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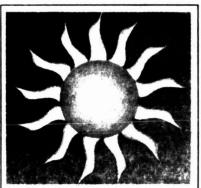
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High today 90-95 Low tonight mid 60s For weather details see Page 2

PAMPA Independent School District board of trustees will will hold a budget workshop for the 1999-2000 school budget at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Other items to be considered will be a fuel bid, TASB workers' compensation self insurance fund interlocal agreement, Ed Flex Title VI Class size reduction waiver, student code of conduct for 1999-2000, and appoint 1999 TASB official delegate.

Personnel positions will also be considered. An executive session is provided if needed.

A latch key update and legislative update will be provided in the administrative report.

The meeting will be in the Carver Center Board conference room, 321 W. Albert in Pampa.

 Panhandle **PAMPA** Community Services is taking applications for the ENTERP Program which provides energy assistance to low-income, elderly and those in emergency situations. Also, the agency is taking applications for another energy aid program which helps the elderly and handicapped/disabled people. To apply for these programs applicants must bring social security cards for all in the households. Call 665-0081 for information.

· Jerry D. Abston, 55, retired instructor at Martin Marietta,

· Maria Drennan Felix, 56, homemaker.

 Dorothy Morgan, 84, former Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. employee.

· James "Jim" Summers, 58, native of Oklahoma.

• M.L. Turner, 90, retired Pantex employee.

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Cabot layoffs to be revealed later in month

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

As rumors of possible layoffs at Cabot Corporation facilities were circulating throughout Pampa this morning, Cabot Facility General Manager Zouhair Isso said some reductions will be made after July

Isso said he can not release any specific information on the changes at the Cabot facility until then.

Cabot Corporation has been a major employer to Pampa and the surrounding area for several decades. According to Pampa Economic Development Corporation records which were verified in January, over 180 employees are employed at the Cabot facilities which include the carbon black plant as well as research and devel-

Employee meetings were reported to have been scheduled this morning to provide information. No report was available regarding

The local plant laid off some employees in February, 1999. Isso did issue a statement which was referred to as the start of a (See CABOT, Page 2)

Judge continues ex-jailer's lawsuit

By DAVID BOWSER

AMARILLO — Jury selection was to began here today in a whistle-blower lawsuit against Gray County but the case was continued to an unspecified date — possibly to allow for more settlement talks. Misti Lee Beck, 33, a former jailer for the Gray County Sheritt's Department, is suing the county over what she claims is the loss of her job. She filed suit against Gray County in 251st District Court in Amarillo in February, 1996, claiming that she lost her job under then Sheriff Randy Stubblefield because she complained to the governor's office concerning the way the Gray County jail was being run.

Mediation earlier this year failed. Judge Joe D. Clayton of Tyler in May notified Judge Patrick Pirtle of the 251st District Court in Amarillo, who will hear the case today, that both sides, while nego-(See LAWSUIT, Page 2)

Commission to pick fire pact negotiators

As part of a busy agenda this afternoon, city commissioners are expected to appoint two of their own who will negotiate with Grav-County officials on a new city-county fire service contract.

Under terms of the current pact, both entities are to appoint representatives who will meet annually in early August to review contract performance and discuss possible renewal or termination of the

The City of Pampa provides fire services within the unincorporated areas of Gray County in return for a payment which this year totals \$130,000 paid in quarterly installments.

The present contract expires Dec. 31. In other action to be discussed by commissioners at their 4 p.m. city hall work session and/or 6 p.m. regular meeting include:

Review of proposed parking ordinance

• Review of proposed sign ordinance (See COMMISSION, Page 2)

Ready to ride ...



Just before warming up at the Kids Pony Show. Wacey Williams, 10, and Kala Schoenhals, 9, both of Fritch, get a tip or two from Wacey's father, Phil Williams. Also with the group was Kala's mother, Vicki Schoenhals. The final Kid Pony Show performance is

Second performance Kid Pony Show results

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association reported the place; Callie Suc Cobb of Pampa, second place; results of Monday's Kids Pony Show as follows Calf Riding

Group III: Loagan Helton of Pampa, first place; Trevor Dooley of Sunray, second place:

I.D. Pairsh of Pampa, third place Boys Group IV: Stormy Wing, first place; Austin Pritchett, second place; Blaine Harris of

Amarillo, third place Flag Race Girls Group III: Lisa Meaz of Dalhart, first place; Libby Dyson of Pampa, second place:

Erin Hall of Pampa, third place. Boys Group III: Loagan Helton, first place: Trevor Dooley, second place; Tanner Packard of

White Deer, third place Girls Group IV: Bridget Craig of Pampa, first.

keeley Longo of Groom, third place. Boys Group IV: Austin Pritchett of Pampa,

first place: Bailey Reid of Morse, second place; Taylor Reeves of Pampa, third place. Pole Bending Girls Group III: Lisa Meaz, first place; Melissa

McCormick of Amarillo, second place; Misty Pairsh of Letors, third place. Boys Group III: Loagan Helton, first place;

Tanner Packard, second place; Tanner Cochran of Pampa, third-place.

Girls Group IV: Jessica Schmidt of Morse, first place: Wendy Harden of Borger, second place; Keeley Longo, third place.

Boys Group IV: Stormy Wing of Dalhart, first (See SHOW, Page 2)

Officer shoots man during chase

A high speed chase starting in Oklahoma ended about 1 p.m. vesterday just outside Shamrock with the shooting of a man accused of stealing a car.

According to Wheeler County Chief Deputy Rick Walden, Oklahoma officials aftempted to stop Steven Pennington atter he stole some gas in Elk City. Those officials discovered the vehicle had been stolen from Branson, Mo.

Pennington refused to stop, and the chase proceeded down I-40 reaching speeds of 100 mph until it reached Wheeler County. At that point, Constable Jerry Bob Jernigan joined the pursuit followed by

Walden. Walden said deputies there laid out "stinger spikes" designed to flatten tires and the auto was forced to stop. Authorities said Pennington then took oft on foot. Walden said he could not comment on what happened next but other officials said Walden fired at least one round from a shotgur.

(See OFFICER, Page 2)

Quite frankly... What is your favorite rodeo activity?



'The Grand Entry." —Becky Huffhines



"The Parade" -Kris Ann Rogers



"Anything that will make you laugh. There's too much sadness in the world."

—Alicia Lumpkin



"Bullfighting" —Scotty Stribling



"Queen's contest" —Erin Cobb

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

FELIX, Maria Drennan — Vigil services, 6:30 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

HERRING, Ford - 2 p.m., First Christian Church, Pampa.

TURNER, M.L. — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Alanreed Cemetery, Alanreed.

Obituaries

JERRY D. ABSTON

Jerry D. Abston, 55, of Pampa, died Sunday, July 11, 1999. The body was cremated and consequently will not be available for viewing. Memorial services will be announced at a later

Mr. Abston was born Aug. 23, 1943, at Duncan, Okla., and graduated from Duncan High School in 1961. He worked for Martin Marietta, Inc., as an instructor and helped develop the Persian and S.C.U.D. missiles. He was medically retired in

He was a U.S. Army veteran, enlisting in 1961 and serving two tours of duty in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged in 1980.

He was a Baptist. He was preceded in death by a sister, Charlene Defour; and by his mother.

Survivors include three sisters, Kay Crouch and Fay Kolb, both of Pampa, and Sherri Stewart of Lawton, Okla.; and three brothers, Buford Graham of Kingfisher, Okla., Clifford Graham of Wichita Falls and Eddy Graham of Oklahoma City, Okla.

MARIA DRENNAN FELIX

Maria Drennan Felix, 56, of Pampa, died Sunday, July 11, 1999, at Amarillo. Vigil services will be at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel.

Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with Monsignor Joseph Tash, pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church of Amarillo, and the Rev. John Valdez, of St. Vincent de Paul, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of



Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa Mrs. Felix was born March 6, 1943, at Pampa and had been a lifelong Pampa resident. She was a homemaker and belonged to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Andres, of the home: a son, Michael Drennan of Amarillo: five sisters, Mary Ellen Rodriguez of Pampa, Angela Esquivel of Belen, N.M., Lucy Cobb of Spring, Becky Erickson of Moore, Okla., and Elizabeth Hernandez of Colton, Calif.; and six brothers, Tony Hernandez, Frank Hernandez, Joe Hernandez, Lupe Hernandez and Ramon Hernandez, all of Pampa, and Joaquin fernandez of Seattle, Wash.

The family will be at 1130 Williston and requests memorials be to American Diabetes Association

DOROTHY MORGAN

SHAMROCK - Dorothy Morgan, 84, died Sunday, July 11, 1999. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in St. Michaels All Angels Episcopal Church with the Rev. Ned Creswell, vicar of St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church of Clarendon, officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mrs. Morgan was born at-Shamrock and had been a lifelong resident of the community. She married John Duke Morgan on March 30, 1945, at Childress; he died in 1989. She worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone in Shamrock for many years and belonged to St. Michaels All Angels Episcopal Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda Murry of Dumas and Margaret Phillips of Amarillo; a son, Johnny Morgan of Shamrock; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

IAMES 'IIM' SUMMERS

JAMESTOWN, Tenn. - James "Jim" Summers died Monday, July 12, 1999. Arrangements are under the direction of Jennings Funeral Home of lamestown.

-Mr. Summers was born Nov. 12, 1940, at Laverne, Okla.

Survivors include a daughter, Deborah Gunter of Jamestown; a son, Garvin Summers of Pampa; a sister, Mable Harris of Kingman, Ariz.; a brother, Carl Summers of Lefors; and three grandchil-

M.L. TURNER

M.L. Turner, 90, of Pampa, died Sunday, July 11, 1999, at McLean. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Alanreed Cemetery at Alanreed with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor of

First United Methodist Church of McLean, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Mr. Turner was born Sept. 12, 1908, in Lawrence County, Ark. He married Flora Bell Bowdry on Nov. 16, 1935, at Abilene; she died Jan. 14, 1996. He had been a Gray

County resident since 1916, moving to Pampa in 1954. He worked at Pantex prior to retiring in 1976.

He belonged to Harrah Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Beatrice Turner and Maryland Turner.

Survivors include a daughter, Sue Pocock of Brea, Calif.; a sister, Auna Barnes of Fritch; six brothers, Rush Turner of McLean, Bill Turner and Vernon Turner, both of Pampa, Ivan Turner and Joe Turner, both of Amarillo, and Ed Turner of Stamford; two 'grandchildren; and three greatgrandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice of the Panhandle, Box 2795, Pampa, TX 79066-2795.

Police report

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

Monday, July 12 Teresa G. (Murdock) Lesperance, 25, 412 N. Cuyler, was arrested on charges of forgery.

Connie Oxley, 35, 449 Graham, was arrested on charges of simple assault, possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear. Burglary was reported in the 500 block of

North Ward. Stalking was reported in the 700 block of West

Sheriff's Office

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

Monday, July 12 Sandy Lynn Carroll Jr., 19, Amarillo, was arrested on charges of theft.

Jeremy Kiel Telkamp, 21, Rt. 2 Box 386-c, was

arrested on charges of assault causing injury. Helen Mary Bridwell, 32, 412 N. Cuyler, was arrested on charges of assault causing bodily

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Monday, July 12

No charges were listed when a city owned 1987 Chevrolet one-ton lift bed driven by Michael Alvin Thompson, 36, 736 S. Barnes, backed out of a parking space in a private parking lot in the 1000 block of East Frederic and struck a legally parked 1992 Corsica owned by Gary L. Hicks, 945

Barnard. No injuries were reported. No charges were listed when a 1984 Ford pickup driven by Kenneth Alfred Ray, 70, 2228 N. Dwight, rear-ended a 1989 Ciera driven by Christine Hodge, 61, 420 Oklahoma, who was stopped at a stop light at Hobart and Kentucky. The force of the impact drove the Ciera into a 1989 Ford Fiesta driven by Susan Elizabeth Frazier, 40, 1108 Scirroco, who was also stopped at the light. No injuries were reported.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Tuesday, July 13

5:24 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2600 block of N. Hobart. No patient was transported.

12:28 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Hobart and Kentucky. No patient was fransport-

5:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing center on a medical call. One patient was transported to Panhandle Regional Medical Center.

1:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of N. Christy. One patient was transported to PRMC.

Stocks

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Market quotations are furnished by	Ultramar24 1/8	dn 3/16
Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.	Wal-Mart46 15/16	dn 1/2
Amoco	Williams 42 7/8	up 1/16
Arco 89 7/8 dn 1 13/16	New York Gold	255.65
Cabot 24 13/16 up 3/8	Silver	5.26
Cabot O&G 18 1/2 dn 1/2	West Texas Crude	19.73
Chevron 96 7/8 dn 2 1/16		

Court report

Jennifer Ann Johnson pleaded guilty of violation of a protective order and was placed on probation for one year, pay court costs and fines and serve 24 hours community service.

Jennifer Ann Johnson dismiss deadly conduct because defendant was convicted in anoth-

John Fitzgerald motion to modify probation until August, 1999 and pay fines and court costs. Morris Linder Swift discharge from probation

because defendant paid fines and court costs. Debbie Luginbyhl dismiss theft of property by check because court costs and restitution

have been made. Gregory Lynn Battee pleaded no contest of driving while intoxicated, serve 45 days in jail,

probation for two years, pay court costs and fines, and serve 40 hours community service. Jimmy Dean Emerson discharge from probation because court costs and fines were paid.

Tim Boyd dismiss theft of property by check because court costs and restitution were Kevin Lynn Boyd dismiss charge of tele-

plaining witness has requested dismissal. Kevin Lynn Boyd dismiss charge of violation of protective order because the complaining witness has requested dismissal.

phone harassment -threats because the com-

Fabion Torres dismiss theft of property by check because court cost and restitution have

Felicia Karr dismiss theft of property by check because restitution have been made.

Rene Maurico Niefo dismiss charge of assault causing injury-domestic because the complaining witness has requested dismissal.

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CABOT -

"global continuous improvement plan". The statement stated the first phase of the plan is focused on tightening the management of the Strategic Business Unit organization and that Cabot is committed to the plan and has seen "market-focused benefits" from over the past year. The statement further stated additional areas of focus will be growth opportunities from current and new technology development platforms and geographic expansion.

"In the course of implementing the continuous improvement plan, some new product development activities have been eliminated. Also, steps

have been taken to reduce costs at specific facilities. These two actions have resulted in a reduction in Cabot's global workforce. In two weeks, (July 27) the company plans to issue a third quarter earnings report press release, which will discuss other plans for growth and earnings capability.

In announcing the plan to employees worldwide, Chairman Sam Bodman and President Kennett Burnes said, "We will focus our talents and skills on a simpler, tighter organization with more clarity and accountability. This continuous improvement philosophy is totally supportive of and aligned with the core values by which we operate. We will continue to perform with the same high standards of respect and integrity, and the same commitment to safety and the environment."

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LAWSUIT

tiating in good faith, were unable to reach a meeting of the minds on certain issues of the case.

The factual issues in dispute are whether Stubblefield was aware of Beck's reports to the governor's office prior to her termination and whether she was terminated or she quit.

The legal issues involve whether the state's whistle-blower law covers Beck and her situation and whether she was retaliated against for her activi-

According to court records, Stubblefield said he interpreted statements by Beck as her resignation. He said he also interpreted them as being insubor-

Beck, according to court records, sent Stubblefield a letter dated Nov. 6, 1995, accusing him of lying and causing others to lie. She wrote the governor's office on Nov. 2, 1995, accusing Stubblefield of mistreating prisoners and of falsifying records. She asked the governor's office to

investigate and prosecute Stubblefield.

Included in the court documents is a letter from

Stubblefield telling Beck she was fired as of Nov. 9, Beck had worked as a jailer for the Gray County

Sheriff's Department since January, 1993. Court records also show that Beck was counseled

by the chief corrections officer, J.D. Barnard, on several occasions for incidents ranging from releasing a prisoner and failing to get bond to having contraband in the jail to a missing VCR to her attitude toward prisoners to safety in the jail.

Eight inmates also lodged a grievance against Beck claiming that she spent a total of 2.5 hours in the pickette or control room with Hank Skinner, now on death row after being convicted of killing a family of three in Pampa, and taking him alone into the kitchen of the jail for two or three minutes in apparent violation of jail procedures.

Beck is seeking lost compensation of wages and fringe benefits and seniority rights. She claims she has suffered great embarrassment, humiliation and mental anguish.

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COMMISSION

- Debt service report
- Appointments to fill unexpired terms on the procedures M.K. Brown Auditorium board
- Housing committee appointments
- Consider award of bids for knuckle boom truck

and dump truck

- Resolution accepting Rose property Resolution amending personnel policies and
- Second and final reading of ordinance adopting
- 1997 Standard Housing Code Approve expenditures for southside drainage

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SHOW

place; Taylor Reeves, second place; Bailey Reid, third place.

Goat Undecorating

Girls Group III: Erin Hall, first place; Lindi Pritchett of Dalhart, second place; Lisa Meaz, third

Girls Group IV: Callie Sue Cobb, first place; Cheyenne Noble of Clarendon, second place; Jessica Schmidt, third place. **Barrel Race**

Girls Group III: Melissa McCormick, first place;

Jamie Pergeson of Pampa, second place; Kelsey Alders of Skellytown, third place. Boys Group III: Clay Paige of Amarillo, first

place; Loagan Helton, second place; Tanner Packard, third place.

Girls Group IV: Keeley Longo, first place; Karli Douglas of Pampa, second place; Cheyenne Noble,

Boys Group IV: Trenton Packard of White Deer, first place; Stormy Wing, second place; Blaine Harris, third place.

All participants were awarded blue participant

The association would like to thank the sponsors of the Cal Farley Family Program Children without whose generous support these children would not. have been able to participate in the Pony Show.

The final performance of the 1999 Kid Pony Show will begin at 7 tonight.

Pennington.

Pennington was being trans- will file charges of the auto theft

fered to the jail in Beckham and District Attorney John Mann

County, Okla. this morning said he will file charges of aggra-

City Briefs

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cer-involved shooting.

gas drive off and fleeing.

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Jernigan brought the suspect to the Shamrock jail where he complained of a pain in his side. He where he faces charges for the vated was taken to Shamrock General Hospital and then transferred to Great Plains Regional Medical Center in Elk City.

Texas Ranger Gary Henderson, who is in Wheeler investigating a recent death in the Wheeler County Jail, said he has also been called in to investigate the offi-

Air bag thefts getting popular

DALLAS (AP) — In the hierarchy of automobile accessories most coveted by thieves, air bags suddenly have made their way to

near the top, Dallas police say. That's one factor behind a spike in auto thefts this year that has contributed to a 7.8 percent jump in Dallas' property theft rate over

the same period last year. Auto thefts jumped from 7,784 in the first half of 1998 to 8,076 in the first half of 1999.

As air bags become as common in vehicles as radios and hubcaps, they also have spurred a black

"It's like the hubcaps four years ago. It's air bags now," said detective P.J. Allen of the Dallas police.

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Mostly sunny south-southwest winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight, mostly clear with a low in the mid 60s and winds from the south at 10-20 mph. Tomorrow, mostly sunny with a high in the mid 90s and south winds at 15-25 mph. Yesterday's high was 83; the overnight low,

PANHANDLE — Tonight, mostly clear with a low in the lower 60s. South to southwest wind 10-20 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny with a high in the mid 90s. South to southwest wind 15-25 mph with higher

STATEWIDE — Flash flooding could occur across Texas

expected again today.

Flash flood watches and advisories are likely as the rains con- to 75 in the Dallas-Fort Worth

Skies were clear over far South generally calm or light and variremained high.

from 81 at Laredo to 69 at at El Pasol Junction. Temperatures should today as showers and thunder- readings over 100 in the interior atures ranged from the lower 70s storms threaten to pour more of far South Texas. Tonight's at a multitude of cities to 81 at rain on already saturated lows should be mostly in the 70s. Galveston and Laredo.

Skies were mostly cloudy in A weak cool front stalled North Texas, and light fog was Monday night over northern sec- reported over East Texas. An today with a high of 90-95 and tions, and thunderstorms area of/showers and isolated appeared overnight. But the thunderstorms lingered early National Weather Service said today from Lufkin to Waco to afternoon storms could be San Angelo, then south to near Austin. At 4 a.m., temperatures ranged from 67 at Wichita Falls

Skies were clear to partly Texas early today, with winds cloudy over the Panhandle, South Plains and far West Texas able. Overnight temperatures The only clouds reported were across South Texas were general-streaks of high thin cirrus ly in the 70s and humidity clouds. Winds were variable at 5 to 10 mph. Readings at 4 a.m. At 4 a.m., temperatures ranged ranged from 61 at Dalhart to 73

Isolated showers and thunderbe in the upper 80s to the mid-storms were reported along the 90s by afternoon, with some coastal bend. Overnight temper

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I watched the commercials on the television about how if you got a Publisher Clearing House envelope with a green star on it there could be a real check in it. So when I got the envelope sure enough it had a green star. I ripped open the envelope and looked through

all the stuff looking for a real check. There wasn't a check.

There wasn't a check.

Oh, there was the usual fake check, there say ing I could be the winner of \$100,000 if I send the fake check into the Clearing House I was definitely a winner of at least \$1. But as far as a real check?

There wasn't a check.

I took the check they had enclosed, the one that said it could be worth up to \$100,000 to my bank and asked if they would go ahead and cash it since the letter said I'd as good as won the money and I thought that would be faster than sending in the fake check along with the

There wasn't a check

Jeff West

Pampa News staff

other stuff that you have to tear out and paste on and check and pick what magazine I wanted way I look at it is if what they say about the at the Clearing House a lot of trouble and just So when the Clearing House people get an the folks said about the stuff I'd brought to know what they'll say?

There wasn't a check.

That's what they said, even after I'd selves.

explained about how the TV people had said I'd probably get a check and how the stuff in the envelope had told me I'd definitely won something and it could be as much as \$100,000. The bank people said a lot of people get those kind of envelopes and nobody around here has ever won \$100,000 even after ordering lots of magazines. Even people who had been doing it for a long time, even for them.

There wasn't a check.

Well, if you can't trust the man with the sincere voice on the TV, who can you trust? But the and all that. I figured since I'd as good as won \$100,000 is kind of far fetched, maybe what the money I'd save myself and those nice folks they say about the magazines is not true either. go ahead and cash the check. You know what envelope from me, they looked at it but you

There wasn't a check.

Be good to one another and be good to your-

Opinion

The senator's lying statistics

■ Gun statistics don't say much.

If Benjamin Disraeli's observation that "there are three kinds øf lies: lies, damn lies and statistics" holds true, then we should be particularly wary of statistics offered up by politi-

Take the report issued recently by Sen. Charles Schumer of New York, which included the information that Texas ranked fifth among states for guns involved in crimes and traced by

analysis of guns traced by the BATF and found the states and gun dealers from which those weapons originated. Schumer, a staunch advocate of gun control, then ascended his bully pulpit and clamored for more BATF inspections of gun dealers.

traced by the BATF from outside the state to Texas. It's just that the good senator has completely misrepresented to the public what that statistic means.

First of all, less than 10 percent of guns used in crimes are traced by the BATF, according to David Kopel, research director of the Independence Institute in Colorado, who has written extensively on Second Amendment issues. It's up to local law enforcement agencies to call for a BATF trace, so use of those

Additionally, just because a trace has been requested on a gun does not mean that it was used in a crime, Kopel said. Not all crime guns are traced and not all traced guns are used

So, of what use are Schumer's statistics? Very little.

"Tracing is fine when you want to find out more about a certain gun. But it is not systematic or widespread or evenly spread so that you can draw an policy conclusions," Kopel

But, that, of course, is precisely what Schumer is attempting "go after" a "few bad apples" in the gun-selling business the 1 percent that, his statistics say, sold 45 percent of the guns used in crimes and then traced by BATF.

BATF statistics are arbitrary; they can be influenced by various factors that have nothing to do with shady dealings by gun dealers. For instance, there's nothing in the survey that indicates how many of the crimes were committed by the people

Local crackdowns could sway the findings; so could the predominance of very large gun-sellers in a business that has many very small dealers. Even cooperating with authorities' investigation of suspected gunrunners could lead to an abundance of BATF-traced weapons in the "analysis" Kopel said.

defense came from these 1 percent of stores. For all we know, 45 percent of police guns came from these 1 percent of stores," Kopel said.

'He (Schumer) doesn't look for anything about positive gun usage, so it isn't surprising that he doesn't find anything," Kopel said.

Schumer's agenda-driven study is worse than worthless. It's better to be ignorant than to be misinformed by such statistics.

the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

The Democratic senator from New York said he did an

It isn't that we doubt Schumer's claim that 1,176 guns were

statistics is highly arbitrary.

in crimes," he summarized.

to do. Wielding his lies, he wants the federal government to But problems with his desired crackdown are many. The

who originally bought the guns. No doubt, some (or maybe even many) are stolen weapons.

"For all we know, 45 percent of all guns used in self-

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Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 13, the 194th day of 1999. There are 171 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 13, 1974, the Senate Watergate Committee proposed sweeping reforms to prevent another Watergate scandal.

On this date:

In 1787, Congress enacted an ordinance governing Northwest Territory.

In 1793, French revolutionary writer Jean Paul Marat was stabbed to death in his bath by Charlotte Corday.

In 1863, deadly rioting against the Civil War military draft erupted in New York City.

In 1878, the Treaty of Berlin amended the terms of the Treaty of San Stefano, which had ended the Russo-Turkish War of 1877a

In 1960, John F. Kennedy won the Democratic presidential nomination at his party's convention in Los Angeles:

Economics unpopular politically

The financing of health care has not gone away as a political issue. It isn't just the probable Senate run by Hillary Clinton that will give the matter new life. The political reality is that health care is just too tempting a target for Democrats to leave alone for long.

Writing in the July/August issue of The American Enterprise, Dr. William C. Waters III offers a lucid explanation of medical costs and how we came to be where we are today.

Before the government began permitting companies to deduct the cost of providing medical insurance (and before the government began paying the bills of the elderly outright), individuals either purchased their own insuret. In either case, they had an incentive to use

medical services prudently. But after medical insurance became a fringe benefit — after a third-party payer forked over 80 percent or 100 percent of the price of a visit to the dermatologist or psychiatrist or podiatrist — the individual had little or no incentive to curb his appetite for medicine. If the same system applied to food expenses, who wouldn't choose filet mignon and caviar every night?

Food sellers would have every incentive to raise prices and to offer ever more enticing specialties. Those with food insurance would dine on lobster and champagne while those lacking food insurance would find prices prohibitively

That's what has happened in the realm of medical care. In 1960, medical spending amounted to 5 percent of gross domestic product. By 1997, it was 14 percent, and unreformed, and another part pays for ordinary office visits never doubted.



Mona Charen

federal spending on Medicare and Medicaid are expected to triple as a percentage of GDP over the next 40 years. Dr. Waters, one of three generations of doctors in his family, summaance or paid for medical expenses out of pock- rizes this way: "My father and his patients were prudent; my patients and I were spendthrift; regulation and too little competition. We are my son and his patients will be told what to do by people without training or knowledge of the

individual consumer's situation.' The Democrats have used the threat that Medicare" to good effect in countless election contests. The difficult but necessary task for Republicans is to explain that Medicare isn't free, and neither is employer-provided health insurance. Medicare is paid for in taxes, and employer-provided insurance is paid for in for-

The typical head of household with a wife to be treated in hospital emergency rooms. and child, Waters explains, currently earns \$156,000. But when his employer calculates the cost of hiring him, he figures his cost as \$39,600.

and other medical expenses.

An excellent reform would be to give the tax deduction to individuals instead of employers. Employers would then pay higher salaries in place of offering the medical benefit. With the extra cash, the employee could purchase catastrophic insurance for between \$800 and \$1,200 per year. He could use the remainder to purchase more insurance (depending on his family's needs), or he could pay for medical expenses out of pocket as they arose. The consumer would then have an incentive to shop around for bargains and to use his funds carefully, as he would keep anything he didn't spend.

This would be a dramatic departure from our current system, which suffers from too much chasing our tails now: The high costs encourage HMOs. HMOs then ration care in ways we dislike. Legislatures in turn pass laws invalidating the actions of HMOs, and medical inflation Republicans want to take away your continues apace. (Medical costs have risen faster than inflation for the past 30 years.)

Reform would have to entail a system for the uninsured. Waters suggests government subsidies or vouchers for the poor to buy catastrophic insurance. This is more economical than paying big bucks, as we now do (it's a hidden part of all medical bills), for the uninsured

Economics is not easy to explain or sell politically. But it does sink in over time. New Democrats proudly proclaim their conversion The \$3,600 difference is used to purchase a to belief in markets. Republicans should hybrid — part pays for catastrophic insurance, remind themselves that they were the ones who

We should focus more on agriculture

The world's population is estimated at 6 billion. The U.S. population is around 270 million. In just 30 years, the official guess is it will be 350. million-360 million. Americans had better start paying attention to population and immigra-Many in the conservative political camp

pooh-pooh population concerns. Some see it as an excuse to promote abortion. Some have a superstitious belief that technology is the new god and can solve any problem. Some remember the excessive rhetoric of Paul Ehrlich, whose book "The Population Bomb" said in 1968 we'd be toast by the year 2000. Obviously, he was wrong. Most people are when they try to predict the future.

But he was wrong in his timing, not on his basic point. If you think a mushrooming population isn't going to eventually cause horrendous problems, then you will end up with more egg on your face than Ehrlich has on his. Already, some 2 billion folks live in abject misery with zero hope.

Those of us who live in air-conditioned offices and make our living wiggling our fingers on computer keyboards have to take special care not to lose touch with flesh-and-blood reality.

Lin Yu-tang, a Chinese writer, said it best many years ago: God created man with a bottomless pit called a stomach. Every day of a man's life, he must find something to put in it. Ultimately, human existence depends on agri-



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

culture, which in turns depends on topsoil and sweet water. Population growth is not good for topsoil or sweet water.

Farmland converted to suburbs isn't productive, and underground aquifers, thousands of years in the making, aren't easily replenished once drained by irrigation so men can grow crops in places God never intended for those crops to grow. Topsoil, once lost, flat can't be

There is this thing called carrying capacity. You can describe it as the amount of people a given piece of real estate and or a given set of natural resources can support. The real estate their minds and energy more on earth, water and the natural resources are finite. The variable is the population. As the population increases, the quality of life that a given amount of real estate and natural resources can provide nothing except to intensify human misery. decreases. And, at some point, poor quality of life becomes no life.

To use a simplistic example, two deer and a where our focus should be.

hundred acres is deer paradise; 1,000 deer and a hundred acres is a death sentence for the herd And humans, despite our ability to alter our environment, ultimately are no different. There are limits, however strongly that concept is denied by people living an artificial existence far removed from the soil and sweat labor.

Dealing with population is complex. Often, technology aggravates rather than helps. Saving too many babies in Africa ultimately resulted in famine in some areas. Left alone, nature had balanced — cruelly as it always does — the population with the resources. Medical technology upset that balance, so babies who didn't die of measles as infants died of starvation as adults. As I said, there are limits.

The big danger facing Americans is complacency. We are so blessed (or, if you atheists prefer, so lucky) we have forgotten that affluence like ours is an aberration, not the norm. The norm in human existence is poverty. We tend to forget, too, that the constant in human life is impermanence.

Conservatives and liberals alike need to focus and air rather than on ideology. We just literally blew up several billions of dollars worth of stuff and people in the Balkans and accomplished Agriculture, not armaments, is the real key to human security and human survival. That's

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Tuesday, July 13

High-Flying Flags Available At Bargain-Basement Prices

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requests and try to honor them.

That head of hair could and should

be cut so that no matter which way

it is combed or not combed - or

windblown - it would not be a

that one, because that is what the

customer asks for and he is paying

the bill, but don't ask me to auto-

graph the work as an artist who is

for him. His wife is sick of his

denial, and he should take her

advice. His problem is in his head

and not on it. Winding a flag of hair

over your head is like wearing a

DEAR WILLARD: I'm print-

ing your letter because there's

no denying that when it comes

to hair, you are an expert. But if

baldness, I'll curl up and dye.

through what is happening. Zero in on

the main problem. Others appreciate

your feedback. Rethink a recent decision

involving a friendship and key direction.

Another cannot handle money. Trust

your judgment as you pull the financial

wild card. Tonight: Go over your budget.

* * * Deal with change and pressure

is in a "bah humbug" mood. A partner's

unpredictability continues. Don't com-

promise or let yourself feel intimidated.

Keep at it! Laugh through the impossi-

ble, and you'll gain. Tonight: Do your

Take time out. Don't worry as much

about work and what appears to be use-

less gossip. Needless to say, you find it

difficult to listen to all this. Don't take

make any quick decisions. Tonight: Run

** A partner is hard on you once

again. How can you be surprised? The

message remains the same: claim your

power, move on and don't let this person

restrain you. The unexpected occurs with

a child or loved one. Anchor, knowing

what you want. Networking proves to be

unusually successful. Tonight: Where

* Another certainly knows how to

another direction rather than deal with

this person. Your sense of humor comes

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

home and cocoon

your friends are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Read on:

see one more letter about

WILLARD M. KERK,

CHAPPELL, NEB.

sign telling the world you are bald.

"Baldy" has one good thing going

I produce some haircuts just like

Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Thanks for print ing the letter reminding us of the importance of Flag Day and for urging Americans to fly Old Glory. As I read it, I wondered if your readers knew that by contacting their senator or congressman, they can get a flag for as little as \$7.50 - the actual cost of the flag - plus \$4 for shipping. They can even have it flown over the U.S. Capitol and have that event commemorated with a personalized certificate.

Regardless of where they get their flag, however, I wanted to join with your patriotic correspondent in urging Americans to take pride in our nation by displaying an Ameri-· can flag. Yours respectfully, U.S. SEN. PHIL GRAMM,

WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR GRAMM: The fact that people can purchase flags at cost (plus shipping charges) from their legislators in Washington was news to me. Batten down the hatches because I'm sure that offer will interest a lot of people.

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to the bald man from Fort Lauderdale who sweeps his hair over his bald spot and bugs his wife with the foot-long flag of hair streaming in the breeze when they go boating.

I have barbered for 49 years and don't claim to be an expert, but have learned a little along the way. We all have customers with special

Horoscope

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

devil's advocate

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 1999

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

** * Express ideas. Let creativity

flow for you and those around you.

Pressure intensifies at work. Sometimes

you let responsibilities weigh too heavi-

ly. Money seems to be a bargaining tool

Regroup; think about goals. Consider

"plan B"! Tonight: Let another play

Discuss issues with a trusted advisor. The

unexpected occurs with a boss or some-

one you put on a pedestal. Establish lim-

its, even though you might not want to

* * * ★ Flexibility makes a big differ-

ence. Call upon this skill while pressure

seems enormous. Could you be a bit neg-

ative? Take a walk and think through

startling news. Others seek your opinion

and ideas. Find what is workable.

Communication easily overloads.

act on them just yet. Tonight: Home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

one you might be unwilling to use.

4-Positive;

★ * You are pushed beyond your limits. others personally. Keep your own coun-Rather than losing it, pull back. Your sel. Take a walk to cool off. Refuse to

Tonight: Join friends at a favorite hang- rain on your parade. Opt to move in

** Expenses go out of whack. Sort out with a boss as you work through

5-Dynamic;

your recent column about a husband who attempts to cover his baldness with a comb-over:

Perhaps we could form a support group for balding men and call it "United Hairlines."

WADE KNIGHT, JUNCTION CITY, KAN.

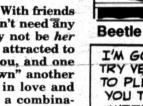
DEAR ABBY: I've had a best friend for nine years. (I'll call her Christy.) She's always been there when I needed her, but here's the problem: She flirts with most of the guys I'm interested in.

Last month I found a guy that I really like. We hang out all the time. I've come to find out that Christy's also interested in him. She never even told me! I had to find out from someone else. He also has the same feelings toward her. He and I are still friends, but I really don't want to have anything to do with Christy anymore. She knew for about a month that I liked him a lot, but she went after him anyway! What do you think about this best friend's behavior?

MELLISA IN THE SUNSHINE STATE

DEAR MELLISA: With friends like Christy, you don't need any enemies! But it may not be her fault that he's more attracted to her than he is to you, and one person does not "own" another person. "All is fair in love and war" - and this is a combina-

DEAR ABBY: In response to



tion of both.

* * Your own fatigue could limit you most. Don't depend on physical brawn; rather, use your imagination and mind. You can accomplish a lot if you seek out information. Unexpected developments by seeking solutions that work. The boss could jolt you, but they get you going, as well. Tonight: Start planning your week-

appearance

** * One-to-one relating helps-you smooth some of the difficult issues you are dealing with. Worry less about money, but act in your traditionally responsible Capricorn fashion. Working as a team helps you see other sides of an issue. Trust your judgment, but detachbefore making a decision. Tonight: Get

*** You act in your usual, unexpected manner and have others grasping at straws. A family member could put you down because of your willingness to try to talk you into their type of thinking. Tonight: Where the action is: PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

with others, presently. Instead of allowing a conflict to get out of hand, focus on work. Complete one project at a time. Screen calls, as you find others most distracting presently. Know what you want, but be willing to delay plans if the timing is off. Tonight: Exercise away stress.

ideas. Together, you make a strong team. Emphasize what is working for you, rather than what isn't! Tonight: A must

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

AQUARIUS (Jah. 20-Feb. 18)

let go and move on. Others continue to-

** You might not see eye-to-eye

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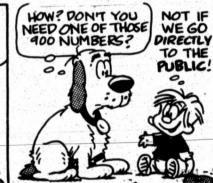
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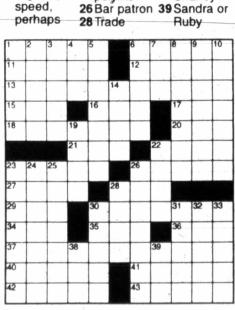
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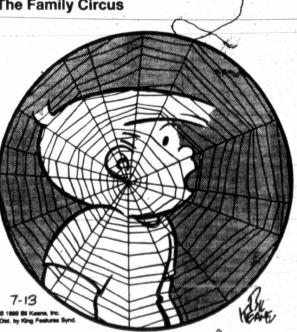
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The Family Circus



"You don't come up to this attic much, do you, Grandma?"





Peanuts

JUST SAW THE LITTLE RED-HAIRED GIRL DOWN AT THE PLAYGROUND .. WE HAD A NICE TALK.



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SPORTS

Softball

The Pampa 9-10-year-old All-Star softball team downed Dumas 13-7 recently to win the district softball championship. at Optimist Park.

Pampa pounded out 14 hits during the contest. The offensive barrage was led by Cassy Tice, who pounded out four singles. Stephanie McVay followed Tice with three singles, Maggie Hopkins connected for a double and a single, Britteni Rice nailed two singles and Nicole Clark, Kenzi Nickell and Erika Silva all connected for singles during the contest.

McVay picked up her third win of the tournament en route to the championship, allowing four hits while striking out four. Hopkins also pitched, allowing three runs and striking out five.

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Week,

For the tournament, Pampa pounded out 60 hits, outscoring opponents 86-38. Pampa pitchers held the opposition to just 18 hits and struck out 37 batters.

The team now advances to the sectional tournament, which will be held in Iowa Park beginning Saturday, July

Football

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Broncos have reached a contract agreement with second-round draft pick Montae Reagor.

Reagor, a defensive end selected 57th overall out of Texas Tech, agreed Monday to a four-year contract worth close to \$2 million, his agent Vann McElroy said.

"I'm very excited, very pleased," said Reagor, who was expected to sign the contract today. "I'm just glad it flowed so well and the deal's coming to a close."

The 6-foot-1, 256-pound Reagor holds the Texas Tech records for career sacks (24.5) and tackles for loss (47). He also set the school's single-sea son record last year with 19 tackles for loss.

"I thought I proved throughout my college years that I should have been a first-round pick," Reagor said. "But it doesn't matter where you get picked. It's what you do once you get there, and that's what 've realized."

Reagor is the fourth of Denver's 12 draft picks to

reach a contract agreement. The Broncos still are trying to sign their first-round pick, former Tennessee linebacker Al Wilson, before players report to training camp July 23.

DALLAS (AP) — Gil Johnson, quarterback for two of the three years that Doak Walker played for Southern Methodist University, is dead

Johnson died Saturday of complications stemming from a sudden illness.

The Mustangs had a combined record of 18-1-3 in 1947-48, the two years that Johnson and Walker played together and won the Southwest Conference football championship both seasons.

Johnson was known as "Old Man" to teammates because of his appearance and age. He was one of several players who returned to play football after serving in World War II and was 24 by the time he began his SMU career. He already had a receding hairline by then.

He was known for his mischievous nature. His youngest son, Scott, recalled some of the stories his father told.

Once, on a dare, Johnson threw a pass from 30 yards away into a bucket of ice water, causing it to topple onto SMU football coach Matty Bell, Scott Johnson said.

Bell was said to have turned and growled, "Old Man, if you were any closer to me, you'd be off the team."

Johnson played one season of pro football - in 1949 with the New York Yankees of the

Originally from Tyler, Texas, Johnson had lived in Dallas since his college days.

Notebook Green Monster the focus at Fenway

BOSTON (AP) — Billy Wagner, Sean Casey and a bunch of their new National League teammates could barely contain themselves. Not only was this their first All-Star appearance, but it was coming at Fenway Park.

"I saw my first major league game there, back when I was in the Cape Cod League," Wagner said Monday. "I remember walking up the runway and the Green Monster popping out. You never forget it.

The Houston reliever hoped to add to those memories tonight, preferably by preventing any AL hitter from clearing the famous left-field wall. Then there was 10-time All-Star Ken Griffey Jr., who planned to claim a piece of

the park.
"Chip some paint off the wall, put it in a bag and take it home," Griffey said. "There's something I will take from this ballpark before I leave.'

Griffey made his mark Monday night, overcoming a monstrous performance by Mark McGwire to win the home run

year. It was his best effort yet at Fenway, where he's connected for only eight of his 379 career homers.

"It's a good ballpark to hit in." Junior said. "It's a classic. There are certain ballparks that have a lot of tradition behind them, and this is one of them. And before they tear it down, they're having an All-Star game here.

Just in time for 15-time All-Star Tony Gwynn.

This is the one old park I haven't played in," the San Diego outfielder said. "I saw what Wade Boggs used to do here. I'm looking forward to doing it myself."

Gwynn, tied with Boggs at 2,982 career hits, won't be able to help the National League try to extend its 40-28-1 edge. Hobbled by injuries, he'll sit out as Boston ace Pedro Martinez starts for the AL against Philadelphia's Curt Schilling.

Still, Gwynn wanted to take batting practice and maybe field a few balls off the wall. How excited was he about seeing Fenway? He had a book detailderby for the second straight ing the history of the ballpark in

his hotel room.

Likewise, Casey was eager to take some swings in a park he'd

only seen on television.
"I'm going to try to hit a couple over in BP, just to say I hit one over the wall," the Cincinnati first baseman said.

Milwaukee's Jeromy Burnitz had other goals. Normally a right fielder, he was to start in left for the NL.

"I just hope I don't get a bad bounce off the wall and get embarrassed," he said.

Reds reliever Scott Williamson brought a camcorder to the home run derby and filmed all around Fenway.

"To have an opportunity to step on a field that Ted Williams played on, it's great," he said.

Williams, who will throw out the ceremonial first ball, sounded less enthused about his old

"No, I'm not sentimental about it. I want to see a new ballpark where the seats are bigger," 80-year-old Splendid Splinter said. "I've heard a lot of fans say, 'Oh, geez, I wouldn't even think about going anyThe park is just an old park." With a lot of history wrapped

up in that wall. At times, it was made of wood,

brick, concrete and sheet metal. Now, the side facing the hitters is all tin and stretches about 240 feet toward center field. It became known as the Green

Monster in 1947 when ads for Lifebuoy, Gem Blades and other products were covered up with green paint. There's also a thin ladder running to the top grounds crew members use it to retrieve balls that wind up in the 23-foot screen on top.

One other fact about the wall: The initials of former owner Thomas Austin Yawkey and his wife, Jean Remington Yawkey, appear on it in Morse code. Easy to overlook, a series of dots and dashes for "T-A-Y" and "J-R-Y" show up in the vertical white lines to the left of pitchers' numbers on the out-of-town score-

Hugh Bradley of the Red Sox hit the first shot over the wall on April 26, 1912 — "Few of the fans who have been out to

place else.' It wasn't that great. Fenway Park believed it was possible," the Boston Herald reported the next day.

Sammy Sosa hit his first major league homer over the Monster off Roger Clemens in 1989. McGwire hit 18 home runs at

Rocky Colavito connected for the AL in the 1961 All-Star game at Fenway, stopped by rain after nine innings for a 1-1 tie.

Williams preferred to pull the ball to right. He put on a oneman show in the 1946 All-Star game at Fenway with two home runs, including a drive off Rip Sewell's "eephus" pitch, in going 4-for-4 with five RBIs in a 12-0 rout.

Marked at 310 feet down the line in left, many believe the wall isn't even that far.

"The wall's 290 feet," Williams insisted. "When I first got there in left field, they had a rise out there to let you know you're getting near the fence. But that was taken out.

"But still I knew the wall was only 290 feet. And I had a good conception of how close I was,"

All-Star pitchers perpared for duel

BOSTON (AP) — Not many hitters have given Pedro "He throws so many Martinez trouble this season. So His ball moves," he's not about to worry now that he has to face Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa and the rest of the NL's best.

"What should I do, start crying?" he said with a laugh Monday.

No, just keep pitching the way he's been doing all season. He's 15-3, the most wins in the majors, with a 2.10 ERA. He'll be the AL starter in Tuesday night's All-Star game in his home park against Philadelphia's Curt Schilling.

"I pitch the only way I know. I'm not going to switch anything," said Martinez, chosen for his fourth straight All-Star game, the last two with Boston.

National Leaguers, who had to would start Tuesday night face Martinez in his two seasons decause of his outstanding with Los Angeles and four with record and the site of the game at Montreal before he was traded to Boston before the 1998 season.

NL catcher Mike Piazza was with the Dodgers in Martinez's rookie season in 1992.

"Catching him, I knew he was

going to be an outstanding pitcher," Piazza said. "He can make you look bad." Plenty of American Leaguers

would agree. In 132 2-3 innings, Martinez has allowed just five homers, struck out 184 and walked only 24.

against him yet," said AL second

"He throws so many pitches. Cleveland's Kenny Lofton, the starting left fielder. "He can throw one ball 70 (mph) and the next one 96. You don't see that every day."

He has a chance to become baseball's first 30-game winner since Denny McLain won 31 in 1968. That's a longshot since starters usually work on four days rest instead of three as they did 31 years ago. But it's not impossible.

"The chances are there if you get the outings," said Martinez, who has a decision in all 18 of his. starts. Then he added, with a smile, "After getting 25 (wins) I'll probably ask to pitch every

the last two with Boston. day."

That can't be good news for the There was little doubt he Fenway Park, which "makes it really special," Martinez said.

"That was the only choice," AL manager Joe Torre said.

The selection of Schilling as the starter didn't come until Sunday when he got a call from NL manager Bruce Bochy. The other leading candidate was Randy Johnson. He was 9-3 before losing his last four decisions despite striking out 54 and allowing just five earned runs. Arizona hasn't scored in "I don't think I have a hit Johnson's last 34 innings.

"I'm honored to be chosen to

4) "but seeing the lineup they're throwing out there, it might not have bothered me throwing second or third."

Schilling, on his third consecutive All-Star team, said, "I'm as nervous for this as I've been for any game I've ever pitched."

Like Martinez, Schilling has a link to the Red Sox, although that was severed more than a decade ago. They drafted him in 1986 before trading him and Brady Anderson to Baltimore for Mike Boddicker in 1988. He went to Houston in 1991 and has been with the Phillies since 1992.

"No," he said, when asked if he had any bad feelings about leaving Boston, "because I think everything that's happened to me happened for a reason."

Schilling takes a five-game winning streak into the game. In his last start, he allowed eight nits in his seventh complete game, a 4-2 win over Baltimore on Friday. He is tied with Johnson for the major league lead in complete games and second in the NL to Johnson in strikeouts.

"Is Curt the starter?" AL backup catcher Brad Ausmus of Detroit said. "That's a full concentration at bat right there." Martinez has been even tougher.

"He's somebody I've always watched with a little bit of admi-Schilling ration," Watching him this year, for me, has been like a Triple-A player watching the big leagues.

Big Mac conquers Fenway's Monster

BOSTON (AP) — The Green Monster met its match Monday. Mark McGwire didn't just conquer The Wall. He embarrassed it, making it look like little more than a picket fence.

He didn't even dent the 87-year-old icon. He sent one soaring off the light tower, about 100 feet above the field and 60 feet over

Clearing Lansdowne Street was easy. A few seemed to soar over the Mass Pike toward the Citgo sign in Kenmore Square. Even on an official off-day, McGwire set another home run

By the time Ken Griffey Jr. repeated as Home Run Derby chamoion Monday night, it was all anticlimactic. Fenway Park was

buzzing about McGwire's 13 home runs in the first round. "I was having fun," Big Mac said. "I love doing these things. Earlier in my career, when I didn't accept myself as a home-run hitter, I didn't enjoy these things. Now I enjoy them. Sometimes it's better than the game."

McGwire's 13 homers off Tim Flannery broke the one-round record set by Cal Ripken in 1991 at Toronto's SkyDome. His longest shot was his last of the first round, a 488-foot drive deep over the screen and into the summer night.

All the other All-Stars were on their feet, applauding him. Just like all of baseball last year.

Rafael Palmeiro and a few other players followed every swing with camcorders. Boston's Nomar Garciaparra questioned the measurements. He

thought McGwire' balls went a lot farther. "I don't think it's 480 feet to the Mass Pike," he said.

Sampras set for doubles

competition at Davis Cup

he said.

"510. That's impressive," said Griffey, making his own esti-

Big Mac's attack totaled 5,692 feet — more than a mile — and a lot more than he hit one mile up at Denver's Coors Field last July.

baseman Robbie Alomar of get the start," said Schilling (13-**Tour de France reaches Alps**

ANNECY, France (AP) - For war is over. Now the real one the climbing specialists in the Tour de France, winding mountain passes and thin air will come as a relief after a week of flat

After a day's rest, the tour resumes today in the French Alps where the tough terrain can make or break champions.

American Lance Armstrong, enjoying an incredible renaissance and wearing the coveted yellow jersey for the second time, leads France's Christophe Moreau by more than two min-

The 27-year-old Texan has been training hard for the mountain stages.

But after his stunning victory in Sunday's time trial, which he said left him exhausted, today's climb was a test of his recovery

"Before coming in, we all thought I would climb better than I would time trial," Armstrong said Monday. Echoing the sentiment of many

begins at altitude. "The phoney

begins," he said after Sunday's victory in Metz. Today's 133.4-mile stage

begins in the resort of Le Grand Bornand and ends across the Italian border in the ski center of Sestrieres. The race begins downhill, but

from then on it's a daunting, relentless climb, with riders having to scale the Col du Telegraphe en route to the 8,729foot Col du Galibier.

After a descent to Briancon, the riders faced two further climbs before Sestrieres.

"I and others will have to attack," said Spaniard Abraham Olano, currently in third place, who was eclipsed by Armstrong on Sunday.

"It's looking good for Armstrong. But there are still two weeks left."

The Alps presented a chance for controversial Frenchman Richard Virenque, who tour officials tried to ban from the circuit for drug use, only to be overriders, he believes the real racing ruled by world cycling authori-

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Virenque was a member of the Festina team banned from last year's drug-plagued tour. Unlike most of his former teammates, he denies ever knowingly taking illegal substances. But Tour de France officials say he has come to epitomize drug

Trailing Armstrong by 7 minutes, 21 seconds, the four-time King of the Mountains would dearly love to grab the headlines for the right reasons.

"I have to hope that the leaders crack there," Virenque said. I hope to do well in the moun-

"My fitness is getting better and better. Every day that passes, I'm in better shape. In sporting terms, I'm now in my domain.

Racing in the Alps, where temperatures are forecast to be high today and Wednesday, is a test physical and mental endurance. Many racers openly dread it.

BOSTON (AP) — When Pete Sampras decided to join the U.S. Davis Cup team, he restricted himself to doubles to avoid upsetting those who were there from the start.

Even a masterful win over Andre Agassi in the Wimbledon final and teammate Todd Martin's entreaties haven't changed Sampras' mind as the team prepares for this weekend's quarterfinal meeting with Australia.

Sampras insisted Monday that because he wasn't part of the team when it earned the berth, his proper place at Longwood Cricket Club in Brookline is the doubles court with partner Alex O'Brien. "The last thing I want to do is

jump on the bandwagon," Sampras said. Only injuries to Jim Courier or

Martin, the current singles duo, could make him reconsider, Sampras said. "Unless that happens, I don't

think it's right," he said. "I think those guys deserve to play singles. It's their show." Earlier this year, Sampras

refused to play the Davis Cup, a

move derided by players such as Courier. But after watching a tape of the United States beating Great Britain in dramatic fashion during the first round in April, Sampras had a change of heart. "It was an inspiration to me,"

Knowing his about-face was a sensitive topic with his teammates, Sampras said he'd only play doubles when announced his willingness to join the team in June.

Since then, Martin has said

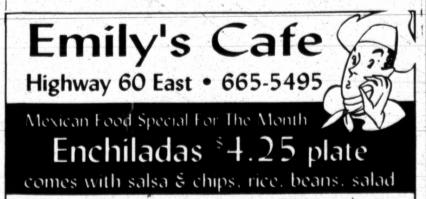
he'd step aside if coach Tom

Gullikson decided to insert Sampras in his singles spot. "I think Peter should be playing," Martin said. "I've told Tom I think we should have the best team on the court. If he thinks

that I'm not part of that, that's fine with me. Sampras, however, was not

persuaded. "I think Todd's a nice enough guy to step acide," Sampras

"It's just not something I'm comfortable doing."



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(Top, left, Left-right) Lindsay Tidwell, Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen contestant, and Clay Rice, president of Pampa Chamber of Commerce, display the buckle for Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Runner-Up. (Bottom, left, I-r) Candice Caldwell, teen contestant from Sanford, and Sonja Daniel, pageant director, look over the



scholarship certificate to be awarded Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas. (Right, I-r) James Bradley, owner of the JLB Ranch, is seen here with teen contestants Tidwell, Caldwell and Ashley Winton. The JLB Ranch donated the saddle for the teen pageant.

Calendar of events

PAMPA CHESS CLUB

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people who lived along railway lines, surrendered at a border checkpoint today in a deal brokered by his sister, officials said.

The FBI planned a news conferwho is charged in two murders and linked to six other slayings. The Texas Department of Public

DPS spokesman Mike Cox said Resendez-Ramirez surrendered at Doris Rangers Sgt. Drew Carter.

Cox said Ramirez's sister, who lives in Albuquerque, N.M., called Carter on Sunday while he was on a West Coast fishing trip and said she had been in touch with her brother through an intermediary.

deputy U.S. marshal met with the sister Sunday night and Monday glary warrant related to one of the eight slayings.

Resendez-Ramirez was being morning, Cox said.

His ability to elude law enforce- not contain those requests. ment had been an embarrassservice they wanted him for questioning in a murder.

authorities believe, he killed a 73- since January 1998. year-old woman west of Houston.

EL PASO, Texas (AP) - Rafael The following day, they say, he Resendez-Ramirez, the rail-riding killed a 26-year-old Houston fugitive suspected of killing eight schoolteacher at her home. His fingerprints then were found June 15 in Gorham, Ill., at the scene of the slaying of a 79-year-old man and his 51-year-old daughter.

INS officials said when ence in Houston to describe how it Resendez-Ramirez was in the cusgot hold of the 39-year-old drifter, tody of the Border Patrol, which apprehended him for illegal entry into the country, they didn't have information on his criminal Safety planned its own news con- records or of any outstanding warrants.

But Immigration Commissioner Meissner said the the Ysleta port of entry to Texas Immigration and Naturalization Service, parent of the Border Patrol, had multiple entries on Resendez-Ramirez in a computerized photo and fingerprint database that provides immediate identification of aliens apprehended by the Border Patrol. That Carter, an FBI agent and a computer system also is supposed to record lookouts for individuals wanted by other law to negotiate a surrender on a bur- enforcement agencies but neither the FBI nor Houston police interests in him were recorded there.

The Justice Department inspecheld at the El Paso County Jail this tor general has been ordered to investigate why the computer did

encountered INS first ment, topped by his release to Resendez-Ramirez in 1976 after Mexico by Border Patrol agents he was arrested in Michigan. He June 2, although he was wanted was returned to Mexico, but since by the FBI and Houston police that time has been deported from had earlier told the immigration the United States on three occasions — in 1985, 1987 and 1991. He was also apprehended by Two days after his release, Border Patrol agents eight times

School board votes not to remove book from library

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — A children's book about a boy whose uncle dies from AIDS will remain on library shelves at a Dallas-Fort Worth-area elementary school.

The Grapevine-Colleyville school board voted 3-1 Monday night to keep the book "Tiger Flowers" after deciding it is up to parents to screen the books their children read.

Board trustee Hayden Chasteen said during the meeting he saw nothing wrong with the book and felt it deals with grief in a con-

It's been said this is about homosexuality. After reading the story, that's not what this is about," Chasteen said.

The 29-page illustrated book hints at a homosexual relationship in its telling of a young boy's grief after an uncle dies from AIDS.

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