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FEMA denies tornado aid request

By CHIP CHANDLER
Staff Writer

After almost two months of hanging in limbo the wait is over, and word from the Federal Emergency Management Agency is "discouraging," says one local government official.

Local officials learned this morning that Gray County and Pampa will not be declared a presidential disaster area, and FEMA funds will not be available to help residents, the city or the county recover from the June 8 tornado.

In a copy of a letter to Gov. George W. Bush received by county and city authorities today, FEMA Director James L. Witt says, "After a thorough and careful review of your request and the damage assessment information, we have concluded that the impact of this event is not of a severity and magnitude that warrant

a major disaster declaration."

In other words, "the damages surveyed [by disaster review teams in June] do not meet the requirement ... that such damages must be beyond the capability of the local government to recover," according to Tom Millwee, state coordinator for the Texas Department of Public Safety's division of emergency management.

Ken Hall, Pampa/Gray County emergency management director, says the city has no immediate plans for a response, but the letter is expected to be one of the first items discussed in the city commission's 1 p.m. work session Aug. 8.

The denial may be appealed within 30 days, and Hall says that may be one option the local government pursues.

He also says that he is investigating funding from other agencies, including the Federal Housing Administration and the Small Business Administration.

That assistance is "not as good" as that offered by FEMA, but it does include some low-interest loans with minimal down payments.

Hall assures those who suffered property damage in the tornado that Pampa and Gray County are doing all they can to find money somewhere to aid in rebuilding.

"There are some opportunities for financial assistance that would have come with the presidential declaration, that may not be available," he said.

Hall says that he had a feeling the funding might have been denied.

"Because they had taken so long ... I was getting a little antsy," Hall said. "The fax confirmed that."

One reason for Hall's nervousness was the time he spent waiting for word from the federal agency.

FEMA officials, as well as SBA and DPS's emergency management division

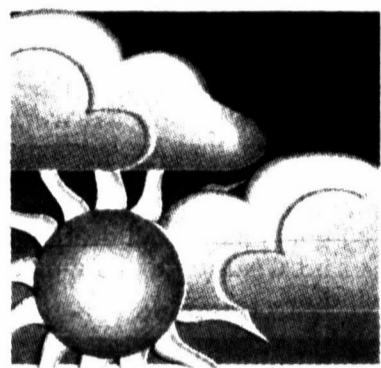
team members, toured Pampa June 13, inspecting the devastation caused by the storm as well as examining city and county financial estimates.

About one month later, FEMA declined to include Pampa and Gray County in a presidential disaster declaration for storms that struck Tom Green, Llano and Nolan counties.

The DPS's emergency division had hoped that the June tornadoes in Gray, Hidalgo, Parmer, Wheeler and Wilbarger counties could be included in that declaration because all the storms originated from the same weather system.

After that setback, Gov. Bush issued another, separate disaster declaration for those Panhandle counties. After a state disaster is declared, the next step is FEMA's office.

The wait ended today when city officials received a fax from the DPS's emergency division, almost two months after the storm.



Low tonight near 70,
high tomorrow near 90.
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details.

DIMMITT — Castro County Harvest Days '95 is planned for Aug. 4 through 12 in Dimmitt.

The celebration includes a car show, pet show, gospel singing, county fair, arts and crafts show, quilt show, parade, fiddlers' contest, kids' pedal tractor pull, volleyball tournament, horse shoe and washer pitching contests museum open house, carnival, street dance barbecue, style show and Tae Kwon Do exhibition.

The Castro County All-Around Roping will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6, at the Dimmitt roping arena. Rodeo performances will be Friday and Saturday, Aug. 11 and 12.

The Dimmitt Promenaders will sponsor a barbecue supper, catered by Dyer's, followed by a square dance Saturday, Aug. 12. The street dance with the band Rowdy Ace will begin at 9 p.m.

For more information, call Delores Heller at (806) 647-2524.

A major rehabilitation project on 11 miles of Interstate 40 in Carson County will begin this month.

The Texas Department of Transportation will improve the driving surface of IH 40 from 1.6 miles east of Conway to 2 miles west of Groom. Duinick Brothers, Inc. of Grapevine was awarded the \$2,423,313 contract. The project includes a new surface and new striping.

Speed through the construction zone will be reduced to 55 mph. Traffic will be narrowed to one lane of travel during the day. All lanes will be open at night.

The project is expected to be completed by June 1996.

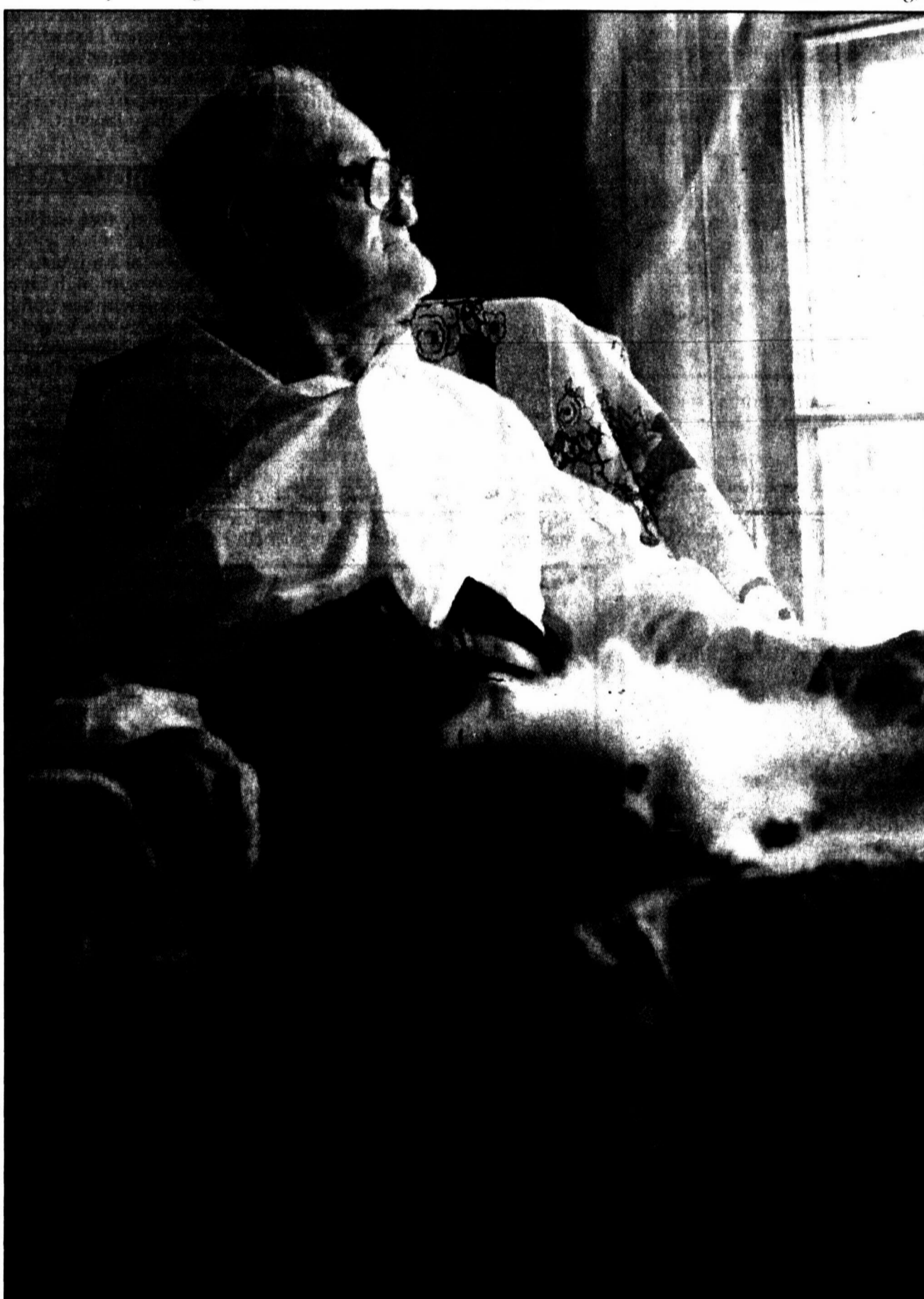
CHILLICOTHE — Funeral services were pending today for a two-year-old boy who was swept from his father's arms early Wednesday as flood waters washed over U.S. 287.

Hardeman County authorities said the body of Jesus Raymond Guillen, 2, was found about 8:30 a.m. Wednesday after being washed away as his father, brother and a friend of his father's made for higher ground in flood waters 1.5 miles east of Chillicothe.

Sheriff's officers said the two men, soldiers from Fort Bragg, N.C., along with Jesus and his brother Jonathan Guillen were on their way to Amarillo to visit relatives when flood waters pushed their car off the highway about 2:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Searchers with the Chillicothe Volunteer Fire Department found the two-year-old about six hours later about a half mile from the highway. Hardeman County Justice of the Peace Tom Mackoy ordered an autopsy.

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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Ira Taylor, the last living cowboy to have worked on the sprawling XIT Ranch, looks out the living room window in his home, reflecting on days and friends of the past. He spends much of his time these days reading.

Last XIT cowboy wants to go to rodeo

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

AMARILLO — Ira Taylor wants to go to the XIT Rodeo and Reunion in Dalhart this weekend. Last year, parade organizers said, he complained about having to ride in a car by himself.

Taylor, who will turn 99 on Oct. 3, is the last living cowboy who worked on the XIT Ranch, a cattle empire that covered much of the western Texas Panhandle. Six thousand miles of barbed wire surrounded it's three million acres.

"I was born at Channing and that was the headquarters of the XIT," said Taylor, looking out the window of his Amarillo home. "My dad was working for the XIT."

The family moved to the 101 Ranch near Hartley when Taylor

was still an infant, then on to Hereford.

"We lived there until 1908 and then moved to Hall County," Taylor said.

The family moved on to Childress County in 1914.

"Then I started out on my own about 1915," Taylor said. "I made the last roundup of the XIT at Blackwater in 1915."

By then the famed ranch, organized in 1882 by a group of Chicago investors in payment for a new state capitol building in Austin, was being sold off.

"They put that land on the market and leased it out for steers," Taylor said.

In the fall of 1915, Taylor and other cowboys from ranches that had cattle grazing in the pasture along Blackwater Draw in Parmer County gathered to

roundup 10,000 steers.

The town of Bovina was on the north side of the Blackwater pasture. Texico was on the west.

"I don't know how many sections they had there then," Taylor said. "All those steers had been out there all the spring and summer, and we gathered them that fall. I guess it was in October."

They gathered the steers and sorted them, then held them on the open range, day herding them to keep them from mixing again.

"I never got so tired of day herding in my life," Taylor said. "It's a job working 10,000 head of cattle. But on the other hand, we had plenty to eat. There were about seven or eight chuck wagons out there. Plenty of good horses to ride."

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Pampa school officials assessing options to improve TAAS scores

From Staff and Wire Reports

Pampa school officials today are assessing their options after learning Wednesday that Pampa High School and Pampa Learning Center were placed on the state's list of low-performing schools.

Pampa Independent School District is on the list of 38 low-performing school districts.

The lists were announced Wednesday in Austin by Education Commissioner Mike Moses.

Student failure rates on the math portion of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills accounted for nearly half of the schools placed on the campus list, Moses said.

Math scores were part of the reason the high school made the low-performance list, said Principal John Kendall, but reading scores were low as well.

Students who mastered the math section dropped from 59 percent in 1994 to 53 percent this year. Only 69 percent of sophomores passed the reading section of the test, compared to 80 percent in 1994.

"We realized when we got the TAAS results in this spring that there were things we needed to work on," Kendall said today.

Kendall said the district will have to submit a letter to the Texas Education Agency describing what they are doing to bring the scores up to state standards.

Part of their plan is an advisory program for students who haven't passed one or more sections of the test.

Kendall said at the June 22 school board meeting, in which he and members of the high school leadership committee presented their plan, that he hopes the advisory groups would help the sophomores find motivation to pass the test.

Kendall added that all departments in the school will be involved in improving the scores.

The number of low-ranked schools increased from 54 last year, when easier state standards were used in judging Texas' 6,229 campuses. The number of schools with high ratings also increased: for example, 245 were found to be exemplary, up from 67.

This year, the state looked at student performance and dropout rates specifically by ethnic and economic group, not just at the student body as a whole.

PLC counselor Richard Steele said his school fell on the list due to its high dropout rate.

"We had a fairly high dropout rate for an alternative school. We're working hard to get more students in to work on their diplomas and GED's and to keep them in," he said today.

TAAS scores for the school, he said, are on the "road to improvement."

Steele said the school is now offering more flexible hours for students in an attempt to lower that dropout rate. In addition, the school provides tangible rewards, including gift certificates and movie passes, for good attendance.

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Panhandle GWCD OKs permit for Quixx Corp.

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

WHITE DEER — A permit allowing Quixx Corp. to pump 37,800 acre-feet per year under normal conditions and 45,000 acre-feet per year under drought conditions from a proposed Roberts County well field was granted Wednesday by the board of directors of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District.

In discussions which lasted until nearly midnight, including a 70-minute executive session, the seven directors wrangled with representatives of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority who propose to buy the now-permitted water rights from Quixx, a subsidiary of Southwestern Public Service.

The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority proposes to buy water rights on 42,765 acres from Quixx Corp., drill wells, build a new aqueduct and mix the Roberts and Hutchinson counties' water

with salt water from Lake Meredith.

The field site lies south of the Canadian River and an aqueduct is planned to connect the wells with aqueducts which serve CRMWA member cities. The \$76.5 million project is to be shared proportionately among CRMWA member cities, including Pampa. The purpose of the project, according to CRMWA's general manager, John Williams, is to improve water quality and quantity for the authority's member cities.

Of the 42,765 total acres, 35,813 lies in Roberts County and falls under the authority of the conservation district. Additional testing will be completed before the sale is consummated, John Williams said.

Voting unanimously to grant the permit were directors Jerry Green, Clarendon; Phillip Smith and Frank Sims Panhandle; Robert Clark Miami; Jim Thompson, Claude Charles Bowers and John Spearman, Pampa.

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Services tomorrow

BATT, Edward Don — 10:30 a.m., White Funeral Home Memorial Chapel, Lubbock.
JENKINS, Robert W. — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.
PITTMAN, Yvonne — 3 p.m., Comanche Funeral Home Chapel, Comanche.
SULLIVAN, Ted R. — Graveside services, 10:30 a.m., Higgins Cemetery, Higgins.

Obituaries

EDWARD DON BATT
 LUBBOCK - Edward Don Batt, 61, a former Pampa resident, died Monday, July 31, 1995 at Panama City, Fla. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in White Funeral Home Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Richard White, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Crowell, and Burleigh Andrews officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of White Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mr. Batt was born May 24, 1934, at Amarillo. He attended school in New Deal. He married Velda Jo Lilley on July 2, 1952, at New Deal. He moved to Crowell from Pampa in 1990. He worked as a wallpaper hanger and was active in evangelism work. He was a veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He was a member of the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship and Highland Penecostal Holiness Church. He was heavily involved in music and church work.

Survivors include his wife, Velda, of Crowell; three daughters, Cynthia Johnson of Crosbyton, Jeanene Gonzales of Panama City, Fla., and Patricia "Sam" Taylor of Hardenville, Mo.; a son, Edd D. Batt of Panama City; his mother, Grace Batt of Lubbock; two sisters, Doris Helen Earp of Benton, Ark., and Mollie Gatlin of Ovilla, Texas; and 19 grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at White Funeral Home, 2210 Broadway, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday evening and request memorials be to the Vigil Dormitory at Cal Farley's Ranch.
J.M. 'JIM' BRAMLETT

BORGER - J.M. "Jim" Bramlett, 76, brother of a Pampa resident, died Wednesday, Aug. 2, 1995 at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Rose Chapel at Sayre, Okla. Burial will be in the Sayre-Doxey Cemetery under the direction of Rose Chapel Funeral Service of Sayre.

Mr. Bramlett was born Oct. 22, 1918, at Appleton, Ark., to Josie Lea and John R. Bramlett. His family moved to Sayre in 1927 where he attended the Beckham County School at New Liberty. In 1940, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was assigned to the cruiser USS Northampton, which was sunk during a battle in the Pacific in 1942, costing many lives. He spent the remainder of World War II on the USS Iowa as a gunner's mate. The USS Iowa was engaged in 13 battles. After the war, he began working for the Phillips Petroleum Company at Borger. He retired after 33 years of service. He was a member of the American Legion and was an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Opal and Bernice; and two brothers, Carl and Burgess.

Survivors include two sisters, Marie Parks of Pampa and Gladys Pendarvis of Oklahoma City; a brother and sister-in-law, Rayburn and Merlene Bramlett of Oklahoma City; two sisters-in-law, Mozelle Bramlett and Kay Bramlett, both of Sayre; four nieces; six nephews; and a host of relatives and friends.

YVONNE PITTMAN
 COMANCHE - Yvonne Pittman, 64, a former Lefors resident, died Tuesday, Aug. 1, 1995, at the Comanche Community Hospital. Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday in the Comanche Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Don Longoria officiating. Burial will be in Blake Cemetery west of May, Texas under the direction of the Comanche Funeral Home Inc.

Mrs. Pittman was born Jan. 26, 1931 at Norton, Texas, to A.D. and Opal Campbell Bryan. She married Morris Pittman Aug. 15, 1948, at Abilene. She worked as city secretary of the city of Lefors for a number of years. She was a member of the East Side Baptist Church in Comanche.

Survivors include her husband, Morris, of Comanche; two sons, Tony Pittman of Keystone Heights, Fla., and Mike Pittman of Amarillo; a sister, Glenda Helm of Cleburne; two brothers, Dwayne Bryan of Atoka, Okla., and Don Bryan of Perry, Fla.; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

TED R. SULLIVAN
 CANADIAN - Ted R. Sullivan, 90, died Aug. 1, 1995, at Twin Oaks Manor Nursing Home in Booker. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the Higgins Cemetery with Gordon Lawson, minister of the Higgins Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Higgins Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Stickle-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mr. Sullivan was born Oct. 17, 1904, at Roff, Okla., to Arad Scott and Sarah Sullivan. He married Opal Norma Irene Phegley Feb. 28, 1941, at Woodward, Okla.; she died Feb. 25, 1990. The couple moved to Canadian in 1958 from Higgins. Mr. Sullivan worked as a driller in the oilfield.

Survivors include four daughters, Vicky Satterwhite of Alava, Okla., Twyla Simmons of Hugoton, Kan., Cheryl Elsheimer of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Jocile Hansarik of Great Bend, Kan.; a son, Ted Sullivan of Miami; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Twin Oaks Manor Nursing Home, 112 Pioneer St., Booker, TX 79005.

Fires

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

WEDNESDAY, August 2
 4:54 p.m. - Three units and four personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Highway 273 and Loop 171.
 10:09 p.m. - Two units and three personnel responded to an unauthorized burn at 2209 N. Sumner.

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrest in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 2
 Officer Kyle Battin reported two men evading arrest at the intersection of Neel Road and Crawford at 2:33 p.m. Wednesday. The men have not been arrested.

A 21-inch color Sony television valued at \$400, 15-inch color Emerson television, \$250; swamp cooler, \$800; black onyx and diamond ring, \$300; and black onyx and diamond necklace, \$200, were reported stolen in a burglary at 212 Miami. The theft occurred at 10 p.m. Tuesday and entry was through the front door.

Forgery was reported in the 400 block of Hughes and in the 1900 block of Williston.

A hole was knocked in a wooden door in a building used by Tralee Crisis Center, 308 S. Cuyler, sometime between 1 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. Tuesday. Estimated damage, \$100.

A drum set valued at \$2,500 was stolen during a burglary at 616 N. Somerville. Entry was through the front door at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Violation of protective order was reported in the 500 block of North wells at 5 p.m. Wednesday. Damage estimated at \$200 was reported to a pine tree in the 2800 block of Rosewood. Limbs were broken between 3 and 4 p.m. Wednesday.

A 1988 or 1989 Chevrolet Suburban valued at \$16,000 was reported stolen in the 2400 block of Cherokee sometime between 4:30 and 8 p.m. Wednesday. The truck is light blue gray and blue.

Assault - family violence was reported in the 500 block of Harlem which occurred at 10 a.m. Tuesday. The victim suffered a bruise to the back of the head.

A rock was used to cause \$200 damage to a 1982 Nissan at Varnon Drive and Crawford at 8:38 p.m. Wednesday.

Assault - family violence was reported in the 1100 block of Huff Road at 10:25 p.m. Wednesday. The victim suffered an abrasion to the right shin.

Theft of a blue Huffy bicycle valued at \$10 was reported in the 1200 block of Farley. The theft occurred between 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Forgery which occurred June 21 was reported at Service Liquor, 800 W. Foster.

Arrest
WEDNESDAY, Aug. 2

Hattie Marie Malone, 39, 1049 Huff Rd., was arrested at McCullough and Hobart on a charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense. She was taken to Gray County jail, where her bond is \$2,000. She was released on bond.

Sheriff's Office

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

TUESDAY, Aug. 1
 Crockett Conoco, Alanreed, reported theft.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 2
 Criminal mischief and theft were reported by GPM at Gray Rd. 5 and Texas 152.

Theft was reported by Panhandle Well Service 1/2-mile south on FM 749 and west on FM 2375. Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported at FM 749 and FM 2375.

Information was reported in the 400 block of North Zimmers

Burglary of a residence was reported on the Bowers City highway.

Arrest
WEDNESDAY, Aug. 2

Michael Christopher Power, 23, Horseshoe, N.C., was arrested on a charge of theft under \$20. He is serving a sentence in lieu of \$100 fine, \$50 court costs and \$16.53 restitution.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 3

Brian Joseph Rush, 23, 525 N. Dwight, was arrested on a violation of probation. His bond was denied.

Orvis Justin Davis, 73, Reydon, Okla., was arrested on a charge of having no driver's license and Carson County warrants. He was transferred to Carson County.

Ambulance

American Medical Transport reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, August 2
 7:34 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a transfer to High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo.

4:53 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the intersection of Highway 273 and Loop 171 on a medical emergency and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

5:29 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing home and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.			
Wheat	4.51		
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 3/8	NC	
Occidental	22 7/8	NC	
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:			
Magellan	87.85		
Puritan	16.71		
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.			
Amoco	65 7/8	dn 3/8	
Arco	114	NC	
Cabot	56 7/8	dn 1/8	
Cabot O&G	13 1/2	up 1/8	
Chevron	49	dn 5/8	
Coca-Cola	66 1/8	up 1/4	
Columbia-HCA	48	dn 7/8	
Diamond Sham	25 3/4	dn 1/4	
Enron	34	dn 1	
Halliburton	40 5/8	dn 1/2	
Ingersoll Rand	41 3/4	dn 1/8	
KNE	24	dn 1/2	
Kerr McGee	56 3/4	dn 1/2	
Limited	19 3/4	up 1/4	
Magco	54 1/4	NC	
McDonald's	38 1/4	up 1/8	
Mobil	96 1/8	up 3/8	
New Atmos	19 5/8	NC	
Parker & Parsley	19 7/8	dn 1/8	
Penney's	47 3/4	dn 1/4	
Phillips	34 5/8	up 1/4	
SLB	66	dn 5/8	
SPS	29 1/2	NC	
Tenneco	49	dn 3/8	
Texas	66 1/2	dn 1/4	
Wal-Mart	25 5/8	dn 1/4	
New York Gold	383.60		
Silver	5.15		
West Texas Crude	17.78		

Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK
 A blood pressure check is offered from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday in the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. Blood sugar tests are offered the first Friday of each month. A donation is accepted to cover expenses.

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XIT cowboy

He said the food was good. They had beans and fruit and, of course, beef.

Although he worked on the XIT only briefly as a teenager, Taylor spent much of his youth as a hand on other ranches in the region.

"I put in most of my time down in Castro County," he said. "I was west of Hart on the Bar X Ranch. I did most of my work there."

His uncle, Jack Killough, owned the spread.

"I stayed out there on that ranch 40 miles from town many a night by myself," he said. "I was there in 1918, the 10th day of January, 1918, the worst blizzard we've ever had in this country."

Taylor has first hand knowledge of the blizzards that have blown across the Panhandle this century. He spent 50 years in road construction, much of it with the state highway department. When the bitterly cold winds blew out of the north

bringing heavy snows to the panhandle, he was among the first to start pushing it off the roads.

"I've been in the Panhandle all my life," he said. "That storm the 10th day of January, 1918, was the worst one I've ever seen. It got down to 23 below zero."

That was also the year that Taylor got married, quit cowboying and went to farming.

"My wife didn't like me riding these broncs," he said. "I worked some on ranches since then but not regular jobs."

He and his first wife parted company a few years later. He married Birt, his new bride, more than 56 years ago.

"You know, I don't know why people want to remember that XIT," Taylor said. "That was the worst hated ranch there was in the world. Of course, people that worked there didn't hate it, but everybody else did, all the other ranchers. Especially all those ranchers that joined it in (New) Mexico. That fence ran right down the line of (New) Mexico."

He said they spent a lot of time checking fence in those days.

Today, Taylor spends much of his time reading. He watches a little television. He still wears his boots, and his Stetson's never too far away.

Friends from Dalhart check with him each year about this time to see if he's coming to the annual celebration in the XIT city. He's made most of them. The rodeo association in Dalhart had cars in the parade to honor the returning hands that used to work on the sprawling ranch.

"His daddy used to ride in the parade," Birt said. "We used to take Mr. Taylor. I used to ride in the parade with him, too, but you can't see much of the parade when you do that."

Last year, Taylor rode in the car by himself with only a driver. He complained that he missed his friends, friends that shared a unique past.

"I guess they're all dead now," he said wistfully looking out his window.

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Quixx

Other permit conditions discussed and finally agreed upon include a requirement CRMWA drill five monitoring wells before pumping begins; CRMWA may not drill within 1/2 mile of the perimeter boundary of the well field within the district, unless a neighbor drills a well closer to the boundary; permittee shall maintain past contractual commitments with neighboring landowners; and acknowledgement of the permit application was filed prior to July 19 and any deficiencies in the application because of changes are waived.

"As of right now I do not feel I can recommend those numbers (pumpage rates) to our operating committee," said John Williams today.

He said he plans to analyze water resources in Hutchinson County which might make up the shortfall in the permit.

He declined to predict what action the CRMWA board might take, except to say CRMWA is authorized to join a pending lawsuit, Quixx vs. Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District No. 3, filed in Potter County.

The issuance of a suitable permit was to be part of the settlement of the lawsuit, John Williams said.

"I feel sure there will be litigation if we're involved directly or not," he said.

At the conservation district, C.E. Williams, district manager, said today, "We fully intend for them to have a reasonable project."

Studies show the project will pay out at 30,000 acre-feet per year in 20 years, C.E. Williams said.

"We're not wanting to go to court, believe me," C.E. Williams said.

The conservation district covers Roberts, Carson, Gray and Donley counties, plus portions of Hutchinson, Potter and Armstrong counties.

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TAAS

This is the first time PLC has been placed on the list, he said. An improvement plan will be presented to the school board when a specific detailing of errors is available to the school.

"If we're going to see significant improvement in achievement, it's going to have to come because of the will of the local parents, the communities, the school board working with the educators," Moses said. "They

will be the people that will bring about the change."

The number of campuses and school districts with high ratings increased along with the number of low performers this year.

Besides the 245 exemplary campuses, 982 were rated "recognized," the second-highest category, up from 516. Among school districts, 14 were rated exemplary, up from six, and 137 were rated recognized, up from 54.

Canadian Elementary and White Deer Elementary were included on the top-rated list.

In addition, Moses said, the overall dropout rate has gone down: The number of seventh-graders predicted to drop out of school before earning a high school diploma was 14.4 percent in 1993-94, down from 15.8 percent.

Asked to grade Texas schools overall, Moses said, "We're maybe a high C right now. That's up from the previous year, but that means we still have a lot of improving to do. I would be very concerned if my fourth-grader and seventh-grader brought home C's this year."

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. A low tonight near 70. Friday, partly sunny with a decreasing chance of rain and a high near 90. East winds 10-20 mph. Wednesday's high was 69; the overnight low was 65. Pampa received 0.07 inch of moisture in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle, northern and western two thirds of the region: Tonight, partly cloudy, mostly cloudy northeast with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in low to mid 60s. Friday, mostly sunny, partly sunny with a chance of thunderstorms northeast. Highs in mid 80s to around 90. Eastern and southeast Panhandle: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in upper 60s. Friday, partly sunny with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs

in upper 80s. South Plains: Tonight, partly to mostly cloudy. A chance of showers or thunderstorms low rolling plains. A slight chance of showers or thunderstorms eastern South Plains. Lows in the 60s. Friday, partly to mostly cloudy. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms eastern South Plains and low rolling plains. Highs in mid 80s to around 90.

North Texas - Tonight, mostly cloudy central areas with a chance of thunderstorms. Partly cloudy elsewhere with a slight chance of thunderstorms west. Lows 69 to 74. Friday, partly cloudy west and central with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Becoming mostly cloudy and windy east with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs 87 to 96.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight and Friday, some late night and early morning cloudiness. Otherwise partly cloudy with widely scattered mainly evening and afternoon showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 70s. Highs in the 90s, 100 to

104 Edwards Plateau. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight and Friday, partly cloudy with isolated mainly evening and afternoon showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 70s inland, low 80s coast. Highs near 90 coast, 90s to near 100 inland, 100 to 105 Rio Grande plains. Upper Coast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in low 70s. Friday, increasing clouds from the east with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in low to mid 90s.

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New Mexico - Tonight through Friday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of early night and afternoon thunderstorms, mostly mountains areas. Lows low 40s to near 60 mountains with mid 50s to upper 60s lower elevations. Highs mid 70s to near 90 mountains with mid 80s to near 100 lower elevations.

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Hutchison argues against open Packwood hearings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Compelling public hearings in the investigation of sexual and official misconduct charges against Sen. Bob Packwood would be a "terrible mistake," says Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Mrs. Hutchison and fellow Texas Republican Sen. Phil Gramm on Wednesday joined 50 colleagues in rejecting an attempt by Democrats to pry open the ethics investigation of Packwood.

By a 52-48 vote, the Senate upheld the Senate Ethics Committee's decision not to hold open hearings in the case against the powerful Senate Finance Committee chairman. The six-member, bipartisan ethics committee had been torn asunder in recent weeks by partisan strain over the question of whether to compel public hearings. Last May, the committee found "substantial, credible evidence" of wrongdoing by Packwood, R-Ore.

Of the Senate's eight women, only Mrs. Hutchison and Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., opposed the public hearings championed by Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif. Had the eight women voted en bloc, there would have been a 50-50 tie that Vice President Al Gore, as president of the Senate, would have been called in to break.

Mrs. Boxer, who introduced the resolution to require hearings, argued that women's trust in the Senate was at stake. "This is not a private club... this is the people's

Senate. We should open up the doors," she said.

But opponents noted that had Mrs. Boxer won, it would have marked the first time the Senate had intervened in an ethics probe before the committee finished its work. They also noted that bringing the matter before the full Senate would render the ethics panel useless.

"The ethics committee must be allowed to finish its work and make its recommendations," Mrs. Hutchison said in a floor speech. "At that point the full Senate will be called upon to agree or disagree and act on the recommendation."

Mrs. Hutchison took pains to outline her position on the Packwood matter, especially in light of her high-profile criticism last year of the Navy's investigation of sexual misconduct at the 1991 Tailhook convention.

Last year, she teamed with the six other women in the Senate at the time to condemn the Tailhook scandal.

"In the case of the Tailhook incident the Navy conducted its investigations, I was asked if the investigations were adequate. In my judgment they were not," she said. "The case before us is very different. We have an investigation in process. No recommendation has yet been made but some of our members want to make a judgment on its adequacy before it is finished."

Gramm didn't make a floor statement in advance of the vote.

Aerospace giants unite to obtain shuttle management contract

HOUSTON (AP) — Two aerospace giants, Rockwell International and Lockheed Martin, say they are joining forces to go after the management contract for NASA's space shuttle operations.

The 15-year-old program has annual expenses of \$3.2 billion.

NASA tentatively plans to meet with aerospace contractors in Houston this month to reveal how it will implement the transition from government to largely private sector management of its shuttle program.

In the United Space Alliance, the new joint venture announced Wednesday, California-based Rockwell and Maryland-based Lockheed Martin, will be a formidable competitor for the work.

The agency says it may competitively bid the work or negotiate a new agreement with a company already under contract for shuttle activities, of which Rockwell and Lockheed Martin are the largest, said NASA spokesman Ed Campion said.

The outcome promises to have major long term employment repercussions in the aerospace communities of Clear Lake surrounding the Johnson Space Center in Houston and Cape Canaveral, Fla., surrounding the Kennedy Space Center.

The two companies employ 20,000 at the two space centers, about two-thirds of the shuttle's national workforce.

"It's fair to say that we would expect all locations over time to be reduced in employment," said Kent Black, Rockwell's executive vice president and chief operating officer, said.

Black made the announcement with Bill Hansen, vice president of Washington operations for Lockheed Martin's information and technology services sector.

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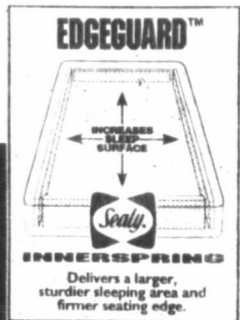
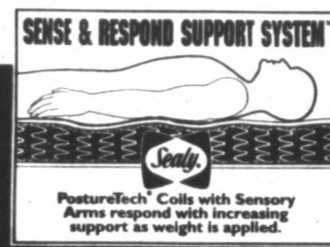


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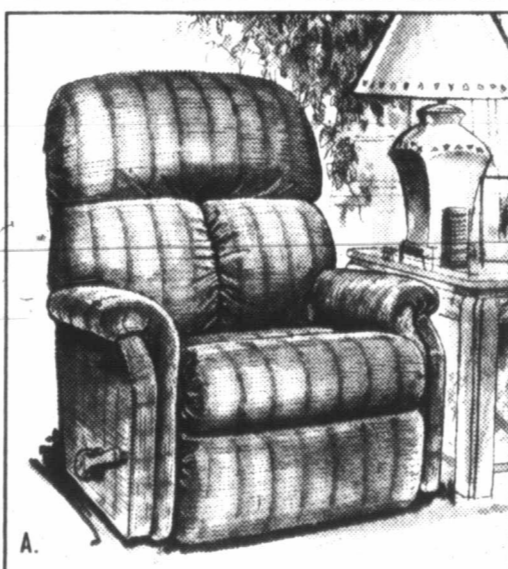
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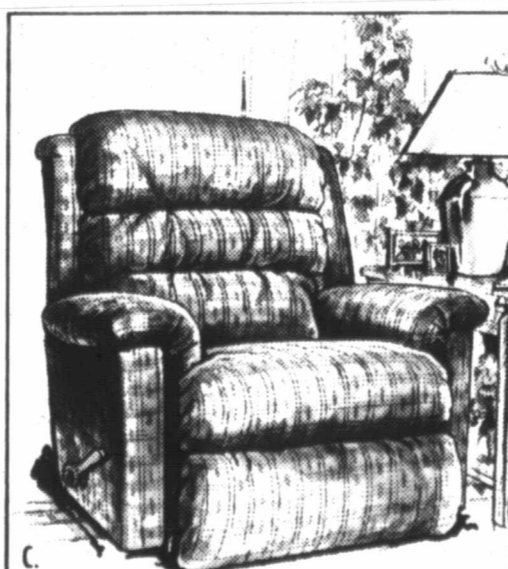
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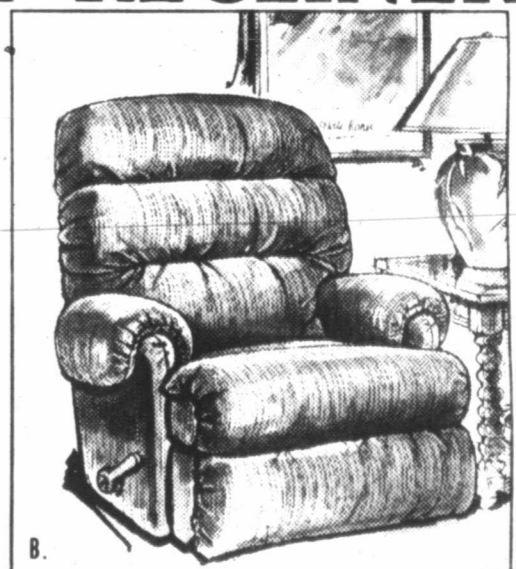
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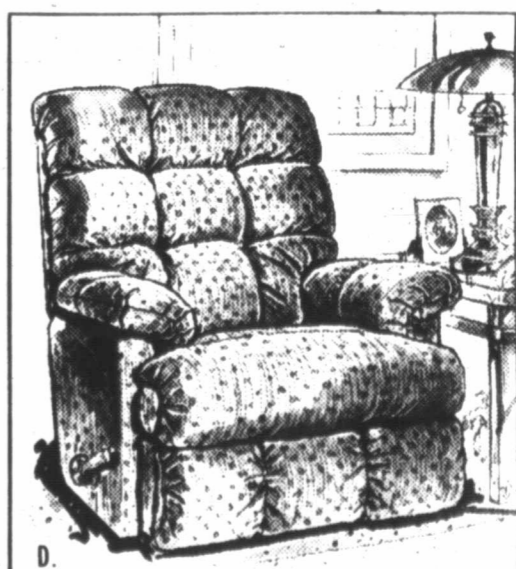
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Opinion

State and schools do not really mix

Even though it seems to have been motivated in part by blatantly political considerations, President Clinton's declaration that the First Amendment does not make government schools "religion-free zones" is welcome. Even new federal guidelines, however, might not be enough to get around the problems that will always crop up when government run schools deal with students' desires to express religious beliefs.

The First Amendment declares that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." The intention was to prevent the creation of an "established" church, supported financially by taxpayers, like the one in England. There were few if any government schools in existence at the time, so prayer in schools was not an issue. The First Amendment did not prevent state governments from subsidizing churches, and several of them did so.

By 1868, when the 14th Amendment, which admonished states not to "deny any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws," among other things, was ratified, most states had stopped subsidizing churches in response to public opinion. It is questionable whether the amendment's framers had intended it, but subsequent Supreme Courts interpreted the 14th Amendment to require state governments to abide by the Bill of Rights, including the requirement not to establish a church or to restrict the exercise of religion.

In the late 19th century, most states and local jurisdictions had established tax supported schools, which eventually supplanted the mostly but not exclusively religious private schools that had been the American pattern before.

A modicum of religious observance was allowed - until the late 1950s and early 1960s, when the Supreme Court struck down mandatory prayers in government schools.

It is perhaps symbolic of our overly bureaucratized and needlessly complexified society that President Clinton now feels it is necessary to explain an amendment that starts "Congress shall make no law" with sets of guidelines from the Departments of Education and Justice explaining what is and isn't permissible.

It is unlikely, however, that these guidelines will be able to deal with all the potential problems and controversies that can arise in a government institution in a diverse society that requires people of all creeds to go to schools and tries to accommodate their religious beliefs without treading on the rights or sensibilities of others.

The best way out of this dilemma could be to start entertaining - and eventually action upon - the idea that the separation of school and state is as important to our freedom to express our diverse ideas and raise our diverse families as is the separation of church and state.

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A pointless military extravagance

Enemies come and enemies go, but weapons programs endure forever. The B-2 bomber, conceived to deliver nuclear warheads on an adversary that no longer exists, is now being advertised as more critical to our security than ever, even though the threats to our security are less plausible than ever.

Our willingness to pay its extravagant price, we are told, is a test of our seriousness as a superpower. But then, hardly a day goes by that we are not obliged to pass some superpower responsibility dreamed up by people nostalgic for the Cold War - bombing the Serbs, invading Haiti, policing Somalia. No matter how many tests we pass, there is always another one waiting.

In reality, the B-2 presents a different challenge: To prove we can discipline the defense budget at a time when our military dominance is uncontested. The end of the Cold War brought the collapse of the most formidable adversary the United States has ever faced. But we still spend nearly as much on defense as all the other nations in the world combined.

The B-2 is one of the reasons. With a price tag exceeding \$1 billion apiece, it's worth twice its weight in gold. Money, unfortunately, can't buy everything. The plane, whose "stealth" technology is supposed to make it invisible to enemy radar, may not work as it is supposed to.

A recent report by Congress' General Accounting Office found that it has assorted problems, the worst of which is that it may not be terribly stealthy. "The Air Force," said the study, "has yet to demonstrate that the B-2 design will meet some of its most important mission requirements."

For the sake of argument, let's assume the best. If it performs up to expectations, the B-2 will be an



Stephen Chapman

exceptional aircraft - a long range bomber capable of hitting the most heavily protected targets before enemy defenders realize it has arrived, and maybe without even letting them know who hit them. For certain missions, it promises to be superior to anything else we have.

But thinking up circumstances where nothing else will do is a strenuous exercise. The B-2's advocates note that it can take off from the United States and hit any target on Earth with a single refueling. But so can the B-1B bomber, of which the Air Force already has 95. Conservatives once insisted the B-1B was critical to our security. Now that another large and shiny weapon has caught their fancy, they have completely forgotten their old love.

B-2 supporters say it would be foolish to place our entire reliance on an aging fleet of B-52s, which date back to the 1950s. Here too, they suffer from amnesia about the B-1B, which didn't roll out until 1986 and which is currently being converted from a nuclear role to a conventional one.

Built to penetrate Soviet air defenses, which were the densest and most sophisticated in the world, the B-1B can certainly handle whatever might be

thrown at it by Iraq or North Korea. Virtually any mission the B-2 can carry out, says Michael Brown of Harvard's Center for Science and International Affairs, can also be performed by the B-1B.

In rare instances - say you want to hit Belgrade without anyone knowing who did it or carry out a surprise attack to kill Saddam Hussein in his bed - stealth is essential. If that need arises, you'll be glad to know, we'll have the 20 B-2s the Pentagon has already ordered. We'll also have the F-117, a stealth fighter-bomber used against Baghdad during Operation Desert Storm.

Stealth, we are told, is a way to minimize risks to pilots at a time when Americans are highly allergic to casualties. But a better and cheaper way to conserve the lives of aviators is the cruise missile, which can accurately hit targets deep in enemy territory from aircraft cruising well beyond enemy reach.

The supporters can make a plausible case for having a stealth bomber. But that's not the issue. We'll have 20 of these bombers regardless. The only question today is whether we need 40. Considering the scarcity of hypothetical missions for which the B-2 is uniquely suited, the only sensible answer is no.

Republicans in Congress have pushed the excellent idea of requiring that the benefits of federal regulations exceed their costs. But many GOP members shy away from applying that logic elsewhere. The value of each extra B-2 is so small as to be almost invisible. The cost is not.

The world after the Cold War is not totally lacking in dangers, but America's military security is greater than we could have dreamed of 10 years ago. Buying another 20 B-2s would add billions to the budget and nothing to our safety.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 3, the 215th day of 1995. There are 150 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

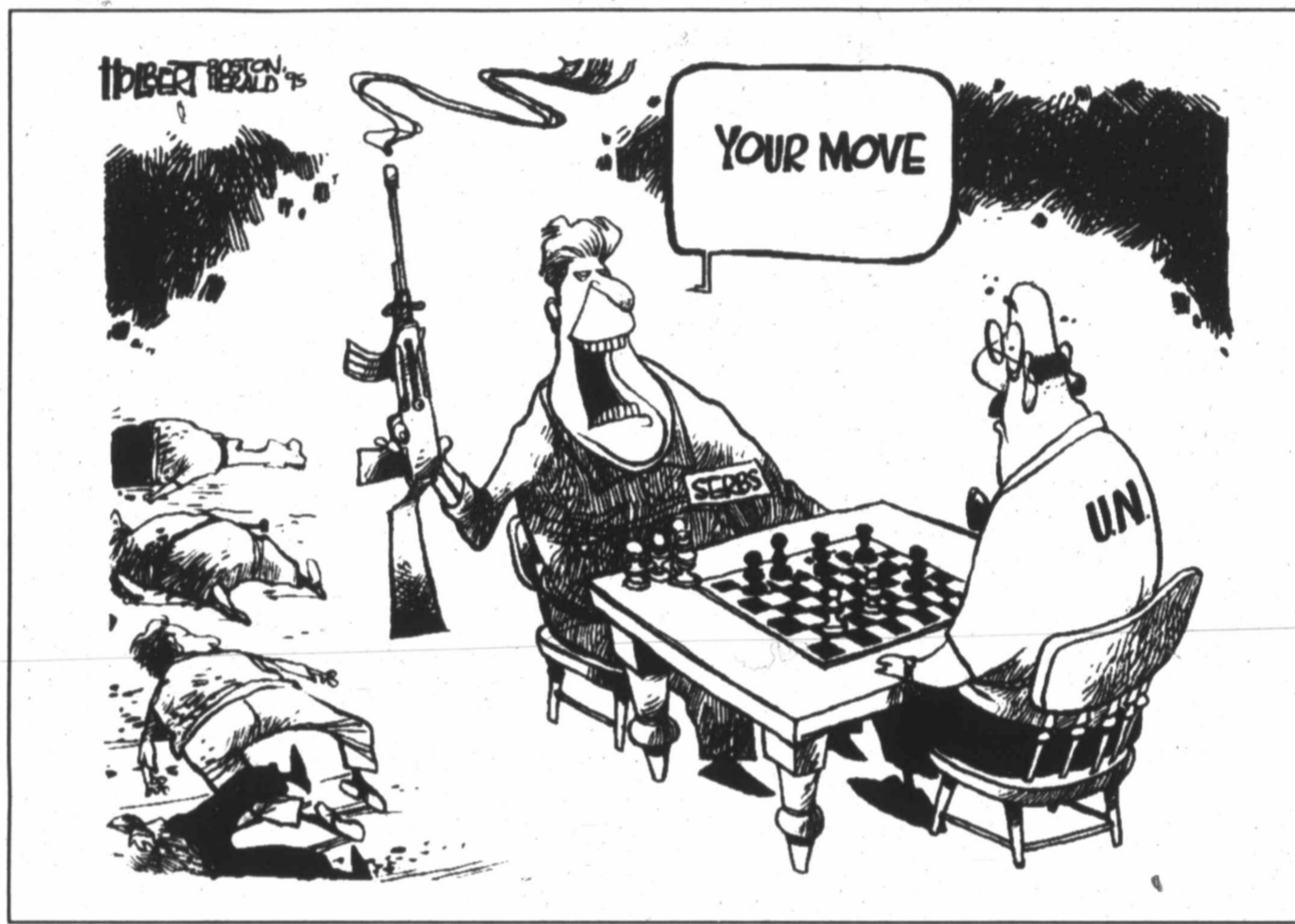
On Aug. 3, 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, on a voyage that would take him to the Americas.

On this date:
In 1894, workers at the Pullman Palace Car Co., their strike broken, ended their walkout.

In 1921, baseball commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis refused to reinstate the former Chicago White Sox players implicated in the "Black Sox" scandal, despite their acquittals in a jury trial.

In 1923, Calvin Coolidge was sworn in as the 30th president of the United States, following the death of Warren G. Harding.

In 1943, Gen. George S. Patton slapped a private at an army hospital in Sicily, accusing him of cowardice. (Patton was later ordered by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to apologize for this and a second, similar episode.)



Dinosaurs breathe cleaner, purer air

There comes a point in every man's - er, person's - life when you realize you have been inducted into the Dinosaur's Club.

You become a member when you realize you are hopelessly out of sync with the younger generations, their tastes and their fads.

I first thought I might be a dinosaur when my two sons laughed heartily at the *Late Show with Dave Letterman* while I sat there like Magua in *The Last of the Mohicans* wondering why anyone would think this paleface is funny. His humor strikes me as middle-age freshman college frat with a mean edge to it. He has a big grin, but his eyes don't laugh much.

But Letterman's success is based on the fact that millions of Americans do find him funny, and that's the point - not whether Letterman is or is not funny (humor is in the ears and eyes of the audience), but that I, who love comedy and humor, don't understand his humor.

So obviously lots of people can see something there that I can't. Or perhaps I see something there that lots of people don't. Either way, out of sync.

The same is true of movies. I do not like movies about human rats and lice whose lack of virtues and stupidity lead to their destruction. The big cult film in the 1960s was a show in which Dennis Hopper and Peter Fonda play dope head drug dealers on a cross country ride on their motorcycles. They are killed in Florida.

Charley Reese

When they were blown away, I applauded and, of course, got a lot of sullen looks from weepy '60s youth who were overcome by the tragedy of it all. But, to me and other dinosaurs, it isn't a tragedy when two worthless, stupid, potheads and dope dealers buy the farm.

For a human death to qualify as a tragedy, the deceased must have had at least a few (the more the better) admirable qualities in life. Otherwise, why would any sensible person greet his departure with anything but relief, celebration, satisfaction, mild amusement or indifference, as the particular case may be?

These days, Hollywood makes a lot of movies in which not only the principal characters are rats, but the entire cast consists of unadmirable, stupid and otherwise unpleasant human beings.

I don't mind really, as it saves me a lot of money. The low tastes of Hollywood have reduced the whole of my annual contribution to the American film industry to two or three matinees. I wouldn't be a movie or television critic today and have to watch all that garbage for twice the bread.

But to return to my point, there's big money in

garbage these days. Egalitarianism, which always results in the total absence of standards, makes it possible for people without talent to succeed quite well. In any society with no standards it is always the worst who benefit. That's why they so viciously attack even the *idea* of standards.

You will notice, especially if you too are a dinosaur, that much of the attention of the politicians, the academics and the media is focused on the worst instead of the best, on the incompetent rather than the competent, on the failures rather than the successes, on the maladjusted rather than the well adjusted, on the stupid rather than the intelligent.

In fact, if you suggest that more than the present smidgen of public education resources should go to the smartest kids in schools, you will be greeted with outright hostility. If you suggest that artists be left to peddle their wares in the free market, to succeed or fail on their own merit, you will surely be called a bad name.

I like being a dinosaur, though. Dinosaurs might be lumbering anachronisms, but at least the air is clearer and cleaner up here than it is down there with all the sheep.

The perspective is better, too. We dinosaurs don't waste our time rediscovering the wheel, stumbling over sin for the first time or listening to idiots try to explain why a gob of paint is art or a repetitious din is music.

Insecure machismos rail on Dole's staff

There are times, I must admit, when I miss the Old Dole.

You know the one I mean - the nasty Bob, the snarly Bob, the bitter Bob. The one who accused the Democrats of starting wars. The one who told George Bush to quit lying about his record. The one who said he might have won the presidency in 1988 if he had kept the press off the plane.

The New Dole, of course, is the Far Right's Bob Forehead, the candidate who will do or say anything, will prostrate himself before any conservative tribune who demands obeisance, will declare himself foursquare again anything his masters don't like, from abortion to *Pulp Fiction*, to get their support.

Notice I did not say I liked the Old Dole, only that I would like to see his occasional reappearance. Like now, when right-wing zealots are giving the New Dole substantial grief about the woman who runs his senatorial office. I would like to see him draw a line in the sand, say enough is enough, and tell them where to go. It won't happen, but it would be fun to see.

If you haven't heard of the Sheila Burke brouhaha, it doesn't mean you are out of touch. It's such inside-the-beltway foolishness that I hesitate even to bring it up, and I wouldn't if it were not so illustrative of the simple minded games the conservative purists play. First, a review:

Sheila Burke, married to a former Reagan administration aide and the mother of three children, is Majority Leader Robert Dole's chief-of-staff. She



Joseph Spear

has worked for the man 18 years, half of it in her current capacity, and she enjoys his complete trust - an amazing achievement, given Dole's leery nature.

Burke is, by all reports, an intelligent, industrious and thoroughly competent individual who knows where Dole stands, knows how he thinks and represents him very well in the daily commerce of the Capitol's backrooms. She is precisely what all proficient Hill staffers are - a deft factotum and technocrat with opinions and feelings that almost always get suppressed in deference to the boss' own. The government could not function without these people - especially not the U.S. Senate, and most especially not Bob Dole, who has the management skills of a house painter and is notorious for his inability to delegate.

But to her conservative critics, who have been after "Evil Sheila" for years, she has two failings: She is a political moderate, i.e., a communist; and she is a woman, i.e., someone who should make

homes, bake bread and let the menfolk lead.

For proof of the former, consider the fact that she is from San Francisco (gasp), was schooled at Berkeley (gurgle) and also went to Harvard (faint dead away). When she went to work for Dole, she told *U.S. News & World Report*, she was a Democrat with a "bias on the liberal side." She remains pro-choice but strives to comfort herself as a neutral "staff person."

For proof of the latter, consider the misogynist nature of the latest assault on Burke. It began with an attack by right-wing waterboy Robert Novak, who accused "the queen of the Senate" of trying to push through watery welfare legislation. Then the *Wall Street Journal* kicked in with a lamentation of this awful woman's "absolutely astonishing" domination of Dole. Then came ideologist Paul Weyrich with a televised commentary and a *Washington Times* column praising Dole as a "patriotic American" who is caught in the clutches of a Madame Mao.

"Ms. Burke is influential with Dole because she is a feminist who has mastered the art of manipulating the Senate Majority Leader," said Weyrich. "Men of his generation don't know how to handle aggressive women of a younger generation."

Here is my fantasy: The New Dole is giving his inaugural address and undergoes a Jekyll-to-Hyde transformation into the Old Dole. He spots Novak and Weyrich and a few of the other insecure machismos of the far right, and he flips them the bird.

I'd pay to see that.

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Watch out, criminals!



(Pampa News photo by Cheryl Barzanak)

Cherise Ponce holds a sign letting telling would-be burglars the home displaying it is protected by Neighborhood Watch. Ponce attended a block party hosted Tuesday night by Beverly and Melvin Clark to acquaint more of their neighbors with Neighborhood Watch and help them form their own watch group. The party Tuesday observed the 12th annual National Night Out. The night, when neighbors are asked to spend the evening outside to get to know each other, is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness and generate support and participation in local anti crime efforts.

Annual Pantex Peace Camp set to mark nuclear age anniversary

AMARILLO — Marking the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the nuclear age, the 12th annual Pantex Peace Camp is scheduled for Friday through Sunday.

Keynote speaker for the Peace Camp this year is Dr. Victor Sidel, distinguished professor of social medicine at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, the Bronx.

Dr. Sidel is co-president of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, an organization which won the Nobel Peace Prize for its efforts to end the Cold War by raising awareness of the health consequences of nuclear war.

He has a long-standing involvement in a variety of domestic and international public health issues, and is a founder and former president of Physicians for Social Responsibility.

The Peace Camp will open at 7:30 p.m. Friday with a picnic and lantern float at Thompson Park in Amarillo.

Following a sunrise opening ceremony at 7 a.m. at the Peace Farm, the Saturday events will be held in the north meeting room of the Amarillo Civic Center at 3rd and Buchanan beginning

with registration at 9 a.m.

Dr. Sidel's presentation will begin at 10 a.m.

Luncheon speaker will be Fumiko Amano, who has recently completed a book, *Fumiko's Diary*, about her experiences as a 14-year-old student and factory worker in Hiroshima when the first atomic bomb was dropped. The lunch is being catered by Washington Square of Amarillo.

A panel presentation will follow the lunch. Workshops on a variety of issues and strategies for planning for the future will complete the afternoon activities.

In the evening, the focus will shift from information to celebration, with a concert by Jahruha and Mary Reynolds.

Jahruha, from Oklahoma City, is a stage performer and story-teller whose reggae-inspired drumming expresses a celebration of diversity and humanity.

Mary Reynolds, of Austin, is a vocalist and guitarist who performs folk music, rock and roll, and jazz with social justice and feminist themes.

Exhibits from regional peace and justice organizations, including Central American crafts by

Pueblo to People, will be available throughout the day.

On Sunday, the day will begin at the Peace Farm at 8:16 a.m. with a circle of silence, a time of meditation marking the 50th anniversary of the Hiroshima bomb.

At 11 a.m., an interfaith service will be held at the east gate of the Pantex nuclear weapons plant, FM 2373 just north of US 60. Speakers will include Roman Catholic Bishop Leroy Matthiessen of Amarillo, Lutheran Bishop Mark Herbener, Jewish Cantor Karen Gilat, Amano, and representatives of other faiths.

Children's activities will be held during the Saturday events at the Civic Center. Tent camping will be available at the Peace Farm throughout the weekend, or interested persons may call for motel information. Requested donation is \$45 for adults, but all are welcome regardless of ability to pay.

The event is sponsored by the Red River Peace Network (an affiliate of the Fellowship of Reconciliation and the War Resisters League), the Peace Farm, and Peace Action.

For additional information, call the Peace Farm, (806) 335-1715.

State briefs

Texas ag commissioner plows cyberspace

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry is surfing the high-tech wave, establishing his own place on the Internet.

Perry's "home page" offers photos of the two-term commissioner, a recorded message, his biography, information about Texas agriculture and more to computer users with access to the global Internet computer network.

Paid for with Perry's political funds, the page established Wednesday also allows readers to send Perry electronic mail, learn his views on issues, obtain a bumper sticker or pledge a donation to the Republican's campaign.

"We certainly think the future — not just of agriculture but of Texas — is tied to technology," Perry said. "With that knowledge, we wanted to be very quickly involved in the Internet."

Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, is among several presidential candidates who have established home pages on the Internet, making available texts of speeches, schedules and other campaign material. Perry said he believes he's the first Texas state official to take the step.

Dean misses driest parts of Texas

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — Many parts of Texas may be soggy from the remnants of Tropical Storm Dean, but the South Texas drought remains as serious as ever.

"We've had some rain, but it certainly hasn't broken the drought," Richard Hagan, top meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Brownsville, said Wednesday.

Falcon Lake, the key reservoir for the Rio Grande Valley, is 42 1/2 feet below its optimum level and continues to drop.

Dean washed ashore east of Galveston early this week. Wet weather in its wake was predicted for parts of northern and central Texas into the weekend.

But the dry fields of the Valley have received only a few scattered showers, if any, thing.

Congress considers Social Security investment plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is weighing legislation that would let working Americans invest some of their Social Security taxes in private retirement accounts in a bid to strengthen confidence in the system and improve the incomes of 21st century retirees.

Experts say there are both risks and benefits to allowing people to divert even a small share of Social Security's payroll taxes into private retirement funds.

Workers who invest wisely, they told Sen. Alan Simpson at a hearing Wednesday, could reap far greater returns than those who depend solely on Social Security.

But, skeptics said, not everyone will invest wisely. And the families of those who die early or are disabled may not have saved enough to keep their families out of poverty and off welfare.

The private investment idea is being pushed by Simpson, R-Wyo., and Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., as part of their series of proposed reforms for the national retirement system.

Under their legislation, workers would be allowed to divert about one-sixth of the Social Security taxes they and their employers now pay into a personal investment plan, similar to an Individual Retirement Account.

Under current law, workers and their employers each pay a Social Security tax of 6.2 percent on wages up to \$61,200.

Social Security now takes in

more than it spends each year on the nation's 43 million retirees, disabled workers and survivors. But by 2013, it will begin spending more than it collects in taxes and will be broke by 2030 unless it is restructured, according to the government's projections.

Backers say Simpson's plan begins to address the pending crisis of insolvency and a lack of confidence in the system, while increasing the retirement earnings of today's working Americans.

Stephen J. Entin told Simpson, at a hearing of the Senate Finance subcommittee on Social Security, that private savings plans "could easily deliver several times more retirement income for future workers than the projected benefits payable by a patched-up Social Security system."

At a 7 percent real return, a dollar saved at age 20 would be worth \$16 at age 60, and \$32 at age 70, said Entin, resident scholar at the Institute for Research on the Economics of Taxation, a public policy research organization devoted to strengthening the free market.

Entin said the added savings would also boost capital formation, wages and employment.

But Social Security Commissioner Shirley Chater said in a statement that Congress should be finding ways to encourage private investment as a supplement to Social Security, and not as a substitute.

State justice supports judicial election reform

AUSTIN (AP) — An 8-year-old medical malpractice suit, from which four Texas Supreme Court justices were asked to remove themselves for political reasons, has led the court to lash out against the Legislature's inaction on judicial election reform.

The reform issue was debated in this year's legislative session. But despite efforts led by Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock to change from the current system of partisan, contested elections, the reform bill died.

Justice Craig Enoch took the opportunity in the opinion issued Tuesday to voice support for judicial election reform.

"The vice lies ... in the Texas judicial selection system, which places intolerable tensions between the process by which judges are chosen and the obligations they must discharge once in office," Enoch wrote.

"This Court has unanimously supported efforts to reform judicial election in Texas. It is the Texas Legislature that has failed to respond, and judges in this state continue to be faced with partisan contested election campaigns," he said.

The comments came in a ruling on a Harris County case concerning one woman who died and another who was permanently disfigured after botched liposuction procedures.

On March 27, 1987, Patricia Howell and Patricia Rogers, both of Pasadena, went separately to Dr. Hugo Ramirez's obstetrics office for liposuction surgery, court records showed.

On the following Sunday, they became critically ill and were both admitted to a Pasadena hospital. Dr. Brian Bernard Bradley, a pulmonary specialist, was called in to treat the women.

The next morning, the women showed symptoms of necrotizing fasciitis, a potentially fatal skin disease that kills the skin from the inside out. The women were transported to a different hospital where they underwent emergency surgery.

Ms. Howell died; Ms. Rogers survived after all of the skin between her chest and her thighs was removed down to the muscle, according to court records.

Ms. Rogers and Howell's family sued and initially won about \$15 million from Ramirez,

Bradley, the hospital and other treating physicians.

Bradley alone appealed the decision, arguing the women were already critically injured when he was called in to help. He said he did everything he could to treat the patients.

An appeals court reversed the decision against Bradley and the women's lawyers appealed to the Texas Supreme Court. But they sought to have four of the justices recused, or removed, from the case.

The lawyers asked for the recusal because the four justices were featured in a 19-minute video produced by TEX-PAC, the political action committee for the Texas Medical Association.

The 1992 video aimed to garner support for the committee's preferred candidates for the Supreme Court, and it used the case against Bradley to push their nominees.

The video urged support for Enoch and Justice Jack Hightower and included comments from Justices Nathan Hecht and John Cornyn, suggesting they would vote favorably in cases like Bradley's.

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Sick Conversation Needs Healthy Dose of Variety

DEAR ABBY: My mother recently sold her home in one state and moved to a retirement center in another. When I asked her how things were going, she said that her apartment was very comfortable, but she'd have to make friends outside the center.

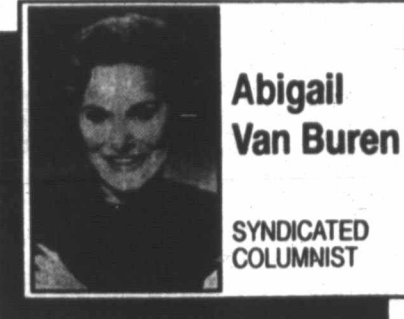
Why? Because the other residents "only want to talk about their ailments."

Abby, will you please say a few words in your column about how to steer conversations to more interesting and stimulating topics?
WORRIED ABOUT MOM
IN WASHINGTON

DEAR WORRIED: When people are out of the mainstream, it's not unusual for their focus to narrow until there's little to stimulate them besides their aches and pains. Changing the subject is as easy as mentioning something your mother read in the newspaper, saw on television or was told. Or, she can ask a question that has nothing to do with health or present circumstances.

There must be others besides your mother in the retirement center who are able to socialize beyond their walls — and who crave intellectual stimulation and conversation beyond the level of complaining about their ailments.

Of course, there are always



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

some who think that the question "How are you?" is meant literally — and instead of giving the most appropriate response, which is, "I'm fine, thank you," proceed with delivering an organ recital. Ella Wheeler Wilcox once wrote a wonderful poem on this subject:

TALK HEALTH
Talk health. That dreary never-ending tale
Of mortal maladies is worn and stale;
You cannot charm or interest or please
By harping on that minor chord, disease.
So, say that you are well and all is well with you
And God shall hear your words and make them true.

DEAR ABBY: Recently, I took

my grandchildren to see the movie "Casper." We loved the show, but I was appalled to see the female character smoking!

I also went to see "The Bridges of Madison County," which I didn't care for, but again, I was annoyed to see the lead character smoking!

Abby, why on earth are they promoting smoking when we have finally educated people to understand the disastrous consequences of smoking?

A.B. AVERY

DEAR A.B. AVERY: I can't speak for "Casper," but "The Bridges of Madison County" depicts life in a small town at least 40 years ago. In those days, we were not aware that cigarette smoking was a killer.

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today could be the day when you get a chance to reciprocate with a friend who has come through for you several times in the past when the chips were down.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You may finally achieve a material payoff today that has been unduly long in coming. Others will share in your joy in what you'll receive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you've been down on yourself lately, today's developments will turn things around. You will see that others care more than you imagined.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Victory will be yours today if you are persistent and consistent. The winner won't be announced until the final stage, so keep trying.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you don't have anything nice to say about friends today, say nothing at all. Pals who talk when they shouldn't will later regret not emulating you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Using both your reasoning and your intuitive

faculties today, you could accomplish a feat that appears impossible to most.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Backing up your conceptions with actions will demonstrate to others that you know what you're talking about. Next time they won't be so hard to convince.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Generally speaking, your probabilities for success look good today because you'll see things for what they truly are and do the doable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A difficult development can be handled successfully today owing to your cooperative spirit. You can establish the ground rules.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) An elder associate might offer you suggestions today on how to achieve a goal you thought was unattainable. Listen carefully: this person has the know-how.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Once again, you might have to deal with an individual who has a chip on his shoulder. Draw upon your personal past experience to handle this person.

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Horoscope

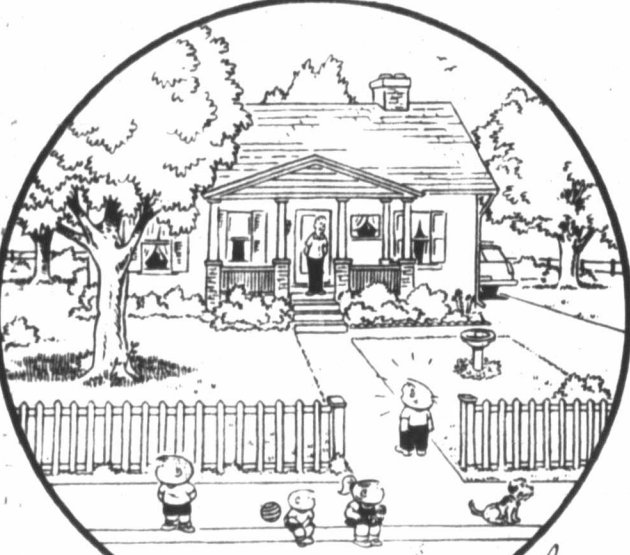


Your Birthday

Friday, Aug. 4, 1995

In the year ahead, your lack of self-esteem might be replaced by boldness and courage. As your daring increases, so will your successes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You will be the one who can help guide or complete a worthwhile endeavor that someone started but never finished. Volunteer your services today and proceed. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.



"Granddad, 'bout what time does your ice cream man usually get here?"



"I'll be here when you get back."

The Family Circus



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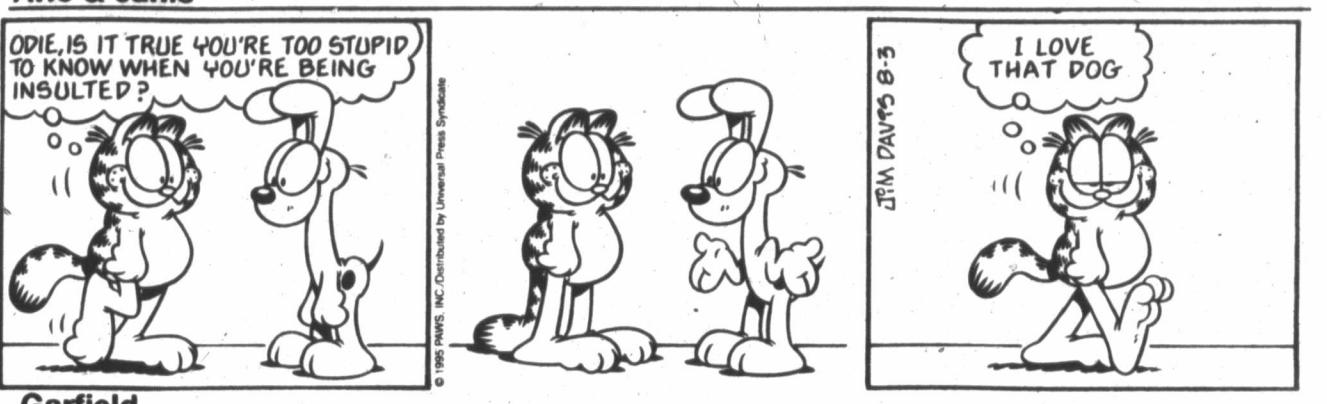
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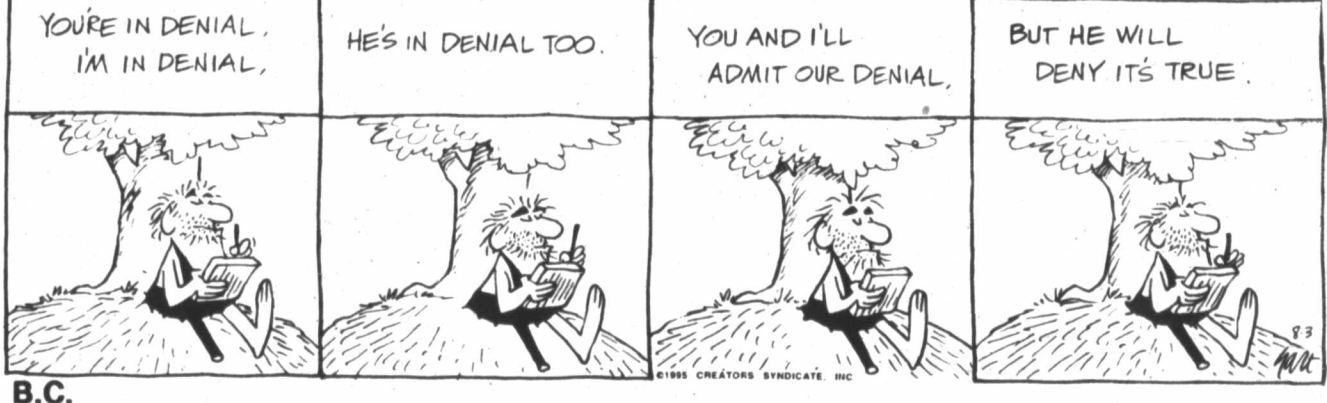
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BASEBALL

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Lenny Dykstra, the Philadelphia Phillies' All-Star outfielder, will miss the rest of the season after undergoing arthroscopic surgery to relieve arthritis under his right kneecap.

NEW YORK (AP) — Arlen Kantarian, a top executive at Radio City Music Hall, apparently will be hired as president of major league baseball, a job that will put him in charge of assorted business operations, The New York Times said.

BASKETBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — The leadership of the NBA players' union says it will drop its attempt to reach a new labor agreement if it can't come to an accord with the league by Tuesday.

If the deadline passes with no agreement, the union said it will agree to dissolve, moving the NBA's labor problems into the courts.

At issue in the labor negotiations is the elimination of a proposed luxury tax, a provision that was included in an early agreement rejected by players.

FOOTBALL

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — A group opposed to the deal bringing the Raiders back to Oakland filed papers seeking a vote to force the team to post collateral for loans promised by the city.

Those loans include \$31.9 million for relocation and operating expenses, and up to an additional \$10 million for the construction of a new team training facility in the Oakland area.

TENNIS

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Tennis star Steffi Graf's father was arrested at his home on suspicion of tax evasion.

Peter Graf, who is also his daughter's manager, was arrested on allegations that he did not file a tax return for four years.

Steffi Graf is under investigation by the same prosecutor's office that ordered her father's arrest.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Germany's Michael Stich cranked up his serve to 128 mph and beat Jeff Tarango 6-3, 6-3 in the second round of the Infniti Open.

Earlier, Alexander Volkov of Russia and Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland struggled to three-set victories and Patrick Rafter of Australia won in straight sets to reach the quarterfinals.

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — Lindsay Lee stunned Chanda Rubin, the world's No. 19 player, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3 in the Toshiba Tennis Classic.

Meanwhile, Lindsay Davenport, ranked ninth in the world, withdrew with a "stress reaction" in her leg.

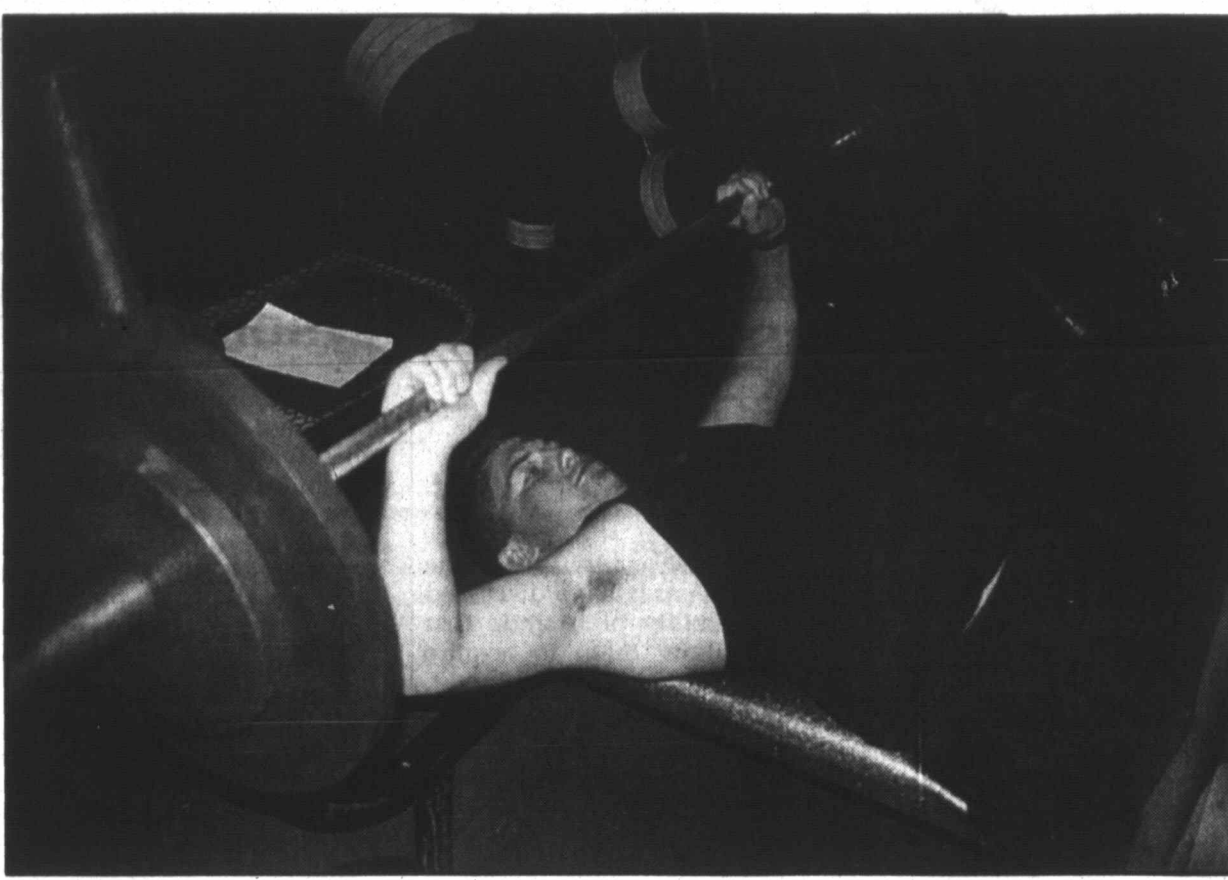
KITZBUHEL, Austria (AP) — Thomas Muster, unable to play at full strength because of a cyst on his foot, rewarded his home fans with a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Steve Campbell to advance to the third round of the Austrian Open.

ATHLETICS

GOTEBORG, Sweden (AP) — Ivan Pedrosa's long jump world record remained in doubt two days before the World Championships when track officials agreed to look at videotape that could show it may have been wind assisted after all.

IAAF officials said they would watch the tapes to see if someone had stood in front of a wind-measure so that the speed appeared legal at the time the Cuban leaped 29 feet, 4 3/4 inches at a meet in Sestriere, Italy, on Saturday.

'Tis almost the season



(Pampa News photo by Jeff Carruth)

Pampa High School defensive lineman Tanner Winkler, a junior, lifts weights in Valhalla on Wednesday evening in preparation for the upcoming football season. Tanner is the son of Keith and Patricia Winkler. The high school squads begin workouts Aug. 9. Pampa's varsity home opener is Sept. 15 versus Amarillo High.

Injury plagued Rangers squeak by A's

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Oakland Athletics and Texas Rangers are struggling with injuries as they try to keep from stumbling out of the wide-open race for the wild-card spot in the American League.

Jeff Frye's three-run homer led the Rangers to a 5-4 victory over the Athletics on Wednesday, but both teams were more concerned after the game with injuries.

The Rangers sent Juan Gonzalez, the two-time American League home run champ, back to Texas for tests today on his left shoulder. The A's expect Danny Tartabull, obtained last week in a trade with the Yankees, to go on the disabled list after regravating a rib cage injury.

Gonzalez has missed the last six games because of a small bone

spur behind his shoulder. He has missed 41 games this season because of back, quadricep, hamstring and shoulder injuries.

"It's worse today than it was yesterday," Texas manager Johnny Oates said after the game. "He's probably tired of tests, but he's just not getting better."

Tartabull, hitting .091 in 11 at-bats since being acquired by Oakland for Ruben Sierra, regravated a muscle injury in his left side and left Wednesday's game in pain after hitting a fly ball in the fourth inning.

"The doctors are telling me the quickest I could come back is probably two weeks," Tartabull said. "If I cough or sneeze, or if I take a deep breath, I feel it."

Tartabull initially injured his

ribs in mid-July while with the Yankees. He said the pain is worse now, and he will probably take a cortisone shot to speed the healing process.

"He was going to be one of our big guns down the stretch run," said Oakland's Mark McGwire, who went 2-for-3 with a walk Wednesday in his return from the disabled list. "We have a good chance for that wild card spot."

McGwire, sidelined since July 18 with a deep bone bruise on his left foot, said his foot felt fine on Wednesday. But McGwire, who missed several games in early July after being beamed by David Cone, said he's still not fully back.

"Baseball's not an easy game, coming back after three weeks," he said.

Money aside, Aikman plays to win games

AUSTIN (AP) — Forget the \$5 million year. Troy Aikman plays the game because he likes to win.

His thirst for competition drives him like a former coach he used to have, the one with the perfect hairdo, chubby cheeks, and win-or-die attitude.

But after this season the quarterback of the Dallas Cowboys could walk away from the Sundays he loves.

Aikman doesn't guarantee he'll be around forever. Or next year.

"I really don't know," Aikman said. "There are times when I say I want to do this until they drag me off the field. There are times when I could take it or leave it."

"I have physical concerns and I don't want to get to the point where I just play for a paycheck."

Injuries might drive him from the game but he is basically too Oklahoma tough to let that happen.

So what could trigger his departure from the NFL?

He could never stand to play on a losing team again. He had enough with a 1-15 team his rookie year to know he never wants to stoop that low again. And he could never stand to play on a team that didn't care.

"If it got to the point where I felt this organization wasn't doing what it should to remain competitive it could drive me to retire prematurely," Aikman said. "I enjoy what I'm doing but there are other things in the world. I love the camaraderie of my teammates but I have friends outside of football. Winning is what it all comes down to."

Aikman said he would have seriously considered retirement if the Cowboys had won the Super Bowl last year.

"We didn't do it so I didn't have to make that call," Aikman said. "Now, I don't know what I would do if we win a third one."

Wild Tex.-La. game has fussing, fighting, mascot ejection

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Umpires in the Texas-Louisiana League are playing hard ball this season.

So far, they have ejected an announcer at Abilene after he read a message about an eyeglass store moments after a controversial call, two scoreboard operators and Davy Cricket, the team mascot for the Lubbock Crickets.

On Wednesday, umpires Mel Chettum and Vince Price ejected the mascot and the two scoreboard operators as well as several players during the second game of a doubleheader between the Crickets and the Abilene Prairie Dogs on Wednesday night.

Both benches emptied in the second inning after Lubbock third baseman Britt Bonneau was hit by a pitch by Abilene starter Earl Steinmetz.

Abilene manager Charley Kerfeld admitted following the game that he ordered Steinmetz to throw the purpose pitch.

Asked why, Kerfeld said, "Because (Lubbock manager Greg) Minton is an idiot, and he ran when he was down 9-0. And if he does it again, we'll throw at them again. Only this time it won't be just the players fighting. If he doesn't know how to manage, he shouldn't be managing. You don't (steal) when you're down 9-0. I learned that in

grade school."

Minton said his team wasn't conceding the game in the second inning.

"There's nothing," he says a team can't try to score some runs when it's losing," he said. "They played their first baseman 35 feet behind the runner. There's no rule that says I can't take a base. When you play someone 35 feet behind me you're showing me up."

"I think he (Kerfeld) had a brain cramp and wanted to retaliate, and it cost his (starting) pitcher a win."

Steinmetz was ejected along with Bonneau, pitcher Noah Peery and the mascot. Peery wasn't in the game, but he had to be carried from the field by Minton to avoid further altercations.

Then the umpires ejected scoreboard operators Steve Cooper and Arni Sribben for flashing a sign on the scoreboard that showed an eye and a pair of glasses.

Only the mascot questioned his ejection.

"I was just standing there by the third-base line, and Mel pushed me from behind," Davy said. "He shoves me and says 'Get this — bug off the field.'"

Abilene won the game 12-5 to gain a split in the doubleheader after Lubbock won the first game 8-2.

Soccer's Sampson takes charge

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The U.S. Soccer Federation was insisting at one time on having a coach with a fancy international resume.

Steve Sampson didn't have much to offer in that department. What he did have was the unquestioned support of his players, enthusiastic backing from fans and a string of winning results any coach — not just a U.S. coach — would be proud of.

USFF president Alan Rothenberg now says he landed the right guy all along.

"We were very lucky," Rothenberg said Wednesday at a news conference to announce Sampson's hiring. "Years from now, we will say we lived under a silver lining."

USFF secretary general Hank Steinbrecher said before the summer he thought a prominent international coach was essential.

Sampson, an assistant on the national team and formerly a college coach at Santa Clara, was the interim national coach following the dismissal of Bora Milutinovic in April.

Stiff sanctions sting Alabama

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Even Gene Stallings, the mild-mannered coach of the Alabama Crimson Tide, was bitter.

Stallings broke into a clenched-teeth oratory after the NCAA delivered a sentence so stiff it even targets Alabama's hallowed record book.

The top officials in Alabama's athletic department and fans all over the state were horrified at the breadth of the penalties: three years' probation including a postseason ban this season, scholarship reductions and the forfeiture of 11 games in which an ineligible athlete played.

As it all unfolded inside Alabama's football building, life went on outside. On a sun-soaked lawn across the street from the Paul W. Bryant Museum, cheerleaders kicked and twirled with all their might, practicing for a season that will be shrouded in infamy.

"The biggest thing is, the unity and the family of this football team is in question right now," said senior Shannon Brown, a defensive lineman. "What is it going to take to keep that together?"

Never before on probation during decades of prominence, including six national championships, Alabama now faces a task similar to that undertaken by its fiercest rival, Auburn. The Tigers were banned from the postseason for two years and

television for one, but a 20-1-1 record.

A television ban was not imposed on Alabama, but the Crimson Tide stands to lose about 30 scholarships over three years — a sanction that could stick with the team for years to come.

"I think it'll make a difference with the reduction in scholarships," Stallings said. "That doesn't leave you much room for error on the judgment of players. I think that's a pretty stiff penalty, I really do."

The NCAA cited the Tide football program for exhibiting "a distressing failure of institutional control."

A statement released by the NCAA said Alabama was censured for three chief reasons:

— A player obtained from boosters six impermissible deferred-payment loans totaling \$24,400, during 1989 and 1990. The player, Gene Jelks, completed his career in the fall of 1989. The NCAA said he never repaid the loans.

— Antonio Langham was allowed to play in 11 regular-season games in 1993 even though he had signed with an agent, and athletic officials were aware that a potential violation of rules had occurred.

— The school's faculty athletics representative provided "false and misleading information" to the NCAA in the Langham case.

NCAA investigators target Hurricanes

HOUSTON (AP) — An NCAA investigator interviewed one of two former University of Miami football players at the Houston Oilers training camp in San Antonio, a Houston television station reported Wednesday.

KRIV-TV reported that third-year linebacker Micheal Barrow declined to speak with Amy Perko, an NCAA enforcement representative, but rookie safety C.J. Richardson talked with the investigator for about 30 minutes.

The NCAA is investigating allegations of rules violations in the Miami athletic program.

"Most if it's not true," Richardson told the station. "I'm loyal to my school and I'd never rat on the guys. If they did do anything like that, I'm true to my school."

"Some of those guys are still there that I played with. That's my alma mater. I'd never do anything to hurt them."

Richardson said Perko asked if Miami officials gave players money or illegal jobs.

Indians grand slam Twins

CLEVELAND (AP) — Paul Sorrento hit his third career grand slam and Albert Belle homered twice Wednesday night as the Cleveland Indians beat the Minnesota Twins 12-6.

Kenny Lofton had three hits, including two triples, and three RBIs for the Indians, who had lost five of their previous seven games. They improved baseball's best record to 60-27 while

dropping Minnesota's record — the worst in the game — to 31-57.

Mark Clark (6-3), recently demoted to the bullpen after the Indians traded for starter Ken Hill, gave up one run in 5 1-3 innings in his first relief appearance since May 31, 1993.

Clark allowed five hits, struck out two and walked two in relief of Chad Ogea, who couldn't get through the third inning.

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Girls soccer champs



(Special photo)

Brandy Odom and Kandy Odom of Pampa were members of the Amarillo United under 14 All-Star team that won first place at the 14th annual Firecracker Soccer Tournament held recently in Albuquerque, N.M. The team also won the best sportsmanship award. In the front row from left are: Sarah Jackson, Deadra Cates, Whitney Boatwright, Brandy Odom, Kandy Odom, Anne Brookehart and Nicki Dejongh. In the back row from left are: team mother Leigh Ann Lewis, Alecia Wells, Rebecca Morta, Shelly Street, Lacy Stephenson, Amber Thomas, Abby Wheeler, Kristi McKee and coach Dudley Stephenson.

New conference strong on basketball

HOUSTON (AP) — The new Conference USA looks like a national basketball power, and the league's football coaches say it's up to them to elevate their programs to a similar level. They've got some work to do. The public-relations hype began Wednesday, 13 months before C-USA tees up for its first conference game in September 1996. "We want to begin to have national recognition for our

league right now, so when we start championship play in 1996 we are a household name in all of the cities in which we compete and the rest of the nation," conference commissioner Mike Slive said. Ten of the new league's 12 basketball teams made it to postseason play in 1995. In basketball, Conference USA swells with the inclusion of national standouts Alabama-Birmingham, DePaul, Marquette,

North Carolina-Charlotte, St. Louis and South Florida. Conference schools, however, field only six football teams — Cincinnati, Houston, Louisville, Memphis, Southern Mississippi and Tulane. Of the football participants, only Memphis, Louisville and Southern Mississippi were better than .500 last season, each finishing 6-5. Cincinnati was 2-8-1 and Houston and Tulane each were 1-10.

Astros may trade for closer Henke

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros have discussed the possibility of a trade that would allow them to acquire closer Tom Henke from the St. Louis Cardinals, according to a published report. The Houston Chronicle today quoted sources as confirming the discussions on Wednesday, but said several factors would make the deal difficult if not unlikely. Factors against the trade include a no-trade clause in Henke's contract, the difficulty of passing him through waivers and the players the Astros would have to give up to get Henke. "I'm flattered Houston would be interested, but I don't think I would agree to waive my no-trade clause," Henke said.

Tyson training well for bout

LAS VEGAS (AP) — It was a tantalizing glimpse of the new Mike Tyson, who looked suspiciously like the old Mike Tyson. Tyson showed off his post-prison body for the first time Wednesday, and Peter McNeeley can't be too happy with the results. The former heavyweight champion opened his training camp to a crowd of media types eager to get their first look at a fit Tyson since he was released in March after serving three years in prison on a rape conviction. Tyson didn't speak and he didn't spar. But he looked good enough to back up the claims of trainer Jay Bright that he may be in the best shape since early in his career. "I think he's better now," Bright said. "He was distracted with all the glitz and glamour before. Now his interest is all back to what he's doing." Tyson jumped some rope and hit some bags in a 47-minute workout that marked the first time those outside Tyson's inner circle had seen the former heavyweight champion in training.

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Mexico shells soccer coach

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Miguel Mejia Baron, who led Mexico to surprising triumphs and embarrassing defeats, has been fired as the national soccer coach, sports officials announced Wednesday. Jose Antonio Garcia, president of the National Selection Commission ended weeks of intense speculation in Mexican

news media with the announcement. No replacement was named. The decision itself is not official until it is confirmed by the soccer federation's national council, but Garcia said that was only a formality. Mejia Baron coached of the National University's professional team before taking over the national squad in January 1993.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL

By The Associated Press
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National League				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Atlanta	55	33	625	—
Philadelphia	48	42	533	8
Montreal	43	47	478	13
Florida	37	49	430	17
New York	36	54	393	20 1/2

Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Cincinnati	55	32	632	—
Houston	52	37	584	4
Chicago	44	45	494	12
Pittsburgh	37	50	425	18
St. Louis	37	53	411	19 1/2

West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Colorado	49	41	544	—
Los Angeles	47	42	528	1 1/2
San Diego	42	47	472	6 1/2
San Francisco	40	49	449	8 1/2

Wednesday's Games

Cincinnati 6, New York 2
Pittsburgh 4, Chicago 3, 10 innings
Atlanta 7, Philadelphia 5

Thursday's Games

San Francisco (Valdez 0-0) at San Diego (Blair 3-1), 4:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Martinez 11-6) at Colorado (Sabershen 5-5), 5:05 p.m.
New York (Combs 0-0) at Cincinnati (Smiley 10-1), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago (Castillo 7-5) at Pittsburgh (Neagle 10-4), 7:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Green 6-7) at Atlanta (Smoltz 6-5), 7:40 p.m.
Houston (Swindell 7-4) at St. Louis (Watson 3-4), 8:35 p.m.

Friday's Games

Houston (Drabek 7-5 and Brocail 3-1) at Pittsburgh (Wagner 1-11 and Paris 4-3), 2, 5:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Madux 11-1) at Montreal (Martinez 6-4), 7:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Juden 0-0) at Cincinnati (Burba 5-2), 7:35 p.m.
Florida (Burkett 8-10) at New York (Bringinghouse 1-0), 7:40 p.m.
Chicago (Trachsel 3-8) at St. Louis (Morgan 4-3), 8:35 p.m.
San Diego (Williams 2-8) at Colorado (Rekar 3-0), 9:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Candotti 5-9) at San Francisco (Wanlandingham 1-2), 10:05 p.m.

American League				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Boston	49	39	557	—
New York	44	43	506	4 1/2
Baltimore	44	44	500	5
Detroit	41	48	461	8 1/2
Toronto	39	49	443	10

Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Cleveland	60	27	690	—
Milwaukee	43	45	489	17 1/2
Kansas City	41	45	477	18 1/2
Chicago	39	48	448	21
Minnesota	31	57	356	29 1/2

West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
California	56	33	629	—
Texas	45	44	506	11
Seattle	43	46	483	13
Oakland	42	49	462	15

Wednesday's Games

Milwaukee 5, New York 2
Texas 5, Oakland 4
Baltimore 1, Toronto 0
Detroit 5, Boston 0
Cleveland 12, Minnesota 6
Chicago 5, Kansas City 2
California 5, Seattle 4

Thursday's Games

Kansas City (Bunch 0-2) at Chicago (Bertotti 1-0), 2:05 p.m.
Texas (Gross 4-10) at Oakland (Prieto 1-4), 3:15 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 7-9) at Cleveland (Hill 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 11-1) at Detroit (Nittkowski 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Carrara 1-0) at Baltimore (Krivda 0-0), 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Bones 6-8) at New York (Cone 10-6), 7:35 p.m.
Seattle (Benes 0-0) at California (Abbott 7-4), 10:05 p.m.

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Chicago (Bere 5-9) at Cleveland (Nagy 9-4), 7:05 p.m.
New York (Kamieniecki 2-2) at Detroit (Lira 7-6), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Hanson 8-4) at Toronto (Guzman 3-8), 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Karl 1-2) at Baltimore (Erickson 7-7), 7:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Anderson 1-0) at Minnesota (Rodriguez 2-4), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Torres 3-7) at Oakland (Wojciechowski 0-1), 10:05 p.m.
Texas (Rogers 9-5) at California (Finley 10-7), 10:05 p.m.

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Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2172 to 2595 feet.</p> <p>LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 5 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statute for Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.</p> <p>Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental</p>	<p>1 Public Notice</p> <p>Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711. Telephone (512)463-6790. B-79 Aug. 3, 1995</p> <p>Lefors ISD is now accepting Free Lunch Applications for the 1995-1996 school year. All correspondence should be directed to Lefors ISD, P.O. Box 390, Lefors, Texas 79054. Phone 835-2533, Attention Fran Moore. B-78 Aug. 3,4,6,7,8,9,10, 1995</p> <p>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>PUBLIC HEARING: August 24, 1995</p> <p>The Board of Adjustments of the City of Pampa will conduct a Public Hearing at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 24, 1995 at the Pampa City Hall, located at 201 W. Foster Street, Pampa, Texas, on the 3rd floor, City Commission Chambers. This will be a meeting of the Board of Adjustments for the purpose of receiving public comments concerning the following request(s):</p> <p>A) Consider a request by Chesley C. Johnston for variance in setback requirements for the purpose of constructing a garage to house a recreational vehicle at 1720 N. Russell (Lot 6, and the N. 40' of Lot 7, Block 9, Fraser Addition) B-80 Aug. 3, 20, 1995</p>	<p>3 Personal</p> <p>MARY Kay Cosmetics and Skin Care. Facials, supplies, call Debra Stapleton, 665-2095.</p> <p>MARY KAY COSMETICS Skin care and color cosmetic make-overs. Reorders Delivered. 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U.S. and Japanese efforts to bolster American dollar appear to be paying off

WASHINGTON (AP) — The one-two punch by the United States and Japan to bolster the dollar's value represents a new tactic by monetary policy-makers.

Instead of intervening in currency markets to stabilize a sagging dollar, they are reinforcing positive behavior by buying the greenback when it's already rising.

And the new method appears to be working, in contrast with the more expensive but ineffectual attempts to prop up the dollar this spring as it sank toward a post-World War II low.

"Traders and speculators are not used to seeing intervention when a currency is rising," said economist Allen Sinai of Lehman Brothers Global Economics. "This is positive reinforcement going on. The message is to get on for the ride."

Traders estimated that the Federal Reserve and the Bank of Japan entered the market as many as four times and bought \$1 billion to \$3 billion Wednesday. The Treasury Department confirmed the joint intervention, although not the specifics.

The dollar traded at 90.95 yen in New York late Wednesday, its

highest level since March 14 and up from 88.05 yen a day earlier. But the dollar slipped to 90.47 yen by midday today in Europe and had been quoted late in the trading day in Tokyo at 90.50 yen.

Economists said earlier interventions this spring were perceived by markets as an attempt to manage the dollar's decline and keep it orderly. This time, by intervening when the dollar already was headed up, policy-makers sent the signal that they want its value to rise, not just stabilize, analysts said.

The dollar had been climbing in response to an announcement

hours earlier of Japanese policy changes aimed at reducing demand for the yen. The changes make it easier for Japanese institutional investors, such as insurance companies, to hold dollar-denominated and other foreign securities.

It was the third time in a little more than two months that monetary policy-makers had sought to reinforce a rising dollar rather than intervene in the face of a declining greenback.

Massive interventions by the Federal Reserve and foreign central banks on March 2 and April 5 proved largely ineffective in stemming the U.S. currency's 18 percent

drop from 101.4 yen in early January to 82.7 yen in late April. They took a different tack, with better results, during the last two interventions on May 31 and July 7.

"If you're intervening to support the trend in place, people jump on that bandwagon. It has a bigger effect this way," said economist Lawrence Chimerine at the Economic Strategy Institute.

Economists said the stronger purchasing power of the dollar should keep a lid on import prices and be good for U.S. inflation, which in turn should encourage the Federal Reserve to nudge short-term interest rates lower.

The weaker yen should help struggling Japanese manufacturers offer more competitive prices on their products abroad. A stronger economy in Japan should help the United States by bolstering sales of American goods in Japan, the second-largest purchaser of U.S. goods after Canada.

"The earlier weakness in the dollar ... posed a major economic threat to Japan," said economist David Jones of Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. "Many, many Japanese companies when the yen became so strong simply moved production offshore."

Nation briefs

Truck driver gives lobster away after wreck

ISLAND FALLS, Maine (AP) — A truck ran off the highway and left a windfall for dinner: 14,000 pounds of free lobster.

With no facilities available to handle the \$55,000 worth of crustaceans, the owner of the truck asked police to arrange to have them distributed to the folks of this town just west of the Canadian province of New Brunswick.

"There are a lot of people in Island Falls and the surrounding communities who are very happy tonight," state trooper Timmy Saucier said.

The driver, 42-year-old Victor Doiron, apparently fell asleep and crashed through a guardrail Wednesday, police said. The rig tumbled down an embankment and rolled at least twice.

Doiron, of Ca-Pele, New Brunswick, suffered a minor head injury.

The refrigerated trailer holding the lobsters was demolished, and crates filled with lobster were strewn everywhere.

The loss will be covered by insurance.

Coalition says no to Dole's welfare reform plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Christian Coalition says it won't support Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole's welfare reform plan because it does not force states to deny cash benefits to teenagers who have babies or welfare mothers who have additional children.

"Your bill, in our view, will do little to change the alarming cycle of illegitimacy, which results in a seemingly never-ending form of poverty and despair," the coalition's chief lobbyist, Brian C. Lopina, said Wednesday in a letter to the Kansas Republican.

However, the organization said it was not planning to ask its members to lobby against Dole's measure. Ralph Reed, the coalition's executive director, said he was engaged in negotiations with Dole and "still optimistic" of working things out.

In a speech to the nation's governors Monday, Dole said he wanted to leave it up to individual governors and state legislatures to decide whether to deny benefits to teenagers who have children out of wedlock, or to impose a "family cap" that denies additional benefits to mothers who have more children while on welfare.

He said he personally worried those provisions could lead to an increase in abortions.

Knight-Ridder closes electronic publishing lab

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Knight-Ridder Inc. will focus on the Internet and on-line services after closing a research lab it established to explore electronic publishing alternatives such as the flat-panel newspaper.

The Information Design Laboratory, which opened three years ago, was developing a notebook-sized computer for receiving and displaying electronic newspapers. The electronic tablet weighed less than two pounds and displayed a screen image that looked like the front page of a newspaper.

The lab never designed a product that was marketed by Knight-Ridder. However, it helped to further the flat-panel newspaper concept, company chairman and chief executive P. Anthony Ridder said in a statement Monday.

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