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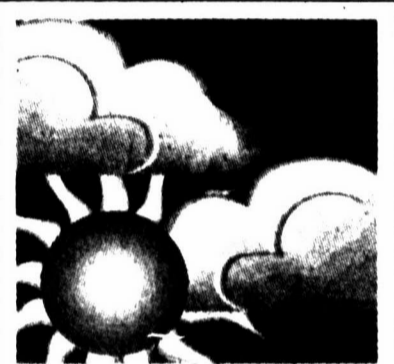
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### Police investigate stolen air bag report

Police officers are investigating circumstances surrounding a stolen air bag from a pickup at the Pampa hospital.

A 34-year-old nurse reported to police late Saturday night that an air bag and horn assembly valued at an estimated \$750 was taken from a Ford pickup parked at the Pampa Regional Medical Center, 2700 Perryton Parkway.

Officers said that someone apparently broke into the 1998 Ford Ranger pickup through the driver's door between 7 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Saturday.

Deputy Police Chief Terry Young said this is the first report he's seen of an air bag assembly being stolen from a vehicle in Pampa.

"Those things are expensive," Young said. "If you have to replace one, it's close to a \$1,000."

### Lefors Class of '65 seeking classmates

LEFORS — Lefors High School Class of 1965 is seeking classmates, teachers and friends to participate in its 35th class reunion slated July 22 at Lefors Community Center. For more information, contact Ray Carter, 835-2237, or Phil Cates, (512) 474-1072. Fax: (512) 474-2162. E-mail: cates@onr.com

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Two police officers following a car for not having license plates arrested the 35-year-old driver, who was wanted in a Texas murder case. Robert Noel Jordan fled the car at about 2 a.m. CDT.

Ruby Vola Back, 92, McLean rancher.  
Roscoe Lee Pinnell, 84, retired rancher.

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## Miami schools take first look at new budget

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
Staff Writer

MIAMI — Miami Independent School District's (MISD) board members took a first look at the 2000-2001 budget and weren't happy with what they saw, school officials say.

"Board members took a look at the budget and except for the amount sent to Austin, it will be the same this year as last year," said Allan Dinsmore, Miami ISD superintendent.

"Next year 57 percent of Miami's generated tax revenue will go to Austin," Dinsmore explained, adding that the school board is "not real happy about it."

For 1999-2000 school year, Miami ISD generated \$3.112 million in tax revenues, Dinsmore said. Of that, \$1.5 million, slightly less than 50 percent, went to Austin to help fund poorer school districts, he said.

MISD board members are considering budget scenarios using three different tax rates — \$1.50 per \$100 valuation, \$1.45 per \$100 valuation and \$1.40 per \$100 valuation.

"The board assessed \$1.50 (per \$100 valuation) this year and still ran a \$50,000 deficit budget," Dinsmore said.

"We are looking at a decrease in student population by 10 students," the superintendent said, "which means the cost per student increases."

Dinsmore said that if the tax rate remains at \$1.50, the budget deficit will be approximately \$80,000. If the board lowers the tax rate, income will be less, less will be sent to Austin, but the budget deficit will be even greater, he said.

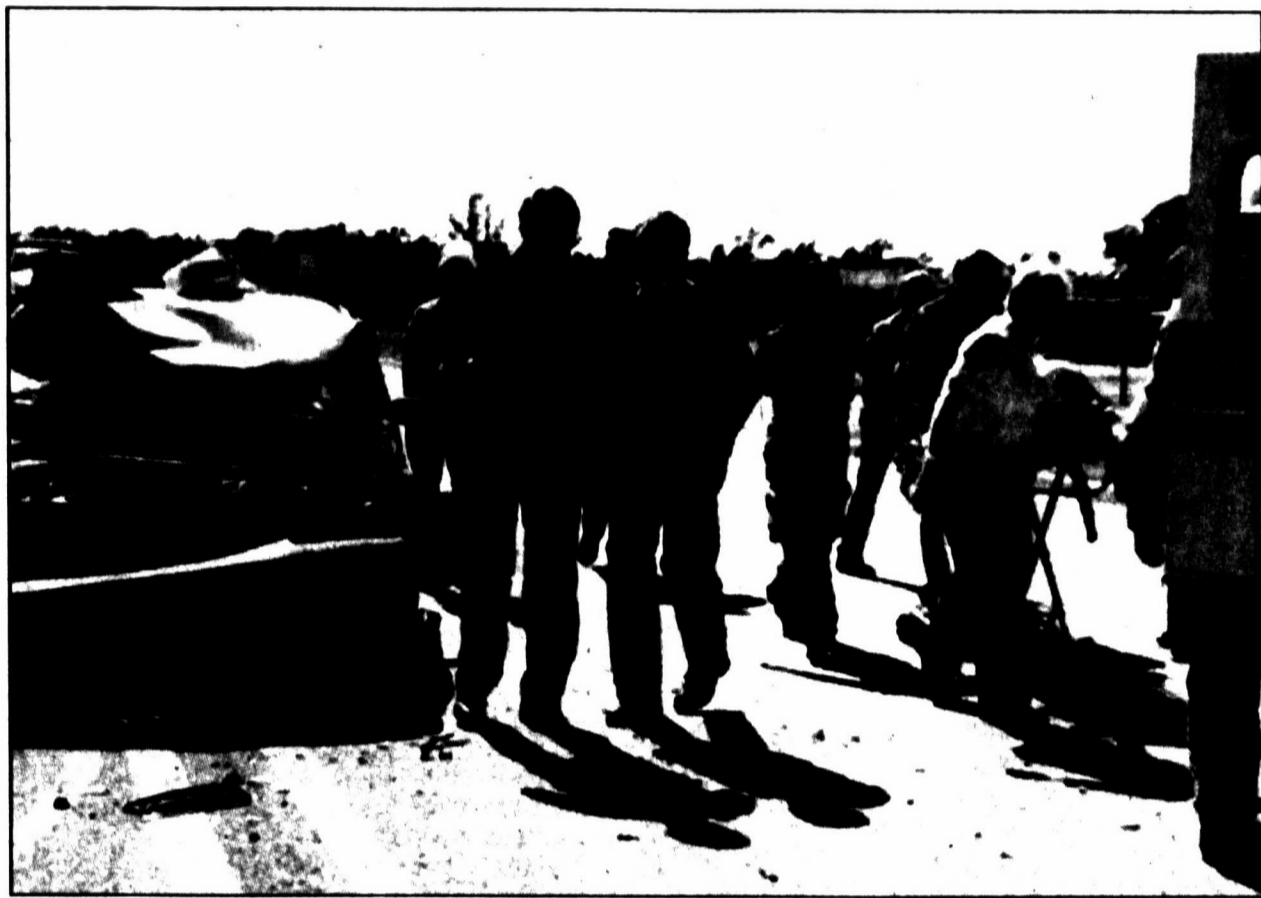
"For the last two years we've been in court with the TEA (Texas Education Agency) trying to fight this," Dinsmore said. "It didn't work out, but at least we tried."

He said \$1.50 per \$100 valuation is the maximum tax rate a school district can assess for maintenance and operation of the district. Miami's tax rate includes a 2.5 cent INS (interest and sinking fund) tax rate to pay off outstanding debts.

The school district presently has a fund balance of approximately \$850,000 which can be used to cover budget deficit, Dinsmore said.

"We either go into the fund balance or generate more revenues than we anticipate," he explained.

"The board is trying to be as frugal as possible," Dinsmore said. (See BUDGET, Page 2)



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Pampa Police Officer Cory Powell, center, and Trooper David O'Brien, center right, of the Texas Department of Public Safety compare notes at the scene of a two-car collision a half mile east of Pampa Monday afternoon. At right, firefighters and paramedics load a man injured in the accident into a waiting Rural Metro ambulance. The man was later flown by helicopter to an Amarillo hospital where he was listed in stable condition today.

## Man stable after collision

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

An Oklahoma man remained in stable condition today at an Amarillo hospital with injuries suffered in a two-car crash in Pampa Monday afternoon.

Lyle Wayne Long, 41, of Gage, Okla., was listed in stable condition at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo today after being airlifted to Amarillo by LiteStar helicopter late Monday afternoon.

Pampa police officers said

Long was eastbound on U.S. 60 near the turn off to Recreation Park and the Top O' Texas Rodeo grounds about 4:30 p.m. Monday when his maroon 1992 Chevrolet Lumina four-door sedan was in collision with an eastbound green 1995 GMC van driven by Alisa Wireman Humphrey, 35, 1120 Seneca.

Officers said the van was stopped in the roadway, attempting to make a left turn into a private drive when the two cars collided.

Authorities said neither

Humphrey nor her 10-year-old son, Joshua, who was in the van with her, were injured.

Firefighters, law enforcement and paramedics extricated Long from the crushed vehicle, while Pampa police, sheriff's deputies and Highway Patrol officers directed heavy traffic around the crash scene in the center of the roadway.

After Long was removed from the vehicle, he was taken by Rural Metro Ambulance Service to Kingsmill to meet LiteStar helicopter.

## Early voting heavy in run-off

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

Early voting is under way in the June 27 court-ordered Republican Primary runoff election for 31st District Attorney between incumbent John Mann and Roberts County Attorney Richard I. (Rick) Roach.

Gray County is experiencing a heavy turnout as a total of 278 voters voted Friday and Monday at the county clerk's office in Pampa.

A Hemphill County spokeswoman said that county is also seeing a heavy turnout as they have had approximately 72 voters. Several voters were voting in the clerk's office this morning.

Roberts County Clerk's office reported approximately 50 people have voted in the special election.

Wheeler and Lipscomb counties turnout has not been as heavy. Wheeler County Clerk's office reported 13 voters while Lipscomb's County Clerk's office reported eight voters. Both counties are predominantly Democrat.

Persons who voted in the March 14 Democratic Primary cannot vote in the runoff election. Voters who voted in the Republican Primary election are eligible to vote in the runoff as well as those who did not vote in either primary.

Early voting began Friday, June 16, and continues through Friday, June 23, at the county clerks' offices.

The county clerk's offices which are located in the county seat of each county are the location of the early voting in all five counties—Gray, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Roberts and Wheeler—of the multi-district race.

## County Clerk of the Year



Margaret Dorman

WHEELER — Wheeler County Clerk Margaret Dorman has been named "County Clerk of the Year" by the District and County Clerk's Association of Texas.

Chosen from 252 county clerks in Texas, she received the prestigious award at the DCCA awards banquet at Wichita Falls last week.

Ms. Dorman was also honored by Wheeler County residents and associates at a reception at the Wheeler County Courthouse in Wheeler Monday.

## Quite frankly... What do you think about the Supreme Court decision against student-led prayer before games?



"I don't think that prayer hurt anybody. So, why did they stop it? No one is forced to participate."

— Jennifer Villegas



"It shouldn't be ruled out. They don't have to participate. Those that want to pray should be allowed to do so."

— Tawnie Crain



"I feel it is ridiculous because our country was founded on trust in God. If they can't pray in school, it's no wonder all these horrible things are happening to our children these days."

— Elizabeth Orr



"I think they ought to have student prayer anywhere and everywhere they want to do so."

— DeAun Taylor



"It's horrible. Prayer and God are an essential part to bringing up morally-strong citizens."

— Jeremy Pierce

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# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**PINNELL**, Roscoe Lee — 2 p.m., Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors, Amarillo. Graveside services, 3:30 p.m., Memorial Park Cemetery, Vega.

## Obituaries

### RUBY VOLA BACK

**McLEAN** — Ruby Vola Back, 92, died Friday, June 16, 2000. Services were Monday in McLean Church of Christ with Jim Reyna, minister, and George Watson, retired Church of Christ minister from McLean, officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Westside Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mrs. Back was born Oct. 1, 1907, at Cumberland Mountain, Tenn. She married Neville Gayhart Back on June 27, 1942, at Amarillo; he died in March 1988. The couple ranched and raised horses. She owned a cafe in Dumas prior to moving to McLean in 1946. She was a member of Shamrock Ladies Club of Dumas, McLean Church of Christ and Ladies Quilting Club of McLean.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Bentley of Amarillo; a sister, Alma Turner of Tyrone, Okla.; a brother, Jay Randolph of Liberal, Kan.; three grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

### ROSCOE LEE PINNELL

**AMARILLO** — Roscoe Lee Pinnell, 84, died Saturday, June 17, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors of Amarillo with the Rev. Bill Fitzgerald officiating. Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. in Memorial Park West at Vega.

Mr. Pinnell was born at Canadian and graduated from Pampa High School. He married Ola Ruth Wells in 1937 at Miami; she died in 1974. He moved to Hereford in 1939 and to Adrian in 1944. After retiring from farming and ranching in 1979, he relocated to Amarillo and joined San Jacinto United Methodist Church.

He married Alma Irene Zaring in 1977 at Adrian.

Survivors include his wife, Alma; two daughters, Judy Chism of Adrian and Linda Pohlmeier of Amarillo; two sons, Edward Lee Pinnell of Wagon Mound, N.M., and Phil Pinnell of Plainview; two stepdaughters, Myrna Jackson of Vega and Patty Bannister of Canada; a stepson, Jimmy Zaring of Borger; a sister, Opel Johnson Perry of Dumas; 17 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to San Jacinto United Methodist Church.

## Carson Co. Sheriff

The Carson County Sheriff's Department reported two persons booked into the Carson County Jail during the week of June 12-18, 2000. Currently, Carson has 11 persons incarcerated and eight additional prisoners being held in other jurisdictions.

### June 12-18, 2000

Callie Freeman, 44, White Deer, was arrested for DWI-open container.

Adam Mechelke, 18, Chippewa Falls, Wisc., was arrested for possession of controlled substance and possession of marijuana.

Merle Polk, 77, Pampa, was arrested for DWI.

## Hoover Fire Dept.

The Hoover Fire Department reported the following fire runs during the month of May, 2000.

### May 24, 2000

2:30 p.m. - Two units and four personnel were dispatched to a grass fire at the intersection of Highway 70 and Highway 283. Both units were returned to service before reaching the scene.

5:30 p.m. - Six units and 13 personnel responded to a major grass fire on Turkey Track Road one mile east of Farm Road 2391. Hoover personnel were aided by units from the Miami Volunteer Fire Department.

6:30 p.m. - One unit and four personnel responded to a grass fire on Highway 70 one mile west of Moody Farms.

Hoover personnel were aided by one unit from the Pampa Fire Department. Hoover personnel remained on the scene following the extinguishment of both fires to provide storm warnings for the northern Gray County and southern Roberts County areas during the inclement weather which was occurring at the time.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atchafalaya Grain of Pampa:		Columbia/HCA	29.9/16	up 3/8
Wheat	2.49	Enron	69.7/8	dn 1/16
Milo	2.65	Halibut	46.5/16	dn 1/16
Corn	3.22	HR	10	dn 1/8
Soybeans	4.15	KMI	33.1/4	dn 5/8
		Kerr McGee	59.7/8	dn 5/8
		Limited	21.1/16	NC
		McDonald's	31.5/8	up 1/8
		Exxon Mobil	82.1/16	dn 2
		New Atmos	28.5/16	dn 1/4
		NCE	32.15/16	dn 5/16
		OKE	28.1/16	dn 1/2
		Pennyc's	17.7/8	dn 1/8
		Phillips	54.7/16	dn 5/16
		Pioneer Nat.	13.1/16	dn 1/16
		SLB	72.5/8	dn 1/16
		Tenneco	6.11/16	dn 1/16
		Texasco	55.7/16	dn 13/16
		Ultramar	26.9/16	dn 5/16
		Wal Mart	53.11/16	dn 11/16
		Williams	43	dn 7/8
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:				
Amoco	56.7/16	dn 1		
Exxon	28.7/8	dn 5/8		
Exxon (ORG)	22.5/8	dn 7/16		
Chevron	90	dn 1/8		
Coca Cola	53.1/2	dn 15/16		
		New York Gold	286.25	
		Silver	5.02	
		West Texas Crude	31.38	

## City police release May 2000 crime statistics

Pampa police drove more than 16,000 miles and filed more than 300 reports in May, according to their monthly crime report.

According to the May activity report published monthly by the Pampa Police Department, officers drove 16,810 miles. They filed 196 incident reports, 25 accident reports

and 40 arrest reports. Officers also filed out 87 supplemental reports.

Police Chief Charlie Morris said officers in the department issued 169 warnings. Officers made 294 traffic stops.

According to the department's records, there were three aggravated assaults and 38 simple assaults.

There were two reports of sexual assault. There were 22 burglaries reported and 41 reports of larceny. There were seven forgeries.

There were nine reports of drug law violations.

Morris said there were three vehicle thefts and 38 reports of vandalism.

## Police report

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

### Monday, June 19

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of North Hobart.

A cell phone was reportedly taken from a 1988 Chevrolet Blazer about 3 p.m. Monday parked in the 2200 block of North Hobart.

A woman in the 1200 block of Mary Ellen reported theft of services.

### Tuesday, June 20

A gas drive-off was reported about 1:40 a.m. today at the Allsup's convenience store at 140 S. Starkweather.

## Sheriff's Office

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

### Monday, June 19

Stephen Michael McMahon, 41, 701 N. Zimmers, was arrested by Gray County deputies about 4 p.m. Monday on charges of aggravated sex assault.

Michael Lynn Dubose, 40, 520 Yeager, was arrested by Gray County deputies for probation violation.

Brandon Dewayne Stevens, 22, 514 N. Sumner, was arrested by Gray County deputies in connection with driving while intoxicated and probation violation charges from Lubbock.

Erik Thomas Black, 17, 412 W. 17th, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and failure to appear.

Kathryn Ann Moss, 43, of Clarendon, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of issuance of a bad check.

Taylor Mart at 404 N. Ballard reported two gas drive-offs about 10:15 p.m. Monday.

A woman in the 1800 block of North Dwight reported the theft of her dog about 5:45 p.m. Monday.

## Accidents

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

### Monday, June 19

An accident with injuries was reported in the 2500 block of East Frederic (U.S. Highway 60) about 4:30 p.m. Monday. A four door sedan driven by Lyle Wayne Long, 41, of Gage, Okla., was in collision with a 1995 van driven by Alisa Wireman Humphrey, 35, 1120 Seneca. Long was airlifted to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

A 1999 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Mary Lee Adamson, 21, 1331 Charles, was in collision with a 1982 Chevrolet Citation driven by Opal Irene Henderson, 87, 1200 N. Wells #29, about 12:30 p.m. Monday in the 200 block of North Cuyler. Officers said Adamson was backing out of a parking place when the collision occurred. Adamson was cited for backing without safety.

## Ambulance

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

### Monday, June 19

9:26 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Neel Road and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

1:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC a patient transfer to BSA-West, Amarillo.

4:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to East Highway 60 and transported one to mutual aid, LifeStar.

5:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to 2600 block of North Hobart and transported one to PRMC.

6:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Reid and transported one to PRMC.

7:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC for patient transfer to VA Medical Center, Amarillo.

8:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of Dogwood and transported one to PRMC.

## Fires

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

### Monday, June 19

3:33 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a smoke scare in the 100 block of West 19th.

4:39 p.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision one-half mile east of Pampa on U.S. Highway 60.

5:11 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2600 block of North Hobart.

## Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	1-888-Energas
Fire	911

## BUDGET

said. "We're hoping for relief from the state legislature when it meets again."

The superintendent said if a school district continues to dip into its reserves, the district will eventually go bankrupt.

"You lose the reserves and in time you lose the school," he said. "Alanreed is a good example. It could not afford to operate and it finally had to close its doors and I believe went with McLean (school district)."

Since the Edgewood vs. Kirby decision some years ago, Texas school districts considered "rich" have been mandated to send a portion of its revenue to the State of Texas which in turn sends the funds to poorer school districts, primarily in high population areas in south and central parts of the state.

In other action, the school board received a Certificate of Commendation from the TEA as an exemplary school for its use of Title I funds to improve educational scores of at-risk students.

Darlene Dunnam was named as authorized representative for the National School Lunch and Child Nutrition programs.

Board members also read a note from retired school secretary, Kristi Kauk, thanking the board for her retirement reception and for the privilege of working with them through the years.

Current bills were approved for payment. Board

members also heard a tax collector's report indicating that 99.3 percent of the 1999-2000 taxes had been collected with approximately \$22,000 yet to be collected.

Board members also approved a re-application to receive a Title I, Part A school wide waiver for the next three years.

"Title I's targeted population is economically disadvantaged students or students whose home life makes them at-risk," Dinsmore said. "If you become 'school-wide,' you can provide these services for all students."

The board also signed contracts with Region XVI for Internet access, filtering, staff development, technical assistance, management training and such things as films, tapes, and computer software.

Before going into executive session to discuss personnel, the board formally approving a \$35,000 grant request by the school district to the Technological Infrastructure Fund for school library improvements.

Dinsmore explained the grant would include hardware, software and wiring needed to place the Miami school library on the Texas Library Connection, a statewide library cooperative which would give the district access to 4 million books, 22,000 different magazines, and government records.

"If we get the grant, we hope to open the school library to the public two or three nights a week," the superintendent said.

## FTYROW leads May traffic violations

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

Pampa's police chief said he was not surprised that failure to yield right of way (FTYROW) was the leading violation in traffic accidents in Pampa during the month of May, but he was somewhat surprised by the number of accidents involving fixed objects or parked cars.

"That up a little," said Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris, reviewing the monthly traffic report put out by the department.

While the police department has cracked down on traffic violations, the number of accidents still comes back to the driver of the vehicles involved.

"Driver inattention is the number one cause in accidents," Morris said.

Failure to control speed accounted for eight of the accidents. Drinking was involved in two accidents.

There were nine violations of failure to yield right of way involved in accidents in Pampa during the fifth month of the

year, the most common violation listed. There were only three speed violations. The department reported five insurance violations and three drivers license violations.

Of the 28 non injury accidents reported during May, five involved a fixed object, including trees and fences; six involved parked vehicles. Seventeen were involved two or more vehicles.

The 1200 block of North Hobart had the highest rate of non injury accidents, but there were only two. The same intersection also had the highest rate of accidents with injuries. Again, there were only two.

Thursday turned out to be the worst day to be on Pampa streets. There were nine non injury accidents reported on Thursdays during May. Wednesdays were the second worst with five non injury accidents reported.

There were four non injury accidents reported on Saturdays and four reported on Sundays. There were two each reported on Fridays, Mondays and Tuesdays.

Monday was the worst day for

accidents which involved injuries. There were three injuries reported in accidents that happened on Mondays, two injuries in accidents on Fridays, and two injuries in accidents on Tuesdays.

While Thursday was the worst day for accidents with no injuries, there was only one accident on Thursday that resulted in injuries.

Only one of the accidents involving a fixed object resulted in injury. The rest involved two or more vehicles.

Most of the accidents in May happened between noon and 2 p.m., Morris said. Four of the 10 accidents involving injuries were between noon and 2 p.m. Two were between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. The rest were spread out during the day.

Fortunately, Morris said, there were no fatalities and no incapacitating injuries reported. Of the 13 injuries suffered in accidents in May, six were non-incapacitating injuries. Seven involved possible injuries, according to police reports.

## Pampan surrenders on assault charge

A Pampa man was free on \$25,000 bond today after surrendering to Gray County Sheriff's deputies on a charge of aggravated sexual assault.

Stephen Michael McMahon, 41, 701 N. Zimmers, surrendered to law enforcement officers about 4 p.m. Monday. McMahon was indicted in April by a Gray County grand jury in the aggravated sexual assault of the 5-

year-old daughter of a former girl friend.

Authorities said that Pampa police officers began investigating the case in March when they received a tip from a Child Protection Services case worker.

Officers said the little girl told her mother that McMahon had touched her private parts. The mother told case workers, who notified police.

McMahon told officers the little girl's mother was mad at him because he had broken up with her after living with her off and on for three and a half years.

A Gray County grand jury true billed McMahon April 4, for sexual penetration of the little girl orally, vaginally and anally.

Judge Steven Emmert in 31st District Court set bond for McMahon at \$25,000.

## City accepts property bids

As part of the city's continuing dilapidated housing demolition project the following bids have been accepted for delinquent tax property.

Building official Danny Winborne told city commissioners that in many cases it is the adjoining property owners who buy the lots. There is a requirement the lots be maintained by the purchaser.

The most recent bids approved were:

- \$50 bid by Randy Malone for 543 Maple
- \$50 bid by Randy Malone for 533 Maple
- \$1,050 by Billie Steele for 517 N. Christy
- \$100 by Rodney Herndon for 210 E. Ford
- \$400 by Gloria Madrid for 925 E. Murphy
- \$500 by Belinda Nolte for 416 N. Wells
- \$500 by Arturo Villarreal for 519 Christy.

## Weather focus

**PAMPA** — Partly sunny today with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. High in the low 90s and winds from the south-southwest at 15 to 25 mph and gusty.

Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms, some possibly severe and a low of 60 to 65. Winds will be from the southwest at 10 to 20 mph, shifting to the north late. Wednesday, partly sunny with highs in the mid 80s and a 30 percent chance of rain. Wednesday evening, partly cloudy with a high in the low 60s and a continued chance of rain. High Monday was 86 and the low, 67.

**STATEWIDE** — Showers and thunderstorms were once again

rumbling across parts of Texas on Tuesday, with more rainfall predicted through midweek.

National Weather Service radar showed showers and thunderstorms from the south-western South Plains into the far west and Big Bend region, moving east around 30 mph.

Permian Basin residents felt the brunt of the stronger storms overnight, with strong winds, small hail and very heavy rain. Amounts have ranged from a half-inch of rain to almost five inches in some locations. Scattered showers and thunderstorms were also moving across the Edwards Plateau into West Texas.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 60s in the north and west to 80s along the coast.

It was 82 degrees at Rockport and 76 at Junction, Burnet, New Braunfels and Conroe.

Winds were generally southerly to southwesterly at 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts near thunderstorms.

A continued chance of showers or thunderstorms was forecast through Wednesday, along with partly to mostly cloudy skies.

Highs should range from the 80s to 90s, except near 103 along the Big Bend of the Rio Grande.

Lows overnight were expected in the mid-50s in the southwestern and northern mountains to near 80 in the south.

On Monday, afternoon highs were in the 80s and 90s, ranging from 97 at Candelaria in the Big Bend to 82 at McLean.

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## Trade deficit narrows slightly as imports fall, according to Commerce Department

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's trade deficit, after setting records every month this year, finally posted a small decline to \$30.4 billion in April as imports fell for the first time in 15 months.

Even with the overall improvement, the imbalance with China widened and the deficit with Japan set a record.

The Commerce Department said Tuesday that the small, 0.4 percent decline from a record-high trade imbalance of \$30.6 billion in April reflected in large part a drop in crude oil prices after nine consecutive monthly increases.

Even with April's improvement, the deficit for the first four months of this year is running at an annual rate of \$350 billion, far surpassing last year's record deficit of \$265 billion.

The government said the broadest measure of trade, the current account, climbed to a record of \$102.3 billion in the first three months of this year, up 6.3 percent from a \$96.2 billion deficit in the fourth quarter of 1999.

The current account includes not only trade in goods and services, which are contained in the monthly figures the government releases, but also investment flows and foreign aid payments.

On Wall Street, stocks were mixed early Tuesday. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 51 points while the Nasdaq index was up 45 points.

The soaring trade deficits are the major flaw in an otherwise remarkable U.S. economy, now in a record 10th year of uninterrupted growth that has driven unemployment rates to their lowest levels in three decades.

The Clinton administration contends the deficit reflects the gap between America's remarkably strong economic performance and slower growth overseas.

Critics say the deficits represent a failure of the administration's trade policies, which they contend have left American workers at the mercy of foreign nations with lower labor costs and lax environmental standards.

President Clinton is pushing Congress for approval of a landmark trade agreement with China, which he contends will open the world's largest market to American exporters.

Labor unions argue that Congress should hold on to its annual review of China's trade privileges as leverage to get the country to improve its worker and human rights policies. The House approved the China legislation last month but the Senate has yet to act.

For April, the deficit with Japan hit an all-time high of \$7.3 billion, up 7.4 percent from March. Imports from Japan had hit an all-time high in March and were down only slightly in April.

The deficit with China rose 14.7 percent to \$5.8 billion and for the first four months is running 22.6 percent above the levels of a year ago.

America's deficit of \$3.9 billion with Canada, its largest trading partner, was the second highest level on record.

The slight \$168 million narrowing in the overall trade deficit reflected a 0.2 percent decline in imports to \$117.1 billion, the first decline in imports since December 1998.

Exports of goods and services were off a tiny 0.03 percent to \$86.7 billion with the weakness confined to services, which includes such things as airline tickets and copyright payments. Exports of goods were up slightly to a record \$62.6 billion, reflecting a big jump in airline sales and strong increases in American exports of telecommunications equipment and computer accessories.

The slight drop in imports reflected a 7.1 percent decline in energy

## WT provides alternative energy radio field day

CANYON — The Alternative Energy Institute at West Texas A&M University will be the host site when the Panhandle Amateur Radio Club conducts its annual 24-hour Field Day to practice emergency communication skills slated June 24 and 25.

AEI will provide access to solar panels and wind turbines for charging the batteries that will be used to power radios as the club broadcasts from 7 p.m. Saturday, June 24 until 7 p.m. Sunday, June 25 at AEI's Wind Test Center. The AEI complex is located on WTAMU Drive, across from the President's Home (the northeast portion of campus).

Field Day is an event devised to demonstrate the communication ability of the amateur radio community in simulated emergency situations such as floods and earthquakes. As many as 100 area radio operators are expected to take shifts on approximately five radios at WTAMU, simultaneously attempting to make as many long-distance contacts as possible within the allotted 24-hour time period.

But Field Day is also a friendly competition among amateur radio clubs affiliated with the American Radio Relay League, and 2,100 clubs with more than 31,000 individuals across the U.S. and Canada participated in last year's Field Day. Bonus points are awarded to those clubs that use alternative energy sources such as solar and wind power during Field Day because an actual emergency might render power from public utilities useless.

"If all our power was down, the sun would still be shining or

the wind would still be blowing," Ken Starcher, AEI assistant director, said. "When the amateur radio group asked us if they could use our facilities for their Field Day, it just seemed like something we could do in the way of good, common sense preparedness. We had the space, and we are glad to help."

During last year's Field Day, the local radio group made contacts as far away as Northern Ireland and South America, according to Howard Palechek, PARC president.

"We scored something like 690 points last year at Southeast Park in Canyon, which was pretty good," Palechek said. "With the alternative energy behind us at AEI, I bet we'll easily improve on that this year."

And if a disastrous tornado or flood were to strike the area, alternative energy would enable emergency communications to continue, perhaps more efficiently than by other means, Starcher said.

"If the utilities failed and we had to keep a computer running for two days on campus, we've got what it takes," Starcher said.

"By going through this procedure with PARC, we can also see what they might run into in the way of unexpected difficulties, and that may pay off for us at WT if we ever run into a disaster. Perhaps we'll learn something from them — another good reason for lending our support."

Palechek said the public is welcome to join in the fun of Field Day, and anyone with an interest in amateur radios can try their hand at broadcasting.

"If they just stop by and ask to try it out, we'll let them take a whack at it," he said.

## Outstanding staffers



(Community Camera photo)

Pampa Middle School staff members (above) Wendi Cavellier, Deanna Koop, Dana Ketchersid, Evan Smith, Jeanna Miller and Jerry Owens were recently recognized by their co-workers for dedication and hard work. Each staff member was presented a rose for every year of service at the middle school. Each will either be working at other positions in the district or moving out of town next year.

## TNRCC under sunset review

AUSTIN (AP) — In a state that faces serious environmental threats, Texas regulators need to pay more attention to citizens' complaints and give more power and independence to its public interest counsel, according to a report by Sunset Advisory Commission staff.

The 10-member sunset commission, while recommending that the Legislature allow the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to continue in existence, says 200 lakes and streams do not meet clean-water standards, four urban areas violate smog rules, and toxic releases exceed those of any other state.

Sunset commission members will consider the findings in a three-day public hearing that opens Tuesday at the Capitol Extension. Representatives of environmental groups, consumer organizations, industry groups and the conservation commission were expected to testify.

The conservation commission, as the state's main environmental agency, exerts broad influence on the environment and economy, regulating everything from agricultural runoff to disposal of radioactive waste.

The sunset commission report stated that TNRCC respond better to citizen complaints made after business hours. The report also recommends better tracking of compliance by regulated entities and earmarking a percentage of permit fees and other revenues for innovative regulatory programs.

After the Huntsman Corp. activated its expanded chemical plant in Odessa, many residents complained about air emissions, with 3,100 people signing a complaint submitted to the TNRCC.

However, the emissions — lingering for a two-week period in late 1998 and early 1999 — did not show up on monitoring devices.

## Branch Davidian trial set to get under way

WACO, Texas (AP) — Jaunessa Wendel was 8 years old on Feb. 28, 1993, when government agents raided the Branch Davidian compound where she lived with her family. Natalie Nobrega, also a resident of Mount Carmel, was 10.

The two girls were injured during the raid that triggered a standoff and led to the fiery siege on April 19 that resulted in the deaths of some 80 Davidians. Both girls also lost parents in the 51-day ordeal.

They are among the witnesses scheduled to take the stand Tuesday following opening statements in the wrongful death trial against the government.

Testimony will focus on whether government agents used excessive force during the botched ATF raid that turned into a bloody gunfight, said Michael Caddell, lead counsel for the plaintiffs. Six Davidians were killed in

the raid, as well as four ATF agents.

"Those four guys were victims of the same bad tactics, bad management and bad decision-making that ultimately resulted in the deaths of so many Davidians," said Caddell.

Plaintiffs' attorneys say agents fired indiscriminately at the compound even though women and children were inside.

U.S. Attorney Michael Bradford, lead counsel for the government, said the agents were ambushed by the sect and were firing back in defense of their lives. In 1994, five Davidians were convicted of voluntary manslaughter in the agents' deaths.

U.S. District Judge Walter Smith also is expected Tuesday to decide whether key testimony and documents from FBI negotiators who were at the compound will be allowed before the seven-member jury selected Monday.



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## Opinion

# So why not give trade a chance?

■ The same principles used for China should be applied to Cuba.

The same free-market logic that applies to China — opening trade as a way to open the door to freedom — certainly applies to every other totalitarian regime out there.

That's the compelling argument made by U.S. Rep. George Nethercutt, R-Wash., as he secured passage of an amendment to the agricultural appropriations bill that lifts sanctions on food and medicine to Cuba, Libya, Iran, Sudan and North Korea. It's a limited bill that continues to restrict U.S.-provided credit guarantees and allows the re-imposition of sanctions under certain situations.

After three years of trying, the House appropriations committee has passed the Nethercutt amendment — but Republican leadership is looking for ways to remove it from the final bill. The leadership's efforts seem guided more by politics — i.e., the power of the Cuban exile community than by any consistency in promoting open markets.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., told the Washington press corps that there's a clear difference between China and the other nations — Cuba, in particular. The Chinese government, he said, has made efforts to loosen control over the country, whereas Fidel Castro and other nations' dictators haven't.

That certainly is so. But the point of opening up trade, of eliminating sanctions that punish a nation's people rather than its dictator, is not to reward the country's government.

It is to provide the means for more private dealings to occur so that the government eventually loses its ironclad grip over the country's people. It is to give U.S. companies the freedom to pursue business opportunities wherever they can find them. In particular, Nethercutt, who represents a large agricultural area in eastern Washington, wants to open markets to farmers.

Sanctions, by the way, have been notoriously ineffective in removing brutal dictators from power. Fidel Castro continues to rule his land as tyrannically as ever, and sanctions merely give him a ready target to blame for his country's failed economic policies.

It's understandable why so many U.S. politicians are unwilling to reduce economic restrictions on Cuba. The communist government continues to torment its own people and to rail against the United States.

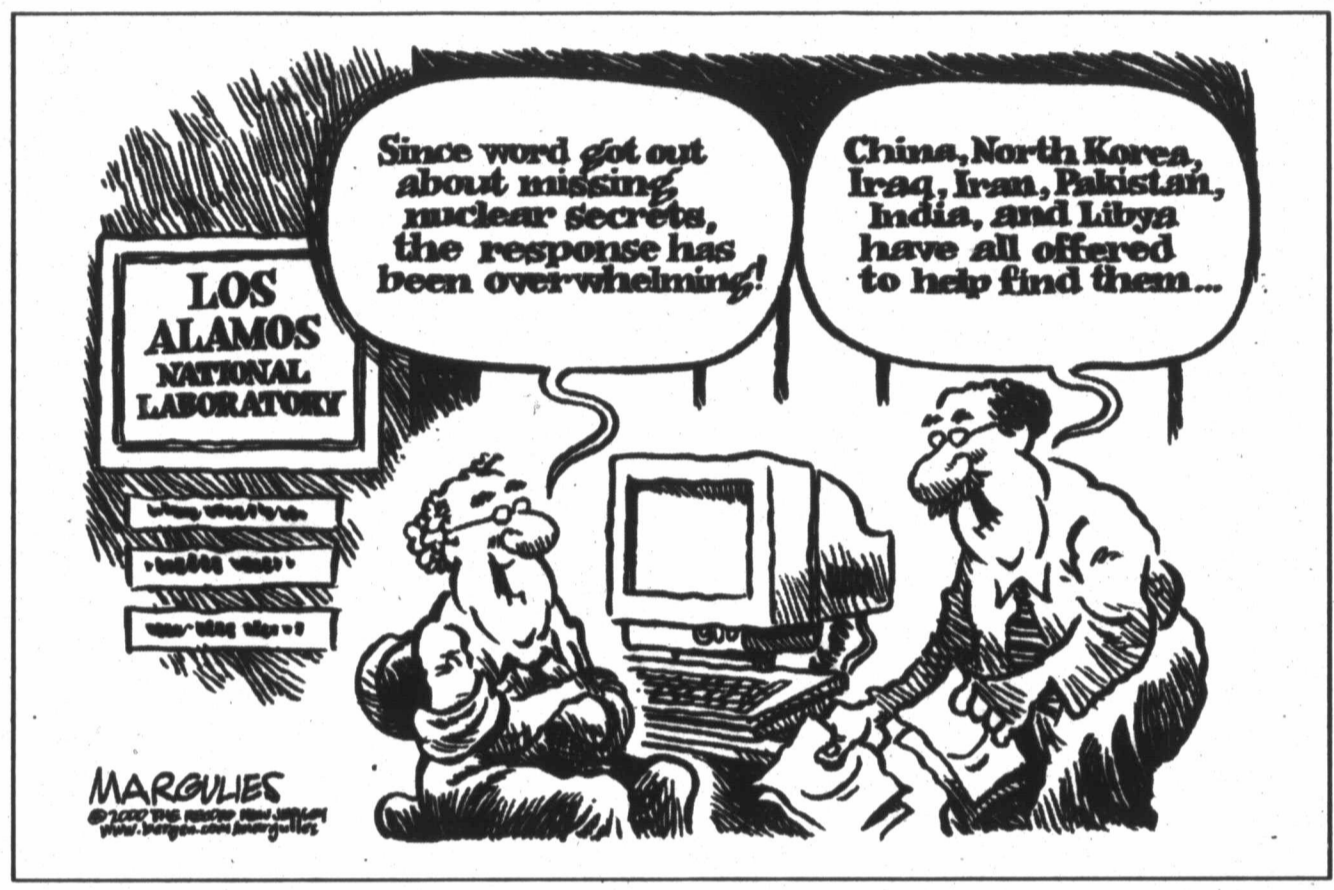
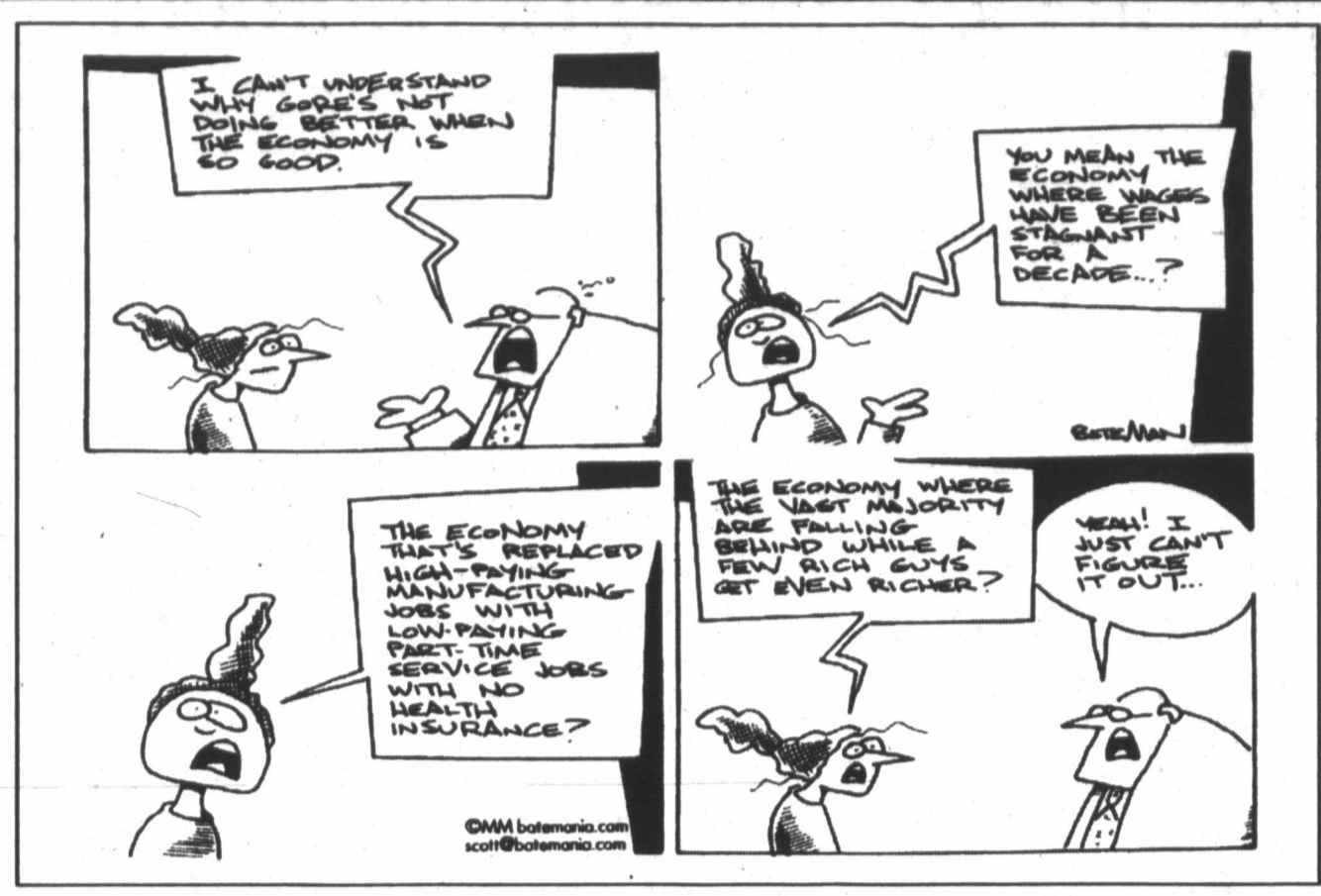
As a result of political realities, Nethercutt has said that he would rather remove Cuba from the list than jeopardize the entire amendment, though he continues to right for Cuba's inclusion.

That's understandable. Still, it's too bad that some congressional leaders seem to believe that making a political point about tyranny should rank above actually doing something that might someday undermine an oppressive government.

"This vote on China has really brought things to a head" with regard to the GOP leadership's philosophical inconsistencies, Rob Neal, legislative aide to Nethercutt, said.

America has tried embargoes and bluster against Cuba for 40 years. All we are saying is give free trade a chance.

—Odessa American



## Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, June 20, the 172nd day of 2000. There are 194 days left in the year. Summer begins at 9:48 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

On June 20, 1782, Congress approved the Great Seal of the United States.

On this date:

In 1756, in India, a group of British soldiers were imprisoned in a suffocating cell that gained notoriety as the "Black Hole of Calcutta"; most died.

In 1837, Queen Victoria ascended the British throne following the death of her uncle, King William IV.

In 1863, West Virginia became the 35th state.

In 1893, a jury in New Bedford, Mass., found Lizzie Borden innocent of the ax murders of her father and stepmother.

In 1898, during the Spanish-American War, the U.S. cruiser *Charleston* captured the Spanish-ruled island of Guam.

In 1943, race riots erupted in Detroit; federal troops were sent in two days later to quell the violence that resulted in more than 30 deaths.

In 1947, Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel was shot dead at the Beverly Hills, Calif., mansion of his girlfriend, Virginia Hill, apparently at the order of mob associates.

In 1963, the United States and Soviet Union signed an agreement to set up a "hot line" between the two superpowers.

In 1967, boxer Muhammad Ali was convicted in Houston of violating Selective Service laws by refusing to be drafted. (Ali's conviction was ultimately overturned by the Supreme Court.)

In 1979, ABC News correspondent Bill Stewart was shot to death in Managua, Nicaragua, by a member of President Anastasio Somoza's national guard.

Ten years ago: South African black nationalist Nelson Mandela and his wife, Winnie, arrived in New York City for a ticker-tape parade in their honor as they began an eight-city U.S. tour.

# Live each moment to the fullest ...

I've added something new to our backyard this summer — a hammock. It's nothing fancy, just a little camping hammock I got from Wally World.

With all the rainy weather we've had lately I haven't gotten to use it much, but when I have... Well, it's very close to heaven.

Strung across our grape arbor frame, the hammock gently swings with my weight. I watch the birds and the jets fly by. Clouds drift across the sky. Breezes ruffle the grass and my cat's fur as she relaxes beside me.

*Carpe diem* — Latin for "seize the day." Cheryl Berzanskis, writer of the Church Page column "From the Back Pew," introduced me to this ancient concept many years ago. The phrase beckons you to take each moment and live it to the fullest.

How easy it is to let the days run together into weeks, months, and years like a faucet turned on full blast.

My hammock is one attempt to turn the faucet's handle and slow the flow down to a drip, at least once in awhile.

My family moved from a ranch near Alanreed shortly after I turned 13. Our new home in Minden, La., had no place for our horse Bess. So she was sold.

For 25 years I had a secret wish that someone would surprise me at Christmas or on my birthday with a horse.



Dee Dee Laramore  
Staff writer

Let me go back a little further...

When I was seven years old, I have a clear memory of my mother standing in front of me in our kitchen on Sandlewood Drive.

"I have a surprise for you, something you've wanted a long time," she said.

"A horse!" I cried.

After she and my dad finished laughing, she said, "No, a baby."

I confess I had been asking for a baby sister or brother, but a horse really seemed like a better deal.

A few months later, I got a baby sister named Tracey. I wouldn't trade her for the world.

Still, at age 38, I secretly longed for a horse to call my own.

*Carpe diem.*  
It takes a long time for things to get through

my brain. Somehow, the meaning of the phrase filtered through the jello that fills my skull. One day I realized no one was going to surprise me with a horse as a gift.

Along with that revelation came another epiphany.

If I wanted a horse, then I had the power to get one! I didn't have to depend on someone else to supply me with what I felt I needed.

I was a grown woman, about to become a grandmother. I was employed. I had the money to buy a horse. I had enough intelligence to figure out how to take care of it once I got it.

Shortly afterward, "T.J.," a great big spotted 1100-pound pet, came into my life. Actually, he's a roan Appaloosa.

We have had wonderful adventures in the past seven years. I call him my nerve medicine, because time spent with him calms me like nothing else.

Weather and my work schedule has limited my riding time lately, but I'm sure I'll get back in the saddle soon.

Meanwhile, just going out in the country long enough to feed him every day is soothing.

So is rocking away in my hammock and watching the clouds.

*Carpe diem.* Seize the day. Seize life for all it's worth.

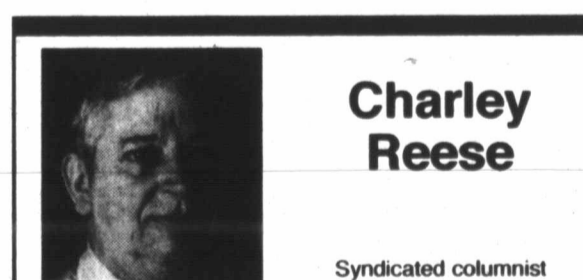
# Get involved in the political process

The political season is upon us, and it's time for Americans to consider getting personally involved in the process of self-government. In short, pick your candidate and join his or her campaign as a volunteer.

There is great cynicism about politics, encouraged in part by journalists, but we have to put aside cynicism and recognize a few basic truths.

There is nothing dishonorable about politics. It reflects the people who are in it. If the good people leave politics to the bad people, then good folks have no one to blame but themselves for the sorry results. The only alternative to choosing rulers with ballots is to choose them with bullets. Trust me, whatever defects our system has, it is far better than elections won or lost with gunfire and death. One of the blessings we as Americans have is the knowledge that ours is virtually the only revolution in the history of the world that did not produce a dictator. People alive at that time understood that was because of the character of George Washington, which is why he was so revered — and deserves today to be revered.

You should also realize that you will be ruled. Your only choice is whether you will play a role in who rules you or will choose to accept passively whoever ends up in power election night. I urge you to become active. The price of the freedom the American Revolution won for us is active participation



Charley Reese  
Syndicated columnist

in the process of maintaining it.

Moreover, politics can be fun. If you are a young person with an empty summer facing you or one of those fortunate retired people who has time and energy, you should seriously consider volunteering to be a full-time worker in a campaign. There is simply no better way to learn the realities of the American political system. You will find excitement and comradeship and might well form friendships that will extend far beyond the campaign.

One of the exciting things about a political campaign is that the huge amount of work necessary for victory has to be done by a certain time. Time becomes the most valuable asset of a campaign. Working under deadline pressure is very stimulating, at least for some folks.

All of the tasks — fund raising, voter identification, media buys, speeches and public appearances have to be done simultaneously on an ongoing basis, and that takes a lot of

volunteers. A political campaign is, after all, one big communications project.

The best candidate in the world cannot get elected unless a majority of the turnout plus one know who the candidates are, know what they stand for, and are motivated to get off the couch and go to the polling place. Nobody can win with supporters who stay home, a point to remember when evaluating early opinion polls.

All the poll tells you, even if it is done perfectly, is whom people say they would vote for if the election were held that day and if they decided to vote. The only thing that really counts is who actually votes on election day. If there is a turnout of only 10 percent of the eligible voters, then you can win with 5 percent plus one vote. That means that 95 percent of the eligible voters are going to be ruled by a person they didn't vote for. It's their fault, not the winner's.

Let me also caution you against seeking the perfect candidate — a candidate who agrees with you 100 percent on 100 percent of the issues. This country is far too diverse to expect that, and people who demand it are usually fanatics.

The twin perils that could sink this country are fanaticism and apathy. Virtue lies in the middle of those extremes. Finally, have faith. Don't succumb to cynicism. The past cannot dictate the future unless people allow it to do so. Americans have the power to create a wonderful future if only they will exercise it.

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# Calendar of events

## TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Furr's Cafeteria.

## PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY

The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m., sharp. For further information call Bob Andersen 665-4252 or J.B Walker at 669-2266.

## PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

## ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star, has changed their meeting nights from the first and third Tuesdays to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

## OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule - seven days a week - two meetings a day - noon till 1 p.m. no smoking, and Tuesday and Thursday 8-9 p.m. call 665-9702 for information.

## TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Womens Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

## FPC SUMMER HOURS

Frank Phillips College in Borger will begin observing summer hours May 26. From May 26 through Aug. 11, the college offices will be open from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and from 7:30 a.m.-12 noon Friday.

## SKELLY-GETTY-TEXACO RETIREES CLUB

Skelly-Getty-Texaco Retirees Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22 at the Senior Citizens Center.

## PAS DANCE

Pampa Area Singles will hold a dance from 8-11 p.m. June 24 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Music will be by Mike Porter. Participants should bring snacks and finger food. The event will be alcohol and smoke free. For more information, call 665-7059.

## FRONTIER REGIMENT MEETING

Frontier Regiment, a newly formed reenactment unit of the 1800s, will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22 at Gray County Courthouse in Pampa. Visitors are welcome.

## LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP

Frank Phillips College in Borger will host a Livestock Judging Camp July 26-29 at the college campus. FPC Judging Coach and Ag Instructor Buddy B. Curry and the FPC Livestock Judging squad will provide all camp instruction. The camp is designed to teach participating 4-H and FFA stu-

dents the fundamentals of Livestock Evaluation. Cost of the camp will be \$100 and will include lodging, meals, T-Shirt, cap, judging manual and notebook. Deadline for preregistration is July 1. For more information, call Curry at (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 790.

## GEM THEATRE

The Gem Theatre in Claude will present the Community Heritage Players at 7:30 p.m. July 16 and 17. The group is under the direction of Dr. Carale Manning-Hill. The entertainment will feature an old-fashioned melodrama. The cast will include Wayne Blodgett, Teresa Collins, Jeremy Collins, Terrill Conrad, Michael Green, Dixie Hunsaker, Kym Klarich, Carl Lansbury and Janet Westbrook. After intermission, Deanna Campbell will present a medley of musical favorites. Tickets are available at the door or in advance by calling (806) 226-5409.

## HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1:30 p.m. this month (June). For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

## IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, Hib (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4:30 p.m., May 3, 17 and 1, Family Health Care, 600 W. Kentucky, Pampa; 12-4 p.m., May 22, City Hall, Canadian; 12-3 p.m., May 4, Miami School, Miami; 10 a.m.-12 noon, 1-3 p.m., May 8, Shamrock School, Shamrock; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., May 10, Wheeler School, Wheeler.

## TEACHERS CONSERVATION INSTITUTE

Registration is currently under way for Texas Forestry Association's week-long Teacher's Conservation Institute summer workshop to be held June 25-30, July 9-14 and July 16-21. Teachers will receive a first-hand look at forestry in East Texas by touring forest product mills, a Tree Farm, a logging operation, a nursery and a seed orchard. They will also be trained in Project Learning Tree and Project WILD. The first session is currently full but spaces are still available for the other two sessions. Registration is \$75 and includes all food, lodging and materials for a week. For a free brochure or for more information, call TFA at (409) 632-TREE; e-mail ccalhoun@texasforestry.org; or write P.O. Box 1488, Lufkin, TX 75902.

## AIYSE

American International Youth Student Exchange Program is seeking host families for 25 high school students from France, Germany, Belgium, Spain, Denmark and other foreign countries for the

upcoming school year. The students, age 15-18, will arrive late in August and return home in June. The students are screened and have spending money and medical insurance. Host families may deduct \$50 per month for income tax purposes. For more information, call 1-800-347-7575.

## LAMAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Students accepted into the Texas Academy of Leadership in Humanities, a two-year residential honors program at Lamar University in Beaumont, are eligible for full tuition scholarships for up to 15 credit hours per semester. Enrollment is currently underway for the fall 2000 semester. For more information, call (409) 839-2995, fax (409) 839-2991 or e-mail TALH@hal.lamar.edu.

## COAF WEBSITE

The Children of Alcoholics Foundation, an education-prevention arm of Phoenix House, recently launched a website (www.coaf.org) for children of substance abusers of all ages. The website is designed to help educators, physicians, social workers and other professionals. The site includes sections for teens and adults who have grown up with an alcoholic or drug addicted parent as well as information for teachers, social workers and others.

## T.O.P.S. #149

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

## T.O.P.S. #41

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

## AL-ANON

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

## VFW CHARITY BINGO

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

## CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

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

## PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

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

## SUMMER STORY HOURS

Lovett Memorial Library Summer Story Hours will be at 10 a.m. Monday and Tuesday in the library auditorium through July 25. Shanla Brookshire, children's librarian, is in charge of the free program. No registration is required. Groups interested in participating in the program may contact Brookshire to arrange dates and times. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Registration for the Summer Reading Program at Lovett Memorial Library is currently underway for children of all ages. Participants may read or listen

to books read to them by parents or other family members. The registration packet will include a reading log and a bookmark. A star will be added to the children's room bulletin board each week they read. After reading three hours, they may select a book. The library will keep track of minutes read and participants will be entered in a drawing for gift certificates. The library will accept entries in the bookmark contest until June 26. Two winning bookmarks from Pampa will be printed by the Texas Panhandle Library System and used next year at the library.

## 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Frontier Regiment will hold a 60th anniversary celebration July 1 at Lake McClellan, 25-miles south of Pampa off Interstate 40. The group, a newly formed reenactment of the 1800s, is seeking U.S. Calvary, infantry and buffalo burgers to participate in the celebration and will be cooking actual buffalo patties with all the fixings at an authentic 1870s military camp. Other activities will include live bands and Indian dancers.

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## BISON EXHIBIT

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

## BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will host free brown bag lunch seminars at 12 noon each Thursday throughout the month of June with Ben Watson of Edward Jones. The first two presentations will be "Investment Basics" on June 1 and "10 Investment and Financial Risks" on June 15. The presentations are free and open to the public.

## JULYFEST

The Moore County Chamber of Commerce will host Julyfest June 30-July 4 in Dumas. Activities will include arts, crafts, food, fireworks, 3-on-3 basketball tournament, volleyball and softball tournaments, talent contest and much more. Booths are still available for the event. For more information about the talent contest, basketball and volleyball tournaments or booth space, call (806) 935-2123. Call (806) 935-4855 for more info about the softball tournament.

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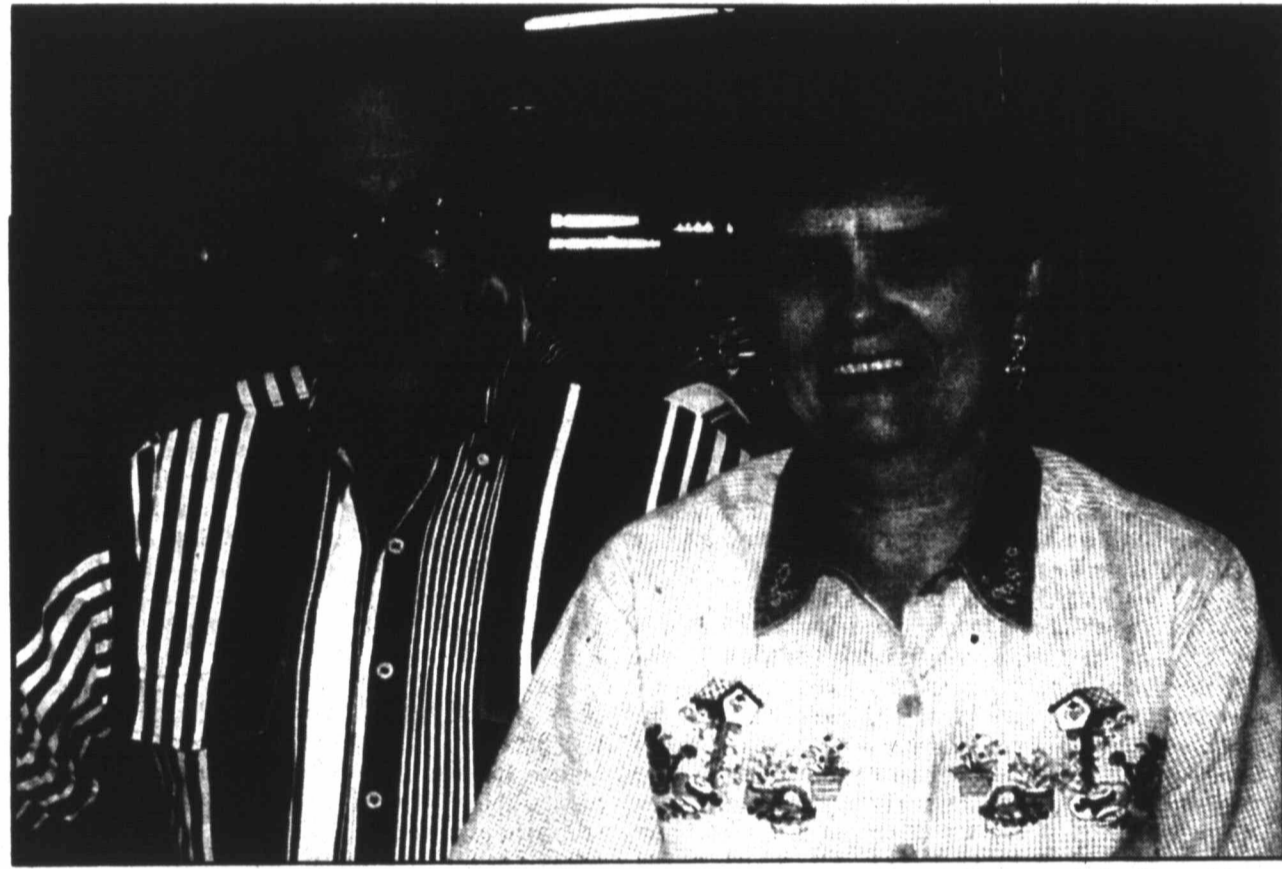
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# ~ Business Review ~



Neil and Mary Fulton, owners of Bob Clements Inc., dry cleaning services.

## Quality most important at Bob Clements Inc.

Neil and Mary Fulton, owners of Bob Clements Inc., credits the expertise of their employees for the success of their local dry cleaning business.

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Mary Fulton joined Bob Clements Inc. almost 16 years ago, she said. She began working the front counter and in time began working in the back, as well. When her husband Neil retired from Energas Company two years ago, they decided to buy the cleaners.

"So I could be her boss," Neil quipped.

"He wishes," Mary countered.

Kidding aside, the couple enjoy working together with their 12 employees to provide a full range of cleaning services for Pampa and the surrounding area. The Fultons also employ a full-time seamstress for repairs and alterations.

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# Gas prices continue to rise with no clear solutions

By H. JOSEF HEBERT  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — With gasoline prices soaring, there's been no shortage of blame — rising oil prices, pipeline problems, short supplies, cleaner gasoline requirements and even an esoteric patent dispute, to name a few.

But an examination of these explanations provides no clear picture of why gasoline in a matter of a few weeks jumped as much as 50 cents a gallon in some areas of the Midwest — nearly five times as much as increases nationwide.

The summer price surge has politicians worried in this election year. The Clinton administration has asked the Federal Trade Commission to investigate possible illegal price gouging in the Midwest, and Vice President Al Gore said Monday that a broader probe was needed since oil companies have been making huge profits this year.

George W. Bush's GOP presidential campaign, meanwhile, blamed Gore and President Clinton. "It sounds like Al Gore is now trying to divert attention away from the Clinton-Gore administration's failed leadership when it comes to addressing high gas prices and developing a national energy policy," Bush campaign spokesman Scott McClellan said.

Elsewhere, a number of economic and regulatory explanations are being offered for the run-up in gasoline prices. Here are a few.

## RISING OIL PRICES

After hitting a peak of \$34 a barrel, oil prices declined in April after the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed on production increases. But, in a surprise to some analysts, oil prices rebounded and were back up to about \$30 a barrel by mid-May and June. That prompted gasoline prices to edge up nationally, but only by about 4 cents a gallon in the last two weeks of May. The crude oil price increases, however, do not explain the much steeper increases in parts of the Midwest, especially in the weeks after Memorial Day.

## LOW GASOLINE STOCKS

During most of May and into June, stocks of gasoline have been nearly 10 percent lower than during the same period a year ago and on the low edge of a range considered adequate. It is a precarious situation with the start of the heavy summer driving season. But low stocks have meant profits for refiners. Refinery margins in May were on average 20 cents a gallon, three times what they were a year ago when stocks were high, according to government figures.

Officials have said some refiners were slow in revving up production this spring, waiting for lower oil prices — which never came — to build up inventories, meaning more of a profit margin. In early May, federal officials raised concern that refiners were not producing fast enough.

## PIPELINE PROBLEMS

In March, the 1,400-mile Explorer pipeline, which carries gasoline into St. Louis and the Chicago area, sprang a leak and was shut down for five days. Oil companies have cited the break repeatedly as a reason for supply problems and price increases in the upper Midwest. It's a claim disputed by the pipeline company.

"The market should have adjusted to that months ago," insists Rod Sands, vice president of operations at Explorer Pipeline Co. He said while five days of shipments were lost, the line has been sending at full capacity since March. The pipeline is only one of a number serving the upper Midwest.

Two weeks ago a pipeline in Michigan had a break and was out of commission for nine days. Gasoline prices in the Detroit area soared to \$2 a gallon afterward. Industry critics say the "just-in-time inventory" practices, a policy adopted by the oil industry years ago to save storage costs, has

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eliminated traditional supply cushions that in the past eased the price impacts from temporary transportation problems.

## REFORMULATED GASOLINE

The oil industry blames much of the price spikes this summer on a requirement for a cleaner-burning blend of reformulated gasoline in areas with severe summer smog. They say the costs of making the gasoline — about a third of all gasoline sold — is higher than anticipated because of blending problems, especially where corn-based ethanol is used as an additive. While it allows fuel to burn cleaner, ethanol releases more evaporative emissions, requiring other components of the gasoline to compensate to meet the new requirements. This makes gas blending more difficult and expensive, although how much is a matter of great dispute.

And some refineries have not retooled to make the new blend, adding to the supply problems, industry officials say. This has left Environmental Protection Agency officials and some state regulators frustrated because, they maintain, oil companies have been planning for the new gasoline for more than a year but made no mention of problems that would cause prices to skyrocket or lead to a supply crunch.

"There is no reason that this should be a surprise," said William Becker, executive director of a group representing state air pollution control officials.

The cleaner burning gasoline is costing consumers 5 cents a gallon more on average than conventional gasoline, although the gap is four times that much in the Midwest, mostly Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Louis, where prices have jumped 30 cents to 50 cents a gallon.

But according to the AAA, many other cities that require the cleaner blend gasoline (though not ethanol) showed only modest price increases over the past month. For example: Houston, the average price of a gallon of regular unleaded was \$1.54, compared with \$1.48 a month ago; Boston, \$1.64 versus \$1.53 a month ago; New York City \$1.72 and \$1.54; and Philadelphia, \$1.58 versus \$1.47 a month ago.

## PATENT DISPUTE

Although not generally known, motorists also are paying a premium because of a little-known patent dispute involving the blending of the cleaner gasoline. In March, a federal judge upheld the validity of a patent for a particular blending process held by Unocal Corp. Six California refineries are under orders to pay Unocal a nickel for every gallon of gasoline made by Unocal's process. Refiners across the country are worried the same could apply to them, so they are either using more expensive alternatives, or — some industry critics surmise — may be passing some cost on to customers in anticipation of having to settle with Unocal in the future.

On the Net:  
AAA nationwide gasoline price charts:  
<http://208.13.208.31>

# California high court rules claim on insurance disability policies

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The state Supreme Court has unanimously upheld a man's claim for AIDS-related disability insurance despite his decision not to disclose testing positive for HIV in his policy application.

The court's decision Monday strongly encourages insurers to ask about medical conditions before a disability policy is issued or to ferret them out within two years.

After two years, the court ruled, consumers can make disability claims based on illnesses that were not specifically excluded from the policy.

A lawyer for Mark Galanty, the man with AIDS, said the ruling has broad implications.

"People who become disabled — regardless of the cause — need no longer worry that an insurance company will dig through their medical files in an attempt to find a previous lab result, genetic test or medical condition to use as an excuse for refusing payment," said Jon Davidson of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which handles civil rights case for gays, lesbians and people with AIDS or HIV.

Larry M. Golub, a lawyer for Paul Revere Life Insurance Co., which denied benefits to Galanty, said he had not read the ruling and declined comment. Lawyers for the American Council of Life Insurers, which supported the company in court, did not respond to requests for comment.

Galanty, 52, of Studio City, was working as a free-lance court transcriber when he tested positive for HIV in 1987. He was told the result was unreliable unless confirmed by a second test, but chose not to

get a follow-up test.

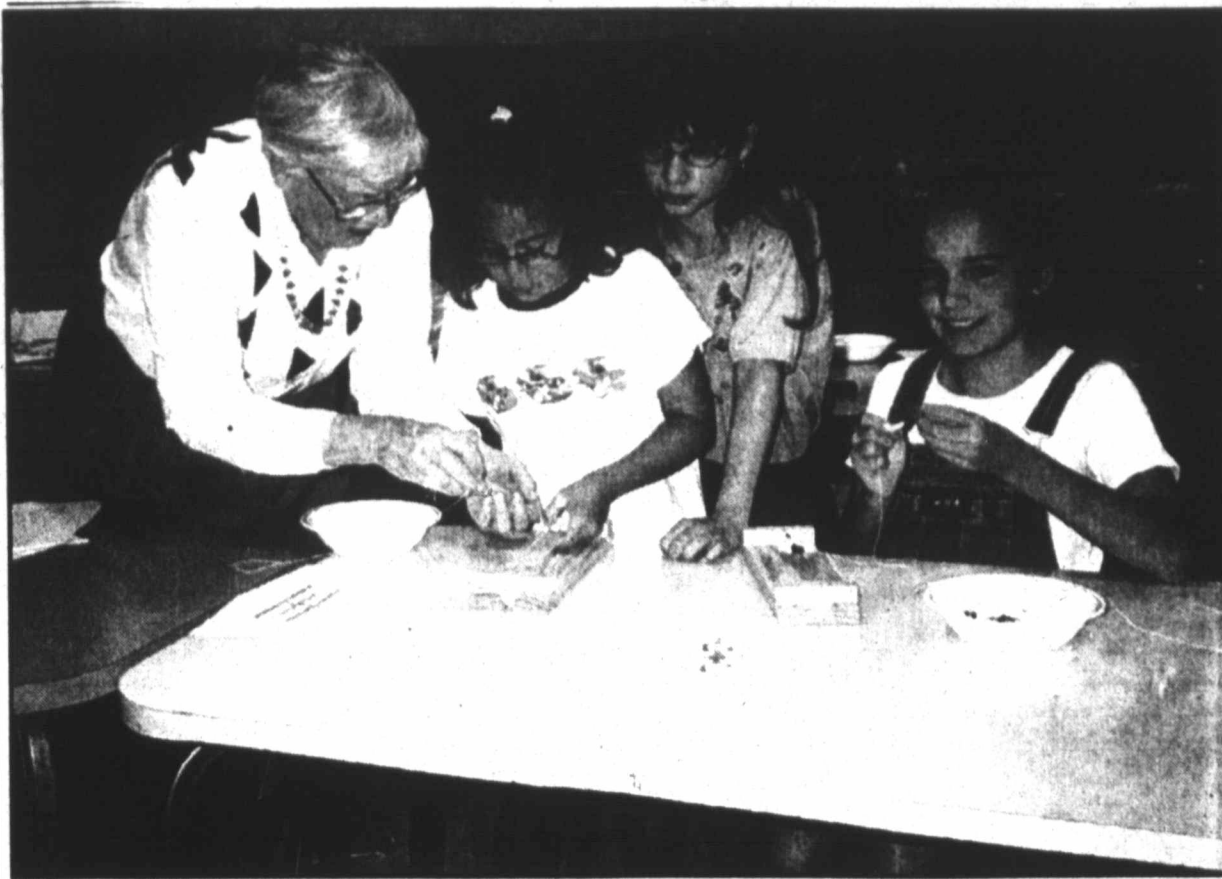
In March 1989, Galanty bought his Paul Revere disability policy. The company didn't ask whether he had AIDS or whether he had tested positive for HIV. The policy did not exclude people with either of those conditions.

In September 1994, Galanty claimed disability based on AIDS and on an AIDS-related condition that causes numbness and pain in the hands and feet.

Paul Revere initially paid benefits, but denied coverage for about two years once it discovered the positive HIV test.

About two years after Paul Revere cut off Galanty's AIDS-related benefits, he began collecting for a different, non-AIDS disability: tremors in his hands. Monday's ruling, which overturns two lower court rulings, means he will get about \$72,000 in compensation.

## PFAA summer classes



(Community Camera photos by Judy Elliott)

Pampa Fine Arts Association recently conducted its summer arts courses. Under the direction of Kay Crouch, six classes were taught — beading, watercolor, pottery and drama for youth and basketweaving and photo coloring for high schoolers and adults. Top: Instructor Ruth Barrett works with Annie Day, Julie Schuneman and Melissa Lewis on their beading projects. Bottom: Day and Lewis work to create their designs in the beading class.

## Shakel to face former classmates in court

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP) — Schoolmates of a Kennedy cousin accused in a 25-year-old murder case are expected to tell their story in court for the first time this week.

Fairfield State's Attorney Jonathan Benedict said he plans to call seven witnesses during a hearing that will determine whether Michael Skakel, 39, is tried as an adult in the 1975 bludgeoning death of a 15-year-old neighbor, Martha Moxley, in the prosperous suburb of Greenwich.

Because he was only 15 at the time of the killing, the case has so far been handled in juvenile court.

The hearing, which was to get under way Tuesday, is expected to last up to five days.

Benedict's witnesses are expected to include several students who attended the Elan School in Maine with Skakel. The prosecution says Skakel admitted to one or more students at the school for troubled teens that he killed Moxley; Skakel denies it.

Police officers who investigated the killing also are expected to testify.

Under the law in effect at the time of the killing, Skakel, now 39, could face a maximum of only four years if he is convicted as a juvenile. If he is convicted as an adult, he could get 25 years to life.

Skakel lived across the street from the Moxleys in a gated community in Greenwich when Martha was killed Oct. 30, 1975. A grand jury consisting of a single judge ruled in January that there was enough evidence to arrest Skakel.

Martha's body was found under a tree on her family's estate. She had been at the Skakel house the night before with a group of friends, including Michael Skakel and his older brother, Thomas Skakel, then 17.

The 6-iron used to kill her was later matched to a set of golf clubs owned by the Skakel family.

Authorities suspected Thomas Skakel for years, but switched their attention to Michael after he changed his story about his movements the night of the murder.

## FACTS FOR THE VOTERS

After 10 years as Roberts County Attorney, Rick Roach finally prosecuted his first jury case - "illegal quail trapping" (a misdemeanor). The defendant in the case, knowing his innocence, chose to decline professional legal counsel and represented himself in court. After listening to a very poorly prepared case, it took the jury a mere 10 minutes to find the defendant **NOT GUILTY!!**

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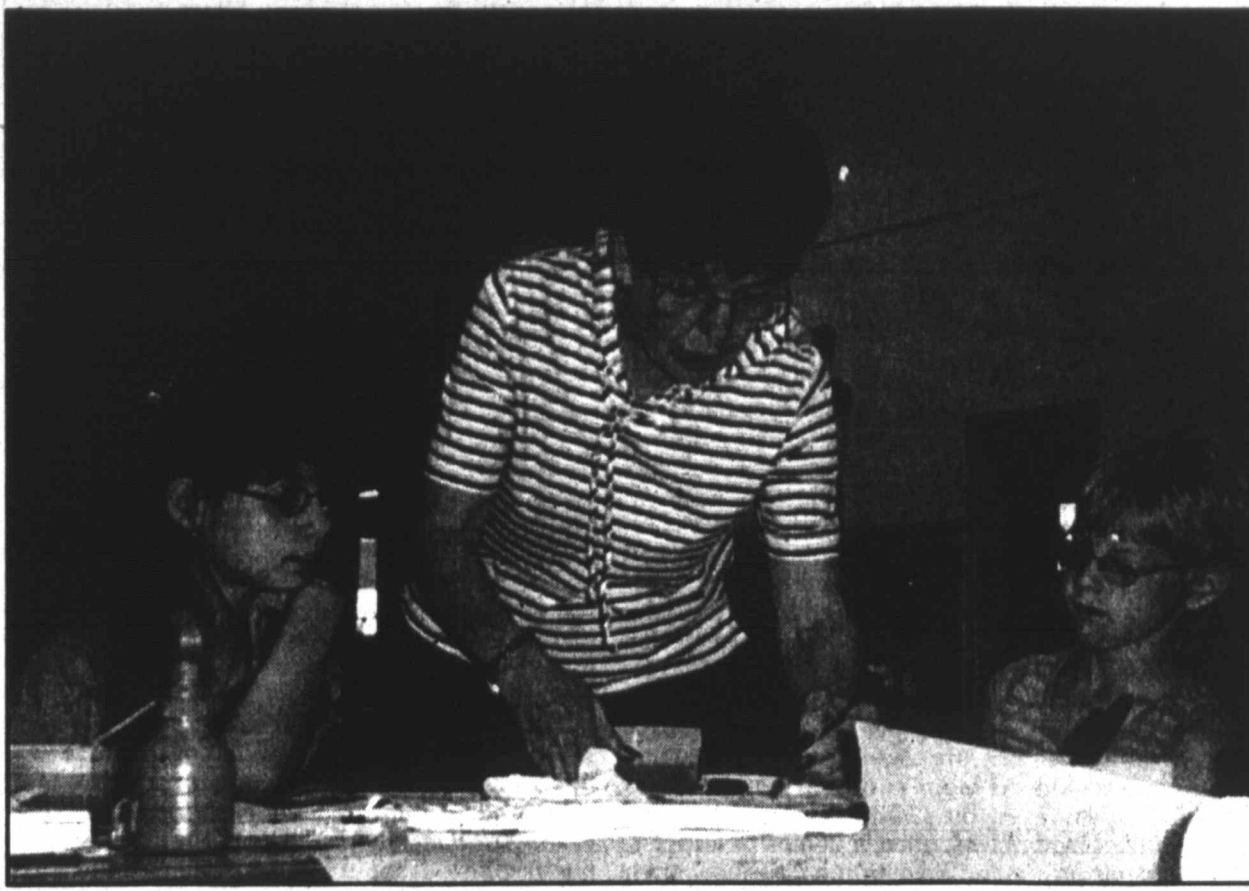
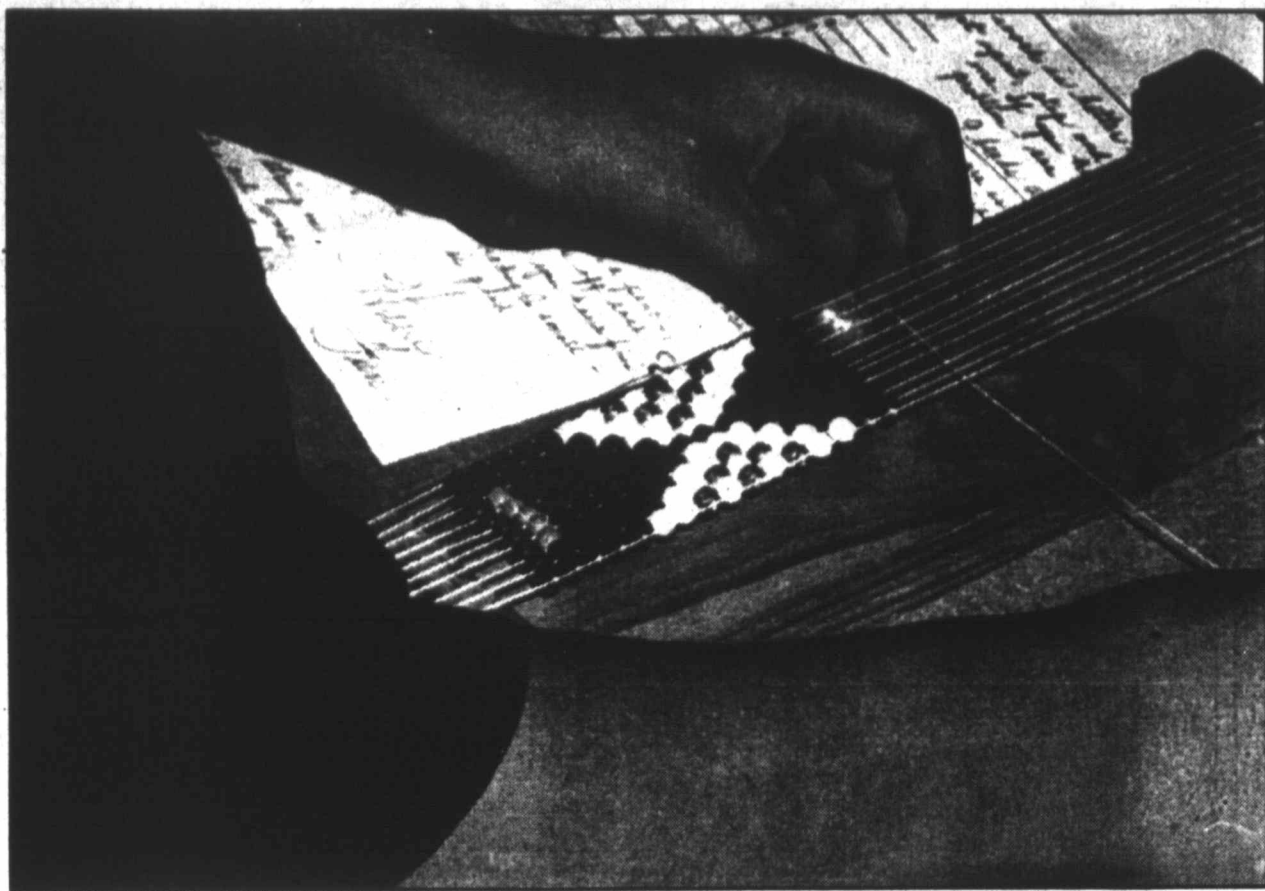
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## PFAA summer classes



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Pampa Fine Arts Association recently conducted its summer arts courses. Under the direction of Kay Crouch, six classes were taught — beading, watercolor, pottery and drama for youth and basketweaving and photo coloring for high school-

ers and adults. Above, left: Garrett Duvall works on his beading in Ruth Barrett's class. Above, right: Watercolor instructor Kay Crouch demonstrates a technique for Libby Aler and Julie Schuneman.

## After House setback, administration vows fight for its tobacco lawsuit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House vowed to "very aggressively" battle congressional efforts to block funds for the huge federal lawsuit against the tobacco industry after the House voted to bar the Justice Department from asking another agency to help pick up the tab.

The House voted 207-197 Monday to affirm language in a spending bill that would block the Department of Veterans Affairs from contributing \$4 million toward the cost of prosecuting the suit.

Attorney General Janet Reno had said hours earlier that without financial help from other agencies, the Justice Department could not afford next year's projected \$26.2 million cost of the legal action. That would leave her "no choice but to seek to dismiss this litigation," she said.

Seeking to heap election-year pressure on lawmakers, President Clinton said in a written statement that "Congress will be capitulating to the tobacco industry once again at the expense of taxpayers and their children."

And Linda Ricci, spokeswoman for the White House budget office, said after the vote that there was a long way to go in the battle.

She noted that the administration has threatened to veto the bill containing the lawsuit language, and that similar provisions exist in other House and Senate bills.

"There are a lot of fights to come, and we are going to wage them very aggressively," she said.

Such words did not deter most lawmakers, who heeded warnings from proponents of blocking the funds transfer. The \$4 million was to come from \$20.3 billion in the spending bill covering the Veterans Affairs Department's medical care account, which includes money for some of the agency's legal costs.

"If you support this amendment, you're going to take millions of dollars out of veterans' health care," said Rep. James Walsh, R-N.Y., author of the bill containing the provision.

In a letter distributed at Reno's news conference before the vote, four veterans groups urged lawmakers to "resist efforts to attempt to restrict funding" for the Justice Department suit. The groups were AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans, Paralyzed Veterans of America and Veterans

of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Under current plans, the Justice Department would pay for \$14.2 million of the suit's \$26.2 million cost next year. The remaining \$12 million would be divided evenly among the departments of Veterans Affairs, Defense, and Health and Human Services.

The government is spending \$13.8 million this year, \$5.8 million from Justice and the rest from the same three agencies.

Rep. Robin Hayes, R-N.C., said the suit was "an improper use of the Department of Justice to try and do things driven by personal political agendas ... that continue to attack tobacco farmers and people who make a living in the tobacco industry."

Thirty-three Democrats and 34 Republicans defected in the mostly party-line roll call, mainly Democrats from tobacco-growing states and GOP moderates.

William Corr, executive vice president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, an anti-tobacco lobby, said the vote "demonstrates the House leadership lacks the votes to override" a Clinton veto of the bill. With all House members voting, it would take 290 votes, a two-thirds majority, to override a veto.

## Jurors show doubt in execution case

HOUSTON (AP) — Former jurors who convicted and condemned a man facing execution this week say they might have found him innocent had they heard evidence offered up by the inmate's lawyer.

Dennis Graham and Bobby Pryor told ABC News' "Nightline" program Monday they are no longer sure Gary Graham is guilty.

"I always had a bad feeling about it. My gut feeling was he wasn't guilty," Pryor said in Tuesday's Houston Chronicle. "I just believe he might be innocent."

Gary Graham's attorney, Jack Zimmermann, said he has also talked to another juror who now says wouldn't have voted to find Graham guilty.

"That's our whole point — Gary Graham didn't get a fair trial that he deserves a hearing," the attorney said. "It would have made a difference to these three people. They would have changed their vote."

Zimmermann said he showed

the jurors a police statement from the lone eyewitness who said the suspect she saw had darker skin and his face was thinner than Graham's picture.

Graham, 36, faces lethal injection Thursday based on the testimony of that witness, Bernadine Skillern, who says she saw him shoot Bobby Lambert to death in a supermarket holdup in Houston in 1981.

The case poses political considerations for Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the Republican presidential candidate, and comes amid growing questions around the country about the death penalty. Illinois Gov. George Ryan has placed a moratorium on executions in his state.

Bush was heckled by death penalty opponents during a campaign stop late Monday in California; there have been more than 130 executions during Bush's 5 1/2 years in office. He did grant a 30-day reprieve to a convicted killer June 1 to pursue DNA tests, an option not available for Graham.

The inmate received a reprieve from Bush's predecessor, which means Bush cannot act to spare his life unless the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles recommends a pardon, a reprieve or commutation of his sentence.

Bush vowed Monday to "stand my ground in the face of pretty significant movement to try to undermine the credibility of the death penalty in the state of Texas."

Graham's supporters argue that his lawyer did a poor job at the trial, that his fate was sealed by a witness who got only a fleeting look at the killer, that no physical evidence tied him to the crime and that witnesses he wants heard have been blocked by procedural hurdles.

## Murder charges dismissed after evidence botched

WYNNE, Ark. (AP) — Capital murder charges have officially been dismissed against a man accused of kidnapping and drowning a 9-year-old girl after prosecutors acknowledged that hair evidence was botched.

"I knew it was a real bad mistake," Robbie Dale Tubbs said Monday following the dismissal of charges against him.

Prosecutor Fletcher Long Jr. said he had no choice because the FBI was unable to extract sufficient DNA evidence the state needed to connect Tubbs to a strand of the victim's hair.

Despite the dismissal, Long said he believed Tubbs was the suspect. Charges against Tubbs, 39, can never be refilled based on the same facts since that would expose him to double-jeopardy.

"There's nothing else we can do," Long said. "We're at a dead end. This is the end of it."

Long had alleged that a hair found in Tubbs' car linked Tubbs to 9-year-old Christina Marie Pipkin, who was found drowned in an irrigation canal in 1991.

In April, Cross County Circuit Judge L.T. Simes II ordered a delay in Tubbs' trial after Long acknowledged that the FBI was given only hairs from Christina's body and not the one found in the vehicle.

## FTC approves Pfizer, Warner-Lambert merger

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators have approved a merger that will leave one company dominating many U.S. medicine cabinets.

The \$90 billion merger of Pfizer Inc. and Warner-Lambert Co., approved Monday by the Federal Trade Commission, will put many of the world's best-known over-the-counter brands under one company name.

In addition to Halls, Benadryl, Sudafed, Listerine, Schick, Visine, Ben Gay, Lubriderm, Zantac and Cortizone, the company also will make two of the hottest-selling prescription drugs, the male impotence drug

Viagra and the cholesterol-lowering medicine Lipitor.

The deal is expected to make the new Pfizer the largest pharmaceutical company in the world.

"This is a defining moment for Pfizer," said William C. Steere Jr., Pfizer chairman and chief executive officer. "Combining the two fastest-growing companies in the industry creates a global leader in the discovery of health and consumer products that will benefit millions around the world."

However, the FTC agreed to the merger after the companies consented to divest themselves of some businesses that federal reg-

ulators believed might otherwise constitute a monopoly. The FTC order says the companies must divest in four areas — treatments for depression, Alzheimer's, cancer and lice, including Pfizer's well-known head-lice drug RID.

The watchdog group Public Citizen was disappointed by the FTC decision, saying the companies are amassing "unprecedented political power in Washington" while offering no guarantees that patients will save money on drugs or that the combined company will engage in more drug research.

"There's really not a shred of evidence that the public is getting a price break out of the economies of scale," said Sidney Wolfe, a physician and director of Public Citizen's health research group. "This sounds great if you're a stockholder but not if you're a patient."

Pfizer and Warner-Lambert first announced they intended to merge Feb. 6. But shortly thereafter, the FTC filed a complaint to investigate whether the corporate marriage would lessen or eliminate competition.

## TFB Senior Agents Award



(Special photo)

Donald R. Whitney, service agent for Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau, recently won the Multi-Line Senior Agents Award for District I at its monthly meeting in Plainview. District I consists of a 26-county area for the Texas Panhandle and represents 55 agents.

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# Troubled farmers, election year combine for big bucks

By DAVID ESPO  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Take a bankrupt seed company and add 14,000 troubled farmers and an election-year Congress mindful of their votes. It totals up to \$35 million worth of no-interest loans from the federal government.

All part of the process in Congress, where lawmakers, Republican and Democrat, recently seized on a crop insurance bill to send \$7.1 billion in aid to the economically distressed Farm Belt.

Some of the funds are targeted narrowly at favored constituencies, ranging from sheep and angora goat ranchers to tobacco farmers and cotton growers and ginners. Millions more are set aside for research on items as diverse as livestock waste streams and plant genetics, much of it directed to the states of lawmakers who wrote the bill.

"The cost of agriculture just doesn't seem to stop," grumbled Sen. Connie Mack of Florida, one of only four lawmakers — all Republicans — who opposed the bill when it sailed through the House and Senate.

"I could go on and on and on" about the problems in the bill, said Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., the Senate GOP whip. Among the items he cited disapprovingly is \$14 million to complete construction of an ethanol research pilot plant at Southern Illinois University, money inserted at the behest of House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, was point man on the effort to arrange no-interest loans for farmers who are creditors of AgriBioTech, a seed company headquartered in Henderson, Nev., that filed Chapter 11 papers earlier this year.

Aides to Craig say he contacted the Department of Agriculture, where officials said they lacked authority to loan money to the affected farmers. The solution: a provision making \$35 million available for no-interest loans good for 18 months. If the bankruptcy proceedings aren't settled by then, the farmers will become eligible for the USDA loans currently denied them.

The loans are to be repaid from the proceeds farmers receive from the bankruptcy settlement. In an interview, Craig said no farmers can receive a loan for more than 65 percent of the money they are owed.

He said his message to the 14,000 farmers involved — many of them in Idaho and Oregon — was: "I'm willing to provide you some money short term. But I'm also willing to say that business is business. You're in bankruptcy court."

An \$8.2 billion crop insurance bill was months in the making, with the decision to add the \$7.1 billion in economic assistance made shortly before final passage. The \$7.1 billion was already in the budget — the third year in a row Congress has helped farmers recover from low prices. With the end of the congressional session approaching, lawmakers needed a legislative engine to carry provisions that might otherwise fail to make it to President Clinton's desk.

To move it quickly, the lawmakers behind the measure made sure there were no public hearings or drafting sessions, and no amendments permitted in either the House or Senate when the bill came up for a vote.

Despite scattered grumbling, the bill sailed through Congress, passing by voice vote in the House, and by 91-4 in the Senate.

The biggest item, \$5.5 billion, will give farmers an additional subsidy payment under a formula established in 1996 legislation designed to phase out such support to many of them.

Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Texas, and other lawmakers noted that meant some farmers would be able to "receive a payment without demonstrating real need. I strongly believe that more fully funding the disaster payments would have been a better method for directing these funds to agriculture producers," he said in floor debate.

At the same time, Stenholm, the senior Democrat on the House Agriculture Committee, and others made sure that wool and mohair producers received \$11 million in federal assistance. It marks the first direct

payments for sheep and angora goat ranchers since Congress ordered their federal subsidy phased out in 1993.

Tobacco farmers, helped by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., are in line for \$340 million, despite an early 1980s law that says support of their crop is required to have no net cost to the government.

Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., saw to it that \$100 million was made available for cotton growers or ginners to offset the impact of depressed prices on ginning. The money effectively extends a subsidy he helped inaugurate a year ago.

Honey producers will qualify for loans for the third year in a row, even though Congress ordered that program ended too.

In addition to such items aimed at easing the burden of low farm prices, the bill is also salted with projects for key lawmakers:

—Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kansas, won \$15 million for carbon cycle research designed to address the problem of greenhouse gases. The money will go to Kansas State University and several land grant universities — most of them in the states of lawmakers involved in the negotiations on the bill.

—Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., won \$3 million to establish a plant genetics research facility in Santa Fe.

—Rep. Tom Ewing, R-Ill., wanted \$3.5 for research into addressing pollution problems associated with waste streams produced by livestock. In an interview, he stressed the money would be awarded by open bid.

## Subject Award Winners



(Community Camera photo)

Pampa Middle School Eighth Grade Subject Award Winners were (first row) Katie Shaffer, Aaron Silva, Alan Arzola, Max Vinson, Michael Martinez, Amber Freeman; (second row) Michael Dominguez, Seth Williams, Evelyn Sanchez, Ashley Swanson, Lacie Tupin, Michelle Qualls; (third row) Blake Howard, Erika Skinner, Brianna Bailey, Zack Hucks, Joe Meraz, Joe Johnson; (fourth row) Valerie Vigil, Erica Cochran, Britny Downey, Aaron Simon, Colin Bowers, Britton White; (fifth row) Derek Lewis, Tatum Brown, Kori Dunn, Kit Koop.

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**DEAR ABBY:** Get out the wet noodle for your answer to "A Parent in Oregon." As a public school teacher, I'd be insulted if I received a package of construction paper or pencils as an end-of-the-year gift.

The No. 1 thing teachers would like is respect. This can be demonstrated with a kind note (and a copy to the principal). A gift certificate to a bookstore or restaurant is also a wonderful way to show that a teacher is appreciated. The appropriateness of the gift, of course, will depend on the situation of the family, the school and the teacher — but a gift from the heart of a child is always special.

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even a gift certificate to a "dollar store" for those incidentals that a teacher can never afford for his or her classroom or home. But please, no school supplies at the end of the year. That's like giving a nurse a thermometer or tongue depressors.

RETIRED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

LOTS OF IDEAS IN SEATTLE

**DEAR ABBY:** I recommend giving the teacher cash. I know of no good teacher who is overpaid. Cash for the underpaid is much better than spa visits, gift certificates, supplies or the usual gifts that teachers receive. None of my son's teachers has ever refused the cash or returned my gifts.

PARENT IN SAN FRANCISCO

**DEAR ABBY:** We live in a small community. In its wisdom, our school board ruled: "In fairness to all families, no child shall give gifts to any of his or her teachers." This was a blessed relief to those of us who couldn't keep up with the Joneses.

AVID READER, WINTER HAVEN, FLA.

**DEAR ABBY:** I retired last year after 35 years of teaching. The one thing my students gave me that meant more than anything else: a note expressing appreciation for whatever I had done to help them during that year. Those cards and letters are more precious to me as time goes by. Rereading them, I recall sweet faces, special things about those kids, and the wonderful times we had together. They are priceless.

KAY FRIEDRICH, ATHENS, GA.

**DEAR MARILYN:** I was unprepared for the flood of mail I received from teachers, informing me that my suggestions were off base. A male teacher recently wrote to say he would welcome stock certificates and T-bills. In years past I have received letters from teachers who requested the items I mentioned. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** Having spent 32 years in the classroom, 30 of them in inner-city schools, what would be wonderful would be gift certificates to a moderately priced take-out restaurant for the times I'm too swamped to prepare meals (or to celebrate making it to the end of another year!). Also, movie tickets to use during the summer — or

**DEAR ABBY:** Give the lasting gift of books. For teachers who don't have their own classroom (i.e. P.E. teachers), a book can be donated to the entire school and placed in the school library. Our budgets never allow us to buy all the books our students need.

THIRD-GRADE TEACHER IN DENVER

**DEAR ABBY:** Teachers have enough cups, mugs, candles and candies. Our class is contributing to a group gift to send our wonderful teachers for a spa treatment. When everyone chips in, it's affordable. We know it's something they would never do for themselves. We can't wait to present it.

pected support. Reschedule a meeting. Stay goal-oriented. Another responds to your charm. Tonight: Share news with a friend.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\* You might deliver what others expect, but their reactions aren't what you anticipated. Buckle your seat belt. Don't make more out of a situation than necessary. Choose not to be offended. A new associate isn't revealing much about himself. Tread lightly. Tonight: Where your friends are.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\* Work demands speedy and unconventional responses. You know what to do and when. Others cheer you on as you lasso in what you want most. A meeting proves to be fortunate. Network and share. Others respond. Your charisma melts a barrier. Tonight: Get into a favorite relaxing game.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\* Don't be shocked when the unexpected keeps occurring with a certain person. Surprises are the norm. Your career blossoms through your unusual energy and efforts. Use your charisma and unearth your creativity, and you'll become a sure winner. Tonight: Enjoy life to the extreme.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\* Others do what you wish you could do. You don't have to be the Rock of Gibraltar. Take off on a day trip. Enjoy your life more. An associate often responds negatively. Worry less about decisions. Do what you need to do for you. Family plays a significant role. Tonight: Be a free spirit.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\* Tell it as it is, even though oth-

ers' responses might surprise you. Passions swell with loved ones and a specific partner. You love excitement, and you've got it. You might feel unduly pressured by day-to-day demands. Eliminate what you can. Tonight: Romp out the door.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\* You've pulled the financial wild card — remember that when taking a risk. An associate or friend feels intensely, and he lets you know. Drum up a little heat in an important relationship. You benefit from additional spice. A child acts up. Tonight: Treat another to dinner.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* Pursue a goal, but opt against unconventional means to get what you want. Recognize limits within your family structure. You might be pushing another more than you realize. Put your energy and charisma into work or a fun hobby. Tonight: Spontaneous, carefree work.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\* Sit back and think before acting. You are likely to be stunned by what you realize. Creativity and romance merge. Be spontaneous. Return calls and handle messages, or you could wind up with disgruntled associates. A new flirtation could be building. Tonight: Curl up with a favorite book.

**BORN TODAY**  
 Prince William of Wales (1982), existentialist philosopher/author Jean-Paul Sartre (1905), actor Doug Savant (1965)

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## Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) \*\*\* Passion runs high. Respond to others, but don't let mood or impulse run away with your checkbook. Seek out friends and co-workers. You work better as a team on a personal cause or a work project. Toss insecurity to the wind. Tonight: Midweek break.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\* Though others applaud a job well done, no one is harder on himself than you. Cut it out! Integrate the unexpected into your life. Ongoing instability with a boss or a work situation is a challenge. The way you push, fatigue is normal. Tonight: Make it an early night.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\* Your ability to break past rigidity brings not only kudos, but also professional advancement. At last, you see the rewards of a job well done. In spite of it all, your self-perception needs boning up. Just look at what you do and how much you offer. Tonight: Relax with a movie.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\* Don't give up! You are on the verge of achieving what you want. Emotions well up; feelings run to the extreme. Mobilize your energy and move on a project. A partner gives you unex-

## Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 42 Composer Erik

1 Killer whale

5 Macho fellow

10 Puts in the fridge

12 Make address-

es

13 Greek physician

15 Inventor Whitney

16 Shark feature

17 Scoundrel

18 Land, as a fish

20 Sage

21 Engine sound

22 Fired Russian dolls

23 Brother of Romulus

25 Storage building

28 Fall flower

31 Puts down

32 Durocher nickname

34 "— got it!"

35 Bakery buy

36 Actress Gardner

37 Greek architect

40 Prepare to propose

41 Hagar's dog

SCAT SATES  
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Yesterday's answer

11 1981 Ryan O'Neal movie

14 Of movies

19 Britain's House of

8 Relaxed

9 Like Russian dolls

24 Theater workers

33 Pallid

35 Heap

38 Island garland

39 To boot

Marmaduke



"What's wrong? You never saw somebody walk to the TV and change the channel before?"

The Family Circus



"I'm very tired. Could I put on my bedjamas now?"

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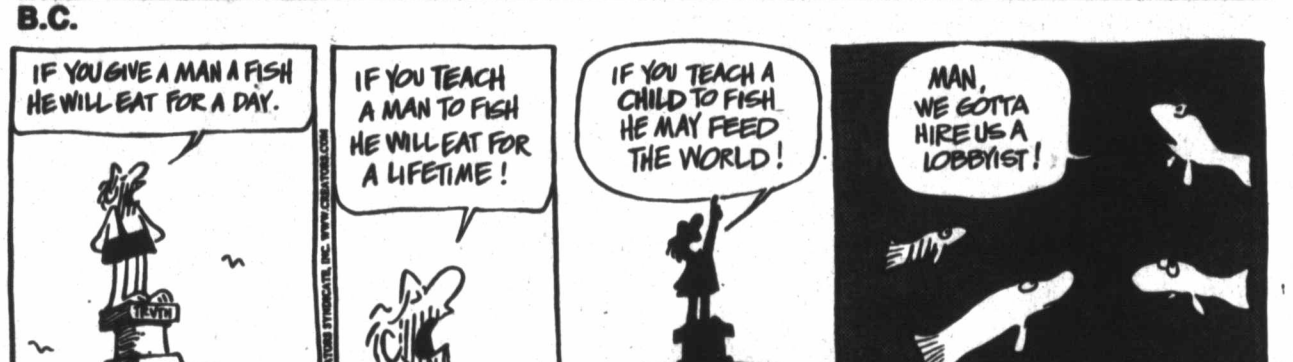
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# SPORTS

## “The Big Champion” lifts LA past Pacers

### Notebook

#### BASEBALL

**PAMPA** — Duncan, Fraser & Bridges closed out the regular season with a 5-2 victory over Rotary last weekend at Optimist Park.

DFB finished with a 10-2 record in the Major Bambino 11-12 League. They finished a game back of first-place Glo-Valve.

DFB played outstanding defense the entire season, never allowing more than five runs in any of the 12 games played.

Shane Goldsmith had three singles to lead the DFB hitting attack against Rotary. Matthew Trusty had a triple and single, and Weston Teichmann a triple.

The winning pitcher was Braydon Barker, who gave up two runs on three hits while striking out 12 and walking two.

Tyler Klein had two singles and Michael Robinson a single for Rotary.

#### AUTO RACING

**LONG POND, Pa. (AP)** — Jeremy Mayfield took a page from Dale Earnhardt's driving textbook, tapping his rear bumper on the final turn of the last lap and passing The Intimidator to win the rain-delayed Pocono 500.

It was Mayfield's third career victory. His Ford beat that of Dale Jarrett by .581 seconds. Earnhardt, after regaining his traction, brought his Chevrolet home fourth, immediately behind the Ford of Ricky Rudd.

Mayfield averaged 139.741 mph in a race slowed for 21 laps by five caution flags. There were 24 lead changes among 11 drivers.

Polesitter Rusty Wallace, who led the most laps — 107 — wound up 10th. Points leader Bobby Labonte, who swept two races at the track last summer, finished 13th. His teammate Tony Stewart, seeking his third straight victory, wound up sixth.

#### OLYMPICS

**FEDERAL WAY, Wash. (AP)** — Jenny Keim isn't feeling as much pressure to make the U.S. Olympic diving team a second time.

Four years after Keim finished ninth on the 3-meter springboard in Atlanta, her life is about more than creating barely a ripple on every dive.

"I think I'm a happier, more well-rounded person. I've got a lot of things going on in my life," she said. "There's not as much pressure on me with my sport. Four years ago, everything was diving."

Keim, who won the NCAA 10-meter platform title and was fourth on springboard this year for the University of Miami, is one of four divers seeking another Olympic berth during this week's trials.

The others are Melissa Moses Hyams, fourth on springboard in 1996; David Pichler, sixth on platform; and Becky Ruehl, fourth on platform.

The six-day meet at the King County Aquatic Center opens Tuesday night with women's 3-meter preliminaries and semifinals. The 3-meter final is Wednesday night.

The top two divers in men's and women's springboard and platform will earn tickets to Sydney.

The American women haven't won a gold medal since 1976, when Jennifer Chandler captured the 3-meter title.

"Everybody wants to end that streak, but really there's a lot of good competition out there," Keim said.

Mark Ruiz, the U.S. indoor 3-meter and 10-meter champion, is the heavy men's favorite on both boards.

"Everybody is trying to beat me," Ruiz said Monday.

Ruiz, a 21-year-old native of Puerto Rico who trains in Orlando, Fla., became the first diver since Greg Louganis to sweep the 1-, 3- and 10-meter titles at last year's U.S. spring nationals.

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Shaquille O'Neal's mother wrapped her arms around his neck. His sister latched on to his arm. Friends, teammates and strangers reached in for a piece of this beautiful, triumphant group hug.

Tears began to bead in his eyes, but Shaq didn't flinch under the weight. He was strong enough to carry them all.

Moments later, amid the confetti and cacophony of the Los Angeles Lakers' 116-111 victory over the Indiana Pacers in Game 6 of the NBA Finals on Monday night, O'Neal raised two trophies above his head. One was for being an NBA champion and one was for being the MVP of the finals.

The game's most dominant force finally had his team to the only rewards he said he truly desired in his eight-year career. It was closure, it was vindication, it was a wish fulfilled.

The Lakers' big man had earned one more nickname: The Big

Champion. "This is my dream here," he said. "This is what I wanted when I came to LA. It's the only thing I play this game for."

Part of Los Angeles' seventh title — its first since 1988 — belongs to Kobe Bryant, the young shooter who might someday be as good as his best performances. Another part belongs to Phil Jackson, who won his seventh championship as a coach by blending the Lakers' disparate talents into a cohesive unit.

But the biggest part belongs to O'Neal, who averaged 38 points and 16.6 rebounds in the finals. Throughout nearly eight months of basketball, he simply carried a team like few players in the game's history have been able to do.

He became the third player to win the league MVP award, the All-Star Game MVP award and the finals MVP award in the same year.

"Give the credit to the big guy,"

Bryant said. "This was the moment he was waiting for his whole life."

O'Neal had 41 points, 12 rebounds and an unapologetically bad 3-for-12 performance from the foul line in Game 6. He took charge in a critical fourth-quarter stretch with a series of big plays that negated an inspired Pacers comeback.

Indiana, shooting as proficiently as it did in its Game 5 blowout win, led for much of the game and decisively outplayed the Lakers until the fourth quarter. While O'Neal and his mates were playing for a title, the unflappable, veteran Pacers were playing for coach Larry Bird, who entered retirement with their loss.

Jalen Rose had 29 points and Reggie Miller added 25 in another stellar shooting display, and the Pacers hit 12 3-pointers. Indiana held a six-point lead early in the fourth quarter.

"We won the first three rounds (of the game), but lost the most

important one, and that was the fourth round," Miller said.

The Lakers won two of the final three games in the series despite allowing the Pacers to score 116.3 points per game in them. Instead of buckling down on defense, Los Angeles simply outscored the Pacers with inside baskets from O'Neal and a surprising proficiency from outside.

The Lakers had to score 37 points in the fourth quarter to finally shake Indiana.

Robert Horry, Glen Rice and Rick Fox all hit critical late jumpers as Los Angeles matched Indiana shot for shot. Fox, who muted his own scoring abilities to help the Lakers chase a title, wore a look of pure joy after he buried a 3-pointer with 8:23 left to give Los Angeles a 94-90 lead.

O'Neal was fouled on three straight baskets early in the period, but he missed all three free throws as Indiana desperately hung on. Minutes later, he had consecutive rebound dunks that

sent the laid-back L.A. fans into a frenzy.

"I didn't know if we could really learn a lesson after not closing teams out over and over again," said forward A.C. Green, the link between the Lakers' title teams of 1988 and 2000.

"But once they started to smell the championship, they started playing defense. To see these guys really rally around each other and mature in the playoffs, I'm very impressed."

Bryant had 26 points and 10 rebounds in an erratic 8-for-27 shooting performance, alternating sublime shots with dunks. He will have much better memories of his performance in Game 4, when he stepped in for a fouled-out O'Neal and scored eight points in overtime of Los Angeles' victory.

"I'm numb. I'm just numb right now," the 21-year-old Bryant said. "I didn't know champagne burned this much when it gets in your eyes."

## Glo-Valve captures City Tournament opener

**MIAMI** — Strong pitching and hitting carried Glo-Valve past Tejas Feeders, 15-1 here Monday in both teams' first game of the Optimist Cal Ripken 11-12 City Tournament.

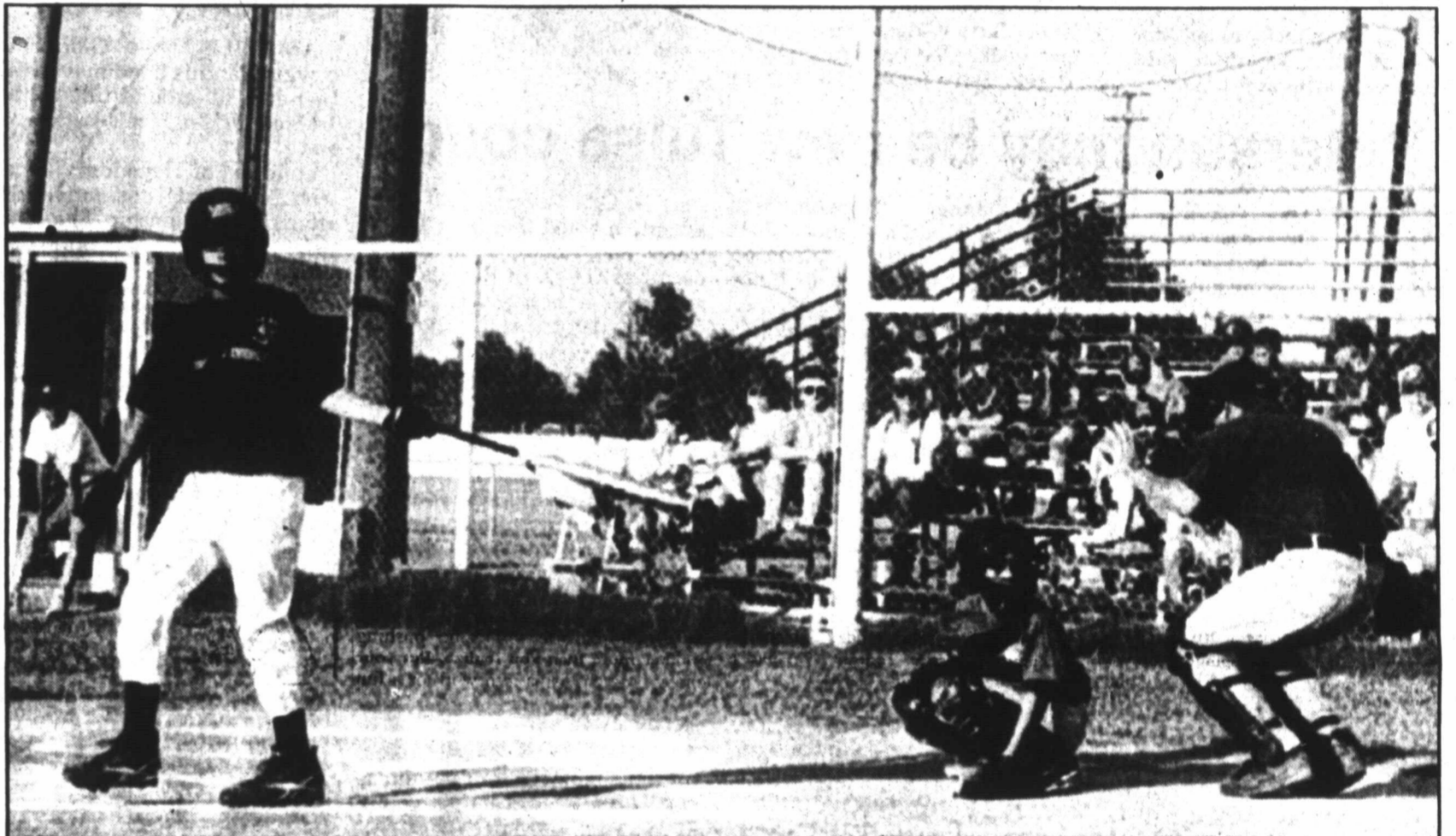
Jarron Clark pitched a steady two innings, allowing no runs, two hits and one walk. He struck out four in winning his third game of the year. Matt Parks pitched two strong innings of relief permitting an unearned run and no hits. He walked three, hit a batter and struck out two. The left-handed hurler also picked a runner off first base and started a game-ending double play.

Tyson Hickman, Eric Kingcade and Craig Stone each accounted for two hits and two runs scored for Glo-Valve. Hickman had two RBI while Kingcade and Stone each had one. Hickman's and Kingcade's hits included a triple, the only extra base hits of the game for Glo-Valve.

Jonathan Carr with a double and Ryan Adams with a single collected the only hits for Tejas Feeders. Carr and Kody Roda pitched for Tejas.

The visitors wasted no time jumping out to a four-run lead in the first inning. With one out, Bobby Sikes worked his way to a full-count walk. Kingcade followed three pitches later with a triple. Stone walked and stole second. A throw to try to get Stone at second wound up in center field to score Kingcade. Robbie Dixon was credited with an infield single and was awarded second when the ball bounded off a fielder's glove and out of play scoring Stone. Dixon took third on a passed ball and stole home.

With one out in the second inning, Brett Ferrell drew a



(Pampa News photo)

**Ryan Torres of Triangle Energy fouls off a pitch during the Optimist City Tournament Monday night at Optimist Park. Triangle played Rotary in 11-12 year-old action.**

walk for Glo-Valve. He took second on a wild pitch, third on a passed ball and scored easily when Hickman's singled to center. Hickman came around to score on a passed ball and two wild pitches. After two were out, Kingcade singled and took second on an error. A single by Stone plated Kingcade. Stone took second on the throw to the plate. Dixon drew a walk and Hansen belted a hard shot to center field which got by the

fielder and permitted all runners to score.

Glo-Valve was not through scoring in the second and Clark beat out an infield single. He went to second on a wild pitch and alertly stole third. Craig Crowell was walked and permitted to take second. A single by Ferrell brought in both runners making the score 10-0 in Glo-Valve's favor.

Jake Booze scored for Tejas Feeders in the third inning. He

walked, went to second base on a wild pitch, to third on an error and scored on a passed ball.

Glo-Valve completed the scoring in the top of the fourth inning. Crowell walked again. Ferrell slapped a hit to left field which slipped through the fielder permitting Crowell to score and Ferrell to go all the way to third base. Ferrell trotted in on Hickman's triple and Hickman sped home on a passed ball.

Tonight's games will feature Celanese Corporation vs. Cabot Corporation at 5:45 and Rotary Club vs. Glo-Valve at 7:45. The early game Wednesday sends Rotary against Cabot, Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency, the No. 2 seed, battles Glo-Valve, the No. 1 seed, in the nighttime. Thursday's games will see Tejas Feeders play Cabot at 5:45 and Glo-Valve against third-seeded Celanese at 7:45.

## Yankees reverse slide; White Sox win eighth straight

By **JOSH DUBOW**  
AP Sports Writer

Hitting the road changed the fortunes of the struggling New York Yankees.

The streaking Chicago White Sox didn't slow down a bit after coming home from their most successful road trip in years.

The Yankees handed Boston its most lopsided home loss ever, breaking loose for five home runs Monday night in a 22-1 romp that snapped a four-game skid.

"You just can't figure this game," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "You never want to beat somebody up like that, but you can't control it."

The White Sox won their eighth straight game, getting a homer from Herbert Perry and 6 2-3 scoreless innings from Kip Wells to beat Cleveland 6-1.

The White Sox, who won three games in Cleveland and four at Yankee Stadium to complete a perfect seven-game road trip, moved 8 1/2 games ahead of the Indians in the AL Central.

"Baseball is a momentum sport," Perry said. "Right now, this team is in a giant vacuum and we're just letting things go. We're not thinking about anything else. We're just playing baseball."

In the other two AL games on Monday, Oakland edged Baltimore 13-12 in 10 innings; and Tampa Bay beat Seattle 10-3.

At Fenway Park, Shane Spencer hit a three-run shot in a nine-run eighth inning and Scott Brosius added a three-run drive in a seven-run ninth for the Yankees.

"It was embarrassing. It doesn't matter if it's the hometown Little League," Boston catcher Jason Varitek said. "It's embarrassing for every one of us."

It was New York's highest-scoring game since Aug. 12, 1953, when it beat Washington by the same 22-1 margin. Only the Yankees' 25-2 win over Philadelphia on May 24, 1936, was by a bigger score in team history.

Derek Jeter, Jorge Posada and Felix Jose also homered as the Yankees bounced back in a big way from a humiliating four-game sweep at home by the White Sox.

"You're not going to see us get 22 runs very often, just like you probably won't see Boston give up 22 runs again," Jeter said.

A standing room only crowd of 43,062, the fifth sellout of the season, gave the major league-leading White Sox (45-24) a standing ovation as they took

the field to start the game.

"That was very moving," manager Jerry Manuel said. "It was a great moment for the team and for me to be received in such a way."

Chicago's eight-game win streak is its longest since the White Sox won eight in a row May 17-26, 1996. It was the Indians' seventh loss in their last eight games.

"Too many guys are putting pressure on themselves," Cleveland's Omar Vizquel said. "They go up there thinking they have to do something."

**Athletics 13, Orioles 12**  
Jeremy Giambi's RBI single in the bottom of the 10th inning capped Oakland's seven-run comeback and gave the Athletics their sixth straight win.

Jason Giambi singled off Mike Timlin (2-2) with one out in the 10th. One out later, John Jaha walked. Jeremy Giambi then pinch-hit, singling to left to drive in his older brother.

Combined with the 21 runs they scored Sunday at Kansas City, the A's tied an Oakland record with 34 runs in a two-game span.

Jeff Tam (2-2) pitched the final three innings for the win.

**Devil Rays 10, Mariners 3**

Fred McGriff drove in four runs and hit his 13th homer,

and reliever-turned-starter Albie Lopez (4-4) pitched six strong innings as Tampa Bay won at Seattle.

Jose Guillen and Bobby Smith

also homered for the Devil Rays, who won for the fifth time in six games.

John Halama (6-3) took the loss.

### AQHA Polls

**AMARILLO, Texas (AP)** — The national quarterhorse poll conducted by the American Quarter Horse Association Rankings through June 18, based on votes of industry and media representatives on a 10-9-8, etc. basis, with first-place votes in parentheses, records, and total points (A-Age S-Sex, C-Colt, G-Gelding, S-Stallion, F-Filly, M-Mare)

- A-SST-1-2-3 PtsPvs  
1 TailorFit(20)5-G2-2-0-0209 1  
2 Mstrawfltoyoyou5-G4-3-0-01174 2  
3 GoneKoolMan(1)3-G4-4-0-01583 3  
4 HesMyDasher4-G2-0-1-1108 4  
5 Separatist3-C2-1-0-0715 5  
6 DashForPopa4-G7-5-1-070- 6  
7 SVBlueTornado3-G3-2-1-063 6  
8 SecretCard2-F3-3-0-052 8  
9 JoannaKate5-M3-1-0-143 7  
10 Celeb2-C4-3-0-033 10

Other horses receiving votes: Jakes Jockmo 24, Southern Cash Man 24, Classified As Dash 17, Fightin Jane 13, War Colors 13, Coastal Memories 11, Sambaso Dancer 10, Worth A Look 9, Marmet 5, Miss De Great 4, Southern Beduino 4, Check Em High 3, Falling In Loveagain 3, Game Patriot 3, Heza Fast Dash 3, PF Flyers 3, Rojo Dancer 3, Stoli 3, Victory Defined 3, BCR Really A Jet 2, BK Runner 2, Mark My Dial 2, Soft Summer Nights 2, Sound De Kas 2, Alibi Alibi 1, Gomez Adams 1, Hawkinson 1, Holland As Yawl 1, Prowl 1, Sign Of Lanty 1.

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**AMARILLO, Texas (AP)** — The American Quarter Horse Association racing poll for the leading 2-year-olds which are contenders for the All-American Futurity at Ruidoso Downs Rankings, with records covering racing performances through June 18 are based on the votes of media and industry representatives on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis with first place votes in parentheses and total points (Sex C-colt, G-gelding, H-horse, F-filly, M-mare)

- SST-1-2-3 PtsPvs  
1 SecretCard(10)F3-3-0-01681 1  
2 Celeb(5)C4-3-0-0138 2  
3 StoliC4-3-0-1113 3  
4 HezaFastDashC4-2-1-193 4  
4t CoastalMemoriesG3-2-0-093 5  
6 FightinJane(1)F2-2-0-078 6  
7 RecklesslyF3-3-0-076 7  
8 IllicitDreamG2-2-0-041 8  
9 QuarterloomG4-2-2-0 38 10  
10 Marmet(1)G4-3-0-036 9

Others receiving votes: Valors Gold 17 Copper Bull 16, Leading Diva 16, Mark My Dial 15, Soft Summer Nights (1) 10, Heza Streakin Fool 7, WSS Moon Flyer 6, Jerchos Dash 4, All American Dash 3, Streakin Latocha 3, Baquero 2, Dust Em Dusty 2, Lightnstrikescontag 2, Thru Rebas Eyes 2, Title Kender 2, Alot Like Bro 1, Dashing Knud 1, Feature Mr Jess 1, JA Calyx Quest 1.



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## Rodeo Camp



(Special photo)

Paulette Hinkle-Kirksey displays one of the t-shirts to be given to participants in the Fellowship of Christian Cowboys Senior Rodeo Bible Camp, June 23-25, at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena and Recreation Park. Organizers say approximately 100 high school students will be attending the camp to strengthen their rodeo skills and deepen their faith. Behind Hinkle-Kirksey is FCC President Keven Romine's chuck wagon, "Honey Do Spoiler" that will be used to prepare meals for the campers. To volunteer or sponsor a student for the camp, contact Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Green at 665-8067.

## People in the news ...

**MALIBU, Calif. (AP)** — A woman who violated a 1997 court order to stay away from Axl Rose has been sentenced to jail.

Superior Court Judge Lawrence Mira sentenced Karen McNeil, a 39-year-old Ohio resident, to a year in jail on Monday for violating probation. Rose, the former Guns 'n Roses singer, called Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies May 16 to report a stalker was trying to enter his property.

Rose's assistant, Betta Lebeis, testified at the probation violation hearing that McNeil had been to Rose's property at least six times in the past four years. The court order barred McNeil from being within 300 yards of Rose's home.

**VENTURA, Calif. (AP)** — There's more drama surrounding the real-life Erin Brockovich.

An arraignment for three men accused of trying to extort \$310,000 from Brockovich and her boss was postponed again as lawyers battled over where the case should be tried.

Attorneys representing Brockovich's ex-husband, ex-boyfriend and their attorney filed a change-of-venue motion claiming that the case does not belong in Ventura County, where Brockovich and attorney Ed Masry are considered "local heroes."

"The hit movie 'Erin Brockovich' may be the biggest movie to ever feature Ventura-area residents and it could not be

more current in the public's consciousness," the motion said.

"Erin Brockovich," which stars Julia Roberts, details how as a novice legal assistant Brockovich helped uncover power plant pollution in a desert town to win a huge settlement for clients.

Brockovich's ex-husband, Shawn William Brown, 38; ex-boyfriend Jorg Lawrence Halaby, 46; and lawyer John Jeffrey Reiner, 53, were arrested on extortion charges after a two-month investigation by the Ventura County district attorney's office and the FBI.

The complaint alleged that the men threatened to tell tabloid media that Brockovich and Masry had a sexual relationship and that she was a bad mother — neither of which was true, according to prosecutors.

Another hearing was scheduled for July 14.

**HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)** — The next time Robin Leach endorses something, chances are he'll be familiar with it — at least if he follows the guidelines of a court settlement he reached with several states.

Attorneys general from 12 states announced Monday that they had settled a lawsuit against the former host of "The Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous," who promised dream vacations from a Florida-based company.

Consumers said the "dream vacation" and "Bahamas cruise" cost them thousands of dollars; the "cruise" consisted of a day-long ferry ride with "Las Vegas-style" bingo.

Leach promoted the vacations in behalf of National Travel Services Inc. and Plaza Resorts Inc. of Fort Lauderdale. The states contended that Leach did not investigate the packages and therefore could not honestly claim they were the "vacation experience of a lifetime."

Leach admitted no wrongdoing in the settlement but agreed

to endorse only those products with which he is personally familiar, in keeping with Federal Trade Commission guidelines.

"The lawsuit really is a powerful warning to celebrity pitchmen that they will be held accountable," said Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal.

A message seeking comment from Leach's Florida attorney was not returned Monday, nor was one left with National Travel Service.

The agreement covers Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, North Carolina, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

**WILBERFORCE, Ohio (AP)** — It's music to their ears: Students at Wilberforce University will benefit from a \$2 million gift from Ray Charles to fund entertainment scholarships and pay visiting artists.

It is the largest single gift in the history of the private, historically black university.

Charles' gift was made through the Ray Charles Robinson Foundation for Hearing Disorders. The money will be used to set up a scholarship fund for students studying music, dance, theater and voice, and to establish a chair in which musicians, artists and scholars come to the school and serve as temporary lecturers.

Charles' career has covered rhythm and blues, jazz, rock, gospel and country. He visited Wilberforce in December to receive an honorary doctorate of humane letters degree.

"I was impressed on my campus visit with the quality of the students and the faculty, and I knew the rich history of Wilberforce," said Charles. "In my small way, I wanted to be part of this great history."

Wilberforce, which has about 1,000 students, is about 15 miles east of Dayton.

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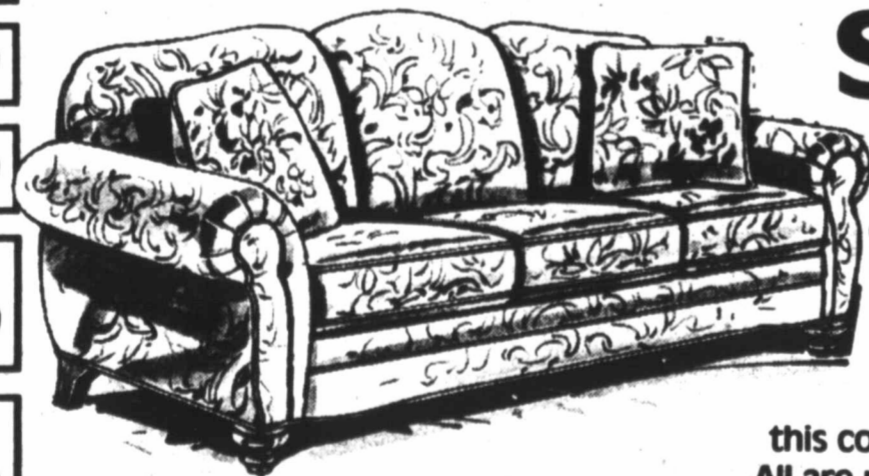
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### Storm floods highways, power substations around Fargo, N.D.

**FARGO, N.D. (AP)** — A downpour flooded the Fargo area, closing a major highway early Tuesday and knocking out power for thousands of customers.

Hundreds of people were stuck when their vehicles stalled in flooded streets.

"Some people aren't heeding the seriousness of the situation and don't understand the mechanical limits of their vehicles and are getting stranded," police Sgt. Kevin Volrath said.

Interstate 29 was closed from Fargo south to the South Dakota state line, a distance of about 60 miles, and southbound lanes were blocked north of the city.

About 7 inches of rain fell in six hours overnight, said Mayor Bruce Furness. City officials declared a state of emergency. The metropolitan area, which includes Moorhead, Minn., has a population of around 100,000.

The main concern in Moorhead was a large runoff holding pond that was overflowing at Moorhead State University, said Dean Palmer, an office assistant in the school's physical plant.

Crews were sandbagging the pond. "If that were to go, you'd be in serious trouble. There'd be a lot of homes that would be gone," Palmer said.

Moorhead State had water in some buildings and canceled classes. Flooded utility substations in Fargo blacked out some 20,000 customers during the night, but service was restored to most within about three hours, Northern States Power Co. officials said.



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