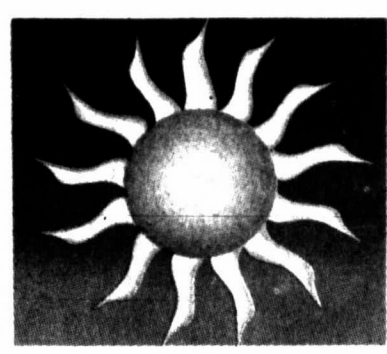


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PAMPA — The Retail Trade Committee of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce will be meeting at 8 a.m. Wednesday to discuss the possibility of extending business hours during the upcoming Christmas holiday season.

Rick Hall, committee chairman, said business owners are invited to attend the meeting to provide input on having longer business hours in conjunction with the holiday season and the Celebration of Lights project.

The meeting will be held in the Nona Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

CLARENDON — Clarendon College has adopted new admissions requirements for its Licensed Vocational Nursing program that will affect the selection procedure for the class of 1996-97.

In order to start the admissions process in the spring of '96, students must show successful completion of Human Anatomy and Physiology I and nutrition (college level).

Without the above requirement being met, students will be prohibited from seeking admission to the program.

For additional information, contact Clarendon College or LVN instructor Vicki Moore at (806) 874-3571 (main campus) or Shamrock LVN instructor Betty Hobbs at (806) 256-2448.

PAMPA — Gray County commissioners are to meet at 9 a.m. Friday in the second floor of the courthouse to consider:

- Articles of incorporation of the Panhandle Criminal Justice Facilities Corp.
- American Medical Transport contract.
- The proposed budget and tax rate.

Under new business, the court will hear a request from Donald Ritter to waive tax penalty and interest and a request to cross a county road with a waterline.

Commissioners also are to discuss the reserve deputy program with Constable Chris Lockridge, the county nurses' building and Alan-reed school.

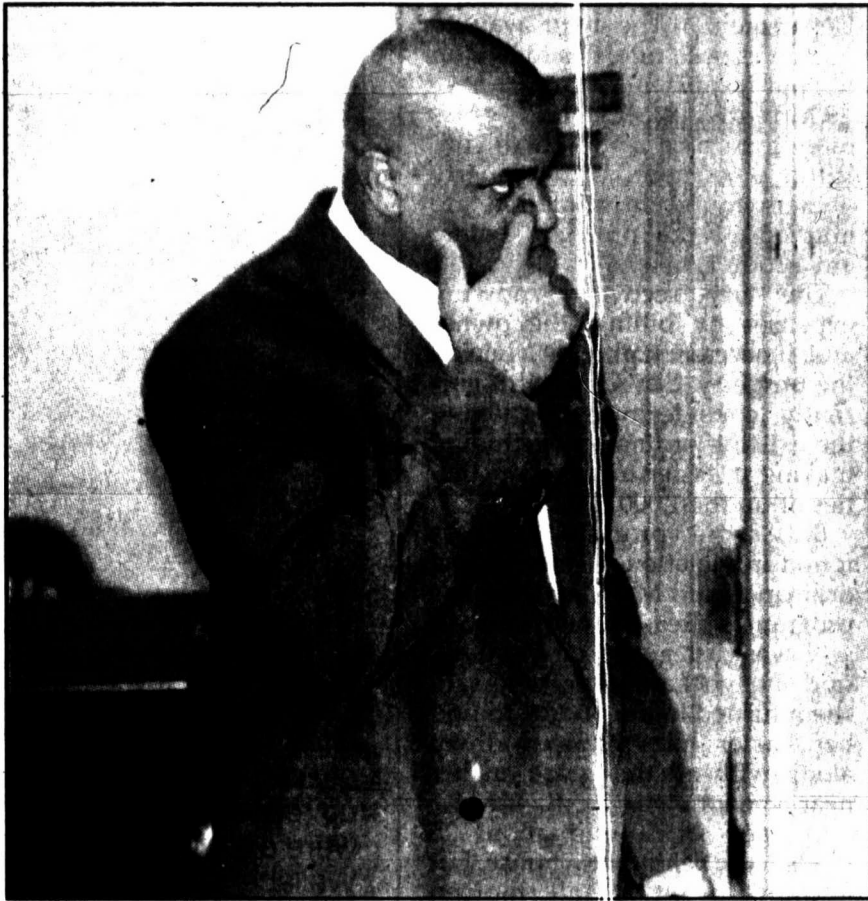
PAMPA — Gray County juvenile probation board members are to meet in emergency session at 1 p.m. Wednesday to consider the 1996 state aid/community corrections contract.

The contract is due in the Austin office Sept. 14.

The board will meet in the second floor courtroom of Gray County courthouse.

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Brown pleads guilty to deadly conduct



Kerry Brown enters the 31st District Courtroom this morning to face charges in a May 31 shooting.

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

A mismatch between the stated charge and the charging language on a pair of indictments resulted in a guilty plea to lower charges for a Pampa man today.

Kerrance Ramone Brown, 25, charged with attempted murder in the May 31 shooting of Audrey Wilbon, 15, pleaded guilty to deadly conduct, a third degree felony, in 31st District Court.

Brown also pleaded guilty to shooting at or near Albert Young III, also deadly conduct. Brown stood charged with attempted murder of Young.

The punishment phase of Brown's trial is expected to continue today or tomorrow in 31st District Court.

The charges stemmed from a May 31 shooting in Prairie Village Park, which left Sanford LaCraig Kelley dead and James Wilbon III charged with his murder.

Brown allegedly left the scene of the shooting and ran to his Huff Road home for a gun and subsequently discharged it into

the Wilbon home, striking Mr. Wilbon's sister, Audrey, in her upper right arm. It was alleged Brown shot at Young as he stood in the Wilbon yard at 1057 Huff Rd. Brown was reportedly upset over Kelley's death.

Defense attorney David Holt told District Judge Kent Sims the charging language of the indictments is deadly conduct, not attempted murder, a second degree felony.

The indictment was drawn erroneously, said District Attorney John Mann.

"I take full responsibility for that," he said.

Attorneys agreed to amend the language of the indictments to match Brown's testimony and plea. The two charges were consolidated for trial into a single plea.

Brown, dressed in a teal suit and black shoes, testified, "I'm pleading guilty because I am guilty."

He denied shooting at Young, Mr. Wilbon's uncle, but said he fired his gun at the ground and the Wilbon home.

Brown also denied intending to shoot Miss Wilbon.

"I did not see Audrey Wilbon. She was not present," he said.

Miss Wilbon was inside her home when the shooting occurred.

"In discharging the firearm, did you do that in the direction of Albert Young?" asked Holt.

"No, sir," answered Brown.

"But you did it so that it struck the Wilbon home?" asked Holt.

"Yes, sir," said Brown. He agreed bullets landed four or five feet from Young and that constituted "in the direction of."

Attorneys agreed to amend the indictments to reflect an accusation of discharging a firearm into a habitation without regard to whether the habitation is occupied and an accusation of discharging a firearm in the direction of Albert Young.

After the hearing, Holt said the state must prove the accused's intent to kill in order to support a charge of attempted murder. In this case, both sides agreed to a guilty plea on the third degree charge rather than face trial on the second degree charge of attempted murder.

Jordan Unit affected by substance abuse program cutbacks

By CHIP CHANDLER
Staff Writer

Tammera Powers, substance abuse department head at the Jordan Unit, says that the unit will probably be affected in some way by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse's pulling of funding from several grants earlier this month.

The unit had been a beneficiary of TCADA's funding of the "Sobriety Is an Option" program through the Texans' War on Drugs, but a letter from the program to Powers said that all of its programs will be canceled effective Sept. 15 until it finds a new avenue of funding.

The program is asking for funds from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, whose substance abuse program is being reorganized following TCADA's announcement.

That reorganization will likely affect the local unit, Powers said.

The letter she received from the sobriety program asked her to write a letter of support to

TCJ, something she says she will probably do.

In the past, the "Sobriety Is an Option" program has brought several speakers to the Jordan Unit to speak to inmates on the importance of remaining drug-free.

In June, former Dallas Cowboy all-pro linebacker Thomas "Hollywood" Henderson spoke to almost 300 inmates.

TCADA pulled funding from grants two weeks ago from a dozen statewide programs working to prevent alcohol and drug abuse in Texas.

One of those programs — the Workers Assistance Program — helped Pampa High School get its drug and alcohol program off the ground with a four-year grant.

PHS counselor Leslie Koetting said last week that the school's Student Assistance Program hadn't received any funding from TCADA for the past year.

TCADA has been accused of mismanaging funds and had its budget cut from \$112 million to \$95 million by the state Legislature.

Lefors ISD board to set tax rate, adopt budget

LEFORS — Adoption of a budget and tax rate will top a long list of action items at tonight's Lefors Independent School District Board of Education meeting.

The board will consider adoption of a budget with a deficit of \$53,000 — approximately \$70,000 less than first feared by Superintendent Norman Baxter. At last month's meeting, Baxter told the board that the school may face a \$122,000 deficit.

Baxter said Monday that he will recommend that the board maintain last year's tax rate of \$1.50 for the 1995-96 year.

The board will also consider changing the dress code to prohibit the wearing of any garment shorter than five inches above the knee, salaries of auxiliary employees, accepting bids on milk for the current school year, approving a depository bid, setting lunch

charges for inmate lunches, changing insurance on school vehicle, approving a substitute teacher list, approving transfer students, revising the school calendar, appointing a textbook coordinator and approving a resolution of thanks to the Rufe Jordan Unit.

Inmates from the unit have been involved in several projects at the school.

Other items on the lengthy agenda include readings of two local policies and the addition of Baxter's name to the Lone Star Investment Pool list. Baxter was recently hired to replace Joe Roper.

Also on the agenda are Superintendent Baxter's report and an executive session dealing with personnel.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Lefors Elementary School Library, 209 E. 5th.

Meetings are open to the public.

Rodeo queen candidates



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

From left, Kembra Malberg and Kaysi Douglas, both Pampa High School juniors, and Leslie Hendricks and Nickie Leggett, both PHS sophomores, are candidates for the Tri-State High School Rodeo that will be held this weekend in Pampa. The queen will be crowned Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena.

Trade deficit hits \$43.62 billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. trade deficit shot up to \$43.62 billion in the April-June quarter, the worst performance in history, as the dollar's weakness in the spring drove up the cost of imported goods.

The Commerce Department reported today that the deficit in the nation's current account climbed 11.8 percent from a first quarter deficit of \$39.03 billion. It was the worst showing on record, topping the old mark of \$43.28 billion set in the final three months of last year.

The current account is the broadest measure of America's trading performance, measuring trade in merchandise, services, investment flows and a category that includes America's foreign aid payments.

The deterioration reflected weakness in all of the major categories with the deficit in merchandise hitting a record \$49.04 billion. While exports grew during this period, this strength was swamped by a big rise in imports, reflecting in part higher prices caused by the decline in the dollar, analysts said. A weaker dollar makes imports cost more.

They also noted with concern

that the deficit in investment income rose to \$2.87 billion, meaning that foreigners earned more on their investments in this country than Americans did overseas.

"We've become such a large net debtor to the rest of the world that foreigners are now earning more on the assets they hold in the United States than we earn abroad. This deficit is feeding on itself," said Eugene Sherman, at M.A. Schapiro & Co. in New York.

The Labor Department said today that wholesale prices declined by 0.1 percent in August as the third straight drop in energy prices continued to hold inflation in check.

Wholesale prices also fell 0.1 percent in June and were unchanged in July. Analysts said the sharp slowdown in the economy in the spring was helping to ease inflationary pressures at both the wholesale and retail levels.

The good inflation news gave a boost to the bond market which spilled over into stocks. The Dow Jones industrial average was up more than 14 points in late morning trading.

Through the first six months of this year, the current account deficit is running at an annual rate of \$165.24 billion, well above last year's deficit of \$151.25 billion.

The bad news on the current account confirms the trend that has been apparent in the government's monthly trade statistics, which measure trade in merchandise and services but not the other categories.

America's worsening trade performance this year has come as something of a surprise to economists who believed that the slowing U.S. economy would cut into demand for foreign goods.

Some analysts blamed the problem on the fact that the value of the dollar weakened considerably during the first half of the year.

While a weaker dollar normally acts to narrow the trade deficit over time by making U.S. goods cheaper and thus more competitive on overseas markets, the immediate impact often is to widen the deficit as foreign goods go up in price more quickly than demand for the products declines.

DAR prepares for annual Constitution Week

The Las Pampas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is encouraging area residents to study the U.S. Constitution this month in conjunction with the annual Constitution Week observance, which begins Sunday, Sept. 17.

Las Pampas Chapter DAR members encourage individuals, school classes, clubs and other groups to take time this month to discuss and develop programs concerning the Constitution, its governmental standards and its guaranteed freedoms.

The chapter began its observance last week with a chapter meeting devoted to the Constitution and suggests other groups also find time to include the Constitution for its programs this month to study and reflect on the principles contained in the document.

The Constitution of the United States of America was signed on Sept. 17, 1787. Two hundred years later, the Constitution is still the law of the land, and "We the People" are still active participants in the governing of the nation.

In 1952, Congress authorized the president to issue an annual proclamation designating Sept. 17 of every year as Citizenship Day in commemoration of the signing of the Constitution.

In 1955, the Daughters of the American Revolution proposed devoting an entire week to the Constitution by extending the period of observation beyond Sept. 17. A congressional resolution, approved Aug. 2, 1955, authorized the designation of the week beginning Sept. 17 of each year as Constitution Week.

The Constitution of the United States is classified as "rigid," because it has superior sanction to ordinary laws of the land, and it is subject to a gradual process of amendment. Its brevity and general statement by principles have made it possible to extend meaning and to foster growth of governing principles.

There are seven articles, a Preamble and 27 amendments. The first 10 amendments, known



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Presenting a program on the U.S. Constitution at a recent meeting of the Las Pampas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution are, from left, Betty White, reader Donna Burger and Nancy Coffee. The program, "To Form a More Perfect Union," was in honor of Constitution Week, Sept. 17-23. A candle was lit as each Bill of Rights amendment was read at the program last Thursday.

as the Bill of Rights, were added by 1791. Remaining amendments pertain to all sorts of matters ranging from income tax to women's suffrage (right to vote).

This year, women celebrate the 75th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. The 19th Amendment says, in part, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

Prior to the amendment, the Constitution did not say that women could not vote; therefore, each state had its own qualifications for voting privileges. Some states permitted only white males owning property to vote, DAR leaders note.

In 1869, Wyoming became the first state to permit women full

voting rights. From that time until 1920, women suffrage advocates pushed for a national suffrage amendment. Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906) was the most outstanding women's suffrage leader.

DAR members this year point out some interesting facts about the forming of the Constitution:

- George Washington and James Madison were the only delegates to the Constitutional Convention that later were elected president of the United States.

- James Madison was called the "Father of the Constitution" because he was a prominent member of the convention and a recorder of the delegates' debates.
- Rhode Island refused to send representation to the Constitutional Convention because it

wanted no federal interference in its affairs.

- The original Constitution is displayed in the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C.

The DAR states that the Constitution remains not only the world's most enduring written constitution, but it provides a frame of government that has proved to be extraordinarily adaptable to the needs of an ever-changing society.

The words of British Prime Minister William Gladstone a hundred years ago are still true today, the DAR feels: The U.S. Constitution (in its application to political affairs) is "The most remarkable work known ... in modern times to have been produced by the human intellect, at a single stroke."

State briefs

College Democrats protest proposed aid cuts

FORT WORTH (AP) — College Democrats from four North Texas universities rallied Monday to protest cuts proposed by congressional Republicans in financial aid programs.

At a news conference at Texas Christian University, student representatives said they will spend the week registering their peers to vote and informing them about proposals to restructure federal financial aid.

"We feel like the best way to solve some of these problems is to get some Democrats elected," said Scott Sherman, president of North Texas Democrats at the University of North Texas.

Students from TCU, the University of Texas at Arlington and Southern Methodist University also attended.

The Republicans' budget plan would freeze funding for need-based Pell Grants to undergraduate students; eliminate AmeriCorps, the national service program; and eliminate or limit a Clinton administration program to cut banks out of the student-loan process.

Congress is expected to vote in October on a budget reconciliation bill that will include col-

lege financial aid programs.

Jury hears confessions to slayings of two girls

HOUSTON (AP) — A man's grisly confession that he killed two young girls because he felt badly about the way his day had gone was read to jurors shortly before the prosecution rested.

In the six-page statement given to detectives, Rex Mays said he stabbed neighbors Kynara Carreiro, 7, and Kristin Wiley, 10, in the eyes so no one could identify them, then killed the struggling children with additional wounds from the knife.

Later Monday, in final arguments, defense attorney Wayne Hill argued that Mays was just an unstable police buff eager to please detectives when he gave his confession.

Mays never explained why he entered the girls' home on the day of July 20, 1992, but said he had been "feeling badly about the way my day had gone."

A little more than an hour earlier, the often unemployed man had been fired from a low-level job at Exxon. Mays' supervisor testified earlier that Mays accepted the dismissal without comment, even shaking his hand when he left.

Bill to cut immigration draws fire

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Legislation by Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, to cut the number of legal immigrants by almost a third has drawn opposition from the National Immigration Forum.

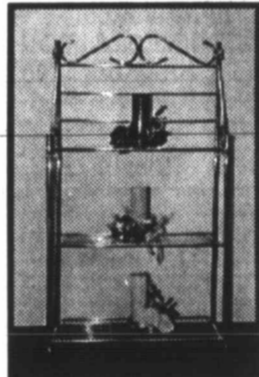
"It does too much, goes too far and is being moved too fast," Frank Sharry, the organization's executive director, said Monday in Washington.

The nonprofit interest group has launched a lobbying effort aimed at defeating Smith's bill, the *San Antonio Express-News* reported in its Tuesday editions.

"We believe our legal immigration and refugee systems works," Sharry said. The current level of legal immigration "reflects our values and serves our interests," he added.

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Exchange students at PHS



(Special photo)

Gov. George W. Bush welcomes Alé Nunes of Brazil and Holly Liu of Hong Kong to Texas during the Labor Day Chautauqua celebration in Pampa. These American Field Service exchange students will be attending Pampa High School this year. Nunes is hosted by the Randy Molitor family, and Liu by the Steven Randall and Lee Carter families. The students will be available for programs by December, according to chapter president Jan Morris.

Negotiator sent to Belgrade as diplomatic pace quickens

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. negotiator Richard Holbrooke is returning to the Balkans as the Clinton administration accelerates its drive for a peace conference to end the war in Bosnia.

Holbrooke's schedule was scrambled Monday following a White House meeting with President Clinton in order to get him back to Europe faster, and to start his new round of shuttle diplomacy in Belgrade with Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic.

By the weekend, Holbrooke intends to have met twice with Milosevic, once with Croatian President Franjo Tudjman and with Russian, French, German and British officials in Geneva, where a proposal was approved last Friday to partition Bosnia into two ethnic republics — one Serbian and the other jointly run by Muslims and Croats.

Milosevic's approval of the plan was considered essential. Now the question is whether he can prod the Bosnian Serbs into peace talks to end a 40-month-old war in the former Yugoslav republic.

Holbrooke had planned to leave for Geneva on Wednesday or Thursday and meet there with the allied governments involved in the peacemaking operation, then to go on to the Balkans.

But the allies suggested he see

Milosevic first, and Secretary of State Warren Christopher concurred, administration officials said.

Among Holbrooke's problems is Russian opposition to the sustained NATO bombardment of Bosnian Serb military installations. The administration has vowed to keep at it unless the Serbs withdraw their heavy weapons from around Sarajevo.

The assistant secretary of state needs Russia's cooperation on the diplomatic front. Of the five nations involved in peacemaking, Russia may have the most influence with the Serbs, who are historic allies of Moscow.

Holbrooke will meet with Milosevic on Wednesday, be in Geneva on Thursday, and then, separately, meet in the Balkans on Friday and Saturday with Tudjman and Milosevic.

Holbrooke's assignment was announced after he met with Clinton at the White House. "The president welcomed the progress that has been made to date toward a comprehensive political settlement," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said.

Last week's accord did not end the fighting in Bosnia, but McCurry said it would preserve Bosnia-Herzegovina as a single state and provide "a viable future for all its people."

NATO said the attacks on Bosnian Serb positions would continue. Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic denounced the use of U.S. cruise missiles as an "unprovoked and barbaric action," but State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said bridges and other installations would be targeted with the aim of destroying the Serbs' will to fight.

Clinton's senior foreign policy advisers also met at the White House, but "There were no earth-shattering decisions," said a senior U.S. official who attended the meeting, speaking only on condition of anonymity. "But there was a good discussion of how to move this along," Holbrooke told them it's very difficult.

Earlier, Burns told reporters at the State Department: "It's clear — very clear — what the Bosnian Serbs have to do to turn this process around and turn it towards peace. They have got to comply with the very strongly felt desires of the international community that the terrorism that they have inflicted upon Sarajevo stop."

The bombing seeks to force the withdrawal of Serb heavy weapons to at least 12 1/2 miles beyond the Bosnian capital while weakening Serb anti-aircraft and other military capability.

The sustained NATO bombardment, however, has put pressure on Russian President Boris Yeltsin from his political opponents. Parliament urged him over the weekend to consider ending Russia's cooperation with NATO and to lift U.N. sanctions against Serbia unilaterally.

At NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, Vitaly Churkin, the Russian envoy, said his government was "very worried that this will get out of hand" and that "what is going is very risky."

Russian Defense Minister Pavel Grachev telephoned Defense Secretary William Perry on Monday and "emphasized the unacceptability of resuming NATO air and artillery strikes and military operations against the Bosnian Serbs," Yelena Agapova, a spokeswoman for the Russian Defense Ministry, said in Moscow.

Nation briefs

GM settles cases alleging pickups prone to explode

ATLANTA (AP) — A couple whose \$105.2 million judgment against General Motors Corp. was reversed on appeal has settled for an undisclosed sum, still claiming some GM pickups are prone to explode.

"The trucks are dangerous ... they are killers," said Elaine Moseley, a Georgia woman whose 17-year-old son was killed in 1989 when the truck he was driving was struck by a drunken driver and burst into flames.

Her husband Thomas, weeping, told a news conference Monday: "The job's not done. People in this country didn't know my son. The fight's not over."

The settlement was one of four reached with GM on Friday in suits alleging that pickup trucks made from 1973 to 1989 with side-mounted gasoline tanks were prone to explode. Terms of the settlements — including two in Oklahoma and one in Kansas — were not disclosed.

Friend of Ronald Goldman fatally shot by thieves

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A 26-year-old friend of murder victim Ronald Goldman when both worked at Mezzaluna restaurant was shot to death after resisting

two money-demanding thieves.

Aspiring actor Michael Nigg was killed late Friday in a Hollywood parking lot after he withdrew \$40 from an automated teller machine to take his girlfriend to a Hollywood restaurant, said police spokeswoman Cherie Clair.

Detectives were looking for three men, two who attacked Nigg and a third who was their driver, Clair said. There were no arrests late Monday.

Nigg's friends, including actor Mickey Rourke, held a candlelight vigil at the lot Saturday night. "If anyone knows anything about the shooting that took place ... just give the cops a call," Rourke said in a televised plea.

Nigg, from Colorado, worked as a waiter at Sanctuary, a Beverly Hills restaurant. He recently appeared on the syndicated TV show *Liars*.

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College Grad Earns Dunce Cap for Bad Table Manners

DEAR ABBY: In referring to the young boob who did not remove his baseball cap when he was a dinner guest, you said if he has graduated from college, it is safe to assume he has plenty besides hair under that baseball cap.

Not necessarily so! I have carried a thought I read years ago in *The Denver Post*: "Education doesn't guarantee wisdom."

This man is inconsiderate and cares for no one but himself. He may have been "educated," but he lacks wisdom.

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DEAR MR. WOJTAS: Let us think you are alone in your opinion, read on:

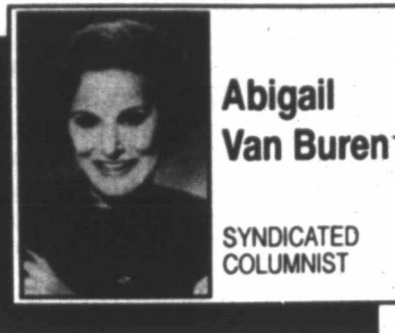
DEAR ABBY: You blew it. Just because a person has graduated from college does not ensure that he has more than hair under his cap.

Another gripe of mine is "cow-boy" singers who keep their hats on when they are guests on a TV show.

A gentleman always removes his hat when entering a home, an office, a church, a public meeting, or an elevator with ladies present.

I wish parents would work a little harder at teaching their children manners.

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Abigail Van Buren

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most of your answers, but you blew it big time in your answer to "An Ohio Mom" (her daughter's boyfriend came to the dinner table wearing his baseball cap). You told "Mom" to say nothing to the young man. Say what? Abby, I see you have mellowed in your somewhat older years.

The young man was in her house, sitting at her dinner table. She had every right to politely tell him that in her house, caps are not worn at the table or inside the house... and he should please remove his. If he didn't want to comply, she should have shown him the front door — or the back porch, and told him to eat his dinner there!

Abby, a lot of young people read your column. Your advice is like a bible to them. Wearing a baseball cap in the house may be no big deal, but it's the principle of the thing.

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT
IN SALUDA, S.C.

your reply to "An Ohio Mom," who was disturbed because her daughter's college-graduate boyfriend wore his cap in the house. A clod with a college degree is still a clod.

I'm a native Texan, and we Texans wear hats a lot of the time, but when folks enter my house, I invite them to "take off your hat and stay a while." Removing one's hat indoors is plain old-fashioned courtesy. Abby, no one sits at my table with a hat on!

"Ohio Mom" has every right to tell him to remove his cap in the house, and she shouldn't expect her daughter to inform him of the rules — it's "Mom's" house, and she should do it.

GROVER E. SMITH, DALLAS

DEAR ABBY: I really enjoyed the letter from the 70-year-old lady who wants to give herself a birthday party — requesting no gifts. Now that's my kind of woman! Those are the kind of people who make this world such a great place. She doesn't sit around waiting for others to entertain her; she entertains them. If she lives to be a 100, she'll never be lonely.

Many folks her age are sitting around waiting to die, but life is for the living, and that is what she's doing.

God bless her. I hope she blesses this old world for many years, and I also hope her 70th birthday party will be the first of many.

FRAN KARAFAS,
CLEARWATER, FLA.

Horoscope

Wednesday, Sept 13, 1995

Knowledge you've acquired both academically and from personal experience could be used to your advantage in the year ahead. Your special know-how might put you in an enviable position in the business world.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Written arrangements you enter into today, such as contracts or agreements, have an excellent chance of working out well for all concerned. Virgo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, New York, NY 10163. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Roadblocks that have stymied your career can be

overcome today or at the very least, circumvented. Move toward uncluttered paths.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) As of today, new social contacts could play more important roles in your affairs. Take measures to do what you can to strengthen all your relationships.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A testy arrangement that has frustrated you because you couldn't manage it personally might now be submitted to your direct control.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You will be quite effective today in getting what you want when dealing with others on a one-to-one basis. Avoid committees and focus on the key people.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Lady Luck may favor you today in matters pertaining to your material circumstances. This might be a good day to talk to persons in authority about a raise.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) As of today, your popularity is increasing. You shouldn't be surprised to find your social situation improving or to suddenly hear

from old friends.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Remain hopeful about your material circumstances in this cycle. Even if you're a bit short at present, funds will be available at the right moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Unique breaks might develop for you today through persons who like you. They know you would look out for them if the roles were reversed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can make larger and more significant strides today in furthering your personal ambitions. Clear the decks, get an early start and work late if necessary.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your greatest asset today will be your ability to get along well with others, even difficult individuals. Whatever your espouse will be supported.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Conduits for generating income from other than your usual sources are available at this time. Carefully examine all potentially profitable proposals.

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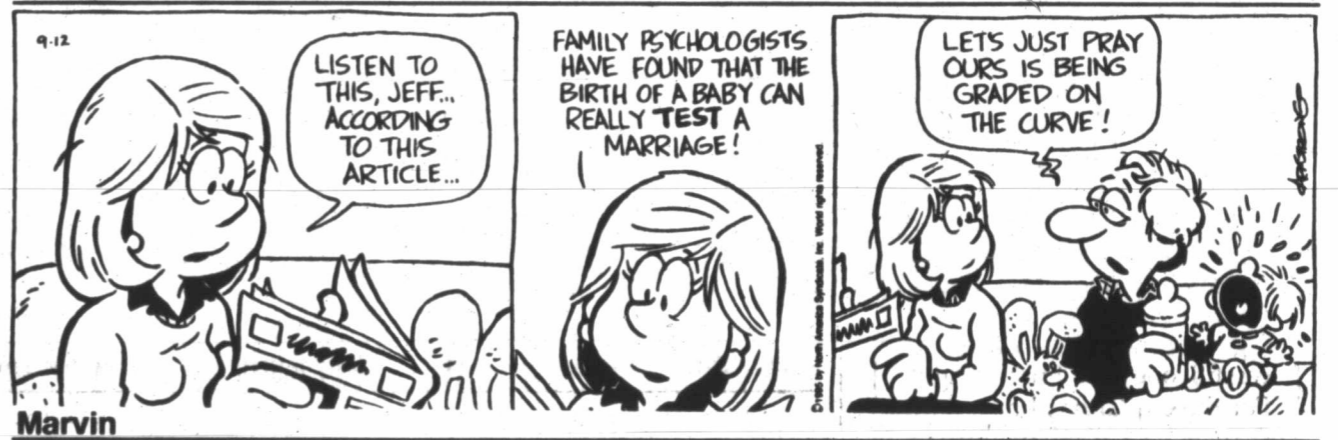
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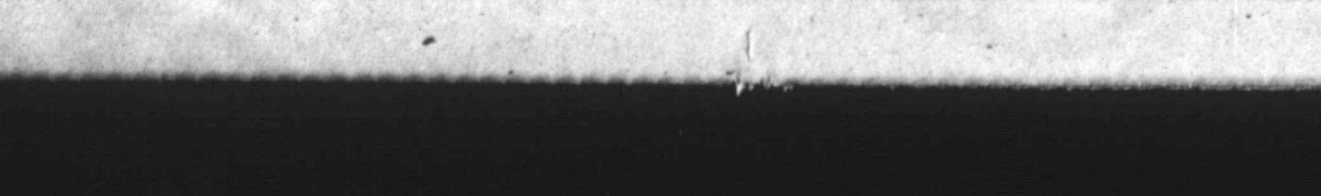
"Cats don't overwork their tails the way dogs do."



"Mom! Marmaduke's adopting again!"



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Peanuts

Spielberg, Winfrey top best-paid entertainers list; Beatles also join

By RACHEL BECK
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The Beatles may not care too much for money — but they've managed to earn enough to land a top spot on the list of highest paid entertainers.

A new documentary and the first of three new music releases, including a song taped by John Lennon in 1974 that Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr added their voices to this year, will bring the band an estimated \$130 million in gross income for 1994-1995, *Forbes* magazine said.

Only director Steven Spielberg and talk-show host Oprah Winfrey surpassed the Beatles in *Forbes'* ninth annual ranking of best-paid entertainers.

The TV deal alone should bring McCartney, Harrison and Starr about \$75 million, on top of income from the first of three new music releases by the band, the magazine says in its Sept. 25 issue.

Lennon was shot to death in 1980. The other three reunited last year to oversee their first new record in decades, *The Beatles Live at the BBC*, and again this year to complete Lennon's song "Free As a Bird."

It's the Beatles first time on the *Forbes* Top 40 highest-paid entertainers list, a survey that combines entertainers' two-year estimated gross earnings to get a more accurate assessment of overall income.

For the second consecutive year, Spielberg reigns as the highest-paid entertainer.

The 47-year-old director, who still is raking in the dough from his box-office megahit *Jurassic Park*, will make an estimated \$285 million in 1994-95.

But Spielberg's earnings may slow down a bit in the upcoming years. He recently gave up a lucrative profit-sharing deal with Universal Studios to form DreamWorks SKG, a new Hollywood studio with partners David Geffen and Jeffrey Katzenberg.

Winfrey, who in 1993 became the first woman to ever top the list, ranked a distant second behind Spielberg, with a combined two-year take of \$146 million.

A number of other pop-music relics who recently went back on tour also made it into the Top 10.

The Rolling Stones came in at No. 4, with an estimated income of \$121 million, while the Eagles were fifth with \$95 million and Pink Floyd was seventh with \$70 million. Barbra Streisand, who last year went on the tour for the first time in nearly three decades, was No. 9, at \$63 million.

Filling out the Top 10:

— No. 6 magician David Copperfield at \$81 million.

— No. 8 Michael Jackson, whose new *HIStory* album has sold about 7 million copies worldwide this year, had 1994-1995 earnings of \$67 million.

— No. 10 is the highest-paid actor on the list, Sylvester Stallone, with Universal Studios coughing up \$60 million for three of his upcoming action

Highest paid entertainers

Forbes magazines ranking of the 40 highest-paid entertainers and their estimated gross income for 1994-1995:

1. Steven Spielberg, \$285 million
2. Oprah Winfrey, \$146 million
3. The Beatles, \$130 million
4. Rolling Stones, \$121 million
5. Eagles, \$95 million
6. David Copperfield, \$81 million
7. Pink Floyd, \$70 million
8. Michael Jackson, \$67 million
9. Barbra Streisand, \$63 million
10. Sylvester Stallone, \$58 million
11. Tom Hanks, \$52 million
12. Bill Cosby, \$49 million
13. Andrew Lloyd Webber, \$48 million
14. Harrison Ford, \$46 million
15. Stephen King, \$43 million
16. Grateful Dead, \$42 million
17. Barney (Richard Leach, publisher; Sheryl Leach, creator), \$40 million
18. Siegfried & Roy, \$40 million
19. Garth Brooks, \$40 million
20. Michael Crichton, \$39 million
21. Jim Carrey, \$39 million
22. Robert Zemeckis, \$37 million
23. Charles Schulz, \$36 million
24. Elton John, \$35 million
25. Bruce Willis, \$35 million
26. Billy Joel, \$33 million
27. Arnold Schwarzenegger, \$33 million
28. Clint Eastwood, \$32 million
29. Roseanne, \$32 million
30. Michael Douglas, \$31 million
31. Boyz II Men, \$31 million
32. Aerosmith, \$30 million
33. David Letterman, \$29 million
34. John Grisham, \$29 million
35. Tom Clancy, \$28 million
36. Jimmy Buffett, \$26 million
37. Robin Williams, \$25 million
38. Bon Jovi, \$25 million
39. Kevin Costner, \$24 million
40. Demi Moore, \$21 million

flicks. He moved up from No. 15 last year with a combined 1994-1995 income of \$58 million.

Tom Hanks, who won back-to-back Academy Awards in the last two years for his roles in *Philadelphia* and *Forrest Gump*, was right behind Stallone in the No. 11 spot, at \$52 million.

Other first-time entries in this year's list include comic actor Jim Carrey (No. 21, \$39 million), and actress Demi Moore (No. 40, \$21 million.)

Among those falling from the ranks: actors Tom Cruise and Eddie Murphy; singers Whitney Houston, Eric Clapton, Rod Stewart and Billy Ray Cyrus; and radio commentator Rush Limbaugh.

World briefs

Gun battle ensues at Indian occupation camp

100 MILE HOUSE, British Columbia (AP) — Another attempt to break the deadlock at a camp occupied by Indians has ended in gunfire, and this time it apparently drew blood.

The shootout began Monday when a pickup truck carrying at least two Indians hit an explosive device on a road near the camp on Gustafsen Lake where the Royal Canadian Mounted Police has forbidden passage, police Sgt. Peter Montague said.

The people in the truck bailed out and opened fire on Mounties in an armored personnel carrier. Police returned the gunfire, Montague said.

The shootout lasted about two hours and several hundred rounds of ammunition were fired, he said.

A man in the camp was reported missing and may have been hit by rifle fire of unknown origin, Montague said. A woman who reportedly was hit in the arm refused to leave the camp and was treated there, he said.

Afterward, a Shuswap Nation elder was allowed to enter the camp alone and brought out two tribesmen who were arrested.

No one was reported injured in six previous shooting incidents at the camp.

About 30 rebels have been occupying part of a cattle ranch

on the lake since June, claiming the land is the sacred site of sun-dance ceremonies and never was ceded by treaty. They have demanded that their case be submitted to Queen Elizabeth II and the British Privy Council.

Swiss say millions could belong to Jews

BERN, Switzerland (AP) — Swiss bankers said today they have found tens of millions of dollars in their vaults that could be from secret accounts of Jews killed in the Holocaust.

The Swiss Bankers Association dismissed as speculation some news reports asserting that the assets have swelled with interest over the past half-century to as much as \$7 billion.

The accounts now are worth 41 million Swiss francs, or \$34 million, after the addition of interest and reductions for fees and taxes, the bankers association said.

It said the accounts could belong to others than Holocaust victims and that further investigations will be needed.

Even as the Swiss banks disclosed new procedures to help heirs find the lost wealth, Jewish groups were meeting in Brussels, Belgium, to keep up the pressure for recovering assets lost in the Holocaust.

The pressure to find the money has been building as Switzerland and the rest of world observed the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

Earlier this year, the Swiss government for the first time formally apologized for its treatment of Jews. Many would be refugees were turned back to certain death at the hands of the Nazis.

The re-examination of the bank accounts has been spurred by first-time claims of eastern Europeans who were unable under communist rule to pursue their interests in the West.

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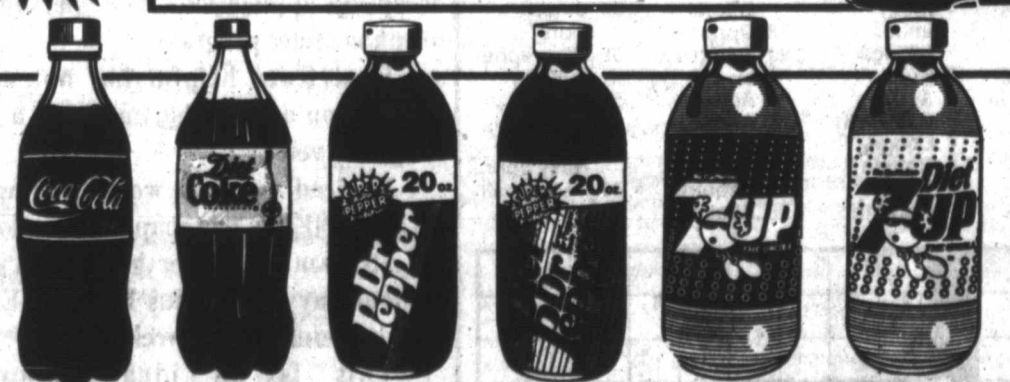
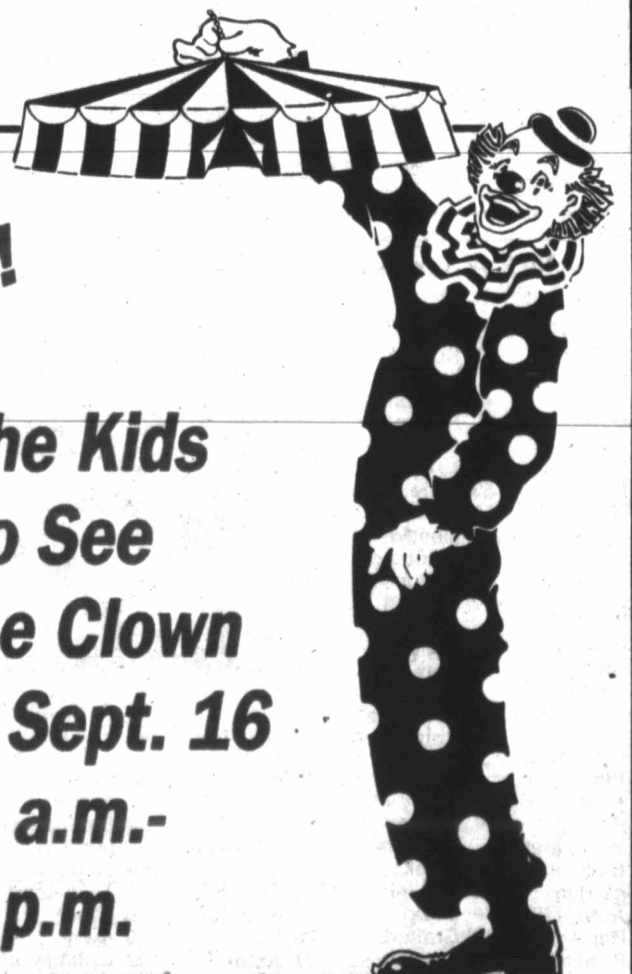
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