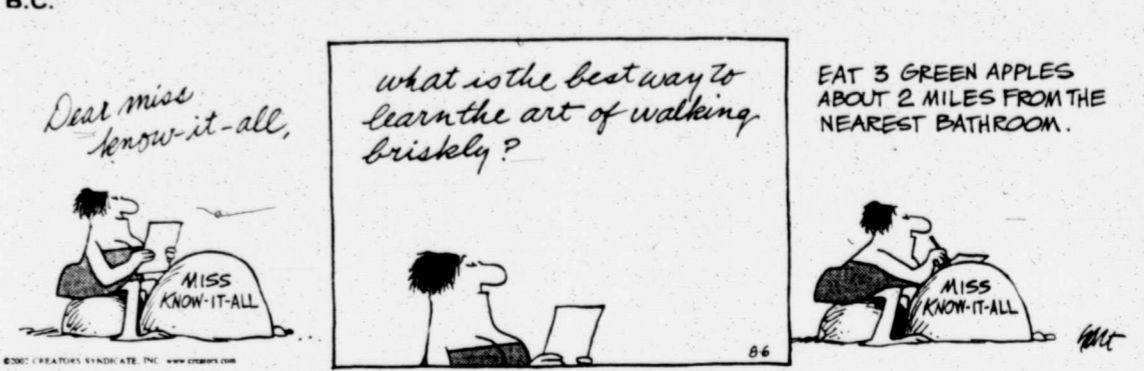
"You mustn't take him too seriously, Tessie... He's such a flirt."

The Family Circus



"You better be good, PJ, or you'll land in solitary."

B.C.



Hagar The Horrible



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Blonde



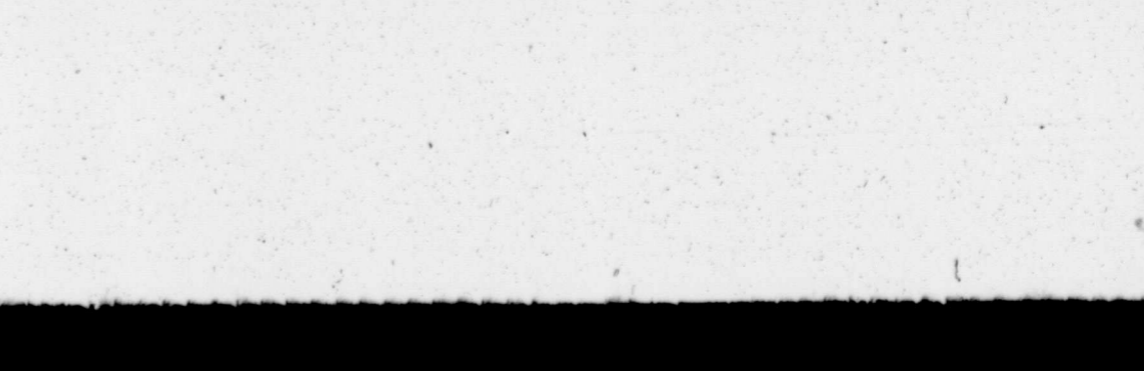
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SPORTS

Rangers still struggling, even after big outburst

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — When the Texas Rangers scored 36 runs over two nights, the highest two-game total in the majors this season, they showed what they had thought their big-bash offense might be capable of more often.

But those two games in which the Rangers had 41 hits against the New York Yankees and Boston, the top two teams in the AL East, were only a tease for a team headed for its third straight last-place finish in the AL West.

The Rangers, who were off Monday, followed up their explosive outburst by losing to Boston's ace pitchers, and failing to score against both of them, over the weekend.

With 51 games left over the final eight weeks of the regular season, the Rangers are a season-high 21 1/2 games behind AL West-leading Seattle. Their 47-64 record is the worst at this point since they had only 42 wins in 1985.

There is a 16 1/2-game gap between Texas and the rest of the division. Seattle, Anaheim and Oakland — the only teams the Rangers will play their final 20 games — are all in playoff contention.

Pedro Martinez and Derek Lowe, the Boston teammates who are leading candidates for this year's AL Cy Young, both pitched seven shutout innings in their starts against Texas.

Martinez (15-2) struck out 10 and

allowed just three singles before leaving Sunday night's game with an 11-0 lead. Texas scored against relievers Alan Embree and Chris Haney to make the final 11-3.

"It's not easy losing a game like that," said Rangers manager Jerry Narron. "Getting blown out isn't easy if you are young or old."

That came two nights after Lowe (15-5) shut out the Rangers over seven innings in a 13-0 Red Sox victory.

That was the first time Texas had been shut out at home since April 8, 2000, a stretch of 213 games. And it came in the first game after the two-game stretch in which the Rangers won 17-6 over New York and 19-7 over Boston.

Only the Red Sox bullpen kept the Rangers from being shut out again Sunday night.

Texas finished its homestand 5-5 against the A's, Yankees and Red Sox. The Rangers are 8-17 since the All-Star break.

Despite the team's struggles and going 0-for-3 Sunday, All-Star shortstop Alex Rodriguez is hitting .311 and leads the majors with 37 homers and 94 RBIs through 111 games. He led the AL with 52 homers last season, when he didn't hit No. 37 until the 124th game.

Second baseman Michael Young, who was 2-for-3 Sunday and had one of the hits off Martinez, has 10 hits his last 18 at-bats over five games.

NOTEBOOK

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

SAN DIEGO (AP) — San Diego State announced a series of self-imposed penalties for violating NCAA rules by holding summer football workouts at a local beach.

The school said it will eliminate 21 practice days through the 2004 season, cut six scholarships through 2005, and suspend assistant coach Damon Baldwin for six practice days, including five without pay, during the 2002 fall camp.

The infractions stem from summer conditioning sessions for offensive linemen coordinated by Baldwin from 1998-2001.

HORSE RACING

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. (AP) — Cigar, whose streak of 16 consecutive victories tied Citation's record, and champion filly Serena's Song entered the national racing hall of fame.

Jockey Jack Westrope, who was killed during a race in 1958, and trainer Bud Delp were also inducted. Noor entered in the horse of yesteryear category.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Negotiators for baseball players and owners are making slow progress to narrow their differences, and the union keeps holding off on setting a strike date.

Starting what could be a pivotal week in talks to avoid a strike later this month or in September, the sides devoted two of Monday's three bargaining sessions to revenue sharing, one of the key issues dividing them.

"I would expect the pace of the activity to be heightened this week," said Rob Manfred, the owners' top labor lawyer.

The second of the three sessions produced agreements on some minor issues, such as waiver periods and second medical opinions.

"We're still looking for the right way to bridge the gaps," union lawyer Michael Weiner said. "We haven't found it yet."

Later this week, according to Weiner, players will respond to management's proposal for mandatory random testing for steroids and other performance-enhancing substances.

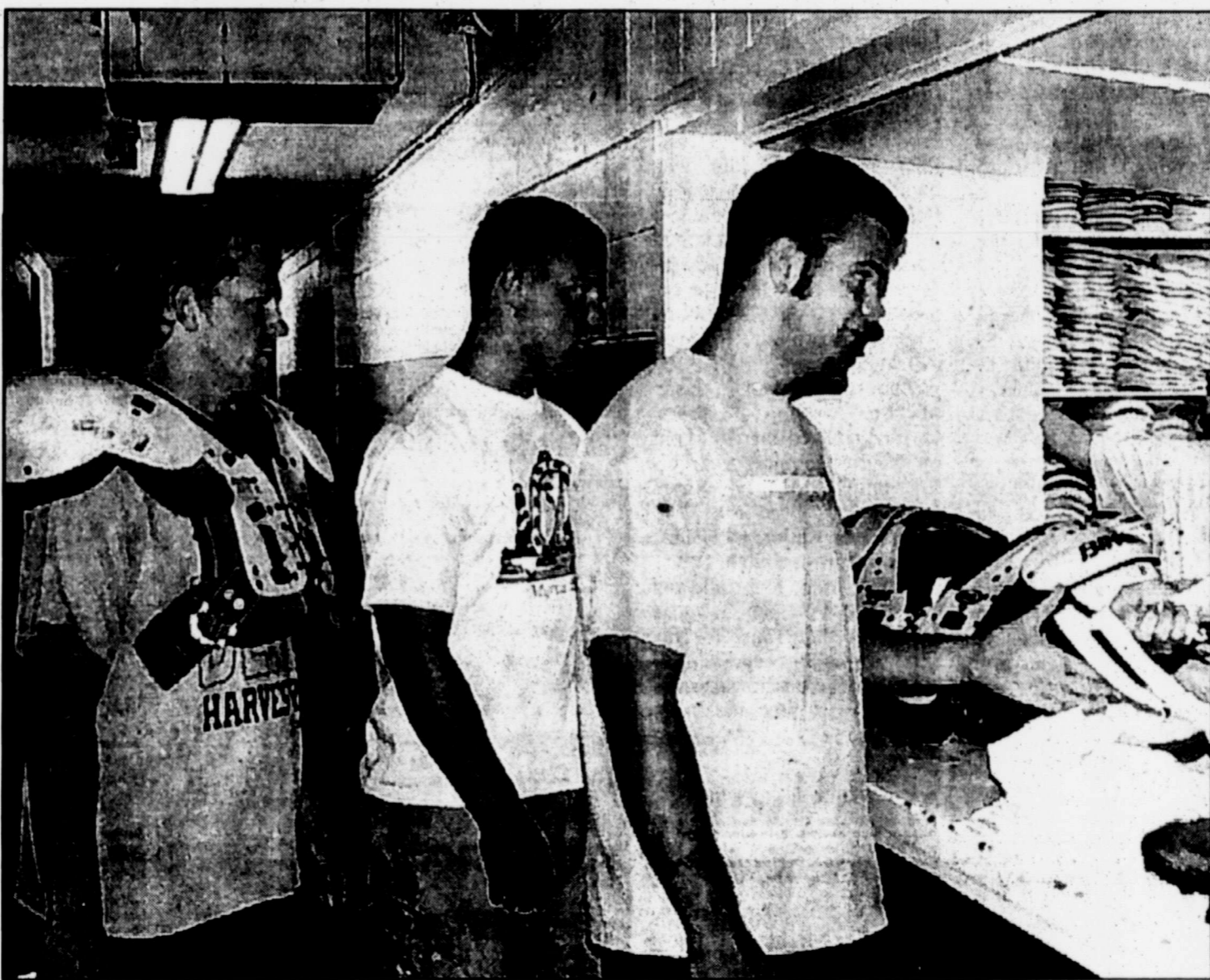
The union's executive board scheduled a conference call for Tuesday but was unlikely to set a strike date, according to people familiar with the union's deliberations.

Flashback

1988: Oklahoman Jim Kirk won the Tri-State Senior Golf Association title on his first try, shooting a 215 for three rounds.

The Ardmore golfer had a 3-under-par opening-day 68 to also give him medalist honors.

Equipment checkout



Harvester football prospects (l-r) Curtis Pritchett, Tommy Abernathy and Matt Murray get their equipment checked out by manager Trent Loter during the first day of football practice Monday at Pampa High School. Pampa opens the 2002 season Aug. 30 at Perryton.

(Photo by Grover Black)

Texans looked good in stretches against Giants

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — The Houston Texans got more than a game under their belts. While making their NFL debut, the expansion team was bonded by something that's not in any playbook.

"It's tough when you see one of your brothers go down," said rookie quarterback David Carr. "We were on the sideline praying, that wasn't fake. That could have been any one of us."

Carr threw a touchdown pass and the league's \$700 million expansion team played well in stretches of a 34-17 loss Monday night to the New York Giants in the Hall of Fame game.

Jesse Palmer passed for 247 yards and two TDs, and New York rookie tight end Jeremy Shockey had a TD catch along with a bruising 48-yard gain where he flattened several Texans.

But an unexpected, scary moment tempered Houston's long-awaited return to pro football when backup safety Leomont Evans temporarily lost feeling in his arms and legs after suffering a bruised spinal cord.

"You hate to see that," Giants coach Jim Fassel said. "I just stood there praying.

For a while, I could not think of anything else. That's when the game and everything else is inconsequential."

Evans, a second-team strong safety, got hurt while rushing a punt in the second quarter. He lowered his head and tried to power over New York running back Sean Bennett, when he crumbled to the ground.

As the play unfolded around him, Evans was motionless on the field while teammate Avion Black returned the punt 71 yards.

"A lot of thoughts go through your mind when something like that happens," Texans coach Dom Capers said.

The 28-year-old Evans stayed face down as Houston's training staff and emergency personnel ran onto the field to

assist him. While their teammate was being cared for, the Texans, many of whom didn't know each other until the start of training camp, gathered in a circle and knelt in prayer in front of their bench.

Across the field, about a dozen of New York's players — led by All-Pro Michael Strahan — dropped to a knee.

Evans was strapped on a backboard and taken to Aultman Hospital for further evaluation and treatment. A team spokesman said an MRI and CT scan taken during the game were normal.

The Texans waited 18 months to get started and were eager to see how Carr, the No. 1 overall pick in this year's draft, would do in his first pro game.

Carr went 9-of-17 for 96

yards and connected with tight end Billy Miller for a 24-yard scoring strike late in the first half to tie it 10-10.

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Johnson hurls 2-hitter at Mets

Diamondbacks complete four-game sweep, lead West by seven games

NEW YORK (AP) — If the fatigue or heat couldn't get to Randy Johnson, the slumping New York Mets sure weren't going to.

Johnson rebounded from his most grueling start of the year, pitching a two-hitter Monday as the Arizona Diamondbacks completed a four-game sweep with a 2-0 victory.

Coming off the longest outing in the majors this year Wednesday in Montreal and pitching in 89-degree heat didn't slow the Big Unit.

"It might have affected me in the past, but it obviously didn't affect me today," he said.

Johnson (16-4) struck out the first six batters — two shy of Jim Deshaies' record to start a game — and didn't allow a hit until Roger Cedeno's chopper to third base, leading off the sixth inning.

Matt Williams fielded the ball but had no chance to get the speedy Cedeno, who slid into the base.

In the other NL game Monday, Philadelphia rallied to beat Los Angeles 7-5.

New York's only other hit was a clean single by Mo Vaughn to lead off the seventh.

"He was a man on a mission today," Arizona manager Bob Brenly said. "He threw 149 pitches last time out and it was hot, humid conditions today. We weren't sure what we would get out of him today. The guys in the bullpen were on alert, but Randy handled things by himself."

Johnson struck out 11 and threw 114 pitches for his first shutout since opening day against San Diego and the 32nd of his career.

"Today's game was a mental and physical grind."

Johnson said. "It was a 2-0 ballgame, I threw a lot of pitches the start before and the weather was tough. I was just really focused to get through the ninth inning."

Williams homered and Craig Counsell hit an RBI double off Shawn Estes (4-9) as Arizona won for the 12th time in 14 games.

The Mets lost their fifth straight and were swept in a four-game series at home for the first time since June 1995 against Philadelphia.

"It was a tough four-game turnaround," manager Bobby Valentine said. "It just shows how fast things can turn around."

Johnson's dominance was typified in a sequence to Mike Piazza in the fourth.

Johnson started the at-bat by blowing a 96-mph fastball by the Mets slugger. Piazza then swung over an 86 mph slider, a pitch that crossed the left-handed batter's box and ended near Piazza's feet. After a foul and a ball, Johnson recorded his seventh strikeout on another wicked slider.

"In his early years, he was just slinging it up there," Vaughn said. "You can see that his motion is really solid. He pinpoints where he wants his pitches to go. Then you add that velocity to that, and he's very tough."

New York's only threat came in the fifth. After John Valentin walked for the Mets' only baserunner, Joe McEwing hit a grounder to third base. Williams had trouble getting a grip and threw the ball into right field, allowing Valentin to take third on the error.

Johnson bore down, getting Timo Perez to foul out on a

bunt attempt before intentionally walking Rey Ordonez on a 3-1 pitch to load the bases. Johnson fell behind 2-0 to Estes before recovering for his ninth strikeout.

After going through three subpar starts because of a bad back after the All-Star break, Johnson is back to the form that won him four Cy Young Awards, including three straight.

He is 3-0 with a 0.36 ERA in his past three starts and passed teammate Curt Schilling to retake the major league lead in strikeouts with 226. It was Johnson's 10th double-digit strikeout game of the season and 181st of his career.

"Under the conditions, for him to go out and dominate the way he did today was remarkable," Brenly said. "I've run out of words to describe this guy."

The Diamondbacks went ahead in the fifth when Quinton McCracken hit a one-out triple and scored on Counsell's double down the right-field line.

Williams added a solo homer in the sixth, his fourth in 22 career at-bats against Estes, to make it 2-0.

Phillies 7, Dodgers 5
Giovanni Carrara hit Todd Pratt and Jimmy Rollins with pitches with the bases loaded as Philadelphia rallied at home.

With Los Angeles leading 5-4 in the eighth, Paul Shuey (0-1) walked Placido Polanco, gave up a single to Bobby Abreu and a two-out RBI single to Travis Lee.

Shuey walked Jason Michaels, loading the bases. Carrara relieved and hit Pratt on the left shoulder with his first pitch, forcing in Abreu with the go-ahead run. Two pitches later, Carrara hit Rollins in the back with a pitch.

Mike Timlin (3-3) allowed one hit in two innings, and Jose Mesa got three outs for his 32nd save in 39 chances, retiring Dave Roberts on a game-ending flyout with the bases loaded.

Ex-major league catcher Darrell Porter dead at 50

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Former major league All-Star catcher Darrell Porter, who was the MVP of the 1982 World Series with the St. Louis Cardinals, was found dead Monday in a park in suburban Kansas City. He was 50.

Sugar Creek police said a motorist reported seeing a man lying next to a car in La Benite Park late Monday afternoon. The Kansas City Star reported in Tuesday's editions. When police arrived, they found Porter's body.

The cause of death was not known, but police said there was no evidence of foul play. The Jackson County medical examiner will perform an autopsy.

Porter lived in Lee's Summit, another Kansas City suburb, according to driver's license records.

"We heard he went out to get a newspaper and went to the park to read it," Art Stewart, senior adviser to Kansas City Royals general manager Allard Baird, told The Kansas City Star. "That's the only thing we knew. It's very, very upsetting."

Porter hit .247 with 188 home runs and 826 RBIs in 17 major league seasons with Milwaukee, Kansas City, St. Louis and Texas. His best season came in 1979, when he set career highs by hitting .291 with 20 homers and 112 RBIs for the Royals.

Porter started his major league career with the Brewers in 1971, and was traded to the Royals after the 1976 season. He was an All-Star twice in his four years with Kansas City.

During spring training in 1980, Porter checked into a drug-and-alcohol rehabilitation center. He returned to the team but his production dropped, with his average falling to .249, but was still a key factor in helping the Royals reach their first World Series — which they lost to Philadelphia in six games.

Porter chronicled his struggle with addiction and recovery from it in a 1984 book, "Snap Me Perfect! The Darrell Porter Story."

He filed for free agency after the season and signed with St. Louis to play for Whitey Herzog, his manager in Kansas City.

Porter struggled in his first two seasons at St. Louis but was the NLCS and World Series MVP in 1982.

NASCAR sorting through Stewart altercation at Brickyard 400

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — NASCAR will sort through accounts of what led Tony Stewart to punch a photographer following the Brickyard 400 before deciding if the driver should be punished.

Any penalties could come Tuesday, but not before the sanctioning body discusses things with Stewart, who hit a photographer following his 12th-place finish at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Sunday.

"To say for certain there will be a penalty is not giving Tony the benefit of the doubt," spokesman Jim Hunter said. "We are in the process of sorting through the facts and to do so, we need to speak everyone involved. We have plans to speak to Tony."

NASCAR spent Monday interviewing several reporters and photographers who witnessed it, with some saying Stewart also kicked the photographer, Hunter said.

No one has come forward with photographic evidence.

NASCAR chairman Bill France Jr. said he'd be interested in seeing pictures or footage of the confrontation and wondered if Stewart might have been provoked into hitting the photographer.

France did not condone Stewart's actions but wanted to know whether the photographer might have been too aggressive in doing his job, which could have angered Stewart.

"All I know is what I have heard, and I don't know what provoked it," France said.

"But I've seen shots that came from when photographers got right up in everyone's face. If Tony is running and a photographer is following, and I guess trying to get his picture, he's doing his job."

"But I don't know where it says that Tony is obligated to stand there with a beautiful smile on his face and pose for pictures."

France said disciplinary action would be decided on by NASCAR president Mike Helton and his staff.

The Indianapolis Star, which employed the freelance photographer Stewart punched, sent a letter Monday to NASCAR and Joe Gibbs Racing, said assistant managing sports editor Tim Wheatley.

He said the paper asked for assurances that such incidents would be prevented in the future.

Wheatley also said photographer Gary Mook did not provoke Stewart.

"If provoking means trying to take your photo when you're mad, then that's what he did," Wheatley said. "He didn't stick a camera in the car. He's just trying to do his job."

Stewart was a favorite to win at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, his home track, but faded late in the race and fell to 12th.

He pulled his No. 20 Pontiac into the garage, hopped out and abandoned the car next to one of the empty bays at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

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5. Running D Construction	6	6
6. CTW	5	7
7. Sew What Embroidery	1	11

BASEBALL

National League
At A Glance

By The Associated Press All Times EDT East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	73	38	.658	—
Florida	55	56	.495	18
Montreal	55	56	.495	18
New York	55	56	.495	18
Philadelphia	53	58	.477	20
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	59	49	.546	—
Cincinnati	58	52	.527	2
Houston	57	53	.518	3
Pittsburgh	50	61	.450	10 1/2
Chicago	47	62	.431	12 1/2
Milwaukee	39	72	.351	21 1/2
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	69	43	.616	—
Los Angeles	62	50	.554	7
San Francisco	61	50	.550	7 1/2
Colorado	50	61	.450	18 1/2
San Diego	46	65	.414	22 1/2

Sunday's Games
Arizona 12, N.Y. Mets 7
Houston 5, Montreal 4
San Francisco 10, Pittsburgh 5
Los Angeles 4, Philadelphia 3
Chicago Cubs 4, Colorado 1
Florida 7, Milwaukee 2
Cincinnati 15, San Diego 10
Atlanta 2, St. Louis 1

Monday's Games
Philadelphia 7, Los Angeles 5
Arizona 2, N.Y. Mets 0

Tuesday's Games
Florida (Beckett 4-4) at Houston (Mlicki 3-7), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Astacio 10-4) at Milwaukee (Sheets 5-13), 8:05 p.m.
Montreal (Yoshii 2-4) at St. Louis (Finley 2-1), 8:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Mochter 1-1) at Colorado (Stark 6-2), 9:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Millwood 10-6) at Arizona (Schilling 18-4), 10:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 7-7) at San Diego (Ol.Perez 3-3), 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Fogg 10-7) at Los Angeles (Od.Perez 10-7), 10:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Smyth 0-0) at San Francisco (Jensen 10-7), 10:15 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
N.Y. Mets (D'Amico 5-9) at Milwaukee (Rusch 5-11), 8:05 p.m.
Florida (Burnett 11-7) at Houston (Oswalt 12-6), 8:05 p.m.
Montreal (Ohka 8-6) at St. Louis (Simontacchi 7-3), 8:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dessens 7-5) at Colorado (Jennings 11-5), 9:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 11-3) at Arizona (Helling 7-8), 10:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Padilla 11-6) at San Diego (Peavy 2-4), 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Meadows 0-1) at Los Angeles (Ashby 7-9), 10:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 9-5) at San Francisco (Ortiz 7-8), 10:15 p.m.

BASKETBALL

Women's National Basketball Association
At A Glance

By The Associated Press All Times EDT EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
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Washington	15	12	.556	2
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Orlando	14	14	.500	3 1/2
Miami	13	16	.448	5
Indiana	12	15	.444	5
Cleveland	10	17	.370	7
Detroit	8	20	.286	9 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	22	6	.786	—
x-Houston	21	7	.750	1
x-Utah	18	10	.643	4
Portland	16	13	.552	6 1/2
Seattle	15	14	.517	7 1/2
Sacramento	10	17	.370	11 1/2
Minnesota	9	19	.321	13
Phoenix	9	19	.321	13

x-clinched playoff spot

Monday's Games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
Indiana at Washington, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Orlando at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
Pressroom At A Glance

By The Associated Press All Times EDT AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
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New England	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	.000	0	0
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Jacksonville	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Houston	0	1	0	.000	17	34
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cincinnati	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	.000	0	0
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	0	0	0	.000	0	0
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Oakland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Diego	0	0	0	.000	0	0
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Atlanta	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Carolina	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New Orleans	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
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Chicago	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Detroit	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Green Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0
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St. Louis	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Seattle	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Francisco	0	1	0	.000	7	38

Saturday's Game
Washington 38, San Francisco 7

Monday's Game
New York Giants 34, Houston 17

Thursday's Game
New York Jets at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.

Friday's Games
Cincinnati at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Jacksonville at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Baltimore, 8 p.m.
Oakland at Dallas, 9 p.m.

Houston safety suffers neck injury

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Houston safety Lecomont Evans suffered an apparent serious neck injury Monday night during the first half of the Texans' NFL debut against the New York Giants.

Early in the second quarter of the Hall of Fame game, Evans was rushing the punter from the right side when he lowered his head and tried to power past Giants running back Sean Bennett.

After briefly engaging Bennett, Evans dropped face first to the artificial turf as the ball was kicked.

The 28-year-old defensive back was motionless as teammate Avion Black returned the punt 71 yards to New York's 18 with 12:24 remaining in the first half.

In the third quarter, a team spokesman said Evans had regained some feeling in his upper body and was conscious. Evans' breathing and vital signs were normal, the spokesman said.

Evans was at Aultman Hospital and was undergoing an MRI exam.

As Stewart hurriedly walked off, he swatted his hand in the air when approached from behind by a man.

Mook was following and Stewart broke into a trot to get away.

Mook ran alongside him, and Stewart turned to him and threw several punches before he was pulled away.

"He struck me in the chest," Mook told The Star in a story printed Monday. "I ran, I got in front of him to take a picture and I got off one frame. He came toward me and struck me in the chest to get me out of the way. I didn't pursue him."

Mook told the newspaper that Stewart struck him once, adding the confrontation was "being totally blown out of proportion."

Mook spoke with Gibbs about the incident at the track and on the phone following the race.

"I dealt with it man-to-man with Joe Gibbs," Mook told the newspaper. "He assured me it would be handled. I was happy with the resolution. Nothing farther will come from it."

Evans' injury turned an exciting night of pageantry and history for 23,000 fans and a national TV audience into a somber reminder of the violent nature of pro football.

Evans was drafted in the fifth round in 1996 by Washington out of Clemson.



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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

8-6 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IT TAKES A CLEVER MAN TO TURN CYNIC AND A WISE MAN TO BE CLEVER ENOUGH NOT TO. — FANNIE HURST

Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2002:

Your people skills define you. This year you will develop those skills to an even higher level. Your charm mixes with tremendous psychological insight, opening up new vistas. Your enjoyment of life grows with a new luck cycle beginning this fall. The world becomes your oyster. Don't overspend or overindulge during this cycle. Begin it well, and you will be much happier the next 11 years. You might discover that you have a genuine weakness for sweets. Take good care of your health. If single, you will tantalize the opposite sex. You tumble into a very special relationship within the year. If attached, your relationship will warm up as your sweetie once more sees you through rose-colored glasses. Another LEO struggles to be in control when you're around.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
*** Others suddenly become more amenable and less touchy. Move plans that have been on the back burner because of past obstacles. You might need to revitalize an idea or two. Others finally pay tribute to your creativity and endurance. Tonight: Celebrate.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Family members score high on your dance card right now. You might want to reorganize your plans for a key partner or associate. You breeze through any task right now, enlisting others as well. Don't decide that any task is impossible. Tonight: Home is where the heart is.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
*** What starts out as a flirtation could be building into more. Are you

sure you want this budding relationship? You feel like a computer, multitasking as calls, e-mails and people seek your guidance. You can do it. Stay focused. Schedule networking for the p.m. Tonight: Favorite places, favorite people.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** If possible, get a head start this morning. You'll get more done than you can believe. Money dealings preoccupy your thinking in the afternoon. Laughter helps you through a tense moment or two. Give up being so attached to the end results. Tonight: Treat yourself.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Organize yourself this morning, because once you get going, you might not have an opportunity to slow down. Your intensity takes you in a new direction if you flow. A new opportunity comes down your path — jump on it. Don't let this chance slip out of your hands. Tonight: Whatever makes the Lion purr.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Stay even and direct with those in your immediate circle this morning. Close your door or put on headphones if you intend to get anything done. It appears that someone's jovial mood seeps through anyway. Do what you must. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Dig right in, knowing that the weekend will appear on the horizon. Schedule meetings for the p.m. You might need to postpone socializing, at least for a while. Groups draw unusual success. Ask for what you want right now. Tonight: Round up your pals.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** Your perspective infuses a project with new energy. Office friends also demonstrate unusual enthusiasm with a project, especially as it has your energy behind it. Trust yourself and the

decisions you make. Tonight: A late dinner.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** Actions must follow words if you are going to succeed. Don't push so hard. Just live your words. A friend or associate paves the way. Creativity flourishes with your actions. Greet news from a distance positively. Tonight: Follow the music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Refuse to push so hard, knowing your limits. Ask an associate or partner to pitch in. You might be delighted by what goes on. A boss is downright jovial. Your instincts help you right now with your professional situation. Tonight: Allow others to do more for you in all realms of your life.
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Report: Justice Department missing weapons, computers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI is instituting new security protocols after a government audit showed the Justice Department lost track of hundreds of weapons and laptop computers.

Many of the 400 lost computers may have contained classified information.

At least a few of the 775 weapons were recovered after they were used in armed robberies and at least one was registered as evidence in a homicide, the department's inspector general, Glenn A. Fine, said in a report released Monday.

Most of the weapons belonged to the FBI and Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Before last year, the FBI had not taken a complete inventory of laptops and weapons in almost a decade, despite an agency policy requiring one every two years, the investigation found. Last year's inventory was prompted when other agencies, including the INS, reported large numbers of missing weapons.

"The FBI showed serious deficiencies in management in keeping track of weapons and

laptops," Fine said Monday. Fine reported in March 2001 that an audit of the INS found the service had lost about 500 weapons. The audit prompted criticism from Congress and a request by Attorney General John Ashcroft to review the Justice Department's other component agencies.

The new report, which includes the INS figures revealed in the March 2001 audit, prompted more criticism Monday.

"This problem has sparked consequences, in criminal acts and danger to national security," said Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, a senior member of the Judiciary Committee. "According to the reports, the problem of missing guns at the FBI, in particular, is a mess, and it's been that way for years."

"It stems from weak discipline, lax standards, tardy reporting and few, if any, consequences."

Some Justice Department officials attributed much of the problem to faulty paperwork and tracking, suggesting some of the equipment may have been loaned to other government agencies or may still be in the

possession of government employees.

The FBI said Monday it is creating new programs to address the problems.

"The institutional response to the loss of any sensitive property, like a gun or laptop, will be prompt and robust, both from a security standpoint and from an accountability standpoint," the FBI said in a statement.

Regarding weapons, the

inspector general's report found the INS and the FBI reported losses of 539 and 212 weapons, respectively, during the time frame of the audit, October 1999 to January 2002. The FBI reported an additional 211 missing weapons outside that period.

The other three Justice Department components — the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of

Prisons and the U.S. Marshals Service — reported a combined total of 24 missing weapons from October 1999 to August 2001.

None of the other three Justice Department components — the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Prisons and the U.S. Marshals Service — reported more than 16 missing weapons during their audit period, October

1999 to August 2001.

The report says local police found one gun in a murder victim's pocket; it had been stolen from an FBI agent's home in New Orleans. Police in Atlanta recovered a stolen DEA weapon during a narcotics search at a suspect's residence; and police in Philadelphia and Tampa, Fla., recovered INS weapons that were used to commit armed robberies.

Attack tests future of Christian school

MURREE, Pakistan (AP) — Officials considered the future of a school for Christian missionary children Tuesday after masked gunmen burst onto the campus, killing six people and wounding three in the latest attack on Western interests since Pakistan joined the war against terrorism.

None of the 150 students, including Americans, Europeans, Australians and New Zealanders, were injured in the Monday attack. All the dead were Pakistani security guards and non-teaching staff.

The gunmen were prevented from breaking into the kindergarten after two quick-thinking staff members locked the door. The gunmen fled after Pakistani security guards returned fire, leaving behind weapons and ammunition at the Murree Christian School in this resort town in the Himalayan foothills about 35 miles northeast of the capital, Islamabad.

"It would appear that they had every intention of staying a lot longer and doing a lot more damage," the school's Australian director Russell Morton told New Zealand's National Radio.

The attack was the sixth against Westerners or Western interests in Pakistan this year, prompting the United States, Britain and most major countries to scale back their diplomatic presence in the country and to urge their citizens to stay away.

In the wake of the attack, Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer urged Australians to defer travel

Pakistan or leave, telling ABC television that "this just underlines the very delicate state of security in Pakistan."

The attack also left in doubt the future of the school, founded in 1956 to educate children of missionaries in South Asia. School authorities said the board of directors would meet Tuesday evening to decide what to do.

"I think there is a determination to stick it out and continue to work within Pakistan," Morton said. "But the board will have to consider very carefully the implications for the children within this particular environment."

No group claimed responsibility but suspicion fell upon Pakistan's Islamic extremist movement, which was enraged last year when President Pervez Musharraf abandoned support for the Afghan Taliban and joined the U.S.-led war on terrorism after Sept. 11.

Authorities said a note found on the scene warned that "it's just the beginning."

"We will do more in the future to avenge what is being done by infidels with Muslims all over the world," an official of Pakistani military intelligence quoted the note as saying. He spoke on condition of anonymity.

The official said the attackers appeared well-trained and may have hidden afterward in nearby houses of sympathetic residents. At least five Islamic militants were detained Tuesday for questioning in Rawalpindi, about 35 miles from Murree, an Interior Ministry official said.

DAR convention



(Courtesy photos)

Betty Edgington White, left, local Las Pampas Daughters of the American Revolution chapter member, and Janet Parnell, DAR member of Canadian, visit during the 111th Continental Congress of DAR in Washington, D.C., recently. White with Donna Miller Raymond, corresponding secretary general and former Texas regent, and Linda Tinker Watkins, president general of the National DAR Society, during the 111th Continental Congress.



Group urging doctors close, stage protest

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Doctors complaining that a new state law hasn't reined in malpractice insurance rates that drive physicians from the state are urging colleagues to close their offices for a week to demand action.

The 150-member Politically Active Physicians Association wants doctors to attend a conference on malpractice insurance later this month and to tell their patients the meeting is intended to "save your medical services."

"Physicians are still leaving Pennsylvania in droves," said Dr. James Tayoun, one of the organizers of the group formed in July.

Tayoun said he pays \$120,000 a year for malpractice coverage.

"If I go over the bridge (to New Jersey) I can be insured by the same company for a third as much," Tayoun said. "Should I have to leave my community?"

The law, passed in March, says malpractice lawsuits must be filed within seven years after the alleged error occurs, but it lacks limits on damages for pain and suffering and other non-economic damages in malpractice lawsuits that were sought by the Pennsylvania Medical Society.

In 2000, Pennsylvania's doctors and other health care prac-

tioners paid \$372 million in total lawsuit judgments, according to research conducted by the state's medical society. That ranks second only to New York's approximately \$633 million in aggregate medical malpractice lawsuit judgments in 2000.

Pennsylvania was among the five states with the largest premium increases in 2001, according to the American Medical Association.

The state medical society didn't endorse the call for the one-week shutdown, spokesman Peter Achor said, declining to predict whether

large numbers of Pennsylvania's 35,000 physicians would take part.

"We understand why they are doing what they are doing," Achor said, adding that the new law "did not do anything to address the availability and affordability of malpractice coverage."

Dr. Nicholas DiNubile, a Havertown orthopedist, said he couldn't arrange time off for the conference but he sympathizes.

"I have never been sued in 20 years. I am still paying an outrageous amount of almost \$100,000. If I went anywhere

else in this country, I'd probably be paying \$10,000," said DiNubile, a Havertown orthopedist.

Mark Phenicie, legislative counsel for the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, said the physicians had won a significant amount of tort reform, but that expected rates to go down so soon after the new law "would be unrealistic even if everything they wanted had passed," he said.

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Harvard sexual misconduct policy under scrutiny

BOSTON (AP) — Federal officials will investigate whether a new Harvard University policy that requires corroborating evidence before the school investigates allegations of sexual misconduct violates civil rights law, according to a lawyer suing the school.

The policy, scheduled to take effect this fall, mandates that people filing complaints provide witnesses or evidence of the alleged misconduct before the school will investigate.

Lawyer Wendy Murphy filed a complaint in June with the Office for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education, charging the new policy discriminates against women.

Murphy said she was informed by the Office for Civil Rights on Monday that they would look into whether the policy violates Title IX, the federal law barring gender-based discrimination in education. The Boston Globe reported Tuesday.

Ruth R. Ricker, the civil rights investigator handling the case, declined to comment, the Globe said.

A Harvard spokeswoman told the Globe she could not confirm the investigation.

Murphy, representing an unidentified Harvard undergraduate, filed the complaint to force the Department of Education to rule on the legality of the policy before it was put into practice at the beginning of the new school year.

Murphy also said it is important to determine the policy's legality before other universities use it as a model. The policy is believed to be the first of its kind.

"This is a very important issue for female students everywhere — whether their schools and colleges will investigate complaints of rape and sexual assault," Murphy said. "Many women at Harvard want to make sure that no other school adopts any policy like Harvard's."

Peru officials appease farmers, slow anti-cocaine operations

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Peru has agreed to ease up on anti-drug operations in response to protests by coca farmers, the second move in a month that jeopardize U.S.-backed efforts to fight the cocaine trade.

The government agreed Monday to gradually reduce the cultivation of coca — the raw material in cocaine — and help find markets for alternative crops grown in Peru's second-largest coca producing valley, the Ene-Apurimac river basin.

The agreement follows one in late June in which the government suspended a coca

eradication program in the Huallaga River valley in the eastern Amazon jungle region.

It ended a three-day sit-in by about 7,700 coca farms in the Andean city of Ayacucho. They had marched more than 90 miles from their farms in the eastern Amazon jungle, and threatened to march all the way to the capital, Lima, some 200 miles away.

Although the government is not currently eradicating coca plots in the Ene-Apurimac river basin, farmers fear authorities might decide to do so under pressure from the U.S. government, according to coca

expert Eduardo Musso.

At the time of the June agreement, the government also agreed to suspend the work of Atlanta-based aid agency CARE, which helps farmers cultivate alternative crops.

Protesters in both cases said private organizations that run anti-cocaine programs absorb aid money poured in by the U.S. Agency for International Development and that poor coca farmers see little benefit.

The Huallaga region and the Ene-Apurimac river basin accounted for almost 65 percent of Peru's coca cultivation in 2001, accord-

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