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Peet's secretary to keep pay raise

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

A Gray County employee whose salary increase raised courthouse hackles will continue to draw the same pay after commissioners declined to change it Tuesday.

In a three to two vote June 1, Gray County commissioners decided to add \$500 to the \$1,469.14 per month salary for Judge Richard Peet's secretary, Susan Winborne, in exchange for her assuming the duties of indigent health care clerk, a vacant position budgeted to pay \$1,045.46 per month.

That action prompted Justice of the Peace Margie Prestidge to ask commissioners to reconsider the issue Tuesday. About 20 courthouse employees and officeholders attended the morning portion of the day-long court meeting.

After a 45-minute closed door session, the court reconvened and took no action to change the earlier vote.

Peet read this statement:

"To the honorable members of the com-

missioners court, the representatives of the media and the citizens of Gray County:

"I have made a decision which has saved the taxpayers of Gray County over \$7,000 for this year alone and a projected \$11,000 for next year. Now there appears to be those who are not agreeable to my decision. I assure you it was not my intent to upset or offend anyone. My decision was based upon what I believed best for Gray County and just for the employee concerned. I will not take advantage of an employee.

"I have done nothing illegal, immoral, unethical or unusual. I have operated within the authority of my office and the limitations of my budget. The citizens of Gray County elected me to this office because of my willingness to honestly, carefully and completely evaluate a situation to do what is best for this county. I believe I have done so concerning this issue and I will not be intimidated or badgered into compromising to conform to those who are not knowledgeable and do not understand the job in question or to

the personal desires of a few over the well being of the county.

"Therefore, I respectfully ask this court to abide by the decision we made on June 1, 1995.

"Signed, Richard Peet."

Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheelley, Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright and Peet voted for the salary change in June. Voting against the change were Precinct 2 Commissioner Jim Greene and Precinct 4 Commissioner James Hefley.

"I ditto Richard's remarks," said Wheelley. "I think we're elected to do the job for the county. ... Primarily the dissatisfaction is in the courthouse."

Greene, who opposed the pay increase, said, "It was a thing that was done by the county commission and that's why we have five people on it. If we were agreeing on everything all the time, they wouldn't be any need to have five people. ... when the decision is made you're supposed to live by it."

Winborne declined comment, as she had in June.

During the executive session, commissioners invited Prestidge into the courtroom, where she remained about 10 minutes.

She later said, "I don't know what else to say, but I don't approve of it."

Prestidge said she told the court it was unfair to single out one employee for a raise and especially for a \$500 per month raise.

"In eight hours a day, you do what there is to be done," Prestidge said.

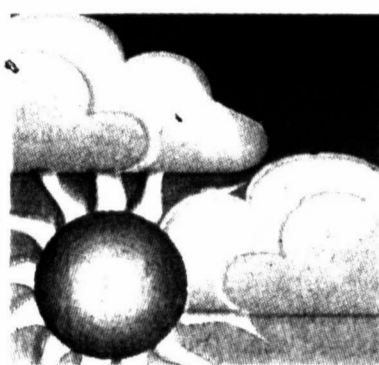
The judge said she prefers an indigent health care clerk be hired.

"Somebody needs that money, too," Prestidge said.

Another alternative to filling the position is a Green Thumb worker, she said.

Prestidge said she plans to ask for a raise for herself and her secretary during budget sessions this fall.

The judge said she asked Peet how to resurrect the matter, to which he responded a commissioner had to put it on the agenda. Greene was willing to do so, she said.



Low tonight near 70, high tomorrow in mid 90s. See Page 2 for weather details.

PAMPA — The director of the Community Summer Youth Program is warning businesses and residents to be aware of unauthorized solicitation of donations on behalf of the program.

Philip D. Jeffery, program director, said he is the only person now authorized to solicit donations on behalf of the program at this time and no one else is authorized to be soliciting funds for the youth program.

Jeffery said he is aware of at least one person presently going around to businesses claiming to be affiliated with the Community Summer Youth Program and soliciting funds for a proposed building. Neither that individual nor any others are authorized to do so, Jeffery said, adding that he himself is the only person authorized to solicit funds for the program.

He said businesses or individuals being approached to donate funds for the program should be aware of the situation.

PAMPA — Pampa Independent School District Board of Education members will meet in regular session Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Carver Center, 321 W. Albert.

Items on the agenda include consideration of the student code of conduct and discipline procedures as changed by Senate Bill 1, consideration of requesting the Gray County Appraisal District to reappraise property in the school district based on tornado damage, consideration of a Texas Association of School Boards policy update, consideration of the sale of delinquent tax properties and consideration of a change to the fixed asset capitalization limit.

Also on the agenda is the 1995-96 budget workshop.

Items in Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr's report include the district and campus accreditation report, workers' compensation funding options, city street construction and traffic flow, a proposed policy on leaves and absences, and a standardized testing plan for the school year.

MEMPHIS — Former Pampa resident Dusty Reed will perform at the Memphis, Texas Brand New Opry on Saturday, Aug. 19. Reed performs regularly at Branson, Mo.

The Saturday show, with free admission, begins at 7:17 p.m. in the City Park Amphitheater, part of the summer series. The last show will be held on Sept. 16.

Other acts include performers from McKinney, Amarillo, Wellington, Clarendon and Memphis.

The amphitheater in Memphis City Park is the oldest amphitheater in the Texas Panhandle, located along Berkely Creek on the southern edge of town.

Learning to fish



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Phoenix Ketter, 4, of Pampa took the morning to go fishing with her grandparents, Johnny and Jane Belt of Pampa, at City Lake and to admire the ducks at the lake. Her grandmother said Phoenix didn't know what fishing was until she heard someone mention it. The fishing pole she is using belonged to her mother when she was ten. "That fishing pole was bought 15 years ago for her mother," Johnny said.

County OKs AMT contract renewal plan

By CHIP CHANDLER
Staff Writer

American Medical Transport faces one more hurdle to renew its local contracts — the city commission's agreement before Sept. 30.

County commissioners agreed to AMT's proposed floating subsidy contract and the rate increase that went along with it at their meeting Tuesday morning.

Commissioner Jim Greene moved that the county sign the contract with a provision for a review of the floating subsidy after one year. The motion passed unanimously.

All that remains is action from the city to renew a contract in some form. However, contract discussion is not on next week's city commission agenda, according to the city secretary's office.

The current five-year contract, with an optional review in the third year, expires Sept. 30. AMT has provided emergency medical service for the city since 1982.

AMT officials told the city commission in late July that if rate increases are not approved this year, they would likely have to return to both commission meetings in one year requesting them.

Since 1992, rates for a mobile intensive care unit run and an advanced life support run have been \$225. An additional \$31 is tacked on if the run is an emergency, as well as \$6 per mile while a patient is aboard the ambulance.

Citing rising Medicare-allowable costs, AMT officials presented commissioners from both the city and the county with a contract option that raises MICU and ALS run prices to \$238. Emergency rate goes up to \$35, and the loaded mileage rate would rise to \$6.25.

MICU runs are staffed by paramedics and offer intravenous units, cardiac treatment and other advanced capabilities. ALS runs are similar, but lack the cardiac care equipment.

Pampa's rates are lower than

any other AMT service in the area, according to AMT's Emergency Management Services Supervisor Carla Adams. The rate increase would make Pampa's rates equal to those charged in Borger and Amarillo.

Adams explained at the county commissioners' previous meeting that the floating subsidy scale is based on call volume and revenue.

If the monthly billable revenue is less than \$51,999, the subsidy would be \$4,150, the highest possible under the plan. Currently, the subsidy is \$4,360.

However, if the monthly billable revenue exceeds \$52,000, the subsidy would lower as much as \$400, down to \$3,750 if the revenues go up to \$55,000.

AMT has an enhanced billing system, Adams says, meaning less in expenditures and more in collection. That system allows for lower subsidies.

The county and city could save as much as \$4,500 a year if call volume remains up, Adams said.

Commissioners to begin studying budget proposals

Gray County commissioners are to meet at 9 a.m. Aug. 23 to begin studying the proposed 1996 budget.

The court voted unanimously Tuesday to continue longevity pay for employees before reviewing the general fund of the proposed budget.

Line items receiving at least

brief discussion were: McClellan water shed project, autopsies, Gray County Water and Soil Conservation District, election expenses, audit services, National Guard, civil defense, volunteer ambulance and fire services, Pampa Fire Department, senior citizens centers, museums and libraries, Pampa Family Service

Center, predatory animal control, classes for drunk drivers, Hi-Plains Food Bank, Panhandle Community Services, Meals on Wheels and salary supplement for the Lefors city marshal.

County Judge Richard Peet asked the court to consider a decline in funding for many agencies receiving county funds.

Lefors city marshal proposes curfew for residents, visitors

By CHIP CHANDLER
Staff Writer

Lefors residents and visitors of all ages could soon be subject to a curfew, pending the passage of a proposal by City Marshal Rocky Stewart at Monday night's regular session meeting of the city council.

Stewart proposes a curfew "to include all ages and all residents, and anyone visiting within the boundaries of the City of Lefors," according to a copy of the proposal given to the council members.

Curfew time would be midnight Sunday through Thursday and 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

"It's a proposal only," Stewart told council members and local citizens present at the meeting. "The council can change it how they see fit."

Stewart explained that the purpose of the curfew is "to control unnecessary movement, to eliminate disorderly conduct, possible thefts, and to allow everyone the right to receive peace, quiet and rest without disruption."

He continued reading from his proposal, saying: "This curfew is not being proposed to limit anyone from being allowed to their residences nor employment, school activities or any social functions. However, it will limit the amount of movement after curfew hours, and hopefully will allow our children a safer neighborhood and community to grow in and to learn family values and respect."

Violations of the curfew could result in a fine between \$25 and \$50, plus court costs.

Stewart said he patterned the proposal after similar curfews in

Dimmitt and other area towns, though those curfews are limited to minors only.

Many of the residents present at the meeting expressed concern that the curfew would include adults as well as minors.

Stewart responded, saying that it was just a proposal and the council members could alter it if they wish.

Stewart and Gray County Constable James Lewis presented the curfew as part of Stewart's marshal's report on the agenda at the council's meeting.

Also during the report, Stewart assured council members and the citizens present that he considers himself a full-time peace officer, saying that the State of Texas does not acknowledge part-time officers.

Stewart works eight to nine hours a day at the Rufe Jordan Unit outside Pampa, leading to some concern about his availability.

He hastened to promise the town that he was always available, whether he was at work or at home asleep. He added that he could and has beat Gray County deputies to the town when called.

Stewart also said Monday evening that he and Lewis had recovered two speakers stolen from the First Baptist Church recently. They also had previously recovered a typewriter and a laser display stolen from the school, and they are continuing to investigate the theft of a VCR unit and a TV/VCR unit, also from the school.

Lewis told citizens at the meeting that local Neighborhood Watch officials say they will have watch signs soon.

Appeal to FEMA unlikely

An appeal on the denial of federal funds for recovery from the June 8 tornado seems less likely now after the county commission's Tuesday meeting.

Gray County commissioners voted not to file an appeal unless the city votes to do so at its next meeting, Aug. 22.

Pampa/Gray County Emergency Management Director Ken Hall told the county officials that unless his office could show the Federal Emergency Management Agency substantial increases in damage figures, FEMA would not consider changing its decision.

Hall detailed an informal survey that he conducted because of his doubts about the figures FEMA used in its decision.

The federal agency used statistical data on the quantity of damage suffered here and applied those figures to a formula based

on what the agency paid in the past for damage recovery. Pampa and Gray County's estimates weren't great enough to qualify.

Hall canvassed 38 local businesses either damaged or destroyed in the tornado, asking them their total loss and what portions of the loss were not covered by insurance. He also inquired if they would apply for federal assistance if that money was available.

Only seven businesses said they would apply for money, leading Hall to believe that FEMA's estimates were accurate.

Hall added that Small Business Association and Federal Housing Association representatives have assured him that they will try to help in any way they can, including gearing the aid to those who may not normally be qualified to apply for loans.

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Services tomorrow

BOYLES, Jim - Graveside services, 11 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Amarillo.
GAINES, Alpha - Graveside services, 10 a.m., Wheeler Cemetery, Wheeler.
PEERCY, Toby Glen - Graveside services, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.
SWAFFORD, Euna Beatrice Day - 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
WHITE, Merle - Graveside services, 4 p.m., Happy Cemetery, Happy.

Obituaries

JIM BOYLES
CANYON - Jim Boyles, 52, a former Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Aug. 15, 1995. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Amarillo with Albert Green, pastor of the East Baptist Church in Denison, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Brooks Funeral Directors.
 Mr. Boyles was born in Wichita Falls. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1961 and earned a degree in business administration from West Texas State University in 1968. He married Jo Carol Baker in 1981 at Amarillo. He owned and operated Boots West stores in Amarillo and Hereford for 15 years. He recently had worked as a rancher and as a self-employed welder in Canyon. He was a Shriner, a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 731 and a past member of PRCA and Will Rogers Range Riders.
 Survivors include his wife, a daughter, Susie Duck of Canyon; a son, Snuffy Boyles of Amarillo; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Boyles of Amarillo; a brother, Gary Boyles of Amarillo; and three grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to the Cowboy Crisis Fund or to a favorite charity.

ALPHA GAINES
WHEELER - Alpha Gaines, 89, died Sunday, Aug. 13, 1995, at Memorial Hospital in Bakersfield, Calif. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Wheeler Cemetery with the Rev. M.B. Smith, pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.
 Miss Gaines was born Aug. 21, 1905, at Sidney, Ark. She attended school at Akins Grove School near Clarksville, Texas. She moved to California, where she worked in the dietary department of Pilgrim Place Nursing Home in Pomona, Calif., for 15 years. She had been a resident of Bakersfield for 30 years. She was a Baptist.
 Survivors include three sisters, Iona May of Wheeler, Darlene Hampton of Bakersfield and Winona Bowden of Crestline, Calif.; a brother, W.F. Gaines of Houston; and numerous nieces and nephews.

EUNA BEATRICE DAY SWAFFORD
Euna Beatrice Day Swafford, 79, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Aug. 15, 1995. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. M.B. Smith, pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.
 Mrs. Swafford was born March 15, 1916, on the Peck Farm in Taylor County, Texas. She married Hugh Ishmael Swafford in 1940. She moved to Pampa in 1991 from Fort Worth. She was a homemaker.
 She was preceded in death by three brothers, P.A. Porter, Leon E. Day and Dwight L. Day.
 Survivors include her former husband, Hugh Swafford, of Pampa; a sister, Nettie Laverne Stephens of Joshua; a niece, Lovita Day Hagemann of Pampa, plus several other nieces and nephews.
 The family requests memorials be to the American Lung Association or to the Central Baptist Church Building Fund.

LAURA MAE BENNETT TIMMONS
HAPPY - Laura Mae Bennett Timmons, 64, a former Shamrock resident, died Tuesday, Aug. 15, 1995, in Happy. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church at Happy with the Rev. Lonny Poe, pastor, officiating. Private burial will be in Dreamland Cemetery at Canyon under the direction of Holley Funeral Home of Canyon.
 Mrs. Timmons was born in Sulphur, Okla. She married J.P. Timmons in 1953 at Maysville, Okla. She was office manager for a medical clinic. She moved to Happy eight months ago from Shamrock.
 Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Terri D. Turner of Odessa and Carol D. Yirak of Canyon; two sons, Paul G. Timmons of North Rickland Hills and Mark B. Timmons of Elizabethtown, Ky.; a sister, Ruth Kelly of Maysville; a brother, Jimmy Bennett of Antioch, Calif.; and eight grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to the First Baptist Church of Happy.

Sheriff's Office
 Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents in the 24-hour period which ended at 7 a.m. today.
MONDAY, Aug. 14
 Theft was reported at Taylor Mart, US 60 west of Pampa.
TUESDAY, Aug. 15
 A goat valued at \$250 was stolen in south Gray County.

Obituaries

MERLE WHITE
HAPPY - Merle White, 97, sister of a White Deer resident, died Tuesday, Aug. 15, 1995, in Canyon. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday in the Happy Cemetery with Dr. Joseph Findley, of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Brooks Funeral Home of Canyon.
 Mrs. White had lived in Happy since 1905. She attended West Texas State Normal School. She married Ernest White in 1918 at Canyon; he died in 1983. She was a charter member of the Happy Study Club, Happy Music Club, First Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Auxiliary. She worked with porcelain and was active with several porcelain clubs.
 Survivors include a daughter, Frances Huber of Amarillo; a son, Mack White of Canyon; five sisters, Mildred Schuman of White Deer, Margaret McCutchan of Eufala, Okla., Joie Dale Brown of Amarillo, Kathleen Thornton of Lockney and Betty Rahlfis of Happy; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.
TUESDAY, Aug. 15
 Criminal trespass was reported in the 400 block of North Russell and occurred between 4:30 p.m. Friday and 10:30 a.m. Tuesday. Entry was through a side window.
 Pampa Warehouse and Transfer, 317 E. Tyng, reported criminal trespass which occurred between noon Friday and 2:05 p.m. Tuesday. Entry was through a warehouse door.
 A 16-year-old boy reported assault with a beer bottle at 17th and Evergreen. He reported abrasions and blunt trauma to the right eye and neck.
 Mirrors and glasses were reported broken on a 1982 Ford pickup and 1984 Buick at Pampa Auto Center, 126 S. Houston. The damage, estimated at \$1,000 occurred between noon and 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Ambulance
 American Medical Transport reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
TUESDAY, August 15
 11:13 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a patient transfer to High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo.
 12:11 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of North Zimmers on a medical call and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.
 12:26 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of West Wilks on a medical call and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.
 1:49 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a patient transfer to a local nursing facility.
 3:05 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a patient transfer to High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo.
 7:35 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing home on a medical assist and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

Stocks
 The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.
 Wheat 4.32
 Milo 4.63
 Corn 5.13
 The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:
 NOWSCO 10/9/16 NC
 Occidental 21 1/2 dn 1/8
 The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:
 Magellan 90.07
 Puritan 16.59
 The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.
 Amoco 63 7/8 dn 3/8
 Arco 109 1/2 dn 3/8
 Cabot 52 3/4 NC
 Cabot O&G 13 1/8 dn 1/8
 Chevron 47 1/8 dn 3/4
 Coca-Cola 64 1/2 dn 1
 Columbia-HCA 48 5/8 up 3/4
 Diamond Sham 26 1/4 dn 1/4
 Enron 31 5/8 dn 5/8
 Halliburton 40 1/8 up 1/8
 Ingersoll Rand 40 1/8 dn 1/8
 KNE 25 1/8 dn 1/8
 Kerr McGee 53 7/8 dn 1/8
 Limited 18 3/4 NC
 Mapco 53 3/8 NC
 McDonald's 37 1/4 dn 1/2
 Mobil 94 1/8 dn 7/8
 New Atmos 19 3/4 NC
 Parker & Parsley 19 3/4 NC
 Penney's 46 1/4 dn 5/8
 Phillips 33 1/2 up 1/8
 SLB 63 7/8 dn 1/2
 Wal-Mart 24 7/8 dn 1/8
 SPS 29 up 1/4
 Tenneco 48 3/8 dn 1/8
 Texaco 63 7/8 dn 1/2
 West Texas Crude 17.47

Fires
 The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
TUESDAY, Aug. 15
 8:18 a.m. - Two units and three personnel responded to a car fire at the intersection of Hobart and Alcock.
 12:27 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to a medical assist at 1025 W. Wilks.
 1:00 p.m. - Two units and two personnel responded to an assist with the city at the intersection of Houston and Francis.
 10:48 p.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to Coronado Hospital on a false alarm.

Emergency numbers
 Ambulance 911
 Crime Stoppers 669-2222
 Energas 665-5777
 Fire 911
 Police (emergency) 911
 Police (non-emergency) 669-5700
 SPS 669-7432
 Water 669-5830

Packwood challenges accusers' claims

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sen. Bob Packwood is challenging some of his accusers' claims that they were offended by what they portrayed as unwanted sexual advances between 1969 and 1990. He said in an interview with The Associated Press on Tuesday he doesn't understand why some of the accusers continued volunteering to work on his campaigns, sought employment in his office and wrote him letters in the months and years after the alleged incidents.
 "It's not a question of the stories they tell. It is what happened afterwards," the Oregon Republican said. He said none of the women ever indicated to him they were troubled by his behavior.
 Packwood made his comments to the AP after taping an interview that aired Tuesday night on the Dateline NBC television program.
 Packwood told the AP he should not be expelled from the Senate even if the Ethics Committee finds him guilty of all the allegations of sexual and official misconduct facing him.
 He said the only senators ever

expelled were those found guilty of treason and the allegations against him are not comparable.
 "When you have one complaint in 12 years, when you have others that are 15, 20, a quarter century old and the only reason we have expelled people is for treason, do you put that on the same scale?" Packwood asked.
 "No," he answered.
 The senator also denied for the first time publicly that he or anyone else altered his diaries before they were turned over to the Ethics Committee. "No altered diaries were ever given to the committee," he said in the telephone interview from New York City.
 "The committee never received any altered materials. The tapes were original. I think beyond that, I'm not going to get into it," he said.
 The Ethics Committee concluded in May there was "substantial credible evidence" that Packwood made unwanted sexual advances toward 17 women in 18 instances between 1969 and 1990. It issued the same finding for allegations he sought jobs for his

wife, while the couple was divorcing, from lobbyists and businessmen with interests in legislation and altered his diaries when he learned they might be subpoenaed.
 If the Ethics Committee finds Packwood guilty, punishment could range from a formal reprimand to a recommendation he lose his seniority or be expelled from the Senate. The full Senate has to approve any such recommendation.
 In the interview with the AP, Packwood did not name any of the women that he says maintained relationships with him after they were alleged to have been victimized by his advances. He said at least two continued to work on his campaigns or seek employment in his Senate office after the alleged incidents of misconduct.
 One woman was a volunteer on his 1980 campaign, he said.
 "What would you think if somebody said in February 1980, he kissed me. Then she kissed me the next day. She works for the campaign - during 1984, 1985, 1986, she worked for the campaign. Wouldn't you presume she was so repulsed, so offended, that she wouldn't come back?" Packwood asked.

Feeder cattle trade steady to firm

AMARILLO - Feeder cattle at this week's sale were steady to firm while the feedlot trade was slow today in the Texas Panhandle and western Oklahoma.
 USDA Marketing Service confirmed the sales of 3,300 head as of 11 a.m. today in the Panhandle and western Oklahoma. In a light test, slaughter steers and heifers were 0.50 to mostly 1.00 lower today.
 Feedlots reported light inquiry from buyers.
 Sales were reported on 1,400 slaughter steers and 1,900 slaughter heifers bringing to 49,200 head confirmed for the week to date. The total includes 4,600 head of formulated cattle to be shipped this week.
 Slaughter steers, Select and Choice 2-3, 1100 to 1200 pounds, were 61.00 to 61.50.
 Slaughter heifers, Select and Choice 2-3, 1000 to 1100 pounds, were 61.00. Pen Select, few Choice 2-3, 1050 pounds, were 60.50.
 Compared to last week, feeder steers over 700 pounds were steady to firm at Tuesday's Amarillo Livestock Auction sale. Other feeder cattle were steady.
 Slaughter cows were a dollar lower while slaughter bulls were steady to a dollar higher.
 The bulk of the supply were Medium to Large 1-2, 300 to 900 pound feeder steers and 500 to 800 pound feeder heifers.

GWCD to meet

WHITE DEER - The board of directors of Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District No. 3 are to meet at 7:30 p.m. today at 300 S. Omohundro to consider:
 • The 1995-1996 tax rate and budget,
 • Property reappraisal for tornado damaged property, and
 • A budget review
 Also scheduled is an executive session to discuss the Quixx Corp. lawsuit against the district.

Handgun license applications begin Sept. 1

AUSTIN - Texans seeking concealed handgun licenses may begin the application process Sept. 1.
 The DPS is gearing up by distributing application request cards and registering gun ranges.
 Application request cards will be available at all regional, district and sub-district DPS offices. The cards are free and may be picked up by individuals or by business owners for distribution to their customers. Photocopying them for further dissemination is permissible on any type of card stock or plain paper. Application request cards are not available from the DPS by mail.
 Texans seeking permits should complete the request cards and send them to: Texas Department of Public Safety, CRS/Concealed Handgun Licensing Unit, P.O. Box 15888, Austin, TX 78761-5888. The DPS will then, beginning Sept. 1, mail application packets to requesters.
 Also Sept. 1, concealed handgun program instructors certified by the DPS may begin offering the 10- to 15-hour classes which applicants must take to become licensed.
 Certificates, which indicate successful completion of those classes, must be forwarded to the above listed address along with

completed application packets.
 The DPS authorized course will consist of both classroom and firing range instruction. While shooting ranges are not subject to direct DPS regulation, owners or operators must register any facilities that will be used for this instruction.
 The DPS immediately will begin registering ranges at no cost. Ranger owners and operators may call the DPS at (512) 706-7293 or (512) 706-7294 to request registration of their facilities. Then, the DPS will contact the owners and/or operators to complete the registration process.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Partly cloudy tonight with a 40 percent chance of showers. A low around 70 with south to southeast winds 5-15 mph. Tomorrow, partly cloudy with a high in the mid 90s. South winds 10-20 mph and gusty. Tuesday's high was 82; the overnight low was 69.
REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms northwest, a chance of thunderstorms elsewhere. Lows from mid 60s to around 70. Thursday, partly cloudy with highs in low to mid 90s. South Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows from mid 60s to low 70s. Thursday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in low to mid 90s.
 North Texas - Tonight through Thursday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Lows 72 to 76. Highs 92 to 97.
 South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, partly cloudy. Isolated evening showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the 70s. Thursday, partly cloudy with isolated mainly afternoon showers or thunderstorms. Highs in mid to upper 90s. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy with isolated evening showers or thunderstorms. Lows near 80 coast to the 70s inland. Thursday, partly cloudy with isolated showers or thunderstorms. Highs near 90 coast, 90s adjacent coastal plains and near

100 Rio Grande plains. Upper Coast: Tonight, a slight chance of early evening showers or thunderstorms, otherwise fair. Lows from the 70s inland to near 80 at the coast. Thursday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in low to mid 90s.
BORDER STATES
 New Mexico - Tonight through Thursday, variable clouds with scattered mainly afternoon and early nighttime thunderstorms statewide. Lows 40s and 50s mountains, mid 50s to 60s elsewhere. Highs 70s to mid 80s mountains and northwest, mid 80s to mid 90s elsewhere.
 Oklahoma - Tonight, partly cloudy with isolated evening thunderstorms. Lows in low and mid 70s. Thursday, mostly sunny with highs in low and mid 90s.

City briefs

ROLANDA'S 11TH Anniversary Sale, save up to 50%. Rolanda's, 119 W. Kingsmill. Adv.
LIFE CONTROL - permanent long term weight management through diet, exercise and appetite suppression. Dr. Philips, 669-1242. Adv.
COYOTE BLUE playing August 18, 19th at City Limits. For reservations call 665-0438. Adv.
MADLINE GRAVES Dance & Gymnastics Center - registration August 15 and 16, 4:30 to 7:30 - 1345 S. Hobart. Adv.
PAMPA MEALS on Wheels. 669-1007. Adv.
ESTATE YARD sale, everything goes! Yard tools, nicknacks, dishes, electrical appliances, lots and lots of miscellaneous, 1701 Grape, Saturday, 7-12. Adv.
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Commissioners to Potter County inmates: Pig out!

AMARILLO (AP) - Stray pigs soon could wind up on the menu at the Potter County Correction Center.
 Commissioners voted Monday to slaughter unclaimed stray pigs and feed the pork to inmates.
 Dub Ash, county purchasing agent, said jail employees had been feeding the strays for years. The animals usually are sold at auction, Ash said, but no one bothered to bid on the most recent crop of swine - four sows, one boar, a potbellied pig and a gilt.
 "No one wants to speak up for the pigs," said Sheriff's Capt. Shelby Vitatoe.
 "Only in Potter County," said County Judge Arthur Ware.

Police bike patrols



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Pampa Police Officer Fred Courtney, left, discusses police bicycle patrols with Donny Brown, Jimmy Lake and Mike Shelton. Courtney and Shelton will be among the first Pampa police officers to use the Dyna P400 bicycles to patrol the community.

North Carolina braces for Hurricane Felix

HATTERAS, N.C. (AP) — Islanders who ignored an evacuation order tied down their boats, nailed boards over windows and braced for the worst today as Hurricane Felix and its 80 mph winds barreled toward North Carolina's Outer Banks.

"I'm going to stay," said Joe Morris, manager of Teach's Lair Marina on Hatteras Island. Only about 20 of 100 boats remained at the marina Tuesday.

"I feel like I've got a responsibility here with the boats," he said.

Felix was expected to hit the North Carolina coast early Thursday, said meteorologist Dan Bartholf in Newport. The heart of the unusually wide storm was 175 miles east-southeast of Cape Hatteras at 8 a.m., heading west-northwest at 14 mph.

Rainfall estimates once Felix hits land were put at 5 to 10 inches, depending on how fast the storm moves.

Hurricanes often gain strength over the warm waters of the Gulf Stream, but that may not happen with Felix, which is in the weakest category of storm as measured by wind speed.

"Right now, it doesn't look like it's going to strengthen. Right now the signs don't show

that," Michelle Huber, meteorologist at the National Hurricane Center, said today.

Hurricane warnings or advisories were issued from North Carolina to Delaware, and a tropical storm warning was posted along the New Jersey shoreline. The hurricane watch was dropped for South Carolina.

"This storm is very big and widespread," said Tom Ditt, state emergency management spokesman. "It's going to hit everywhere along the coast in some degree."

Only two roads connect the Outer Banks to the mainland, and sand and water covered some sections of pavement as thousands of residents and tourists heeded orders to evacuate. A steady stream of bumper-to-bumper traffic thinned out by late Tuesday.

An estimated 200,000 people evacuated fragile barrier islands and coastal communities, said Tom Ditt, a spokesman at the state emergency management center.

On Hatteras Island, skies thickened with heavy gray clouds and tall, white-crested waves smacked the pilings of the piers along the shore.

Water sold briskly everywhere along the coast. Shelves were bare at a Carolina Beach grocery store where 840 gallons had been

sold by afternoon. At a discount store in Morehead City, nearly every shopper grabbed a jug of water before checking out.

At least four people died in rough surf since the weekend, and lifeguards closed East Coast beaches as far north as Maine. In Deal, N.J., 32 miles south of New York City, a 17-year-old surfer was found drowned Monday night in Felix-churned waves. In Ocean City, Md., a search was launched early today for a swimmer who disappeared in rough surf during a post-midnight dip.

Hurricane Emily, which hit North Carolina in 1993 and caused extensive damage in small areas, was a Category 3 storm, with winds between 111 and 130 mph. The worst storms are rated as Category 5, with winds in excess of 155 mph. Hurricane Felix is considered a Category 1 storm, the lowest rating.

Felix battered Bermuda on Monday and Tuesday, leaving thousands of residents without electricity. Voting on a proposal to seek independence from Britain was postponed until today because of the weather.

By Tuesday night, the streets of North Carolina beach towns were nearly empty.

Texas Tech hands over some ag program files

LUBBOCK (AP) — Auditors asked, but were told no when they sought confidential files from the Texas Agricultural Mediation Program.

The contentious audit — labeled vindictive and harassing by the program's director — got under way Tuesday. Four officials from the U.S. Department of Agriculture arrived to conduct the procedure.

"Texas Tech University is cooperating to the extent allowable under state and federal laws," said Bob Sweazy, vice provost for research at Tech, which handed over nonconfidential files.

Directors of the program had appealed to the Texas Attorney General's Office for help as the audit loomed Tuesday.

Officials pledged that the university would not surrender documents that compromise the privacy of farmers and ranchers.

"Those are not going to be turned over," said Leticia Vasquez, a spokeswoman for the attorney general. "If at some point USDA tries to wrest them from the university ... through a subpoena, then the attorney general's office is prepared to go to court to stop them."

Hundreds of farmers and ranchers in Texas have used the mediation program to resolve loan disputes since 1988. It is designated as the state's go-between in cases of delinquent loans, helping borrowers and creditors avoid bankruptcy or litigation.

Similar programs exist in 17 states. But observers say this audit is unprecedented.

Auditors told Tech they could finish the job by Aug. 24 and then evaluate the mediation programs in four or five other states, Sweazy said.

USDA mediation coordinator Chet Bailey in Washington, D.C., said attorneys and administrators negotiated what files are confidential — such as those containing notes about partnerships, competitors or marriages.

Tuesday's meeting "was not as abusive file-grabbing as it might have been," Bailey said. He said he doubted that a subpoena would be necessary.

"I sense that they're going to work it out," Bailey said. Directors of mediation programs in North Dakota and Alabama were calling him Tuesday concerned about what was unfolding in Texas, he said.

TDC seeks Texas companies for trade expo in South Africa

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Commerce is looking for Texas companies to attend the Made in USA Southern Africa Trade Expo '95 in Johannesburg, South Africa on Oct. 3-7.

This trade mission allows Texas companies to exhibit products and services to over 26,000 business visitors seeking trade, joint ventures, distribution and franchise agreements, according to Krista Sherwood with the TDC. As Africa's largest trade fair of U.S.-produced goods and services, this is an opportunity for Texas companies to meet buyers, traders, business people, bankers, and government officials in South Africa, she said.

The Export Matchmaking Program, a component of Made in USA '95, will assist companies in pre-arranged meetings with potential partners in South Africa.

In June, 1991, all U.S. trade

sanctions against South Africa were lifted. Market demand for American goods will provide Texas companies with opportunities to increase exports or tap into a \$55 billion market, TDC officials said.

U.S. exporting prospects to South Africa include agriculture, industrial chemicals, computers and peripherals, computer software, tourism, medical equipment, aircraft and ground support equipment, franchising, aircraft and parts, healthcare, machine tools and metalworking equipment, telecommunications equipment, textile machinery and equipment, security and safe equipment, cosmetic and toiletries, sporting goods and recreational equipment, building products, drugs and pharmaceuticals, and commercial fishing equipment.

For more information, contact Susana Garza at (512) 936-0222.

Nation briefs

First female cadet felled by heat at The Citadel

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — A doctor examined Shannon Faulkner today and recommended at least a few more hours in the infirmary for The Citadel's first female cadet, felled by heat on her first day of training.

A decision was expected late this afternoon on whether to return Ms. Faulkner to her barracks or keep her in the infirmary for a third night, college spokesman Terry Leedom said. She fell ill in 100-degree weather Monday.

"Anyone seriously ill would not be kept in the infirmary," Leedom said, when questioned about the extent of her illness. He said the doctor, brought in from outside because the school infirmary has no doctor on staff, examined the 20-year-old junior this morning.

Ms. Faulkner, who fought for 2 1/2 years to join the school's previously all-male corps, was staying in the same infirmary room where the college once proposed housing her. A federal judge ordered she be housed in the barracks with male cadets.

Judge refuses to free worst deadbeat dad

NEW YORK (AP) — A judge has refused to free the nation's worst deadbeat dad until he makes a deal to pay all or some of

his \$580,000 in overdue child support payments.

State Judge Phyllis Gangel-Jacob sent Jeffrey Nichols back to jail Tuesday. Nichols' lawyer, Mark Kaplan, expected his client to be freed Friday, either through a settlement or by paying \$68,000 — the amount Nichols owed when Gangel-Jacob charged him with contempt in 1990.

Nichols, 47, made \$180,000 in 1994 as an investment adviser on commodities and precious metals.

Commercial rocket goes haywire, blown up

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — A new type of commercial rocket carrying a \$3 million satellite went haywire 2 1/2 minutes after takeoff and was blown up in the sky over the Pacific Ocean.

"It was pitching up way too high," said Maj. Billy Birdwell, a spokesman for the Air Force, which gave the self-destruct order Tuesday for the \$16 million Lockheed Martin booster. The rocket parts fell in the ocean and there were no injuries.

The launch had been delayed for three weeks due to mechanical problems that arose during tests on the launch pad.

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Opinion

Small cuts could lead to large cuts

The Labor-Health and Human Services appropriations bill that passed the House earlier this month after long and bitter debate suggests that the House leadership is serious about cutting government, at least a little bit, and is able to pull together a House majority for the effort. After all that effort, the bill goes to the Senate, which so far this year has been the domain of Old Bulls of both parties, the graveyard of serious reform.

But an actual spending cut passed the House. That shows that real cuts and real cutbacks are possible, and lays the groundwork for future, more systemic reductions in spending and government power.

The bottom line is that the bill passed by the House - one of 13 appropriations bills passed each year to provide funding for the major functions of the federal government - will, provide \$60.9 billion for the Labor and HHS departments. That's \$9.3 billion less than is in the budget this year, and \$12 billion less than what President Clinton requested.

News reports tell of more than a hundred programs being eliminated entirely, which is true but not as significant as it sounds. These two departments administer literally thousands of programs, and most of those eliminated by this bill were small change. Despite their revolutionary rhetoric, House Republicans have been content, for the most part, with cutting programs rather than actually abolishing them.

The Appalachian Regional Commission, for example, an "economic development" agency that's mostly pork and boondoggle, was saved by a bipartisan coalition of lawmakers from the region. The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) food program wasn't even cut back. While the Head Start program was cut back a resounding 4%, the Job Corps actually got a 3% increase. In the most emotional votes of the evening, taxpayer subsidies for Planned Parenthood were preserved.

Still, when was the last time a major appropriations bill called for less spending next year than this year? This is a significant step forward. And the rider limiting the lobbying activities of nonprofit recipients of federal grants passed by a 232-187 margin.

The road ahead for this bill is hardly smooth. The Senate is expected to restore some of the spending cuts and circle the wagons around establishment spending. President Clinton has said he will veto it.

But remember the rescissions bill earlier this year, which actually cut some \$16 billion from this year's spending? The Senate softened it and Clinton vetoed it. In the end, however, after much rhetoric, compromise, and infighting, \$16 billion was cut. The cuts reflected President Clinton's priorities more than those of House Republicans. But cuts were made. Real cuts.

A journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step.

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CHECKING UNDER THE HOOD

A picture of teen sex emerges

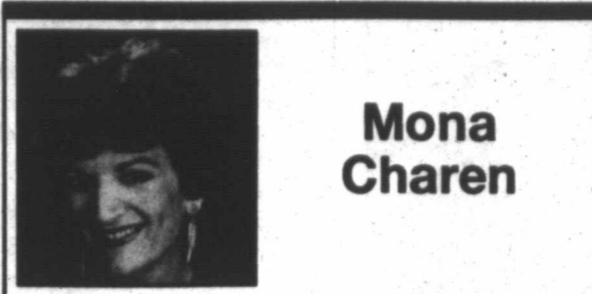
Everybody knows that when teenage girls get pregnant, the fathers of those babies are their teenage boyfriends, right? Wrong, says a collection of new studies. More than 50% of the fathers of babies born to mothers between the ages of 15 and 17 are adults aged 20 or older. According to a California study of 47,000 births to teenagers in 1993, two-thirds of the babies were fathered by men who were beyond their high school years.

The younger the teenage mother, the greater the age difference. The California study found that among mothers ages 11 to 15, only 9% had had sexual relations with classmates. Forty percent had been impregnated by high school boys, and 51% of the fathers were adults.

These data ought to give pause to those who believe that handing out condoms in junior high and high schools will stem the tide of unwed parenting among teenagers.

Condom enthusiasts always argue that while they personally are not in favor of premature sexual activity among teenagers, we must be realistic. The kids are going to do it anyway, so we might as well make sure they have the capacity to protect themselves against the potentially tragic consequences - including unwanted pregnancy and disease - that could ensue. After all, everyone remembers what it feels like to be a teenager - and you cannot repeal puberty.

Now, in the first place, liberals who protest that they don't want kids engaging in sex are not being truly honest. If you don't want kids to do something, you forbid it; you don't simply protect



Mona Charen

them from the consequences of their actions. There is near unanimity in this country about kids and drugs. We are certain that we want kids to stay away. And our policies reflect that certainty. We don't give kids the message, "Listen, you're not old enough to take drugs responsibly. But if you do decide to partake anyway, here are clean needles and syringes to prevent the worst consequences of your actions."

The condom distributors don't really care if kids are chaste. They just want them to be healthy.

But the image that many liberal adults have of the world of teenagers is quite naive and out of touch. It is not, as data from the Alan Guttmacher Institute and other researchers show, a rock 'n' roll carnival of randy fun. It has gotten rough out there. According to *The New York Times*, a Chicago study found that 61% of teenage mothers said they had been abused, often by the father of their babies, some starting as early as age 11.

This does not come as a surprise to Elaine

Bennett, founder of Best Friends, an abstinence program for young girls. Her students have been telling her for years that men look for younger and younger girls as sexual partners. Virgins are prized not so much for their virginity per se, but because the man feels sure he needn't wear a condom to protect himself. She has also noted the large percentages of young girls who admit that their first sexual encounter was involuntary.

In other words, the world of teen sex is not the playground some adults may imagine. It is a world characterized by statutory and actual rape. It is a world in which sex has replaced love. Popular music aimed at teenagers, once romantic and longing, has become coarse and vulgar. Whereas teenage boys once "pinned" their sweethearts to show their devotion, many teenage boys today are unwilling to acknowledge their girlfriends in public, even as they have total access to their bodies in private.

Frederica Mathewes-Green, writing in *Policy Review*, notes that teenagers are quite sour on the sexual revolution. A 1994 Roper survey found that 62% of sexually experienced high school girls and 54% all high schoolers said they wished they had waited. When an Emory University study of 1,000 "sexually active" teenagers asked what subject the girls needed more information on, 85% checked "How to say no without hurting the other person's feelings."

Even if premarital sex does not offend one's religious sensibilities, the news from the front is cause for deep moral concern.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, Aug. 16, the 228th day of 1995. There are 137 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Aug. 16, 1977, the King of Rock 'n' Roll, Elvis Presley, died at Graceland Mansion in Memphis, Tenn., at age 42.

On this date:
In 1777, American forces won the Revolutionary War Battle of Bennington, Vt.

In 1812, Detroit fell to British and Indian forces in the War of 1812.

In 1829, the original Siamese twins, Chang and Eng Bunker, arrived in Boston aboard the ship *Sachem* to be exhibited to the Western world.

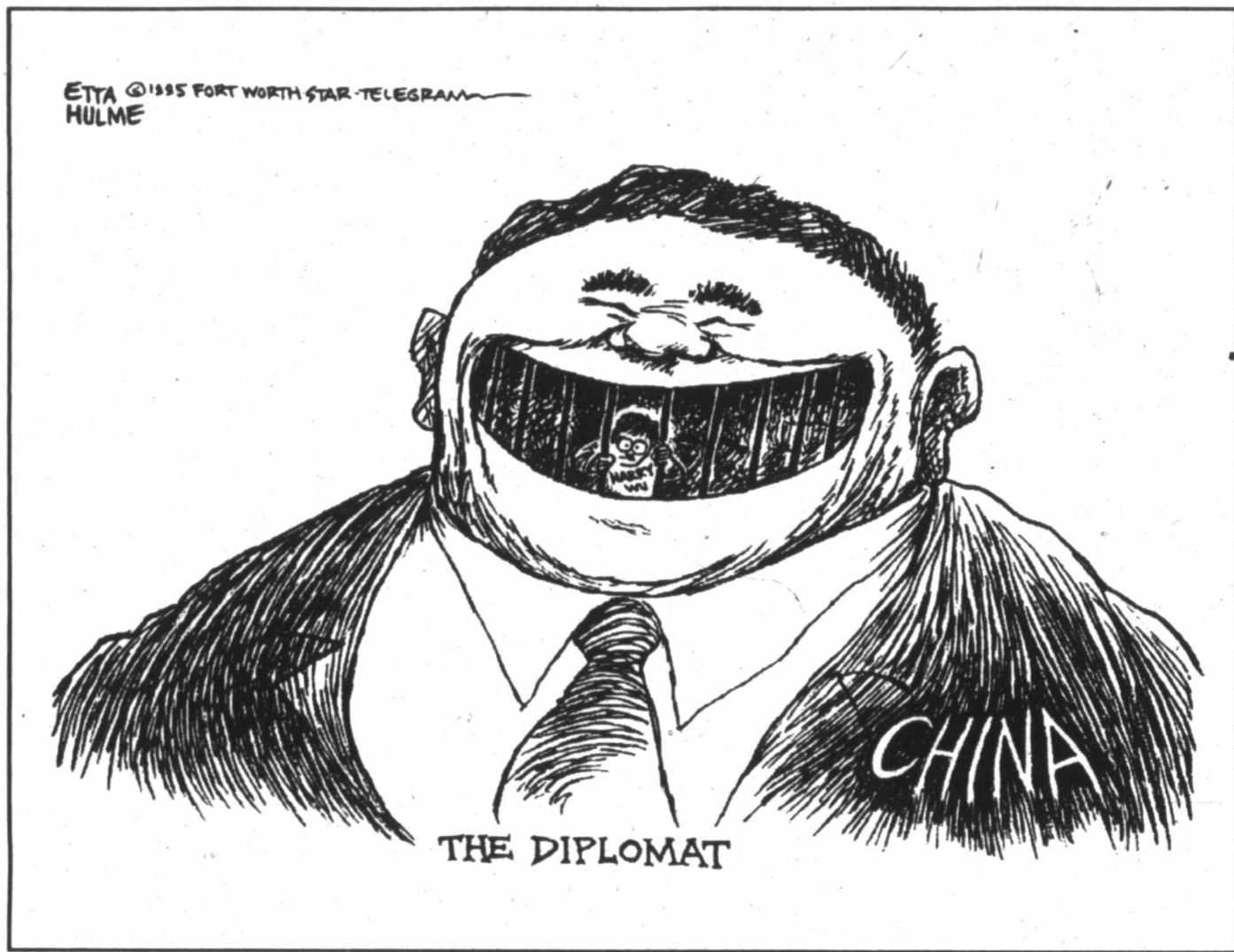
In 1858, a telegraphed message from Britain's Queen Victoria to President Buchanan was transmitted over the recently laid trans-Atlantic cable.

In 1948, baseball legend Babe Ruth died in New York at age 53.

In 1954, *Sports Illustrated* was first published by Time Inc.

In 1956, Adlai E. Stevenson was nominated for president at the Democratic national convention in Chicago.

In 1960, Britain granted independence to the crown colony of Cyprus.



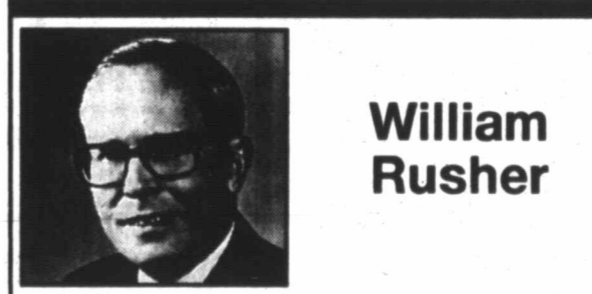
'Most favored nation' not acceptable

Last year, when President Clinton broke his campaign promise and granted China "most favored nation" trade status despite its atrocious record on human rights, we were assured that increasing our economic ties with China offered the best hope of liberalizing the Communist regime politically. At a minimum, the move was sure to please the Communists themselves, so brighter days seemed ahead.

Just one year later, it is agreed on all sides that U.S. relations with the People's Republic of China have hit a new low. China continues to export goods made with prison labor; it is still selling nuclear technology and missiles to highly dangerous regimes in the Middle East; it has established a physical presence in the Spratly Islands, which it claims (for the oil they are thought to contain) although they are far closer to the Philippines; and it has arrested and imprisoned an American citizen, Harry Wu, on trumped-up charges of spying.

Far worse, it is proceeding with a massive arms buildup that has no conceivable justification in terms of any military threat to China, and can only be explained as preparation for a policy of aggression against its neighbors. As if to confirm that threat, last month it demonstrated its displeasure at the visit of Taiwan's president, Lee Teng-hui, to the United States by "testfiring" half a dozen missiles into the East China Sea just 85 miles north of Taiwan.

At just this point, former Secretary of State



William Rusher

Henry Kissinger rises to be heard. Now, Henry Kissinger is an astute and articulate man, and deserves our attention. But he does not necessarily deserve our assent - least of all on the subject of China.

Secretary Kissinger and his boss President Nixon were two of the most accomplished Machiavellians ever to direct the foreign policy of the United States. By "Machiavellians," I mean only that their calculations tended to be based on power, with little or no reference to the impulse to freedom that so often confounds "pragmatic" analysts. In a typically Machiavellian stroke, they lured the People's Republic of China away from its old Communist ally, the Soviet Union, at the height of the Cold War.

As a result, Richard Nixon until the end of his life, and Henry Kissinger to this day, have understandably regarded the care and feeding of U.S. policy toward the Beijing regime as perhaps their

chief concern. So it is no surprise that Mr. Kissinger, in newspaper articles and before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, now seeks to protect the old relationship.

Scarcely a word does he utter about the Chinese provocations mentioned above. According to Mr. Kissinger, the Chinese leaders fear that the United States has adopted "a strategy designed to contain China." Warning that such a strategy is a "pipe dream," he calls for a new "political dialogue" with the Communist regime, characterized by mutual restraint.

It is strange that a man with Henry Kissinger's grasp of history cannot recognize what the People's Republic is today: an anachronistic tyranny, rooted in an ideology that the rest of the world has rejected, and propped up only by the demonstrated readiness of a handful of blood-stained gerontocrats to kill, if need be, to hang on to power.

As long as that regime controls mainland China, none of its neighbors can possibly feel safe, and mutual protection against it is the only sensible course.

But luckily its day is ending. The people of China cannot long be denied the right to participate in the era of political and economic freedom that is now dawning all over the globe. When it dawns on China, and only then, will that great country take its rightful place as an influence for peace and stability in the world.

Speedy win could be in store for drivers

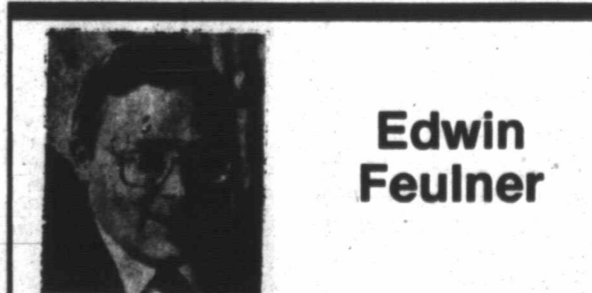
Congress may soon liberate millions of American drivers who are tired of creeping along at 55 mph on roads designed for 65 mph or more.

Despite continued whining by self-appointed "safety advocates" that higher speeds will increase the carnage on U.S. highways, a measure already has passed the Senate to repeal the National Maximum Speed Limit (NMSL), a bureaucratic nightmare that for years has made it illegal for drivers to exceed the "double nickel," or 55 mph, anywhere in the country.

The law, passed in 1974, deprived states of their historic right to set speed limits within their own borders, based on their particular needs and conditions. Especially upset were drivers in Nevada, which for years had no posted speed limit, and other Western states with thousands of miles of lonely roads connecting sparsely populated areas.

Hailed as a fuel-saving measure during the Carter administration's "energy crisis," the double nickel should have died when President Reagan deregulated the energy industry in 1981 and the long lines disappeared at U.S. service stations.

Faced with the loss of some of their powers, federal transportation bureaucrats changed tactics and decided that NMSL was really a highway safety measure. So Congress kept the double nickel. In the years following, America's drivers voted



Edwin Feulner

with their feet and made the double nickel one of the most widely ignored federal laws ever enacted.

Bowing to public demand, Congress grudgingly decided in 1987 to let states raise the limit to 65 mph - but only on rural interstates. Thousands more people would die because of the higher speed limit, the "safety advocates" predicted.

Today, as Congress considers repealing NMSL, we hear the same dire predictions. Richard Martinez, President Clinton's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration head, claims the double nickel saves lives, while Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety's Jacqueline Gillan predicts "more than 5,000 additional deaths and millions more injuries on our highways."

Gillan's widely reported prediction shows how hocus pocus statistics can be used to create unjustified public fears in order to protect the power and turf of entrenched Washington bureaucrats.

In fact, fewer people died on rural interstates after 1987 than before, according to Charles Lave, chairman of the University of California's economics department, in a study for the American Automobile Association's Traffic Safety Foundation and the University of California Transportation Center.

Adds Jim Baxter, president of the National Motorists Association: "If you look at the 65 mph highways now, there are about 2,500 fatalities on them each year. There were about 2,700 each year before 65 mph. What Gillan is suggesting is that we will have a doubling or tripling of fatalities on those highways. That's just not going to happen."

Baxter cites a 1992 study for the U.S. Department of Transportation that found the accident rate went up 5.4% in places where speed limits were lowered and fell 6.7% where they were raised. "We expect improved safety, not diminished safety" if states set speed limits, he says.

If the House and Senate agree on repealing NMSL - and it is not vetoed by President Clinton - some states undoubtedly will raise their speed limits. Other states won't. In both cases, America's drivers will, for the first time in 20 years, be able to watch the road ahead for safety traps instead of radar traps.

Tips on pickling your summer produce

With the recent rain, gardens in the area are producing delicious vegetables. Many consumers are beginning to test their culinary skills by pickling some of the produce.

Various types of pickled products can be made depending on the ingredients used and the methods of preparation. There are four general classes:

(1) **Brined pickles or fermented pickles** go through a curing process in a brine solution for one or more weeks. Curing changes the color, flavor and texture of the product. If the product is a fermented one, the lactic acid produced during fermentation helps preserve the product. In brined products that are cured but not fermented, acid in the form of vinegar is added later to preserve the food.

(2) **Fresh pack or quick process pickles** are covered with boiling hot vinegar, spices, and seasonings. Sometimes the product may be brined for several hours and then drained before being covered with the pickling liquid. These pickles are easy to prepare and have a tart flavor. Fresh pack or quick pickles have a better flavor if allowed to stand for several weeks after they are sealed in jars.

(3) **Fruit pickles** are prepared from whole or sliced fruits and simmered in a spicy, sweet-sour syrup made with vinegar or lemon juice.

Homemaker's News

By Donna Brauchi



(4) **Relishes** are made from chopped fruits and vegetables cooked to a desired consistency in a spicy vinegar solution.

The level of acidity in a pickled product is as important to its safety as it is to its taste and texture. Never alter the proportions of vinegar, food, or water in a recipe. Use only tested recipes. By doing so, you can help prevent the growth of Clostridium botulinum.

Cookware
For pickling, you will need an unchipped enamel ware, aluminum or stainless steel sauce pot deep enough so liquid will not boil over. Do not use copper, brass, iron or galvanized utensils for cooking. They could react with the acid and salt in the pickling liquid and affect color, flavor and even safety. For processing, you will need a boiling water canner with a rack and cover.

Ingredients for the Best Pickles
Select tender vegetables and

firm fruit. Always use a pickling variety of cucumber. Do not expect good quality pickles if you use "table" or "slicing" cucumbers. If you buy cucumbers, select unwaxed ones for pickling whole because the brine or pickling solutions can't penetrate the wax. For best flavor and texture, use fruits and vegetables within 24 hours after picking. Remove 1/16-inch from the blossom end of cucumbers as this can be a source of enzymes that cause soft pickles.

Use pure granulated "pickling" or "canning" salt. The iodine and additives in table salt may make the pickling liquid cloudy or cause discoloration.

Use cider or white vinegar of five percent acidity (50 grain). This is the range of acidity for most commercially bottled vinegar. Cider vinegar has a good flavor and aroma, but may darken white or light-colored fruits and vegetables. Do not dilute the vinegar unless the recipe speci-

fies, because you will be diluting the preservative effect. If a less sour product is preferred, add sugar rather than decrease the vinegar.

If good quality ingredients are used in pickling and up-to-date methods are followed, lime and alum are not needed for crisp pickles.

Processing
Pickles and relishes are high acid products. Therefore, they are processed in a boiling water bath canner. Processing is necessary for all pickles and relishes to destroy the yeasts, molds, and bacteria that may cause the products to spoil and also to inactivate enzymes that could affect the color, flavor and texture of the pickled product.

Beware of Spoilage
Always be alert for signs of spoilage. Before opening a jar, examine it closely. A bulging lid or leakage may mean the contents are spoiled. When a jar is opened, look for other signs of spoilage such as spurting liquid, disagreeable odor, change in color or unusual softness, mushiness or slipperiness of the product. If there is even the slightest indication of spoilage, do not taste the contents. Dispose of the food so it cannot be eaten by humans or animals.

For tested pickling recipes and processing times, contact your Gray County Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Due to a conflict of interest Ito may have to step down

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In a case of such hype and hyperbole, it was sweetly ironic that the biggest decision by the O.J. Simpson judge may turn on something as simple and private as love.

Prosecutor Marcia Clark promised to come to court today and ask that Superior Court Judge Lance Ito remove himself from the trial because of the appearance of a conflict of interest.

At issue is Ito's marriage to a police captain who is allegedly disparaged by Detective Mark Fuhrman on tape recordings. The defense wants to play the tapes to discredit Fuhrman, who found a bloody glove behind Simpson's mansion. Prosecutors said Fuhrman won't disappear as a factor in the case, and therefore Ito should go.

On Tuesday, an emotional Ito removed himself from the narrow issue of whether the tapes should be admitted into evidence. Superior Court Judge John H. Reid was immediately put to work on that task.

"I love my wife dearly," Ito said from the bench "and I am wounded by criticism of her, as any spouse would be. I think it's reasonable to assume that could have some impact."

Ito has presided over the trial for more than a year. Now, in its waning days, he must decide whether the pain he suffered upon hearing of Fuhrman's remarks will prevent him from being fair and impartial.

The conflict-of-interest battle sent the trial into a tailspin, forcing attorneys and Simpson to appear before three different judges and raising the possibility that appellate fights could delay the trial.

Defense attorneys accused prosecutors of trying to remove Ito from the case after the judge hinted he would allow the jury to hear some of the Fuhrman tapes. The detective is said to use racial slurs and speak of framing suspects on the tapes. The jury has nine black members.

"Today, they came for Judge Ito," defense attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. said at a news conference, referring to prosecutors. On this morning's Today show, another Simpson attorney, Alan Dershowitz, said the prosecution is trying to generate a mistrial.

"What they're doing is deliberately creating a turmoil hoping to throw the case into frenzy," he said. He suggested the prosecution wants a different judge in order to get a more favorable ruling, or a mistrial so "they can start all over again and not use Fuhrman and correct their mistakes."

Fuhrman's lawyer Robert Tourtelot said in the broadcast that he hadn't heard the tapes nor had he talked to his client about them. He further said that Ito "doesn't deserve any of this."

Stan Goldman, a professor at Loyola Law School, said the prosecution clearly hoped for better luck on the Fuhrman tapes in front of Reid, a tough judge with a reputation for being friendly to prosecutors.

Agreement reached between A&M and Texas Rural Legal Aid

AUSTIN (AP) — Berene Murillo was hired to hoe cotton, beans and corn. But the Texas A&M University Agricultural Experiment Station classified her as an independent contractor — the way a certified public accountant would be.

So she sued, saying that she and workers like her were held responsible for paying Social Security taxes the Experiment Station should have paid, and that they were discouraged from applying for unemployment benefits.

She also said that because she was required to pay the additional Social Security taxes, her pay was brought below the minimum wage.

Texas A&M, saying a mistake was made in classifying workers, has reached an agreement with Texas Rural Legal Aid to settle the lawsuit. The legal aid group represents Mrs. Murillo, 55, of Plainview. The proposed settlement,

announced Tuesday, still requires a federal judge's approval.

It would cost the Experiment Station an estimated \$136,000 and affect about 400 people who did temporary farm work at 10 Experiment Station locations — out of 18 in Texas — between August 1990 and August 1993.

The figure also covers attorney fees and information the Experiment Station has agreed to distribute to farmers concerning employee hiring practices.

Bill Helwig, assistant general counsel for the A&M system, said the workers were "unintentionally and unknowingly misclassified" as independent contractors, rather than Experiment Station employees.

Texas Rural Legal Aid lawyer Kay Drought said the case shows how common it is to wrongly classify farm workers.

"The fact that this practice happened at the Texas A&M

Experiment Station shows how widespread it is," she said. "Even the institutions that are charged with training farmers on correct practices still violate the law."

"We wish all our employers would do what the Texas Experiment Station has done, and that is correct the past problems and then move on to make positive changes in the future," Ms. Drought said.

Bob Merrifield, Experiment Station deputy director, emphasized A&M's commitment to "strict adherence" to federal and state law.

"We acknowledge that mistakes were made, but there was never any overt attempt to defraud these workers, and ... we have moved to correct these mistakes and implemented controls to ensure that they do not recur," he said.

Merrifield said Experiment Station procedures have been modified and training provided to fac-

ulty and supervisory employees.

Under the proposed settlement, the Experiment Station will pay workers who respond to the settlement offer a percentage of their gross wages for hours worked. Helwig said most of the laborers worked for the Experiment Station for only a few hours, although some worked as many as 1,000 hours over three years.

Each worker also will get \$120 for not having received unemployment benefits when their jobs ended, Ms. Drought said.

In addition, the Experiment Station will pay both the employer's and employees' share of Social Security withholdings and correct Social Security records as necessary.

Endangered prairie chickens released

HOUSTON (AP) — Up to 22 Attwater's prairie chickens charged with the task of helping to keep their species alive will be released next week by bird specialists.

Seven of the birds — among the most endangered in the nation — will come from the Houston Zoo and up to 15 others will be set free from the Fossil Rim Wildlife Center near Dallas. All will be freed near Eagle Lake, west of Houston.

The species' numbers have steadily dwindled in recent years. About a million of the

grouses are thought to have lived on the coastal plains of Texas and Louisiana at the turn of the century. Last spring, only 68 were counted in the wild.

Propagation of the animals in captivity is taking place at Texas A&M University as well as Fossil Rim and the zoo.

Radio collars have been placed on the seven Houston-raised birds for study.

Chelle Plasse, bird curator at the zoo, said placement of the radio collars Tuesday went smoothly.

Newsmakers

NACOGDOCHES — Two students from Pampa are among the 715 candidates for graduation from Stephen F. Austin State University during summer commencement.

They are Jonathan Lindsey Mize, BSRHB in rehabilitation services, and Chad David Wilkerson, BFA in art. Both are graduates of Pampa High School.

OKLAHOMA — A total of 1,101 Oklahoma State University students earned recognition on academic honor rolls for the 1995 summer semester.

To be named to the President's Honor Roll for the summer session, a student must carry at least six credit hours, make no grade below an "A," and have no incomplete courses.

To be named to the Dean's Honor Roll during the summer session, a student must carry at least six credit hours, make a 3.5 grade point (B average) or higher,

have no grade below a C, and no incomplete courses.

Part-time undergraduates who have accumulated at least 12 semester credit hours during the most recent consecutive enrollments at OSU are also named to the lists. Non-degree seeking students are not listed on honor rolls at OSU.

Area students named to Oklahoma State University's Dean's List include Hui-Wen Jane Teng of Pampa.

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Alan Jackson tops CMA nominations

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Alan Jackson is the leading nominee for this year's Country Music Association Awards, picking up six nominations Tuesday including the top award of entertainer of the year.

Singers Tim McGraw and Trisha Yearwood announced the nominees at the Grand Ole Opry House, where the three-hour show will be broadcast live on CBS at 7 p.m. CDT Oct. 4.

Bluegrass diva Alison Krauss' breakthrough year was reflected with five nominations: female vocalist, single and album of the year, vocal event and the Horizon Award for most promising artist.

Jackson is an old hand at CMA nominations, but has never won for best entertainer or male vocalist. Vince Gill, who is set to host the telecast in October, has been named best entertainer for the past two years and male vocalist for the last four.

Jackson and Gill are joined as nominees for entertainer of the year by Reba McEntire, Garth Brooks and the duo Brooks & Dunn. Gill and Jackson are both up for male vocalist with the category rounded out by John Berry, John Michael Montgomery and George Strait.

Krauss and McEntire will compete with Mary Chapin Carpenter, Patty Loveless and Pam Tillis for best female vocalist.

Canadian Shania Twain's multi-platinum success in 1995 was recognized with nominations for best single, "Any Man of Mine," and The Horizon Award. Also up for the most promising nod are Krauss, Berry, David Ball and Faith Hill.

"This year's slate of nominees is a wonderfully diverse mix of the different styles found within today's country music format from the traditional sound of Alan Jackson to the bluegrass influence of Alison Krauss to the ultra-contemporary Mavericks," said Ed Benson of the CMA.

The Mavericks were nominated for best vocal group, along with BlackHawk, Diamond Rio, Sawyer Brown and Shenandoah. Alabama, the group that dominated the 1980s, was not nominated this year.

Best single nominees include Twain's "Any Man of Mine," Oklahoma rockers The Tractors' "Baby Likes To Rock It," and "Keeper of the Stars" by Tracy Byrd. Jackson and Krauss are nominated in that category, Jackson for his sly satire on carpetbaggers in the country music industry, "Gone Country."

Krauss' best song nomination was for "When You Say Nothing at All," a Keith Whitley song that first appeared on a tribute album to the late singer.

The CMA Awards show is one of three held each year. The Academy of Country Music in California, and The Nashville Network in conjunction with the Music City News fan magazine, also stage awards.

The CMA and ACM awards are voted on by music industry insiders, while the TNN-Music City News are selected by fans.

By The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Here are the finalists for 1995 Country Music Association awards. Winners will be announced Oct. 4 during a CBS-TV special from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. CDT:

ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR:

- Brooks & Dunn
- Garth Brooks
- Vince Gill
- Alan Jackson
- Reba McEntire

FEMALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR:

- Mary Chapin Carpenter
- Alison Krauss
- Patty Loveless
- Reba McEntire

Pam Tillis

MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR:

- John Berry
- Vince Gill
- Alan Jackson
- John Michael Montgomery
- George Strait

SINGLE OF THE YEAR (for singer):

- "Any Man of Mine," Shania Twain
- "Baby Likes To Rock It," The Tractors
- "Gone Country," Alan Jackson
- "The Keeper of the Stars," Tracy Byrd
- "When You Say Nothing At All," Alison Krauss & Union Station

ALBUM OF THE YEAR:

- John Michael Montgomery, John Michael Montgomery
- Lead On, George Strait
- Now That I Found You, Alison Krauss
- When Love Finds You, Vince Gill
- Who I Am, Alan Jackson

HORIZON AWARD:

- David Ball
- John Berry
- Faith Hill
- Alison Krauss
- Shania Twain

VOCAL GROUP OF THE YEAR:

- BlackHawk
- Diamond Rio
- The Mavericks
- Sawyer Brown
- Shenandoah

VOCAL DUO OF THE YEAR:

- Bellamy Brothers
- Brooks & Dunn
- Brother Phelps
- Sweethearts of the Rodeo
- John & Audrey Wiggins

MUSIC VIDEO OF THE YEAR:

- "Any Man of Mine," Shania Twain
- "Baby Likes To Rock It," The Tractors
- "I Don't Even Know Your Name," Alan Jackson
- "The Red Strokes," Garth Brooks
- "When Love Finds You," Vince Gill

SONG OF THE YEAR (for songwriter):

- "Don't Take the Girl," Craig Martin/Larry Johnson
- "Gone Country," Bob McDill
- "How Can I Help You Say Goodbye," Burton Banks Collins/Karen Taylor-Good
- "Independence Day," Gretchen Peters
- "Thinkin' Problem," David Ball/Allen Shamblin/Stuart Ziff

VOCAL EVENT OF THE YEAR:

- Chet Atkins and Suzy Bogguss, "Sorry Seems To Be The Hardest Word"
- George Jones and Alan Jackson, "A Good Year For The Roses"
- George Jones and Tammy Wynette, "One"
- Shenandoah and Alison Krauss, "Somewhere in the Vicinity of the Heart"
- Diamond Rio, Lee Roy Parnell and Steve Wariner, "Workin' Man Blues"

MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR:

- Eddie Bayers, drums
- Paul Franklin, steel guitar
- Brent Mason, guitar
- Mark O'Connor, fiddle
- Matt Rollings, keyboards

'Dangerous Minds' takes box office lead

By JEFF WILSON
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The debuts of *Dangerous Minds* and *A Walk in the Clouds* topped the weekend box office as an August slump sent ticket sales plunging for the much-hyped *Waterworld*.

Dangerous Minds, starring Michelle Pfeiffer as an inner-city schoolteacher, brought in \$14.9 million, studio receipts showed Monday. Its per-location average was \$11,077, nearly double that of the Keanu Reeves romance *A Walk in the Clouds*, which earned \$9.5 million for second place.

"They were the only ones that really performed," said John Krier, president of Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc., which tracks box office performance. "The top two were good but the bottom ones went to pieces."

Krier noted the 59 percent drop in revenues for *Operation Dumbo Drop* and the 36 percent drop in *Waterworld*, both in their third week of release. He said summer box office receipts are down from last year.

Waterworld finished No. 3 with \$8.6 million. It cost up to \$200 million to make and market; it has earned \$60.6 million in the U.S. and Canadian markets, though its producers are hoping for better returns from the overseas markets.

The Top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled by Exhibitor Relations:

1. *Dangerous Minds*, Disney, \$14.9 million, 1,348 locations, \$11,077 per location, \$14.9 million, one week.

2. *A Walk in the Clouds*, 20th Century Fox, \$9.5 million, 1,534 locations, \$6,210 per location, \$9.5 million, one week.

3. *Waterworld*, Universal, \$8.6 million, 2,420 locations, \$3,555 per location, \$60.6 million, three weeks.

4. *Something to Talk About*, Warner Bros., \$8.1 million, 1,787 locations, \$4,537 per location, \$24.7 million, two weeks.

5. *Babe*, Universal, \$6.7 million, 1,787 locations, \$3,760 per location, \$20.7 million, two weeks.

6. *The Net*, Columbia, \$5.1 million, 2,027 locations, \$2,522 per location, \$31.7 million, three weeks.

7. *Apollo 13*, Universal, \$5 million, 2,126 locations, \$2,355 per location, \$147.4 million, seven weeks.

8. *Virtuosity*, Paramount, \$4.4 million, 2,012 locations, \$2,173 per location, \$16.4 million, two weeks.

9. *A Kid in King Arthur's Court*, Disney, \$4.3 million, 1,862 locations, \$2,318 per location, \$4.3 million, one week.

10. *Clueless*, Paramount, \$3 million, 1,801 locations, \$1,646 per location, \$45.7 million, four weeks.

11. *Nine Months*, 20th Century Fox, \$2.9 million, 1,650 locations, \$1,728 per location, \$58 million, five weeks.

12. *Operation Dumbo Drop*, Disney, \$1.7 million, 1,557 locations, \$1,119 per location, \$19.1 million, three weeks.

13. *Casper*, Universal, \$1.5 million, 790 locations, \$1,910 per location, \$93.7 million, 12 weeks.

14. *Pocahontas*, Disney, \$1.4 million, 1,003 locations, \$1,439 per location, \$132.7 million, nine weeks.

15. *Bushwacked*, 20th Century Fox, \$1.2 million, 1,645 locations, \$705 per location, \$5.9 million, two weeks.

BOX OFFICE	
Top weekend movies	
Weekend of August 11-13, 1995	
All dollar figures in millions	
Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
1. <i>Dangerous Minds</i> \$14.9, one week, 1,348 screens	\$14.9
2. <i>A Walk in the Clouds</i> \$9.5, one week, 1,534 screens	\$9.5
3. <i>Waterworld</i> \$8.6, three weeks, 2,420 screens	\$8.6
4. <i>Something to Talk About</i> \$8.1, two weeks, 1,787 screens	\$8.1
5. <i>Babe</i> \$6.7, two weeks, 1,787 screens	\$6.7
6. <i>The Net</i> \$5.1, three weeks, 2,027 screens	\$5.1
7. <i>Apollo 13</i> \$5, seven weeks, 2,126 screens	\$5
8. <i>Virtuosity</i> \$4.4, two weeks, 2,012 screens	\$4.4
9. <i>A Kid in King Arthur's Court</i> \$4.3, one week, 1,862 screens	\$4.3
10. <i>Clueless</i> \$3, four weeks, 1,801 screens	\$3

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc. AP

million, two weeks.

16. *Under Siege 2: Dark Territory*, Warner Bros., \$1.1 million, 1,124 locations, \$978 per location, \$43.8 million, five weeks.

17. *While You Were Sleeping*, Disney, \$824,301, 674 locations, \$1,223 per location, \$77.9 million, 17 weeks.

18. *The Indian in the Cupboard*, Paramount, \$778,972, 988 locations, \$788 per location, \$30 million, five weeks.

19. *Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home*, Warner Bros., \$732,226, 1,252 locations, \$585 per location, \$25.7 million, four weeks.

20. *Species*, MGM, \$690,089, 681 locations, \$1,013 per location, \$58 million, six weeks.

Pioneering journalist and Timex ad man dead at 89

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — John Cameron Swayze, a pioneering television journalist who delivered the famous line "It takes a licking, but keeps on ticking" in Timex commercials, is dead at 89.

The newscaster and announcer with the folksy voice died Tuesday at his home.

After becoming host of the 15-minute "Camel News Caravan" on NBC in 1949, Swayze developed into one of the first popular TV personalities.

The show, sponsored by Camel cigarettes, was the forerunner of the modern newscast. It replaced a straight newsreel format with live shots, interviews and commentary.

Swayze, who was host for seven years, was known for the opening line "hopscothching the world for headlines" and the carnation on his lapel.

"He managed to project a certain innocence, a feeling of promise, a genuine friendliness," said his son,

John Cameron Swayze Jr. "His favorite signoff was, 'That's the story, glad we could get together.' When he signed off 'glad we could get together,' he really meant it, and I think people understood that he meant it."

Swayze also developed an identity because of his dressing habits. He usually wore casual slacks under his formal tie and blazer in the studio, which led to rumors that he read the news in his underpants.

Author Michener reflects on war in Japan

AUSTIN (AP) — When Pulitzer Prize-winning author James Michener learned of the end of World War II, there was no great eruption of emotion among his friends with whom he was stationed on a little South Pacific island.

"There was no big celebration. It was just, 'Well, we escaped that one,'" Michener recalled.

Michener, 88, served in the Navy from 1943 to the end of the war. He reflected on his experience and the upcoming 50th anniversary of the end of the war with Japan during an interview with reporters Tuesday.

Michener, who enlisted in the Navy a day before he was to be drafted into the Army at the age of 36, characterized himself as a paper-pusher in naval aviation. But he was stationed on an island with one of the units that was planning to invade mainland Japan.

"And we were scared silly because we had seen what the Japanese could do in resistance, in Saipan and Okinawa. And we did not want to hit the mainland of Japan because if they would resist the way they did in Saipan, I don't know what would have happened on the mainland," he said.

Of the dropping of the first atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, he said, "I can be forgiven if I say that we were glad the war ended."

Known as a tolerant man of Quaker upbringing, Michener acknowledged the right of those who question whether the bombs should have been dropped. "But to ask me to lie about how I felt and how the men in that jungle felt when we found we were going home ... I would not ever enjoy my testimony," he said.

Michener will serve as honorary chairman of a two-day cel-

ebration Sept. 2 in Fredericksburg commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of the war with Japan.

He said the event belongs to the memory of Navy Adms. Chester Nimitz and William "Bull" Halsey.

"They were the architects of our Pacific victory," Michener said.

Michener said he feels 100 years removed from the war, but his memories are vivid.

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Weavers receive \$3.1 million settlement, but Ruby Ridge turmoil continues

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department is paying white separatist Randy Weaver and his children \$3.1 million for the killing of Weaver's wife and son, but the government is far from closing the books on the siege by federal agents at his Idaho cabin three years ago. The three surviving children of Vicki Weaver will receive \$1 million apiece. Her husband, Randy, will receive \$100,000. "By entering into a settlement, the United

States hopes to take a substantial step toward healing the wounds the incident inflicted," the department said in a written statement. But investigations and controversy about the case continue to roil the department and the FBI. The unfinished business: "The fourth and fifth internal investigations are under way. The latest, begun Friday, is a criminal probe by the U.S. attorney into whether top FBI officials, including recently demoted Deputy FBI Director

Larry Potts, covered up their approval of controversial "shoot-on-sight" orders given to bureau snipers at Ruby Ridge. "The fate of Potts and four other top FBI officials, all suspended with pay, depends on the outcome of those cover-up investigations. Two of the four have admitted destroying FBI documents during internal reviews of the case. Another has admitted knowing about the destruction. Potts had made no such admission.

"A Senate subcommittee on terrorism opens hearings on the case Sept. 6. Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who will chair the hearings, said the settlement shows both "some real government concern" and that "the inquiry needs to be pursued." "Kevin Harris, a friend of Weaver's wounded by the same FBI sniper's bullet that killed Vicki Weaver, is seeking \$10 million in damages from the government. Negotiators

working on a settlement are far apart. "Randall Day, the local prosecutor in Boundary County, Idaho, is still deciding whether to charge federal agent with state crimes. "This payment ... in no way lessens the family's determination to see that those guilty of killing their mother and brother be brought to trial and held responsible in the criminal courts," said Randy Weaver's attorney, Gerry Spence.

State briefs

Medical-oriented Mass set for today in Brownsville
SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A mass designed to raise the "awareness of moral and ethical issues" in medicine will be held this evening in Brownsville in what's being described as a unique religious event in this country.

More than 300 South Texas health care professionals will celebrate a "White Mass" at St. Luke's Catholic Church. The Mass, to be presided over by Archbishop Patrick Flores, will be followed by a lecture banquet.

"The idea is to bring health providers together to raise their awareness of moral and ethical issues in the practice of medicine. We are all in this to try and help the patient, and sometimes we lose sight of that," said Dr. Francis Gumbel, a Brownsville internist and co-organizer of the event.

Father Arturo Lozano, priest at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Brownsville, said it's going to resemble the "Red Mass," which is designed for the legal profession. Red clothing donned by the priests involved gives that Mass its name.

Bar owners angered by new surety bond law

HOUSTON (AP) — A throng of about 200 mostly enraged bar owners, license agents and landlords convened Tuesday to begin a fight against a law that would require businesses that sell alcohol to post surety bonds of up to \$10,000 in some cases.

Often, the loud and agitated crowd wouldn't let the bill's author, state Rep. Ken Yarbrough, defend the measure.

The Houston Democrat told them they have a responsibility to maintain order in and around their establishments, and the bonds are designed to give them a financial enticement to do so.

"This bill did not start to put you out of business. That's the bottom line," he said.

Bars open for less than three years must post a \$5,000 bond, or twice that if they're located within a thousand feet of a school.

Yarbrough said the law is in response to complaints from residents about neighborhood taverns, and he added he never heard a word from the operators of those establishments.

A business risks losing the bond if it's slapped with three or more Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission violations a year. A clean slate for three years means there's no more need for a bond.

"This says you are guilty before you even have a hearing," said Jim DeFoyd, one of the bar owners' attorneys. "This is about a constitutional right you all have to start a business regardless of your financial status. Basically the American dream."

Some bar owners wonder where they'll get the bond money.

Weapons suspect jailed in Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A Texas weapons dealer whom authorities say arrived in Indianapolis with a trailerload of rifles, shotguns, ammunition and other weapons paraphernalia surrendered after a six-hour standoff with federal agents.

Wayne Devon Spears of San Antonio was a fugitive from federal charges that had been filed in the Texas city.

He surrendered after a standoff in which tear gas was fired into the east side home where he was holed up. Spears finally emerged after his former wife joined police in negotiations. The woman was not identified.

"I think today was an example of doing it right," said U.S. Marshal Frank J. Anderson. He was joined at the scene by six deputy marshals, agents from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and the SWAT team of the Marion County Sheriff's Department.

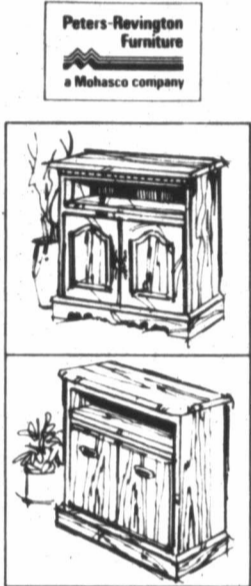
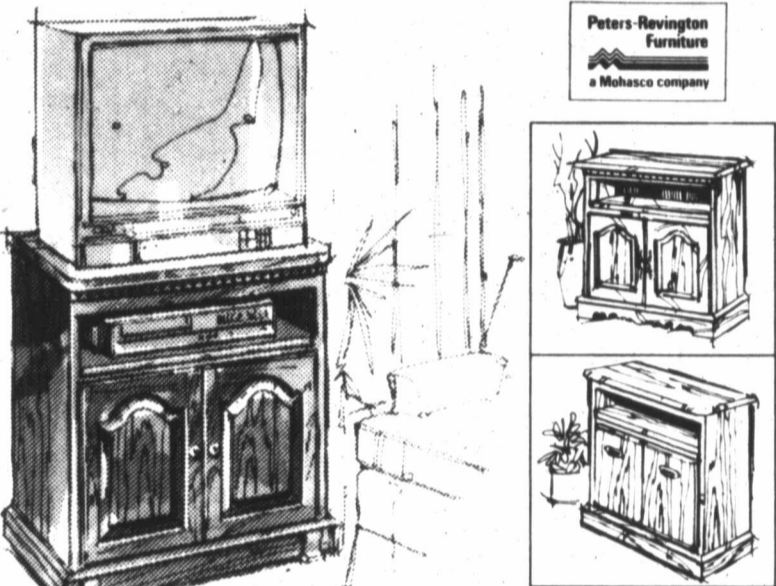
Spears is a fully licensed manufacturer and dealer in silencers and machine guns, said Special Agent Charles Petersen, who heads the Indianapolis office of the ATF.

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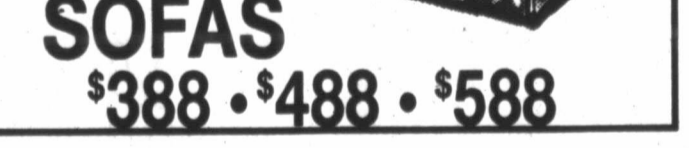
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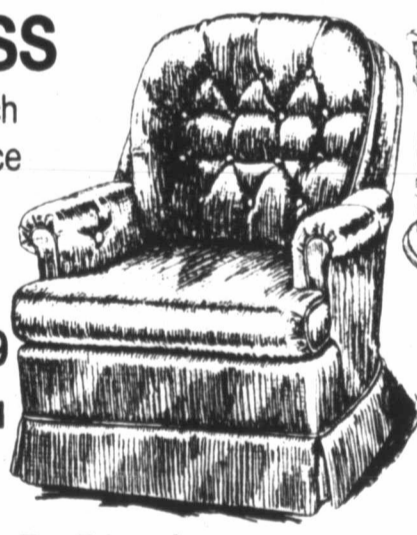
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Performing Good Deeds Can Be Thankless Task

DEAR ABBY: "Unappreciated in Alamogordo, N.M." brought to mind a similar incident with regard to a found wallet.

When our youngest daughter was in high school, we were walking outside a local supermarket and she noticed a wallet on the pavement. She picked it up and we looked inside for identification. We went right home and she called the woman to tell her that she had found the wallet. As the woman lived in the area, she came over to our house a short time later.

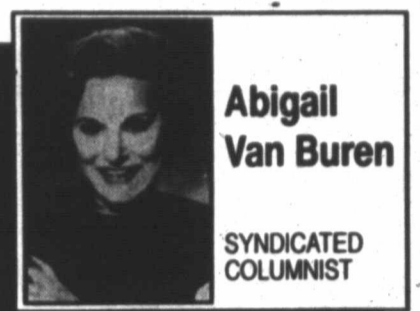
Instead of thanking our daughter for finding the wallet and returning it to her with everything in it, the woman looked at our daughter and said, "I called all the credit card companies so the cards can't be used." With that, she took her wallet, and without another word, left our house.

Needless to say, we were quite upset.

UNAPPRECIATED IN NORTH WOODMERE, N.Y.

DEAR UNAPPRECIATED: Don't judge all people by the example of the ungracious owner of the wallet. Ninety-nine percent of the population would have spoken with heartfelt gratitude. And I'll bet three-quarters would have offered a reward.

Your daughter is not the only good Samaritan who has



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

encountered this reaction. Read on...

DEAR ABBY: You told "Unappreciated in Alamogordo, N.M." not to let one rude, ungrateful person sour her on the entire human race. (She had found a wallet belonging to an 18-year-old girl, and the girl didn't even thank her.)

Sorry, Abby, but this is just one of the signs of our times. I know how she feels. I found wallets twice in the past year. Both belonged to teen-agers. One was in high school and the other in college. I called them up and told them I had found their wallets. They both came and picked them up without so much as a thank-you.

Like "Unappreciated," I didn't expect a reward, even though there was money in the wallets, but it would have been nice if they had offered, or even said, "Thank you for your trouble."

I will never forget when I was about 8 years old. I found a wallet

lying on the main street of our small town in Iowa. I took it home, and the owner turned out to be a sweet little old lady who said it was her life savings (\$100). And out of her life savings of \$100, she gave me \$2.

How times have changed. ANN PETERSON, ALBANY, N.Y.

P.S. I bought a much needed pair of shoes with my \$2.

DEAR ABBY: I am a male lieutenant, now stationed in Bavaria. My mother recently visited me here. When I was growing up, she used to say, "You are just like your father!" During her visit, she told me that after 29 years of a very rocky marriage, she and my father are finally divorcing — and she trashed Dad something terrible. Her verbal attacks on my father angered me, and I had trouble controlling it.

I never understood why I reacted so strongly until I read a letter in your column written by a divorce lawyer. The letter explained that children are half of each parent, and when one parent speaks ill of the other, the child feels that half of him is bad. Although I couldn't explain it at the time, my mother's attacks on my father felt like attacks on me.

Thank you, Abby, for explaining why I felt so guilty and defensive. VINDICATED IN BAVARIA

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Thursday, Aug. 17, 1995

The compassion and kindness that you've always felt, but that's been difficult for you to express could permeate your personality in the year ahead. Your chart indicates a rise in popularity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) To avoid dissension and hard feelings with associates today, don't glorify your ideas while treating them as if they have little or no value. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It might be

your lot today to pick up the loose threads that others have unraveled and try to weave order from chaos. You mustn't wait to be asked.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be very selective with your associates today. If you're not discriminating, you might be drawn into an ugly development not of your own making.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Show consideration of persons you have to deal with on a one-to-one basis today. If you behave insensitively, they might not want to cooperate with you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do not be stubborn about changing your plans today. If more experienced individuals tell you that your ideas won't work, discard them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Before committing yourself to a joint endeavor today, analyze all of its ramifications so that you know exactly what you're getting yourself into.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you and your mate disagree on an important issue today, don't air your differences in public.

That would only make matters worse by drawing in others.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Resist your ego's urge today to take on an assignment to impress others if you're not qualified to handle it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Usually you're a rather prudent conservator of your resources. Today, however, it looks as though you may be inclined to take unwise financial risks.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your restless nature might impel you to start several projects simultaneously today. While your activity could impress others, you'll not finish what you begin.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Although it's never easy for you to keep secrets, today's pressures might make it even more difficult than usual not to spill the beans. Be careful.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Before leaving home today, tell yourself that you're just window shopping, not actually shopping. If your resolve is weak, your extravagance will grow stronger.



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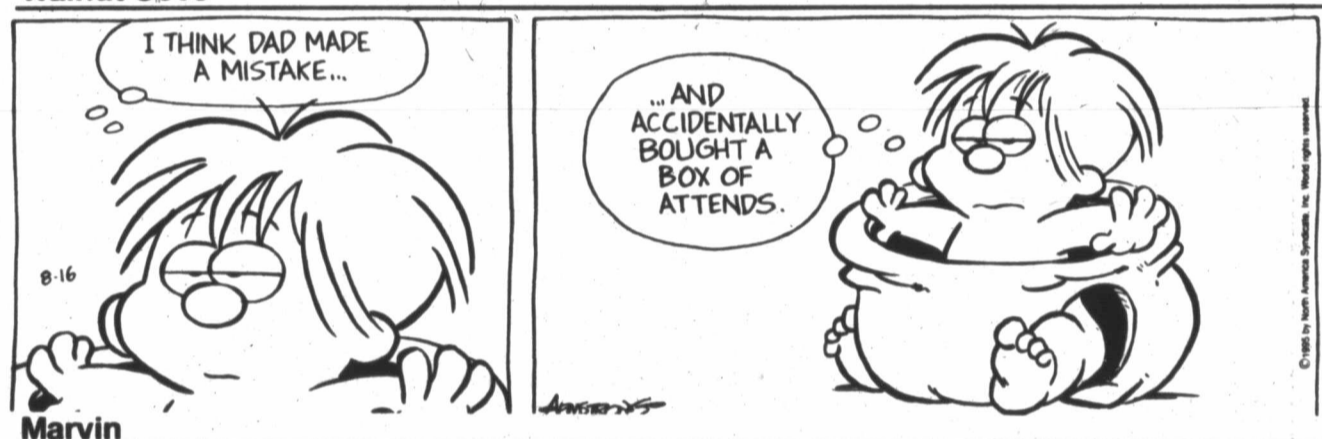
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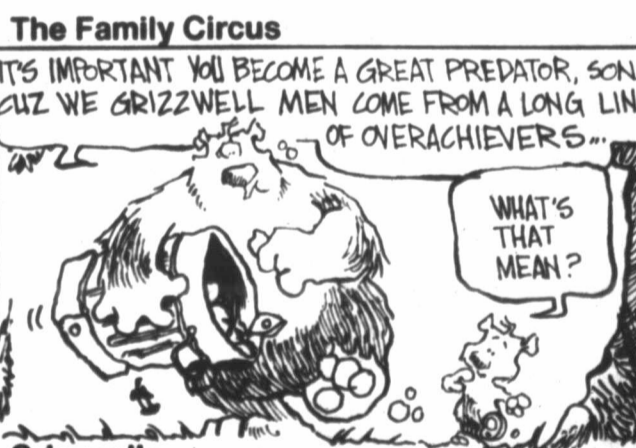
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FOOTBALL

AUSTIN (AP) — Intensity at Dallas Cowboys training camp is surging.

With less than a week left in camp, a fight broke out Tuesday, defensive coordinator Dave Campo cussed out his defense and offensive guard Nate Newton taunted second-team defenders.

During contact drills, free agent linebacker Anthony Fieldings and free agent fullback Germaine Williams threw several uppercut punches at each other before coaches finally stepped in. After the fight, Fieldings was treated for a cut over his left eye.

Campo repeatedly chided his defenders: "Get off the damn ball and tackle somebody. Nobody's tackling out here." He kept the unit after practice and chewed on them a little more.

Linebackers coach Jim Eddy even found reason to criticize when a player shined. Rookie linebacker Linc Harden was slow to get up after tackling rookie running back Roger Graham for no gain, and Eddy raced over to Harden and yelled, "Jump up. Get excited."

Newton took a shot at the second-team defense after it failed to stop several running plays during drills.

"I guess that's an example of the depth problem everyone says we have," Newton said, referring to the missed tackles. "Mr. (Jerry) Jones, you better go out and get somebody. Thank God for Leon Lett."

Lett and the other first-team defensive linemen — Charles Haley, Russell Maryland and Tony Tolbert — laughed.

HALEY'S BACK: If All-Pro defensive end Charles Haley is having back trouble, he didn't show it Tuesday.

Haley volunteered to serve as a running back during drills against the second-team defense and charged around the right end at top speed before knocking rookie cornerback Alundis Brice to the ground with a stiff-arm.

The veteran defensive end went to California last week to have soreness in his lower back checked. The tests were negative.

BASEBALL

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Mariners acquired Kansas City Royals outfielder Vince Coleman for a player to be named.

Coleman, 33, hit .287 with four home runs, 20 RBIs and 26 stolen bases in 75 games with Kansas City this season. In an 11-year career with the Royals, Mets and Cardinals, Coleman has a .265 average with 26 home runs, 333 RBIs and 724 stolen bases in 1,261 games.

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Tigers acquired infielder-outfielder Phil Nevin to complete the trade last week which sent reliever Mike Henneman to the Astros.

Nevin, 24, has been suffering from a muscle pull in his side. He was the No. 1 selection in the June 1992 draft and won the Golden Spikes Award at Cal-State Fullerton as the top collegiate player.

In 62 games for Houston's Triple A team at Tucson, Nevin batted .291 with seven home runs and 41 RBIs. In 18 games with the Astros, he hit .117 with no homers and one RBI.

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The California Angels sent right-handed pitcher Russ Springer to the Philadelphia Phillies to complete last week's trade for outfielder Dave Gallagher.

Springer, 26, began the season on the Angels' 28-man roster. In two stints in the majors, he was 1-2 in 19 games, six starts, with a 6.10 ERA in 51 2-3 innings.

Red Raiders talented in key positions

By JEAN PAGEL
Associated Press Writer

SWC FOOTBALL

LUBBOCK (AP) — The Texas Tech football program reached the mountaintop last season, joining the parade of other Red Raider teams to claim conference championships.

Now, the pressure's really on. Fans, thrilled by Tech's Southwest Conference titles in baseball and women's and men's basketball last season, want duplicate glory from a football team that tied for first place but got crushed in the Cotton Bowl.

Whether the Red Raiders can deliver depends on what the young team learned from its 55-14 loss to Southern Cal.

Coach Spike Dykes considers the loss understandable. Acceptable? No.

But Dykes said Tech's first trip to the Cotton Bowl since 1939 embedded his players with maturity and their fans with elevated expectations. Recruiting got a shot in the arm, too, he said.

"When you get a taste of grandeur ... it whets your appetite," Dykes said. "It makes people more aware of what's at stake every Saturday."

Tech finished with a 6-6 overall record and a 4-3 standing in the SWC good enough to join a five-way tie for first place. In the eight seasons with Dykes as head coach, Tech has finished no better than 9-3 in 1989.

Momentum last year built with victories over Texas (33-9) and Baylor (38-7). But the Red Raiders also got stomped 42-16 by top-ranked Nebraska and fell into some fans' doghouse by losing to Rice (24-21) and Texas Christian (24-17).

What the 1995 Red Raiders lack in depth they offer in talent at some key positions.

Sophomore quarterback Zebbie Lethridge won honors as the SWC's newcomer of the year for reviving a nearly wiped-out offense. As a redshirt freshman he completed 132-of-261 pass attempts for 1,596 yards.

"I feel so much more confident and I have so much better of an idea of what to look forward to," Lethridge said. "There are no excuses about being young or new to the system. Most of the people coming back have experience."

The Tech offense lost five starters and returns six, including standout tailback Byron Hanspard.

Hanspard's 761 yards rushing set a school record for freshmen. The 6-0, 190-pound sophomore fueled the total 1,725 rushing yards Tech accumulated.

Defense, however, is where Dykes will look for core strength. He identified seniors Shawn Banks, Marcus Coleman and Zach Thomas among the pillars.

Thomas, a 6-0, 233-pound middle linebacker, was the SWC's defensive player of the year with 116 tackles and 51 assists. Dykes described him as a smart leader and "tough as the back end of a shooting gallery."

But the Tech defense lost four linemen to graduation and likely must function for awhile at least without end Tony Daniels, a lifeguard who ruptured a tendon in his right knee on a diving board in June.

The 6-foot-5, 245-pound junior provided 13 tackles behind the line of scrimmage last year.

"When you lose a player like that, it really does hurt you," Dykes said. But

"when you have problems, you can't just go in the tank."

Dykes said he plans to plug those five defensive holes with senior Sean Johnson, junior Anthony Armour and sophomores Corey Chandler, Jerome Lang and Cody McGuire.

The slate of non-conference opponents on the Red Raiders' 11-game schedule includes Missouri, Arkansas State and New Mexico. Their season opener: Sept. 9 at Penn State, last year's Rose Bowl Champions.

"It's just like playing any other team we have to face," Lethridge said.

Dykes described the opener as a proving ground that will benefit the Red Raiders no matter what the outcome.

As for the SWC, he said, Texas A&M has assembled "hands down the best team." Dykes already feels nostalgic about the conference's breakup as Tech, Baylor, Texas and the Aggies depart for the Big 12 after this season.

"I'm sick," said Dykes, SWC coach of the year in 1994. "When the last hurrah happens this fall, it's going to be a sad day."

Star-studded crowd turns out for Mantle's funeral

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Mickey Mantle will be remembered as a clutch player on the baseball field and a man who hit a homer in life's last at-bat.

That was the underlying theme Tuesday in a public funeral for the New York Yankees Hall of Famer.

Mantle was praised for his great hitting prowess and how he performed as a human in his last moments alive.

"It occurs to me as to me as we're all sitting here thinking of Mickey, he's probably somewhere getting an earful from Casey Stengel, and no doubt quite confused by now," NBC broadcaster Bob Costas said in a warm and moving eulogy that frequently had laughter echoing off the walls of Lovers Lane United Methodist Church.

Mantle was "the most compelling baseball hero of our lifetime," Costas told the star-studded crowd. The gathering included acting commissioner Bud Selig, the Hall of Famer's former Yankees teammates, the governors of three states and ordinary fans who crowded into the church just to say goodbye.

"And he was our symbol of baseball at a time when the game meant something to us that perhaps it no longer does," Costas said.

Those at the funeral came to celebrate Mickey Mantle's heroism, these old Yankees, fans and family. And not just the golden moments from his Hall of Fame career, but his brave, final inning.

About 1,200 people, some sitting on window sills, jammed the church for the nationally televised service for Mantle, who died Sunday of liver cancer at age 63.

The light mahogany casket, covered in white roses, sat in front of several other arrangements of flowers, including a 7-foot-tall floral representation of Mantle's No. 7 with the tribute: "Mickey Mantle, the greatest of them all."

Costas spoke of how a

generation idolized Mantle not just for his tape-measure home runs and his speed, but also of his vulnerability that touched fans' hearts.

"We knew there was something poignant about Mickey Mantle long before we knew what poignant meant," he said. "We didn't just root for him, we felt for him."

"He was our guy. When he was hot, we felt great. When he slumped or got hurt, we sagged a bit too. We tried to crease our caps like him; kneel in an imaginary on-deck circle like him; run like him heads down, elbows up," he said.

But Costas also spoke of Mantle's courage and honesty, which showed itself last year as he acknowledged decades of alcoholism left his liver so damaged that he required a transplant on June 8.

At the end of his life, Mantle suffered pain that "wracked his body and his soul," Costas said.

But then, he added, "Mickey Mantle rallied."

He praised "the sheer grace of that ninth inning, the humility, the sense of humor, the total absence of self-pity, the simple eloquence and honesty to tell others to take heed of his mistakes."

"Our last memories of Mickey Mantle are as heroic as the first," he said. "None of us, Mickey included, would want to be held accountable for every moment of our lives. But how many of could say that our best moments were as magnificent as his?"

Mantle warned children earlier this summer not to follow his example, and Costas said the Yankee slugger understood the difference between a role model and a hero.

"The first, he often was not," Costas said. "The second, he always will be."

He also said that because of Mantle's efforts regarding transplants, "organ donations are up dramatically across America."

"And our last memories of Mickey Mantle are as heroic as the first," he said.

Country artist Roy Clark then sang a moving rendi-

tion of "Yesterday When I Was Young" — a song that Mantle himself loved and had requested be sung at his funeral.

Mantle's wife, Merlyn, held up well until Clark sang. Sobbing softly, she was supported by her three sons, Mickey Jr., David and Danny. Former Yankee teammate Bobby Richardson gave the sermon, saying that Mantle died in peace because he had found the Lord.

"Mickey is in God's Hall of Fame now," Richardson said.

Pallbearers included former Yankee teammates Yogi Berra, Johnny Blanchard, Bill "Moose" Skowron, Whitey Ford and Bobby Murcer. After the service, they were whisked away in a limousine to the Sparkman-Hillcrest funeral home where Mantle was placed in a crypt alongside son, Billy, in private a ceremony.

Other guests at the church were Yankees' boss George Steinbrenner, Reggie Jackson, comedian Billy Crystal and the governors of New York, Georgia and Texas.

But almost half of the audience came from fans, one of whom doffed his Yankee cap as he slid into the pew.

They lined up outside the church starting in the early morning hours. Several slept in their car in the parking lot so they would be first.

One very special fan was Donn Dodd, who played high school baseball with Mantle in Commerce, Okla.

"Mick would probably be terribly embarrassed by what happened today," Dodd said. "He would be dumbfounded so many people cared."

For many, Mantle represented baseball's golden age in the 1950s and 1960s, when he led the Yankees to 12 World Series. Many people weren't Yankee lovers, but they loved Mantle.

As the casket was taken from the church and placed in the hearse, two young boys stood along the curb wearing Yankee shirts. One held his hat over his heart. The other held a flower.

They didn't get to see the Mick play. But it was clear they had heard of him.



(Pampa News photo by Meinda Martinez)

Amanda Kludt sets the ball during practice at the Pampa Youth Center..

Pampa girls get ready for volleyball season

PAMPA — There's not much of a lull between the first day of practice and the first match in the high school volleyball season. The Pampa Lady Harvesters opened two-a-day workouts Monday and the first match is Saturday against Sanford-Fritch.

"The girls have a good attitude toward the season," said head coach Sandra Thornton following Monday's first practice. "We put the girls through a mile run and all of them except one completed it under the certain time limit we set."

The girl who didn't finish it will be back to try again."

Thornton said 23 players reported for the first day of practice.

"We've got a lot of seniors, but not many of them have a whole lot of playing experience. We've got three starters back (Serenity King, Jane Brown and Jennifer Jones) and all three are real valuable players. Two other girls, Nicole Meason and

Amanda Kludt, saw a lot of action last year and we're going to be depending on them. We've got a freshman girl, Lisa Dwight, with some ability and we're going to be taking a good look at her," Thornton said.

Pampa's first two opponents on the schedule — Saturday vs. Fritch and Aug. 21 against Palo Duro — are listed as home matches, but both could be played on the road because of floor renovations going on at McNeely Fieldhouse.

"We're having our practices at the youth center right now because of the varnish on the high school floor. It has to dry for a certain amount of time and we're not for sure long that's going to take," Thornton added.

This is Thornton's first year as Lady Harvesters' head coach. She coached several years at Pampa Middle School before succeeding Brad Borden at the high school level.

Wheeler ranked eighth in grid poll

WHEELER — Texas Football has the Wheeler Mustangs ranked No. 8 in the magazine's Class A preseason football poll. And head coach Jim Verden prefers No. 8 to the No. 2 ranking the Mustangs had going into last season.

"It's kind of a relief. There's not as much pressure on the team as there was last year," Verden said. "We're ranked anywhere from No. 8 to No. 10 in other polls, so that's still pretty good."

After a slow start in 1994, the Mustangs were able to live up to their second-ranked billing. The Mustangs won the district cham-

pionship and advanced to the regional playoffs, finishing with an 8-5 record. In the playoffs, the Mustangs beat Claude, 34-7, in bi-district and previously-unbeaten Spur, 14-8, in the area round. Wheeler's season was ended by Wink, 17-0, in the regional playoffs.

"We've got a lot of young offensive linemen who are going to have to come through for us this year. We've got some good, skill people coming back, so we have hopes of being successful again," Verden added.

Before the Sept. 8 opener at Gruver, the Mustangs have scrimmages slated with West

Texas High, Aug. 24 there, and Clarendon, Aug. 31 at home.

"Practice is going pretty good. The players are a little sluggish and tired right now, but they'll get over it," Verden said.

The Mustangs return 13 starters and 26 lettermen from last year's team.

Wheeler schedule

- Sept.
- 8 — Gruver, 7:30 away; 15 — Panhandle, 7:30 home; 22 — Wellington, 7:30 home; 29 — Memphis, 7:30 away.
- Oct.
- 6 — Stratford, 7:30 home; 13 — Sunray, 7:30 away; 20 — Shamrock, 7:30 home; 27 — White Deer, 7:30 away.
- Nov.
- 3 — Groom, 7:30 away; 10 — Booker, 7:30 home.



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Rangers slip by Brewers in chase for wild-card spot

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers and Milwaukee Brewers are hopelessly out of their respective pennant races. That's why they strongly endorse the wild-card concept.

Esteban Beltré's two-out pinch single in the bottom of the eighth produced the go-ahead run after Luis Ortiz's pinch single tied the game earlier in the inning as the Rangers took a 3-2 decision from the Brewers in a meeting of wild-card contenders.

"It's always exciting, especially when we're in a race like this," Beltré said. "It's great to get a chance to show people what you can do, but most importantly, to help the team win in an important game. That's the bottom line."

Texas remained a game ahead of the New York Yankees and moved to two ahead of Seattle and 2 1/2 games in front of Milwaukee in the wild-card chase.

The Rangers got their 13th victory in their last at-bat and came from behind to win for the 25th time this season in a momentum-sapping loss for the Brewers, who won seven of their previous 10.

"We're battling the front-running team," Milwaukee manager

Phil Garner said. "This was the kind of game we need to win. This slows our parade a little, so we need to even the score on them tomorrow."

The Rangers can thank a productive bench for their sixth win in seven games. Texas pinch-hitters are batting .385 (20-for-52) with 17 RBIs this season.

Texas manager Johnny Oates was forced to use Ortiz for third baseman Mike Pagliarulo, who suffered a hamstring injury during the game. The decision to hit Beltré for Benji Gil had more to do with stats. The slumping Gil is 3-for-44 in his last 17 games.

"Like the saying goes, necessity is the mother of invention," Oates said. "Going to Ortiz was necessary. As for Beltré, he's been the hotter hitter lately. He's more confident."

The Brewers took a 2-1 lead in the top of the eighth when pinch-runner Jose Valentin raced home from third on reliever Matt Whiteside's wild pitch.

But Brewers reliever Rob Dibble (0-2) got himself into trouble when he issued eighth-inning walks to Mickey Tettleton and Mark McLemore. After Ortiz delivered his one-out RBI single, Dibble got Jeff Frye to pop out to

second. Then Beltré lined his two-out single up the middle off Dibble to score pinch-runner Jack Voigt, running for McLemore.

Whiteside (4-4) was the beneficiary of the eighth-inning rally, throwing 1 1/3 innings of hitless relief to pick up the win.

Joe Oliver led off the eighth with a single off starter Kenny Rogers and Valentin, running for Oliver, went to second on Pat Listach's sacrifice bunt. Rogers got pinch-hitter Dave Nilsson to ground out to second, advancing Valentin to third.

After Rogers walked Jeff Cirillo, Oates brought in Whiteside to pitch to Kevin Seitzer. After throwing two balls, Whiteside fired outside and in the dirt past catcher Ivan Rodriguez, allowing Valentin to score.

Rogers pitched 7 2/3 innings, allowing six hits, striking out six with one walk.

Rookie knuckleballer Steve Sparks pitched seven innings for the Brewers, allowing eight hits with four strikeouts and one walk.

"I got in a lot of trouble," Sparks said. "They just didn't happen to get a hit at the right time."

Penn State poised to go unbeaten again

By MIKE NADEL
AP Sports Writer

It took all of two seasons for Penn State, once the beast of the East, to establish itself as the best in the Midwest.

In 1994, Penn State was as dominant as any Big Ten team in decades. And in this, the conference's 100th season, the Nittany Lions seem poised to defend their title thanks to the league's most favorable schedule.

"Penn State has to be the favorite," said Ohio State coach John Cooper, whose team finished second to the Nittany Lions last year. "They play us at home, Michigan at home, Wisconsin at home."

And those are the tough games on Penn State's schedule. The Lions

also have Texas Tech, Temple and Indiana at State College as well as road games against Rutgers, Purdue, Iowa, Northwestern and Michigan State.

So Penn State, an independent until becoming the 11th Big Ten team in 1993, has a legitimate shot at its second straight undefeated season. The Nittany Lions, ranked second in the nation last year, were 12-0 overall and 8-0 in the conference as they averaged an incredible 47 points.

As usual, Ohio State and Michigan should be near the top. Illinois and Wisconsin also could challenge Penn State. But those four teams have considerably more difficult schedules.

Nittany Lions coach Joe Paterno will hear none of the easy-sched-

ule, repeat-champion talk.

"I don't think people have really appreciated how tough this conference has become," he said. "Whether we can repeat would be a very long shot in my eyes because we have too many quality players to replace."

While the Nittany Lions return 42 letter winners and 13 starters, they did lose running back Ki-Jana Carter and quarterback Kerry Collins, two of the NFL's top five draft picks.

Mike Archie is the new tailback. And Wally Richardson inherits the quarterback job.

"Archie does not have the explosiveness of Carter, but he's a wonderful open-field runner. I'm not worried about Archie," Paterno said.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL				American League			
At A Glance				By The Associated Press			
All Times EDT				East Division			
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	61	40	.604	—	—	—	—
New York	52	49	.515	—	—	—	—
Baltimore	47	54	.465	14	—	—	—
Detroit	44	57	.438	17	—	—	—
Toronto	42	58	.420	18 1/2	—	—	—
Central Division				West Division			
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	67	33	.670	—	—	—	—
Milwaukee	60	50	.550	—	—	—	—
Kansas City	48	50	.490	18	—	—	—
Chicago	42	57	.424	24 1/2	—	—	—
Minnesota	38	64	.360	31	—	—	—
National League				By The Associated Press			
All Times EDT				East Division			
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	51	51	.500	14 1/2	—	—	—
Montreal	50	52	.490	15 1/2	—	—	—
Philadelphia	45	53	.459	18 1/2	—	—	—
Florida	41	60	.406	24	—	—	—
New York	41	60	.406	24	—	—	—
Central Division				West Division			
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	62	37	.626	—	—	—	—
Houston	56	45	.555	7	—	—	—
Chicago	51	50	.505	12	—	—	—
Pittsburgh	41	59	.410	21 1/2	—	—	—
St. Louis	40	62	.392	23 1/2	—	—	—
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32 Charity gift
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34 Bounce
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36 Vast time period
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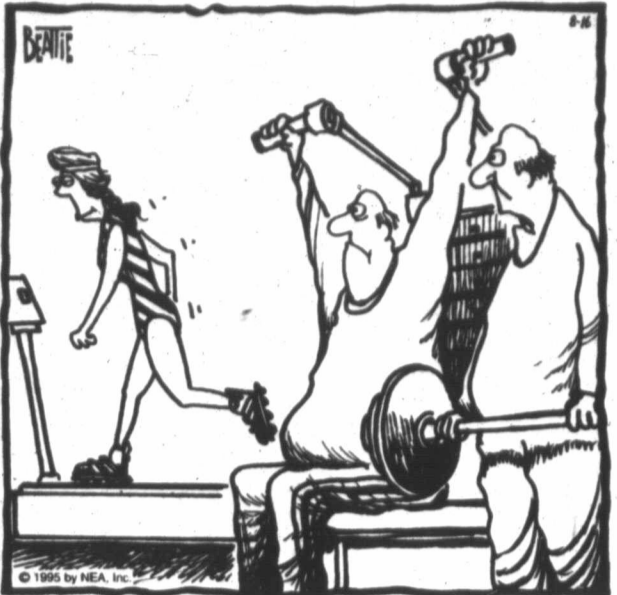
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TRAVIS School District, 1105 Willow Road, 3 bedroom brick, 2 bath, central heat/air, fireplace, fenced backyard, steel siding on trim, storm cellar, and attached garage.

Surprise, surprise, U.S. buys dollars and currency market reacts favorably

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration, after struggling to find the appropriate way to handle the dollar, may finally be getting the hang of it.

Since May, it has intervened with other countries on three occasions and — surprise of surprises — the markets reacted favorably.

The latest success was Tuesday when the United States, Japan and Germany joined in an unexpected buying spree that lifted the dollar to its highest levels in nearly six months against the Japanese yen and the German mark.

The dollar touched 99.05 yen at

one point in Tokyo this morning before dipping to 98.14 yen by midmorning, up 3.26 yen from late Tuesday. In New York late Tuesday, the dollar was worth 96.94 yen.

That represented quite a contrast from earlier this year, when the U.S. currency was pummeled in the \$1 trillion-a-day world currency market, falling to a string of post-World War II lows.

Analysts said the difference in the three successful efforts Tuesday and on Aug. 3 and May 31 was timing.

On each occasion, the administration and its allies caught the

market off guard by intervening to buy dollars while the U.S. currency was rising.

In previous attempts, it had only intervened when the dollar was under heavy downward pressure.

"They had given intervention a bad name because it was woefully ineffective," said Elliott Dix, a market analyst at Ruesch International in Washington.

He said the failures may have pushed the dollar lower as traders were emboldened to take bigger and bigger bets that it would fall further.

Analysts see a big role in the

switch in strategy being played by Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, who succeeded Lloyd Bentsen in January.

Bentsen's tenure was marked by a series of missteps in currency policy.

On Aug. 2, Japanese Finance Minister Masayoshi Takemura unveiled a package of measures designed to encourage Japanese institutional investors to put more of their money abroad, a move aimed at reversing their trend of abandoning the U.S. market.

"The United States, Japan and Germany have all given powerful

signals that they are on a course of moving the dollar significantly higher," said Allen Sinai, chief economist at Lehman Brothers Global Economics.

"This is the most brilliantly conceived currency strategy since the Plaza accord," Sinai said, referring to a joint commitment by the United States and its major allies in September 1985 to push the overvalued dollar lower to boost American manufacturing exports.

While economists gave rave reviews to the U.S. effort Tuesday, the stock market fell. Some analysts blamed the 19-point drop on

worries that the stronger dollar would hurt U.S. export growth.

But Bruce Steinberg, senior economist at Merrill Lynch, said the markets were wrong to be worried about the dollar's rebound. He predicted the U.S. trade deficit would narrow significantly in coming months, noting a report from Tokyo on Tuesday that the Japanese surplus with the United States narrowed sharply in July.

"The dollar got so grotesquely undervalued that even at these new levels U.S. companies have significant cost advantages," Steinberg said.

World briefs

Lenin monument removed from Kremlin

MOSCOW (AP) — Authorities today removed a large bronze statue of Vladimir Lenin from the Kremlin and shipped it off to a country house near Moscow where the founder of the former Soviet state spent his final days.

The removal marked the latest effort to strip the Kremlin of Communist-era trappings. The campaign began after the Soviet Union collapsed in December 1991, with workers removing U.S.S.R. initials and symbols from buildings throughout the riverside fortress.

The 2.2-ton statue of Lenin sitting in a thoughtful pose was installed on the Kremlin's main square in 1967. Last November, it was moved to a far corner of the Kremlin's garden to keep it out of sight.

Workers had to use explosives to dismantle the statue's granite pedestal, said Sergei Devyatov, a Kremlin spokesman. The statue was packed and shipped to the Lenin museum in Gorki, where it arrived safely today, said the museum's chief keeper, Vladimir Mast.

Defense minister arrested in Colombian scandal

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Former Defense Minister Fernando Botero is back on a military base. Only this time, instead of being in command of the Colombian troops, he is under arrest.

Botero surrendered Tuesday to the authorities amid accusations that as director of President Ernesto Samper's 1994 election campaign, he coaxed millions of dollars worth of contributions from the Cali drug cartel.

Botero, who resigned as defense minister Aug. 2, is the second member of Samper's inner circle to be arrested in the last three weeks. The widening scandal threatens to topple Samper himself.

Samper's campaign treasurer, Santiago Medina, was arrested July 26. Two days later Medina told prosecutors that Botero plotted to have the Cali cartel contribute at least \$6.1 million to the campaign.

Several congressmen called for the resignation of Interior Minister Horacio Serpa, who also worked on Samper's campaign.

Opposition leaders have said Samper should resign if it's proven his campaign took drug money from the world's largest supplier of cocaine.

China expels Greenpeace activists

BEIJING (AP) — A group of Greenpeace activists were expelled today, a day after they staged a demonstration against Chinese nuclear tests.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the six activists and two cameramen hired by Greenpeace were put on a plane to Hong Kong.

"They conducted activities not in conformity with their status. They came to China in the capacity of tourists," said a ministry spokesman, who declined to give his name. "These people apologized for their illegal actions."

Demonstrating without a permit is illegal in China and permission is rarely granted.

Police took the eight into custody Tuesday morning, moments after they unfurled a banner under a portrait of former leader Mao Tse-tung facing Tiananmen Square.

Several other activists who handed out leaflets in the square managed to elude police.

The demonstration was the first in China by Greenpeace. The group said it had never before been able to enter China unnoticed.

Greenpeace timed the demonstration to call attention to its suspicions that China plans to hold a nuclear test in the coming days.

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