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Storms lash Texas Panhandle and High Plains

By The Associated Press and staff reports

Flash flood watches were still in effect early today as stormy weather swept across the Texas Panhandle pounding it with hail, soaking it with heavy rains and spawning tornadoes.

Texas got its weekend off to a stormy start Friday afternoon as storms stalled in Carson County and flooded parts of Wheeler County.

Thunderstorms rumbled over the Rolling Plains and Panhandle early Saturday, dealing out large hail and damaging winds in some places.

Interstate 40 and U.S. 83 were closed near Shamrock early

Saturday because of flooding. Officials in Shamrock said the city received almost 10 inches of rain Friday night. U.S. 83 was closed both north and south of Shamrock and I-40 was closed east and west of the city because of water over the roadways. Both had reopened by Saturday afternoon.

"It was just a hard rain," said Debbie Boner with the Shamrock police department.

Carson County officials reported water standing on some county roads late Saturday.

"There's water over Hwy. 294," said Sandy Rogers with the Carson County Sheriff's office Saturday. "The bar ditches down toward Groom are all full."

She said hail had to be cleared off Hwy. 294 Friday using a road grader.

One slow-moving storm stalled between Panhandle and White Deer Friday afternoon as another storm moved in, she said.

Reports of rain in Carson County ranged from two and a half to four inches.

Pampa recorded one and sixty-one hundredths of moisture Friday night.

By late Saturday afternoon, both Wheeler and Canadian reported sunshine trying to break through although a heavy cloud remained over Pampa and Panhandle.

A suspected tornado blew

through Friona in the southwestern panhandle. Two men were injured. One man was reported in critical condition Saturday afternoon with injuries suffered when his trailer home was torn apart.

Winds gusted between 55 and 65 mph in the Lubbock area. Hail as large as baseballs were reported in parts of the South Plains, along with rainfall rates between 1 and 2 inches per hour.

The storms were blamed on a combination of disturbances in the upper levels of the atmosphere over the Panhandle and South Plains and moisture drifting inland from the Gulf of Mexico.

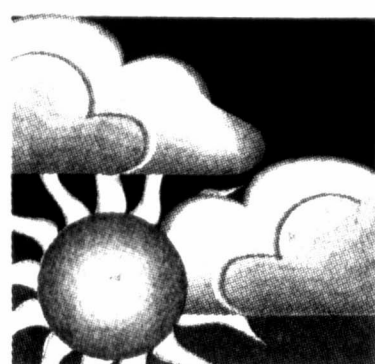
Some shreds from the

Panhandle storm clouds drifted over North Texas.

More of the same is in the weekend outlook. West Texas should see partly to mostly cloudy skies with a chance of showers and thunderstorms through Sunday. Some storms may be severe with the best chances for rain in the northern Panhandle.

Forecasters called for a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms this afternoon and a high in the mid-80s.

Elsewhere around the state highs will be in the 80s and 90s except for around 108 in the Presidio. Lows will be in the 50s in the northern Panhandle to the mid-70s in the Big Bend.



High today in mid 80s, low tonight in mid 60s. See Page 2 for weather details.

PAMPA — The Clarendon College-Pampa Center tailgate party which was rained out Saturday is to be rescheduled at a later date, according to Betty Halleberg, Clarendon College-Pampa Center Foundation member.

MOBEETIE — Former students of Totty School will be having their annual reunion June 10-11.

The reunion will be held at the former school site about two miles north of Hwy. 152 on Wheeler County Road 2 west of Mobeetie.

MIAMI (AP) — A weather system in the western Caribbean strengthened into the Atlantic hurricane season's first named storm Saturday.

Tropical Storm Allison, with wind blowing at 50 mph, was headed for the northeastern coast of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula and the western tip of Cuba. It also kicked up thunderstorms and stiff wind across central and southwestern Florida.

MORIARTY, N.M. (AP) — A searcher spotted the wreckage of a small airplane Saturday, three days after the home-built craft was reported missing with two people aboard, authorities said.

The airplane, called a Long EZ, was found 21 miles east of Moriarty's airport north of Interstate 40.

The identities of the two people were being withheld by authorities pending notification of next of kin.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A meeting of Ross Perot's backers is expected to draw top Republican leaders, presidential hopefuls and possibly President Clinton — evidence of the group's continuing political influence.

Perot's United We Stand America organization is slated to meet in Dallas Aug. 11-13.

Barring a conflict, House Speaker Newt Gingrich is expected to attend, an aide to the Georgia lawmaker said.

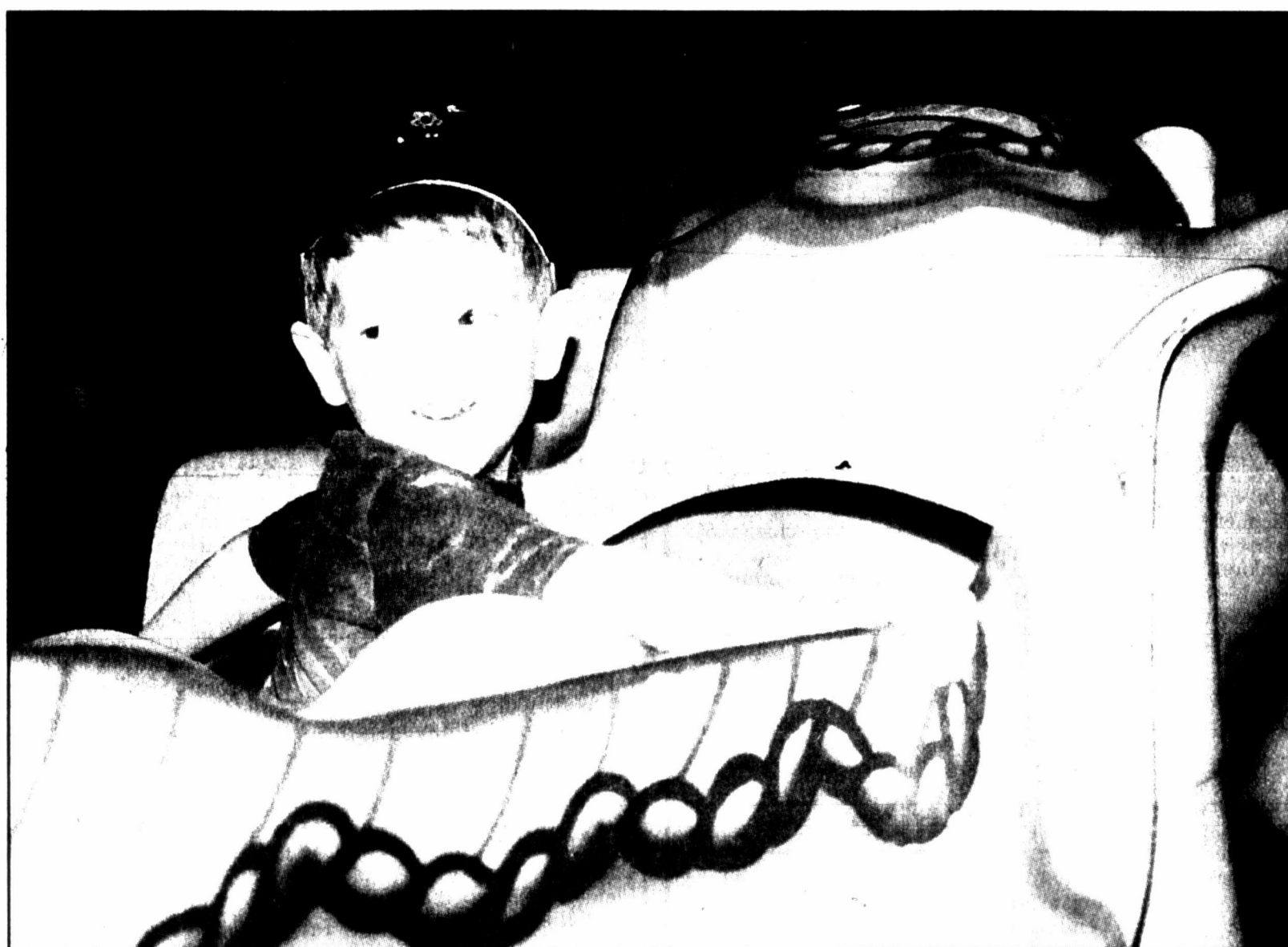
HENDERSON (AP) — The state intends to seek the death penalty if James Earl Mankins Jr. is convicted of capital murder in the slayings of five people abducted from a Kilgore Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant.

State District Judge Donald Ross has set a July 24 trial date.

Mankins is being held in the Rusk County Jail on \$2.5 million bond in the nearly 12-year-old case.

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Carnival to continue through today



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)
Tanner Stephens, 3, looks back towards his grandparents Jerry and JoAnn Stephens as he passes them by in a flying pink elephant at the "Pride of Texas" carnival. Tanner, like many other youngsters, is enjoying the show which will continue today at Coronado Center from 1 to 6 p.m. The carnival is helping the local chapter of the American Red Cross by accepting two or more canned food goods or other non-perishable food items for a \$2 reduced price on an all-afternoon pass. The ticket price is \$6 and will be good from 1-6 p.m.

NATO searches for pilot, Serbs release hostages

By JULIJANA MOJSILOVIC
Associated Press Writer

PALE, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — As they toyed with NATO over the fate of a U.S. pilot, Bosnian Serbs freed 121 U.N. soldiers Saturday, but ignored warnings to release their remaining hostages and attacked peacekeepers in a vulnerable eastern enclave.

The Bosnian Serbs seem to be intent on finding a way to use the hostages as a bargaining chip in an effort to break their international isolation and avoid further airstrikes.

Losing patience, NATO and European defense ministers agreed Saturday to form a new combat force of 4,000 to 5,000 troops to bolster U.N. peacekeepers in Bosnia.

More than 250 peacekeepers remained hostages of the Bosnian Serbs, though there were promises they might be released soon. A group of 121 U.N. peacekeepers from five countries was freed early Saturday under the auspices of

Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic.

NATO was also seeking word on the fate of the pilot of an American F-16 shot down Friday over Bosnian Serb territory.

Bosnian Serb military sources in Pale said the pilot was alive and in Bosnian Serb hands. A Western military source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the American might be shown on Bosnian Serb television.

However, Jovan Zametica, spokesman for Bosnian Serb political leader Radovan Karadzic, later said, "we have no information about the pilot."

Video of the F-16 wreckage was released, but there was no sign of the pilot. Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, said there had been one short transmission from what could have been the pilot's emergency beacon.

The F-16 was hit by a surface-to-air missile Friday near Banja Luka, a Serb stronghold in northern Bosnia.



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)
Singing for their supper — A cactus plant on the southside of Pampa holds a nest of newly hatched baby finches waiting for their mother to return. Mary Ward noticed some finches built a nest a couple of months ago and she has been looking in on them from time to time. Ward said this is the second hatching in the nest that she had witnessed.

Museum to recycle art

MCLEAN — The Devil's Rope Museum is soliciting entries for their "recycle" art show, scheduled from June 6 to 20 in the museum's Western Heritage Room.

Organizers say entries may be of any art medium, including sculptures, collages, pictures, craft items, humorous crafts, useful items, ridiculous items or "basically anything you can create from trash ... or recycled materials."

Prizes will be given based on the categories and the amount of entries in each.

The contest rules are that each entry must be in "good taste," made of recycled materials and must have a card telling the title and originator as well as listing what recycled materials were used in the creation.

The museum will assist in the card preparation if needed. If the item is for sale, the exhibitor is asked to include the sale price.

Entries may be submitted during museum hours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Wheeler plans school reunion

WHEELER — Wheeler Ex-Students and Teachers Association will meet Saturday, June 10, at the Wheeler School in Wheeler.

Events include registration at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, a barbecue lunch at noon, a business meeting at 1 p.m., house parties throughout the afternoon and a street dance beginning at 9 p.m.

The reunion is scheduled to coincide with the dedication of the Wheeler County Veterans Memorial at 3 p.m. Class parties will begin immediately after the dedication.

All Wheeler ex-students, teachers, spouses and friends are invited to attend.

Veterans group seeks nominees

PAMPA — Nominations are still being accepted for the latest inductees into the Panhandle Veterans Hall of Fame.

Cutoff date for submitting nominations will be July 26, according to John Triplehorn, chairman.

Nominations should include the individual's branch of service, years of service, locations where served, honors and medals received, accomplishments in the military and subsequent civilian service, such as community organizations, career and other information indicating why a person should be included in the Veterans Hall of Fame.

Where possible, documentation of military service and military awards and ribbons should be included.

Completed nominations should be sent to Panhandle Veterans Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 657, Pampa, TX 79066.

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Famed dino halls reopen after more than three years

By RICK HAMPSON
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The dinosaur-loving public packed into the American Museum of Natural History's newly renovated dino halls this weekend to find changes as drastic as those that killed the beasts 65 million years ago.

Apatosaurus, who used to be called Brontosaurus, has a new skull and a tail 20 feet longer. Tyrannosaurus, who used to pose upright like Godzilla, is crouched over like Road Runner. And the exhibit says dinosaurs aren't really extinct; birds are a kind of flying dinosaur.

These revelations, however, were still in the future at 9:56 a.m. Friday as 4-year-old Ari Butowsky stood outside the great closed doors of the museum's Central Park entrance.

The world's greatest dinosaur collection, shuttered for more than three years, would reopen to the public at 10. And Ari was waiting at the head of the line.

Waiting may be the wrong word. Ari actually was using his 40 pounds to try to slide open one of the 10-foot high metal doors.

Taking pity, the guards rolled the door open and admitted Ari, his mother, Elise, and his stroller-bound, 1 1/2-year-old brother Jared two minutes early.

"Gonna be a busy day," said the guard, rolling his eyes.

The Butowskys followed the 2-foot-long dinosaur footprints and boarded an elevator car that soon became as crowded as a raptor nest and as humid as a Mesozoic swamp.

They got off on the fourth floor, where everyone had to wait some more while the mayor's wife snipped a ceremonial ribbon.

Then Ari joined the land rush

into the first of the two reopened galleries, the Hall of Saurischian Dinosaurs. The computer-savvy preschooler headed not toward the big bone statues off in the distance, but to a computer console dispensing information about ornithomimids, a word he was able to read and pronounce accurately.

"Wanna see the dinosaur bones?" his mother asked after he had spent what seemed like a long time using the interactive program. She led him off, and suddenly there, looming above the swelling first-day crowd, was the skeleton of his favorite dinosaur: T. Rex.

This was not the lumbering beast of the museum's 1917 installation, a monarch who had to stoop to conquer. This was a sleek, stalking hunter, his spine and tail parallel to the ground.

The informed eye saw one of the century's great archaeological finds, a skeleton with hundreds of real bones (not plaster casts) that had to be taken apart, cleaned and carefully reglued in the new posture.

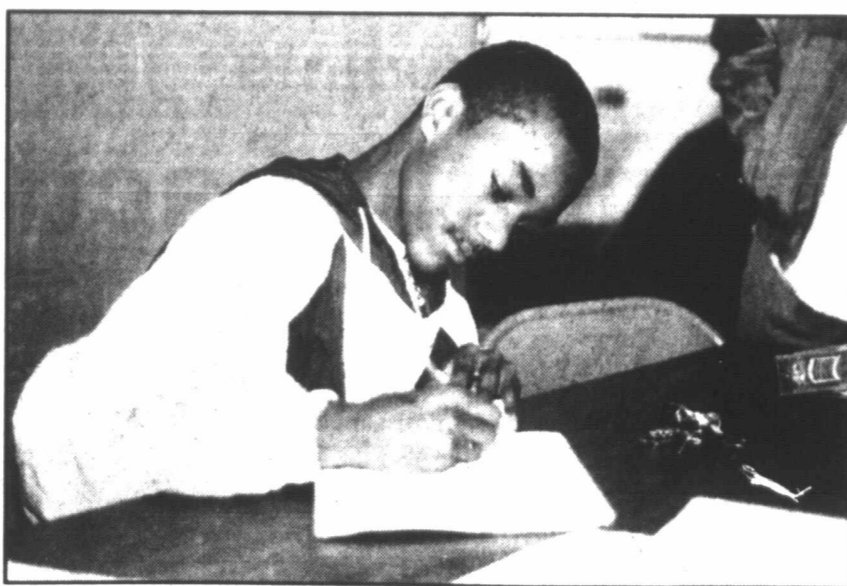
But Ari's eye saw a killing machine with a head the size of a piano and teeth like pirate daggers.

"He's a little scared," Mrs. Butowsky said of her suddenly speechless son.

He backed across the aisle toward what stupid adults still call Brontosaurus and what Ari and his ilk call by its scientific name, Apatosaurus. It stretched 86 feet, almost the length of the room.

Mounted in 1905, this was the first large dinosaur skeleton ever put on public display. But for some reason it had the wrong skull, and it was missing a few neck bones — mistakes corrected in this installation.

Next door was the Hall of



(Pampa News Photo by Chip Chandler)
Lynn Brown Jr. was one of 53 youths age 12-21 who registered Saturday for the Community Summer Youth Program at Marcus Sanders Park.

Summer program keeps kids off street

"This is a community effort to keep our kids off the street."

That's how Valencia Barber describes the Community Summer Youth Program she and a handful of others started one month ago.

The summer youth program held a registration drive Saturday at Marcus Sanders Park on Harlem Street that brought in 53 youths and 12 adult volunteers.

The program will offer mid-night basketball, volleyball, softball, arts and crafts, plays and a season-ending talent show, among other activities.

Youths 12 to 21 registered, and parents who came with their children were asked to volunteer to lead those activities.

Though many of the activities are sports related, organizers emphasize that they are offering a variety of activities with the primary goal of keeping the youth in school.

"We want to help build their self esteem and get them motivated," Barber said.

Barber, a Pampa native, came from Atlanta to help organize alternatives to gang activity, drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy and vandalism.

One way organizers hope to accomplish that is to provide a series of speakers for the youth. First up is Pampa Police Chief Charles Flemings Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 at Marcus Sanders Park.

"It's important for kids to know that police are here to help us. They aren't bad guys," Barber said.

She added that the neighborhood youth need "positive adult role models. They just don't think

that jail is a big deal."

One of those role models is Philip Jeffery, director of the program and a basketball player in European leagues.

Jeffery, a Pampa native, says he recognizes that "this is not only a south side problem. It's a problem of all of Pampa."

He emphasized that even though the activities are centralized in the south part of town, organizers "want the whole community to come out and participate."

Fresh on organizers' minds was the shooting death of a neighborhood resident, Sanford La Craig Kelley, Wednesday afternoon.

"That's exactly the kind of thing we're trying to stop," Barber said.

In addition to the registration drive, organizers sponsored a three-on-three basketball tournament and a hot dog cookout with the help of Carmichael-Whitely, Southwest Coca-Cola, the Brothers Club and Leslie's Super Service.

The organization eventually hopes to raise enough money to build some sort of foundation and become a stronger force in the community. To that end, they are selling raffle tickets for a June 17 drawing for a 19-inch color television.

A more immediate need is for vans to transport the youth to the Pampa Independent School District's summer feeding program at Lamar Elementary.

The Community Summer Youth Program runs from June 5 through August 4. Contact Philip Jeffery at 669-1442 or 669-2512 with any questions.

Garage sale yields treasure

HOUSTON (AP) — A man who bought an old frame for pocket change at a garage sale last year noticed it contained a poem tentatively authenticated as a manuscript by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Dorothy Z. Baker, an English professor at the University of Houston, believes the faded verses are of "The Village Blacksmith." The poem, published in 1840, begins: "Under the spreading chestnut tree/The village smithy stands."

Baker said she is "99.5 percent" certain.

Mark Holmes, who buys at

garage sales and sells at flea markets, recalls buying the frame for a quarter or 50 cents, in a trailer park. They say it spent six months on a closet shelf before Holmes looked at it closely and noticed the "By H.W. Longfellow."

"We didn't know that much about poetry, so we thought the best thing to do was go to the public library and see if there was a book on Longfellow and see if he'd written the poem," Mark Holmes said.

Holmes said he's not sure of the manuscript's worth, but one dealer has offered \$2,500.

Students trapped on elevator

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — American wit and wisdom aside, 16 Japanese visitors on a cultural exchange trip learned that what comes down doesn't necessarily go up — especially a stuck elevator.

They spent 30 minutes on Friday between the eighth and ninth floors of a city-county government building, en route to a welcoming ceremony as part of America-Japan week.

"In Japan, our elevators never break," Koichi Yamamura said through an interpreter afterward. Delegate Koji Komatsu called it

"a very precious moment." After the ceremony got under way, city officials shook hands, posed for pictures — and apologized.

"Obviously, our technology does not rival yours," said Lawrence Rael of the mayor's office.

The elevators are designed to carry loads of up to 2,000 pounds.

Grace Roybal, office coordinator for the division that manages the building, said weight-limit signs soon may go up, "and maybe in different languages."

Lawsuit may answer questions

AUSTIN (AP) — A pending federal lawsuit against the Travis County sheriff will either prove his actions investigating a baby's murder were justified or propel an attorney's claims that his department violated her rights.

The lawsuit, which includes accusations by a former girlfriend of Sheriff Terry Keel that helped spark a federal investigation, was filed by former Austin attorney Nona Byington.

The attorney contends that Keel and two deputies illegally searched her office and car while investigating the disappearance of little Brandon Baugh, who was later found dead.

The investigation of Keel was first reported in Friday's editions of the

Austin American-Statesman.

Ms. Byington briefly represented Cathy Lynn Henderson, who has since been sentenced to death for killing Baugh. The lawsuit blames subsequent public vilification of Ms. Byington on Keel, who also obtained an arrest warrant for the attorney in addition to the searches.

Ms. Henderson was arrested on Feb. 1, 1994 in Missouri more than a week after she and Baugh, whom she was baby-sitting, disappeared. Ms. Byington received a map showing the location of Baugh's grave from a Kansas City public defender representing Henderson.

That map prompted Keel's searches, but he later withdrew the arrest warrant.

Reeve awaiting surgery to fuse vertebrae

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Christopher Reeve remained in serious but stable condition Saturday as he awaited surgery to fuse two vertebrae fractured in a horse-riding accident, hospital officials said.

University of Virginia Medical Center administrator Cary Burton said there was no change in the "Superman" star's condition. The actor has pneumonia, but the infection is subsiding and doctors plan to go ahead

with the operation Monday.

Reeve, 42, was paralyzed when he was thrown headfirst from his horse during a riding competition last weekend in Culpeper. Reeve broke his neck, but his spinal cord wasn't severed, which means he could regain some body movement, Dr. John Jane said Friday.

The actor still is unable to breath on his own but is in no pain and has some sensation in his chest, Jane said.

Blame the woodpeckers: NASA cancels Discovery liftoff

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Woodpeckers are to blame for a delay in the liftoff of shuttle Discovery which now can't happen until next month, at the earliest.

The launch had been scheduled for next week. But NASA said Friday it was moving the shuttle from its launch pad at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida so 135 holes the birds made in the insulating foam on Discovery's external fuel tank can be repaired. Technicians couldn't get to them all with the shuttle on the pad.

The Florida space center is part of the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge. NASA had used plastic owl decoys, horns and tape-recorded hoots to scare away the pesky yellow-shafted flicker woodpeckers, which may have been trying to build nests. In some places, the birds pecked

all the way to the metal skin of the tank. Shuttle test director Al Sofge says the tank was not damaged.

The foam keeps ice from forming on the tank when it's filled with super-cold fuel. Falling ice chunks could damage the shuttle during liftoff.

The flight had been set for Thursday, with the five-member crew to release a space agency communications satellite.

Shuttle Atlantis is scheduled to go up this month for the first shuttle docking mission with the Russian space station Mir.

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Opinion

Term limit battle moves to Congress

With one split 5-4 ruling, the U.S. Supreme Court canceled the votes that millions of Americans had cast in favor of congressional term limits. Far from ending debate on this burning issue, the ruling will raise the stakes to double or nothing.

In the last five years, public demand for term limits has been growing louder and louder. In 1990, Colorado voters became the first in the nation to pass an amendment limiting the terms of senators and representatives in Congress. Since then, 21 other states have followed. But in its recent decision, the Supreme Court said none of those votes count.

In a broadly worded decision, the majority ruled that states cannot restrict ballot access beyond the basic tests established by the U.S. Constitution. In the so-called "qualifications clause," the Constitution stipulates that a member of Congress must be from the state they represent, be of a certain age and have been a U.S. citizen for a certain number of years. State-imposed term limits, the majority of five justices ruled, violate the Constitution because they go beyond these basic qualifications.

The majority's opinion ignores a long tradition in American politics of allowing states to add their own qualifications to those set in the Constitution. For example, most states require that candidates for a House seat actually live in the district they want to represent, even though the Constitution only requires that they be from the state.

Debate at the time of the Constitution's ratification indicates that the "qualifications clause" was supposed to serve as a minimum standard. It was supposed to prevent states from sending underqualified members to Congress while leaving them free to add qualifications of their own. Whatever its flaws, the court's ruling has altered the term-limit battle. The court has closed the door to the state-by-state approach, and to any federal statute that would grant term-limit authority to the states. The only realistic alternative for term-limit supporters now is to alter the U.S. Constitution.

This spring, in a historic vote, 227 members of the U.S. House voted in favor of a constitutional amendment limiting House and Senate members to 12 years in office. A vote in the Senate is pending.

While both chambers lack the two-thirds majority needed to pass an amendment, the 1996 election could change that. In 1994, term limits emerged as a potent issue on the congressional campaign trail. With voters denied a direct say in term limits, they now will look even harder at how their representatives have voted on the issue.

Granted, term limits is not the only issue on the agenda and not even the most important. But the proponents of term limits have made a compelling case that our political system needs the new blood, new ideas and greater competition that term limits would bring to the process.

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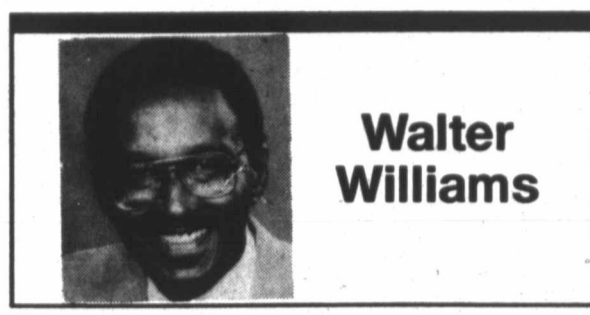
Affirmative action in the skies

Let's review the legislative debate surrounding the Civil Rights Act of 1964. In shepherding the act through Congress, Sen. Hubert Humphrey said, "... contrary to the allegations of some opponents of this title, there is nothing in it that will give any power to the commission or to the court to require hiring, firing or promotion of employees, in order to meet a racial quota or to achieve a certain racial balance," adding later, "in fact, the title would prohibit preferential treatment for any particular group."

Rep. Emanuel Celler pronounced, "Even ... the court could not order that any preference be given to any particular race, religion, color or other group." Sens. Clark and Case decreed, "... any deliberate attempt to maintain a racial balance, whatever such a balance may be, would involve a violation of Title VII."

With assurances like these, coupled with support of the nation, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 passed. People who saw the Civil Rights Act as a "bait and switch" tactic for quotas later on were portrayed as either racists or obstructionists.

The gross betrayal of both the spirit and letter of the Civil Rights Act is now obvious to the nation. Nonetheless, affirmative action defenders protest they're not for quotas but for "level playing fields." They lie through their teeth, and when they're confronted with something indefensible, they say, "That was just an aberration."



Walter Williams

Let's look at another one of their "aberrations." In 1976, a consent decree was reached between the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and United Airlines. The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois ordered: "United will be considered to be in compliance with the interim incumbency goals for management positions if on an annual basis 50 percent of the initial entrants into management positions are minorities and/or females."

That's the management quota. Turning to pilots, the court ordered, "For the first 1,200 pilots hired by United when pilot hiring resumes, United will maintain a goal of hiring minority and female pilots at a rate of two times the percentage of minority and female pilot applicants, respectively, who meet the basic qualifications."

Let's look at qualifications. According to a

USA Today article, the Federal Aviation Administration required 250 hours of flight time to get a commercial pilot's license and 1,500 hours to be a captain. Major airlines usually require much more experience. In 1989, new hires for major airlines had flying time that ranged from 650 hours to 17,500 hours with an average of 3,910 hours. USA Today reported that a woman with only 500 hours flying was hired and was training to be second officer on a Boeing 747. The woman said, "Even though I might not have as much experience as people in my class, I have confidence I'll be just as good."

There's no way for us to know whether female pilots are hired and assigned on merit or hired and assigned as a result of EEOC decrees. To doubt the credentials of an authentic female pilot is unfair to that pilot, but given our quota agenda, how do we know? If airlines are caving into EEOC pressure, fairness to passengers might require a departure announcement like "Affirmative Action Flight 99 to Los Angeles; all optimists aboard." That way, passengers can decide whether they are for or against affirmative action.

The non-discriminatory vision of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is what America is all about. The system of racial and sexual quotas is offensive. Calling them goals and timetables don't make them less offensive. Quotas have heard their death knell. That's good for America and the alleged beneficiaries.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Sunday, June 4, the 155th day of 1995. There are 210 days left in the year.

- Today's highlight in history:
On June 4, 1940, the Allied military evacuation from Dunkirk, France, ended.
- On this date:
In 1647, the English army seized King Charles I as a hostage.
- In 1812, the Louisiana Territory was renamed the Missouri Territory.
- In 1878, Turkey turned Cyprus over to the British.
- In 1892, the Sierra Club was incorporated in San Francisco.
- In 1896, Henry Ford made a successful test run with his car in a nighttime drive through the streets of Detroit.
- In 1942, the Battle of Midway began during World War II.
- In 1944, the U.S. 5th Army entered Rome, beginning the liberation of the Italian capital during World War II.
- In 1954, French Premier Joseph Laniel and Vietnamese Premier Buu Loc initiated treaties in Paris according to "complete independence" to Vietnam.



Bring back constitutional government

Charley Reese

Where government has gone wrong in our country is down that old familiar path to hell - the end justifies the means.

To enforce environmental laws or worker safety rules, it's OK to trash property rights. To enforce gun or drug laws, it's OK to trash the Bill of Rights. To protect national security, it's OK to write blank checks to intelligence agencies and classify practically everything.

All of the above can be done and have been done, but it is never OK. Good ends don't justify wrong means. And, in our current situation, this resort to bad means to reach good ends has produced a political backlash that only an idiot or an ideologue would not have predicted.

That environmental laws are going to be seriously changed, no matter how many politicians have to be thrown out of office to do it, is the fault of environmentalists. They took an extreme, end-justifies-the-means approach to begin with.

The laws were enforced arbitrarily and often crazily, without regard for property rights or human consequences. Now the environmentalists are taking a no-compromise position on reform of these laws.

I believe that the American people are as fed up with environmental extremists as they are with political extremists. We are fed up with the abuse of the court system. We Americans have always been primarily pragmatists. Yet in recent years we are seeing more and more national issues dominated by extremists of one stripe or spot.

Enough. Give us back our common-sense, pragmatic government, which can solve a problem without creating 50 new ones in the process. It's not difficult. If the government wants wetlands, buy them. If it wants to enforce gun laws, enforce them but do it in a sane, due-process manner. Reform the courts so that it does not require millions of dollars and years of time to arrive in the end at a simple decision.

I recently talk to a small-business man whose firm got caught up in an Environmental Protection Agency induced nightmare. After nine years and \$145,000 out-of-pocket expenses, the firm was exonerated. The EPA, faced with a decision against its position, withdrew. How nice, after wrecking an honest business and tormenting honest people for nearly a decade.

This is what people are fed up with. Contemporary Americans, especially conservatives, are not outlaws by nature. We have no desire for anarchy. We want government. We expect to pay taxes for services. We want to preserve the environment. We want to obey the laws.

But what we want is a pragmatic, constitutional (no more pragmatic document has ever

been created by men than the U.S. Constitution) government that is not driven by extremists factions and ideologies.

We don't wish to be lied to by the government. We don't wish to have a government that refuses to hold itself accountable. We don't want a government that rewards some people and punishes others as arbitrarily as any 19th century European monarch.

We don't want a government that wastes money. We don't want a government that is corrupt. We don't want laws so voluminous, so poorly written, so complex that no graduate of a law school, much less an ordinary citizen, can understand them. We would like a simple tax form, please.

It seems to me none of the above is unreasonable. What we want is what we used to have. We want the opportunity to be trusting and supportive of our government, as most of us still are and nearly all of us used to be.

It was not the American people who alienated the government. The government alienated some of the people. It was government, not the people, that became estranged. Therefore, it is government which must restore the people's confidence and affection by changing its behavior.

Nothing difficult about it. Just make sure the means are as good as the ends. Play by the rules of the Constitution. Stop demagoguing over every issue. Stop taking extremist positions. America has a self-correcting process, and it is still at work.

Michigan's \$50 million EPA circus tent

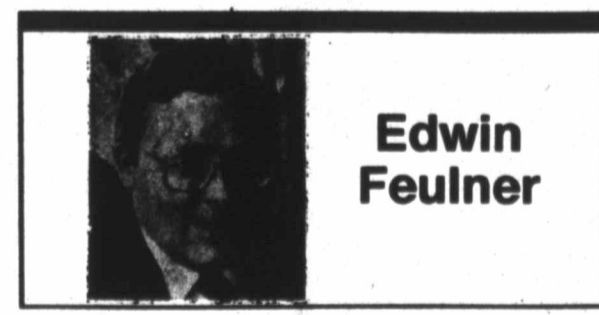
Oh boy, do we have a problem. You see, in the state of Michigan there's this bridge. It's called the Mackinac Bridge. And, like many U.S. bridges, it's painted with lead-based paint.

Lead-based paint is bad. If you eat enough of it, you'll get sick. Sort of like if you take the gasoline nozzle and shove it down your throat instead of into your gas tank you might die. So, we have to repaint this bridge. I don't know what we're going to do about killer gas nozzles.

To protect you from Mackinac Bridge Syndrome (MBS) - or whatever we're protecting ourselves from this year - the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has ordered the state of Michigan to remove the lead-based paint - with no help from the feds. That's called an "unfunded mandate." And that's not even the kicker.

The kicker is, to keep paint chips from falling into the water, EPA has ordered Michigan to work under the Big Top. Ladies and gentlemen, step right up and see the only bridge in captivity. Michigan will be chipping paint off the Mackinac Bridge ... in a tent.

That's right. To comply with new EPA guidelines, the Mackinac Bridge Authority soon will begin removing paint by a process called "enclosure," whereby the structure is cleaned



Edwin Feulner

within "a tent-like covering." What's the price tag for this little taxpayer-funded circus? Just \$50 million.

Never mind that the bridge has been sandblasted and repainted every nine years or so since it was built in 1957 - with nary a reported case of MBS (or whatever). Never mind that lead paint on bridges never has been shown to be a significant health hazard. Never mind that Lakes Michigan and Huron are up to four times cleaner than they were 25 years ago - despite the repaintings.

"In 35 years of sandblasting and repainting, no one has ever documented any harm caused by paint chips falling from the Mackinac Bridge," reports Burton W. Folsom, a senior fellow at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy in Midland, Mich. "In fact," Folsom says, "The

greater risk may well be from workers inhaling paint particles or having accidents during the enclosure process."

Sanford Weiner, a researcher at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, says "Enclosure could be very dangerous to the workers and is not likely to be worth the effort."

EPA has conducted no study of the benefits or risks involved. It just ordered the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to do the job, and they're doing it. "For Michigan to embark on this without so much as a study of the costs and benefits, as well as the risks, is foolish," Weiner says.

State Sen. Walter North, himself a former chief executive of the Mackinac Bridge Authority, is even more blunt: "It's flirting with death. We have strong Michigan winds that could hit that tent, break it apart, and kill someone in a passing car. That's why I always said no to enclosure when I was in charge."

So, let me get this straight. EPA wants Michigan to lower the risk that someone might get lead poisoning from a bridge - a risk that hasn't even been established to exist - by setting up a \$50 million circus tent that might really kill somebody!

Sounds to me like we need to get rid of some of the clowns at EPA. And a few in Michigan as well.

Letters to the editor

If 'on-call,' then be 'on-call'

To the editor:

First I would like to say that I have never written to the paper before but I am more than a little put out at the moment and I wanted to put it in writing.

To the pharmacy who was "on-call" on Monday, May 29, 1995. I won't name names because you know who you are.

My six-year-old son starting running fever on Sunday afternoon and complaining with a sore throat and his neck hurting. I figured it was just a 24-hour bug and I didn't think that I would be able to get a prescription, so I didn't really worry about it. I had been giving him Tylenol and was pretty much keeping the fever under control until about 5:00 Monday afternoon when it went to 103.

At this point I decided to call the doctor to see if I needed to take him to the hospital to get a shot. Dr. Powell was on-call and told me that there was a pharmacy "on-call" and he would call in a prescription and that the pharmacy would contact me about how to meet them to get the prescription. An hour and fifteen minutes later, I still had not heard from the pharmacy, so I called Dr. Powell back. He apologized and said that he was having trouble getting a hold of the pharmacy that was supposed to be "on-call." He also stated that he had had trouble earlier in the day when he tried to call in another patient's prescription. I told Dr. Powell that I would just watch my son and if he got any worse, that I would call him back.

At almost 8:00 I received a call from the pharmacy wanting to know if I still wanted my prescription. I told them that I did and they told me to meet them there at about 8:20. I arrived about 8:15 and they still had not retrieved all of the messages off of their phone. (They had 26 messages.) As I was waiting, at least four other people arrived also to pick up prescriptions. (I don't know how many more arrived after I got my prescription.) As I talked with most of them, they had all been waiting most of the day to pick up their prescriptions. Needless to say, none of us were very happy.

The point I would like to make is that if you are "on-call," then you need to be where you can be reached for the duration of time you are on call. I also realize that sometimes there are extenuating circumstances that cannot be helped but I don't believe this was the case this time.

Rhonda Sikes
Pampa

He wants some needed advice

To the editor:

My name is Jerry Lee Hicks. I'm a 29-year-old male Caucasian, 1985 graduate of Pampa High, single parent of two children. I'm on SSI, due to being disabled.

Recently I was in the Gray County Jail. A man pushed me off the second floor balcony. I broke three ribs, bruised my left lung, liver and a kidney. I also have two witnesses who will put their hands on the Bible and testify in court and say they saw him push me.

They took me to Coronado Hospital Code 3 by ambulance, where I spent four lousy days. And then the chief jailer took great pleasure in taking me back to jail without any pain medication. The county judge, Richard Peet, released me the next day. Praise God for Mr. Peet, the man I went to church with for a year at New Assembly of God, where I have many brothers and sisters in Christ. I now attend Calvary

Assembly of God and study under my best friend's big brother, Scott Barton. And since I have been attending, I have missed only two services.

Well, that's enough about me.

I want the community to give me some much needed advice. I called KVII hotline in Amarillo to try to get help in gaining assistance from the county in meeting my subsequent medical expenses. My address is 1109 Varnon Drive, Pampa, TX 79065.

May God bless everyone who writes.

Jerry Lee Hicks
Pampa

Bad morals or good business?

To the editor:

On May 28, 1995, you published the letter of a person who was disgusted with the practice of purchasing life insurance policies of terminally ill AIDS patients and gave for example a patient with a \$100,000 policy who sold the policy to a buyer for \$60,000.

There should be no bad feelings if the patient were of sound mind and willingly sold the policy. There should be good feelings if the patient used the money to pay the cost of his treatment, pay other bills, support his family, or enhance the quality of his life.

J. Kirk Duncan
Pampa

Is this good medical care?

To the editor:

On Thursday, June 1, a very close family member was taken to the local hospital for re-occurring fainting spells after losing his memory of the day. He lost all memory of his family, among other things.

Tests were run and doctors said his heart was bottoming out. And after everything was done, doctors said he would be fine after rest. And then he was released, not knowing who he was going home with or where he lived.

David Shook

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Austin School Honor Roll

Austin Elementary has announced its Honor Roll for the sixth six-weeks grading period of the 1994-95 school year.

Second Grade

A Honor Roll

Nicole Adams, Alyssa Bromwell, Kyle Cambem, Liz Campbell, Ryan Carroll, Rhiannon Casados, Carrie Clay, John Doss, Tyler Doughty, Luke Dyer, Monika Eakin, Dustin Elliott and Seth Foster.

Andrew Fraser, Ashley Garner, Lindsay Gill, Rebecca Gindorf, Clayton Hall, Ann Hampton, Keeton Hutto, Kaysi Knight, Lynzy Leach, Dusty Lenderman, Heath Miller, Mark Murray and Ann Murtishaw.

Royce O'Neal, Neil Packard, Lashonda Parks, Stacy Pepper, Tasha Powell, Jake Roberts, Matt Robertson, Andrew Smith, Carissa Snelgroves, Jaclyn Spearman, Greg Steele and Meagan Wheeler.

B Honor Roll

Payton Baird, Shea Brown, Calli Carter, Emilea Greer, Heather Martin, Chase Musgrave, Jeremy Pritchett, Autumn Schaub and Brandon Valingo.

Third Grade

A Honor Roll

Darrin Allen, Amanda Anderson, Jessica Arnold, Brianna Bailey, Ryan Barnes, Nathan Bruce, Kelsey Caldwell, Jerrod Carruth, Megan David, Clarke Hale and Krissy Holman.

Tyler Holmes, Drew Jaegle, Anna Johnson, Garrett Johnston, Jonathan Jones, Tara Jordan, Tyler Knight, Derek Lewis, Cody Lockname and Michael Martinez.

Lindsey Musgrave, Shelby Patton, Casey Reeves, Katie Shaffer, Jera Skinner, Elliot Smith, Mac Smith, Johnny Story, Dennis Taylor and Britton White.

B Honor Roll

Courtney Adkins, Michelle Cox, Chelsey Davis, Jessica Hall and Shaleene Taylor.

Fourth Grade

A Honor Roll

Ashley Abbe, Grant Biehler,

Amber Bowers, Abby Bradley, Luke Burton, Abby Chumbley, Garrett Conner, Julie Craig, Amber Driggers, Taryn Fallon, Benjamin Frogge, Joe Bob Harp and Bonnie Holmes.

Brad Justice, Tess Kingcade, Brandy Ledford, Andrea Lee, Denise Mackie, Lindsey Meyer, Britney Moutray, Matthew Murray, Katy Newhouse, Vanessa Orr, Cara Packard, Sarah Porter, Kendra Raber and Brent Raney.

Barett Rhine, Matthew Robben, Jordan Roberts, Hal Rogers, Sarah Schwab, Megan Shannon, Max Simon, Teryn Stowers, Kelly Triplehorn, Valerie Velez, Lauren Walters, Mary Alice Warner, Ashley Willis and Zach Windhorst.

B Honor Roll

Landon Baker, Ross Buzzard, Kelci Hendrick, Rhett Lawrence, Jordan Maxwell, Curtis Pritchett, Eric Scroggins, Reid Spearman, A.J. Swope and Jeffrey Woodington.

Fifth Grade

A Honor Roll

Molly Beck, Cory Bigham, Ryan Bradley, Keenan Davis, Ashley Derington, Patrick Dunigan, Greg Easley, Ashley Everson, Rebecca Fatheree, Samantha Ford, Kyle Francis and Sarah Fraser.

Tyler Hudson, Dustin Johnson, Adam Jones, Ashlei Jordan, Corey Kindler, Michelle Kogler, Michelle Lee, Michael Leland, Collin Lewis, Danielle Martinez, Matthew McComas and Lindsey Narron.

Ryan Nash, David Phillips, Erin Raber, Sara Scott, Taylor Stellman, Kelley Stowers, Sarah Teague, Brandon Trice, Dane Ward, Leslie Ward, Doug Warren and Morgan White.

B Honor Roll

Stephanie Clark, Clayton David, Alisha Furnish, Claire Hampton, Sepp Haukebo, Desiree Hillman, Ashlee Hunt, Brittany Kindle and Jennifer Lindsey.

Cortney Lockname, Tara McCormack, Evan Miller, Ricky Morehart, Kevin Needham, Abby Parker, Trent Price, Taylor Sims and Jarrett Woodington.

Dumas ready for 49th Annual Dogie Days Celebration

DUMAS - Everything is "GO" for the 49th Annual Dumas Dogie Days Celebration, slated for June 7-10, announced Bart Templeton, head wrangler for this year's edition of the local celebration.

Dumas Dogie Days is sponsored annually by members of the Dumas Noon Lions Club, with proceeds from the event financing a host of local and area charities.

All events, with the exception of the parade, will take place at McDade Park, located between 14th Street and Dumas Demon Drive (16th Street) in the southeast portion of Dumas, beginning with hand-stamp night at the midway on Wednesday evening, June 7. From 6 to 10 p.m., Pride of Texas rides can be ridden as many times as you wish with the purchase of a hand stamp.

The main event of the celebra-

tion will kick off on Thursday, June 8, with the famous Dogie Days Barbecue, being served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This is an old-fashioned Western barbecue with all the trimmings. Last year more than 7,000 people were served.

At 6 p.m. Thursday, the midway opens for the evening, and at 9 p.m. a teen dance with Z-93 Amachrone, will be held at the Community Building.

Friday's activities will begin at 6 p.m. when the midway opens. The 1995 Dumas Dogie Days celebration will continue on Saturday, June 10, with a downtown parade. The parade will begin forming at the intersection of First Street and North Dumas Avenue at 10 a.m. and will start at 11 a.m. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winning float, riding club and antique auto entry.

Headlining events Saturday include the all new Chuckwagon Competition, where area cooks will vie for cash prizes. Judging will take place at 12 noon. The midway will open at noon also, with a hand-stamp special until 6 p.m. At 9 p.m., a western dance for adults will be held at the Community Building.

Another highlight of the celebration is the giveaway of a 1995 Dodge Ram pickup. The drawing will be held on the midway at 9 p.m. on Saturday evening.

Dogie Days traces its history back to the late 1890s, when early Moore County residents began gathering each year for an "Old Settler's Reunion." The event began with a day of family gatherings, picnics, horse races, baseball and many other events.

The first barbecue was held in 1947 and the event was renamed

"Dogie Days" by the Dumas Chamber of Commerce, Noon Lions Club and the Dumas Rodeo Association. Several years later, the Lions Club took on the entire responsibility for the event.

Last year, Moore County Meals on Wheels received over \$7,000 and the Crippled Children's Hospital received \$3,000, just to name a couple of the 15 organizations to which the proceeds are targeted.

For more details, or to enter the parade or chuckwagon competition, contact the Dumas & Moore County Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 735, Dumas, TX 79029, phone 806-935-2123.

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The Pampa News will increase home delivery and mail subscription rates effective July 1. A very large increase in newsprint costs during the past year have made these increases necessary.

Home delivery price of The Pampa News will increase by 25 cents per week or to \$7.00 a month. With a portion of the increase going to the carrier. Home delivery subscribers wishing to take advantage of the present home delivery price may do so by paying in advance for a minimum of 3 months or a maximum of 6 months at the \$6 per month rate. To take advantage of the \$6 rate, payment must be made to The Pampa News office prior to July 1 so that we can see that your carrier receives his/her full credit.

Historic Bus Tour

Saturday, June 24

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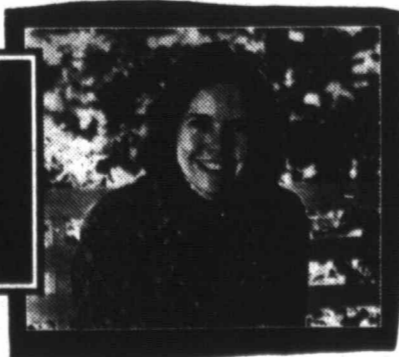
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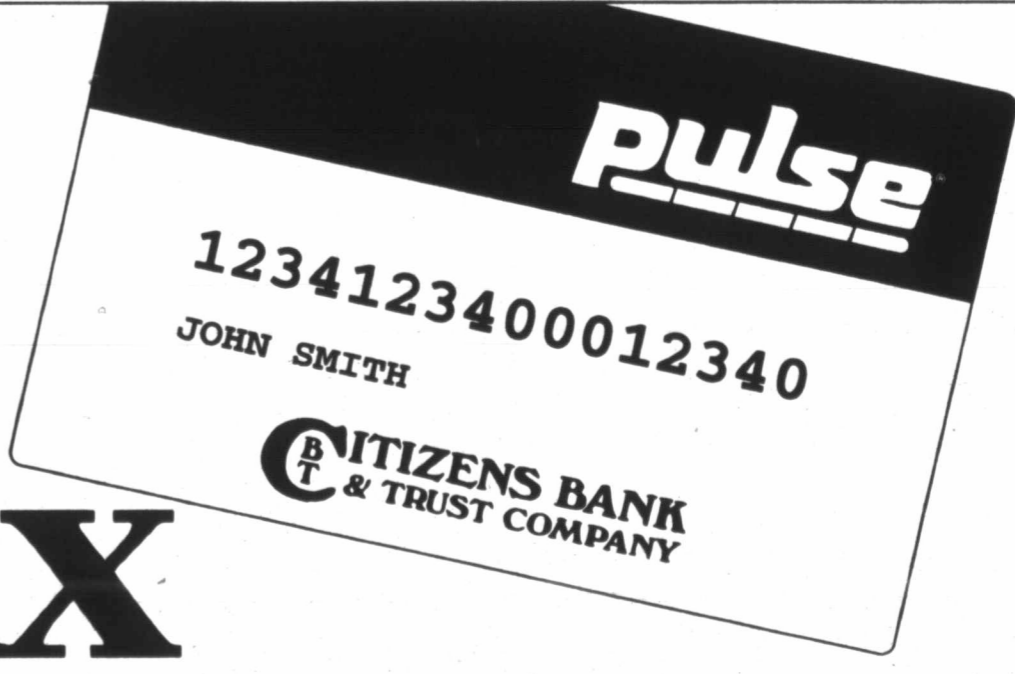
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Young Russian soldiers sit on a stack of coffins and take a break from their work at a makeshift morgue in the quake-ravaged town of Neftegorsk, in Russia's Far East, of which more than 860 corpses had passed through Neftegorsk's makeshift morgue, victims of the 7.5 magnitude earthquake destroyed this tiny oil town on Sakhalin Island.

Gradually aid comes to Russia's quake area

NEFTEGORSK, Russia (AP) — The stench of death wafted on the cool evening breeze, and Lena Abanashenko's grief was tempered with anger.

Her mother was buried under tons of concrete in the quake that struck this remote oil town on Sakhalin Island a week ago Sunday. Searchers were on a dinner break, and no one was looking for her mother, dead or alive.

"There are not enough crane operators here," she said, pointing to a line of idled machinery.

Survivors, relatives and searchers seem to agree: Rescuers have worked as hard as they could, but aid came too slowly, and was often disorganized.

About 1,500 people have taken part in the search for as many as 2,000 people believed missing after 19 apartment blocks folded into heaps of broken concrete and splintered furniture in a magnitude-7.5 earthquake that hit Neftegorsk before dawn.

Only about 400 people have been found alive.

Half of the searchers were professionals, the other half were conscripted soldiers and volunteers. Their job was to peel away layers of rubble in hopes of finding people alive.

When the first cranes arrived to lift off chunks of concrete, several survivors were reported killed when the cranes lifted too quickly, jarring the pile and shifting some of the concrete.

After hearing the screams, rescuers began to work more slowly.

Cranes were mobilized from around the island to participate in the work, but some took more than four days to arrive.

Seven fire department volunteers from Nogliki, a town 120 miles to the south, were delayed two days because an official from Nogliki first had to travel to the quake zone to confirm that their help was needed.

When they received permission to go, the drive took nine hours on unpaved roads. Meanwhile, several fires started under the concrete piles.

One man, who went almost three nights without sleep as he pulled at ruins to find friends and relatives, shook with rage as he described the arrival of the first professional rescuers.

"There were so many screams of survivors coming from under the piles," said Sergei Dzhashkhunov, 40. "But the first thing the rescuers did was set up their tents."

Once they went to work, rescuers decided they should first dig into debris where children were believed trapped. Crews already working at sites where people were screaming from beneath the rubble were diverted for the children's search. Relatives screamed with anger and disbelief as crews disbanded.

Majority leader Dole turns to bully pulpit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bob Dole's presidential aspirations will rise or fall on his accomplishments as Senate majority leader, the conventional wisdom goes. But leadership can take many forms, and Dole is just beginning to tap the possibilities.

With his assault on Hollywood values, the consummate nuts-and-bolts legislator is turning to the bully pulpit and larger themes. At the same time, he's deflecting attention from the sticky uncertainties of the Senate.

The balanced budget amendment to the Constitution died for lack of one vote, sweeping House-passed legal reforms were substantially weakened, Republicans are feuding over tax cuts and Dr. Henry Foster may be confirmed as surgeon general despite adamant opposition by Dole and social conservatives.

Attacking gangsta rap and violent movies is a whole lot simpler, and gets immediate political results.

"People are very happy he's done this. The expectation is that he will continue to deal with these things," says Gary Bauer, president of the Family Research Council and a onetime domestic policy adviser to President Reagan.

Smart politicians realize at some point, sometimes out of strategic necessity, that there's more to being presidential than getting bills passed.

When his cherished health reform plan was on the ropes last fall, President Clinton began talking about "community values," the importance of character and the ills of society. He hasn't stopped since.

In Montana, motivated in part by the Oklahoma City bombing, he implored people to disagree in civilized ways. In May, he hosted a conference on character-building and the importance of the family. This month, Clinton has invited community leaders to search for common ground on social problems.

Dole, R-Kan., the front-runner for his party's presidential nomination, is not exactly a natural fit for the bully pulpit. As Bauer put it, "Great rhetoric has not been one of his strengths."

For years, Dole has been immersed in arcane legislative details, driven by the imperative to build coalitions and forge compromises. He is fluent in areas most Americans are not: unfunded mandates, line-item vetoes, cloture and the 10th Amendment.

In the 1988 primary season, Dole mostly baited George Bush about the Iran-Contra affair and growing up rich. He said he understood people who "made it the hard way." He spent a lot of time defending his record on tax increases — the issue that ultimately did him in. "Clearly, in the past, a better job could have

been done with fleshing out the senator's whole range of concerns. We're not going to make that mistake again," said a Dole associate, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Dole's values-and-violence speech underscores his recognition that candidates for president need to be more than legislative facilitators. Bush called it "the vision thing." Dole strategists prefer "the leadership thing." "We haven't seen enough of this side of him. But the campaign gives him an opportunity to step out of his Senate role, to talk in broader terms to the whole country," said Frank Donatelli, a campaign adviser. "When you're legislating, you talk about government programs and process. When you're running for president, you have to talk about values and general themes."

Former Vice President Dan Quayle kicked off the Hollywood values debate and a major controversy in 1992 with a critique of "Murphy Brown," a popular network television show.

Dole chose safer, far more shocking targets, among them song lyrics that are abusive, violent and obscene. The political appeal of Hollywood-bashing was guaranteed; only 25 percent of the respondents in an April poll by Public Opinion Strategies, Dole's pollsters, said they felt Hollywood TV and movie producers represented their values well.

Cockroaches enjoy day of understanding at 'BugFest'

DALLAS (AP) — Normally, cockroaches brave enough to appear in broad daylight in Texas are fair game to be sprayed, swatted or squashed. Recently, they beckoned for understanding.

Appearing at the Dallas Zoo's annual "BugFest," cockroaches joined other unsavory six- and eight-legged critters for a day to call their own.

Among the stars of the show were "hissing" cockroaches. As if Texas didn't have enough roaches to call its own, these large, banded prehistoric beasts were imported from Madagascar.

"They're brought in because it's easier to study larger specimens," said Dr. Ray Thompson, an entomologist with Terminix, who caused some of his speci-

mens to hiss by touching their backs.

He said the pests are by far the most hearty animals known to man. With relatively few evolutionary changes over 75 million years, the scavengers have survived the Ice Age and the Raid age without missing a beat.

Thompson said these wayward sons of carrion, of which there are about 200 species in the United States alone, exist in some form in every corner of the world.

Another bug that draws many entomologists' enmity is the termite. The small, fragile insects cause billions of dollars of damage a year, according to pest control expert David Fincannon of A-All Pest Termite Exterminators in Dallas.

In response, Fincannon has

turned loose another member of the animal kingdom. His Queensland heeler dog has been trained to sniff out termites, and he's training bloodhounds to perform similar tasks.

Fincannon added that beagles are also cricket when it comes to snooping out the pests.

Ernest Ryan has spent 30 of his 81 years collecting and encasing hundreds of insects for show to schools and other groups a mite interested in the insect world.

Ryan began by collecting butterflies and moths, but he found that more girls than boys were interested in his preserved pets.

"That's when I started bringing tarantulas and other animals," he said. "The boys seem to enjoy those much more."

Ryan, who volunteers his collection as a hobby, said he finds his prizes in a number of ways, from extensive searching to happenstance.

"I found these playing golf," he said of a framed assortment of beetles he displayed at his BugFest booth. "I always take pill bottles with me to collect something I find interesting."

Susanna Weeks, a 4-year-old visitor to the zoo's central lawn area, said she enjoyed the day. It featured bug-oriented music, crafts and other activities.

"I learned not to hurt animals because they're God's friends," she said, adding that the event changed her attitude about the little creatures. "I thought they were all mean. I like the ladybugs."

Tangled endangered species politics grow more complicated

HOUSTON (AP) — The state's already mixed-up politics over endangered species became a little more complicated at a gathering arranged by a prominent Houston conservation leader.

Terry Hershey said she held the meeting in Austin recently so she and other conservationists could hear state wildlife officials describe proposals for revising the federal

Endangered Species Act they had helped develop.

The proposals emerged from meetings that officials of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, plus state and federal agricultural officials, held with landowner and agricultural groups critical of the law.

Some environmental leaders had complained that the state wildlife agency was being one-

sided in meeting only with the act's detractors, and claimed that some proposals produced by those talks would weaken the law.

Hershey, a conservation group leader in Houston since the 1960s, is now a member of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission but that the meeting was not an official activity of the agency.

"It was a personal effort to educate myself, and I decided to invite some of my friends," she said.

Nonetheless, Andrew Sansom, executive director of Parks and Wildlife, said he hoped its participation at the meeting would "address the perception" by some environmentalists that the agency was tilting toward one side in the debate.

NAACP will close and merge southwestern regional headquarters in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — The NAACP will close its Southwest regional headquarters in Dallas and merge its functions with the Los Angeles office, officials said.

The consolidation is part of an overall effort to cut the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's \$3.8 million national debt, said Robert Starr, an NAACP national board member.

The future of Shannon Reeves, director of Region 6, has not been determined, said officials with the nation's oldest civil rights organization.

Region 6 administers NAACP activities in Texas, Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

Reeves had served two years as regional director in the NAACP

Los Angeles office. He told *The Dallas Morning News* that he has "no desire to go back there."

The organization has said the financial crisis poses the worst threat it has ever faced in its 86-year history.

The closing of the Dallas office, along with those in St. Louis and Detroit, would save the organization \$2.2 million and trim about

20 employees from the NAACP payroll, Starr said.

"I believe the organization will survive," said Lee Alcorn, president of the NAACP Dallas branch.

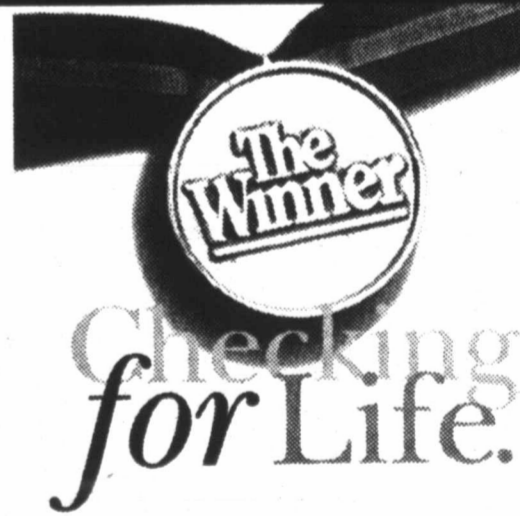
Al Lipscomb, newly elected member of the Dallas City Council and longtime black political activist, said he was disturbed by the announcement.

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