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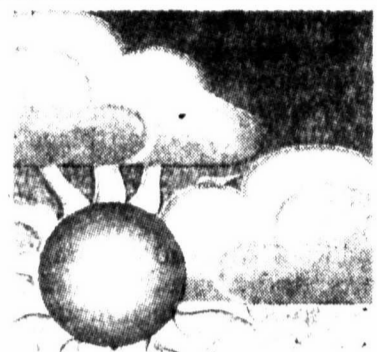
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DALLAS (AP) — Federal investigators have interviewed employees of an armored car company following a \$1.4 million robbery of an office vault.

But FBI agents said any list of suspects in the weekend heist have not been narrowed.

"We're looking at everybody," said Marjorie Poche, an FBI spokeswoman in Dallas, who added that both those inside and outside the company were under review.

An employee of Armored Transport Co. told law officers a man posing as a panhandler approached him on June 6 while he was in his car and forced him at gunpoint to drive to the company's offices nearby and open the vault.

A Dallas police report quoted the worker, Stacy Miller, as saying the suspect forced him to use his keys to enter the closed business just east of Interstate 35E and pass through several locked doors to a vault, which he opened using the numeric code.

Miller said he deliberately used an incorrect code to trigger an alarm, then pleaded for his life while the bandit punched him in the head several times.

- **Thelma Ann Faggett, 57**, nurse.
- **Fred S. Genett, 95**, retired Skelly Oil Company employee.
- **J.T. Johnson, 66**, rancher, former national Top Ten calf roper.
- **L.R. 'Ray' Lockett, 78**, retired employee of Southwestern Bell Telephone.
- **Rev. Paul Henry Lunsford, 82**, retired Pentecostal minister.

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Refinance plan would increase PEDC cash flow Lower rates key to deal

By **JEFF WEST**
Staff Writer

The Board of Directors of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation took a step that could give it about \$100,000 more in cash flow every year.

The PEDC has been told by its financial advisors that refinancing many of its smaller loans, taken out since its inception, into a single loan could save that much money every year. The savings will come from lower interest rates.

The Board is considering issuing bonds and discussed "piggy-backing" their bonds to bonds that the City of Pampa are planning to issue to pay for new sewage treatment equipment. Doing so could save fees charged whenever bonds are issued, Executive Director Bill Ready said. Early estimates of the cost of issuing bonds was approximately \$60,000.

The board members asked the PEDC staff to look into the actual cash flow with bonding as opposed to other ways of refinancing the debt. They also asked that the staff get a firmer estimate on the up front costs of such an arrangement.

The board did approve a motion to file an application with the Justice Department for pre-clearance to issue the bonds. Approval can take from 45 to 60 days, according to PEDC Project Coordinator Susan Tripplehorn.

Even after approval of the application the Board can still choose not to proceed with a bond sale.

Citizen tip ends in drug arrests

By **NANCY YOUNG**
Managing Editor

Two Pampa residents were arrested Thursday afternoon at a residence located at 408 N. Dwight on drug charges by Pampa Police Department Green Team and agents of the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force.

Feliciano Sandoval, 49, 408 N. Dwight was arrested for possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cocaine with intent to deliver. He remained in Gray County Jail this morning with bonds totaling \$11,500.

A \$10,000 bond was set by Justice of the Peace Bob Munn on the possession of cocaine charge. He assessed a \$1,000 bond on the possession of marijuana and \$500 bond on the possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jesus Velasquez, Sr., 52, 705 S. Henry was arrested on possession of marijuana under two ounces. He was released Thursday after posting a \$1,000 bond which was set by Judge

Police responded to a complaint that drugs were being sold at 408 N. Dwight. in Pampa.

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Pampa Police responded to a complaint that drugs were being sold at 408 N. Dwight in Pampa. Upon arriving at the residence to investigate the complaining, the occupants of the house allowed the officers into the residence.

Officers saw what looked like a marijuana cigarette lying on the coffee table in the residence. At this point, all occupants in the house were secured and narcotics agents were called to the scene.

A search warrant for the residence was obtained and executed. Seized during the search was 14.4 grams of marijuana, 3.7 grams of cocaine, \$660 in U. S. currency, and paraphernalia, according to the police department. Dangerous drugs (prescription drugs) were also seized.

Repairs finished ...



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Pampa city employee Brady Lackey is completing last-minute tasks to ready Marcus Sanders Pool for opening on Saturday. Swimmers will get to swim free for a week as plumbing problems delayed the opening of the pool.

Marcus Sanders Pool to open Free swimming for seven days

By **NANCY YOUNG**
Managing Editor

Saturday will be Splash Day at Marcus Sanders Swimming Pool, and swimmers may swim free for seven days!

Opening of the pool for the 1999 season has been delayed several weeks because of plumbing problems at the 40-year-old pool, but it will finally open tomorrow.

City of Pampa employees have been working to correct the plumbing problems for several weeks, according to Recreation Superintendent Shane Stokes. He said the plumbing project has been completed, and new concrete was poured Thursday morning.

Stokes said the City of Pampa is allowing

City employees have been working to correct the plumbing problems for several weeks.

swimmers free admittance to the pool through June 25th due to the inconvenience of the pool not being open. Regular fees will be charged beginning Saturday, June 26.

The pool will open at 1 p.m. Saturday to the public. Pool hours will be 1-6 p.m. daily, he said.

The pool, which was built in 1959, is located at 425 Crawford.

M. K. Brown Pool opened Memorial Day and has been the only public swimming pool in Pampa available this season.

Girl Scouts set Summer Fun days

Texas Plains Girl Scout Council has planned a "Summer Fun in the Park" program at Lion's Park on the corner of Reid and Campbell Streets, June 29, 30 and July 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. in Pampa.

The cost is \$19 for non Girl Scouts and \$3 for current Girl Scouts. Financial assistance is available, making this program free to any girl who cannot pay.

Included in the cost are a t-shirt, pin and Girl Scout membership for non Girl Scouts and a t-shirt for current Girl Scouts. Registration will take place on the first day at the park.

Girls ages 5 to 12 are invited to participate in sports, games, crafts, and many other exciting activities. Learn new things and make new friends. All in your neighborhood!



Ashley Price (front center) and Emily Elliott (back left) and Lindsay Price (back right) are ready for the bicycle rodeo to be held at Wayne's Western Wear at 10 a.m. Saturday. They are encouraging all interested participants to join them.

Bullock, Texas political giant dies at home

AUSTIN (AP) — Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, an often gruff and always imposing figure in Texas politics for 40 years, died this morning at his Austin home, an aide said. He was 69.

Bullock, who had suffered various health problems over the years, most recently was hospitalized for congestive heart failure. He died about 7 a.m., according to aide Tony Proffitt, who had no other details.

Bullock's career took him from the depths of alcoholism to the heights of the lieutenant governor's office, widely considered the most powerful in state government.

"Records will reflect that Bob Bullock was a giant of Texas History

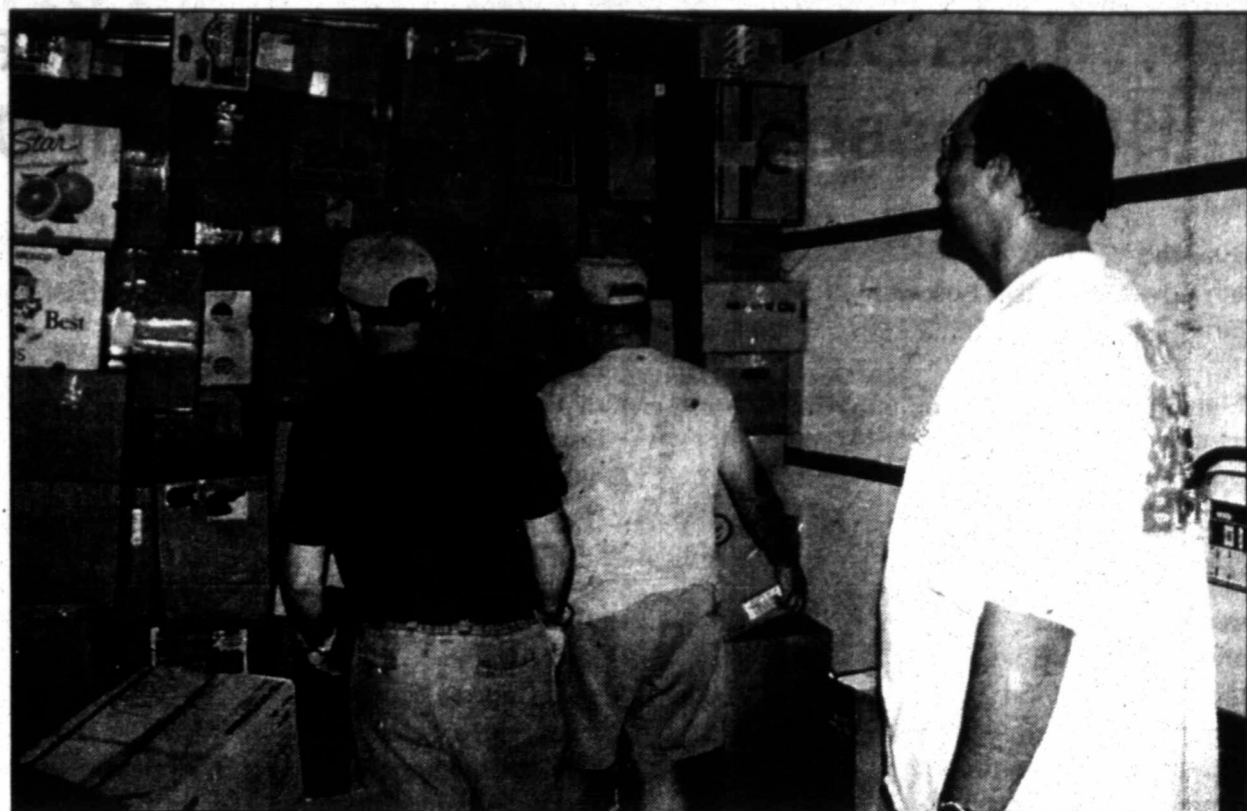
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After deciding in 1997 not to seek a third term as lieutenant governor, Bullock announced plans to give away his multimillion-dollar campaign bank account, donating much of it to Texas colleges and universities.

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(Special photos)

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ headed a relief effort for victims of the Oklahoma City tornado. Members are seen here loading one of two trucks with supplies contributed by 19 area towns. Left photo: Sammy Coffee and Marvin Allison. Right photo: Coffee, Allison and Jeff Dunn.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literary Council office will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

THEE PLACE

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

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

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

ST. MARK CME CHURCH

St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS

The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavillion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

MS TELECONFERENCE

The Panhandle Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will be conducting a teleconference from 6-7:30 p.m., June 21; from 8:30-10 p.m., June 22; or from 7-8:30 p.m., June 23. The speaker will be Dr. Herman Weinreb, medical director of MS Comprehensive Care Center at NYU Medical Center. The teleconferences may be enjoyed from the convenience of your own home. Topics will include the "silent" progression of MS, the importance of treating MS and personal perspective from a person with MS. The program is being sponsored by BIOGEN. To register, call 1-800-933-0661. There is no charge for the program.

VETERANS HALL OF FAME

The deadline for nominations for

the Panhandle Veterans Hall of Fame is July 16. For more information, contact John L. Triplehorn at Freedom Museum USA, 600 N. Hobart, Pampa, TX 79065.

INVASION IN WHITE DEER PARK

White Deer Park Invasion will be from 12-10 p.m. July 19 at the park in White Deer. Live bands, including Damascus Road, will perform from 6-10 p.m. and Mike Sublett will be the featured speaker.

TURKEY SHOOT

Top O' Texas Lodge #1381 AF&AM will hold a turkey shoot beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 19 at Pampa Trap and Skeet Club at the Pampa Rodeo Grounds.

PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. June 24 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. For more information, call 669-0568 or 665-4718.

WOMEN IN TOUCH

The Women's Center at the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will present "Women in Touch," a monthly support group for women living with breast cancer. The group will meet from 5:30-7 p.m. June 21 at the cancer center amphitheatre, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo. For more information, call Cindy Horton at (806) 359-4673, ext. 111 or 1-800-274-4673.

CANADIAN SINGLES

The Singles will also be sponsoring dance classes beginning at 7 p.m. July 17 with Wanda and Joe Archer serving as instructors. The classes will be open to both couples and singles.

AUSTIN ARTISTS HARVEST

Artists Harvest 32nd Annual Exhibit and Sale will be Oct. 23-24 at Palmer Auditorium in Austin. All artists who are Texas

residents may apply. The exhibitors will be chosen by a jury of three independent arts professionals. Slides of the artist's work are required. To obtain an application, send a SASE to Austin Artists Harvest, Inc., P.O. Box 80546, Austin, TX 78708-0546. For more information, call Jo Ann Starr, executive director, at (512) 473-3866. Entries must be post marked by July 10. Applications also may be downloaded from the website: <http://artalive.home.texas.net/>; e-mail: artalive@texas.net

PACIFIC INTERCULTURAL EXCHANGE

Pacific Intercultural Exchange is seeking host families for the 1999-00 school year. Local representatives would like to have students placed with American host families as soon as possible. PIE, a non-profit, educational organization, matches students 15-18 years of age with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. For more information, call Angie Adams, Texas area coordinator, toll-free at 1-877-563-9657.

NURSING AIDE COURSE

Clarendon College Pampa Center will offer a two-week Certified Nursing Aide course beginning June 7. Cost of the class will be \$41 for tuition and fees. Class size is limited; therefore, interested participants should register early. Final day for registration is June 7. For more information, call CC Pampa Center, 665-8801.

FIFTH ARMY ASSOCIATION

The 5th Army Association is seeking 5th Army veterans of the 1943-45 Italian Campaign. The veterans will be returning to Italy Aug. 12-23 to celebrate the 54th anniversary of the Allied drive northwards from Rome to Venice. Veterans of the 3rd, 34th, 36th, 85th, 88th, 91st, 92nd, 45th Mt., and 1st Armored Divisions and support groups are urged to contact Sy Canton for reunion tour information. For more information, write: The 5th Army Assoc., 465 Shore Rd. Ste. 7-P, Long Beach, N.Y. 11561; or call (516) 432-3022.

USS LONG BEACH REUNION

USS Long Beach Reunion

Association will hold its 1999 reunion Sept. 15-19 at Pensacola, Fla. Participants will be staying at the Holiday Inn, Bay Beach, 51 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561. For reservations, call (850) 932-2214. For more information, contact Don Shade at P.O. Box 69, Clymer, NY 14724-0069, (716) 569-2314, or e-mail LBCGN9@aol.com.

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Minister's musing ...

Recently in a series of sermons based on Andrew Murray's book, "Absolute Surrender," it was necessary to discuss Romans, Chapter 7.

There are two very different views of Romans 7 that Christians hold. The majority of believers view Romans 7 as an illustration of the constant, lifelong battle that the believer can expect to fight against the law of sin in their daily life.

As the day for preaching on Romans 7 drew near, I was filled with unusual nervousness. You see, I have always believed Romans 7 to be a portrait of the losing struggle of the unbeliever before they surrendered to Jesus Christ. I decided that the unexplained nervousness was a prompting from the Lord to re-examine Romans 7. Therefore, I sent out a plea to several preachers with whom I correspond through e-mail. Some were close friends, others just acquaintances in cyberspace.

After spending about a week obsessed with reading everything that I could get my hands on, I found myself not only with the same conviction on Romans 7, but with an increased conviction opposing the traditional view of Romans 7. Why is it so important to see Romans 7 as an illustration of the life of the unbeliever instead of the believer? What is the big deal anyway?

The focus of Romans 7:25 is on a person who is obsessed with "self," not the Lord. The words "I," "me" and "my" occur 50 times in these 18 verses. Is that a Christian? Is a Christian obsessed with "self?" Now, I'm not asking if a believer is sometimes selfish. We obviously are. But is the believer obsessed with self? No! The believer is obsessed with the Lord.

Another thing to notice is that the "Holy Spirit" is mentioned 20 times in Romans 8 to describe the source of power and life for the believer. Whoever is under discussion in Romans 7 does not have the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is not mentioned one single time

By Rev. Mike Sublett
Hi-Land Christian Church

in Romans 7:7-25. Does that sound like a Christian? I thought that God's Holy Spirit began to dwell in the believer at the moment of conversion. Who then is the person who is totally obsessed with "self" and does not have the Holy Spirit in their life? Unbeliever or believer?

Is a believer "sold in bondage to sin"? (7:14) Is a Christian a "prisoner of the law of sin"? (7:23) How about "serving the law of sin"? (7:25) Who fits all three of these descriptions? The believer or the unbeliever?

Romans 8:2 says that the believer has been "set free from the law of sin" not a prisoner of it. Roman 8:4 says that the believer "walks NOT according to the flesh". Does that sound like the "sin dwells in me" of 7:17, 20? Not hardly.

What is the point then? Romans 7:25 describes a defeated, discouraged man who experiences more failure and sin than he does success and holiness. Is that the believer? Does the believer constantly do more evil than good? I don't know about you, but the believers I know do much more good than evil. But who will always do more evil than good? That's right. The one who does not know the Lord. Why? Because he does not have the Holy Spirit of God dwelling in him; leading, guiding, and empowering him to overcome.

As long as believers read Romans 7:7-25 and feel that it is describing the lifelong struggle and failure that they must expect to live with, that is exactly what they will experience.

If, however, a believer reads Romans 7 and realizes that the Holy Spirit has delivered them from that discouraging life of constant failure and has brought them to a life of freedom and power, then they will experience their expectation to "put to death the deeds of the body" (8:13) by the power of the Holy Spirit.

I sincerely believe that the traditional view on Romans 7 has caused many Christians to not only settle for a life of failure and imprisonment, but to expect sin to win more battles in their life than Jesus. Christians sin! That is a fact. However, in the life of the believer who is dwelt in by the Holy Spirit of God, sin is the exception and holiness is the rule. The life of the believer is one of victory and freedom. A believer should arise each morning expecting to conquer new ground for Jesus in their life of holiness and righteousness. Not by their own might, but by the power of the Holy Spirit of God. Please, don't settle for a life of discouraging, struggling failure. Expect the Holy Spirit to lead you to victory over sin in your daily life. If you will, then sin truly will be the exception and holiness the rule and not just on paper, but in your life. PTL!

Conclusion: Romans 6-8 discusses "sanctification." Romans 6 says, "The key to understanding sanctification in your life as a believer is remembering that at conversion you DIED to sin and your baptism illustrated that." 7:1-6 says, "Death releases/severs relationships that are bound together. After death a wife is no longer bound to her husband. Likewise, after your death at your conversion you were no longer bound to the law of sin." 7:25 says, "Before you DIED TO SIN at your conversion you were in bondage (bound together) to the law of sin and helpless to conquer it." Romans 8 says, "But now that you have the Holy Spirit of God living within you, a life of constant sin and failure can be overcome. Sin is the exception and holiness is the rule in your life."

Declaration doesn't sugar coat doctrine

"The Gospel of Jesus Christ: An Evangelical Celebration," unveiled this week in Christianity Today, should thrill the heart of believers who are wilting for want of doctrinal affirmation and spiritual unity. Five pages of salvation doctrine describe in crystalline terms what it means to be justified by a faith that is knowingly undeserved, unashamedly coveted and nakedly received.

The declaration describes who Jesus is in all His perfection and glory, who we are in our sinfulness and what was required — a bloody death and miraculous resurrection — to reconcile us to the righteous God of the universe.

Salvation doctrine is not presented as a cherubic mishmash of heavenly hope but rocklike truths affirmed and heresies denied.

Affirmed is the full deity and humanity of Christ, the historicity of the resurrection, His virgin birth and sinless life. Denied are views which proclaim the efficacy of a gospel arising from authorities other than God Himself.

From the Back Pew...

By Cheryl Berzanskis



Denied is belief in the inherent goodness of man. Denied is any belief which allows for another gospel.

The point of the exercise is creation of a rallying flag under which feisty evangelicals may gather. The document focuses on only one issue — salvation by grace through faith — and never wavers from that topic.

Sanctification, a substantial topic in itself, is confined to a two-paragraph discussion of its relationship to the believer. There is not one word about baptism — regenerative, infant or otherwise.

The document was drafted by a group of contemporary theologians which includes J. I. Packer and R.C. Sproul. It has been endorsed by evangelical leaders such as Ravi Zacharias, Chuck Colson, Tony Evans, Jerry Falwell, Max Lucado and John MacArthur.

Whether evangelicals in the pew find the celebration to be a unifying document, or even a mildly interesting development, remains to be seen, but their leaders are endorsing it quickly and publicly. Perhaps emphasis on the doctrine of what makes an evangelical what he is will boost his enthusiasm for living the good news.

"The Gospel of Jesus Christ: An Evangelical Celebration" may be accessed on the internet at www.christianity.net/ct/917

Around the country ...

NYPD gets first Muslim chaplain

NEW YORK (AP) — The imam of the mosque where Malcolm X once preached has been appointed the first Muslim chaplain of the New York Police Department.

Izak-El M. Pasha, 48, presides over an 8,000-member congregation at Malcolm Shabazz Mosque in Harlem, formerly known as Mosque No. 7. In 1972, Muslims and police officers got into a shootout at the mosque, leaving one officer dead.

Pasha's will serve the NYPD for free because his religious beliefs prevent him from receiving compensation.

The department has six other chaplains who are Catholic, Jewish and Protestant.

Collection plates go electronic

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Instead of writing checks, more and more Lutherans are giving to their churches through the same electronic banking that pays their household bills.

The Lutheran Brotherhood insurance and service company, which is promoting this so-called "simply giving" program, said that Olivet Lutheran Church of La Crosse, Wis., has become the 1,000th congregation to opt for tithes automatically deducted from bank personal accounts.

The company says the program helps a church's cash flow during summer vacation weeks, promotes more regular contributions year-round and is popular among younger members.

100 years for Newark Cathedral Basilica

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart celebrated its centennial with a Mass attended by Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, the Vatican's representative to the United States.

The cathedral is taller than Notre Dame in Paris, Westminster Abbey in London and St. Patrick's in New York. Its stained-glass windows are among the largest in the Americas.

For years it was overlooked by tourists because of its location in a rundown inner-city neighborhood. That changed in 1995 with a visit from Pope John Paul II. He was so impressed that he made the cathedral a minor basilica, a papal honor associated with churches of great beauty or significance.

Since the Pope's visit, "thousands of people come through a year," said Rev. Armand Mantia, who has been giving tours of the cathedral for 18 years. "The numbers have just skyrocketed."

The cornerstone was laid in June 1899, and the interior was completed in 1954.

United Church of Christ nominee

CLEVELAND (AP) — A Yale-trained minister has been nominated to become president of the 1.4-million member United Church of Christ.

The nomination of the Rev. John H. Thomas, a 1975 graduate of Yale Divinity School, was approved by church agency boards. It will now be sent before the annual General Synod in Providence, R.I., in July. The current UCC president, the Rev. Paul Sherry, is retiring in September.

Thomas, 48, currently is the UCC ecumenical officer, directing contacts with other churches. He helped achieve the 1997 agreement with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Reformed Church in America to share clergy and communion with the UCC, which is based in Cleveland.

Religious building boom

DALLAS (AP) — A boom in religious construction is under way across the country, according to Leadership Network, an organization that advises local churches on social and religious trends.

Its latest newsletter reported \$6.4 billion in new construction last year, up 64 percent from 1994. The figures include new churches, synagogues, mosques and other religious buildings and additions to existing structures.

"Early indications reveal the boom is continuing in 1999," the network said.

Network analysts say the reasons include church expansions in the past decade, especially in the South, Midwest and West Coast, and America's increasing religious pluralism, with nontraditional groups seeking their own facilities.

Religion briefs...

Auction to benefit renovations

The Waka Christian Center Board of Directors is sponsoring an auction in the gymnasium of the center starting at 10 a.m., June 19 to benefit the renovation of the center. Many items of good quality will be sold. The public is invited to come to the sale and support the center. A concession stand will be available. The center is ecumenical and available for use of Christian retreats, family reunions, churches and activities. For more information or to donate items, call Bobby Barnett at (806) 435-6806.

Damascus Road to perform in White Deer

New recording artists Damascus Road will perform June 19 at White Deer Park in White Deer during "Invasion in White Deer Park." The fun will begin at 12 noon and continue until 10 p.m. with various entertainment including keynote speaker Mike Sublett.

Gospel group Texans set performance

Hi-Land Christian Church will present the gospel group The Texans, formerly the Masters Four, in concert at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, June 20. The quartet — originally from Dallas — is currently based at Branson, Mo. The group has been named Ozark Music Awards Group of the Year in 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988; Entertainers of the Year in 1987 and 1988; and Texas Group of the Year from 1975-82. It changed its name in 1983 and was originally organized at Dallas Christian College in 1973. The Texans include: Sam Ray, lead vocalist/emcee; Kelley Shanks, tenor; Curtis Ray, baritone; and Rod Mays, bass.

Deweys to minister at First Assembly

Levoy Dewey and wife, Cleon, will be ministering in word and song at 10:35 a.m. June 20 at First Assembly of God Church, Hwy 60 and Cuyler, in Pampa.

Levoy is an ordained minister with a message of hope and encouragement in the Word of God. He was nominated Southern Gospel Male Vocalist of the Year in 1989. The Deweys will be playing keyboard, sax, clarinet and other instruments. A wide variety of music will be represented and Cleon will share her experience in overcoming cancer.

For the past three decades, the couple have spanned the globe taking their unique ministry to such places as Central and South America, Europe, Asia and Africa. Many well-known songs have been written by the Deweys including "Heaven's Sounding Sweetener" and "Because of Yesterday" which have given them gold records.

The Deweys recently completed taping their new TV show "Let's Sing America" which includes daughters Cindy and Suzanne and their families and other special guests.

An offering will be received and tapes, CDs and children's videos will be available following the service.

Tyler Baptist ordains woman as minister

TYLER, Texas (AP) — A woman newly ordained as a Baptist minister says she's prepared for the scrutiny of fellow worshippers who don't believe a woman's place is in the pulpit.

Rev. Patricia Mallory was ordained as minister at First Baptist, Tyler's oldest Baptist church, on Wednesday night. She said the ordination only gave her a title that reflects ministerial work she has done since 1996.

Last year's ordination of the Rev. Julie Pennington-Russell as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Waco brought sharp criticism from conservative Southern Baptist churches.

There also was speculation over whether the church's delegates would be seated at the Baptist General Convention of Texas last November. The church ended up not sending delegates.

Mrs. Mallory said she was ready for similar controversy, the Tyler Morning Telegraph reported Thursday.

"There are those who interpret scripture to say that women should not be ministers," Mrs. Mallory said at a reception afterward.

"But I feel there is abounding evidence in the Old and New Testaments that women were allowed to be ministers. What I hope to do is give everyone as much grace as God has given me. ... God has given everyone the right to interpret scripture. I have studied the issue for years. I certainly didn't want to do anything that wasn't scriptural."

The Rev. Dr. Michael Massar, senior minister at First Baptist, said the event was positive and a significant event in the life of the church.

Mrs. Mallory said her new title will allow her to perform duties, such as hospital visitations and weddings, that she has been kept from until now.

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New Status of Bald Men Is Creating Lots of Buzz

DEAR ABBY: You missed the mark on your advice to the bald boater's wife. Her husband doesn't need a video to show him that he's bald. He knows it, and would probably regard a video shoved in his face as another disparaging insult that we bald guys are used to.

Abby, his wife should be supportive, positive and encouraging. From the tone of her letter, it appears her approach has been the opposite. I can almost hear her saying, "Your hair looks terrible that way." A more positive approach might help him feel more comfortable about trying a more realistic solution to his baldness. Perhaps she should say, "Honey, I think you'd look very sexy in a buzz cut."

I had a "comb-over" years ago. It got to the point that it was inconvenient to style, difficult to keep in place and ineffective to the point of looking ridiculous. I was aware that it didn't produce the effect I wanted, but I mistakenly thought it was better than nothing.

Finally, after I read a poll in which women named the sexiest man on television, I accepted the fact that there's nothing wrong with being bald. Do you know who they chose? Patrick Stewart, the totally bald captain who starred in "Star Trek, The Next Generation" (He's also a much-admired Shakespearean actor.) The compassion, poise, strength and charm he conveyed were more meaningful to female viewers than his lack of hair. If a man possesses those qualities, his hair (or lack thereof) will seem triv-



Abigail Van Buren

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ial to those who matter to him.
NO HAIR, NOOO PROBLEM, CARY, ILL.

DEAR NO HAIR, NOOO PROBLEM: Off the top of my head, I can think of three other much-admired bald actors: Robert Duvall, Louis Gossett Jr. and Hector Elizondo. If I put on my thinking cap, I'm sure I could come up with others.

Currently, bald is "in," and many men shave their heads to acquire what nature gives to a lucky few. Luxurious locks are not a requirement for love, happiness and success, so guys, if you're uncomfortable with options such as transplants or styling, forget bad "fixes." Embrace the slogan "Bald is beautiful" — and flaunt it.

DEAR ABBY: When it comes to hair, as with most things, there's a distinct double standard between men and women. Women feel it's their place to be critical of men who try to make the most of what hair

they have by combing it over their bald or thinning pates. This despite the fact that women spend millions annually on wigs, falls, rats, wiglets and various sorts of hair extenders. Shame on them.

What if a man were to tell his wife, "Dear, why don't you throw away all those bleaches, dyes, lotions and curlers? I'd still love you if you let your hair go thin and stringy and gray." Why should women persist in living in a state of denial? As you say, facing the problem head on and dealing with it is a better solution.

Yeah. RIGHT!

COMBS OVER IN EVERETT, WASH.

DEAR COMBS OVER: At the risk of appearing contentious, I'm for anything that works. The problem with most comb-overs is they are obvious. A male reader put it very well: "It took me a long time to realize that what women find attractive are men who are relaxed and comfortable about who they are. Once I realized that, I cut my hair short and my wife thinks it's wonderful."

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

much to share: spend some quality time together. Tonight: Make it easy. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Intuition and news mix. You now know which way to go. Listen carefully to a friend who informs you of the pros and cons of a particular friendship. Let your imagination flow. Partners enjoy your creativity. Together, you will have more fun. Tonight: At a favorite spot. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Don't let social pressure gnaw at you. You know what works for you — and what doesn't. Clarity can make a big difference with decisions involving money and partners. Check out an investment. Allow your mind to roam as you peruse opportunities. Tonight: Your treat. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Take your time getting up and going. Think through a decision involving a partner and a potential trip. Brainstorm with others. Be willing to share your resources and your mind. A child or loved one piques your imagination — do more sharing. Tonight: Let it all hang out. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Be clear about your choices involving work and day-to-day life. You could overestimate your energy levels. Be realistic about how much you can accomplish. Make plans for brunch with friends. Keep in mind that you need some leisure time, too! Tonight: Play it low-key. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Assume responsibilities, bring friends and family together. A loved one is absolutely delightful this morning. Later, seek out your friends or start a

spontaneous party. The more, the merrier. Refuse to let anyone pressure you. Tonight: Leader of the gang. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Take an overview, make calls, gather information. You might not see eye-to-eye with others. Discuss the source of a problem before it festers. Consider restructuring your work or perhaps trying a different schedule. A parent appreciates your attention. Tonight: In the limelight. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Examine what you want from one particular friend. Your views on pleasure, children and/or the basics of living could be diametrically opposed. Take a new route if necessary. Detach, think and reflect. Another perspective opens a door. Tonight: To the movies. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Remain in touch with your long-term goals within a relationship. Sometimes you might find it easier to roll with opposition than to take a stand. A partner or a dear friend offers many different ideas. Do not lose your centering. Tonight: A deep conversation.

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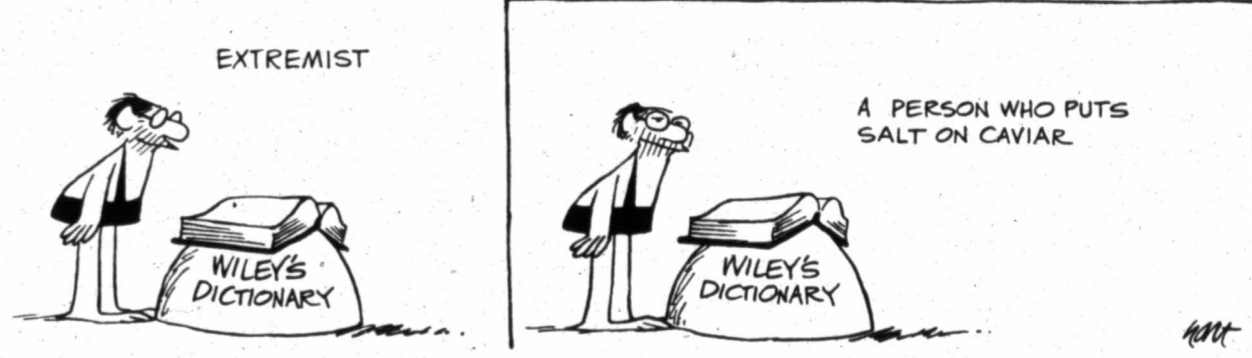
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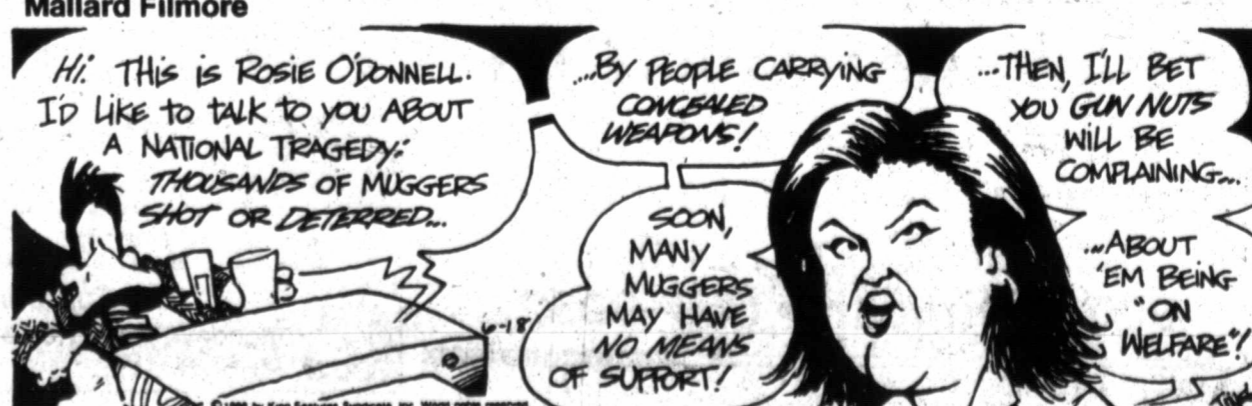
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Horoscope

SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 1999

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Catch up on important communication. Hook up with friends. Surprises comes your way if you are open to another's ideas and positive energy. Complete a project, then make time for some recreation. Enjoy yourself! Tonight: Socialize.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Make hay while you can. Remain playful and receptive to what others suggest. A child or loved one adores your attention. You could feel tense about spending. You know how to say, "No!" Slow down and allow yourself some R & R time. Tonight: Put up your feet and relax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Don't let pressure escalate. Handle a home project early in the day. An invitation has you dancing out the door. Reach out to others. Allow greater caring to flow. News from a distance has you daydreaming. Schedule a trip in the near future. Tonight: Play the night away.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** You could feel pressured to make a must appearance. Catch up with friends and do some visiting. Think about catching some rays at the beach or at a favorite outdoor spot. A partner has

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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FOOTBALL

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Despite salary-cap problems and Deion Sanders' nagging toe injury, Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has agreed on a contract extension for the All-Pro cornerback.

Jones initially announced it was a three-year deal, but later said he misspoke about the time frame. Jones wouldn't say how much the extension is worth, but he conceded that the decision is a calculated risk. Jones said the deal, which still must pass muster with the NFL, was nearly complete and he expected it to be signed today.

BASEBALL

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Miami advanced to the championship of the College World Series, eliminating Alabama with a 5-2 victory. The Hurricanes, beaten in the title game in 1996 when LSU's Warren Morris hit a two-out homer in the ninth, are seeking their first national title since 1985.

Miami will play the winner of today's Stanford-Florida State game for the title on Saturday.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds, struggling since coming off the disabled list last week, broke out of his slump with a game-winning RBI single in the ninth inning as the San Francisco Giants defeated the Chicago Cubs 3-2 Thursday night.

Bonds, who had struck out in each of his previous three at-bats, singled off Dan Serafini (1-1) with runners on first and second and one out in the ninth. Robb Nen (3-1) pitched one inning for the win.

With one out in the ninth, Marvin Benard singled and Bill Mueller walked. Bonds singled on the first pitch from Serafini, who graduated from the same high school as Bonds — Junipero Serra High School in San Mateo, Calif., about 15 miles south of the Giants' ballpark at Candlestick Point.

The Cubs have lost seven of their last eight games.

BASKETBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — In a matchup of last season's WNBA and ABL Players of the Year, Houston's Cynthia Cooper came out the winner Thursday.

Cooper, who's earned the WNBA's top spot twice, scored 23 of her game-high 30 points in the first half as the Comets moved to 3-0 on the season with a 93-73 victory over the Utah Starzz at Compaq Center.

Cooper finished the evening shooting 9-of-17 from the floor and 9-of-12 from the free throw line while handing out six assists and getting two steals.

ABL Player of the Year Natalie Williams led Utah in its effort with a double-double of 16 points and 16 rebounds.

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Sandy Brondello scored 17 of her 23 points in the second half and Jennifer Azzi scored the final nine for Detroit as the Shock beat the Orlando Miracle 79-74 in the home opener Thursday night.

The Shock, with Carla Porter hitting a 3-pointer, went on a 14-3 run and led 59-58 on Korie Hlede's three-point play with 7:37 left, Detroit's first lead in the second half.

Brondello had her string of free throws broken at 41 when she missed 4:17 into the game.

Spurs go for record

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs have a chance to do something that the greatest teams in NBA history — even Bill Russell's Boston Celtics and Michael Jordan's Chicago Bulls — never accomplished: 12 consecutive postseason victories.

And on the day between Games 1 and 2 of the NBA Finals, they couldn't have cared less.

"That playoff winning streak record is not important whatsoever," Spurs center David Robinson said Thursday. "Nobody in our locker room has talked about it or even cared about it."

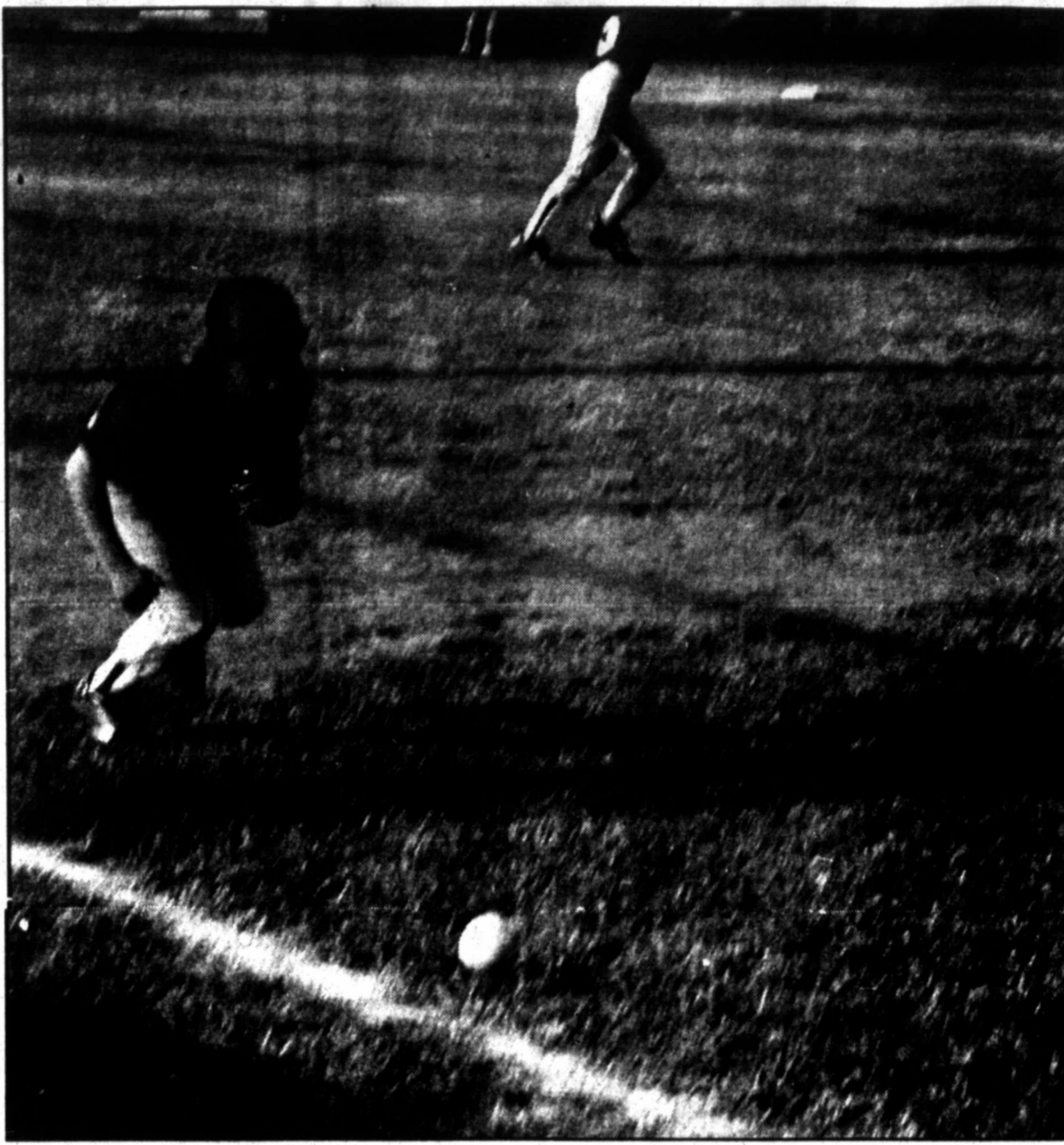
The Spurs were more concerned about maintaining their mental edge and staying hungry for Game 2 Friday night against the New York Knicks.

Their Game 1 victory was a product of the same winning formula they've used all year: plenty of production from Tim Duncan; support on offense and defense from Robinson; timely shooting by one of their outside specialists, in this case Jaren Jackson.

Despite an 11-game winning streak, the Spurs have run into trouble in Game 2s during each of their playoff series. In the first round, they lost to Minnesota. In the second round, they needed two late missed free throws by Kobe Bryant to beat the Los Angeles Lakers. In the third round, they trailed Portland by 18 before winning on Sean Elliott's incredible tippy-toe 3-pointer.

"It's not just this team, it's any team," said Steve Kerr, a veteran of three NBA Finals with the Bulls. "You see a team win Game 1 in the finals and there's a natural tendency to let down a little bit."

Softball action



First baseman Lacie Long of First Bank Southwest chases after the ball in Optimist action Thursday night. First Bank clinched first place in the league softball standings with a 9-1 record.

Stars take 3-2 lead

DALLAS (AP) — Darryl Sydor and Pat Verbeek came out of hiding, and the Dallas Stars are now one victory away from their first Stanley Cup.

Sydor and Verbeek didn't have a point in the first four games of the finals, but they each scored a goal Thursday night as the Stars beat the Buffalo Sabres 2-0.

The Stars have a 3-2 lead and can wrap up the best-of-7 series with a victory in Game 6 Saturday night in Buffalo.

"I haven't done much offensively, I guess," said Sydor, who had two goals and nine assists in 17 previous playoffs games. "But that is one thing that I have learned, not to get down or force things."

"I just try and relax and have fun and work hard. That is all you can ask yourself, and usually good things happen."

Say the same thing for Verbeek after a tough season that featured only 17 goals and a knee injury near the end of the year that kept him out of the first round of the playoffs.

"When I was injured with three games left in the season, I was depressed," Verbeek said. "I didn't think I was going to get to play in the playoffs, and I didn't know how long the injury would take (to heal)."

"When I got my chance in the next round with St. Louis, I felt very comfortable."

Verbeek accumulated two goals and four assists before the finals.

The goals by Sydor and Verbeek were typical of the Stars, who like to spread the scoring around. Eight players have scored goals in the first five games of the finals.

"Our team all year has been a team where somebody different steps up, and we don't force things," Sydor said. "Sure, we have some key players in Mike Modano, Joe Nieuwendyk and Brett Hull, but we don't really rely on one guy."

Glo-Valve, Celanese claim Major Bambino wins

PAMPA — Two home runs by Mateo Campos helped power Glo-Valve Service past Rotary Club 12-5 in the Optimist Major Bambino 11-12 Baseball League Thursday.

Campos pitched and won his eighth game of the year against no losses. He allowed three earned runs and surrendered four hits. He walked five, hit one batter and struck out seven in four innings of work. Tyson Hickman relieved in the fifth. He was touched for one run and two hits. He struck out one and walked two.

Nathan Franklin started for Rotary. He received help from Jeremy Pritchett, Jared Moler and Shea Brown.

With two out in the top of the first inning, Hickman doubled to right center field for Glo-Valve. He went to third on a wild pitch and scored on a single by Eric Kingcade.

Rotary roared back in the bottom of the first. Tyler Klein led off with a double and scored on Moler's single. Moler raced home when Brown unloaded a triple.

Brown, in his first game in over a month because of an injury, made the score 3-1 in Rotary's favor by hustling home on a wild pitch.

Glo-Valve tied the score in the top of the second. Christopher Moody singled and William Bridgeman walked. Campos forced Bridgeman at second with Moody taking third. Campos was allowed to go to second on a fielder's choice. Both scored on a sharp single by Ryan

Hansen.

Rotary regained the lead in the bottom of the second with an unearned run. Steven Smith doubled and he hurried home when Brown was safe on a Glo-Valve error.

Glo-Valve sent 10 batters to the plate in the third inning to score five times and take the lead. Matt Parks led off with a double, his second hit of the game. One out later, Keaton Hutto lined a hit off the first baseman's glove. Moody walked and with two out, Mitchell Crow drew a base on balls to force in Parks. Hutto scampered home on a wild pitch. A hard-hit infield single by Campos scored Moody. Crow made the score 8-4 in Glo-Valve's favor by scoring on a wild pitch.

After a scoreless first inning, Glo-Valve got on the boards in a hurry in the fifth inning. Campos led off with a line drive home run over the left field wall. The league champions added another run on a walk to Hickman, a single by Craig Stone and a wild pitch. Although Hickman was out trying to steal home, Stone scored the second Glo-Valve run of the inning on two wild pitches.

Rotary threatened to rally in the fifth. Clayton Hall singled to left field and Franklin walked. A passed ball moved both runners up a base. Pritchett singled to left field to score Hall, but Franklin was cut down at the plate on a fine relay from Hansen to Campos to Moody.

Hickman struck out the next batter and caused the following batter to ground out to end the threat.

Glo-Valve and Campos struck again in the sixth inning. Eric Willingham singled with one out, his second hit of the game. Crow forced him at second. Campos hit a 1-1 pitch high over the center field wall to end the scoring.

Outstanding defensive plays of the game for Rotary were turned in by Moler, who snagged a line drive off his shoe tops at third base and by Adam Pollack, who made a fine running catch of a hard hit flyball to left field. Glo-Valve's outstanding defensive play was a caught stealing in which Mood, Campos, Hickman and Hutto finally got the runner after a run-down featuring six throws.

Celanese Corporation took the nightcap 6-2 over Duncan, Fraser and Bridges Insurance Agency with Kickey Gattis being credited for the win. Seth Foster hit his eighth home run of the season for Celanese.

In the fourth inning, Gattis walked the first five batters, but gave up no runs by hustling home after wild pitches and catching two runners trying to score on good throws by Celanese catcher Dylan Henley.

With the win, Celanese pulled into second place in the standings by half a game. Its record is 9-6. Cabot is third at 8-6-1. The two teams battle for the second seed in next week's City Tournament at

7:45 p.m. Rotary and Duncan, Fraser and Bridges Insurance Agency will then conclude the Major Bambino regular season at

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Pampa One downs Suntrol 11-6

PAMPA — In a girls' 13-15 year-old softball game, Pampa One defeated Suntrol 11-6 Wednesday night at Optimist Park.

Suntrol plated five runs in the bottom of the first to take a 5-2 lead.

However, Pampa One would hold Suntrol to just one more run during the contest.

Going into the seventh inning, the score was tied at 6. Suntrol pitcher Chelsey Davis retired the first two batters she faced on ground outs. Then, Pampa One began a hitting bar-

rage putting together six consecutive hits and plating five runs before the final out was made to take the lead 11-6.

Stephani Goldsmith, the winning pitcher, retired Suntrol in order on three groundouts to end the game.

Denise Mackie made several outstanding defensive plays as did Lindsey Narron and Cali Covalt on the infield for Pampa One.

Tonya Jewett, in center field, made a catch on a well-hit flyball in the fourth inning with two outs and the bases loaded to help protect Suntrol's 5-3

lead.

For Pampa One, Lindsey Narron had a triple and an in the park home run.

Stefani Goldsmith, Covalt and Erin Norrin each had two singles while Haley Bowen recorded three singles. Mackie added a single.

For Suntrol, Stephanie Clark had a single and double, but was called out at third attempting to stretch the hit into a triple on a close play.

Ashley Derrington had two singles and Tonya Jewett had a single.

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Texas round-up ...

Texas killer becomes first Canadian executed in U.S. in nearly half-century

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — This time, there was no last-minute reprieve to keep Joseph Stanley Faulder from becoming the first Canadian to be executed in the United States in almost a half-century.

Faulder, 61, avoided the Texas death chamber last December when the U.S. Supreme Court issued a reprieve 30 minutes before he could have been executed.

On Thursday evening, after losing a flurry of legal challenges that included efforts by the Canadian government and U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, the former auto mechanic quietly went to death for killing a 75-year-old East Texas woman at her home in 1975.

"No statements," he said, shaking his head, when he was asked while strapped to the death chamber gurney if he had anything to say. Six minutes later, after a couple of coughs and gasps, he was pronounced dead.

Faulder's attorneys won support in the two federal governments by arguing his conviction for the beating and stabbing death of Inez Phillips was tainted because he never was told after his arrest that he could seek legal help from Canadian authorities.

The right is specified under terms of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, a treaty whose signers include the United States and Canada.

At the State Department, a spokesman who requested anonymity said officials tried a variety of appeals, including personal pleas from the Secretary of State.

The lethal injection came on Faulder's 10th execution date and after what Texas officials said were reviews by 10 different courts and more than 38 judges during the inmate's nearly 22 years on death row.

Border agents on the lookout for suspected serial killer

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — The hunt for suspected serial killer Rafael Resendez-Ramirez has customs and immigration agents closely watching the Texas-Mexico border, where fugitives are caught practically every day.

"We're all very much aware of the information that the FBI has provided," said U.S. Customs spokeswoman Judy Turner. "It has brought us to a state of heightened awareness that this wanted man could possibly come into the United States or we might catch someone leaving the United States."

Police have described Resendez-Ramirez — a 39-year-old Puebla, Mexico native suspected in five beating deaths in Texas and one in Kentucky — as a transient who hops freight trains from town to town.

On Thursday, Texas Rangers and FBI agents headed to Illinois to compare Resendez-Ramirez' fingerprints with evidence collected at a double murder in Gorham, Ill. The bodies of a father and daughter were found there Tuesday, 100 yards from a rail line.

Resendez-Ramirez is wanted on a federal fugitive warrant.

The FBI, Department of Public Safety and other law enforcement agencies routinely give border authorities posters and information on wanted people and fugitives, said Ernest Tijerina, U.S. Customs Chief Inspector in Brownsville.

"We get them quite often," Tijerina said. "The only difference (with Resendez-Ramirez) is it's a high profile case."

Once the FBI notifies customs about a fugitive or wanted person, the information is passed on to customs agents at ports of entry and international airports, Ms. Turner said.

FBI considers case of reporter's slaying to be solved

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — FBI agents believe two Huichol Indians jailed in Mexico are responsible for the slaying of a San Antonio Express-News journalist, according to a U.S. Justice Department official following the case.

The two suspects, Juan Chivarra de la Cruz and brother-in-law Miguel Hernandez de la Cruz, had confessed to Mexican officials they killed Philip True, who was on a solo backpacking trip in the Sierra Madre late last year.

They later changed their story twice and claimed their confession came after Mexican soldiers tortured them.

Jeffrey Davidow, the U.S. ambassador to Mexico, said that the trial against Chivarra de la Cruz and Hernandez de la Cruz is moving ahead.

"From what I've seen, the case against them is very strong," Davidow said in a story in today's Express-News.

Jalisco state officials and federal administrators in Mexico have allowed the FBI to review two autopsies, which produced contradictory results. The original autopsy concluded death by strangulation,

while a second examination suggested True, 50, died from blunt force trauma to the head.

The FBI also was allowed to inspect physical evidence and compare witness statements, said Jon Jennings, acting assistant attorney general.

"The FBI is confident the investigation shows the two individuals in custody are the persons responsible for the death of Mr. True," Jennings said in a letter to Rep. Charlie Gonzalez, D-San Antonio.

Earlier this year, Gonzalez asked Attorney General Janet Reno to press the Mexican government for timely prosecution of the suspects charged with the death of True. Gonzalez said he's still seeking a date when a hearing or trial will be held.

Indiana Supreme Court will take up SBC-Ameritech merger case

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Supreme Court may determine the fate of a \$57 billion merger of two of America's biggest telecommunications companies.

The court agreed Thursday to consider whether Indiana regulators have authority over the proposed merger of SBC Communications and Ameritech Corp.

Consumers groups have questioned whether the merger would help or harm Indiana customers, and the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission has recently told the companies it wants to review the proposal.

But Thursday, the Supreme Court granted the companies' request to let them leapfrog the Indiana Court of Appeals — a rare move that happens only a handful of times each year.

The companies argued in court documents that the regulatory commission waited eight months before asserting their authority over a proposed merger that affects millions of shareholders.

A hearing before the court's five justices is scheduled for July 13.

Company lawyers contend the merger is not subject to Indiana approval because the transaction merely involves the transfer of stock and not Ameritech Indiana's entire system.

The IURC contends a transaction in which more than half of a public utility's stock is sold to a different company does fall under the state's authority.

San Antonio-based SBC hopes to buy Chicago-based Ameritech in a stock swap that would create a communications company with 57 million phone lines in 13 states, primarily in the Southwest and the Midwest.

Company officials hoped to complete the merger, valued at \$57 billion when first announced in May 1998, by late July.

The two companies are talking with IURC negotiators to reach an agreement.

Texas prison officials planning to broaden hepatitis C treatment

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas prison health care officials have agreed to make evaluation and treatment of hepatitis C available to many additional inmates.

A study has shown that more than 42,000 Texas inmates, almost a third of the prison population, could be infected with the deadly hepatitis C virus.

The Correctional Managed Health Care Advisory Committee, which oversees prison health care, voted unanimously to adopt a more aggressive hepatitis C policy on a pilot basis, according to the Houston Chronicle in today's editions.

The committee chairman, Dr. David Smith, said that the Legislature appropriated no money specifically for the program but representatives of the Legislative Budget Board have agreed to consider making more funds available.

The new policy lowers the threshold for referring prisoners infected with hepatitis C to specialists for a thorough evaluation, including such procedures as a liver biopsy.

The current policy calls for referring prisoners who are infected with hepatitis C after two blood tests three months apart indicate abnormal liver function. Under the new plan, prisoners with abnormal liver function in two tests at least one month apart would be referred to specialists.

Decisions about treatment will be left to the specialists who will evaluate the prisoners. But officials say they expect the prison system to move rapidly toward treatment with a combination of two drugs, interferon and ribavirin.

Until recently, prisoners were treated with interferon alone. Studies have shown that the combination treatment, approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 1998, provides long-term benefits to far more patients.

Teen says officer at boot camp hit and kicked him

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas County juvenile authorities are investigating accusations that a boot camp officer hit, kicked and dragged a teen-ager when he couldn't perform calisthenics.

The boot camp director denies the allegations and said Alfredo Garcia, 14, was physically restrained only when he threatened to run away from the privately run camp in West Dallas.

"We don't abuse kids," Kenneth Grant, director of the Concerned Citizens of Dallas camp, told The Dallas Morning News. But "we cannot let a child just walk off the premises, because we're responsible for that child."

The organization has run the camp for troubled teens since 1997 under contract with the Dallas County Juvenile Department.

Mike Griffiths, director of the Dallas County Juvenile Department, said the investigation should be complete next week.

"We obviously are concerned," he said. "These kids, even if they're tough kids, street-wise kids, they're still kids."

Garcia was assigned to the two-day camp because he violated the curfew rules of his probation. He is serving six months' probation for a fight at his former school in Irving, which his mother said was his first offense.

Garcia and his mother deny that he tried to escape the boot camp. They said he was physically and orally abused because he could not do the exercises and complained that the workout made him

nauseous.

Ms. Garcia said she took her son to the emergency room for treatment after he came home with bruises on his back and cuts and scrapes on his palms and knees. She also filed an assault complaint with the Dallas Police Department.

'Compassionate conservative' is Bush campaign buzzword

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the 2000 presidential campaign, the C word is the buzzword. C for compassionate.

As in Gov. George W. Bush's self description, ridiculed by rivals, who nonetheless insist that they are no less compassionate than he.

"I am proud to be a compassionate conservative," Bush says. "I welcome the label."

He chose it during his first term as governor of Texas. "Call me a compassionate conservative," he said two years ago. The line is now part of the set speech in his Republican campaign.

It was hardly original. Democratic researchers discovered that Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, who is venturing toward a presidential bid in 2000, described himself that way in 1981.

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