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Pendergrass pleads guilty to murder of Roy Leon Williams

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

Stanley Roy Pendergrass was sentenced to 45 years in the state penitentiary Friday morning after he pleaded guilty to first degree murder in the July 17 shooting of his roommate, Roy Leon Williams. "The court made an affirmative finding that a deadly weapon was used in the commission of the offense, which means by law he must serve one-third of the calendar time before he can be considered for parole," District Attorney Harold Comer said Friday.

"Because of that and because of his prior records, I believe it will be 20 years before he will be considered for parole," Comer said.

According to Texas criminal statutes, Pendergrass, 36, will have to serve at least 15 years before he will be up for parole.

Had Pendergrass opted for a trial and been found guilty, he could have been sentenced to as little as five years and as much as life imprisonment. Under a life sentence, Pendergrass would not have been eligible for parole for 20 years, Comer said.

Pendergrass waived appeal, Comer said. He is now in Gray County Jail awaiting transfer to the Texas Department of Corrections facility in Huntsville.

Gray County Sheriff Rufe Jordan said Pendergrass and several other prisoners who have been sentenced to TDC will be transported Tuesday or



Pendergrass

Wednesday this week.

The guilty plea culminates a six-week investigation by Gray County Sheriff's office after the body of Williams, 28, was discovered in a rented two-story frame house 2½ miles south of Pampa on the Bowers City Road.

A fellow Bourland & Leverich employee, Larry Quisenberry, searched for Williams after he had not shown up for work for two consecutive days. On the morning of July 19, Quisenberry, with the help of sheriff's deputies Ken Kieth and Doug Davis, discovered Williams' body stuffed in a hole in the floor of the house located at the foot of the stairs.

The 25-inch by 30-inch, two-foot deep hole had been used to store guns, authorities learned.

An autopsy report showed Williams had been shot once in the center of the chest with a

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Bush, Dukakis in close race

By DAVID ESPO
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michael Dukakis and a resurgent George Bush are locked in an exquisitely close race for the White House as they head into the fall campaign, according to an Associated Press survey of the 50 states.

"It's going to be down and dirty to the very end," said Republican State Rep. Tom Ryder of Illinois — a key battleground state where Republicans concede that Dukakis maintains a slight edge.

In Delaware, "as in the rest of the country, there's been a substantial shift in the last three weeks from Dukakis to Bush," said the state's GOP Gov. Michael N. Castle. "I think it started at the (Republican National) convention, as to be expected. But since the convention, it's continued, even with the problems surrounding the Dan Quayle candidacy."

The late-summer surge by Bush eroded Dukakis' earlier advantages in key Electoral College battlegrounds from California to New Jersey, with Illinois, Ohio and Michigan in between, say leaders in both political parties. The result is a series of tight, big states races whose outcome will likely decide Ronald Reagan's successor in the White House.

Dukakis' selection of Texas Sen. Lloyd Bentsen as his vice presidential running mate transformed Bush's adopted home state and its 29 electoral votes into an instant toss-up. But Bush

has countered elsewhere: The vice president seemingly has moved ahead in Florida, with 21 electoral votes, as well as making up ground in the industrial Midwest.

One poll in Massachusetts even rated Dukakis' home state a toss-up, though the AP survey still found the state to be solid ground for the Democratic nominee.

In small states and large, the politicians who keep close tabs on the presidential race report a close contest that is unlikely to be decided until the final few days. Campaign debates and unexpected international events could have a dramatic influence on the race.

"I'd say right now it's a flip of the coin," said former Iowa Democratic chairman Ed Campbell, reflecting the sentiment of party professionals around the country. "It could go either way."

Senior officials of the two campaigns pronounce themselves pleased with the shape of the race.

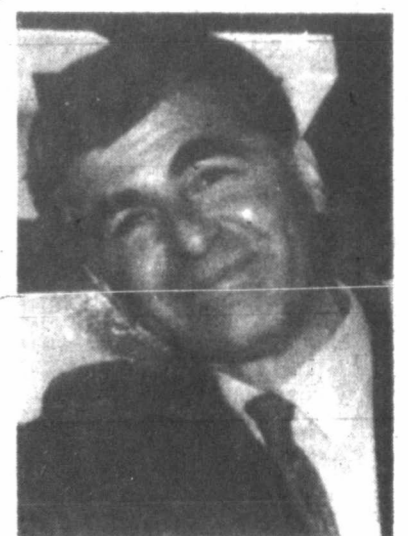
Said Susan Estrich, Dukakis' campaign manager, "Nationally, we're competitive. States will go up and down. It's exactly where we thought it would be ... this is a very evenly matched contest."

"We all felt like we'd be lucky if we were in the single digits, meaning seven, eight, or nine points" behind by Labor Day, said Lee Atwater, Bush's campaign manager.

Officials in both camps agree that the race is subject to sharp swings, especially since neither



Bush



Dukakis

candidate is an incumbent.

That heightens the importance of negotiations between the two campaigns. It also leaves the race open to sudden shifts due to a mistake by either of the candidates or their running mates, Democratic Sen. Bentsen and Republican Sen. Dan Quayle, or to an unforeseen international event.

It takes 270 electoral votes to win the White House, and Republicans have won four of the last five elections with solid Southern and Western support. Jimmy Carter, a Southerner, is the only Democrat to break the Republican string of victories in the last 20 years.

With 10 weeks until Election Day, these are the straws in the wind:

■ California, the biggest state with 47 electoral votes, is viewed by both sides as a key tossup state with a slight, initial edge to Dukakis. The state was a tie in one recent poll in Oregon, and Washington was a tie in another survey.

■ Republicans express confidence they can virtually sweep the Rocky Mountain region. Democrats hope to steal a state or two, perhaps Colorado or New Mexico or Montana.

■ The Deep South looks strong for the Republicans. Dukakis' selection of Bentsen already has forced Bush to devote several days to campaigning at home in Texas, but Republicans express confidence they ultimately will win. Dukakis hopes to peel away a border state or two.

Pampans plan activities for Labor Day holiday

Many Pampans are planning that final summer outing for this Labor Day weekend, the last holiday of the warm weather months.

While many will use the three-day weekend to travel to area lakes and nearby vacation spots, others will be spending the holiday at home.

Texas Department of Public Safety officials are predicting 35 will die on Texas highways during the three-day period, nine more than the actual death count of 26 from 1987.

A 16-year-old from Amarillo was the first person to die during the holiday weekend. According to DPS reports, the teen was crossing I-40 early Saturday morning when she was struck and killed by a passing motorhome.

Pampa's annual Chautauqua celebration is expected to bring several thousand to the city. In keeping with the turn-of-the-century spirit of the event, bands, artists, politicians and poets will provide entertainment, in addition to food and game booths hosted by many local organizations.

A number of Pampa's non-profit agencies are participating

in the all-day event. Proceeds will go towards their respective service projects. A percentage of the funds earned above costs will be used for park improvements. (See related story, Page 13, in today's edition.)

Pampans will also be participating in the 1989 Jerry Lewis Labor Day Muscular Dystrophy Telethon. A pledge center has been set up at the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce offices in the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

Pledges can be called in to two special telephone numbers assigned for the event — 669-3243 or 669-3244. Children wishing to collect door-to-door for "Jerry's Kids" may come by the Community Building today to pick up an official badge and canister.

Prizes will be awarded to the children who collect the most money in the can drive. Prizes will be awarded according to three age groups: 8 to 10, 11 to 15 and 16 to 18.

Schools, banks and other financial institutions, as well as government offices, will close Monday in observance of the Labor Day.

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Rainy night in Pampa



Pampa Harvester Jason Garren looks through the eerie glow of rain and fog caused by the lights at Harvester Field

during Friday night's opening game against Canyon. Pampa lost 6-3. See story, Page 8.

(Staff Photo by Duane A. Lavery)

Hart, McDaniel have concerns about Peet's budget proposal

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Last Tuesday Pampa City Commissioner Richard Peet informed the city manager he had a plan to trim \$200,000 from the proposed 1988-89 city budget.

Friday, City Manager Bob Hart and Mayor David McDaniel discussed the cuts they said Peet recommended, expressing concerns about some of the services they feel Peet's proposal would eliminate, if accepted by the commission.

"We've been going over this budget since July 8. That was the starting point," McDaniel said. He and Hart expressed confusion about Peet's revised budget proposal.

"Once the commission makes clear its goals, that's what we follow to design the budget. We don't waste time pursuing things the commission won't support," Hart said.

He said Peet's criticism of the budget is criticism of things he

had originally agreed to support.

McDaniel said the commission had identified certain goals and objectives during July meetings. He said many of those were goals Peet had pushed for.

"When he says that \$68,000 for travel is too high, you have to look at the whole picture. In July he himself set the travel ceiling at \$80,000. Bob brought it in \$12,000 under what Peet called for," McDaniel said.

During Tuesday night's budget workshop Peet told the commission much of the \$68,000 could be pruned back. Peet also said in an interview Friday that he never set the \$80,000 ceiling.

"His remarks Tuesday were to cut out everything (in travel). Obviously, when we go to these things, they are for training of employees and the commission. Generally the people who go on these things would rather stay home," McDaniel said.

Much of the travel was to implement state and federal laws, Hart said.

"Think about the Enterprise Zone. Glen (Hackler) could not have gone to Austin to make sure we got it," Hart said. "They called one day and said for him to be there the next. If the money hadn't been there, he couldn't have gone."

The Enterprise Zone has been heralded by local government and civic leaders as a way to bring new business to Pampa.

McDaniel said he is sure Peet "doesn't know how to read a city budget and he doesn't understand municipal finance."

Among the items Hart said Peet suggested be cut out of the budget were:

- Printing of ballots for the May election of commissioners.
- Internal service allocations.
- Computer maintenance.
- Mechanics and vehicle maintenance programs.
- City purchasing power.
- All supplies and vehicle for the warrant officer.
- All supplies for the city jail including toilet paper.

- Computers to track payment of traffic tickets.
- Flashlights and batteries for police officers.
- Money to patch potholes.
- Maintenance of Hobart Street stoplights.
- Winter uniforms for some city employees.
- Funding of the 911 emergency number.
- Recording of incoming calls to the Police Department.
- Mosquito spraying.
- Repairs and painting of city swimming pools.
- Floor mats at City Hall.
- Toilet paper and hand soap for restrooms at City Hall.
- Fire alarms at city fire stations.
- Testing of firefighters' air packs.
- Weed control funding.
- City health officer.
- Food for dogs in the city Animal Control Shelter.
- Spending federal emergency management funds in the manner designated by state and federal law.

- Funds for the Water Department to print bills and read meters.
- Phone lines to monitor city water flow to well fields and water towers.
- Fixing water leaks and updating water system maps.
- Sewer repair.
- Fences and equipment at the city landfill.
- Computer system updates.
- Lightbulbs for City Hall.
- Repair of a leaky roof at the service center.
- Mechanic's crane (Hart said that would save the city one mechanic position).
- Funding to maintain state and federally mandated certificates for the police, fire, Municipal Court, water, sewer and building inspection departments.
- Membership in the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, through which Pampa was able to recently join the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Task Force.

Peet has estimated the cuts would save the city \$200,000.

"A lot of the things in his budget were double-cuts, so he grossly overstated the figures," Hart said.

McDaniel called the city staff's recommended budget a "maintenance budget."

"When you have one like this, you are tight. The needs this city has are real," McDaniel said.

Hart said his record as a city manager indicated he had made large cuts in the budget to save the city money.

"We've cut \$271,000 in health insurance in three years, \$70,000 in risk management in three years. In four years we've cut the number of city employees by 15 percent, from 213 to 183.

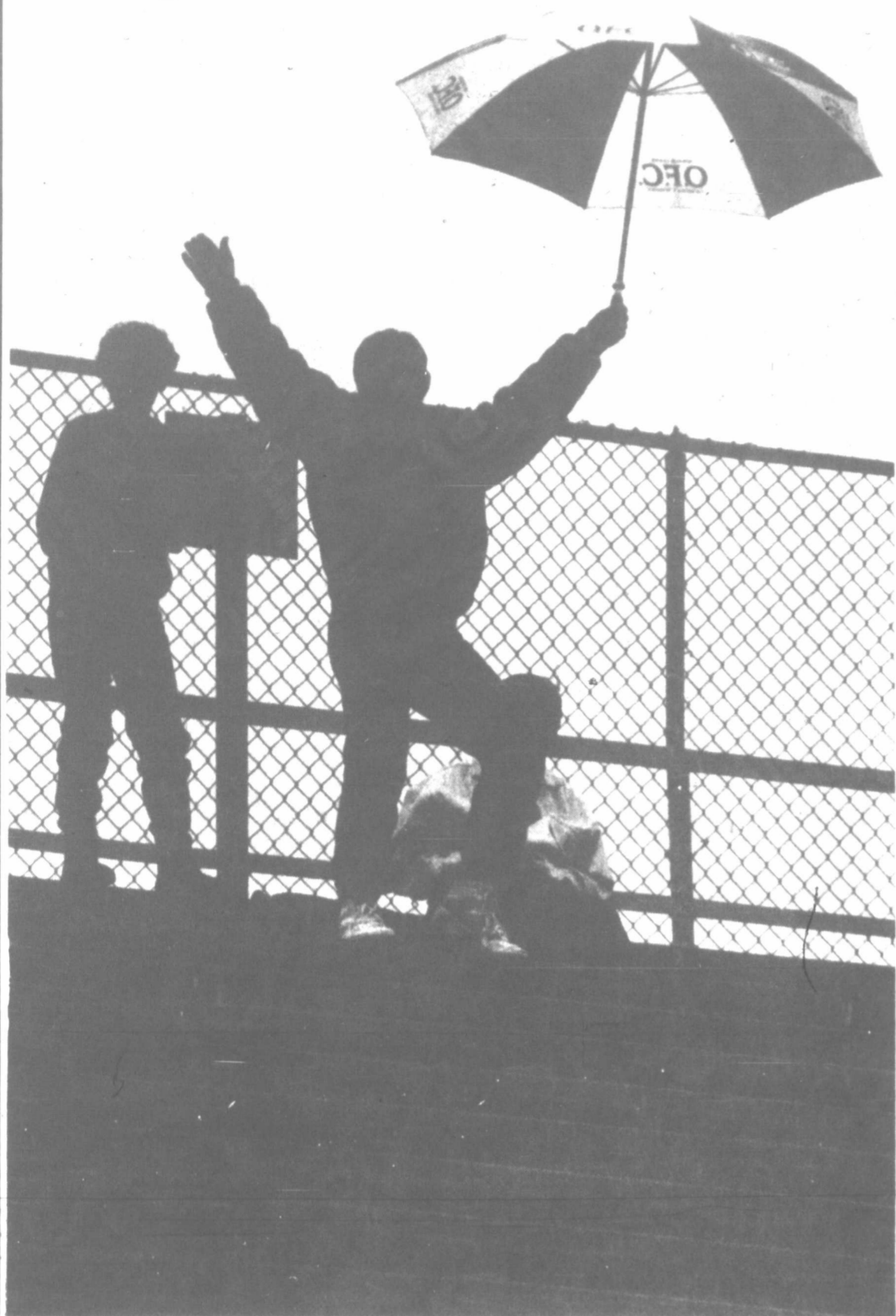
"That's all direct savings. You really can't put a price tag on the indirect savings," Hart said.

McDaniel said Peet's criticism of the travel budget especially bothered him.

"You wonder how much our schools would have gotten (in disaster relief funds) had it not been

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Standing in the rain



Jeff Tidwell, 13, holds up his umbrella to rejoice at the beginning of the end of the rain Friday night at the Harvester football game. Clearing skies are expected to continue through the Labor Day weekend. Jeff is the son of Don and Diane Tidwell of Pampa.

Two storms strike coast in Mexico

TUXPAN, Mexico (AP) — Rains from two tropical storms sent rivers flowing out of their banks along the Gulf Coast and in southern Mexico, flooding homes and sending thousands of people fleeing to higher ground.

There were no reports of injuries or deaths, officials said.

On the Gulf Coast, Tropical Storm Debby dumped heavy rains on the Tuxpan-Pantepec River. It flooded about 5,000 homes Saturday and forced the evacuation of about 30,000 people in the town of Alamo, Red Cross officials said.

Debby, the first hurricane of the 1988 Atlantic season, had broken up by Saturday morning, weather officials said.

"Approximately 30,000 are affected, some 5,000 homes are completely under water," said Enrique Estrada, head of the Red Cross in the Gulf Coast city of Tuxpan.

Alamo, a coffee-producing town of about 40,000, is 25 miles inland from Tuxpan in the state of Veracruz.

Estrada said residents were evacuated to schools and office buildings on high ground before the flood. "We don't have any reports of injuries at this time," he said.

Estrada said the river rushed out of its banks about 1 a.m.

"In a few minutes it inundated most of the town," he said in a telephone interview. "Only the population on higher ground was unaffected."

But heavy rains were still falling in parts of Veracruz and Tamaulipas states Saturday, weather service spokesman Candido Alvarez said by telephone. Estrada said it was raining heavily in Tuxpan and Alamo Saturday.

At Tuxpan, a city of about 120,000 people 165 miles northeast of Mexico City, the port remained closed Saturday, according to the Excelsior news service.

Debby began weakening shortly after hitting the coast at Tuxpan Friday afternoon, flooding streets and causing power outages in Tuxpan and Poza Rica, a town of about 300,000 people 20 miles to the south. It was downgraded to a tropical storm within hours.

Another tropical storm, Kristy, was threatening the Pacific Coast Saturday, the weather service said. Rivers in the southern states of Chiapas and Oaxaca overflowed in the heavy rains ahead of the storm, according to the Excelsior news service said.

Thousands of people were evacuated from Huixtla, Escuintla, Pijijiapan, Arteaga and Tonalá when the Cuatan Grande and the Chico rivers flooded, the news service said.

The weather service said Kristy was about 410 miles southeast of San Jose del Cabo in the state of Baja California Sur early Saturday morning and moving west at about 5 mph with winds of between 40 and 52 mph.

Taking a break



Young Groom mascot Stephany Fraser takes a break on the sidelines during the Friday night game between Groom and McLean. McLean won the game. See story, Page 10.

Teen charged in mall shooting

HOUSTON (AP) — A 15-year-old boy accused in the fatal shooting of another teen-ager at a southwest Houston mall was released to the custody of his grandmother following an emotional hearing.

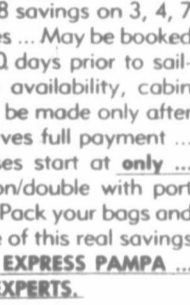
His parents, grandmother and other relatives packed a courtroom Friday ready to testify on how the boy was a straight-A honors student at Madison High School who never had any previous legal trouble.

The boy allegedly shot Khanh Bui, of Albuquerque, N.M., an 18-year-old visiting friend at Sharpstown Mall on Aug. 2.

An exchange of racial remarks between black and Asian teenagers allegedly led to the shooting.

State District Judge Eric Andell released the boy to the

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for the excellent relationship Steve (Vaughn) had with the state.

"You don't develop those relationships by picking up a telephone. You have to build those up through travel," McDaniel said.

Vaughn is the city emergency management coordinator.

Peet said he is surprised by the statements of McDaniel and Hart.

"I didn't submit a budget that cut any of those things. The staff submitted their budget and it's our job to go through and evaluate. If there's something that we have a question about, we should ask," he said in the Friday interview.

"These budgets are not prepared by the staff with some pie-in-the-sky attitude. They follow the guidelines the commission lays down," McDaniel said.

He said Hart was treated unfairly at the Tuesday budget workshop when he was criticized. "Bob did what we told him to do. Then Richard started questioning him about it."

Both McDaniel and Hart said the budget should have been no surprise to anyone on the commission.

Commissioner Ray Hupp concurred that the budget was no surprise. He said that while he opposed a tax increase, he was equally opposed to a commissioner rewriting the budget.

"You can't cut essential services. That's silly. (Peet) has made some specific cuts that I don't agree with at all. It's the job of the city staff to make those recommendations," Hupp said.

Of the 17 objectives the commission agreed to in July, Hart said seven were erased by Peet's counter-budget.

Commissioner Joe Reed said

he believes there is no fat in the budget to be cut.

"There are only services that are being cut. The cuts that Commissioner Peet has presented are things that our city expects. Cutting the warrant officer's car is not acceptable," Reed said.

Reed said this was not the first time, in his opinion, that Peet has changed his story.

"By and large the majority of the commission does agree with Hart's budget. Some of our difficulty has come from not wanting to have a tax increase," Reed said.

He said he trusted that what Hart presented were the cuts Peet requested. "What (Peet) is saying now, I can't speak to," Reed said.

Peet said there were items in his presented budget that were "out in left field."

"I feel that's what a work session is for. I have questions, so I ask," Peet said.

He disputed his reputation as a troublemaker.

"I'm very independent, a non-conformist. Until I'm proven wrong, I'll hold my position," he said.

He said his aim in submitting his revised budget was to be shown that each area was necessary.

McDaniel suggested that Peet should attend more workshops offered around the state.

"Maybe then he can learn how to be a city commissioner," McDaniel said.

Peet said there were many questions he still had about the budget.

"In physical size this budget is twice as big as Amarillo's. I keep hearing that Pampa needs to be on the leading edge. At what cost? Money is there to have services we need, but we must use it wisely," Peet said.

Hart said there was a very practical reason why the Amarillo city budget was smaller.

"They have their type-set so they can get more information on a page. We are not going to pay to have a printing department so we can type-set a budget," Hart said.

When Peet was asked about the wide differences in his account of the revised budget and McDaniel's, he refused to speculate.

"I don't think we have a communication problem. I think we have a philosophical problem," Peet said.

He insists that he never asked for any of the cuts that McDaniel and Hart said.

"How can he say that? I've got the thing sitting on my desk. I can show where he did it," Hart said.

"It's real easy to cut lines on a budget," McDaniel said. "But what services are you cutting? Anybody could cut lines on a budget."

McDaniel, Hupp and Reed all agreed the objectives set down in July were what guided Hart's staff as they established the budget.

Commissioner Gary Sutherland could not be reached for comment.

"That's all fine to set goals and objectives. But then what our job is, is to see how much all that will cost and see if we still can afford those things," Peet said.

Hart and McDaniel said they were frustrated by Peet's attitude.

"That (July) meeting was very unifying. It was where we really got going in a clear direction," McDaniel said.

Peet said he did not remember any clear direction being given by the commission at all.

The next budget session is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 6. The budget will likely be voted on Sept. 13.

Bus driver convicted, granted probation

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman whose bus full of students chased a carload of rock-throwing teenagers and killed a motorist in an ensuing accident was granted probation after being convicted of involuntary manslaughter.

Jurors in State District Judge Ted Poe's court granted Patsy Windom, 33, a five-year probation Friday.

But Poe, lambasting Windom for "turning your bus route into a Grand Prix race" and creating "a nightmare on Jours Street," imposed a 30-day jail sentence as

a condition of probation.

The verdict left survivors of Arthur Lawrence Moreno, 23, in tears and caused prosecutor Don Rizzo to say he was shocked at the panel's mercy. He had asked for a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison.

Evidence presented during the week-long trial showed that Windom left her regular route on May 13 to chase a car of youths who had been throwing rocks at the bus. She ran a yield sign in a southwest Houston neighborhood and collided with a pickup truck

driven by Moreno. The bus turned over but none of the students were seriously injured.

Moreno died of suffocation injuries. His 9-month-old son Daniel was strapped in a safety seat and escaped injury.

Several Dowling Middle School students testified that Windom was laughing after the wreck and that she told them to tell police that the car had been chasing the bus.

Windom testified that she was not speeding and followed the car to get its license plate.

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Opinion

Maybe Verity just enjoys the meddling

Commerce Secretary C. William Verity has confirmed that he believes the world's currencies should be controlled by the world's politicians, operating on an inscrutable, haphazard and fluctuating rule of thumb. Last week he opined that the dollar had risen "too high" against the Japanese yen, German mark and other major currencies and "hoped" as loudly as possible that it would fall again.

In mid-June, the dollar closed at 1.75 German marks and 125.5 Japanese yen. Since then it has risen as high as 1.92 marks and 135.5 yen. Verity quite frankly says he wants it back down to mid-June levels. Why? So he and other political manipulators can take credit for the so-called trade deficit.

When it comes to currency prices, it is virtually nonsensical to assert that they are either "too high" or "too low." Prices emerge from daily buying and selling, and while the stakes are high and currency markets may appear wild, currency investors are actually cautious and conservative. In the stock market people who sell before a stock reaches its highest level may profit and a rising market may carry even mediocre investors to profitability. But in currency exchanges there is a loser for every winner. Such a situation breeds caution.

Without government and central bank intervention, then, currency prices are likely to be a reasonably accurate reflection of the relative strengths of the currencies and economies in question. But government officials love to meddle with the markets, sometimes to achieve some related or peripheral goal and sometimes just to demonstrate that they can control the markets.

Verity's perverse desire for a weaker dollar grows from his adherence to the conventional wisdom that when more Americans buy things from foreign countries than are bought from Americans by foreigners — inaccurately labeled a trade deficit — it is always a bad thing. And rather than grow out of a trade deficit by producing things that foreigners want and becoming more competitive, political interventionists such as Verity prefer currency manipulations that make foreign goods more expensive here and American goods less expensive abroad. Never mind that U.S. consumers pay the higher prices.

The ironic thing is that a trade difference — deficit is a term with apocalyptic connotations pilfered slyly from accounting — tells us nothing particularly important about the health or competitiveness of a country's economy.

Instead of deploring the difference and trying to jawbone the dollar down, the most salutary thing U.S. officials could do about the price of the dollar is precisely nothing — to offer no opinion about the "correct" value of the dollar and let the price be determined by open transactions in the marketplace. But that wouldn't give the Veritys of this world the satisfaction of acting like big-time currency manipulators.

Verity has no objective reason for his opinion that the dollar is "too high." Can he be saying it just because he loves to meddle?

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Eliminate social engineering

Residents of Yonkers, N.Y., are in a bitter struggle against Federal District Judge Leonard B. Sand's order to build 1,000 units of low- and moderate-income housing in a predominantly white section of the city.

Judge Sand had fined four Yonkers city councilmen who voted against the housing ordinance \$500 a day and fashioned a city fine which starts out at \$100 and doubles for each day of non-compliance — \$200, \$400, \$800 and so forth. That was changed, but still the city could easily be bankrupt in about a month.

Yonkers residents, many of whom fled New York City to escape urban blight, know what low-income housing can do to a neighborhood. New York's slums make settings in some Third-World countries appear idyllic by comparison.

Because Yonkers residents don't want their neighborhoods destroyed, they're also being charged as racists. After all, who but a racist would not want low-income housing built next to his \$500,000 townhouse, as Judge Sand orders and the NAACP supports.

If Yonkers' white people are racists, they have a bit of company. Back in January 1976, in an article, "Black Middleclass Joining the Exodus to White Suburbs," *The New York Times* reported blacks in North Hempstead, Long Island, organized and led the opposition to the construction of federally subsidized low-income housing in their neighborhoods.



Walter Williams

And even further back in *Shannon vs. Hud* (1970), blacks brought suit to prevent dumping of low-income housing in their neighborhoods. And blacks have brought several other suits against federally subsidized housing in their middle-class neighborhoods — such as *Hicks vs. Weaver* (1969) and *Banks vs. Perk* (1972).

Just ask a judicial tyrant, like Judge Sand, or his civil rights organization sycophants, or the staff writers of *The New York Times*, why middle-class blacks organized resistance. I wouldn't be surprised if they, blinded by integration fever, told you that these blacks were also white racists. For them, opposition to low-income housing in middle-class neighborhoods is by definition racism.

But the fact of the business is: Black people, and I speak from 52 years of experience as a black, don't like to be mugged anymore than white people do. We want our children to have

good schools, and to be able to play safely outdoors, and live in houses sans graffiti.

And, if we can afford to move to nicer neighborhoods and leave that stuff behind, we will. And we don't want federal courts and politicians frustrating our efforts to have slumless neighborhoods.

I support and urge the citizens of Yonkers to resist the tyranny of Judge Sand. It's the combined principle of whether a judge, not accountable to the voters, is going to be permitted legislative powers and by judicial fiat destroy communities. Here's a case of a federal judge who has gone so far as to impose taxes on a community. How's that for Alexander Hamilton's "least dangerous" branch of government?

As for charges that my position is giving aid and comfort to racists, I'll just say this: There may indeed be some racists in Yonkers who derive satisfaction from this; so what?

The important point is: Judge Sand's actions toss more inflammables on a growing pile of racial kindling just waiting for some racial arsonist to set it off. Sand wants to punish white people, and the heck with the future expense to blacks.

Decent people must stand ready to reject this dangerous philosophy, particularly over the next four years, because I'd guess if the liberals win the election, we'll see more of this kind of social engineering.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Sept. 4, the 248th day of 1988. There are 118 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

In 1888, George Eastman received a patent for his roll-film camera, and registered his trademark: Kodak. The new camera, which was simple to operate, made photography practical for amateurs, who were encouraged with the slogan, "You press the button, we do the rest."

On this date:

In 1781, Los Angeles was founded by Spanish settlers. Its original name: "El Pueblo de Nuestra Señora La Reina de Los Angeles de Porciuncula."

In 1882, the Pearl Street electric power station — built by Thomas Edison — began operating in New York City.

In 1886, Apache Indians led by Geronimo surrendered to Gen. Nelson Miles at Skeleton Canyon in Arizona.

In 1917, the American expeditionary force in France suffered its first fatalities in World War I.

In 1948, Queen Wilhelmina abdicated the Dutch throne for health reasons.

In 1957, Ford Motor Co. began selling its ill-fated Edsel, a medium-priced luxury car that proved so unpopular, it was taken off the market in 1959.



Don't lie to us, Danny boy!!

Danny Quayle, boy wonder Republican vice presidential candidate, might be able to get away with that high sounding "I was proud to serve in the National Guard" with some people, but not with all the other guys his age who were willing to try just about anything to keep their butts out of Vietnam 20 years ago.

I'm one of those guys. I'm Danny's same age, 41. The last thing in the world I wanted was to go to Vietnam. People were getting killed over there and nobody could quite figure out what for.

I didn't run off to Canada, and I didn't know anybody who could pull National Guard strings for me, but the doctor who examined me said, "Jump up and down a few times," and then he listened to my heart.

What he discovered was that I had a heart valve that leaked. The draft board back home classified me I-Y — instead of the dreaded I-A — and I was to be called to duty only if the gooks made it to Chattanooga.

Since then, I've had two heart surgeries to repair leaking valves.

People say to me, "Two heart surgeries and you're only 41. How terrible."

Bull. My faulty heart probably saved my life. If it hadn't been for that, I would have stepped



Lewis Grizzard

off a helicopter and into a rice paddy in 1968 and somebody wearing black pajamas with a name I couldn't pronounce would have put a bullet right between my eyes.

Figuring a way to stay out of Vietnam consumed guys my age.

I hear students now talking about how difficult it is in college. When I was in school, if you didn't take a full load or flunked out, you'd be drafted and sent to war. Try that kind of pressure.

I can't tell you how many of my acquaintances were able to get into the National Guard. Scores, at least. They had basic training to go through and then there were all those weekends they had to play soldier, but as one brand-new National Guardsman told me back in '69, "It's a helluva lot better than walking around where there are land mines."

They weren't drafting schoolteachers back then, either. Suddenly, there were a lot of young, male, recent-graduates interested in being educators.

I can count at least four of my friends who got strings pulled here and there and had good words put in for them and were hired as schoolteachers. That's how they dodged the Vietnam bullet.

The entire system for picking men and boys for service in Vietnam was rotten and unfair. Why should college students get deferments?

And why was the National Guard available to some and not to others?

I don't blame Danny Quayle for wanting out of Vietnam. It was a lousy, stinking war that didn't accomplish a thing but get a lot of good people maimed or killed.

But admit it, Danny. Don't try to kid us. You didn't want to go and you knew the right people who could keep you from going.

You've lied to us, Danny boy. Or at least you've tried to put the shuck on us.

And I don't care what your politics are, you don't deserve being a heartbeat away from the presidency.

Get out now. The doo-doo is just going to get deeper and deeper.

Actually, the politicians are only human

Asked by American Heritage magazine to list the most overrated and underrated figures in U.S. history, a professor at George Washington University wasted no time with names.

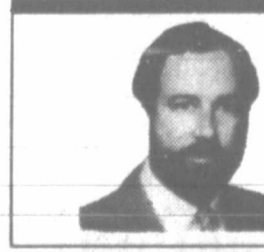
"Most overrated: whoever happens to have just been inaugurated as president.

"Most underrated: Whoever has just ceased to be president."

Keep those words in mind during the next few months. They're a healthy antidote to the fever of an election year and the hopeless search for salvation within a voting booth.

Our national folklore describes Americans as a headstrong, independent people who go our own way and disdain Old World deference to authority. What twaddle. Many of us invest impossible hopes in a new president. As a result, virtually every misfire during a president's term, whether within his control or not, dogs his reputation far into the future.

Historians should know better, but even they fall under the spell of political power. American Heritage asked dozens of scholars to cite the most overrated and underrated public fig-



Vincent Carroll

ures, but most dutifully stuck with the tried and true. They chose government figures — and frequently presidents — to fill each category.

Of all the historians surveyed, Yale's Robin Winks broke most crisply from this claustrophobic worship of political leadership. His answer:

"Most overrated: nearly any of the presidents... Even to discuss Chester Arthur or Millard Fillmore is to overrate them.

"Most underrated: the inventors of machines that truly changed the way we live, inventors who nonetheless often are missing from any standard (history) text...."

Winks noted the inventors of the

transistor and the computer, but he could have mentioned hundreds of others, too. Not every creator invented a machine, either.

To whom do we owe more: Jonas Salk or Woodrow Wilson? The agronomists who fashioned the Green Revolution, or William Howard Taft? Corporate trailblazers such as William Paley of CBS and David Packard of Hewlett-Packard, or Gerald Ford? William Faulkner or Jimmy Carter?

And to whom do you think we'll owe more in the future: the scientists now racing to perfect superconductivity and the engineers who'll put it to commercial use, or the winner of the Bush/Dukakis battle?

This is not to deny the importance of politics. Although government isn't good at creating prosperity, it encourages or limits the conditions under which prosperity can thrive. Government can also wage war, of course, and thus put the lives of entire nations at risk.

If anything, the act of voting is becoming even more important as the scope of the state expands — during the very era, sadly, when voting is going out of style, and apathy is supplanting political commitment.

Nonetheless, those tempted to genuflect at the altar of political power, to rate the exercise of public authority as a force for good or a dispenser of happiness, above the work of scientific, commercial and artistic geniuses, should recall the gentle wisdom of Samuel Johnson:

"How small, of all that human hearts endure, / That part which laws or kings can cause or cure."

What Johnson understood in the 18th century remains true today. By all means, vote. Just don't bet your future on the outcome.

Berry's World



"How come it's OK for Republicans to say the 'L' word, but not Democrats?"

Letters to the Editor

Can't city fathers just enjoy the rain?

To the editor:

Recently I read an article in *The Pampa News* that shocked me. The city commissioners were complaining about the problem caused from the good supply of water we have received due to rains. The wet summer of 1988 that has made our city beautiful with green lawns and gardens made one more major financial blow to our city officials.

Please correct me if I am wrong in thinking we were not harmed in any way by the gift of rain we have received. And rain is a gift since we can't buy it, can't achieve it and can't bargain for it. I know there can be harm done by flooding, but I am not aware of that happening this past summer. The food rain supplies can't be accomplished by water that chemicals must be applied to coming from Lake Meredith or our water plants.

How sad that our city fathers rely on today's use of their meters to keep us out of the "red" and look with pessimism about the future serious financial problems because we were given a good supply of rain this past summer.

Please, Mr. Mayor, don't put us in a place of allowing rain to bring us problems. Return to just looking outside and enjoying the rain. It even feels good to take a walk in it.

Dorothy Fife
Pampa

Defends asbestos removal decisions

To the editor:

Re: Article, "Miami school officials, experts differ on removal of asbestos," by staff writer Bear Mills.

On the front page of your Sunday, Aug. 21, edition, you featured an article by Bear Mills which was critical of the means by which the Miami school was handling the asbestos contained in our physical plant.

Let me first point out that the dollar figure printed was DRASTICALLY misquoted. We have spent a TOTAL of approximately \$21,000 on asbestos abatement, only a small part of which has been for floor tile removal.

Secondly, during the process of normal wear and tear, whether it is "watched carefully" or not, some of the flooring material fibers, in this case asbestos, will be exposed to the atmosphere (particularly during resurfacing). I believe this is, in essence, the definition of "friable asbestos," and subject to removal regulations.

Thirdly, I resent the implication of Mr. Mills regarding the competency of our staff to inspect, analyze and plan our asbestos abatement program. Admittedly, many of the decisions regarding this program are judgment calls. However, I would much rather have someone of integrity and ability, known to me personally, make these decisions than some contracted "expert" from Houston. Furthermore, anyone certified to make these evaluations must receive the same training and information, whether done as a contracted con-

sultant or a full-time employee.

In closing, I would emphasize that a primary objective of the Miami ISD is to provide the safest, healthiest and most environmentally sound surroundings for our young people. How we accomplish this is a matter of concern to our constituents and the taxpayers, not of *The Pampa News*....

Vernon H. Cook
President, Miami School Board

Editor's Note: First, there was no "implication" by Mills about the competency of your staff. Those remarks were attributed to OTHERS who expressed THEIR concerns, one of whom admitted that he might be biased in his view. Secondly, a number of our readers are constituents and taxpayers in the Miami ISD, who might not have any idea of what went on in the school there without our coverage and thus might not be aware of whether there is anything to be concerned about — or NOT to be concerned about. The article emphasized that decisions about asbestos removal often involve judgment calls, something we feel lies mainly in poorly written government regulations, many of which are an unnecessary burden both to school districts AND to its taxpayers.

Time to speak out about golf course

To the editor:

I have kept mum concerning the golf course until now, but now it is certainly time for the taxpayers to voice their opinions, RIGHT NOW, at next Tuesday's City Commission meeting.

According to the news media and checking with Mayor David McDaniel, the Pampa Public Golf Course Association has not kept its word about private contributions to the course.

The bottom line is, somebody has lied and has fallen short of their commitments. There is no substitute for honesty.

It's a shame that able-bodied men would ask the taxpayers of our city to pay for the golf course.

From the delinquent tax list published recently, there are many who are having difficulty paying their taxes.

With due respect for those of you who play golf, that is certainly your privilege, but don't ask the widows and aged to pay for your golf course.

Noel Southern
Pampa

Editor's Note: The next regular City Commission meeting will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13. This coming Tuesday's session will be a work session only.

Questions remarks of asbestos expert

To the editor:

In response to Mr. Eller's snide remark about the novice inspectors at the Miami school: I have not visited with this gentleman, therefore he knows nothing of my qualifications.

I have been associated with the construction business for approximately 30 years. I have

over 20 years of cost estimating, which includes working with all types of asbestos. I also have a certification as asbestos inspector and management planner.

Richard Sewell, my associate, has seven years experience in building maintenance and has his asbestos certification.

I would like to know Mr. Eller's qualifications.

I believe the reason Mr. Eller is taking a slap at the Miami school personnel is to take the heat off his blunder on the estimated cost of removal of asbestos in the Pampa school (about 25 percent low). Or maybe the cost went higher due to the delay of the inspection (late July) when all the area asbestos contractors were load up. This probably cost an additional \$100,000, so maybe Mr. Eller's original estimate was correct.

It would be interesting to know what Mr. Eller's (expert) fee is, and what his additional (expert) fee will be when the next inspection is due.

For the removal of floor tile, there was no mention of the removal of two boilers and their insulation, complete with the removal of all associated piping (not less than \$35,000.), plus the removal of asbestos-containing materials on other hot water pipes and hot water storage tanks.

It wasn't mentioned that the floor tile removed in the lunch room was being considered for removal prior to the latest EPA regulations.

Since there is a separate dump charge (in certified landfills) for each different job (between \$400 and \$900), we believe the removal of floor tile at the same time as removal of the boilers was cost effective.

The \$21,000 figure so loosely thrown around didn't state that it included the cost for the new tile, which was installed by school maintenance personnel.

A special pat on the back to our school board, superintendent and all school personnel for their support in keeping our buildings in top condition.

Raymond Bryant
Maintenance supervisor
Miami Public School

Employment skills taught in schools

To the editor:

I thoroughly enjoyed reading the Bear Mills "Off Beat" article in the Aug. 17 issue. His descriptions of unsuccessful young job seekers were both amusing and sad in their accuracy.

It was obvious that those young men and women had received no instruction in obtaining employment. Mr. Mills asked the question, "Don't they still teach that in school?" Had he done his homework, he would have discovered that we do, indeed, teach "that."

As Mr. Mills described the young lady who got the job, I was reminded of the many, many young men and women who have received instruction in employment skills at Pampa High School. They received their instruction in their vocational classes.

Pampa High School has an excellent vocational department, staffed with experienced, caring teachers. Every one of them teaches

employment skills as an integral part of their course. Every vocational student becomes involved in the job search, letters of application, resume writing and the entire interview process. In addition, vocational students are instructed in human relations, how to succeed on the job, advancing on the job, and work ethics.

Do they still teach that in school? Yes, Mr. Mills, they still teach employment skills in school, including how to dress for an interview.

Larry Kilbreth
Coordinator, Industrial Cooperative Training
Pampa High School

Editor's Note: Having covered and served on the advisory board for marketing students at PHS, I can testify that the local school vocational programs have turned out some fine students who should have little problem in obtaining employment. The programs provide some good, practical training that goes beyond just academic material.

She was satisfied with Coronado Inn

To the editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to the Coronado Inn for a very nice weekend of Aug. 6.

We were there in Pampa, my home, for a family reunion in honor of my mother's 84th birthday, so we had to have motel rooms for some of my children.

We read of some unfortunate letters against the Coronado Inn. I'm here to say we never had better rooms or treatment. We were truly treated as guests.

Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Braunsteiner. We will always go there as long as there is need for extra rooms.

Thank you for a chance to express our views.
Billie Jean Johnson
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Who does Bentsen think he's fooling?

To the editor:

Who does Lloyd Bentsen think he is fooling? He believes he can fool the Texas people by running for two offices at the same time, using millions of federal dollars to run for vice president and at the same time using federal money for the senate campaign.

Who does he represent — Texas or the Washington lobbyists who gave him \$1.5 million for his senate race?

Bentsen voted with Ted Kennedy 16 times; that cost the taxpayers \$943.7 billion in new liberal spending, which defies the savings bill designed to cut back government spending. He voted 61 times over the last 10 years to raise your taxes. He won't disagree when Dukakis proposes to raise taxes.

I notice that after Bentsen got an opponent, he got busy and notified the people he had signed a \$20 million bill for Lake Meredith. It's too late; he should have done this 20 years ago.

Nina Spoonmore
A former Democrat
Pampa

Couple's hobby is crowding their home

By RUTHIE MASLIN
The Richmond Register

RICHMOND, Ky. (AP)—Willie and Tobie Hislope's hobby is taking over their home.

The Hislopes said they started collecting Disney characters for their son Will when he was born three years ago. Since then, the collection has grown to over a thousand pieces.

"We never really knew we'd get that involved with it," Hislope said. "Now, everywhere I go that's the first thing I look for."

The collection includes banks,

small figures, matchbox cars, games, cameras, socks, lamps, rattles, bubble pipes and stuffed animals.

The couple said they display most of the collection in their son's room, but they have already had to move to a bigger quarters. Even so, there is still not enough space to display everything.

"We built shelves all the way around his bedroom and covered them," Mrs. Hislope said.

"And we've got a china cabinet full of it," her husband added.

Hislope said they look for the

Disney items everywhere, from yard sales to antique malls. His wife added that lots of people collect Disney items.

"We're not really serious about it, but it's one of the main things you look for when you go somewhere," Hislope said. "We didn't go out and spend hundreds of dollars on stuff."

Mrs. Hislope said the most expensive item they purchased was the Mickey Mouse 60th birthday plate they bought on their recent trip to Disney World.

They know that while many of the items in their collection are only worth what they paid for them, the collection's value will increase with time.

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KGB chief: Foreign-supported 'sabotage' threatens Soviets

By JOHN THOR DAHLBURG
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — The head of the KGB says foreign-supported subversives are attempting to use the freer atmosphere in the Soviet Union to undermine the system.

"They try to stimulate the organization of various kinds of clandestine, semi-legal and even legal associations in our country which would act at their bidding," said Victor Chebrikov, who referred to the actions as "ideological sabotage."

In a rare glimpse into the Soviet secret agency Friday, Chebrikov also said his agents caught 20 spies in the past 2½ years and asserted that super-power intelligence agencies are still waging a Cold War, despite improved East-West relations.

"Certain circles of imperialism have not abandoned the course toward confrontation," said Chebrikov, head of the Committee for State Security — the KGB — and a member of the ruling Communist Party Politburo.

Chebrikov also said in the lengthy interview in the party newspaper *Pravda* that officials are in the process of trying to define the KGB's role, adding that he is working on "remolding thinking and renouncing stereotypes" within the KGB's ranks.

He voiced support for the Kremlin's policy of "glasnost" or greater openness, but said some of the KGB's acts must remain secret.

He said the agency's primary goal is to stop intelligence-gathering and subversive activities by foreign secret services, "as well as hostile actions by anti-Soviet and antisocialist-minded persons inside the country."

In what appeared to be his first interview, Chebrikov acknowledged the Soviet secret police apparatus has been guilty of repression on the domestic front.

But he gave no details, other than to mention some former officials of the security agency who were killed for resisting repressions under dictator Josef Stalin.

Chebrikov said more than 20,000 agents who resisted orders from higher-ups to violate the law "fell victim to repressions as a result of false charges."

The agency now trains agents to adhere strictly to Soviet law, he said.

Chebrikov said the 20 captured spies included KGB officers working as double agents.

He said more than 50 diplomats and correspondents from NATO-member countries were expelled from the Soviet Union in 1986-87 for "activities incompatible with their diplomatic status."

Chebrikov also reported the discovery of nuclear-powered devices to eavesdrop on a Soviet underwater telephone cable in the Okhotsk Sea 37 miles off the Soviet east coast and north of Japan.

"The complex was designed for registering during a year all information transmitted by the underwater communication cable. There was also a beacon that helped the American intelligence service to quickly detect it for taking in the accumulated information," he said.

The interview did not say when the devices were found. In 1986, a former National Security Agency employee, Ronald W. Pelton, was accused of giving the Soviets information about U.S. electronic eavesdropping.

One effort mentioned at Pelton's trial, called Project A, was designed to intercept Soviet electronic data.

The *Washington Post* quoted unidentified intelligence sources at the time as saying the Project A equipment was placed in the Sea of Okhotsk, off the Soviet Kamchatka Peninsula. An FBI agent testified at Pelton's trial that Pelton told him he had told the Soviets about Project A.

Chebrikov, KGB chairman since 1982, became a voting member of the 13-member Politburo in 1985 and has made public appearances in connection with his post on the ruling body.

The interview apparently was in response to recent calls for more information about the roles of top Soviet leaders and the state and party bodies they head.

Crew accounts, wreckage conflict on Delta crash evidence

By DAVE PEGO
Associated Press Writer

GRAPEVINE (AP) — The position of wing flaps and slats on the wreckage of Delta Flight 1141 conflicts with a crew member's recollection and cockpit recordings indicating the crucial devices were properly set for takeoff, investigators say.

National Transportation Safety Board teams also have been wrestling with a lack of physical evidence that would indicate the Boeing 727 was having engine problems, as the cockpit recording and witness accounts have suggested.

Flight engineer Steven Judd, the first crew member interviewed since Wednesday's crash, told investigators Friday that everything aboard the jet seemed normal before takeoff.

Thirteen people died when the

jet crashed at the end of a Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport runway and burst into flames after what investigators said was an unusually long takeoff approach.

Judd said the jet's right wing "dropped severely" as the plane left the ground and that Capt. Larry Davis tried to take corrective action. There were no abnormal engine sounds, Judd said, although he recalled hearing the words "engine failure."

That statement was picked up on cockpit voice recordings, as was the preflight checklist of the wing flaps, NTSB member Lee Dickinson said at a briefing Friday night.

"15, 15. Green light," Dickinson quoted a voice on the tape as saying. That would seem to indicate both wing flaps were in the proper 15-degree downward angle for takeoff, he said.

Dickinson said Judd had the

same recollection of the flaps' position, which help provide the lift a plane needs to become airborne.

Investigators, however, said the flaps in the wreckage appeared to be in the up position and the plane's slats, which are on the forward edge of the wings, were found to be partially extended — the opposite of the correct takeoff position.

NTSB officials said locking devices on the slats likely would have prevented them from being knocked out of position during the crash.

Investigators have also said the handle controlling the flaps inside the cockpit was in the wrong position, but cautioned that it could have been jarred out of place during the crash or the evacuation of the crew.

Federal investigators determined that the flaps and slats of a

Northwest Airlines MD-80 were not properly set for takeoff when that plane crashed Aug. 16, 1987, at Detroit Metropolitan airport, killing 156 people.

Evidence also has not yet confirmed witness accounts that the Delta jet's engines flared during takeoff, a phenomenon that could indicate "compressor stall" within the engines, said Bernard Loeb, the NTSB's deputy director of investigations.

The plane left the gate at its scheduled departure time of 8:31 a.m., but did not take off for almost 30 minutes.

Judd said he remembers that there were normal engine indications and that other aspects of the takeoff were normal up to and including the time the nose wheel left the ground, Dickinson said.

No signs of damage have been found on any of the plane's three

engines, which Dickinson said will be dismantled at the Hartford, Conn., plant of their manufacturer, Pratt & Whitney.

The engines were removed Friday and NTSB investigators were able to get a better view, Dickinson said.

"They reiterated that there was no visible evidence of any engine failure or any engine problem," he said.

Ninety-five of the 108 people on board survived, most by scrambling out of emergency doors over the left wing and through a crack between the cabin and cockpit.

Nine victims found piled up at a rear door may have had trouble opening the emergency exit, Loeb said. He said the problem may have been the angle of the fuselage and the weight of the

door, rather than the design of the door.

After the crash, it took more than one person to open the door, Loeb said.

Investigators hope the survival of the flight's cockpit crew will make it easier to reconstruct the accident.

They said they would wait until the pilot, Capt. Larry Davis, and the first officer, Carey Wilson Kirkland Jr., were more fully recovered before talking to them.

Davis, 48, was in fair condition Friday at a Dallas hospital and Kirkland, 37, was in stable condition at a suburban hospital.

Services were held for three of the victims Friday. Three more services were scheduled for Saturday. All 13 victims were from Texas.

Sasso at Dukakis' side again

By The Associated Press

Michael Dukakis, with his trusted but long-absent Democratic campaign general reporting back for duty, predicts "a battle royal for the presidency." GOP nominee George Bush, firing a shot on the clean-water front, vows to fight to "ban ocean dumping forever."

John Sasso, a top Dukakis aide who quit last year in an uproar over the "attack video" that helped destroy Delaware Sen. Joseph Biden's campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination, rejoined the Massachusetts governor's high command Friday in an attempt to help Dukakis beat Bush on Election Day.

While campaigning in California, Dukakis told reporters that Sasso had "paid the price" for having "made a very serious mistake" in the Biden video episode. It will be "a battle royal for the presidency of the United States," Dukakis added, declaring he wants his warriors to be "the strongest team I possibly can" assemble.

Bush, standing Friday on a New Jersey beach that has been closed at times because sludge washed ashore after having been dumped off the coast, continued blasting Dukakis on the environment.

"For almost two years, he fought to allow Boston's sludge to be dumped off New Jersey's shore — the very shore on which he had the nerve to stand and promise clean water," Bush said. "Nice guy — yeah," he added sarcastically and asked: "Why did you pledge a clean ocean to the people of New Jersey when your own state applied to pollute it?"

While Dukakis applied in 1985 to have Massachusetts' waste dumped 106 miles off New Jersey's coast, a later agreement allowed Massachusetts to unload it out beyond the continental shelf.

Bush said he would fight "to ban ocean dumping forever" and would "make the enforcement of Superfund, the prosecution of polluters, and the cleanup of toxic waste a top priority."

Meantime, Bush avoided reporters' questions about Sasso's return, saying at one point: "I haven't thought about it."

Sasso left the Dukakis camp after admitting circulating a videotape showing Biden borrowing a British politician's words while failing to give attribution. On Friday he apologized for the incident.

Biden's presidential campaign was born in June 1987 and died in September of that year after being hit by admissions of plagiarism and false claims about his academic achievements.

On Friday, Dukakis said Biden "could not have been more gracious" when told Sasso was returning.



Sasso

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Chautauqua '88

Monday, Sept. 5

Central Park



Pampa Elementary Chorus is scheduled to perform on the free main stage at 10:40 a.m.

Chautauqua '88 will offer food, music, arts and crafts, games and a variety of other entertainment to Pampa area residents Monday as the Labor Day event unfolds in Central Park.

One of the highlights of this year's celebration will be the Norwegian Folk Dance group of Amarillo. Wearing Norwegian costumes, they will present Norwegian, Armenian and Ukrainian folk dances at 3:30 p.m. and again at 4:15 p.m. on the main stage.

The group members are affiliated with the Norwegian Society of Texas and participate in the annual four-day Folk Life Festival in San Antonio. They presented a special performance at the State Fair in Dallas when King Olaf of Norway visited several years ago.

U.S. Representative candidates Larry Milner and Bill Sarpalius will fly in to Pampa to make short speeches around noon on the main stage.

Main stage activities begin at 9 a.m. with an invocation by the Rev. William Bailey of St. Matthews Episcopal Church. Classical guitarist Chaz will start the day with his traditional music presentation.

A preview of the fall ACT I drama, *I Do! I Do!* will be presented at 9:25 a.m. The musical presentation about a marriage will include the song "My Cup Runneth Over With Love" by Cindy

Judson and Bill Hildebrandt. ACT I members Judson and Mike Kneisl will present a song and dialogue from *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* at 2:30 p.m.

Winners of the 1988 Chautauqua Run for United Way, sponsored by Coronado Hospital, will be presented at 9:30 a.m.

The first of a group of duet performers will be Bill and Katrina Hildebrandt at 9:40 a.m. Bill will play the guitar and his wife, the flute.

The Top O' Texas Revue, organized by Danny Parkerson, will present a song and dance routine at 10 a.m. Wheatland, organized by Loyd Harvey of Pampa, will present folk and original music at 10:20 a.m. Harvey and Jay Warner will play the guitar; Jack Selby, mandolin; Carolyn Selby, upright bass; and Heidi Rapstine, guitar. One of the numbers will be "Wheatland," an original by Harvey and the group's namesake.

The 85-member Pampa Elementary School chorus, directed by Wanetta Hill, music teacher at Horace Mann Elementary, will perform at 10:40 a.m. on the stage. Accompanist is Donna Caldwell, music teacher at Lamar Elementary. One of the original organizers of Chautauqua seven years ago, Hill scheduled this year's stage production.

Back by popular demand are the Jack Selby fiddlers, a family

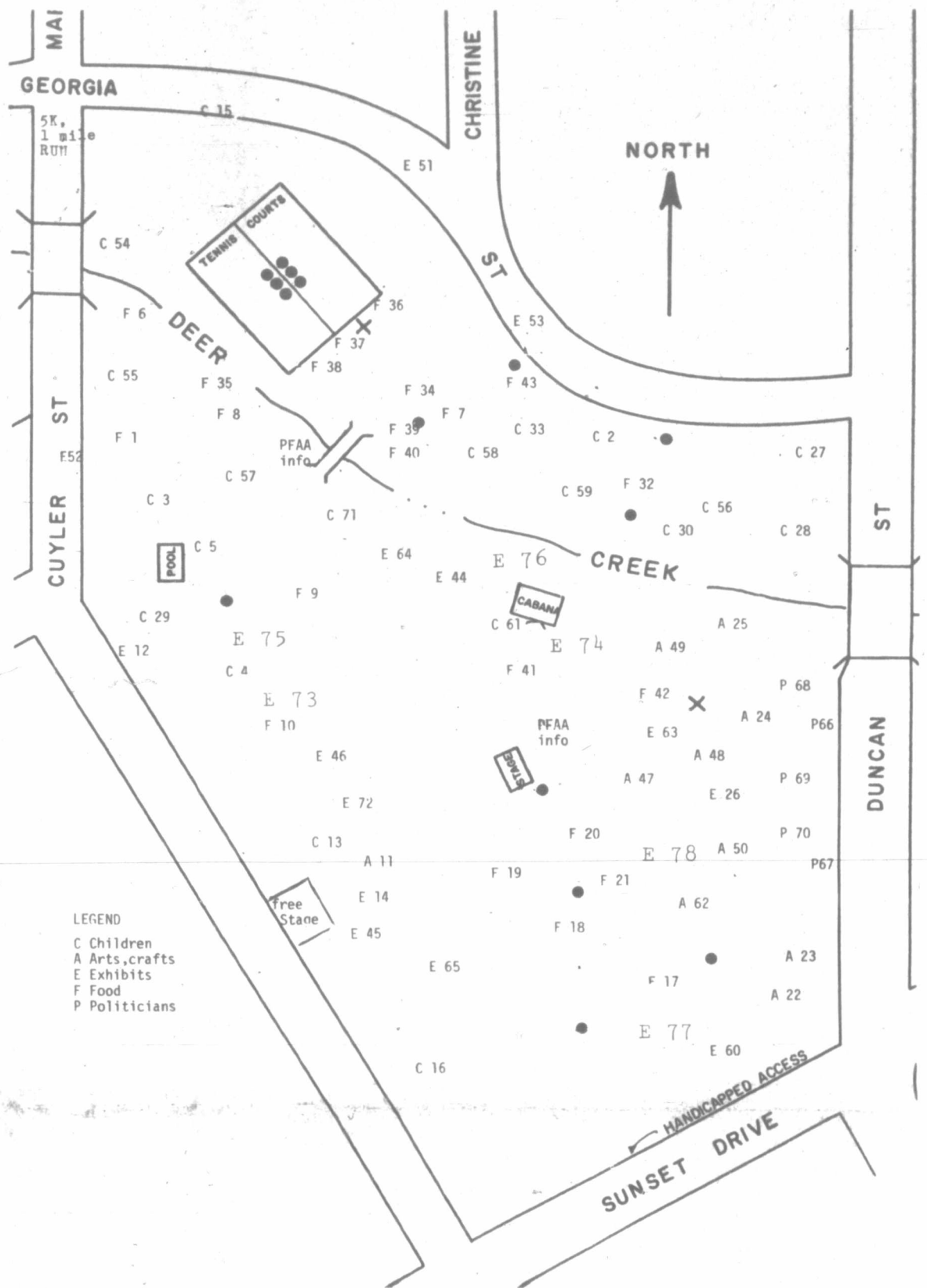
quartet, performing at 11 a.m. Jack will play the guitar; Wallace, mandolin; Thurston, fiddle; and Carolyn, bass fiddle.

Duet singers Eddie Burton and Joyce Fields will perform at 11:30 a.m. Another duet team will be Lee Cornelison and Dolly Malone at 3:30 p.m.

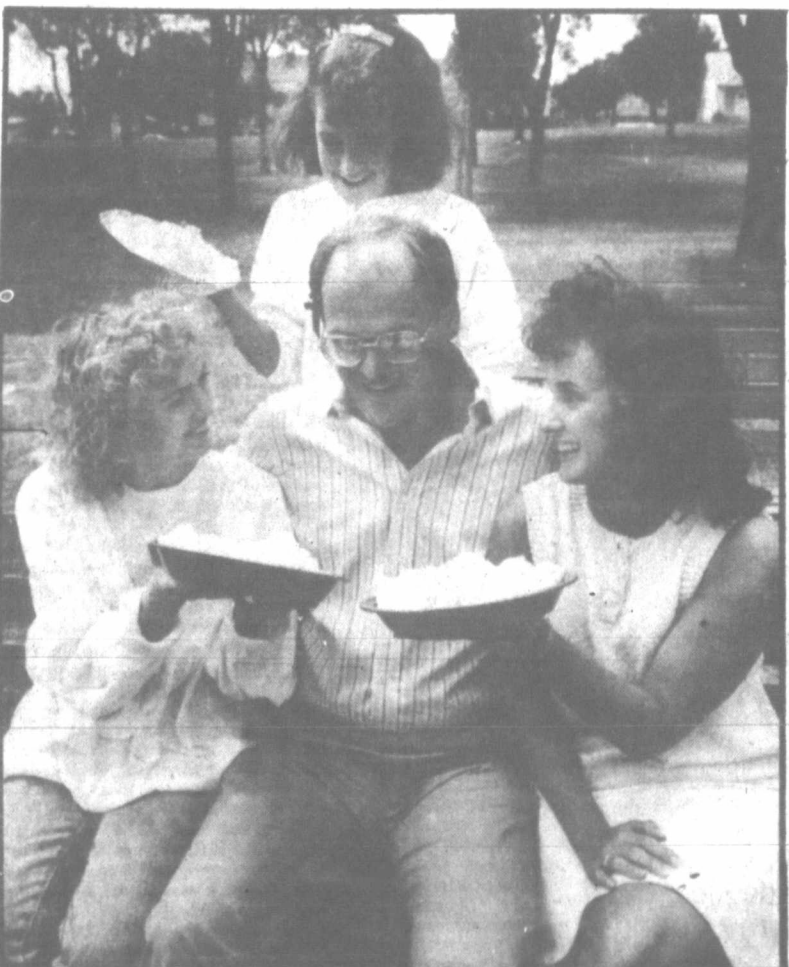
A unique program of acoustic guitar and dulcimer music will be presented by Charles Pinzino and Esther Kreek of Kansas City, Mo. Pinzino is a former high school teacher who has played the guitar for 21 years. Kreek is a research consultant of 19th-century music at St. Joseph Museum in Kansas City.

Pampa High School supporters will be out to hear the first fall presentation of the Show Choir, directed by Fred Mays, at 12:30 p.m. They will be followed by a cheering session for the Pampa Harvesters, led by PHS cheerleaders, at 1 p.m.

Two bands are scheduled for See CHAUTAUQUA, Page 14



Text by Darlene Birkes
Photos by Duane A. Laverty



Pampa Mayor David McDaniel will be one of the local officials and school faculty members who have volunteered to be pie-throwers' targets Monday. PHS Choir Boosters are sponsoring the pie throwing to raise funds for choir activities. Choir officers include, from left, Leslie McQueen, Janice Nash and Jessica Patton.

FREE MAIN STAGE	
9 a.m.	Invocation, Rev. Wm. Bailey
9:05 a.m.	Classical Guitarist Chaz
9:25 a.m.	ACT I
9:30 a.m.	Run results
9:40 a.m.	Bill & Katrina Hildebrandt
10 a.m.	Top O' Texas Revue
10:20 a.m.	Wheatland
10:40 a.m.	Pampa Elementary Chorus
11 a.m.	Jack Selby fiddlers
11:30 a.m.	Eddie Burton & Joyce Fields
Noon	Candidate Larry Milner
12:05 p.m.	Candidate Bill Sarpalius
12:10 p.m.	Esther Kreek, Charles Pinzino
12:30 p.m.	PHS Show Choir
1 p.m.	PHS Cheerleaders
1:20 p.m.	Fencewalker Country/Western Band
2:30 p.m.	ACT I
2:40 p.m.	Tri-State Bluegrass Express
3:15 p.m.	Lee Cornelison, Dolly Malone
3:30 p.m.	Norwegian Folk Dancers
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PAMELA KAY WYNNE & WILLIAM RAY (BILL) COMBS

Wynne-Combs

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Wynne Jr. of San Angelo announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Kay, to William Ray (Bill) Combs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel R. Combs of Pampa.

The wedding is scheduled for Nov. 12 in First Christian Church of San Angelo.

The bride-elect is a 1981 graduate of San Angelo Central High School and graduated cum laude in 1985 from Texas Tech University with a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing. She is a 1988 graduate of VTI Institute for Paralegal Studies. She is a member of Delta Zeta social sorority and Phi Kappa Phi business honorary fraternity. She is a paralegal in Dallas/Fort Worth.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1981 graduate of Pampa High School and a 1985 graduate of Texas Tech University with a bachelor of science degree in music performance. He is a charter member of the Texas Tech University chapter of Pi Kappa Phi social fraternity and was a member of the university's choir. He is appraisal department coordinator at University Centre Mortgage Corporation in Fort Worth.

After-school self-care may not be best choice



Homemakers' News

Donna Brauchi

Youngsters who care for themselves after school are at the center of a controversy about child care in this country. Some parents and professionals maintain that children in self-care learn independence and important self-care skills. Others claim self-care causes the children to have to take on adult responsibilities too soon.

Research shows both of these positions are probably true, depending upon the number of factors, including the location, the child's age and the degree of indirect supervision. For example, one study indicated that 30 percent of self-care children in urban areas had recurring fears, especially that "someone bad" would get into their house. But other studies found this was not the case in suburban and rural areas.

There is a clear consensus that children under 6 should not be in self-care, just as there is general agreement that teen-agers can be left alone. However, the point at which it is appropriate for a school-age child to be left alone isn't clear, and probably depends to a great extent on the individual child and the circumstances.

Indirect supervision is another factor that researchers have considered. Not all self-care children are at home alone after school. Some go to a friend's house where there is no adult supervision, to a mall, or to other areas where kids "hang out."

Researchers have found that fifth through ninth grade children who were hanging out after school were more susceptible to peer pressure than those who went to a friend's house unsupervised by an adult. Both groups were in turn more susceptible to peer pressure than the children who went to their own homes after school. There were no differences in susceptibility to peer pressure between children at home alone and those supervised at home by a parent or older sibling.

Researchers are concerned about susceptibility to peer pressure because it has been shown to be associated with anti-social activity and behavior difficulties. The key factor here is parents' indirect supervision — knowing the whereabouts of the child and expecting him or her to obey certain rules, complete chores or accomplish tasks such as doing homework.

Obviously, the decision to let a child be in self-care is an important one for parents.

Pampa offers several other options for parents of children in elementary school. Two community-supported after-school

programs available to all parents are the Gray County Latch Key program, available in all six elementary schools, and Community Day Care No. 2 at 1425 Aleock. Both programs are licensed by the Department of Human Services and provide a variety of activities at reasonable fees.

For more information on the Gray County Latch Key program, call director Londa Snider at 669-9685. More information on Community Day Care's program can be obtained from director Kim Winegeart at 669-6050.

Pampa also has some privately owned day care facilities offering after-school care.

If, however, you have decided your children can be in self-care this school year, you will want to help them develop basic skills which will allow them to avoid injury or emotional trauma.

These skills include:
■ Coping with emergencies. Does your child know what to do in case of fire, accident, injuries, severe weather or intruders?
■ How to handle strangers. Does your child know how to handle phone calls, people knocking at the door and strangers who approach them out-of-doors?
■ How to use their time alone. Does your child know how to organize his or her time to get homework or chores done as well as some playtime?
■ How to snack nutritiously. Does your child know what's an appropriate after-school snack, how to fix it, and how to work in the kitchen safely?

Self-care involves a substantial increase in responsibility for youngsters. Parents need to help them prepare for this experience by teaching the skills listed above.

For more information on teaching self-care skills, contact your Gray County Extension Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.



KRISTI LYN ASHFORD

Ashford-Whitson

John Ashford of Oklahoma City, Okla. and JoAnn Walters of Flour-ence, Mont. announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristi Lyn, to Scott Douglas Whitson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry F. Whitson of Oklahoma City.

The wedding is scheduled for Sept. 10 in the home of the prospective bridegroom's parents.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Pampa High School and is employed in the purchasing department of Hertz Data Center of Oklahoma City.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Putnam City High School and attended Oklahoma University. He is a computer programmer at Kurkendyl Enterprises of Oklahoma City.

Chautauqua

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the afternoon. Fencewalker, a country/Western band, will perform at 1:20 with vocalist Bill Ferriell. Bass player is Kenneth Sanders; drums, Monty Smith; rhythm guitar, Archie Young; and pedal steel, Ron Carter. The group has been organized for three years and has won country music show awards.

The Tri-State Bluegrass Express, performing at 2:40 p.m., has won awards in Colorado, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas. Three members of the band have played together for 16 years. Eudell Gifford of Lefors is vocalist/guitarist. Eddie Kitchen, Dumas, plays the banjo. Members from Amarillo include Wayne Tolbert, mandolin; Bill Smith, fiddle; and Jim Holmes, bass.

Living Water will present gospel music at 4 p.m., and member Wanetta Hill will solo at 4:45 p.m. in the Chautauqua '88 finale.

Side show entertainment at a stage west of the main stage will include poetry reading at 10 a.m., organized by Brenda Nettles. Participants are Elaine Ledbetter, original; Ronnie Holmes, lyric; Danny Cowan, Sandburg; Nettles; Glenna Lee Miller, Elizabeth Carter and Rochelle Lacy, original poetry; and Alice Warner, Bobby Barnes and Jeremy Barnes, children's poetry. Other original poetry will be read by Cheryl Ammerman and Danny Kohler.

From noon to 2 p.m., the Law Enforcement Spouses Organization will present skits on safety tips. At 3 p.m., Dorothy Farrington and Deborah Lawrence of the "Praise" drama troupe will present a drama. The Shira Simcha dance troupe of Spirit of Truth Church will follow with a spiritual dance of praise.

St. Vincent's Home and School group will sponsor adult bingo and display handmade items for sale. Others exhibiting arts and crafts include Jack Towles, stained glass; Darlene Holmes and Lois Minnick, oils and photo-

graphy; Hugh Johnson, Bob Fick and Harris Charity, woodcrafts; Winona White and Naomi Cornelison, handwork; and artists Billy Kingston and Lori Mendenhall.

Friends of the Library adult literacy organization will have an informational booth. Games and prizes will be offered by the organization at their booth for children.

The Top O' Texas Kennel Club will give a dog obedience demonstration and a parade of purebred dogs from 10 a.m. to noon. The National Guard will bring its popular shooting gallery, and Discovery Toys will have games for children and toys for sale, with profits to go to charity.

Carson County Square House Museum will give programs for children's participation, and Conner Hicks of Pampa will do arrowhead chipping for White Deer Land Museum.

Clean Pampa will have their four-wheeler to help litter control. There will be information on the Neighborhood Watch program through the Pampa Police Department exhibit.

In all, some 20 food booths, several arts and crafts exhibitors and over 20 children's booths will be featured at Chautauqua during the day-long program which will begin with the Chautauqua Run for United Way at 7:45 a.m. Many of the activities of Chautauqua are sponsored by non-profit organizations and individuals wishing to promote this activity for Pampa families on Labor Day. The event is sponsored annually by Pampa Fine Arts Association.

This year's organizers include Gary Kelton, chairman; Hill, stage; Shirley Warner and Dot Stowers, artists and craftsmen; Starla Tracy and Karen Cory, children; Faustina Curry, food; Marion Stroup and Susan Smith, exhibits; Sandy Burns, animal rides and exhibits; and Lilit Brainard, secretary.

Newsmakers

Lacy Delynn Buckingham
 WACO — Lacy Delynn Buckingham of Wheeler, a junior at Baylor University, has been named to the university's Dean's Distinguished Academic Honor List for the spring 1988 semester.

To qualify for the Dean's Distinguished List, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade point average of 3.9, be enrolled in a minimum of 15 semester hours and rank in the top two percentile of his or her school or college.



JOHN MARK BAGGERMAN & LORA E. STRAND

Strand-Baggerman

Elizabeth Easley of Dallas announces the engagement of her daughter, Lora E. Strand, to John Mark Baggerman, son of Ruben and Lora Baggerman of Groom.

The wedding is planned for 6 p.m. Sept. 21 in Groom Methodist Church.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Petersburg High School and attended West Texas State University, where she studied business administration and marketing; Amarillo College, real estate and management; and Harvard University, marketing. She participates in non-profit organizations and is a committee member of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce. She is placement director of American Technical Institute business school.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Groom High School and is active as a volunteer for area 4-H groups. He is self-employed with Baggerman Farms.

Club News

Magic Plains Chapter ABWA

Magic Plains Chapter of American Business Women's Association met recently in Calvary Baptist Church for their August meeting, with Wilda McGahen, president, presiding.

After a covered dish meal, guests were introduced and the special guest, scholarship recipient Brenda Graham, was presented with her scholarship check. She will attend West Texas State University and major in special education; she is planning a career in deaf ministering and sign language specialization.

The minutes and treasurer's reports were given by Karen McGahen and Raymona Nuttall. Special plans were made to participate in a cookbook project being planned for District III spring conference sponsors of Phoenix, Ariz. The chapter also sent in their contribution to help with the special "Walk in History" at the State Capitol in Austin.

Plans for ABWA Day in September are being made as ABWA enters its 39th year, looking forward to its 40th anniversary in Nashville, Tenn. in 1989. Fall membership plans are also being made for October.

Special Chautauqua plans were presented concerning the two booths the chapter plans to use. Homemade fried pies and iced tea will be sold at one booth, and a ring toss for two-liter sodas will be conducted at the other. All monies will go to fund the ABWA scholarships in Pampa.

Past President Evelyn Boyd was presented with a Past President's pin guard to match the pin she has already been given. She was also presented with special

photographs and pictures to complete her scrapbook for last year. Glenda Malone gave the vocational talk.

The next meeting will be Sept. 12 in the Fellowship Hall of Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd.

Pampa Evening Lions Club

Pampa Evening Lions Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8 at Western Sizzlin', 23rd and Hobart Streets.

Steve Hardy, marketing representative for Southwestern Public Service Company, will be the guest speaker. He will give a slide presentation on SPS' use of coal for generating electricity. A question and answer session will follow.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

New officers for Pampa Evening Lions Club for 1988-89 are Rocky Lucas, president; Larry Hendrick, first vice president; Robert Olsen, second vice president; L.B. Penick, third vice president; William Ripple, secretary/treasurer; Ed Wiens, tail twister; Conner Hicks, lion tamer; Jack Howard and B.B. Browning, one-year directors; Floyd Sackett and Ray White, two-year directors; and Richard Kastein, past president.

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by Sherry Thomas



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Have someone in your wedding party carry a needle and thread in case of unexpected trips or snags (you may have rehearsed walking with your train, but beware of clumsy wedding guests).

What if you spill something on your dress? First, dab up what excess you can with a cloth or paper towel — don't rub it or the stain will spread into the fibers. Then you can try dabbing with club soda, to raise the stain. Wine stains often respond to a heavy sprinkle of salt, which brushes off when dry. If you're very well prepared, you might blot a stain (top and underneath) with cloths that have been rinsed in a weak solution of water and vinegar. To hide a stain, try brushing it with talcum powder.

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Newsmakers



MATTHEW D. STANLEY

Matthew D. Stanley
Jack E. Nelson Jr.
Army National Guard Private Matthew D. Stanley and Army Reserve Private Jack E. Nelson Jr. have completed basic training at Fort Benning, Ga. During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions. Stanley is the son of Jerry and Margo E. Stanley of 701 Naida. Nelson is the son of Jack E. and Kay Nelson of Perryton.

Lynn Howard Whiteley
The United States Achievement Academy has named Lynn Howard Whiteley of Pampa as a Collegiate Scholastic All-American.

Scholastic All-American Collegiate Scholars must earn a 3.0 or better grade point average and must be recommended for the award by professors, instructors, deans or other qualified sponsors. Once named, Collegiate Scholars may be recognized by the USAA for other honors. Whiteley, who attends Oklaho-



JACK E. NELSON JR.

ma Baptist University, was nominated for the national award by Steve Hicks, art professor. Whiteley will appear in the Scholastic All-American Collegiate Directory, which is published nationally.

He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Howard Whiteley of Pampa.

Dean Birkes
CANYON — Dean Birkes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Birkes of 2356 Aspen, is one of 20 members of the 1988 "TEXAS" cast who received scholarships after the "TEXAS" Originals production held Sunday, Aug. 21 at the Branding Iron Theatre on the campus of West Texas State University.

The variety show, presented each year, is organized and prepared by the "TEXAS" cast. Funds for the scholarships included donations collected at the door from those attending, plus proceeds from a car wash conducted by cast members earlier in the month.

Birkes, a singer in "TEXAS," is a student at WTSU.

The 23rd season of "TEXAS" closed Saturday, Aug. 27.



DEAN BIRKES

Linda Hughes
AMARILLO — Linda Hughes, executive director of Amarillo College Theatre School for Young People, has been named Texas Artist in Residence by the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Mrs. Hughes, wife of Wayne Hughes and daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hughes of White Deer, auditioned for the appointment early in June in Dallas. The audition required a five-minute monologue and a 30-minute interview, which was conducted by a theatre panel from Dallas, Houston and Austin.

Mrs. Hughes will be included on the Artist in Residence roster as an ongoing participant. She will travel throughout Texas to theatres that seek assistance in establishing children's theatres, or to theatres seeking artistic direction for specific projects.

Mrs. Hughes has been director of children's theatre in Amarillo for 10 years. She has directed over 40 children's productions, six of which were written by her students. She has received two Golden Nail Citations from the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce and one Individual Contribution



MELINA C. BROWN

Nomination in 1988. She has served on the Texas Very Special Fine Arts Festival board of directors, and recently was presented with a special recognition award from Catholic Family Service for an original play, *Tyler Street: A Special Place for Kids*.

Mrs. Hughes has just returned from London with 40 students and parents. The students participated in an eight-day theatre education tour which included such highlights as Shakespeare's birthplace, Charles Dickens' Old Curiosity Shop and performances of *Chess, Me and My Girl, 42nd Street and Mousetrap*, now in its 36th year of performance.

Mrs. Hughes will teach theatre classes for children at Amarillo College beginning Sept. 6.

Melina C. Brown
Melina C. Brown, 20, daughter of Mrs. Patricia Wright of 1033 Huff Road, has completed dental hygiene studies at Texas State Technical Institute in Waco, where she was named to the Dean's Honor List.

Miss Brown plans to make her home in Waco.

4-H plans annual project, bake shows

DATES
Sept. 5 — 7:30 p.m., Extension Office closed for Labor Day holiday
Sept. 6 — 7:30 p.m., Grandview 4-H Club meeting, Grandview School
Sept. 10 — Bake Show, Pampa Mall

4-H PROJECT AND BAKE SHOW

The Gray County 4-H will hold its annual Project Show and Bake Show beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10 in the Pampa Mall.

The day's activities will kick off with a bicycle rodeo sponsored by the Pampa Police Department and the Pampa Mall. Entries for the show will be taken from noon to 1 p.m. Public viewing will begin at 1 p.m. and last till 4 p.m., at which time 4-H'ers are to pick up their projects.

The purpose of the Project Show is to allow 4-H'ers to show the public exactly what 4-H is all about. The 4-H'ers in Gray County are working very hard setting up display booths and other exhibits to show off their projects.



4-H Corner

Joe Vann

A variety of different projects will be on display. Some of these projects include rifle, sewing, food, livestock, meats, soils, range, crafts, home environment and many others. The Gray County 4-H council will be in charge of an information booth with information about the Gray County 4-H Program. The council will also have enrollment forms available for anyone who would like to join 4-H.

The Project Show will not only allow 4-H'ers to show off their projects but also to compete. Competitive events include clothing, woodworking, photography and arts/crafts. The age divisions under these categories will include Junior, 9-11; Intermediate, 12-13; and Senior, 14-19. All

entries in these divisions will receive rosettes.

We will also sponsor a poster contest. The posters should be 14 x 22 inches, and any type of art form will be accepted. The posters will be judged on originality, neatness and expression of what Gray County 4-H represents. All posters entered in this contest will be used during National 4-H Week, Oct. 2-7.

BAKE SHOW
The Gray County Bake Show has two age divisions — Junior,

9-13, and Senior, 14-19. In the Junior show, 4-H'ers are required to prepare quick breads, whereas the Seniors prepare yeast breads.

All of the Bake Show contestants will receive ribbons, and the high point winners will represent Gray County at the District 1 Bake Show Sept. 17 during the Tri-State Fair.

I encourage all Gray County 4-H'ers to attend and participate in the Project and Bake Show. This is an excellent opportunity to show what you have done in 4-H.

The 4-H program has a great deal to offer, and if you would like more information on our program, come out to the Mall on Sept. 10 and see what 4-H is all about.

If you need more information on the Project Show and Bake Show, please call the Extension Office at 669-8033.



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WEDNESDAY
Pizza; salad; diced carrots; pineapple rings; milk.
THURSDAY
Pork chops; mashed potatoes and gravy; blackeyed peas; hot rolls; applesauce; milk.
FRIDAY
Ham and cheese sandwiches; cole slaw; chips; cherry cobbler; milk.

Pampa schools

BREAKFAST
MONDAY
Holiday.
TUESDAY
Cereal; fruit juice; white milk.
WEDNESDAY
Pancakes with syrup; fruit; white milk.
THURSDAY
Biscuits; honey butter; fruit; white milk.
FRIDAY
Toasted raisin bread; honey; juice; white milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY
Holiday.
TUESDAY
Pigs in a blanket; seasoned green beans; fruit salad with topping; white or chocolate milk.
WEDNESDAY
Country fried steak/brown gravy; mashed potatoes; pear halves with cheese; whole wheat rolls; white or chocolate milk.
THURSDAY
Taco salad; pinto beans; sopapillas/honey; white milk.
FRIDAY
Hot dogs/mustard; potato rounds; baked beans; cherry cobbler; white or chocolate milk.

Pampa senior citizens

MONDAY
Closed for holiday.
TUESDAY
Chicken fried steak or chili rellenos with cheese sauce; mashed potatoes; spinach; pinto beans; harvard beets; toss, slaw or Jello salad; chocolate pie or lemon cake; corn bread or hot rolls.
WEDNESDAY
Roast beef with brown gravy; mashed potatoes; baked cabbage; blackeyed peas; turnip greens; slaw, Jello or toss salad; pineapple squares or apple cobbler; corn bread or hot rolls.
THURSDAY
Oven baked chicken or tacos; mashed potatoes; green beans; cream corn; boiled okra; slaw, toss or Jello salad; banana pudding or cherry delight; corn bread or hot rolls.
FRIDAY
Chicken enchiladas or fried cod fish with tartar sauce; french fries; buttered broccoli; corn on the cob; pinto beans; slaw, toss or Jello salad; coconut pie or fruit cup; garlic bread or hot rolls.

Calories not needed for taste

NEW YORK (AP) — Good taste and flavor seem to go along with fat and high calorie levels. But it's possible to get the same high aroma and flavor without the additional calories.

Dr. Susan Schiffman, director of the Obesity Clinic at Duke University and a member of the National Health and Sciences Advisory Board for Nutri-System Inc., gives these low-calorie seasoning and snack tips:

— As a substitute for chocolate

topping, sprinkle a mixture of cocoa and a non-calorie sweetener.

— To increase flavor for low salt chicken soup, boil and add only half of the recommended water.

— Top popcorn or vegetables with butter-flavored vegetable spray rather than real butter or margarine.

— Season foods with lemon instead of salt to cut sodium content.

The Point Is Pets
by Ron Hendrick, D.V.M.

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL CAT-HEALTH MONTH!

One of the most commonly asked questions I get is: "My neighbor's dog has distemper. Will my cat catch it?" The answer is "NO." Dog distemper is a viral disease which affects the brain and nervous system. However, cat distemper is a complex viral disease which primarily affects the intestinal tract.

The symptoms are mainly those of severe diarrhea, dehydration, and occasionally, death. Prompt treatment is usually successful. (Prevention is always much cheaper for the owner and better for the cat.) There are also a number of related viruses that are grouped with the term "cat distemper" which cause upper respiratory problems. When you get your cat vaccinated for "Distemper" you get protection against all of these at the same time. Just remember, dog "Distemper" is NOT the same as cat "Distemper."

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the American Veterinary Medical Association are sponsoring this month in an effort to both educate the public and help promote better health for cats across the nation. In order to help promote this event, at this hospital, all this month vaccinations for cats will be reduced 25%. This includes Rabies, Distemper and Leukemia. Call 665-1873 for appointment.

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Now is time to seed cool season grass lawns, fertilize

As a part of the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association meeting in Fredricksburg in early August, I went on a horticultural tour of a peach orchard, grape vineyard and winery.

The peach orchard on the tour was doing everything "right." Yet, since establishment in about 1983, a good crop of fruit had not been harvested. Two hail storms and a late freeze had severely limited production. Gillespie County has about 10 percent of the state's peach production.

I am convinced that the McLean area of Gray County, as well as neighboring sandy land sites, can produce fruit as good as anywhere. I dearly love fresh peaches and have a favorite peach orchard near Wheeler, so I have seen rather reliable area fruit production for a number of years.

This past week I visited with Tony and Monta Jean Smitherman, who live just southwest of

McLean. Two and a half years ago, Tony planted 100 peach trees. This summer he has harvested about 60 bushels off of those young trees.

Several years ago we conducted a fruit production seminar and had several outstanding speakers. Tony made the comment in our recent visit that these speakers really provided a lot of very useful information.

I get a lot of inquiries about what can be done to make some money from some types of new enterprise. I really think that more folks need to get serious about various horticultural possibilities. With Interstate 40 running through the county — we have some built-in market advantages as I see it.

If some folks are interested in looking at various horticultural enterprises, let me know. Now is the time I start making plans for next year. When I speak of horticultural crops, this can include



For Horticulture

Joe VanZandt

peaches, apples, grapes, melons and vegetables.

FULL LAWN CARE

Our weather is beginning to take on a fall feeling. September is the best time to seed cool season grass lawns such as bluegrass or fescue. It certainly helps if you have your seedbed prepared ahead of time.

Seedbed preparation includes having the lawn area leveled, soil firmed, free of weeds and junk grass, and fertilized. It is best if you can anticipate when a damp, cool spell of weather is coming and sow your seed just prior to its

arrival. A light incorporation of seed is all that is needed.

Probably the most important thing is to be able to keep the seedbed area fairly damp for at least two to three weeks. This means being able to apply water two to three times daily with light applications until the grass becomes fairly well rooted.

The amount of seed needed for establishment of tall fescue lawns is approximately eight to 10 pounds of pure live seed per 1,000 square feet. Bluegrass needs about one to three pounds of PLS per 1,000 square feet of

area. Most tall fescue lawns eventually become thin or bare in spots. This condition may be caused by diseases, insects or hot, dry summer conditions.

A thinned, tall fescue lawn forms clumps and becomes unsightly. To prevent this from occurring, it's usually necessary to overseed fescue lawns in the fall. This must be done every one to three years, depending on the condition of the lawn.

Mow the lawn at a 1 to 1½-inch height before applying seeds. Rake the lawn to remove grass clippings and plant debris. Apply starter fertilizer before seeding.

Usually two to three pounds of seeds per 1,000 square feet are ample to rejuvenate the lawn. After the seeds are planted, keep the soil moist the first two to three weeks.

Cool season junk grasses and weeds can be controlled by an early fall application of herbicides such as Balan, Betasan, Dacthal or Enide. Junk grasses and weeds that can be prevented include henbit, rescuegrass, little barley, brome, cheat and several others that cause unsightly appearance during the winter or

spring, especially on Bermuda grass lawns.

However, if you are seeding your lawn, do not apply herbicides pre-emergence as your lawn grasses will also be "controlled". Follow label directions for any pesticide application.

If your lawn has not been fertilized recently, an early fall application is in order to promote a stronger grass plant for the winter, but don't over-fertilize. Usually about one to two pounds of actual nitrogen or about three to six pounds of a fertilizer material such as ammonium nitrate (34-0-0) per 1,000 square feet is very adequate.

Several calls have been received about brown spots showing up in Bermuda grass lawns lately. This is most likely caused by a fungus such as brown patch or dollar spot. If you have been experiencing this, fertilize your lawn as listed above.

If you encounter the problem again after your grass starts new growth, I recommend using a fungicide such as Daconil 2787. However, I believe that the fertilizer will stimulate new growth, the brown spots will disappear and will not recur.

Man is heavy-hearted over wife's weight

DEAR ABBY: My wife is about 45 pounds overweight and has been since her pregnancy. She wore her maternity clothes for more than four years — until I told her I couldn't stand to look at her anymore. I have asked her repeatedly to lose weight and have offered to help her in any way possible, but to no avail.

She says if I loved her, I would accept her the way she is. I say if you love someone, you do your best to look good for them.

Abby, I don't expect her to have a 22-inch waist — I'd just like her to trim down a bit. This has been bothering me so much that I am considering having an affair with a slender woman — or telling my wife to shape up or ship out! She reads your column every day, so please give her a little advice.

END OF MY ROPE

DEAR END: Your wife didn't ask for any advice, but I'll give you some: Quit nagging her. She is the only person she will lose weight for. And she'll do it for her own reasons when she's good and ready.

She's right — a loving husband will accept his wife the way she is. (I've yet to hear



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

from a woman who would tell her overweight husband to "shape up or ship out.")

Now is the time to be especially loving and supportive. Love her to pieces and kill her with kindness, and say nothing about her weight. What have you got to lose?

DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter from the woman who bought herself a pair of expensive diamond earrings for Mother's Day because the previous year her husband gave her nothing, saying, "You're not my mother." She was the mother of his twin daughters.

Abby, since when is something one awards himself a "gift"? To me, this is about on a par with certain foreign dictators who cover their chests with medals and decorations.

Assuming she did it to make a point, wouldn't a card and flowers have made her point without breaking the budget?

I was married for 14 years to a woman who never gave me a chance to buy her anything. She'd buy herself gifts (usually jewelry) on credit, using my name and credit references, as much as two months before the date. I would never have forgotten her birthday or our anniversary, but she took no chances. I am far from a cheapskate, but because she always selected her own gifts, I was cheated out of the pleasure I would have had, had I been allowed to do the buying and giving.

CHEATED IN BELLFLOWER

DEAR CHEATED: Some men do not like to shop and appreciate being relieved of the chore. But a wife should not take over

the chore of buying her own gift unless her husband offers it to her.

DEAR ABBY: I have a conflict with my husband over the subject of children. We have been married for almost a year. He's 23 and I'm 19. We both want children — he less than I. I keep bringing up the subject and he keeps closing it. He says that a baby would tie us down, and I want a baby so much, it hurts. Can you help, Abby, or am I rushing things?

CAN'T WAIT IN SUBURBAN, ILL.

DEAR CAN'T: Yes, you are rushing things. Wait until your husband is just as eager as you are — then you won't be the only one who's "tied down."

Don't put off writing thank-you notes, letters of sympathy, etc. because you don't know what to say. Get Abby's booklet, "How to Write Letters for All Occasions." Send a check or money order for \$2.89 (\$3.39 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054 (postage is included).

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Club News

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilters Guild
Panhandle Piecemakers Quilters Guild met Thursday, Aug. 25 in Pampa Community Building with Starla Nicholson presiding.

Plans for the upcoming revolving quilt lessons were finalized. This will be a one-day demonstration-type course on subjects that include piecing, making accurate patterns, applique and use of the rotary cutter.

The revolving quilt lessons will be held from 1:45 to 4 p.m. Satur-

day, Sept. 10 on the upper level of The Hobby Shop on Cuyler Street. Cost will be \$10, with proceeds going to the newly-formed quilt guild.

No supplies are needed to attend the one-day demonstration, and anyone interested in learning the techniques is welcome to attend. Pre-registration is not required, but those who wish to do so may contact Debra Roudy at 665-0568.

Three new members were welcomed to the guild — Donna

Reynolds and Billie Williams, both of Pampa, and Cheryl Brewer of Amarillo.

Members worked on individual name tags that are to be worn at guild functions, and made plans for "Basting Bees" to be held in the future.

Show and Tell items included a Jacob's Ladder quilt shown by Martha Hadley and quilted wall hangings by Carol Vines and Starla Nicholson.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22 in the upper level of The Hobby Shop.

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Entertainment

At the Movies

By BOB THOMAS
Associated Press Writer

The Last Temptation of Christ

What if Hitler had won World War II? What if John F. Kennedy had lived?

Some folks are fascinated by history as it wasn't. Martin Scorsese asks us to contemplate: What if Christ had not died on the cross?

The question was posed in the 1955 novel by Nikos Kazantzakis, *The Last Temptation of Christ*. The book has been condensed into a screenplay by Paul Schrader (*Taxi Driver*, *The Mosquito Coast*) and directed by Scorsese.

The hypothesis: Jesus leaves his agony on the cross, led by an angel into a green valley. He shares the home and bed of Mary Magdalene, who later dies. The angel then leads him to the home of Mary and Martha, sisters of Lazarus, where he leads a peaceful life. On his deathbed he is visited by his former disciples, who reveal that the angel was Satan and encourage him to go back to the cross and die as God intended.

This last temptation of Christ — which Jesus is shown to have rejected — occupies the final quarter of the film. The previous three-quarters are an idiosyncratic retelling of the Christ story. Some of the teachings and the miracles are depicted in accomplished cinematic style, particularly the interpolated beatitudes and the rescue of Mary Magdalene from stoning.

Other scenes are embarrassing, especially Jesus plucking his heart from his breast. Scorsese can be commended for avoiding the excesses of Hollywood's earlier biblical epics. The Moroccan landscapes seem like the Holy Land, the wardrobe and sets are in desert-drab hues and crowd scenes are not filled with a cast of thousands.

The Last Temptation of Christ is reportedly a longtime passion for Scorsese. He has poured his considerable talent into the film, but he has overextended himself, stretching the story beyond audience endurance.

The film focuses repeatedly on the relationship of Jesus (Willem Dafoe) and Judas (Harvey Keitel). The other roles are oversimplified: Barbara Hershey as the voluptuous Magdalene; Harry Dean Stanton as Saul-Paul; David Bowie as an effete Pontius Pilate.

The Last Temptation of Christ, a Universal Pictures release, is rated R, with nudity, sex scenes and lots of blood. The movie is far too long at 160 minutes.

Tucker

Film enthusiasts who ache for the big-scale movies of Hollywood in its prime can rejoice for *Tucker: The Man and His Dream*. Strangely, it is the work of two leading members of the New Hollywood: Francis Coppola and George Lucas.

The saga of Preston Tucker has obsessed Coppola since his days as a film student at the University of California at Los Angeles. It is essentially a tragedy, the reverse of the American Dream.

An inventive opportunist, Tucker tried to combat the Big Three automakers (Ford, General Motors and Chrysler) in the post-World War II era with "the first completely new car in 50 years." Many of his innovations for safety and comfort can be seen in today's automobiles.

Tucker's grandiose scheme failed, despite his brilliant use of modern-day salesmanship. Coppola and screenwriters Arnold Schulman and David Seidler claim that Tucker was thwarted by Michigan Sen. Homer Ferguson, who was bent on protecting his Detroit constituents. Tucker was denied steel supplies and had his factory taken away from him. The fatal blow came when he was indicted for fraud. He was later acquitted.

Jeff Bridges is perfect as the would-be industrialist, ever resourceful, pushing his workers beyond their capacities, selling with the zeal of Harold Hill. Even in defeat he can seem triumphant, and his unending optimism helps ease the air of tragedy that pervades *Tucker*. That is the film's only drawback: the inevitability of defeat.

Within the limits of their roles, the supporting cast is uniformly excellent. Martin Landau as Tucker's financial adviser is a revelation. Dean Stockwell is also outstanding in a brief appearance as Howard Hughes. Lloyd Bridges is icily evil as Senator Ferguson.

A Paramount release, *Tucker* was produced by Fred Roos and Fred Fuchs. The rating is PG for language. Running time: 111 minutes.



Checking the charts

By BEAR MILLS

Their name could not be less country sounding. However, their energetic sound is a cross between Southern Pacific and the Desert Rose Band.

The Eastern League will be coming to western Texas this Friday night for a concert at the M.K. Brown Civic Center.

Actually, depending on your interpretation, Eastern League may not be country at all. Their repertoire sounds much like early Eagles or Creedence Clearwater Revival.

But then, so does a lot of today's country music.

What makes this group different from any of the other million or so bands struggling for a record deal?

First, they come from Austin, breeding grounds of such heavies as Willie Nelson and Lyle Lovett. Second, they have a sound and a look that is "hot" right now.



Eastern League

Record execs are tripping over themselves to find bands that can carry on the country-pop sound that is bringing so many young people over to country music.

Rod Neely, the band's drummer, is a Borger native who credits such uncountrified performers as Don Brewer of Grand Funk Railroad and Stewart Copeland of the Police as influences.

On the other end of the spectrum, guitarist Andy Perez is a descendant of the Andre Segovia school of thought on classical guitar.

But wait, it gets better. Bass player Brad Benefield comes from a jazz background and vocalist Billy Lamberth says he took his cues from Conway Twitty and Bad Company.

Together they form a refreshing blend of rock and country that seems equal parts Hank Williams Jr. and Steve Miller Band.

In addition to playing Pampa, the current tour will include stops in New Mexico, Colorado and points west.

Why Pampa? Promotion people with the group say their orientation is to-

ward taking music to people who don't get fresh new bands very often.

Call them musical missionaries if you will.

While Eastern League says their sound may be oriented toward '60s rock, they insist they are strictly 1980s material. They call it "straight shooting country-tinged rock'n'roll."

They also say high school kids and those of us of the older generation will be equally inclined to don dancing shoes.

Tickets for the Eastern League Show are available at the Music Shoppe in Plaza 21. Show time is 9:30 p.m., so there's plenty of time to take in the Harvesters game and the concert.

NOTES: Two thumbs up for the new Highway 101 album, High-

way 101! Paulette Carlson and the boys in the band are continuing to expand on ground covered, but not conquered, by Linda Ronstadt over a decade ago. This latest effort shows that the sophisticated blues have not touched this band.

Fans of what used to be called Southern Rock'n'Roll, your attention please.

The pronouncement of death of this style of music by the national media may have been premature. Little Feat has gotten back together, sans the late Lowell George, for a rollicking new album, *Let It Roll*. Known as a band's band, the group saw little chart success, but have done well on album rock stations in the past.

Fans of country rock with a healthy dose of blues tossed in will enjoy this new effort.

Also back together and producing new albums are Marshall Tucker Band, Greg Allman Band and Lynyrd Skynyrd.

With Hank Williams Jr.'s move into more Southern Fried rock and Charlie Daniels continuing to produce a healthy volume of material, the time may be right for more stations to start playing the southern blues again!

Van Halen has cooled personal styles but still keeps music hot

By RICHARD DE ATLEY
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — What's this? Fizzy fruit drinks in the hands of Van Halen band members?

Once the baddest of the bad, the boys who drove 'em mad, the terror of Holiday Inn managers from Maine to California, the lads have decidedly cooled their personal styles.

But they've managed to keep their music hot.

The musicians were in a reflective yet playful mood as they gathered recently for an interview at a local rehearsal studio.

Guitarist Eddie Van Halen, brother-drummer Alex, bassist Michael Anthony and lead vocalist Sammy Hagar actually seemed to be enjoying those non-alcoholic beverages that come in skinny little bottles.

The band has been around for 14 years now, and survived two years ago what many thought would be a fatal personnel change with the ebullient Hagar replacing David Lee Roth.

There also has been an effort to sober their personal lives, with Eddie agreeing to undergo alcohol treatment after a drunken driving arrest late last year ended in a no-contest plea. Brother Alex also has turned off the tap.

Of the two brothers, Alex is the more talkative, giving rapid ex-

plained that he believes the band belongs in the company of such groups as U2, the Grateful Dead and Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band.

"None of these bands have anything to do with each other, but they're all individuals and they are great in their own right at what they do. Van Halen fits in like that," he said.

He said he believes the band belongs in the company of such groups as U2, the Grateful Dead and Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band.

Hagar, whose replacement of



Van Halen members, clockwise from top left, Alex Van Halen, Eddie Van Halen, Michael Anthony and Sammy Hagar.

'People have been knocking heavy metal, rock 'n' roll, call it what you want, from day one. ... By the time they figure out how long it's going to last, they'll be dead.'

planations and analyses of touring and rock 'n' roll's survival record against its critics.

"People have been knocking heavy metal, rock 'n' roll, call it what you want, from day one," he said when asked about the dim view taken of hard rock bands by such groups as the Parents Music Resource Committee.

"First they said, 'It's not going to last more than a week.' Then they said, 'It won't last more than a year.' Then they said, 'It won't last a decade.' Then they said, 'It

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By MICHAEL L. GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer

"Nobody knows the complete story of what happened at Galveston; nobody ever will know."
— John Edward Weems.

GALVESTON (AP)— John Edward Weems can't visit Galveston without thinking of the great 1900 storm which claimed the lives of an estimated 6,000 people, making it the nation's most deadly natural disaster.

"I still look for signs of the hurricane," says Weems. "A lot are no longer around."

Weems, of Waco, heard much about the storm while growing up because his Aunt Gale was born on Sept. 8, 1900, the day the storm crashed ashore.

But not until 1956, while working at Baylor University, did Weems decide the storm was worthy of historical documentation in the form of a book.

"I was looking at the old volumes of *The Galveston News* in the library, looking through some of the fading pages and came across it," he said. "The few missing issues represented the Galveston storm. In the first edition after the storm, it was full of the Galveston storm. That gave me the idea the Galveston hurricane would be a good subject to handle."

After six months of research and about another six months of writing, Weems' *A Weekend in September* was published, the

first of 10 books he has written.

Thirty-one years later, the book—hailed by reviewers as the ultimate example of the terror and violence a hurricane can bring—is being released for the first time in paperback by the Texas A&M University Press. It will debut Thursday, the 88th anniversary of the storm and the heart of the annual hurricane season.

Sadly, Weems believes none of the scores of people he interviewed to tell the story of the storm through eyewitnesses remains alive.

But the terror they experienced, as the wind howled and waves and storm surge toppled buildings with ease, is as vivid as they lived it 88 years ago.

"Most of them wanted to talk," Weems recalled of his 1956 research. "A few of them, very few, didn't. But 56 years after the hurricane, they still remembered the tragedies. The tragedies were still with them but enough time had passed so they could talk about them."

"I got the idea some of them might be paying respect to their dead friends and relatives by talking about them."

Galveston was Texas' largest city at the turn of the century with almost 38,000 people. The storm, first noticed in the high tides of morning, gained strength throughout the day, culminating in the darkness of night.

And when the sun rose Sept. 9, nearly one-sixth of the city's resi-



Photo shows aftermath of Sept. 8, 1900 Galveston hurricane. (AP Laserphoto)

dents were dead, victims of buildings toppled by winds and waves, drowned in the 15-foot storm surge, mangled by flying debris or washed out to sea.

Weems' story starts and finishes with Daisy Thorne, a young Galveston teacher whose room in an apartment building known as Lucas Terrace was the only one of 64 in her building to withstand the storm.

Twenty-two people crowded inside the tiny room and lived to tell their story.

The book ends with Daisy's marriage to Dr. Joe Gilbert on Sept. 13, 1900. It was the first Galveston wedding after the storm hit, and the aisle at Grace Episcopal Church was caked with mud several inches deep.

"I don't know there was anything remarkable about her, but she let me look through many of her old letters that pertained to the hurricane and she talked to me at length about her experiences," Weems said.

Mrs. Gilbert died in the mid-1960s. Weems donated books in her memory to the University of Texas library in Austin. Her husband was the first physician at

the school.

While flashing back to the worsening situation at Lucas Terrace, Weems weaves the tales of other people who survived the hurricane by huddling in a light-house or inside a storm-tossed ship, of clinging to wreckage or crammed inside the upper stories of their homes.

Some even admitted they slept through the storm.

"I wanted to avoid all feeling of morbidity," Weems said. "Fifty-six years after, it was a matter of historical record. And I don't believe it's possible to forget about history."

Even now, when he visits Galveston, it's impossible to not think of the storm.

"That book always runs through my mind," Weems said. "I always think of the research I did and what happened where and how deep the water was."

He says television gives people a good idea of what a hurricane is like but the image on the screen can't duplicate the real thing. In 1961, with Hurricane Carla swirling in the Gulf of Mexico, he went to Galveston to write about the approaching storm.

"I caught a bus," he recalled. "I didn't want to bring my car down there. It wasn't that bad and it wasn't frightening. But the wind was really blowing. You had to lean against it to stand up."

"You don't really appreciate it until you get out in the real situation. This isn't show business but the real thing."

Perhaps the most lasting monument to the 1900 storm is the Galveston seawall, a concrete embankment 17 feet above mean low tide.

Since the big storm, it has helped moderate the damage from hurricanes later this century.

But Weems still does not view it as a perpetual safeguard, especially now that beachfront development in the coastal city has extended beyond the seawall.

"I've never desired to build in Galveston," he said. "But I didn't want to say too much about that to the people in 1956, especially to the people who were helping me out."

"I think it's only a matter of time. One of those surely will come along some time and probably come in the coast the same place."

'Killer bees' still on the way

By JAVIER PICHARDINI
Associated Press Writer

TAPACHULA, Mexico (AP)— Africanized "killer bees" are continuing the northward advance that will bring them to the United States in less than two years despite efforts to stop them or alter their behavior, officials say.

The Africanized bees mate with local bees, spawning new generations that are more aggressive and dangerous to handle, make less honey and pollinate crops less efficiently.

"Mexico will be 'Africanized' without a doubt. It is a fact we cannot change," Dr. Martha Noemi Zapata, president of the Tapachula Agricultural Association, said in a recent interview. She said the bee will continue north "as far as the cold allows."

Since honey, after milk, is Mexico's leading agricultural export, the invasion has researchers searching for ways to protect the industry.

Beekeepers here are learning to work in heavy veils, boots, suits and gloves that make them look a bit like astronauts about to undertake a space walk, and to use smoke in an effort to stupefy the bees.

Researchers are also sneaking into hives to replace Africanized queens with their sweeter-natured cousins and are trying to saturate some areas with European beehives.

"We're hoping to dilute the African genetic content. We can do it if we can stabilize the population of European bees," said Dr. Ernesto Ugalde, supervisor of several bee-control centers.

The Africanized bees began their spread in Brazil in 1956, when specimens of an African bee escaped during an experiment. The bees started breeding with local bees of European origin, creating the Africanized or "killer" bee.

They advanced slowly at first, but reached Mexico in December 1986. U.S. and Mexican officials tried to stem the tide by dangling bee traps from trees and wiping out hives across the narrowest

point of Mexico, the Isthmus of Tehuantepec.

The barrier didn't work.

"By the time it was ready, the bees had already crossed," said Zapata.

The bees have been spotted in the states of Tabasco and Veracruz, the heart of Mexico's honey industry.

"The bees will be in the United States by 1990," Dr. Gustavo Rodriguez Eres, Mexican director of a joint U.S.-Mexican bee control program, said in an interview in Mexico City.

The bees are expected to spread into the southern United States, but cannot survive cold weather as well as their European cousins. Experts here say beekeepers will just have to learn to live with the problem.

"With the honey bee, the beekeepers work with just a veil over the head, or sometimes even shirtless without a veil," Zapata said.

The experts say the best hope is to cross-breed the Africanized bees with the European honey bee, diluting aggressive characteristics. Eres said much of the bees' aggressiveness has been controlled in a cross-breeding experiment.

"What is much more important is the effect on production," he said. "The African bee accumulates less honey than the European bee."

Africanized bees don't actually seek out victims, he explained, but they spend more time defending their hives than making honey.

"The Africanized bee simply has a marked defensive instinct that makes it easier to irritate and more aggressive when bothered," Eres said.

The bees have killed one resident of Tapachula, a man who tripped against an unseen hive. The bees have also harassed herds of cattle and made grazing difficult as far as 650 feet from a hive.

About 47,000 Mexican families, most of them peasants in areas of subsistence farming, are in the honey business.

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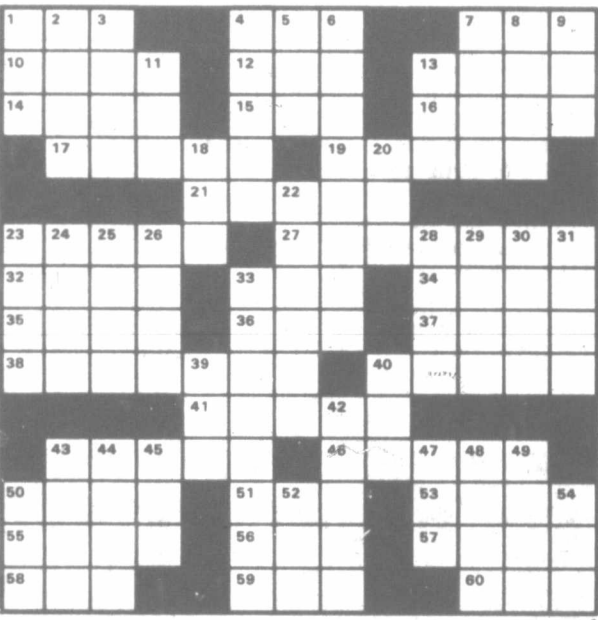
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- 33 Army Transport Service (abbr.)
- 34 Cigarette (sl.)
- 35 Read
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- 38 More insolent
- 40 Top of a wave
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- 43 Flat fold in cloth
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- 56 Soak (flax)
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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It's to your advantage to take a more active role in your social affiliations, structured or spontaneous. Be a leader, not a follower. Major changes are ahead for Virgo in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Keep focusing on, and working towards, your primary goals. If there is something constructive you can do today to further matters, get moving.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Cooperation and tact are your two most important allies in dealings with others today. If you use them properly, they will enhance your possibilities for the results you desire.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Interesting opportunities could be developing around you at this time. One might give you a chance to increase your earnings through a second source of income.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A matter that has caused you uncertainty looks like it will be concluded to your satisfaction. The end results might not be optimum, but they will be quite good.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Greater progress will be made today if you take the line of least resistance where work is concerned. Don't look for challenges — try to avoid them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Much of the risk of something speculative in which you're involved can be dealt with at a controllable level, provided you continue to use good judgment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you have a little cash surplus built up, don't let it burn a hole in your pocket. Put it to work or keep it out of reach.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Little frustrations with which you may have to contend early in the day won't have enough impact to put you in a bad frame of mind if you don't permit it. Maintain a positive attitude.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) There could be an adjustment for the better today in conditions that have an affect upon your financial security. The change should be noticeable.

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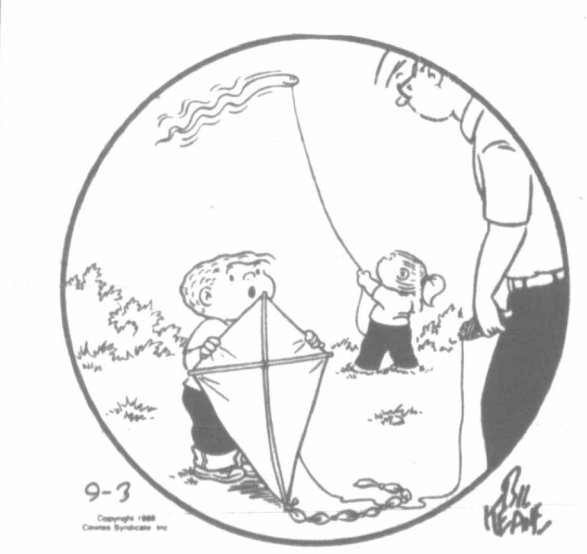
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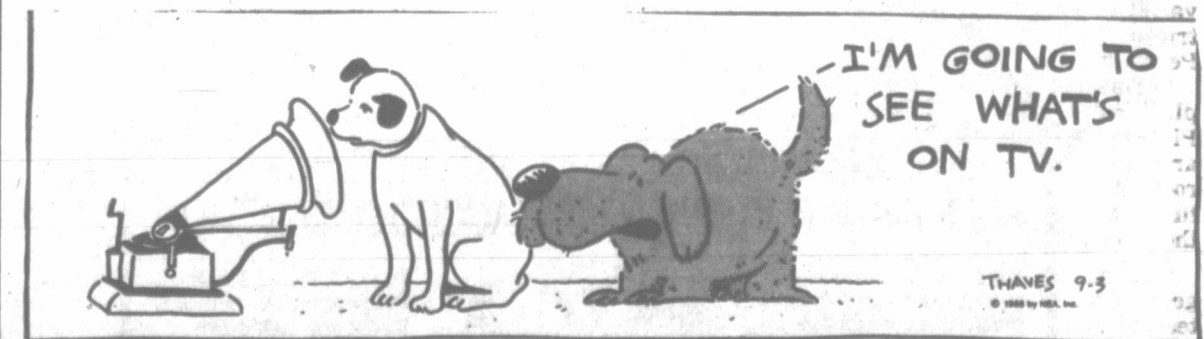
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Agriculture

Drought has had a mixed effect on fruit, vegetable prices

By DON KENDALL
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A review of fruit, vegetables and other "high-value" crops watched closely by the Agriculture Department shows that the 1988 drought has trimmed some harvests but did little harm to others. "The drought disrupted normal production and marketing of Midwestern processing vegetables, dry beans, sugar beets and tart cherries," says the department's Economic Research Service. "Drought damage had less influence on the markets for other fruits, tobacco, sugar cane, tree nuts and fresh vegetables."

The Labor Department reported that grocery prices rose 1.4 percent in July, the sharpest increase in 4½ years. One of the factors was a 4.7 percent gain for fresh fruits and vegetables. USDA economist Glenn Zepp said the biggest drought impact among fruit and vegetable crops was on processing vegetables grown in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan and Illinois, where production dropped and prices rose. Green pea production in Wisconsin and Minnesota, which accounted for more than half of the U.S. output in 1987, declined 50 percent this year because of drought-reduced yields. Snap bean production under

contract with processors is expected to be down 14 percent from last year.

"Production in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin is forecast down 20 percent," Zepp reports in the September issue of *Agricultural Outlook* magazine. "Half the 1987 crop came from these three states. A hot summer and limited moisture ravaged snap bean fields in Arkansas, Pennsylvania and New York."

Despite rain in late July in some production areas, Midwestern canners expect the sweet corn pack to be 30 percent to 50 percent below their planned volume. Similar shortfalls are reported for the region's canned beets, carrots, lima beans and tomatoes.

"Most processing tomatoes (88 percent in 1987) are grown in California, so drought-reduced output in the Midwest will have little effect on total tomato supplies or prices," he said.

But Zepp said that by mid-August canners were quoting delivered prices 25 percent to 35 percent higher for green peas, snap beans and sweet corn than at the beginning of the summer.

Looking at fresh vegetables, he said shipments from major U.S. production areas to consumer centers are slightly ahead of last year.

"Output from California, the



Corn has been hit hard by drought. (AP Laserphoto)

major producing state, has not been affected by the drought because crops are irrigated," he said. "Fresh output from some drought areas is reportedly down. Because these areas normally provide only a small portion of total supplies, however, the effect on fresh vegetable prices has been minimal."

A large harvest of dry edible beans in 1987 drove prices down

for most types, and growers indicated in March they would reduce plantings 23 percent this year and turn to corn and soybeans. As a result, prices rose sharply in anticipation of the cut-back.

But the dry bean acreage declined only 13 percent from last year, and from a historical perspective, the 1988 acreage was up by about 8 percent from the pre-

vious nine-year average.

In August, the department estimated total dry bean production at 21 million hundredweight, down 20 percent from 1987. In Michigan, where farmers reduced bean acres by 43 percent, production declined even more sharply.

Dry bean production, according to the August forecast, is expected to be down 50 percent in Michigan, 32 percent in North Dakota and 55 percent in Minnesota, while rising 14 percent in Nebraska and 7 percent in Colorado.

The lower yields "were due to hot, dry weather which damaged fields from New York to North Dakota," Zepp said.

Dry bean prices at the farm averaged \$27.30 per hundredweight in July, compared with \$19.40 a year earlier.

Although drought inflicted heavy damage on the tart cherry crop, which is down 42 percent from last year, it probably will have only minimal effect on other major fruit crops, Zepp said.

"Dry weather has been credited with reducing the size of peaches in Alabama and North and South Carolina, dropping August estimates of Southern state peach production 3 percent below June forecasts," he said. "Nevertheless, total peach production is

forecast 4 percent above last year."

The U.S. apple harvest is expected to be down 23 percent from last year's record production, but still 2 percent more than in 1986.

"Late spring freezes in Michigan, winter damage in parts of New York, and tree stress from last year's record crop in Washington appear to be the principal culprits," Zepp said.

Drought has hurt sugar beet production this year, with the crop forecast at 25.7 million tons, down from 27.9 million tons last season. Reduced yields per acre are to blame, the report said, particularly in the Red River Valley of Minnesota and North Dakota. Beet conditions in other growing areas were reported as good to excellent.

Sugar cane production, which is concentrated in Florida, Hawaii, Louisiana and Texas, may increase 4 percent to 31.1 million tons in 1988, since weather has been favorable and yields improved from last year.

Flue-cured tobacco production, which is concentrated in the Southeast, is expected to be up 12 percent from last year, despite hot, dry weather early in the season. Kentucky output, with Kentucky being the leading state, suffered from drought, and crop estimates put the harvest down by 1 percent.

In agriculture

Joe VanZandt

PANHANDLE PEST REPORT

Dr. Carl Patrick, Extension entomologist, has the following report on the area crop insects:

SORGHUM — A few economic infestations of headworms have been reported in sorghum primarily on the South Plains. Continue checking for this pest. Detection of headworms while they are small is very important. Small worms are much easier to control.

To check for headworms, vigorously shake sorghum heads into a white bucket. Count worms that are dislodged and calculate an average worm number per sorghum head. An insecticide application is generally justified when headworms average about two per head in grain sorghum. "Open-headed" hybrids tend to have fewer headworms than do "tight-headed" hybrids.

Very isolated infestations of sorghum midge continue to be reported. Fields that are blooming now and later should be checked for the presence of midge. Inspect fields during the free time from mid-morning until early afternoon. The orange, gnat size midge will be found on blooming sorghum heads. Use a clear plastic bag slipped quickly over the head in which to trap and count sorghum midge.

Generally one or two midge per head justifies control measures. I have a table that provides more specific guidelines on number of midge considering market value and control cost.

SOYBEANS — No podworm activity has been reported in soybeans. Podworm is another alias for the corn earworm (or cotton bollworm). Check for podworm when soybean pods begin to fill. The worm chews a hole in the side of the pod and feeds on the developing seed. An insecticide application should be considered when an average of 30 podworms per 30 feet of row can be found.

WHEAT — If you have wheat up to stand, begin checking for greenbugs and Russian wheat aphid. These aphids are capable of causing considerable stand loss this time of year.

ALFALFA PRODUCTION — Fall is alfalfa planting time. Anyone considering planting alfalfa needs to call or come by the Extension Office to obtain a copy of "Summary Results and Variety Descriptions" taken from an Oklahoma publication.

There were five varieties that consistently outperformed other varieties planted in Oklahoma trials: Advantage, Cimarron, Perry, Pioneer 555, and WL 320.

Farmers are cautioned against planting all their acreage to Pioneer 555 or Perry since they are susceptible to Phytophthora root rot and anthracnose. Both of these diseases are prevalent in the Panhandle.

Cimarron appears to be a very good variety performing well in tests in Oklahoma, Bushland and Brownfield. Two other varieties that have performed well at Bushland and Brownfield are WL 318 and WL 312. WL 320 was not included in these tests.

It is generally good advice for an alfalfa producer to plant more than one high yielding, multi-pest resistant varieties side by side in his forage production fields. Planting only one variety usually makes hay production more vulnerable than necessary. Hopefully, different varieties will

complement each other to reduce the boom and bust cycles caused by insects, diseases and weather variations.

CATTLE GRADING SCHOOL — Talking and understanding the language of beef cattle grades is vital to good communications between cattlemen and buyers. That's why the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is conducting a Beef Cattle Grading School at Texas A&M University Sept. 8-9.

The school is designed to teach common terminology and specifications of feeder and slaughter cattle and beef carcass grades.

The school will begin at 9 a.m. on Sept. 8 at Pearce Pavilion on the Texas A&M west campus in College Station.

Participants in the school will have an opportunity to take part in several grading exercises of feeder and slaughter cattle. They will also evaluate beef carcasses.

In addition to discussions on feeder and slaughter cattle grading and carcass evaluation, topics will deal with selecting replacement heifers, preparing cattle for market, a review of commingled feeder-stocker sales, and the beef cattle market outlook.

Cooperating with the Extension Service in conducting the school are Texas A&M's Department of Animal Science and Department of Agricultural Economics and the South Central Texas Beef Herd Improvement Program.

Pork producers have an opportunity to vote in a special referendum Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 7-8, as authorized by the

Pork Promotion, Research and Consumer Information Act of 1985.

Purpose of the referendum is to determine the continuance of the 100 percent checkoff program that provides funds for pork research and promotion to enhance the pork industry.

The checkoff is at the rate of 25 cents per \$100 on all hogs and pigs as well as on all imported hogs and pork products.

Referendum voting will be conducted in the Gray County Extension Office, located in the Courthouse Annex east of Pampa on Hwy. 60, during normal business hours on the two dates.

All pork producers who produced and owned porcine animals in the United States for sale in commerce and who are subject to assessment during the representative time period of Nov. 1, 1986 through Sept. 6, 1988 are eligible to vote.

Importers who imported porcine animals, pork or pork products during the representative time period are also eligible to vote.

Also eligible are 4-H, FFA and other youth who owned porcine animals and are subject to assessment during the representative time period.

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Pygmy goats make pets

FLETCHER, Okla. (AP) — Pygmy goats are just a bunch of little kids at heart.

That's what Laudell Hill of rural Fletcher discovered when her husband, LaRue, bought her a pair three years ago.

"My husband kept asking me what I wanted for a Christmas present, and I kept saying I didn't know, and he said, 'You're going to be sorry,' and got me these pygmy goats," Mrs. Hill says.

Mrs. Hill was very surprised, but she wasn't sorry at all.

"We enjoy watching animals. My husband should have been curator of a zoo. He'd collect everything if he could," she says.

Their six children and eight grandchildren, who come in to visit from New Mexico, Arizona, Illinois, Texas and Europe, also find the goats fascinating to

watch. "You can be depressed and go out and sit down and watch them and forget all about what you were worried about when you went out there," Mrs. Hill says.

Pygmy goats are mischievous as children. They love to untie shoes and play on their slides and teeter-totters. When Mrs. Hill put out grain for them at the top of the slide, one little goat made five or six dashes up the incline until he finally got up enough momentum to reach the food.

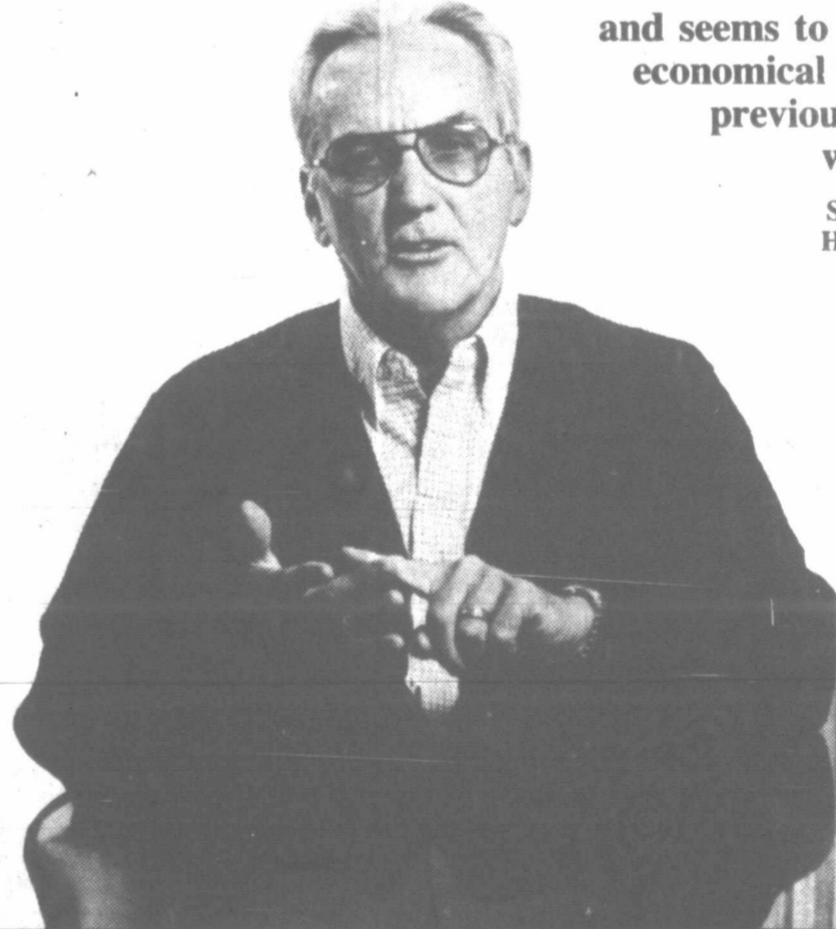
Once there, he played "King of the Hill" and nudged away a would-be diner who tried to horn in on his meal.

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Supreme Court refuses to stay fines for city of Yonkers

YONKERS, N.Y. (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to halt mounting daily fines against the city of Yonkers for blocking a federal housing desegregation plan, a decision the mayor says could cause Yonkers "to plummet to bankruptcy."

But in a ruling issued late last week, the court temporarily spared the four city councilmen who oppose the plan from going to

jail until they have time to ask formally that their cases be fully reviewed, U.S. Supreme Court spokeswoman Toni House said.

The justices stayed a lower court ruling that had upheld contempt citations against the four councilmen, who had faced a resumption of \$500-a-day fines and the start of jail terms this weekend.

The city's fines for failing to

comply with the desegregation order were put on hold Friday, pending the Supreme Court's ruling. The fines will now resume against the city, Yonkers Mayor Nicholas Wasicco said.

The fines started Aug. 2 at \$100 and doubled daily. The city had paid \$12,700 before receiving its first stay from an appeals court, which upheld the contempt finding last Friday but granted an

additional one-week stay. It also capped the city's fines at \$1 million a day.

House said the entire court considered the applications from the councilmen and the city, and "the application so far as the city of Yonkers is concerned has been denied."

Justices Thurgood Marshall and William Brennan filed a 12-page dissent, arguing that all

stays be denied, she said.

"As the city repeatedly points out in its application, 'Yonkers is relatively unique in that most of the governmental power in the city is centralized in the legislative branch.' For this reason the city IS the council," Marshall wrote.

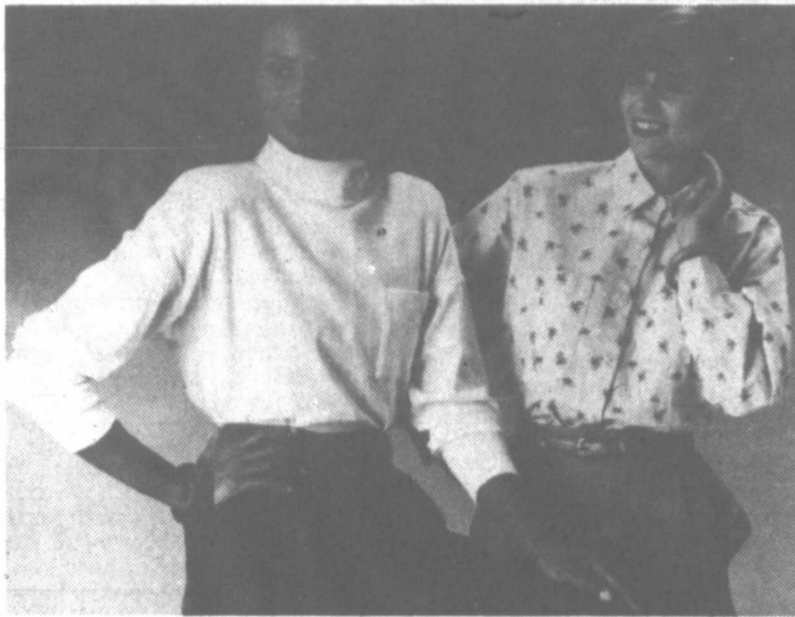
The ruling surprised Wasicco, who favors compliance with the desegregation order.

"It troubles me," he said. "The treasury of the city is going to be exposed and the taxpayers of the city are going to feel the burden."

"One thing it denies is the political martyrdom of the councilmen. They were slated to go to jail on Sunday. Their personal fines have ceased. But the city is going to plummet to bankruptcy. "So their onus is their duty to the city," he added.

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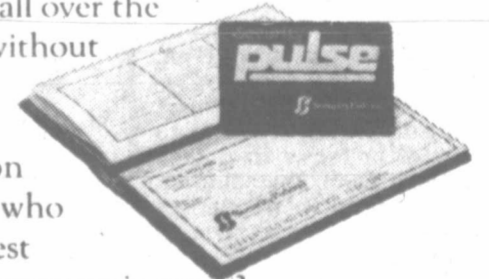
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Beat Mother Nature by freezing before first frost arrives

By EARL ARONSON
AP Newsfeatures

You can beat Mother Nature to the freezing game this fall by freezing some of the vegetables still in your garden before frost damages them.

Peppers, onions and tomatoes may be salvaged if only touched by frost, but their quality will be better if you process them before the tender plant tissues are frozen, advises Marilyn Haggard, a Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service specialist.

Peppers and onions are easy to process because they don't have

to be blanched. They can be frozen in this simple manner:

- Wash peppers and remove the membrane and seeds, then dice or slice as you would if preparing them for casseroles or soup.

- Freeze in a single layer on a baking sheet.

- When frozen solid, place in moisture- and vapor-resistant packaging such as freezer bags, rigid containers or glass jars with airtight seals. Onions are best stored in glass containers because their odor transfers easily to other foods in the freezer.

Haggard says Anaheim peppers can be frozen for later use if the skin is removed. Do this by

blistering over a gas flame, roasting in a very hot oven or heating in a small amount of oil in a very hot skillet. Then remove stems and seeds along with the skin.

Flatten each pepper to remove air and place in moisture- and vapor-resistant packaging. Wax paper, freezer paper or plastic wrap placed between peppers before freezing will make them easier to handle when thawing.

Freezing ripe tomatoes requires little work. In our house we wash and dry them and slip them into freezer bags. They keep for many months and are fine for stewing and for spaghetti sauce.

When ready to use, dip them into hot water to make it easier to peel the skins.

When the first killing frost approaches, and you still have green tomatoes on the vine, test them for maturity. Haggard says:

- Cut a couple of tomatoes that you aren't certain will ripen. If the knife cuts through the seeds, the tomato is not mature and will not ripen. Use these tomatoes for relish or green tomato pickles.

- If the seeds move away from the knife and are not cut, the tomato will mature and will ripen indoors. The mature tomatoes can be made into tomato sauce, or

frozen for later use.

EARLY LEAF DROP

Early leaf fall in the hot days of late summer or early autumn may be a sign that your trees are very thirsty. Shedding leaves is nature's way of conserving moisture within the tree. Water deeply to correct the situation.

You should use sprinklers, soil soakers and root feeders attached to hoses. These devices can distribute water over a relatively wide area. Make sure the water has penetrated to the roots.

Surface sprinkling for a few minutes with the garden hose is pretty much a waste of time. To penetrate sun-baked arid ground,

soaking for hours or even several days may be required.

Most deciduous trees have tremendous thirst during the growing season, soaking up to 3 to 5 barrels of water daily. A fair-sized white oak may drink 150 barrels of water on a summer day. Evergreens need much less.

An effective way to make sure your favorite backyard tree is getting enough moisture from the soil is to feed it with a tree food high in nitrogen. The nutrients help the tree grow more extensive root systems. This enables them to draw moisture from a greater area.

Today's modern military has its traditions but new attitudes

By DAN CALDERON
Associated Press Writer

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — The platoon sergeant tells the enlisted soldiers that their lieutenant has ordered them to complete an assignment. A private clears his throat to ask a simple question.

"Why?"

The private is not condemned to spend the rest of the day cleaning the grounds. Instead, the sergeant either explains the purpose of the exercise or the lieutenant will volunteer an answer.

This scenario may not fit the military image where subordinates have traditionally been told when, and what, to think. But many of the 2.1 million active duty personnel in today's armed forces believe the new military, while still rich in tradition, is a far cry from some of its predecessors.

During the 1970s, the military went through a period generally referred to as the "Hollow Army." The unpopularity of the Vietnam War, rampant drug abuse and unchecked insubordination created a service that was out of control.

"It's no secret we had cases of damn near open rebellion within units," said Army Col. Bob Fiero, 49, corps operations officer at Fort Hood.

Fiero, who has served in the Army for nearly 28 years, recalled how drug abuse and undisciplined soldiers created havoc for the officers trying to train them.

"We had cases where officers and NCO's (non-commissioned officers) were afraid to go into the barracks at night. They were literally afraid to," Fiero said. "We had cases in Germany where they were actually walking with armed guards around."

An evolution apparently began to take place with a changing of the guard when the nation went from a drafted military to an all-volunteer force. Today, officers

boast of having one of the best-trained, well-disciplined and best-educated soldiers ever.

From 1968 to 1978, recruiters had little success increasing the ranks of high school graduates. The percentage of recruits with diplomas rose only 3 percent — from 74 percent to 77 percent.

As of June 10, 92 percent of the military's new recruits were high school graduates.

"The real target now is all high school grads," said Command Sgt. Maj. Sammy Wise, commander of the III Corps NCO Academy.

In addition to the high percentage of high school graduates, Defense Department records indicate many of them are pursuing a continuing education, either through local junior colleges or correspondence courses.

"Soldiers are a lot smarter today. By virtue of that, they don't wait around to be told," said Command Sgt. Maj. Robert R. Poole. "They want to lead from the front."

Poole, 47, and Wise, 45, have attained the second highest rank of any non-commissioned Army officer. Only the sergeant major of the Army ranks higher.

"There was an old saying: 'If you couldn't make it at anything else, we'd put you in the infantry or make a cook out of you,'" Wise said.

"Well, the requirements now to be in the infantry with all the advanced weapons systems and the computers and lasers and all this kind of stuff... you've got to have lots of experience."

And with that experience comes a greater curiosity on the part of the enlisted soldier, who may question the purpose of specific orders and make recommendations, Wise said.

"We stifled a lot of their (the soldier's) initiative and innovative ideas based on the system: 'Hey look, we'll tell you when we want you to make a good recom-

mendation,'" Wise said.

Poole, who is the chief adviser on enlisted affairs to Fort Hood's commanding officer, said a few officers still believe privates are better seen than heard.

"I feel that (the enlisted personnel) has the right to know why they have to do something," he said. "You still have some old ones around that haven't gone away yet who get kind of hyper about that."

Part of the change in attitude is evident in the training of new officers.

"We do stress to them (officers) that we have a highly-motivated, intelligent force that wants to know 'why?'" said Col. Ken Teel, commander of The School Brigade at the Army Infantry Training Center at Fort Benning, Ga., where lieutenants and captains receive leadership training.

The curriculum for officers used to focus on lectures, with little time devoted to practice in the field. But in current training, half of the 600 hours lieutenants spend in their 16-week course is made up of field time, said Lt. Col. Adolf Carlson, chief instructor of the basic course for lieutenants.

Instructors say they were taught in auditoriums filled with about 200 officers, with students offering little or no feedback. The classes they instruct have been whittled down to small groups of about 20, and the emphasis is placed on student participation.

With more better-educated people wanting to make a career out of the military, their schools have become even more selective in who they accept.

Capt. Vic Bird is a product of the new military, a 29-year-old tank company commander who

hopes to stay in the Army for at least 20 years, "30 if the Army will have me," he said.

But even though he graduated from West Point just seven years ago, Bird says the new officers coming in today are better than his cadet class.

"I'm not sure I could get into West Point right now. I really wonder, because the people applying for that position are increasing, the standards are going up — it makes me glad I got in when I did."

Change has come rapidly in the last 10 years, but perhaps no indicator points to a heightened sense of discipline better than the dramatic decrease in drug use among military personnel.

In 1982, the Department of Defense recorded 45,051 cases of non-judicial punishment and 6,202 court martials for drug-

related offenses. In 1987, approximately 24,854 cases of non-judicial punishment and 2,740 court martials were recorded.

"If you get a DWI, nine times out of ten you're out of the Army, and the same thing goes for a positive urinalysis," said First Sgt. Larry Alford, 38, a 16-year veteran.

Officers say mandatory drug testing and the military's hard-line stand on its drug policy are responsible for the lower numbers. Officers are rarely granted a second chance, but an enlisted soldier who tests positive for drugs may get one, usually on the condition that he undergo drug counseling, Alford said.

"The reason we're enforcing the justice is that we've got a professional image to maintain, because let's face it, our job is to defend the United States."

What Is Everyone Talking About?



Temple school gains recognition in report

By JENNIFER DIXON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — When fifth grade students at Meridith Magnet Elementary School in Temple were ready to read Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island*, a classroom was transformed into a deck of a pirate ship with broken barrels, skull and crossbones and gold ducats.

"We don't stop with textbooks and worksheets," principal Bonnie Martin said.

The humble school and its bold methods were noted in a report issued last week by Education Secretary William J. Bennett.

In it, he summarizes his views on what should be taught to the 32 million youngsters enrolled in kindergarten through the eighth grade in 81,000 elementary and junior high schools.

"Whether the book is *Charlotte's Web*, *Misty of Chincoteague* or *Robin Hood*, the teachers at this school bring an enthusiasm to their classrooms that makes children savor the experience of reading good literature," the report said.

"In fact, Meridith teaches its 540 third, fourth and fifth-graders to love learning," it adds.

Bordered on three sides by housing projects and on a fourth by a pasture where cattle often stray, the Meridith Magnet Elementary School inspires a love of learning among its students, say federal educators who singled out the Temple school for its invigorating curriculum.

"We try to bring education alive for children," Martin said.

"We make children excited about learning. This is a go-getter school."

In singling out Meridith, the report notes that while the school is in one of Temple's poorest neighborhoods, it has become an oasis where students from all backgrounds, including some from the wealthiest neighborhoods in the district, find a sound and challenging curriculum.

The report said the student body is a mix of white, black and

Hispanic children, and that four out of 10 come from disadvantaged homes.

Yet 97 percent of the fifth-graders showed they had mastered necessary reading skills in a recent statewide test. The average score among all Texas schools was 18 percentile points lower.

"Meridith Elementary stands as an example to the country of what Texans can do when they put their minds to it. They have a right to be proud and we're proud of them," Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, said.

Every school day begins with a silent period, so students can read from a book of their choice, the report said. Students carry the book with them throughout the day in case they have a spare moment to read.

The hallways and classroom walls are covered with displays of their art and writing, "reminding everyone that good work brings with it a sense of accomplishment."

Each spring, the school sponsors a host of science activities as part of its Super Science Spree, including visits by the local television weatherman, a spider expert, a bee keeper, veterinarians, doctors, dentists.

"They tell the class how science relates to the real world, how it will relate to the careers they'll choose later," Martin said.

The students, whose first day back was Thursday, are now in the midst of celebrating the Summer Olympics.

There will be a parade of flags, a reading marathon "to continue the flame of reading," and each morning will be a reading alert and everyone — even custodians and cafeteria workers — has to put down what they're doing and read for 10 or 15 minutes, Martin said.

Meridith also is one of 287 elementary and junior high schools nationwide, including 13 others in Texas, to be honored by the Department of Education at a White House ceremony Sept. 15, Martin said.

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Grassroots reform is new watchword as schools reopen

EDITOR'S NOTE—In the five years since a federal panel branded America's schools "mediocre," states have responded by raising teacher salaries and heaping layers of tests, rules and regulations on schools. But AP reporters in all 50 states now find reformers urging a new route to school improvement: more say from the teachers, and less from the state, on what happens in the classroom.

By LEE MITGANG
AP Education Writer

After spending five years and billions of tax dollars raising classroom standards and teacher salaries, some states and school districts are turning to the teachers themselves to lead the next leg of the journey to better schools.

But they warn this latest reform effort will take years to reap benefits.

Most states, prodded by dozens of reports since a national commission in 1983 branded America's schools "mediocre," imposed layer upon layer of "top-down" reforms.

They raised teacher pay but also imposed stricter course guidelines and new competency tests for both teachers and students.

A 50-state survey by Associated Press reporters now finds a growing willingness among states and school districts to ease their regulatory grip on public schools and give teachers a more direct role in shaping curricula.

Reformers say teaching, even with fatter paychecks, has become less attractive because the new rules thwart initiative. And while students may be better test-takers, they add, reforms to date have not provided the critical thinking skills needed in a competitive world.

"Most of the reforms so far have been paper and headlines," said Beverly L. Corelle, president of the Maryland State Teachers Association.

Getting beyond such surface reforms has been difficult in many schools, however, where

educators refuse to acknowledge how bad off some students are.

"Very few schools look at the national picture and realize that only 15 percent (of high school students) can write a simple letter. And only a small percentage can locate the United States or the Atlantic Ocean on a map, or work with a simple bus timetable," said Albert Shanker, president of the American Federation of Teachers. "So why should anyone change their ways and habits unless in their gut they feel the system isn't working?"

Shanker and other reform leaders are now telling states that the path to better schools goes through the schoolhouse, not the statehouse — freeing teachers to try new lessons and ideas, and students to learn at their own pace instead of in lockstep with peers.

Some districts are getting the message.

A dozen Arizona districts are experimenting with "outcome-based education," in which students scoring less than a "B" on assignments get extra time and tutoring to redo the work without getting a poor mark. Utah is spending \$1 million on a similar program.

"There are people who say kids need to fail," said Dave Briggs, principal of Alhambra High School in Phoenix. "I think that's garbage. We're here to teach you success."

Rochester, N.Y., made headlines with a teacher contract raising top pay to \$70,000 from \$51,000. But more important than the lofty salaries, say both the school board and the teachers union, are "school-based planning teams" in which teachers and administrators will plan how to run their schools relatively free of school board interference.

A contract with similar provisions — and teacher salaries as high as \$64,000 — takes effect this fall in Dade County, Fla., which includes Miami, and administrators this summer report getting as many as eight applications for each opening.

"The new thinking is getting teachers more involved in the de-

cision-making in the school," said Pat Crawford, a spokeswoman for Pittsburgh's public schools where "instructional cabinets" of teachers and administrators can shape teaching techniques for individual students.

Minnesota has given most students the right to attend any school districts they wish. Advanced high school students can even take courses at public colleges at the state's expense.

In Moses Lake, one of several Washington school districts being freed to tailor education programs with less bureaucratic interference, teacher lounges are suddenly alive with talk about

how to use this new freedom to help the district's low-income children who aren't achieving.

"We are experimenting. This is a search for solutions. We want to remove the shackles of bureaucracy and regulation that inhibit creativity and initiative in our schools," said Gov. Booth Gardner of Washington.

Arizona, one of the only states requiring students at all grade levels to pass standardized tests, is now excusing first-graders out of concern for the pressure the tests put on young children.

"It's gratifying. I think some political leaders now realize school reform is more complicated than they thought. They are

straightforward enough to say, well, let's take the other road," said Theodore Sizer, head of Brown University's education department and a guiding force behind the reform wave.

Since his widely acclaimed book *Horace's Compromise* was published in 1984, Sizer has pressed school authorities to free teachers from blackboard lectures, dull texts and multiple-choice tests, to function instead as coaches training students to think independently.

Five states — Arkansas, Delaware, Illinois, New Mexico and Rhode Island — have said they will free at least 10 schools this year to try Sizer's philosophies.

But some fear the odds remain stacked against fundamental change.

"In spite of the few examples here and there, I do not see anything like the will and creativity to achieve radical restructuring," said Ernest L. Boyer, president of the Carnegie Endowment for the Advancement of Teaching, which has produced several widely acclaimed reform documents.

He and others are especially concerned that reform has created few meaningful programs for the most troubled students, those at risk of dropping out because of poverty, pregnancy or parental neglect.

Judge convicts man who got family out of Russia

TORONTO (AP)—An advertising executive who succeeded in getting his Russian wife and 1-year-old son out of the Soviet Union was convicted Friday of assaulting them nine days after they arrived in Canada.

Kirby Inwood was found guilty of assault causing bodily harm against his wife and of common assault against the boy.

Provincial Judge Gordon Hachborn rendered his verdict following a sensational trial that involved tales of sex, greed and violence.

Inwood, 44, of Toronto, maintained throughout the trial that his wife, Tanya Sidorova, was a money-worshipping "Russian yuppie" who lured him into marriage to get out of the Soviet Union. He said she fabricated a story of the assault as a way to end their marriage.

Sidorova, 32, told of a vicious beating in which she was punched, kicked, choked and thrown barely conscious from her Toronto home. She said her son, Misha, was also assaulted by a drunken Inwood.

The trial attracted daily headlines and drew crowds to the courtroom.

At one point, women's groups picketed the courthouse, alleging battered women couldn't get a fair shake in the justice system. Inwood testified he and Sidor-

ova slept together the day they met in Leningrad in 1986. But he questioned whether Misha was his child, testifying he was often impotent.

The couple married soon after Christmas 1986 and Misha was born in September 1987. But the Soviet government refused to let Sidorova emigrate to Canada, claiming she was a security risk.

That began a yearlong campaign by Inwood, during which he spent thousands of dollars lobbying government officials in both countries and pleaded in the press for her release.

When Moscow relented, Inwood said he was "deliriously happy."

"I felt like the white knight rescuing the fairy princess," he said at his trial. But the fairy tale turned into a horror story.

Sidorova painted a picture of Inwood as an abusive, violent man who threatened to kill her and Misha.

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