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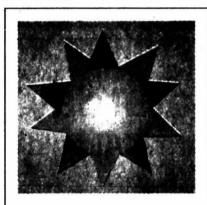
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High today 102-103 Low tonight mid 70s For weather details see Page 2.

MS Chapter to meet in Borger

. Panhandle Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is sponsoring a seminar "Exploring Multiple Sclerosis" in Borger at Frank Phillips College, Saturday, July 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with lunch provided.

"Living Well with MS",

"M9 Research: 2000 and Beyond", Management" "Accessibility and Independent Living' among the issues to be addressed. Anyone interested in learning more about MS is invited. Please call 806-468-7500 or 1-800-FIGHT MS to register. The meeting will be at Frank · Phillips College, Fine Arts Bldg., Plainsman

Persons needing a ride to the seminar can contact Kayla Pursley, 665-2736.

No Lotto winner; next jackpot \$6 million

Republican Republican Company

No tickets matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday for Lotto Texas. The numbers drawn Wednesday night 18-31-34-44-45-48. Saturday's drawing will be worth an estimated \$6 million.

Cornyn decision affects medical care

HOUSTON (AP) — Public hospitals cannot provide free or discounted preventive care to undocumented immigrants, Texas Attorney General John Cornyn says in a decision that may destroy an alternative to keeping illegal residents out of overcrowded emergency rooms.

· Carolyn Ann Leonard, 72,

avid gardner · Margaret Roberta Stevens,

71, former bank officer.

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CRMWA ups Pampa water rates 12%

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By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

SANFORD — Pampa will pay 12 percent more for water next year than they did this year, and they're one of the lucky

Canadian River Municipal Water Authority officials estimate that water charges for fiscal year 2002 for their member cities will rise an average of 26 percent. The increases will vary with each city. Borger is expected to pay 34 percent more. Brownfield is expected to pay only about five percent more.

Pampa City Manager Bob Eskridge said the city knew there would be an increase when the Roberts County well field goes power costs necessitated an additional

on line but did not know how much it increase in the pumping energy and

CRMWA officials said the projected increase is due primarily to rising energy costs to pump water.

At their regularly scheduled meeting here Wednesday atternoon, directors heard an update of the water authority's Conjunctive Groundwater 3 pply Project, their well field in Roberts and Hutchinson Counties. The project, which was supposed to be in operation last Spring, was delayed due to lack of electrical power. Pumping is expected to begin in September, according to John Kelley with CRMWA.

"Continued increases in electrical

chemical cost rates being charged to the in fuel costs, CRMWA attorneys have member cities, effective on August I," been instructed to intervene in filings by said John Williams, general manager of _ Southwestern Public Service when they

Because of the continued rapid increase (See CRMWA, Page 3)

What it means to average user

Pretiminary calculations show that a minimum 15 cents per 1,000 galthe CRMWA increase, City Finance to the Mayor and City Commission. Director John Horst said today.

For an "average" user of 8,000 gallons a month, Horst said the increase would be \$1.20 per month.

Horst stressed the figures are preliminary and said the plans for an lons usage will be needed to cover increase have not yet been presented

When new rates are approved, Horst said it's likely they will be effective on Jan. 1, if all goes as have some recent increases.

Blaze erupts at Watson's ...



Feed and Garden Center, 516 S. Russell, Wednesday afternoon. At left, Firefighter Tyson Smith takes a moment to recover from the heat and smoke before going back into the burning

Fire marshal says electrical fire cause of \$130,000 in damages

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Staff Writer

Pampa Fire Marshal Gary Stevens today said electrical problems caused a \$130,000 fire at Watson's Feed and Garden Center Wednesday that sent two people to the hospital, suffering from the affects of heat and smoke.

Fire officials did not have the names of the two people injured in the fire, but emergency radio traffic identified one as a 19-year-old Watson's employee and the other as the owner of the business. One person was taken to the Pampa Regional Medical Center emergency room from the 500 block of South Russell at 1:46 p.m. Wednesday and a second person was transported at 2:27 p.m., according to Rural Metro Ambulance Service reports.

Pampa Fire Department first received the report of a "big fire" in a 9-1-1 call to the garden center, 516 S. Russell, at 1:47 p.m. Seven units and nine personnel responded to the fire.

A black plume from the fire floated across downtown Pampa, spurring a crowd of curious drivers seeking the source of the heavy smoke.

When firefighters, police, and ambu-

Firefighters, wearing full bunker suits and breathing apparatus, took turns battling the flames in the 102degree heat.

"They're wearing 40 to 65 extra pounds," Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell said. "It's like wearing a snow suit to the beach.

lance personnel arrived at the scene, the north building of the Watson's three-building complex = a steel frame covered by shade cloth - was engulfed in flames. Shreds of the cloth covering floated into the air and settled around the fire scene.

A wooden loading dock adjacent to the garden center also sustained fire damage, fire officials said.

Stevens said today that the fire was first discovered by a customer who had been in the building looking at the merchandise

for only a few minutes when she saw the north wall and the shelves on the north wall were on fire.

"She ran up front to tell them it was on fire," Stevens said. "The owner tried to put it out with a garden hose, but it had went

The fire marshal said large fans used to cool the building actually contributed to

"Those big tans just sucked the air into" the fire. They can take a little fire and make it big," he said. Another contributing factor to the size of

the blaze was the number of flammable objects in the building. "There was so much fire load in that area," Stevens said. "There was a lot of burlap and it was just full of those

grapevine wreaths. Firefighters, wearing tull bunker suits and breathing apparatus, took turns battling the flames in the 102-degree heat.

"They're wearing 40 to 65 extrapounds," Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell said. "It's like wearing a snow suit to the

"(A fire crew) would be physically brought back to the station and put under (See FIRE, Page 3)

Kidnapping, sex assault nets arrest

Victim 3 years old **By DEE DEE LARAMORE** Staff Writer

A house-to-house search by local law enforcement officers, looking for a lost 3-year-old girl Wednesday afternoon, led to the arrest of a Pampa man on kidnapping and sexual assault of a child charges.

Barry Max Bryant, 42, 513 N Cuyler, remained in Gray County fail at press time today on bonds totaling \$100,000, according to Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing. In a bond hearing this morning, Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez set bond at \$50,000 each for the two charges.

At 5:22 p.m., Wednesday, a 9-1-1 call came into the city's emergency communications center reporting a missing 3-year-old girl in the 500 block of North Cuyler, according to police-

Pampa police officers were immediately dispatched to the area, not realizing at the time, that a family member had reported the missing child in person to the Gray County Sheriff's Office and that deputies were also responding to the call.

Deputy Morse Burroughs, one of the first units to arrive in the area, began a house-to-house search, police said. When Burroughs approached 513 N. (See ASSAULT, Page 3)

Appraisal District's '02 budget proposed

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Staff Writer

Gray County Appraisal District (GCAD) board members and local taxing entities are considering an annual 2002 budget totaling \$520,198 in projected expenditures.

Nine local taxing entities bear most of the cost of the appraisal district: Grandview-Hopkins Independent School District (ISD), Gray County, City of Lefors, Lefors ISD, City of McLean, McLean ISD, City of Pampa, Pampa ISD, and Water District. Each agency pays a portion of the budget according to a percentage of its total tax levy.

"We anticipate certain increases in costs of operation due to requirements relating to insurance, training, appraisal record keeping, and overall operational expense," Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley said in a cover letter to the entities.

Although the total proposed budget is \$520,198, the taxing entities will only be responsible for \$478,189, approximately 5.4 percent more than 2001.

Bagley said \$42,000 of the projected expenditures will be fund-(See APPRAISAL, Page 3)

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Services tomorrow

ALVEY, Lola Mae — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

CHAMBERS, Wilma — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel,

LEONARD, Carolyn Ann — Celebration services, 11 a.m., First Baptist Church, Ingram.

REID, Raymond Edward - Memorial servicves, 3 p.m., St. Matthews Episcopal Church,

STEVENS, Margaret Roberta — 11 a.m., White's Chapel United Methodist Church, ber was reported in the 1000 block of Mary Ellen. Southlake. Committal service, 1:30 p.m., Azleland Memorial Park, Azle.

Obituaries

CAROLYN ANN LEONARD

KERRVILLE — Carolyn Ann Leonard, 72, died Tuesday, July 10, 2001, at Oklahoma City, Okla. Celebration services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in First Baptist Church in Ingram with Dr. David McFadden officiating. Burial will be in Garden of Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Overby Funeral Home of Kerrville.

Mrs. Leonard was born Jan. 13, 1929, at Franklin, Ala. During her husband's career as a pastor, she served alongside him in many churches where she was involved in teaching Bible studies to young married couples. She was an avid gardener.

Survivors include her husband, the Rev. Jesse Leonard of Ingram; two daughters, Gina Ireland of Kerrville and Gay Ivey of Boise, Idaho; two sons, Ray Leonard of Stevenson Ranch, Calif., and Jay Leonard of Corona, Calif.; three sisters, Laurene Beckett, Willette Springer and Eleanor Bryant; two brothers, Joseph Bryant and Jack Bryant; and several grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church of Ingram

MARGARET ROBERTA STEVENS

SOUTHLAKE — Margaret Roberta Stevens, 71, a retired bank officer, died Monday, July 9, 2001, at Alex, Okla., following an automobile accident. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in White's Chapel United Methodist Church. A committal service will follow a 1:30 p.m. in Azleland Memorial Park in Azle. Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Mueller Harper.

Mrs. Stevens was born Jan. 20, 1930, in Mobeetie, Texas, to Robert and Tassie Patterson Leonard. She was a longtime resident of Azle, where she was a bank officer with Azle State

She was a member of White's Chapel United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her son, Fred Powell; and by her husband, Marvin Stevens.

Survivors include a daughter, Donna Palon of Southlake; a stepdaughter, Debbie Trout of Huntington Beach, Calif.; brothers, Jesse Leonard of Kerrville, A.L. Leonard of Pampa, Dinzel Leonard of Canadian, and Joe Fred Leonard of Wichita Falls; a sister, LaVerne Newman of Chickasha, Okla.; and several grandchildren.

Stocks

The following grain quo	tations are	Columbia/HCA	43.50	dn 0.65
provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.		Enron	49.35	dn 0.88
		Halliburton	32.34	dn 0.88
Wheat	2.71	KMI		dn 0.44
Milo	3.51	Kerr McGee	61.10	dn 0.32
Corn	3.69	Limited	16.41	up 0.57
Soybeans	4.29	McDonald's	26.95	up 0.31
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		NOI	22.19	dn 0.41
the time of compilation:		OKE		up 0.01
Occidental 26.56	dn 0.19	Penney's	26.33	up 1.70
		Phillips	55.65	dn 0.35
Fidelity Mageln	106.06	Pioneer Nat.		up 0.13
Puritan	18.27	SLB	50.48	dn 0.77
		Tenneco		up 0.01
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The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by		Ultramar		up 0.60
Edward Jones & Co. of Par		Wal-Mart50.66		up 1.81
BP Amoco	up 0.57	Williams		dn 0.43
Celanese22.67	up 0.87			
	up 0.55			
Cabot36.10	up 0.55	New York Gold		268.75
Cabot O&G23.18	dn 0.17	Silver		4.26
Chevron	dn 0.17	West Texas Crude		27.50
Coca-Cola	dn 0.48	The state of the s		21N

Correction

Vickie Goheen was incorrectly identified as Vickie Going in a story in Wednesday's edition of the The Pampa News regarding the Kids Klown Kontest. We apologize for the error.

Police report

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

Wednesday, July 11

Elizabeth Anne Hoover, 43, 1021 Mary Ellen, was arrested in the 1000 block of Mary Ellen for assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

A red suitcase filled with clothes and other items, total value \$500, was reported lost in the 1800 block of North Hobart.

Assault causing bodily injury to a family mem-Kidnapping of a 3-year-old child was reported in the 500 block of North Cuyler. (See related

A representative of Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks, reported three thefts of gasoline for \$3, \$10, and \$30.85, between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Assault was reported in the 100 block of North

Thursday, July 12

Theft of a lawn sprinkler valued at \$75 between 10 p.m., July 11, and 6:30 a.m. today.

Artura Ambriz Villarreal, 18, no address listed, was arrested in the 100 block of South Starkweather for public intoxication.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, July 11 7:55 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600

block of Powell and transported one to BSAW. 10:35 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to NWTH.

1:46 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of South Russell and transported one to

2:27 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of South Russell and transported one to

10:05 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of North Christy and transported one to

Thursday, July 12

12:18 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Starkweather and transported one

Fires

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

Wednesday, July 11

1:12 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a grass fire at the Top O' Texas Rodeo grounds, east of Pampa. It was determined to be a controlled burn - rodeo directors were cooking the barbecue for Thursday night's rodeo performance.

1:47 p.m. – Seven units and nine firefighters responded to a structure fire at Watson's Garden Center, 516 S. Russell. The fire caused an estimated \$130,000 damage and is under investigation. (See related story) 2 p.m. – One unit and two firefighters respond-

ed to a grass fire on Price Road. No fire was found. Firefighters determined the report stemmed from smoke coming from the fire on South Russell. 5:18 p.m. - Two units and five firefighters

responded to a grass fire 1 1/2 mile south on Bowers City highway. Approximately one-half acre was burned.

6:48 p.m. - Four units and seven firefighters responded to a grass fire on East Loop 171 caused by a one-vehicle accident.

7:50 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a grass/ trash fire at Watson's Garden Center, 516 S. Russell. Tree limbs and railroad ties were still smoldering from the earlier

Sheriff's Office

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

Wednesday, July 11 Barry Max Bryant, 42, 513 N. Cuyler, was

arrested for aggravated kidnapping and aggravated sexual assault of a child. (See related story.) Ronald Ellis, 36, Groom, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety and sheriff's deputies on a charge of harassment.

People in the news ...

HAVANA (AP) — Puerto Rico-born Benicio Del Lies," has been an ambassador for the Special **Toro** says that aithough Hispanics have made gains Olympics since 1979. in Hollywood, more work is needed to increase the presence of people with Latin American roots.

When it comes to Hispanics in Hollywood, "there are few writers, there are few directors," said Del Toro, who won a best-supporting actor Oscar ing for homeless people trying to get back on their earlier this year for his role in "Traffic.

The 34-year-old spoke Wednesday during a visit trafficking between the United States and Mexico.

"The reality is that Latinos must do it them=" selves," he said. "Neither the studio nor anyone else is going to do it for them.'

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — Arnold Schwarzenegger says his support for the Special

Olympics is driven by his desire to help people. Schwarzenegger was in Cape Town for the launch of a Special Olympics initiative to recruit an

additional 100,000 African athletes by 2005.

"We all know the intellectually challenged are still the most neglected and stigmatized people in costs for Presley Place for five years. Lisa Marie the world. We have to do everything to make them equals," he said at a press conference.

Schwarzenegger, whose movie credits include lic housing as a boy. the "Terminator" films, "Total Recall" and "True

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Lisa Marie Presley cut the ribbon on the wrought-iron gates leading to Presley Place, a 12-unit, rent-free apartment build-

The 33-year-old daughter of rock 'n' roll king to screen the Steven Soderbergh film about drug - Elvis Presley donated \$1.3 million to the Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association to build the

> 'Giving back is a check for me," she said. "The one thing that helps keep me sane and happy is to

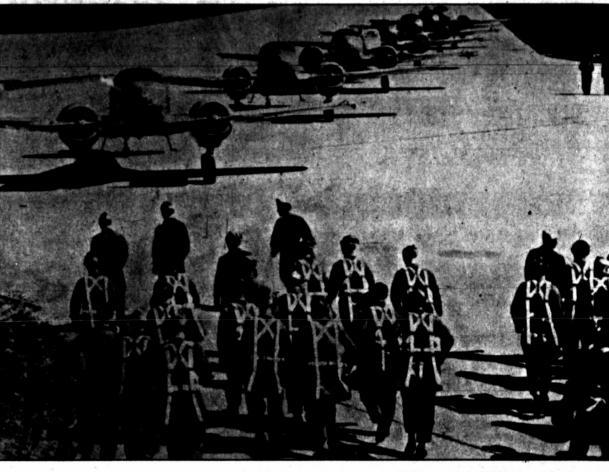
Presley, who lives in Los Angeles with her two -children, was accompanied Tuesday by Nicolas Cage. The two have been appearing together publicly for several weeks.

Élvis Presley Enterprises, which handles the licensing and marketing of everything with Elvis Presley's name and image, will pay the operating Presley is owner and chairman of the board.

Presley, who died in 1977, lived in Memphis pub-

overnight low 73,

Book signing ...



Flight crews head to planes in this picture taken at the old Pampa Army

Author to be here Saturday

Book has chapter on Pampa Army Airfield

By DARLENE BIRKES For the News

gram on the Pampa Army Airfield and booksigning at Freedom Museum USA, 600 N. Hobart, at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 14.

An Air Force veteran, Alexander has included Stars Were Big and Bright: The U.S. Army Air Forces and Texas During WWII," volume II. Alexander did extensive research on 10 air fields in this second volume, which follows his awardwinning first volume published in 2000.

includes chapters on Bergstrom Field in Austin, wife. Ellington Field in Houston, Laughlin Field at Del Rio, Biggs Field at El Paso, as well as Marfa, Lubbock, Midland, Big Spring, Fort Worth and Hondo. The author includes detailed data about Commission.

each base as well as photographs of the principal aircraft assigned to the airfields.

In his research, Alexander did interviews of Author Thomas Alexander will present a pro- those living in the hosting cities, and includes newspaper accounts and pictures, giving a visual image of Texas' home front during the war

Following his military service in the Strategic a chapter on the Pampa Army Airfield in "The Air Command and the Illinois Air Guard, Alexander was instructor navigator with the rank of major. He was in retailing 30 years, retiring as executive vice-president in retailing at Nieman Marcus. He later owned and operated a cattle ranch in Erath and Comanche Counties In addition to the Pampa base, *Alexander and now lives in Fredericksburg, Texas, with his

Sponsors of Saturday's program include the Freedom Museum USA, White Deer Land Museum and the Gray County Historical

Boy found in hot car dies at hospital

a 3-year-old Plano boy, trapped heat from the sun is trapped children have died in hot cars in a sport utility vehicle as the outside temperature neared 100 degrees, is a painful reminder of how dangerous automobile interiors can be during the summer months, authorities said.

Police and weather forecasters say people can take precautions to prevent such accidents, including leaving car windows cracked to keep heat from building up in closed cars and never leaving children or pets in vehi-

Cory Clark died Wednesday after he was found inside his family's Chevy Suburban.

Plano police Sgt. Mark Hunt said the boy was outside playing with siblings and friends. The children had been playing in and out of the car. But Hunt said the door closed and the boy couldn't get out.

Hunt said he did not know the age of the other children.

The temperature inside a closed vehicle as outside temperatures approached the century mark could reach 150 degrees, the National Weather Service said.

Police said Cory was unconscious when paramedics arrived. They believe he was in the vehicle for about 20 minutes before his parents realized he was in the car. They were inside the house.

The boy was taken to the Medical Center of Plano, where he later died.

Police are investigating the death, which they say appears to be an accident.

A National Weather Service meteorologist in Fort Worth said the temperature in the Dallas area was 97 degrees around 3:30 Celebrations, Coronado Center, p.m., when the boy was found.

Meteorologist Jesse Moore said temperatures inside a car can inside a closed car.

DALLAS (AP) — The death of reach 150 degrees or more. The At least two other North Texas

Former Pampans killed when ejected; no seat belts

By NANCY YOUNG **Managing Editor**

Two former Pampa residents died from injuries incurred in a onevehicle rollover Monday in Alex, Okla. (See obituaries this page).

The Leonards and Stevens were enroute to the funeral of a niece, Helen R. Newbrough-Reyes, 67, and also a former Pampa resident, of Chickasha, when the rollover occurred.

Chief Investigator Don Brooks with the Alex Police Department said Roberta Stevens, 71, died at the scene of the accident. Her sisterin-law, Carolyn Leonard, 74, was airlifted to University Hospital in Oklahoma City, Okla, where she died Tuesday. He said Jesse Leonard, 72, husband of Carolyn Leonard, was dri-

ver of the 1998 Chevy Blazer which was traveling westbound on Highway 19 when he lost control of the vehicle, causing it to rollover three times.

The two women were ejected from the vehicle, said Brooks. He said neither woman was wearing a seat belt, but said the driver of the vehicle was seat-belted. Jesse Leonard, a retired Baptist minister and former Pampa resi-

dent, is a brother to local resident, Chunky Leonard.

City Briefs

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LONE STAR Country Club, 1300 S. Barnes St. Opening Fri. July 13th-4 p.m. till Midnight, Sat. July 14th-4 p.m. till 1 a.m. Memberships Available!

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CONEY ISLAND will resume its reg. hrs. 11am-7pm beginning July 10th.

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Weather focus

PAMPA — This afternoon, mostly sunny. Highs 102 to 104. Southeast wind 10 to 20 mph.

Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 70s. Southeast wind 10 to 20 mph and locally gusty. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs

103 to 105. Southeast wind 10 to 20 mph. Friday night, mostly clear. ows in the mid 70s. Southeast middle Gulf coast.

wind 10 to 20 mph and locally Thursday's high was 103; the

STATEWIDE — Texas temper-

atures should remain hot up to expected to continue through blocking formation of showers the Southern Plains. and thunderstorms

665-3100. We deliver.

raint. Il is expected for the weekend as the ridge weakens. Early-morning temperatures

clear skies, ranging to the middle 80s along the Rio Grande and It was 73 degrees at Austin and

83 at Del Rio and Palacios.

ly at 5 to 10 mph.

the weekend under the influence. Friday as the high-pressure of a high-pressure ridge which is dome remains stationary over

A slight chance of showers and But some widely scattered thunderstorms was forecast for the north, central and northeast

Daytime highs should range were mostly in the 70s under from the 90s in the east to 107 in the west and around the century mark along the Rio Grande

Lows in the 70s were expected

Some high cirrus clouds from Winds were generally souther- the. Gulf were moving inland along the entire Coastal Plains Mostly sunny conditions were and to the San Antonio area.

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WICHITA FA — State Sen. To played an influ year's legislativ battling Parking Thursday at home. He was

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APPRAISAL

ed through GCAD reserves. Reserve funds have been used for the past two years, Bagley

"It's part of the plan to spend down reserves and replace assets," he explained.

Appraisal board members and the taxing entities have approximately 30 days to evaluate the

budget, Bagley said. GCAD board members received the budget proposal at the July 3 meeting and the budget has been mailed to the taxing entities, he said.

"I like to give the entities 30 days and the board has that long to look at it and ask questions,'

According to the State Property Tax Code, approval of the budget rests on the GCAD board's shoulders, but the taxing entities can "disprove" the budget, Bagley said. To change the budget, a majority of the entities must disprove it, he said.

\$381,899 – goes toward employee

travel and mileage. nine GCAD employees from this do it." year's budgeted employee costs

of \$362,704. good employees for their efforts you can't predict."

tion," Bagley said in the letter.

\$8,000 for 2002. Contractual services increased sional consultants for mineral, oil GCAD building this winter. gas, and industrial audit, postage meter mainte- 2002.

Almost 3/4ths of the budget - nance and computer software.

"In mineral appraisals you costs including salaries/ wages, really need a petroleum engineer retirement, FICA, insurances, car and/or a geologist to deal with allowance, training, licenses, engineers and geologists," he explained. "Industrial appraisals The 2002 budget reflects a 4.1 have always been a big item in percent increase in pay – \$11,298 the budget. That is a big item on and related expenses for the the tax roll. You need an expert to

The chief appraiser allowed \$10,000 for legal expenses, but "It is our intention to reward concedes, "It's really something

to eliminate mistakes and waste, Utility expenses for the coming and to move forward with an year of \$11,330 are a rough estiefficient and productive opera- mate, as well, he said. "I'm just trying to estimate the gas and Health and life insurance pre- electricity," he said. "I don't think dictions were also boosted by I have enough for gas. It really

caught us off guard this year."

Bagley added an additional slightly from this year's projec- \$1,250 to the estimated cost for tion - an estimated \$95,460 com- natural gas which he said he pared to \$92,800 for 2001. Bagley hopes will cover any greater said this covers costs of profes- expense needed to heat the

Estimated costs for supplies appraisals, plus maintenance of decreased \$1,425 from \$23,875 set the facilities, the annual financial for 2001 to \$22,450 expected in

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE **CRMWA**

try to get approval for fuel cost adjustments and surcharges from the Public Utility Commission, state from oil and gas production

CRMWA directors also heard a status report on the water authority's Salinity Control Project, upstream on the Texas-New Mexico state line.

Williams said.

The salinity project also faced delays due to power costs. Tests in which brine will be injected in the ground to decrease the salt its way to Lake Meredith are ties. expected to be conducted on the

project Monday. Williams also said the water authority is concerned with a lawsuit filed against the State of Texas by landowners in the area immediately downstream from

the Sanford Dam, seeking title to their manual to allow for ground

high water mark to the edge of the water was ruled to be private, not state, property, although no

royalties were involved. Williams said the outcome of the most recent case could effect content of the Canadian River on CRMWA's flood control activi-

> During their meeting, the directors also approved CRMWA's \$3.98 million general operating and maintenance budget, up from \$3.72 million last year.

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to have been caused by light-

ning, fire officials said. The busi-

ness had recently been relocated

Fire officials did not have the

to 516 S. Russell.

The directors also amended

land that was considered state water fees from the Panhandle property before the dam was Ground Water Conservation built, as well as payment of oil District and authorized an engiand gas royalties collected by the neering study of aqueduct capacity at an estimated cost of \$50,000 to \$75,000. Williams said he The suit is an outgrowth of a suit wanted the study to be done by landowners further down- within three to six months in case stream in which the land from the CRMWA needs to purchase more water rights.

"I'm not sure that the water rights we've been offered will be available in two years or five years," Williams said.

He said that three different groups had offered to sell water rights to CRMWA.

The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority provides water to 11 communities in the Texas Panhandle and Texas South Plains, including Pampa.

The Pampa News was unable to

reach anyone at the business by

press time today. Repeated calls

received a busy signal.

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ASSAULT

Cuyler, he apparently interrupted a sexual assault of a child in progress, police said, and by 5:28 p.m., he had made an arrest.

Pampa police and sheriff's deputies began an intensive investigation of the crime scene.

"We did a search of the residence and quite a bit of evidence has been found," Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris said today. "The investigation is continuing.

Det. David Connors has been assigned to investigate the kidnapping and sexual assault and was interviewing the suspect this

State Sen. Tom Haywood dies at 61

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) "He died of an apparent heart — State Sen. Tom Haywood, who attack," said Todd Gallaher, an played an influential role in this aide in Haywood's Austin office. year's legislative session despite Haywood was a two-term battling Parkinson's disease, died Republican who planned to Thursday at his Wichita Falls announce a re-election bid in

As a matter of fact, it has a high priority. Morris said the child has been to a friend's house to play and

to a medical facility for treatment, forgot to tell their parents. But adding that the nature and extent once in awhile it's something like of her injuries are not clear at this this. That's the reason we do an

morning, the chief said.

"A missing child report is pretty routine," Morris said. "Nine times out of 10, they've gone over all-out search every time."

"This was one for the good guys," he added.

"We commend Deputy Morse Burroughs for his excellent job," Morris said.

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the air conditioner while an oncall crew would go out and fight the fire," she said.

No firefighters suffered injuries in the blaze.

Powell said fire officials could not determine whether the fire was caused by electrical wiring, an electrical short, or an electrical overload, but it was clear that the cause of the fire was "due to an electrical nature."

"We look at the tell-tale signs where was the most damage; where was the most heat," she explained.

Powell said the garden center sustained an estimated loss of \$130,000 in the fire.

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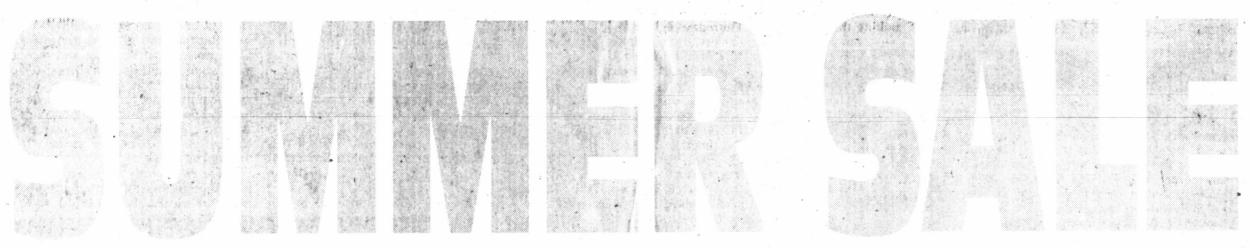
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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas:

The Dallas Morning News on House bans Mexican trucks: The U.S. House of Representatives tarnished itself by voting to ban Mexican trucks from U.S. territory.

Congressmen who voted for the ban say that they did so to keep unsafe Mexican trucks off U.S. highways, and some of them may actually mean it. But make no mistake: The ban is a sop to organized labor, which resents foreign competition and lobbied strenuously to keep the Mexican trucks out. Some congressmen who voted for the ban may even have been motivated by prejudice, as Ari Fleischer, President Bush's spokesman,

Some Mexican trucks are unsafe. So are some U.S. trucks. The proper way to keep the unsafe Mexican trucks off U.S. highways is not to ban all Mexican trucks. It is to ensure that all trucks are safe, regardless of their country of origin or their dri-

Mr. Bush has a good plan to ensure that the Mexican trucks would be safe. The trucks would have to comply with U.S. safety standards. In addition, Mexican truckers would have to obtain "additional ... certifications of compliance," according to a government blueprint. The truckers would receive classroom instruction and training materials and "be subject to intensified roadside monitoring." Federal regulators "would take expedited action if a Mexican carrier engages in conduct that poses a potentially serious threat to public safety.

Mr. Bush proposed to more than double funding for truck safety inspectors along the U.S.-Mexico border. The House

inexplicably rejected his request.

The United States is obligated to let the Mexican trucks in under the North American Free Trade Agreement, which both houses of Congress approved in 1993. The trucks were supposed to enter Texas and the other border states in 1995, all the other states (except Hawaii and Alaska) in 1998. But President Bill €linton refused to let the trucks in on the specious grounds that they were unsafe, even though the accord specified the trucks would have to comply with U.S. safety standards.

Mexico sued to force the United States to meet its obligation. An arbitration panel sided with Mexico, which meant that Mexico had a right to impose compensatory tariffs on U.S. goods. But Mexico did not impose the tariffs because Mr. Bush promised to let the trucks in starting in January 2002. The House's irresponsible action based on the arrogant and unsustainable belief that it can pick and choose which provisions of free-trade agreements to implement throws the timetable into

Four North Texans voted for the ban Republican Pete Sessions and Democrats Ralph Hall, Martin Frost and Eddie Bernice Johnson. They were wrong to do so.

Mr. Bush should fight to keep the Senate from repeating the House's mistake. He should stop the ban from becoming law.

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'Thinking cooler' during outage

Brown outs and low water pressure are not what I want when I go home in the evenings, nor on the weekends. But you don't always get what you want. These have been experiences I have learned to live with lately.

We sure take a lot for granted in life. During the past few weeks I have learned just how much I-depend on my water and electricity to be available at my beck and

A few weeks ago most everyone in my small community experienced a "brown lives in the country when my lights went down to a "glow", I commented on how surge of power when electricity returned.

My first thought was my refrigerator! Then, I immediately began unplugging the air conditioning, computer, television, trical "faintly" running.

Since it was about 8 p.m. and well before dark, I was able to gather candles and flashlights with ease. The traffic on my batteryas well as the electric company were trying subject to damage with low voltage. to solve the problem.

ing the winter due to ice storms, a fire in the wouldn't be destroyed by the low voltage.



Nancy Young

Managing editor

fireplace is quite pleasant. This wasn't appealing a couple of weeks ago.

After several hours I went to sleep and out". Talking on the phone to a friend who awakened at 12:30 a.m. to find we had electricity again. So, around the house I went setting alarm clocks while making a mental eerie it looked. She told me to shut my lights note to get a wind-up clock the next day. I off immediately, and anything thing else I was certainly grateful that I was going to be didn't want to replace or to explode with the able to shower before I went to work the next morning. And knew everyone at work would appreciate the fact that, I had after

having no air conditioning for several hours. Just before 1 p.m. last Saturday we again radios-everything. We were getting just lost electricity because of a wire "shorting enough power to barely keep anything elec- out". Our City Administrator explained in technical terms what occurred, and it boiled down to no electricity. We again experienced "low voltage" resulting in a "brown out".

At least I was home. Immediately, I operated police scanner informed me of unplugged all my appliances again. I was what was taking place. I knew the city crews told anything with freon in it is especially

City employees were going door-to-door to However, it seemed as though the problem tell people to stop watering their grass, and went on and on. At least the evening was to cut consumption immediately. The pumps fairly cool. When the electricity goes off dur- to the water station were shut down so they

As it became hotter and hotter inside my home, I decided I would go to Borger and run some errands- in air conditioned buildings. Smug that I had found a solution, I open the door to the garage when I realize I can't do that- I have an electric garage door and my car is in the garage!

Cooking was out as my house is all electric, so I snacked. Then I remembered a murder mystery which is set in Yellowstone National Park during the winter. I decided to pull it out to try to "think cooler."

On Monday a sub station blew a disconnect. It again affected the water wells.

About 6:30 a.m. Wednesday I went to water my flowers and my dog, Boog, as is my pattern. I could barely get a trickle of water. An early morning house fire had caused a severe drain on our water supply.

Water conservation is being urged. I was relating this to my daughter, Kathy, who lives in San Diego and thought she could really understand due to the electrical shortages in that area. She said they have not experienced any brown outs.

At least I have learned something from all this-Keep the car out of the garage when it is super hot. I have learned a lot about "low voltage" and the damage it can do to your appliances.

As of yet, I haven't had to pay as much as my brother-in-law- his central air and heat system went out shortly after our first brown out. Another neighbor has had to replace her washer. Several others are having appliance problems. It can be expensive.

As reports of energy costs are rising, I'm glad I've got electricity and water.

God, America and classic cars.

"America's not what you see on the six o'clock news," said Tom McRae, founder and CEO of The Great Race. "America's about loving God, honoring country and singing 'God Bless America.'

Rhetoric and reality often differ, except maybe on the Fourth of July, but recently in Leadville, Colo. — at 10,200 feet the highest incorporated city in the United States brought the two together. That's because the 19th annual Great Race, featuring over 100 antique cars making their way from Atlanta to Pasadena, had its lunch stop in this city of 2,800 located near the Continental Divide.

the head of the race until budget cuts four years 1935 Auburn Cabriolet with a rumble seat. ago forced it to stay home. Now, \$50,000 in pritourists clapped to Sousa's "The Stars and

Then McRae, a white-bearded 62-year-old drinking manic depressive, explained that the a soap box derby race. event he founded is a timed endurance rallytious antique cars try to match to the second the times for each segment of the trip established by a test driver earlier this year.



Marvin Olasky

Syndicated columnist

Then the cars began to roll in, with spectators high-fiving drivers of a 1916 Hudson Speedster and other cars with thin, sculpted bodies, spindly wheels and narrow axles. Onlookers First, the 22-piece U.S. Navy Ceremonial applauded a sporty 1925 Pierce Arrow Band marched down Harrison Avenue, the Roadster, a 1917 Hudson Super Six Racer that city's main road. The band regularly traveled at looked like a steel mailbox on wheels and a

Amazingly, a 1909 Ford Race Car — a plank vate contributions covers the group's travel on wheels with an engine at the front and a budget. Perhaps a thousand townsfolk and stuffed chair in the middle — had made it all the way from Atlanta. So had a 1916 American La France Speedster, resembling a flashlight topped by an upholstered couch, and a 1917 who 25 years ago was a potsmoking, heavy- Hudson Super Six Racer that seems carved for

The stuff of movies came to life: a black 1932 race that awards \$290,000 in prizes not to the Ford sedan perfect for a gangster film, a 1934 fastest but the most accurate. Drivers of frac- /red Ford pickup truck, a 1925 Rickenbacker

History Channel, which makes sense given the of both.

way a century of cars has changed America. We have more mobility and less community, roomier homes and traffic jams, and many other auto-related changes for good and ill. Autos for all: that was America's second Declaration of Independence, and the Leadville lunch stop was an opportunity to celebrate lib-

But some people, living under liberty, imprison themselves. That was Great Race founder McRae's story. "At age 37," he tells one and all, "I had tried it all ... going for the gusto, living the good life. It turned out to be a black hole so deep I couldn't see a way out." He went to a doctor/friend, figuring "maybe he's got some pills that will fix everything." Instead, the doctor talked about Christ and challenged him to learn more: "Either Jesus was who He said He was, or He was a liar or lunatic

McRae became a Christian and filled that black hole. By 1983, drug and alcohol addictions were in the past, and a newly confident McRae seized the opportunity to build his cross-country race for classic cars. Last week, as he led Leadville in the singing of "God Bless America," he noted that the song title contains his two favorite proper nouns, "God" and "America."

Those two words are separate and unequal, even though they are sometimes mixed up, but The Great Race is now sponsored by the most Americans are thankful for the existence

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, July 12, the 193rd day of 2001. There are 172 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On July 12, 100 B.C., Roman dictator Julius Caesar was born. On this date:

VIII married his sixth and last wife, Catherine Parr. In 1690, Protestant forces led by shortly thereafter to Detroit.)

William of Orange defeated the Roman Catholic army of James II at Thoreau was born in Concord, Mass. the Battle of the Boyne in Ireland.

In 1543, England's King Henry Gen. William Hull entered Canada during the War of 1812 against Britain. (However, Hull retreated

In 1812, United States forces led by inventor of the Kodak camera, Ellsberg's former psychiatrist.

was born in Waterville, N.Y. In 1862, Congress authorized the Medal of Honor.

In 1974, John Ehrlichman, an ex-In 1817, naturalist-author Henry David aide to President Nixon, and three others were convicted of conspiring to In 1854, George Eastman, violate the civil rights of Daniel

McCain-Feingold campaign-finance reform

There is no question, at least among sensible people, that the First Amendment was designed to protect political speech.

Yes, I know some blockhead judges have spread it over such actions as dancing naked and burning flags, but James Madison was no blockhead. He and his compadres were concerned about the free flow of ideas, especially those relating to government and politics, neither with sexual titillation nor infantile acting

It is for this reason that you should take pen congressman know that you disapprove of the McCain-Feingold campaign-finance reform bill. Unfortunately, the millionaires in the Senate already have passed it. Let's hope it dies in the House or at least is seriously amended.

This bill would be better labeled the Politician Protection Act. Before the general elections and primaries, it would prohibit all kinds of political speech by all kinds of people except, of course, politicians.

*Not unions nor corporations nor non-profit groups could speak under certain circumstances, and, in other cases, non-profit groups that did engage in "political speech" would have to disclose their memberships.

It seems pretty basic to me that Congress shall pass no law that infringes on, much less prohibits, American citizens, as individuals or as members of groups, from voicing their opinions on political issues and on the members of office. As for which groups we belong to, that's is usually labeled "negative campaigning." none of the government's business.



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

in hand or keyboard to fingers and let your tain than playing the slots in Las Vegas. Years of ideological patronage have taken their toll. John McCain may be a hero, but he's thinskinned and apparently resents bitterly those peasants who criticize politicians while they are actively engaged in keeping their plush jobs. Incumbency is one of the curses of American politics. We ought to clean the stables on a far more regular basis than we do.

Years ago, a California senator wrote a funny book called "What Makes You Think We Read the Bills." One of the points he makes is that once a fellow gets a seat at the trough and discovers all those lobbyists with their campaign contributions, he realizes that he doesn't need the folks back home. He can raise his whole campaign kitty right where he legislates.

Nothing irritates an incumbent more than for someone to expose his record while he's out spreading the carefully crafted campaign blarney his hired experts have provided him. the herd of mediocrity who run for public Telling the truth about an incumbent politician

But if the democratic process isn't free, it isn't In better days, one could count on any feder- democratic. To silence people 30 to 60 days al judicial officer who could read and write to before an election is such an outrageous slap at strike down such a flagrant violation of the freedom, I'm surprised the whole country isn't First Amendment. These days, however, how in an uproar. But, methinks most Americans federal judges will rule on any issue is less cer- care little about freedom these days, as long as That at least will weed out the pantywaists.

At any rate, the remnant that does value freedom better raise Cain about McCain-Feingold's assault on the Bill of Rights.

Erik S. Jaffee, in a pamphlet written for the Center for Individual Freedom on this bill, raises another good point. These yo-yos seem to confuse influence with corruption.

The whole purpose of the political process in a free society is for the people to influence their elected officials. That's the purpose of the game. For example, I try to influence them not to mess with the Second Amendment and others try to influence them to abolish it. Unlike a totalitarian society, in a free society, no issue is ever really settled. A free society involves an ongoing process of interaction between the people and the government. Free speech is the cornerstone of a free society.

That's not to say it can't be abused. It often is these days, but, in the end, it boils down to this. Belief in God is ultimately a matter of faith. So, too, is belief in freedom. In this case, you have to have faith that no matter how much apathy, lies, corruption and propaganda there are that ultimately Americans will find the pony in the manure pile and do the right thing. They cannot, however, if the government

shuts their mouths, which is what the McCain-Feingold bill hopes to do.

We need more speech, not less. We need more folks joining together to accomplish their political goals, not fewer.

If McCain has grown too thin-skinned, let him retire. He married a rich girl with an even richer poppa, and McCain can easily live out his days in an environment where everybody will kowtow to him.

But let's keep our political arena wide open and as free and as rough as a barroom brawl.

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Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Women's 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.

LAS PAMPAS WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY

Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at First Landmark Building in the Pampa Mall. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Loyd Waters 665-6466.

MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING

First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION American Heart Association meets at 12 noon the second Thursday of each month at Chaney's

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Planned Parenthood hosts "Dose of Reality" at 6 p.m. the second of Monday of each month in Suite 173A of the Hughes Building. The program is open to teens 13 to 19 years of age.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will hold daily prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. for the citizens of Pampa — churches, schools, etc. The prayer services are open to everyone. For more information, call 665-4926.

PAMPA MINISTRIAL ALLIANCE

Pampa Area Ministerial Alliance meets the first Monday of every month. Location changes month-

> **GRAY COUNTY** GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Gray County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month in the Gray County Sheriff's Department classroom. (Enter through the north door of the jail building.) For membership inquiries, contact Harley Madison at

CLARENDON VFW CHARITY BINGO

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7782, Hwy 287 east, Clarendon, will host charity bingo every Saturday beginning Aug. 4. Doors open at 6 p.m. with games award is \$750 per game and \$2,500 per session.

BEEF AMBASSADOR CONTEST

Top 'O' Texas CattleWomen is seeking youth between the ages of 15-19 to compete for the Beef Ambassador Award. For more information, contact Amy Brainard at (806) 323-6397.

PY&CC

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Pampa Youth and Community Center will begin offering swim lessons June 4. The hour-long lessons will be conducted in two-week sessions, Monday through Friday, throughout the summer and include Levels I, II, III, IV and V. Payment is due upon registration. Enroll at 1005 W. Harvester. For more information, call 665-0748.

VBS POLAR EXPEDITION

July 16 through the 20th, Hi-land Christian Church, 1615 N. Banks, will host "Come and Chill Out" vacation Bible school from 6:30-9 p.m. nightly. The VBS is being hosted by Hi-Land Christian, First Christian Church, First Presbyterian Church and St. Matthews Episcopal Church. For more information, call Jamie at 669-3371.

BSA TRAINING

BSA Hospice is sponsoring a volunteer training class from 5:50-8:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and again from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays, July 16-28. Volunteers are the "heart and soul" of the Hospice team. Volunteers visit patients, work in the in-patient and home care division, help with mailings, transport patients and provide clerical and spiritual support. For more information or to register, call Deborah Andrews, LSW, at BSA (806) 212-8715.

OUTWARD BOUND

North Carolina Outward Bound will offer three paddling adventures for teens during the 2001 summer break. In addition to outdoor activity skills, NCOB courses provide instruction for navigation, basic first aid, wilderness safety, camping techniques and environmental stewardship as well as teamwork and leadership. For more information on these courses or other NCOB summer offerings, call 1-877-77-NCOBS, e-mail challenge@ncobs.org. or visit http://www.ncobs.org/summer.html on the Internet

CGC GRANT FUND

Consumer Guidance Corp. has established a grant fund to help people in financial difficulty due to high energy costs. The program is funded by private donations from corporations and private citizens who receive a tax exemption because of the organization's 501(c)3 non-profit status granted by IRS. To receive a grant application or for more information, call (202) 595-1035 or visit www.ConsumerGuidance.org on the Internet. To contribute to the fund, send tax deductible donations to: Consumer Guidance, P.O. Box 96051, Washington, DC 20090-6051

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). Flu vaccines may also dent, 726 E. Covina Blvd., Covina CA 91722-2955; www.familyhealthresearch.org be offered at designated clinics. 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 starting at 7 p.m. Ten games are played per session. to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 For more information, call 874-VETS. The maximum a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., July 18, Harvest House, 736 Cuyler, Pampa; and 12 noon-4 p.m.,

July 23, City Hall, 6th and Main, Canadian. HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: July 9, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, July 13, Planned Parenthood, 408 W. Kingsmill, and July 24, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, Pampa; July 11 and 25, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; July 26, Family Care Clinic, and July 27, Family Care Hospital, Shamrock; July 9, Parkview Hospital, Wheeler. Participants will receive a lowcost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673

SCIENCE SPECTRUM

The Science Spectrum and Omnimax Theatre in Lubbock have announced upcoming events throughout the month. Omnimax Theater will offer the following presentations: "Journey into Amazing Caves," featuring spelunkers Nancy Aulenbach and Dr. Hazel Barton; "Island of Sharks," featuring underwater shots of the Cocos and surrounding islands; and "Adventures in the Third Dimension." Science Spectrum will offer Health and Safety Day July 28. For more information, call (806) 745-2525 or (806) 745-MAXX or visit www.scienspectrumcom on the Internet

COOP OF WOMEN ARTISTS

Cooperative of Women Artists is seeking participants for its 2001 annual National Multimedia uried Art Show slated Oct. 5-26 at the Katy and E. Don Walker Education Center, Sam Houston Memorial Museum in Huntsville. The entry deadline is Aug. 10. Cash awards will be given in various categories. For more information, call Golda Rich at (936) 295-5377 or write: CWA Multimedia, 266 Elkins Lake, Huntsville, TX 77340.

HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, is currently accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds will benefit Heifer Project International, an Arkansas-based service organization which provides livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) along with training and support services to families and communities worldwide. For a limited time, donations will be matched 3-1 by a private foundation. HPI is a non-denominational not-for-profit agency. For more information, call the church office at 665-1031. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Friday and before 10:45 a.m. Sunday. For more information about HPI, call 1-800-422-0474 or visit http://www.heifer.org. on

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The Family Health Research Council is offering a free booklet "Getting the Sleep You Need" with information about sleep and suggestions on how to cure insomnia. To receive a copy, consumers should send \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Regional Fulfillment Center, Sleep USS Columbus Veterans Association will host a Booklet #143, P.O. Box 692634, Boston MA 02269reunion Sept. 12-15, 2001, at Rapid City, S.D. For 2634. The information is also available at the

TRRC extension of severance tax exemption for two-year inactive wells

AUSTIN — Texas Railroad Commissioner that have had no more than one month of pro-

Matthews said. "This production may not have 2010. been economically feasible without the tax incengreater supply of energy, more jobs in the oil and gas industry and the efficient allocation of existing natural resources."

The rulemaking amended Statewide Rule 83 to number," said Matthews. reflect the legislative extension of the deadline for ance tax exemption for the production from wells contact Dorsey Twidwell at (512) 463-6742.

Charles Matthews supported a motion to extend duction in the two-year period prior to applicathe tax exemptions for two and three-year inac- tion for the tax exemption. The Railroad tive wells that are brought back into production. Commission's authority to designate two-year "This exemption will continue the incentive inactive wells originally expired on Feb. 28, 2000. program that already has benefited the public However, the legislature amended the Tax Code through increased oil and gas production," to extend that certification deadline to Feb. 28,

"During the initial period of this exemption tive program. This incentive has contributed to a beginning September 1997 through May 2001, over 5000 wells have been brought back into production, and I believe the extension of this incentive will encourage producers to increase that

The motion passed with support from all three certification of wells as two-year inactive wells. Commissioners. For further information log on to The Texas Tax Code authorizes a 10-year severthe Commission website at www.rrc.state.tx.us or

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The House was close to judgment on whether it would rein in runaway spending on federal elections when a last-minute dispute State Department notifies on terms of the debate made it uncertain the legislation would even come to a vote. Supporters of campaign-finance legislation sponsored by Reps. Christopher Shays and Marty Meehan said Republican leaders, who oppose the bill, were attempting to sabotage it with unfair procedural rules. "This is playing games with the process and not providing for a fair debate," said Shays, has long battled his own party's money's influence on elections. Democrats in voting against years."

Procedural battle puts rules for debate that put his bill **campaign finance vote in** at a disadvantage. It was unclear how many other Republicans would join, but a vote to defeat the rules could suspend action on the legislation indefinitely.

U.S. diplomatic posts of test plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department has notified its diplomats around the world that tests of a U.S. anti-missile system soon will come in conflict with a 1972 treaty with Moscow. The Pentagon has scheduled for Saturday its first flight test in a year of interceptors designed to shoot down long-range missiles. a Connecticut Republican who An attempt last July failed. The tests, a 14-page memorandum to leaders in his quest to limit big all U.S. diplomatic posts said, "will come into conflict with the Shays said he would join with ABM treaty in months, not Deputy Defense

Shark attack rivets victim's

OCEAN SPRINGS, Miss. (AP) — When the discussion at

Mississippi's Sea Camp turns to sharks this week, some of Jessie

Arbogast's classmates will be learning about an animal that has

The shark attack that left the 8-year-old boy struggling for survival

"Children today don't have a clue about the movie Jaws," but

we've had a lot of questions because of what happened to Jessie,"

Howard D. Walters, Sea Camp's assistant administrator, said

The campers won't swim in the Gulf of Mexico off Ocean Springs,

Jessie had his right arm ripped off by a 7-foot shark last week in

shallow waters near Pensacola, Fla., but the limb was saved after his

uncle and another beachgoer wrestled the shark to shore. A ranger

shot the shark and jarred open its jaw while a firefighter pulled the

The boy remained in a coma-like state Wednesday at Sacred Heart

Children's Hospital in Pensacola, but was able to move the surgically

reattached arm and open his eyes. He was in critical but stable condi-

The heroic rescue and Jessie's recovery have captivated the atten-

tion of people across the nation — especially in the boy's Ocean

Springs hometown, a close-knit city that thrives on shipping, fishing

"I think it's just miraculous that he survived. Our prayers are all

with him," said Angela Bone, 33, a marine research lab worker who

says her children — ages 9 and 11 — now have concerns about get-

"A shark attack is kind of a common thing, but not wrestling it out

of the water," said Nora Nguyen, 16, who is from a fishing family

The community has closed-ranks around the Arbogast family,

whose members have turned down interviews and called on friends

to protect their privacy. A spokeswoman for St. Alphonsus Catholic

All across Ocean Springs, a town of 16,500 people, signs on store

Margaret Miller, executive vice president at the chamber of com-

merce, visited with the Arbogasts this week at the hospital. And on

"He's a sweet little boy," said Charlene Demoruelle, 49, a longtime

Jessie's classmates are keeping up with his recovery through media

neighbor. "All he did was ride his bicycle all day long. They have a

favorite tree in someone's yard, so they would just sit in it all day."

Wednesday, she distributed signs urging people to pray for Jessie.

Church, where the family worships, said prayers are continuous.

but they will go out to Ship Island, an arc of white sandy beach where

the Mississippi Sound meets the Gulf, Walters said.

tion after suffering massive blood loss in the attack.

and nearby casinos across the bridge in Biloxi.

That's what caught our attention.'

marquees wish Jessie well

has gripped the emotions of everyone in his hometown, including

Mississippi hometown

already provided them with a glimpse of its savage nature.

classmates who suddenly have a list of questions about sharks.

Secretary Paul Wolfowitz and Air Force Lt. Gen. Ronald Kadish, who runs the missile defense office at the Pentagon, testify Thursday before the Armed Services Senate Committee on the accelerating program.

Space shuttle Atlantis lifts off carrying new door for space station

· CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) Space shuttle Atlantis streaked into orbit Thursday carrying a \$164 million front door for the international space station. Atlantis rose from its seaside pad at 5:04 a.m., illuminating the sky for miles around more than an hour before sunrise. The shuttle and its crew of five were a full month late in leaving because of problems on the space station. Space station Alpha and its three residents were soaring high above the Indian Ocean when Atlantis thundered away. The shuttle is due at the space station Friday

Developing spermless fertility technique may help the childless

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Australian researchers say they have pioneered in mice a potentially revolutionary technique that fertilizes female eggs without the need for male sperm. Developed by Dr. Orly Lacham-Kaplan at the Institute of Reproduction and Development at Monash University in Melbourne, the procedure uses half the genetic material from any cell in the body, either male early stages. But Dr. Robert

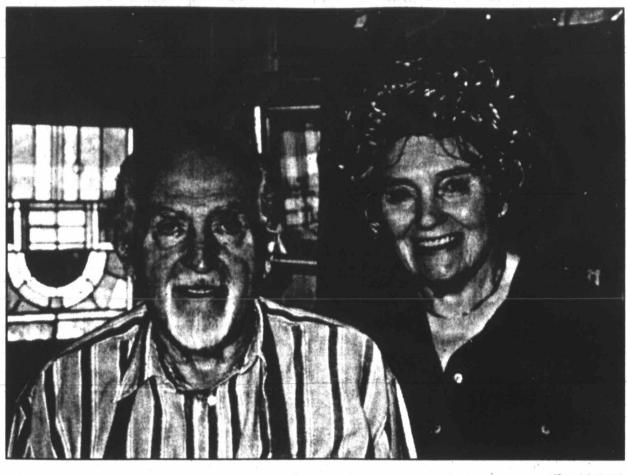
or female, to fertilize an egg. Lacham-Kaplan stressed that the experiments are in extremely Winston, a London fertility expert, said that if the technique works in humans, "this is actually genuinely revolutionary and potentially very important." The technique is the latest variation of new reproductive technologies to emerge since Dolly the

Former King Simeon II named next prime minister in Bulgaría

sheep was produced by cloning

SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP) Simeon II, crowned king during World War II and forced to flee the communists at age 9, was named Bulgaria's next prime minister Thursday. "With great emotion but with my typical sense of responsibility, and having in mind the trust that the voters gave me on June 17, I accept this proposal," Simeon said after his center-right National Movement named him to be the next premier. Simeon returned from exile just three months ago to form his party, which won an impressive victory in last month's election on a promise to put an end to poverty, unemployment and other woes that engulfed Bulgaria after the demise of communism.

Pampa Art Club



Members of Pampa Art Club recently traveled to Amarillo for a watercolor demonstration with artist Stefan Kramer, above. Kramer is seen here with his wife, Mary Kramer.

Coal futures to begin trading but analysts skeptical it will heat up energy markets

By BRAD FOSS **AP Business Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) — While the New York Mercantile Exchange believes it can stoke interest in coal futures trading, analysts say this fossil fuel won't necessarily take off like wildfire on commodities markets.

"It's gonna be real wait and see," said David Khani, a coal analyst for Friedman, Billings, Ramsey Group Inc. of Arlington,

Futures exchanges exist to transfer the risk of price volatility from people who don't want it — in this case, power producers or steel manufacturers — to speculators who are willing to take a gamble on making profits from this uncertainty.

One of the main reasons for doubts about coal as a commodity is that it has little history of wide price fluctuations, a kev ingredient in bringing together buyers and sellers. And of the roughly 1 billion tons of coal burned in the United States annually, 80 percent is bought through longterm contracts, not on the daily spot market.

Skeptics also contend that the exchange is overestimating the industry's need for coal futures, arguing that power producers are protected from price swings by passing along higher costs to consumers.

But those assumptions were under assault as Nymex's Central Appalachian futures

■ Energy traders, including Mirant, Enron Corp. and Aquila Inc., helped build an international over-the-counter exchange on which some 1 million tons of coal can switch hands on any given day. Some days, not a single transaction takes place.

contracts were to begin trading day I think that would be on Thursday.

The price of coal per ton dou- place. bled in a matter of weeks last winter in some parts of the country, boosting the stock prices of coal companies just as quickly.

Also, as more and more states deregulate electricity markets, power providers like Mirant Corp., American Electric Power the Nymex coal futures will ben-Company Inc. and Dynegy Inc., efit the industry by making a won't be able to hide behind "transparent price reference" laws allowing them to pass on available to buyers and sellers of higher costs to consumers. both long- and short-term con-Instead, they will be forced to tracts. become more competitive with one another, said Andy Ozley, manager of fossil fuels for Atlanta-based Mirant.

"Welcome to the free market," he said. "The pace of deregulation will encourage more and more activity on the exchange. At least that's the hope."

is not entirely new.

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Nymex coal futures will add to the mix is anybody's guess.

Nymex Executive Vice price. President Neal Wolkoff said, "If it starts in the low hundreds and builds to maybe 5,000 contracts a

viewed as a successful market-

"We don't expect this to approach anywhere near the size of natural gas and crude oil," for which hundreds of thousands of contracts are swapped each day, Wolkoff said.

At the very least, Wolkoff said,

But critics believe Nymex's coal futures will suffer the same low trading volume that the exchange's electricity futures have since 1996.

"There will be a flurry of trading when it starts, though I'm not so sure it's going to be a long-term success," The swapping of coal contracts Howard Simons, a finance professor at the Illinois Institute of Technology and a former commodities trader.

The run-up in coal prices last winter occurred as demand outstripped supply. Coal companies curtailed production and even winter in 2000 at a time when Just how much daily volume power producers sought a less expensive alternative to natural gas, which had quadrupled in

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Police want Condit, three others to take polygraph test

buildings in the nation's capital, CBS' "The Early Show." looking for clues in the disappear-Chandra Levy, who had ties to a member of Congress.

Meantime, negotiations are under way to set conditions under which Rep. Gary Condit, D-Calif., would submit to a lie detector test in the case. Condit, talked Wednesday with Condit's who police say is not a suspect in Levy's disappearance, told authorities last week that he had a romantic relationship with the 24year-old woman, police sources

"We have to explore the possibility that she may be dead and we're looking for the remains," said Terrance Gainer, the city's No. 2 police official. "So we're looking at about one-seventh of the District of Columbia right now, at abandoned buildings. "Our officers begin walking

Pacific figures in brigade sites

through those buildings today

WASHINGTON (AP) Home bases for the Army's newest special combat brigades are planned partly to put them in quicker reach of the Pacific.

Current brigades in Hawaii, Alaska, Fort Polk, La. and Army National Guard in Pennsylvania will be transformed into socalled Interim Brigade Combat Teams, according to Rep. Ike Skelton of Missouri, the top Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee.

One such brigade was set up a year ago in Washington state to test the concept, part of the Pentagon's post-Cold War strategy of making the service nimble enough to ship thousands of troops anywhere in the world in a matter of days.

The new locations were being announced Thursday by Army Secretary Thomas E. White and Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki.

"Where the brigades are going to be stationed will support our emerging national strategy," Army spokesman Maj. Tom Collins said Wednesday, adding that the focus is on the Pacific.

Pentagon officials have said they need to shift more attention to that part of the world. And citing the potential for conflict between Taiwan and mainland China, a recent Pentagon sponsored-study suggested the United States expand its military presence on the Pacific island of Guam and consider asking Japan for use of its southernmost. Ryukyu islands as a staging base.

"Hawaii has long been and will continue to play a key role in the strategic training and deployment of our armed forces," Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, D-Hawaii.

Fort Lewis, Wash., developing on how you look at it.' tactics, techniques and procedures for future brigades. Formation of a second is under way in Washington, and Thursday's announcement of Wednesday. plans to form four more between now and 2003 would bring the number to six, Collins said.

are starting a search of vacant it's necessary," Gainer said on detector test. "The congressman's search that ended at 3 a.m.

ance of former federal intern still working on four theories in Levy's disappearance: that she was a victim of foul play, committed suicide, walked away voluntarily or is wandering around not knowing who she is.

The assistant chief said he lawyer, Abbe Lowell, about hav-

attorney has suggested we can get Wednesday were being turned

citing police sources, reported Gentile, a police spokesman. police have asked three other men diately clear.

Several items taken from

Community Day Care Center

Gainer said investigators are to a polygraph" test, Gainer said. over to the FBI crime lab in The Washington Post and CNN, Quantico, Va., said Sgt. Joe

> Condit voluntarily allowed the to take polygraph tests. One said search of his home to show his he occasionally socialized with cooperation in the search for Levy, Levy, but the connection of the a constituent from Modesto, other two to Levy was not imme- Calif., whom he has described publicly as a good friend.

The Post reported

agents have interviewed a about seven years ago. Pentecostal minister who

The minister, Otis Thomas, was Condit had told his daughter Thomas said his daughter is afraid to talk with the FBI and has

in Modesto, the Post said. daughter met Condit at a political sented."

WASHINGTON (AP) - Police and we may use cadaver dogs if ing the congressman take a lie Condit's apartment during a Thursday's editions that FBI rally and ended the relationship

Asked about that report, Gainer described an affair between his would say only that "the names then-18-year-old daughter and and stories aren't unfamiliar to

Marina Ein, a spokeswoman for. quoted by the Post as saying that Condit, said the Post report was "discountable — there's no confirnever to speak of the relationship. mation from the principal," refer-

ring to the daughter. Asked if she was denying the gone into hiding. Thomas, whose congressman had an affair with church is in Modesto, Calif., did the woman, Ein said: "We're not gardening work at the Levy home going to get in the territory of accounting for each and every one Thomas told the Post that his of the tabloid cases that are pre-

Men out of hospital; runoff from refinery observed

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Three men injured in the refinery been detected inside Three Rivers' blast and fire at Ultramar wastewater treatment plant, said Diamond Shamrock in Three Dick Lewis, TNRCC spokesman. Rivers have been released from a spokeswoman said.

Guerrero, 40; and Gerald Pierson, hydrofluoric acid vapors. 50, were released Wednesday from ing Monday's explosion and

Cleanup crews have already when the plant would operate Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

The cause of the explosions and five hours. vapor leak has not been deter-Oak County fire marshal and and Beeville. emergency management coordi-

months," he said.

The Texas Natural Resource

Runoff from the refinery has

The liquid, which included Coastal Bend hospital, a company traces of hydrofluoric acid and benzene, was mixed with water Greg Likens, 47; Arnulfo used to prevent further release of

The contaminants entered the Christus Spohn Hospital follow- treatment plant through a manhole cover in a ditch in the northeast corner of the plant.

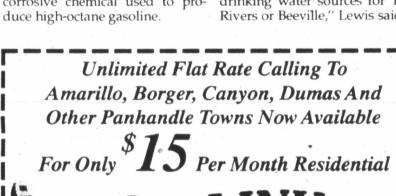
"We were confronted then with started working to repair the refin- untreated sewage and contaminatery, said Diane Mitchell, an ed water that was leaving the plant Ultramar Diamond Shamrock and entering the Frio River," Lewis spokeswoman. She was not sure said in Thursday's editions of the

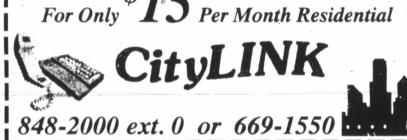
The discharge lasted for about

The Frio River is a source of mined, said James Jungman, Live drinking water for Three Rivers

Lewis said booms located where water from the treatment "I don't expect us to get a cause facility feeds into the river confor a few weeks — maybe tained the pollutants, where it would be collected and removed.

"We don't see any threat to the Conservation Commission tested source of drinking water to the water in the nearby Frio River on city of Corpus Christi, nor do we Tuesday for hydrofluoric acid, a see any immediate threat for corrosive chemical used to pro- drinking water sources for Three Rivers or Beeville," Lewis said.





Background check at DPS license office leads to arrest

The children at Community Day Care Center recently took a break from their hectic

schedule of play to smile for the camera. Above: (bottom row, left-right) *Tanner

Swaney, Jose Silva, Alex Thompson, Misti Bowers, Raven Landers, Kaylan Smith,

Chancie King, Terry Botello; (second row, I-r) Danielle Kirby, Lauren McCollum,

Meagan N Collum, Kirsti Winegeart, Jacob Clark, Larry Ragan; (back row, I-r)

jail for Shannon Thomas, 19, of

teachers Juanita Munoz and Lesley Clark.

Thomas was arrested Tuesday on warrants for aggravated robbery and evading arrest after Department of Public Safety workers ran a background check on him at

the local driver's license office. "He didn't know he had Formation of the first Interim warrants on, him," Athens Brigade Combat Team started in Police detective James Cook late 1999 and the unit for more said. "It's a pretty bad mistake, than a year has been training at or a good mistake, depending

> Justice of the Peace Bill Burton set Thomas' bond at \$128,000. Thomas remained in the Henderson County Jail late

> Thomas was wanted for questioning about a pursesnatching Thursday in Athens.

trip to the local driver's man stopped his vehicle and arrest warrant was issued license office meant a trip to asked her for a cigarette. The because they say Thomas fled man grabbed her purse and when they tried to stop a vehiran over her foot as he drove cle matching the description

ATHENS, Texas (AP) - A A woman told police that a Police said the evading

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Young Victims of Abuse Are Urged to Reach Out for Support

DEAR ABBY: You printed a column from stepchildren in loveless homes. Both letters were signed, "No Name, No Address, No Phone." I hope you'll convey this message to the teen-ager in high

Please remember that in three years you'll be graduating and be able to start a new and independent life. Despite your surroundings, make every effort to make these important years count.

Wake up each morning, make your bed, and get yourself out of there so you can focus on your future. Take refuge at the library and at school. Work toward a scholarship. Prove your parents and stepparents wrong by becoming a shining example for your younger sister and brother. You can do it!

Many adults in this world want to see young people succeed and fulfill their potential. Talk with your teachers, coaches, counselors, ministers and the parents of friends. Reach out, and you'll find the support you need to get through this difficult time.

You deserve a life filled with love and support. I'm sending a big hug for you and your siblings.

TWIN CITIES MOM AND TEACHER

DEAR MOM AND TEACHER: Your letter will have meaning for far more young people than the two whose letters appeared in my column. I'm sad to say ters I receive involve physical or emotional abuse. For a civilized society, that's appalling. Please read on:

Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips,

DEAR ABBY: Seventeen years of my life were spent being kicked, punched and beaten. I was choked, shamed, told I was worthless, starved, berated - you name it.

My relatives saw what was happening, but my mother would tell them I was such a terrible child I deserved worse than I was getting. If someone had just once asked me what was going on, I would have gladly told them. But I wasn't allowed to speak to anyone unless Mother said it was OK.

Children should feel safe in their own homes. Unfortunately, abuse goes on right under people's noses. I'm willing to bet that many people reading this know someone who is being abused, but the person is too embarrassed to admit it. Victims are made to carry the guilt of the abuser, so they become masters at hiding it. I was told I was so bad no one would believe me. I was too

afraid to confide in my teachers or friends for fear of retribution. I had been warned that if I ever told, I would be beaten beyond recognition.

By the way, if you're wondering where my father was during all this, he was right there - watching. He was as afraid of my mother as I was.

I finally moved out at the age of 17. Mother always said if I didn't like the way she treated me, I could leave any time. I think she was more surprised than anyone else when she saw me packing my belongings. Within an hour I was

To this day, every interaction I have with her is painful. She denies everything, even though many of my relatives have told her they witnessed her abuse. While I have moved on, she is depressed and talks about suicide. I will accept no responsibility for her depression. She should have gotten her act together a long time ago.

SURVIVOR

DEAR SURVIVOR: In your case, that's healthy thinking. You have suffered enough for a lifetime. Your abusive mother could outlive you. Let your "loving family" deal with her. Keep your distance and do not allow yourself to be manipulated.

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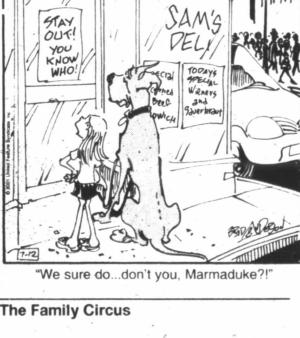
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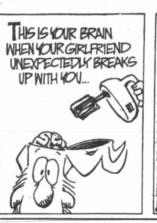
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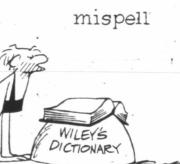














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SPORTS

Notebook RODEO

SHAWNEE, Okla. — Brianna Brooks of Booker

racing Wednesday at the International Finals Youth

won the first go-round in

She defeated her nearest competitor by almost two seconds with a time of 14.48 seconds. She collected \$1,533.61.

Meanwhile, Marty Eakin of Caprock was second in the first go-round of saddle bronc, scoring a 75 and collecting \$518.88.

The rodeo continues through Saturday.

CYCLING

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PX!

VERDUN, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong finished in the main pack after a difficult stretch of racing to remain in seventh place in the Tour de France.

Laurent Jalabert of France, who broke three ribs in February while changing a light bulb, captured the fourth stage. He edged Ludo Dierckxsens of Belgium in a sprint finish. Australia's Stuar

O'Grady kept the overall leader's yellow jersey for a second day.

Armstrong finished seven seconds behind the leaders on a day of racing that ended at the scene of one of World War I's bloodiest battles. The two-time defending champion was 30th in the 133.5-mile stage.

FOOTBALL

PITTSBURGH (AP) -Bill Cowher, his future as the Pittsburgh Steelers' coach seemingly in jeopardy only 18 months ago, was given a three-year contract extension Thursday.

The Steelers gave Cowher the extension through the 2005 season despite missing the playoffs the last three seasons. They went 22-26 over that span.

Cowher asked for the extension after coaching the Steelers to a 9-7 record last season, and the new contract was worked out following several months of talks between Cowher's new agent, Phil de Picciotto, and Steelers vice president Art Rooney II.

The extension is worth about \$7 million and raises Cowher's average salary to about \$3 million, the current going rate for NFL coaches. He will make \$4.8 million over the next two seasons on a deal he signed in 1998.

Cleveland Browns coach Butch Davis and New York Giants coach Jim Fassel also recently signed contracts worth about \$3 million per season.

Cowher's status seemed in doubt following the 1999 season, when the Steelers went 6-10 and quarterback Kordell Stewart benched. But Cowher won a postseason power struggle with director of football operations Tom Donahoe, who was allowed to resign and later took a similar job

with the Buffalo Bills. The Steelers rebounded from consecutive losing seasons to go 9-7 last year and win nine of their last 13 games following an 0-3 start, but still missed the playoffs.

Flashback

1977: Pampa's Dusty Hudson had the tournament's low-round of 72 in the second round of the District 3-4A Golf Tournament in Amarillo. Hudson overcame a double bogey on the first hole to shoot even par.

Pampa is in third place in district with three rounds to

For the Harvesters, Ed Sackett was second on the team with an 80 in the second round.

Pampa All-Stars go against Tulia

old Pampa All-Stars will be at the plate. One player hit playing in the West Texas five home runs over the fence State Tournament, beginning during practice.

July 14 in Lockney. The 11-12 All-Stars have

p.m. in first round action. cent of their budget for the Pampa All-Stars are Shavious upcoming tournament. The Kelley, Brett Ferrell, Robbie coaching staff thanked the Dixon, Bradley Johnson, community for their gener-Nusser, Colby Copeland, Jonathan Carr, Mark Stone, Bobby Sikes, Colden Fortenberry, Travis Marsh, Aaron Carr, Colby Greenhouse, Sameer Kelley and Matthew Trusty. Coaches are Ron Carr, John Warner and Danny Nusser.

extra help from Optimist Tournament. Plainview used League coaches Robert Dixon clutch pitching to send and Ed Ferrell during two to Pampa to the loser's bracket three hour daily practices.

There's plenty of experience on this year's all-star team. Many of the players have been on state championship all-star teams. Others grounder to finish up the have seen post-season action scoring for Pampa. Plainview in the YMCA Amarillo advances to the state tourna-YMCA Baseball League. The coaches combine for weeks.

over 30 years of experience. in their pitching. Of 15 play- The Pampa 14-15 All-Stars

have experience as a pitcher.

PAMPA — The 11-12 year- They also have some power

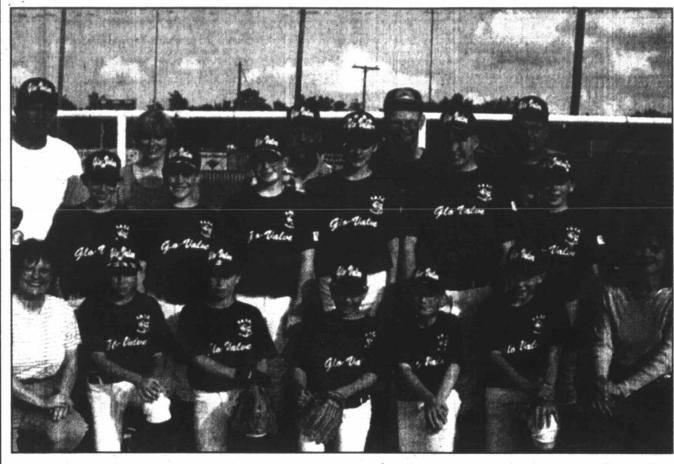
Pampa meets Tulia at 2:30 raised approximately 100 perous support.

DUMAS — Pampa scored three quick runs in the first inning off doubles by Jed Martin and Hunter Craig, a triple by Tyler Doughty, and a sacrifice fly by Shea Brown. But it wasn't enough in the The team has also received West Texas State 14-15 with the 8-4 comeback win Tuesday.

> Johnny Moore slammed a triple in the third inning and scored on Doughty's infield ment in Seminole in two

Pampa played the Dumas-The All-Stars' strength may Lockney winner last night. ers on the roster, 14 of them won its first two tournament

Glo-Valve Service



Glo-Valve Service (above) won its 14th league title this season and its ninth City Championship with a 22-2 record. The team competes in the Pampa Optimist Cal Ripken 11-12 League. Team members are (front row, from left) Janice Parker, team mother (11year-olds); Jonathan Carr, Aaron Carr, Travis Marsh, Andy Parker, Lex LaRue and Tammy Carr, head team mother; (second row, from left) Garrett Eggleston, Robbie Dixon, Brett Ferrell, Craig Crowell, Bobby Sikes and Jarron Clark; (back row, from left) Ron Carr, coach; Michelle Crowell, team mother (12-year-olds); Robert Wayne Dixon, coach; John W. Warner, manager, and Ed Ferrell, coach. Not pictured is LeKeith Towles.

Heupel, Nebraska spiker land Big 12 honors

Greichaly Cepero have been ing for the Heisman Trophy. named Big 12 COnference athletes of the year.

orees, announced Wednesday, athlete of the year. were picked by administrators

Heupel had an incredible sta-

sive player of the year and the rebounds per game. The male and female hon- conference's football student-For this honor, he beat out

from each conference school Baylor's Kelly Shoppach, and media for the academic Colorado's Jorge Torres, Iowa State's Cael Sanderson, Kansas' Athletic directors nominated Nick Collison, Kansas State's one male and one female for Jonathan Beasley, Missouri's Selections were based upon Komine, Oklahoma State's ment with citizenship as a Ramzy and Texas Tech's Robert Monroe.

DALLAS (AP) — Oklahoma the Sooners to a 13-0 record and while leading the Cornhuskers Her competition for the award Skujyte, Missouri's Amanda quarterback Josh Heupel and their first national title since to a 34-0 record and their second came from Baylor's Danielle Lassister, Oklahoma's Stacy Nebraska two-sport star 1985. He was runner-up in vot- national championship. She also Crockrom, "Colorado's Kara Dales, Oklahoma State's Maria started in 16 basketball games, Grgas-Wheeler, Iowa State's Boden, Texas' Colleen Lanne, Heupel was the Big 12 offen- averaging 6.1 points and 5.3 Gina Curtis, Kansas' Andrea Texas A&M's Melissa Gulli and Bulat, Kansas State's Austra Texas Tech's Janelle Jones.

Richardson golfer leads Texas State Open

Open, overnight joint leader his first round of 67 for a 36- WaterChase, located in Fort Justin Smith, Nebraska's Shane Connell fired a course record made the biggest jump of the nominated to Golf Digest's Best second round of 65 to follow day. Following round one, he New Courses in 2001 and was the 2000-2001 athletic perfor- Mark Munoz, Texas' Nate his first round of 67 for a 36- was tied for 82nd at three over voted one of the top 10 new mance and academic achieve- Dusing, Texas A&M's Bashir hole total of 132 (12 under par). par yesterday. Miller fired a courses in Texas.

Cepero was the conference's birdies and 11 pars. Round one had a 36-hole total of 143 (1 a demanding test for the 156tistical year in 2000 in leading volleyball player of the year joint leader Joey Gullion of under par).

FORT WORTH — Following Dallas is three shots back after The Texas State Open is being

Connell had a round second round of 68 to jump 63

round two of the Texas State firing a round of 68 to follow conducted at The Links at Michael Connell of Richardson hole total of 135 (9 under par). Worth. The Steven D. Plumer gained the outright lead. Lindy Miller of Fort Worth designed golf course has been

The par 72, 7304-vard cham-Wednesday that included seven paces into a 19th-place tie. He pionship layout is proving to be player field.

Men's NCAA basketball tourney reduces travel in first and second rounds

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The of their region have gone NCAA is changing bracketing directly from their first/second rules for the men's basketball round site to the regional site; tournament to allow teams to we are optimistic that the need play closer to home during the for that to occur will greatly first two rounds.

NCAA Division I Men's also should cut teams' expenses Basketball Committee will and boost attendance in the assign the top four seeds in opening rounds. each region to subregional sites with an emphasis on reducing travel, regardless of where the three had attendance less than teams would play in regionals 89 percent of capacity. This the following week.

year that had Maryland, those arenas," he said. Georgetown, George Mason and Hampton assigned to first-change will not eliminate round games in Boise.

The committee will place teams in two groups at each subregional site, but the groups may feed into different regional sites.

"For student-athletes, it means less travel, fewer missed classes and a more exciting atmosphere in the arenas," said Mike Tranghese, chairman of the basketball committee and commissioner of the Big East Conference. "For parents, friends and alumni, it means easier access to their favorite teams' games."

placed in a particular region team from that conference played their first- and second- could be assigned there until round games at one of two sites the sixth team was selected in that region, then advanced to from that conference. the regional in that same region.

teams that have been sent out through four.

diminish."

Beginning next March, the Tranghese said the change

"Of nine non-dome sites in this year's tournament, only adjustment would have signifi-The change, announced cantly enhanced attendance at Thursday, is designed to elimithose sites, which would have nate situations like the one this created a better atmosphere in

Tranghese said the new teams' having to play outside their home regions.

"Because we want to balance the strength of the four regions, and because of the geography of where our schools are located, the committee will continue to have to move some teams out of their region," he said.

The committee also will now have the flexibility to place the fourth team selected from a conference in the same region as the highest-seeded team from that conference. Previously, once the highestseeded team from a conference Until now all the teams was assigned a region, no other

The committee also will no longer place a team seeded fifth "We also believe this change at a potential "home-crowd will minimize the need for disadvantage" in the first teams to be away from their round. Previously, the commitcampuses for long periods of tee had afforded that protection time," Tranghese said. "Some only to teams seeded one



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No games scheduled Friday's Games Amarillo at Springfield-Ozark Rio Grande Valley at Alexandria

TRANSACTIONS Wednesday's Sports Transactions BASEBALL

American League
TEXAS RANGERS—Activated RHP Dan Kolb from the 60-day disabled list and assigned him outright to Oklahoma of PCL. National League

NEW YORK METS-Announced OF Darryl Hamilton has cleared waivers. BASKETBALL National Basketball Association TORONTO RAPTORS—Agreed to terms with F Antonio Davis on a five-year contract. FOOTBALL

National Football League BUFFALO BILLS—Signed C Michael Early and S Brian Leigeb. Released C Randall CINCINNATI BENGALS—Agreed to terms with LB Riall Johnson. DENVER BRONCOS—Signed C Ben Hamilton to a three-year contract.

DETROIT LIONS—Re-signed DT Kelvin

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed CB cap analyst.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Released S Kevin Williams and TE-C Brody Heffner-Liddiard Named Linda Lynch senior sales manager, and Adrien Bouchet manager of marketing

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Signed T Dennis Norman to a multiyear contract.
TENNESSEE TITANS—Agreed to terms with FB William Floyd.

National Hockey League
ATLANTA THRASHERS—Extended contract of Bob Owen, director of player evaluation and development. CAROLINA HURRICANES—Signed LW Chris Dingman to a one-year contract.

NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Agreed to terms with RW Brad Isbister on a two-year contract PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Traded RW Jaromir Jagr and D Frantisek Kucera to Washington for C Kris Beech, C Michal Sivek, D Ross Lupaschuk and future considerations
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Re-signed G Kevin Weekes to a multiyear contract.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Agreed to terms

BASKETBALL Women's National Basketball Association At A Glance

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Tuesday's Games Cleveland 59, Seattle 53 Miami 65, Orlando 63, OT Minnesota 73, Portland 52 Los Angeles 79, Utah 67 Wednesday's Games New York 67, Seattle 53 Cleveland 74, Indiana 58 Los Angeles 75, Phoenix 61 Detroit 64, Washington 52 Thursday's Games Orlando at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m. Utah at Sacramento, 10 p.m. Houston at Portland, 10 p.m.

> GOLF Texas State Open

At The Links at Waterchase Fort Worth, Texas Second Round Michael Connell, Richardson 76-65-132 Joey Gullion, Dallas 67-68— 135 71-66— 137 Stephen Summers Dallas Robert Gee, Dallas Billy Tuten, SugarLand 72-66 - 138Anthony Aleman, Sherman 69-70 - 139

Wesley Short, Austin

Report blasts U.S. track officials for faulty doping procedures

WASHINGTON (AP) — At the report. end of the Sydney Olympics, with

has found the criticisms were very

A report released Wednesday rules. It also states that an ing the games. unnamed American track and failed to follow proper international procedures.

ly cover up any positive drug body of not using "its own procedures for assuring that no doping

The report came on the same unaware of any such case. day that organizers of next year's being allowed to compete at the 2002 Winter Olympics.

In a groundbreaking move, the finance out-of-competition drug pete at Sydney. tests for up to 1,000 athletes.

"We want to assure all athletes of a level playing field and make sure that the cheaters have been caught," SLOC president Mitt Romney said. 'This is a monumental goal that I feel would change the face of the Olympic

At the Sydney Games, the probaccording to the commission's the IAAF, and that the testing lab-

The report cited the example of the C.J. Hunter controversy still Hunter, the 1999 world shot put fresh, USA Track & Field was crit-champion, whose several positive icized for the way it handled posi- tests for steroids were not report- for not meeting deadlines for An independent commission Committee before the team's first sample tested positive, for not arrival in Sydney. Hunter mistakenly retained his athlete's credential, and his suspension wasn't cites the USATF for not following announced until Sept. 25, making international doping guidelines for a very public embarrassment and for lax enforcement of its own for the American delegation dur-

The report said another U.S. athfield athlete who tested positive lete, whom it refused to-name, for steroids was allowed to com- actually competed after testing pete in Sydney after U.S. officials positive for an anabolic steroid. The athlete was cleared on appeal before the 2000 Olympic trials, but Independent the USATF failed to turn over the International Review Commission athlete's name or sufficient details said the USATF didn't deliberate- about the case to the sport's international governing body, the tests, the commission accused the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

Dr. Patrick Schamasch, medical cases were ignored or sup-, director of the International IAAF." Olympic Committee, said he was

"We have been reviewing all the Salt Lake City Games went on the cases and we have not heard of doping offensive, proposing that any problems so far," Schamasch every athlete be tested before said in Moscow, where the IOC is holding its 112th general assem-

The IAAF frequently has over-Salt Lake Organizing Committee turned doping rulings by national told the International Olympic federations. However, with the Committee in Moscow that it was IAAF unable to review the case, asking Congress for \$1 million to the athlete was allowed to com-

"USATF's confidentiality policy has impeded the IAAF's authority to enforce its own doping controls," the report said. "Moreover, USATF's strong adherence to its confidentiality policy lent credence to the view of some that

USATF had something to hide." The report said that the unnamed athlete was one of 17 lem wasn't a lack of testing, but a doping cases that the USATF did failure by USATF to follow rules, not report in a timely manner to . 1972 Olympic diving medalist

oratory involved did not divulge the results until just a few weeks prior to the Olympics.

The report also faulted USATF ed by USATF to the U.S. Olympic acquiring second samples after a enforcing deadlines for doping hearings and for "insufficient" out-of-competition because athletes couldn't be located for surprise tests.

USATF CEO Craig Masback issued a statement disputing parts of the report.

Delays in reporting of initial drug test results cannot be attributed to USATF, despite the commission's accusations," the state-

The statement blamed the delays on "IOC-accredited laboratories, delays in IAAF processing of athletes' letters of explanation, delays in receipt of other information from various regulatory bodies, including the USOC and

Furthermore, USATF said its 'confidentiality policies were not an attempt to hinder or undermine anti-doping procedures," nor had it "failed to respond to a request by the IAAF for information on a domestic drug test."

Robert Bennett, an investigative lawyer of the commission, called the USATF's response "unfortu-

"The commission did a thorough and professional job and the report speaks for itself," Bennett said. "The commission had to issue the report when it was ready, and we could not delay the report because people requested us to do

The independent review commission consisted of a Canadian law professor who specialized in doping cases, the former chief executive of Bethlehem Steel, a barrister from New Zealand and

New track expected to be among fastest in NASCAR

JOLIET, Ill. (AP) — Chicagoland Speedway is fastest tracks in NASCAR.

the fastest driver in testing on the way around. the new 1.5-mile, D-shaped oval.

ton of grip to it. I think it's points. going to be a fun track to race stretch, it gives it its own years and we're sold on that is really special."

translates to 182.125 mph.

of testing at Chicagoland Speedway and prompted they can have it."

And Wallace wasn't even focusing on speed.

pumped we are for the race," Wallace said. "In our test here, we ran all day Monday and half a day Tuesday, working the Daytona 500. with nothing but the race straightaway."

After lunch on the second day of testing at the track about denied it. 40 miles southwest of Chicago, the Penske Racing South team qualifying run.

could get out of it.

"Since then, I've heard that ready to join the ranks of the the second-fastest team there spent almost two full days "This is a super new race working on nothing but qualitrack and it's going to give the fying setup, and they could fans a great show, I can promise only run a 29.78. So, I'm confiyou that," said Rusty Wallace, dent we'll be in great shape all

Wallace goes into the opening of practice on Thursday fifth in qualifying is over on Friday. "The track is real fast — light- the season standings, trailing ning fast, I'd say — and it has a leader Jeff Gordon by 219

"We've had a lot of success at oval at the new \$130 million New Hampshire, a third in Las Hampshire track in 29.650 seconds, which Vegas and a fourth in Speedway. Indianapolis. "We're all jacked this weekend."

Meanwhile, there is still a Wallace to tell crew chief Robin buzz over Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s Pemberton, "If anybody else dominating and popular victocan go any faster than that, well ry Saturday night in the Pepsi lot of room to pass," Gordon 400 at Daytona International Speedway.

While most were thrilled by the showing, a conspiracy theo-"If we sound all jazzed up ry has surfaced after Little E about the qualifying end of the romped over the field in the deal, you can't imagine how first race on the Daytona track since his father, superstar Dale Earnhardt, was killed in a last-

Some observers, including setup. This place will be unbemedia members and fans, have lievably fast. We were hitting speculated that NASCAR made 199 mph at the end of the sure Earnhardt Jr. would win in Daytona. The subject of the speculation has emphatically

"It's all a bunch of bull," the younger Earnhardt said decided to make a simulated Tuesday night in Seattle, where he was attending Major League

The younger Earnhardt, who now has three career victories in just 1 1/2 seasons on stock car racing's top circuit, will try to make it two in a row Sunday. Gordon is another driver

who tested here, and he is likely to move to the head of the list of favorites by the time

Gordon, who has won inaugural events in Indianapolis (1994), Fontana, Calif. (1997), and Loudon, N.H. (1997), has on. With the bowed back- the new tracks through the also competed in recent years first-time races at unique character, which I think being the case at Chicago," said Homestead-Miami Speedway, Wallace, whose success in inau- Las Vegas Motor Speedway Wallace got around the tri- gural races includes a win in and a second event at New International

Through all those inaugurals, That came on his second day up sky high about our chances the fast-learning Gordon has come up with an average starting position of 5.6 and has gone on to five top-10 finishes.

"The track is very fast, with a said. "It's a mix between Texas and Las Vegas. The banking isn't as steep as Texas, but steeper than Las Vegas."

Unfortunately for Gordon, he won't be racing the same car used during his test here in May. That car was wrecked later that month in a first lap lap crash in February during accident in The Winston, a race he came back to win in a backup Chevrolet.

Of course, Gordon is confident crew chief Robbie Loomis will give him a car capable of winning the 400-mile race in this city 40 miles southwest of

"The Winston proved our backup cars are good cars capable of winning races," Gordon "We got out there once and Baseball's All-Star game, said, "While I would've liked got up to speed," Wallace said. "Somebody came up to me and to race the car I tested here," "Then we came back in, taped told me that today and I almost Robbie and the crew have been her up, cooled her down and decked him. The car was amaz- giving me good equipment went back out to run that 29.65. ing, but nobody told me I was each week and I'm sure the car I knew that was about all we going to win. And I have won we race will be just as good."

Spurs' officials hope to re-sign Robinson

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Spurs tioned the Spurs' commitment to about trying to re-sign David the team's longtime center. Robinson.

And while Spurs officials and Robinson's representatives continued to talk amicably Wednesday, Jeff Austin, Robinson's agent, says whether Robinson will stay or go should be cleared up soon.

"I've said it before and I'll say it again: We want David," Holt said. "I don't know how to say it any differently. I want to keep David

One day after Robinson ques- made last season.

chairman Peter Holt is serious him, Holt pledged his support for

"I understand why David would be upset," Holt told the San **Express-News** Thursday's editions. "This is the first time David has been a free agent. It's new for him and it's new for us. We've been through this before with other players, but not with David."

Robinson has rebuffed the Spurs' suggestion he take a pay cut anywhere from 50 percent to 80 percent of the \$14.7 million he

"We want David, but at the same time we have to work through this in a way that keeps the team as competitive as it has been the last three seasons," Holt

Until the NBA releases the official salary cap, the Spurs have about \$16 million to use to re-sign Robinson and Derek Anderson. The team has been in contact with Anderson's agent, Tony Dutt, but has not made an offer. Because Robinson's contract

occupies such a large cap hole, the Spurs cannot re-sign Anderson

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4-Positive;

head in a new direction. Listen to feed- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** * Your high energy bowls others over. You're full of happiness and energy. You don't mind pitching in or doing more than your share. Unexpected

developments encourage you to adapt

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

and change your plans. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ** Step back and think through a decision involving your finances. Airing out ideas helps tighten up concepts and projects. An important discussion takes LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

with a smile. Tonight: Opt for quiet. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Listen to someone. Your delights in adding mischief to your life. instincts remain excellent. Swap ideas Schedule meetings for the end of the day. and brainstorm. You succeed beyond Tonight: Follow someone's lead. your dreams. Think more in terms of SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Tonight: Where your friends are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

expansion, moves into your sign, which initiates a new 11-year lucky cycle.

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Tonight: Celebrate.

* * * * Reach out for those at a distance. In fact, make plans to meet someone halfway. Later, clear the air with an associate who might be driving a hard bargain. A meeting fosters unexpected events, taking you in a new direction. Go

Tonight: A night for two.

financial gain for the next few months. *** You might not always have as You have the talent and the wherewithal much control as you would like. Focus to develop a stronger money picture. on information, research and the big pic-*** Express your ideas with securiing. Adjust to his needs. Consider a

back from another. Jupiter, the planet of **** Your fiery energy answers a LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

with the flow. Tonight: A friend surpris-

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Work quietly with a partner. pected financial change could work in Listen to his objectives, and see if it is a match. Once you understand each other, you opt for a new direction. The unexpected occurs at work or in your day-today life. Demonstrate your flexibility.

place later in the day. Give up worrying *** Work demands your attention, so much, and greet more convivial times but those around you do all they can to get your attention. Your sense of humor comes out with a child or loved one who

ture. Your ability to understand another helps clear out any project that is pendty and optimism. You know what you home office. Tonight: Do something want. Take charge as only you can. You relaxing.

partner's demands. Though you tend to think in the here and now, you need to address the long term. Unexpected statements and news help distract you. Understand what your ultimate goal is within a relationship. Tonight: Play the weekend in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Others distract you from the real issue at hand. Don't put yourself in a non-negotiable situation. It is crucial that you stay focused. Security comes before anything else, in your book. An unex-

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Others find you easily accessible and often very interesting, yet you very well could stun someone with your words and choices. Clear off your desk and get a project completed as soon as

possible. Remember a brother or sister

who means a lot to you. Tonight: At a

your favor. Study and use it. Tonight:

Your home is your castle.

favorite spot. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Review a recent stand. Use your instincts creatively, and understand what is going on. Your imagination sometimes takes you on wild-goose

chases. Focus on financial goals and

don't go past your limits. A child or

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Transportation Department under fire as House panel weighs action on unscrupulous movers

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WASHINGTON (AP) — It's Department to transport houseevery family's moving nightmare: hold goods across state lines. belongings held hostage for an inflated fee, unnecessary packing materials used to further hike bills, irreplaceable items damaged.

Now, after a critical report by investigators congressional accused the Transportation Department of shirking its duties to regulate interstate moving companies, members of Congress are

asking why. Rep. Tom Petri, chairman of the Transportation highways and transit subcommittee, has called a hearing Thursday to push for answers. Aides say Petri, R-Wisc.. was alarmed to hear of growing consumer complaints three years after the agency promised to make improvements

The General Accounting Office, the investigative arm that issued the report, planned to detail many of the complaints at the hearing.

"Consumer complaints against household goods carriers have multiplied while (Transportation) department has conducted limited oversight of the industry," JayEtta Hecker, a GAO director said in prepared testimo-

David Longo, spokesman for the Transportation Department's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, said Wednesday officials were concerned about whether moving companies are complying with federal motor carrier safety and commercial regula-

"We will work closely with Congress and all interested parties on this important issue," Longo

Already, some consumer advocates are pushing for the federal government to give states and local governments the power to enforce federal law against inter-

"With virtually no federal oversight, and states and individuals hamstrung ... consumers have no recourse against unscrupulous movers," Wendy Weinberg, executive director of the National Association of Consumer Agency Administrators, said in prepared

Weinberg cited federal telemarketing laws as a precedent for the federal government and states sharing enforcement authority.

Joseph Harrison, president of the American Moving and Storage Association, said his group wants to eliminate unscrupulous movers but opposes expanding federal law. He prefers pushing the Transportation Department to exercise its enforcement authority.

"The very nature of moving may create problems that are unavoidable - loss or damage, delayed pickups or deliveries situations that can impact the operations of the most efficient and reputable movers," Harrison said. "Certain problems are unavoidable yet they become the catalyst for persistent consumer complaints.'

Each year, between 1.3 and 1.5 million households use commercial moving firms to most their household goods to another state, officials estimate.

There are 2,900 motor carriers registered with the Transportation

Democrats vow to derail Bush energy plan, shift emphasis to cutting energy use

Bush administration's energy development plans are meeting resistance in Congress as Democrats block new drilling in federal monument areas and vow to stymie attempts to develop oil and gas reserves in the eastern Gulf of Mexico and an Arctic wildlife refuge.

Another showdown was likely today as the Senate considers a delay of oil and gas lease sales in the Gulf off Florida and Alabama, although the Interior Department has scaled back development plans there dramatically.

That attempt to block the Gulf plans, complained a frustrated Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, "may be the only vote on energy production we ... have the rest of this year."

Two months ago, the energy blueprint President Bush disclosed focused heavily on the need to find new sources of coal, natural gas and oil and to build more power plants and electricity transmission lines.

An Interior Department spokesman said Wednesday the department has no plans to develop leases in the national monuments or parks. The Bush plan does not specifically exclude that, however.

Democrats and moderate Republicans in Congress have frustrated measures to develop energy in areas where environmentalists have expressed misgivings. They have sought to shift emphasis to cutting energy

The Senate voted Wednesday to prohibit new exploitation of coal, oil and gas resources on federally protected monument areas across the West. Drilling and mining under existing leases in the monuments could continue.

"Damaging these irreplaceable American Moving and Storage lands is not gong to solve America's energy crisis," argued Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill. He vear is delayed for several Association: http://www.mov-

WASHINGTON (AP) - The rejected protests by Western GOP senators that fencing off significant oil, gas and coal reserves in those areas defies

> The ban on new drilling in the monuments, similar to an action already taken by the House, passed 57-42.

Thursday's on whether gas lease sales in 1.5 million acres of the eastern Gulf of Mexico was to provide another test for Bush's lease sales for six months.

The leases in question "are in the Gulf of Mexico right off my front porch" back in Mississippi and pose no environmental danger, Lott complained. "If we're not going to explore anywhere for oil and gas, what are we going to do?"

Last week, the Interior Department dramatically curtailed the lease area to push it to at least 100 miles away from all land including Florida's coast. energy agenda. The House The new proposals eliminated already has delayed any such three-fourths of the leases once under consideration.

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