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Clinton presents health care plan tonight

By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation must seize this "moment in history" to overhaul the health care system, President Clinton told legislative leaders today as he prepared to present his plan in a speech to Congress.

Meeting with congressional leaders from both parties, the president said he has been impressed by "the spirit of genuine searching and determination I have seen from leaders in both parties on this issue."

"I think we've got a moment in history when we can seize it and move forward — if we can maintain this determination to stay in touch with the real problems of our people and this spirit we have of working together," Clinton said.

While other efforts this century to reform the system have failed, Clinton said two factors make the environment more welcoming today: Both parties are willing to cooperate and "there is an almost unanimous consensus that the cost of continuing

on the present course is greater than the cost of change."

After the White House meeting, both Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell of Maine and Republican Leader Bob Dole of Kansas praised the spirit of bipartisanship at the outset of the health care debate.

"It's a beginning," Dole said. "There are a lot of good ideas on both sides of the aisle."

Mitchell said the fact that Republicans had come up with their own alternative plan — with many elements in common with the Clinton plan — was "a positive and constructive step."

But Rep. Richard Army, R-Texas, criticized the Clinton plan. "The government is overloading itself, biting off more than it can chew," he said. "I couldn't be more disappointed."

And House GOP whip Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said: "They're replacing managed competition with mismanaged bureaucracy." He said the overhaul should be done without raising taxes.

Clinton is to make his case for overhauling the nation's health care

system in an address at 8 p.m. CDT to a joint session of Congress.

"I'm anxious for this debate to begin," Clinton told columnists Tuesday over lunch at the White House, saying he was open to compromise "if somebody's got a better idea." He also made an appearance on MTV and fielded questions from radio talk show hosts about health reform.

Clinton remarked this morning that his address is "getting there."

Presidents since Franklin D. Roosevelt have talked about universal health coverage, Clinton noted. "I believe very strongly that this is the moment when it is likely to occur," he added.

But even before Clinton makes his presentation tonight, eyes were turning to Capitol Hill where the fate of his Health Security Act and a half-dozen rival plans will be decided over the months ahead.

Republicans support insurance reforms to expand coverage for America's 37 million uninsured, but are wary of forcing all employers to pay for health insurance. Some liberal Democrats think Clin-

ton isn't going far enough.

Hillary Rodham Clinton, architect of the plan, predicted lawmakers would deliver legislation to her husband's desk within a year. But "what its exact contours will be and how it will be implemented I don't think anybody can predict right now," she said.

Clinton wants every employer, from pizza parlors to Wal-Mart, to pay 80 percent of the average health premium for their workers; the employees would pay the rest. Small firms and low-wage workers could get subsidies.

He would create giant insurance-purchasing pools called health alliances in every state to pressure doctors, hospitals and insurers to deliver quality care at low prices. Consumers would choose from plans sponsored by insurers, doctors and hospitals.

And if the competition alone didn't hold down costs, government controls on health insurance premiums would help do the job.

Budget Director Leon Panetta said the administration was still vetting

the numbers, which call for \$350 billion in new health spending and subsidies from 1995 through 2000. Clinton aims to save or raise \$441 billion, including \$91 billion to reduce the deficit.

The president was "still trying to put the finishing touches" on the package of \$105 billion in cigarette taxes and other levies in the package, said senior adviser Ira Magaziner. It likely will include a corporate levy of less than 1 percent.

Asked today if he was afraid to reveal his plans for the "sin taxes," Clinton said, "No. No. Lord No. There'll be less than you think, I'll tell you that."

White House spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers said she wasn't sure what Clinton meant, but said he still plans to raise \$150 billion in cigarette taxes and other levies.

The White House won't plug in all the final numbers until it submits the actual legislation in two or three weeks, Magaziner said.

But Deputy Treasury Secretary Roger Altman pledged that whatever happens, Clinton will not seek to raise

more than \$105 billion from taxes.

If Congress wants to phase in universal coverage more slowly — by 2000 instead of 1997 — then "these are all things we're open to talk about," Mrs. Clinton said at the lunch for columnists.

But the president quickly interjected that slowing the timetable would reduce savings. "You will never get the maximum savings envisioned by this plan until you have universal coverage," he said.

A CBS News-New York Times poll released Tuesday indicated that Americans regard universal coverage as the best thing about the plan and its cost the most worrisome.

Clinton's plan would steer many Americans into managed care plans such as health maintenance organizations, where doctors are paid a fixed amount to keep patients healthy rather than being paid for every procedure.

For those who don't like HMOs, Clinton would preserve the option of traditional fee-for-service medicine. But consumers would have to pay more out of their pockets for it.

Pampans express doubts about health care reform

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

Physicians and businessmen in Pampa and elsewhere across Texas are expressing doubts about President Clinton's health care reform plan.

The President is scheduled to deliver his vision for health care reform in a televised speech before a joint session of Congress today at 8 p.m. CDT.

Dr. William Bowles, a general surgeon in Pampa, said he does not know enough about the plan to have reached a firm conclusion on it.

Bowles added, however, that parts of the plan appear to centralize medical care through health-maintenance organizations, or HMO, providers in larger cities.

"That will hurt Pampa," the doctor said. "That would force patients to go to Amarillo for their medical care."

Pampa residents might be forced to visit Amarillo for medical care because the regional HMO service under the health care plan would be located in that city, Bowles said. There currently is no HMO provider in Pampa, Bowles said.

"The patient loses some of his right to choose his physician (under Clinton's plan)," Bowles noted.

On the positive side, the Pampa surgeon said the plan would extend coverage to those who have none.

"It would give health insurance to low-income patients who had never had access to it before," he said.

Even under the present system though, Bowles said he knew of no one in need who was denied health care.

"No physician that I know of ever turns a patient away for care

when it is needed," he said.

Texas Medical Association has issued a statement saying that "Texas doctors who have seen a working version of the (president's) plan say it is extremely complex and relies on market forces and the strong arm of government to lower (medical-care) costs."

Terry Barnes, director of marketing and public relations for Coronado Hospital, declined to comment on Clinton's health care plan. "Until the plans are in place, we're not going to be able to comment one way or another as to how it will affect Coronado Hospital," Barnes said.

Under the plan President Clinton is expected to propose in his speech tonight, employers would be required to pay 80 percent of average health-care premiums with workers paying the rest. Small businesses and low-income workers would get federal subsidies to help them pay their share, according to White House sources.

Pampa merchants were waiting today to see the details of the administration's plan.

Rick Paulus, head of the Downtown Business Association, said he was not optimistic about it.

"I can't speak for the DBA because we haven't gotten together to discuss it," he said, "but personally I'm not really optimistic about it. I imagine for us it will cost more than what we could handle."

"You're going to see in these restaurants a few less waiters and waitresses," said Herb Smith, a downtown Pampa businessman.

"You're going to see one less worker and the boss out there working harder. I tell you, I deal with a lot of people every day, and people are upset about this."

Senate OKs partial funding for lake desalinization

By DAVID BOWSER
Managing Editor

Two Texas lawmakers in Washington announced Senate approval of partial funding for salt removal from a key tributary of Lake Meredith.

Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, and Rep. Bill Sarpalius, D-Amarillo, announced late Tuesday that a Senate appropriations subcommittee approved \$400,000 for salt removal from the Canadian River which pours naturally occurring salt into Lake Meredith.

"The president's budget did not include any funding for Lake Meredith, and we were able to get \$1.4 million included in the House version of the Energy and Water Appropriations," Sarpalius said.

"After the House passed its bill, I met with Sen. Bennett Johnston, the chairman of the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee, and

expressed my strong interest in having the Senate fund this vital water project."

Gramm said funding for the Lake Meredith desalinization project is contained in the annual appropriations bill for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Energy and other federal agencies.

"Although the bill that came out of this subcommittee contains only \$400,000 for the Lake Meredith desalinization project, I am grateful to Senator Johnston for his work on behalf of the 450,000 people who depend on Lake Meredith as their source of drinking water," Sarpalius said.

"I am disappointed that this project did not receive the full funding that was in the House bill, but I intend to continue to work with the conference committee to try to increase the funding level."

Lake Meredith provides drinking water for Pampa, Amarillo, Lub-

bock, Plainview, Borger, Brownfield, Lamesa, Levelland, Slaton, O'Donnell and Tahoka.

While Sen. Gramm said that the desalinization project will prevent salt from reaching the Canadian River by diverting it into a shallow brine aquifer near Logan, N.M., Canadian River Municipal Water Authority officials said the shallow brine aquifer was the source of the salt in the river and that deep injection wells would be drilled to pump the brine up to a mile into the ground to prevent contamination of fresh water aquifers.

Sarpalius said the New Mexico aquifer dumps about 100 pounds of salt per minute into the lake.

"I have been working on parts of this project since my days in the Texas Senate," Sarpalius said, "and I am encouraged that we are finally close to getting started on this project, which will control salinity levels in the primary water supply

source for people in eleven cities."

Sarpalius said the project could cost between \$3 million and \$9 million. One third of the cost is to be paid by the federal government with the rest being paid by the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority and the State of Texas.

"More funds are needed to complete this project," Gramm said, "and I will work to secure them."

Gramm is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Gramm said the funding bill will be considered by the full Senate later this month. Actual funding for the project could be available as early as Oct. 1, if the bill is approved in final form by that time.

The bill also contains funding for flood control, navigation and other water projects across the nation as well as \$640 million for the continued construction of the Superconducting Super Collider in Ellis County, south of Dallas.

City employs attorney for Hackler in lawsuit case

During Tuesday's executive session of the Pampa City Commission, the mayor and commissioners hired an Amarillo attorney to handle the legal defense of a former city manager in a lawsuit involving two former police officers.

Marty Rowley, of the law firm of Sprouse, Mozola, Smith and Rowley, was hired by the City Commission to represent Glen Hackler, Pampa's former city manager, in a lawsuit against the city.

Rowley will be receiving \$140 per hour, plus expenses, for representing Hackler, who is currently the assistant city manager for Midland.

The lawsuit is a civil action brought by two former officers of the Pampa Police Department who contend they were fired for reporting violations of the law and departmental regulations.

Nicholas Fortner, one of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit, is requesting \$600,000 for lost earnings, past and present; \$100,000 for out of pocket expenses, \$1 million for damage to his personal and professional reputation, and \$6 million for punitive damages.

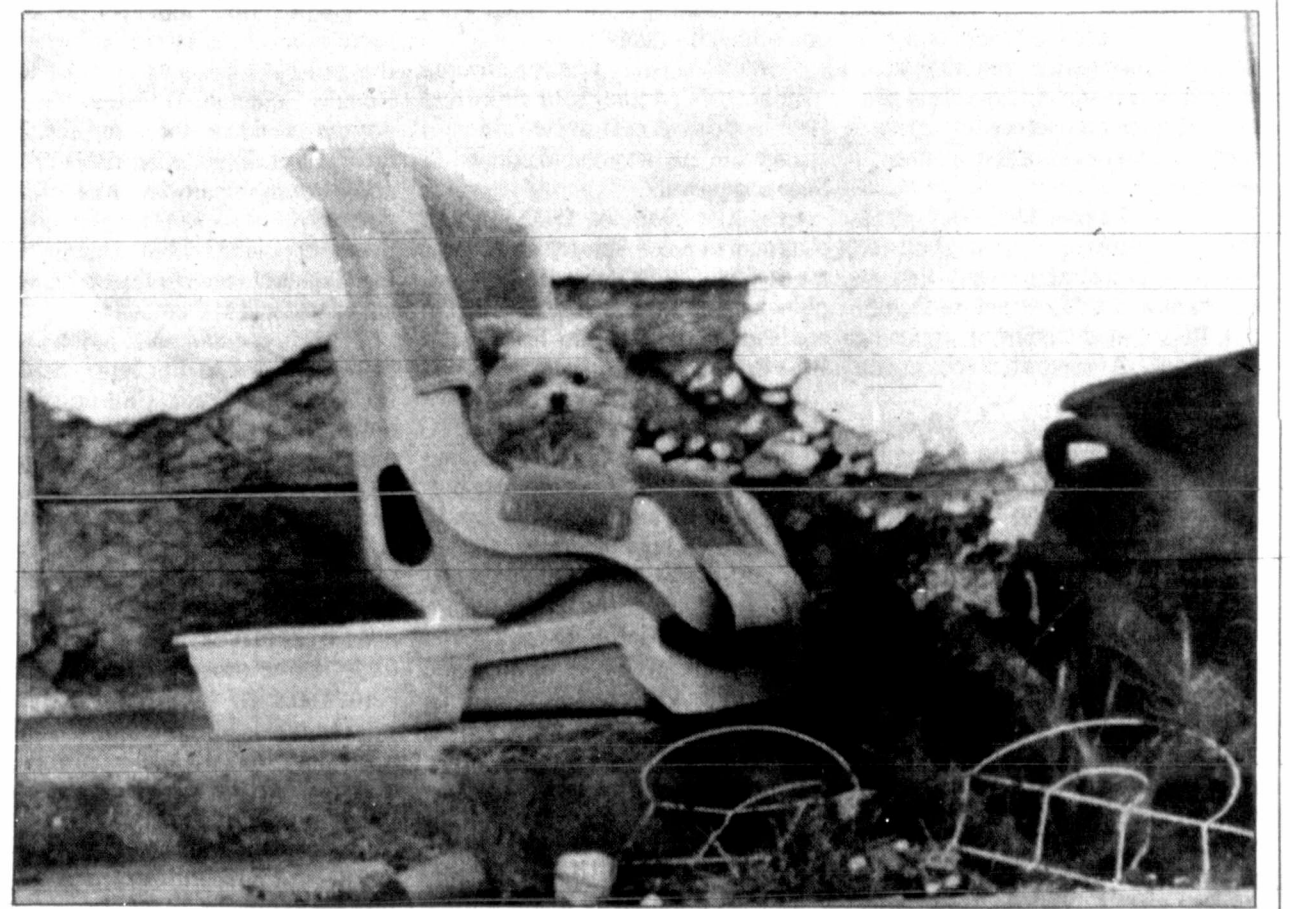
Louis David Wilkinson, the other plaintiff in the lawsuit, is requesting \$800,000 in actual damages, \$1 million for damages to his personal and professional reputation, \$6 million in exemplary damages and compensation for lost earnings.

In addition to monetary damages, both plaintiffs request reinstatement to the police department.

Rowley was the attorney for James Laramore, a former Pampa police chief also named in the lawsuit until he was dropped from the litigation earlier this month.

No court date has yet been filed for the lawsuit, according to Don Lane, Pampa's city attorney.

Small guard dog



Protecting his home against all trespassers, a dog in the 300 block of Tignor peers out from the safety of his infant seat perched on the porch of an east Pampa residence.

(Staff photo by Darlene Holmes)

Fort Elliott ISD raises property tax slightly

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

BRISCOE — Educational property taxes for property owners in Fort Elliott Consolidated Independent School District have been raised by about one-half cent per \$100 property valuation.

Fort Elliott school board on Friday unanimously approved a school district tax rate of \$1.26 per \$100 property valuation for the fiscal year that began Sept. 1.

Fort Elliott school board members Richard Meadows, Wayne Zybach, Wanda Hefley and Gordon Estes voted in favor of the \$1.26 rate. Board members Dennis Hefley, Aaron Laverty and Mike Goad were absent from the meeting on Friday and did not vote.

The tax rate compares with the most recent previous fiscal year's overall educational property tax rate of \$1.255527, of which 40 cents was imposed by Fort Elliott school district and 85.55 cents was imposed by the county education district.

County education districts, which distributed property tax revenues within multi-county districts, were abolished statewide as of Sept. 1.

No one from the general public attended a Sept. 13 public hearing held by the Fort Elliott school board concerning the proposed property tax rate of \$1.26 per \$100.

The total budget for Fort Elliott Consolidated Independent School District is about \$2.5 million, of which a total of about \$1.25 mil-

lion will be sent to Wheeler and Shamrock school districts under the new state educational finance system.

The new educational finance system is designed to reduce the disparity in property wealth among school districts in the state. Per-capita property wealth in Fort Elliott school district is about \$1.5 million, according to the Associated Press.

The \$1.25 million operating budget for Fort Elliott school district this fiscal year represents a slight decline from the district's \$1.4 million operating budget for the last previous fiscal year.

There are 125 students in grades kindergarten through 12 at Fort Elliott school district. The school district employs 16 full-time teachers and one half-time teacher.

Groom ISD board approves property tax rate of \$1.25

GROOM — Groom school board on Tuesday unanimously approved a school district property tax rate of \$1.25 per \$100 property valuation for the fiscal year that began Sept. 1, said Groom ISD Superintendent Kenneth Sweatt.

The Groom school board also scheduled an Oct. 30 special election in which voters of the school district will decide whether they approve of the tax increase. The election will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. that day.

During a public hearing last week concerning the school board's intent

to raise the school district tax rate to \$1.25, no one from the general public raised any objections.

The total educational property tax rate in Groom ISD for the most recent previous fiscal year was \$1.25 per \$100 property valuation — of which 36 cents was imposed by the local school district and 89 cents was imposed by the county education district.

County education districts, which distributed funds among school districts in a multi-county region, were abolished Sept. 1 under the new state educational finance system.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

No services for tomorrow were reported to *The Pampa News* by press time today.

Obituaries

LUCIUS (LUSH) ROGERS

McLEAN — Lucius (Lush) Rogers, 95, died Tuesday, Sept. 21, in Amarillo. Services are pending with Lamb-Ferguson Funeral Home in McLean.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL	Lefors
Admissions	Belva June Thacker
Pampa	SHAMROCK HOSPITAL
Jesse Bailey	Admissions
Barbara Louise Kidd	No admissions were reported.
Rosa M. Mier	Dismissals
Dismissals	Shamrock
Pampa	Walter Deger
Alisha Ann Henson and baby girl	Helen Suarez
Valerie Henry (extended care)	McLean
Groom	Jeanette Fish
Veona Mae Davis	Mary Boston
	Maumee, Ohio
	Raymond Meyer

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

TUESDAY, Sept. 21

Eddie Joe Roberts, Lefors, reported a burglary. Timothy Norris, three miles west of Pampa on Texas 152, reported criminal mischief.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.		
Wheat	2.97	
Milo	3.92	
Corn	4.40	
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:		
Serco	5 1/2	NC
Occidental	20 3/4	NC
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:		
Magellan	72.69	
Punian	15.57	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa:		
Amoco	54 3/4	NC
Arco	111 7/8	up 5/8
Cabot	53	up 1/4
Cabot O&G	23 1/2	up 1/4
Chevron	91 3/8	up 3/8
Coca-Cola	42 3/8	dn 1/8
Diamond Sham	24 3/8	up 3/8
Enron	34	NC
Halliburton	34 1/8	up 1/4
HealthTrust Inc.	20 1/2	dn 1/8
Ingersoll Rand	37 1/2	up 1
KNE	38 3/4	NC
Kerr McGee	51	NC
Limited	21 3/8	up 1/2
Mopco	61 7/8	dn 1/8
Maxus	7 5/8	dn 1/8
McDonald's	52	NC
Mobil	76 7/8	up 1/2
New Amos	30	NC
Parker & Parsley	30 1/8	up 1/4
Penney's	44 1/2	up 1 1/8
Phillips	32	dn 1/8
SLB	62 5/8	up 5/8
SPS	32 1/4	up 5/8
Tenneco	50 5/8	up 3/4
Texaco	64 3/8	dn 1/4
Wal-Mart	24	up 1/2
New York Gold	354.00	
Silver	4.05	
West Texas Crude	17.98	

Emergency numbers

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

Police report

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

TUESDAY, Sept. 21

Michael Raymond Day, 2525 Charles, reported a credit card obtained by fraudulent means. Brandi Marie Ellis, Canyon, reported an offense against family and children.

Bert D. Kysar, Mobeetie, reported a theft of over \$200 and under \$750.

Paul Allen Pleicher, 522 N. Frost, reported criminal mischief over \$200.

The Pampa Independent School District, 2401 Charles, reported disorderly conduct.

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Darrell Thompson, 1012 S. Wells, reported criminal mischief over \$200 and under \$750.

Richard Dell Stinnett, 404 N. Faulkner, reported a hit and run.

Arrests

TUESDAY, Sept. 21

Raymond Charles Peznowski, 1717 Hamilton was arrested at his residence on an outstanding warrant. He was later transferred to the Gray County jail.

Lana Murrah, 31, 816 N. Wells, was arrested at her residence on an outstanding warrant.

Accidents

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

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7:51 a.m. — A 1985 Ford driven by Angie Rivera, 17, 513 N. Wells, collided with a 1983 Pontiac driven by Jerry Wayne Chandler, 20, 619 N. Christy, at the intersection of West Buckler and North Wells. Chandler and the passenger in his car, Phillip Chandler, 5, 619 N. Christy, reported being injured and were transported to Coronado Hospital, where they were treated and released. Rivera was cited for an improper turn and having no insurance. Chandler was cited for not having a child restrained.

5:10 p.m. — A 1989 Jeep driven by Margaret Roy, 44, 1109 Juniper, collided with a 1992 Chevrolet driven by Sandra Huddleston, 38, 411 Yeager, in the 900 block of West Harvester. No injuries were reported. Roy was cited for failure to yield to through traffic.

Fires

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

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11:11 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a trash fire at 1320 S. Barnes.

4:16 p.m. — Two units and five firefighters responded to an investigation at 1111 Christine.

Calendar of events

VFW DOMINO DAY
VFW Domino Day is set for 1-5 p.m. Thursday at the Post Home, Borger Highway. Free coffee, bring your own dominos. No alcohol permitted.
SKELLY-GETTY-TEXACO RETIREES CLUB
Skelly-Getty-Texaco Retirees Club plans to meet at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

Pedestrian injured



(Staff photo by Dave Bowser)

Ambulance technicians from American Medical Transport attend to Tammy Rogers, 17, of 417 N. Nelson, who was involved in a vehicle/pedestrian accident in front of Pampa High School this morning shortly before 8 a.m. She was taken to the emergency room of Coronado Hospital via ambulance following the accident. As of 11 a.m., she was being treated and her condition was unknown.

Grand jury hears former Treasury employee

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — A year after resigning from the Treasury for acknowledged wrongdoing, a former top aide to U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison went before a grand jury investigating the senator's tenure as state treasurer.

David Criss, one of Mrs. Hutchison's confidants during her 2 1/2-year term as treasurer, met with grand jurors Tuesday for about a half hour and refused to comment after emerging with his attorney Charlie Burton. Burton also refused to speak to reporters.

A Travis County grand jury is investigating whether Treasury employees and equipment were used for political and personal purposes under Hutchison, and if documents were destroyed as part of a cover-up.

State law forbids public officials from using their office for non-state business.

Hutchison, a Republican who appeared before the grand jury earlier this month, has said the investigation

is a politically motivated attempt by Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle to derail her political career. Earle is a Democrat.

When asked about the investigation Tuesday in Washington, D.C., Hutchison replied, "Any other questions?"

Earle declined comment on the grand jury appearance by Criss, adding only that the panel was nearing completion of its inquiry.

Criss has been a focus of scrutiny surrounding Hutchison since last year, when he stepped down as Treasury planning director after it came to light he had written political fundraising memos on her behalf on a state computer.

Hutchison said at the time she was unaware that any such work was being done at her agency; a review by Earle's office found any wrongdoing was incidental.

"David Criss was a very hard-working and conscientious Treasury employee," said David Beckwith, a spokesman for Hutchison. "He did nothing criminal. He more than made up for the mistakes he made."

To reimburse the state, Hutchison directed Criss to surrender two vacation days valued at \$504 and to pay \$45.84 in equipment costs. He then resigned.

At least two former Treasury employees have disputed Hutchison's claim that she was unaware political work was being done for her on state time.

Sharon Ammann and Trilby Babin, who appeared before the grand jury in July, said they were among an inner circle of Treasury workers, including Criss, that Hutchison called on constantly to perform personal and political tasks on state time.

Ms. Babin called Ms. Ammann the "queen of errands" for Hutchison.

When Hutchison was asked if she cooperated fully with the district attorney's review of the Criss incident last year, she responded:

"Absolutely. They asked for information, and we gave them everything they asked for."

Criss's name resurfaced in May, when a secret subpoena was issued for him by Earle's office.

Clinton: Flood states to get increased aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton today announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency will reimburse 90 percent of eligible disaster costs in nine Midwestern states hit by summer floods. The states earlier had qualified for 75 percent reimbursement rates.

Clinton said he had established a new standard for "disasters with wide economic impact" to ensure the states qualified for the more generous reimbursement rate.

"The scope of this disaster is so great that it has the potential to have a dampening effect on our entire national economy, and we must respond accordingly," Clinton said in a statement.

Clinton earlier had announced

that FEMA would pay 90 percent of disaster costs in states where the cost of flood damage was at least \$64 a person. As of earlier this month, none of the nine Midwestern states had met that standard.

Today, Clinton announced a "second standard" that would allow 90 percent reimbursement if damage amounted to 0.1 percent of the state's gross domestic product.

"That means I have approved the reimbursement of eligible public assistance disaster costs for the nine Midwest states affected by this summer's catastrophic flooding, at a 90 percent federal-10 percent non-federal cost-share basis," Clinton said.

Clinton said that as families struggle to recover from the flood-

ing, "I want them to know that this administration plans to be with them every step of the way."

"As the damage toll continues to mount, it's becoming increasingly clear to me that we must not view flood relief as local assistance only," he said.

Officials of the flood states had complained that the original requirement to qualify for a 90 percent reimbursement rate was too strict and that it was unfair.

Congress has approved a \$5.7 billion aid package for the Midwestern states. Total flood damage is estimated at more than \$10 billion.

The nine affected states are: Minnesota, Wisconsin, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, South Dakota, Kansas and North Dakota.

Gephardt, Bonior turn against NAFTA

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton and other supporters of a proposed continent-wide free trade zone insist they can win congressional passage despite the defections of two prominent members of the president's own party.

Majority Leader Dick Gephardt, the No. 2 ranking Democrat in the House, announced Tuesday that he was joining the No. 3 House Democrat, Rep. David Bonior, in opposing the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Calling NAFTA "deeply flawed," Gephardt told reporters that supplemental agreements negotiated by the Clinton administration had failed to erase his concerns that American companies would move plants to Mexico to take advantage of low wages and lax enforcement of environmental laws.

"Under this agreement, we will not be doing the best for our people," Gephardt said. "Drawn down by the lower wages in Mexico, our standard of living will continue to stagnate or decline."

While opponents hailed Gephardt's announcement, NAFTA supporters insisted that Gephardt's announcement could be overcome.

Clinton said, "It doesn't help, but I don't think it's fatal."

Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, told reporters Gephardt's decision would not change "in any way the likelihood of Senate approval."

Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont. and chairman of a key Senate subcommittee on trade, said Gephardt was "simply wrong on this issue. ... It is sad to see Dick Gephardt join hands with Ross Perot and Pat Buchanan."

House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash., a supporter of NAFTA, refused to criticize Gephardt, saying he had raised "valid issues." He predicted members of Congress would vote based on how the treaty affected their constituents rather than "trying to please the leadership."

Rep. Robert Matsui, D-Calif., who is shepherding NAFTA through the House, said of Gephardt: "I wish he was with us. ... But we think we are going to be able to win this."

Matsui said 63 or 64 of the 258 House Democrats already are committed to the treaty and he expects the number to rise to between 90 and 100. If only 90 Democrats voted for the pact, about 128 of the 175 Republicans would have to support it for it to pass.

"Losing Mr. Gephardt does not leave a bunch of second stringers on the pro-NAFTA team," said Rep. Ronald Coleman, D-Texas. "We've got the president, the vice president, the Cabinet, four former presidents ... and a strong bipartisan block of support."

But opponents were ecstatic, saying Gephardt is likely to sway a number of undecided Democrats.

"This is one more nail in the coffin of NAFTA," said Jim Jontz, head of the Citizens Trade Campaign, an umbrella organization for NAFTA opponents. "For him to say we can do better will have a big impact on the House."

The administration continued its sales campaign with Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen challenging business executives who support the treaty to be more vocal to counter Perot's attacks.

"The opposition is led by one businessman," Bentsen said in an address to the Economic Club of New York. "Here we have something that will help you increase business and create jobs — but I haven't heard many business leaders say that. You are opinion makers in this country, and we need you out there influencing opinion."

PEDC board to meet Thursday

The Pampa Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors will meet at 4 p.m. Thursday in their offices at 301 N. Ballard.

Items scheduled to be discussed include:

- The consideration of a prospect request.
- The consideration of a corporate membership for the PEDC in the Pampa County Club.
- The hiring of an accounting and auditing firm, Brown, Graham and Company, to oversee the corporation books.
- The treasurer's report and the consideration of expenditures.

In addition to their regular meeting, the PEDC's board will also go into executive session to discuss real estate matters and

personnel matters.

Following the executive session, the directors will re-convene back into regular session to take any action necessary.

The PEDC is a non-profit organization set up to assist in the development of business in Pampa. The organization's five-member board of directors is comprised of area businessmen.

Bill Water is the president of the board of directors, Victor Raymond is the vice president, Wayne Stribling is the secretary, Benny Kirksey is the treasurer and Jim Morris is the organization's assistant secretary and assistant treasurer.

The directors of the organization normally meet twice a month.

Local lawyer wins first cash drawing

A Pampa lawyer won \$500 in the first cash drawing for the chamber of commerce's Country Fair.

J.A. Martindale won \$500 in a drawing at the monthly Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon Tuesday. The drawing was the first of four drawings for cash prizes in connection with the Country Fair, a chamber of commerce fund raiser next month.

The early drawing Tuesday was for \$500, according to Nanette Moore, executive director of the Pampa Chamber. Drawings for \$1,000, \$1,500 and \$5,000 are scheduled for the Country Fair, Oct. 23, at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center.

Tickets for the drawing are \$100, she said. Tickets to the Country Fair are \$15.

Health care reform could mean gains or losses for Texas

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The sweeping health care reform package President Clinton will unveil in an address to Congress tonight could be a boon to Texas.

Then again, it could hurt. With so many details — including financing — still in doubt, it's difficult to get a precise handle on how the plan eventually will impact everyone from patients to businesses. There's also no doubt that the package will be significantly altered as it makes its way through Congress and the onslaught of lobbyists.

One of the plan's fundamental precepts — guaranteeing all Americans a standard set of health care benefits — could be of special advantage to Texas, where one out of every four residents lacks health insurance.

Texas leads all other states in rate of uninsured citizens; in fact, one out of every 10 Americans without health care coverage lives in Texas. State physicians and hospitals provided some \$4 billion in uncompensated care last year alone.

But while Clinton draws praise for trying to bring

coverage to the nation's 37 million uninsured, other aspects of his plan are causing fear.

Chief among them is a requirement that employers pay 80 percent of average health-care premiums, with workers paying the rest.

While small businesses and low-income workers would get federal subsidies to help them pay their share, concern is high that the new federal mandates would crush many small businesses.

"We support most of the plan, it's just the mandated part we detest," says Robert Howden, director of the Texas branch of the National Federation of Independent Business.

Howden says small business owners may be forced to lay off employees, raise prices or even go out of business if they have to provide health coverage for all workers.

The Texas NFIB, which represents some 40,000 small businesses, estimates that up to 1.2 million jobs may be at risk from the White House health plan. And Howden says the organization is planning to take action.

"It's time to crank on the fax machines, turn on the phones and mail the letters," he says. "We are just

going to grassroots the living heck out of this thing and fight to the bitter end."

University of Texas public health expert David C. Warner says it's difficult to assess the impact of the reform package until its financing is fully known and other details finalized.

"Obviously, there's no question a lot of people will be covered that aren't now," Warner says. "But the other issue is how in fact is that going to be financed and what does that do to small business?"

"There's definitely a lot of questions at this point." Gov. Ann Richards' press secretary, Bill Cryer, says national reform will mesh well with reforms already ongoing in the state, particularly legislation creating insurance pools for small business.

But, Cryer adds: "Anytime you put a burden upon small business, absolutely you have to worry about it and we are looking into that."

Another concern is that the administration plan doesn't address health care for illegal aliens, except in case of emergency.

And with proposed caps on the fees health care providers can charge, there will be less flexibility in

allowing providers to shift some of the burden of uncompensated care to paying patients, says Jim Houdek of the Texas Hospital Association.

Houdek says his organization also has some concerns that the proposed \$238 billion in cost savings to be eked out of the Medicare and Medicaid programs to help pay for the package may be harmful.

Doctors are worried that the Clinton plan would restrict patients' ability to choose their physicians, says Dr. Robert Tenery, president of the Texas Medical Association, which represents some 32,000 physicians and medical students.

Tenery, a Dallas ophthalmologist, says his organization also has questions about how the administration package would fund medical research centers. "Texas has a significant group of medical institutes that do significant amounts of medical research and Clinton's plan doesn't seem to, as far as we can tell, adequately outline how these will be funded," Tenery says.

Despite the worries, the administration is drawing praise for its attempt to tackle the health care crisis.

"This health plan truly can serve as a catalyst to get us to a better place," says Houdek.

Mexico tries to recover from Gert's destruction

TAMPICO, Mexico (AP) — Work crews struggled to restore electricity today after 225,000 people lost power as Hurricane Gert pounded the Gulf Coast this week, claiming at least 10 lives.

At least eight other people were reported missing in floodwaters inland as more than a dozen rivers overflowed from Gert's remaining heavy rains on Tuesday, the Mexican news agency Notimex reported.

Civil defense workers handed out roofing materials. Thousands of small homes were damaged by the 100-mph winds as Gert rumbled ashore Monday, only to weaken quickly into thunderstorms and heavy rain showers.

The workers helped deliver blankets and food after the storm pummeled the Gulf states of Tamaulipas and Veracruz. And tens of thousands were reported forced from homes because of flooding across a wide swath of Mexico, said Notimex.

Civil defense officials said seven of the dead were killed by heavy flooding that left thousands homeless in Hidalgo, a state just inland from Veracruz, according to Notimex.

The three other deaths occurred Tuesday in the town of Palma Sola, near the center of Veracruz state, when the Palma Sola River overflowed and the victims were swept away, state authorities said.

Mudslides closed dozens of highways. Electricity, telephones and water service were knocked out in many communities.

Naranjos, an oil town of 35,000 people about 120 miles south of the port city of Tampico, was among the hardest hit. Hundreds of acres of cornfields were flooded out and roofs blown off most homes.

At City Hall, people lined up for relief supplies of tortillas, cooking oil, and metal sheeting for rooftops. Hundreds lining up for gasoline for their cars and trucks left disappointed because there was no power to pump fuel.

"The wind blew everything away — homes, food, beds, clothing," said Gerardo Valdes, a truck driver.

Judge rejects Braun's request

ARDMORE, Okla. (AP) — A condemned mass murderer has lost his bid to withdraw the no-contest plea that netted him the death sentence in Oklahoma.

Carter County District Judge Thomas Walker ruled against Gregg Braun after a hearing Tuesday on Braun's request to change his plea in the first-degree murder of Ardmore flower shop owner Gwendolyn Sue Miller.

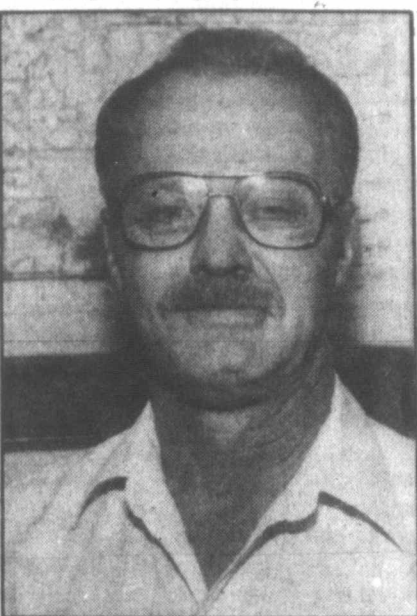
Ms. Miller was one of five shop workers to die in four states within a few days of each other in a string of robberies in July 1989.

Walker gave Braun the death sentence after Braun changed his plea from innocent earlier this summer. Allowing him to change his plea again would have let Braun go before a jury on the Oklahoma charges.

The former Garden City, Kan., man is serving three life sentences for the deaths of store clerks in Kansas and New Mexico and is charged in the death of a Pampa, Texas, man, Edley Perry "Pete" Spurrier.

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JPs Muns, Prestidge complete training at Lubbock seminar

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Bob Muns and Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 Margie Prestidge completed a 20-hour Justice of the Peace seminar held Sept. 15-17 in Lubbock.

Justices of the peace are required to complete 20 hours of training yearly to meet continuing judicial education requirements in the Texas Government Code.

Muns chose to study contracts and torts, contempt, alcohol beverage laws, post judgment remedies, distress warrants and writs of re-entry, jurisdiction and venue, probable cause and search and seizure, and judicial ethics.

Prestidge studied criminal law — filing through appeal, juvenile law, civil law, magistrate warnings, contracts and torts, rules of civil procedure, justice civil vs. small claims court, alcoholic beverage laws, forcible entry and detainer, bond setting and forfeiture, post judgment remedies, jurisdiction and

venue, and judicial ethics.

Muns said the seminar was the most valuable he had attended since being sworn in on Jan. 1, 1987. The courses pertaining to civil law, he said, were most valuable because the jurisdictional limits of his court were raised from \$2,500 to \$5,000 by the Texas Legislature.

Prestidge said the most important aspect of the seminar was the training provided in truancy laws. Because she sees many truants, knowing how to get them back in school is important to her.

Probable cause, search and seizure and judicial ethics are required for all justices of the peace, Muns said.

The seminar was sponsored by the Justice of the Peace and Constables Association of Texas and is conducted by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, headquartered at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

Richards denies wrongdoing

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards, a Democrat, says she did nothing wrong in 1991 when she ordered a reorganization at the Texas Department of Commerce that resulted in mostly Republicans being fired.

On Tuesday, the former chief of the Commerce Department, said Richards acted contrary to state law in trying to take over the agency.

John Anderson, who was interim director of the Commerce Department, testified in federal court that he was shocked at the way Richards' key aides, Richard Moya and Cathy Bonner, told him to get rid of employees.

Anderson said that at the same time he was ordered to dismiss workers, he received calls from Richards' supporters who claimed to be on a list of people designated to get jobs at the Commerce Department.

"It was quite shocking to me," said Anderson, who later resigned and was replaced by Ms. Bonner. He said Richards was trying to run the agency "as if it were a direct extension of her own office."

Anderson's testimony, shown to jurors on videotape, came on the second day of a trial in which three former Commerce employees contend they were fired because they are Republicans.

But Richards told reporters that the Commerce Department was besieged with allegations of mismanagement

and inappropriate spending.

She said Anderson, however, refused to act. "When he (Anderson) got over there he decided he wanted to study it for 90 days. I had members of the Legislature fixing to zero out the budget. I just thought it was the strangest behavior," she said.

During cross-examination of Anderson, also shown on videotape, he said that when he became the interim director in February 1991, the agency was in chaos and that changes were needed.

He also said that Richards' aides never asked him to get rid of a worker, or hire one because of their political affiliation.

The trial before U.S. District Judge James Nowlin is expected to last all week.

Earlier, one of the former employees, Jim Mikus, said his firing was the result of a "political purge" directed by Richards.

"I knew my name was on their list early on because of my political affiliation," said Mikus, who is a Republican. "It appeared to me there was a political purge taking place, and I was going to be part of it."

During cross examination, Richards' lawyer Martha Dickie noted that Mikus' complaint that he was fired for being Republican was dismissed by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Demjanjuk arrives in United States

NEW YORK (AP) — Seven years after he left the United States in handcuffs on charges that he was a notorious Nazi, John Demjanjuk returned today as a free man.

The 73-year-old Demjanjuk, acquitted of being Nazi death camp guard nicknamed "Ivan the Terrible," flew in on an El Al jet that touched down at 6:40 a.m. at Kennedy International Airport.

Accompanied by two police cars, Demjanjuk was driven in a van to a waiting small plane that apparently had been chartered to take him back to his home in Ohio. He boarded the turboprop as its engines whined.

Demjanjuk was quiet during the El Al flight, speaking to reporters only through his family. "It is time for him to fade back into normal life," said his son-in-law, Ed Nishnic.

Other passengers were more vocal.

"They gave him bread to eat and I'm supposed to touch it after him?" yelled Eden Kohada, an Israeli

woman who resides in Los Angeles.

The Ukrainian-born Demjanjuk, a retired autoworker from the Cleveland suburb of Seven Hills, had been imprisoned in Israel for 7 1/2 years, five of them under a death sentence.

He had been extradited from the United States and convicted in an Israeli court of being "Ivan," a sadistic guard at the Treblinka camp. He claimed he was a Soviet soldier captured by the Nazis.

Since the conviction, evidence has emerged from newly opened Soviet archives casting strong doubt that Demjanjuk was "Ivan." The Israeli Supreme Court overturned the conviction in July, but said there was strong evidence Demjanjuk had served as a guard at Sobibor, another death camp in Nazi-occupied Poland.

At Israel's Ben Gurion Airport, angry passengers shouted as Demjanjuk boarded the jet.

"He should have stayed in prison. In my opinion, he's as guilty as guilty

can be," said 72-year-old Edward Spicer of Los Angeles. Spicer said he was imprisoned in four Nazi camps during World War II.

Demjanjuk remained jailed until all appeals were exhausted.

As he took the seat on the jet, Demjanjuk was surrounded by relatives and bodyguards. Asked how he felt, he smiled slightly but did not otherwise reply.

"We feel really good. We can't wait to get home," Nishnic answered instead.

Demjanjuk was brought to the airport, not far from Tel Aviv, in a police convoy that included seven police cars and two vans, after being freed earlier from the maximum security Ayalon Prison.

Still, across Israel, the emotions stirred by Demjanjuk, 73, have largely ebbed. Six years ago, his trial obsessed the country, with proceedings broadcast live and avidly followed. When a court Sunday cleared the way for his release, it was no longer was front-page news.

Bridges blocked in protest of border crackdown

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Tensions began to mount just 72 hours into a massive U.S. Border Patrol effort to stop illegal immigration along the Rio Grande.

Mexican citizens protesting the agency's use of a 20-mile wall of agents to seal the border shut down two international bridges Tuesday, blocking traffic with their bodies and crude barriers of rocks and boards.

The crowds at both bridges dispersed peacefully after about two hours, but not before a show of force by both U.S. and Mexican authorities.

Border Patrol agents carrying clubs lined the bridges during the demonstrations, while El Paso police blocked off access to the Paso Del Norte Bridge and the Bridge of the Americas.

"We didn't want to be overrun,"

said Jaime Arras, an assistant chief Border Patrol agent who was on the scene.

Meantime, Ciudad Juarez Municipal Police officers, some dressed in riot gear, cleared barricades and dispersed the crowds, which were vocal but generally peaceful, authorities said. Authorities estimated there were about 150 protestors combined at the bridges.

"What they're asking is to be allowed to cross to work," said Ramon Valdez, a spokesman for the Juarez Municipal Police.

No injuries were reported, although authorities said that a few protestors hurled rocks at agents who massed on the El Paso side of the Paso Del Norte Bridge.

Valdez said police units will be stationed at the three bridges linking El Paso and Juarez to stop further protests.

However, some protestors seem determined to return.

"We're going to keep up the protests. We need the work," said Juan Salcedo. "If they kick us off, we'll be back."

Border Patrol Chief Sylvestre Reyes, who conceived the so-called "Operation Blockade," said he anticipated some protests and so drew up contingency plans that will bring extra agents to potential trouble spots.

About 200 agents responded to the demonstrations at the bridges, the first test of those plans.

Overall, about 400 are involved in the round-the-clock blockade operation, which Reyes is still calling a success.

"We feel this is an excellent way of controlling the border," he said while surveying the calming conditions at the Bridge of the Americas.

SPS announces settlement of reduced rates plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Amarillo-based Southwestern Public Service Co. says it has agreed to a settlement that will reduce its overall Texas retail electric rates by about \$13 million, or 2.9 percent, beginning Oct. 15.

The move follows a rate investigation initiated by the state Public Utility Commission staff, which had recommended a \$31.7 million reduction.

A PUC hearing in the case was delayed while parties conducted settlement negotiations. Commission approval is required for the settlement to be implemented.

The settlement includes an average drop in residential rates of 2.3 percent annually, according to the company. The decrease would be 3 percent for industrial rates, and 3.4 percent for commercial rates.

But despite the annual decrease, residential customers would see higher summer rates, according to the company.

A residential customer currently pays \$64.72 for 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity.

Under the new rate plan, when

fully effective, the price would decline 5.3 percent to \$61.29 in October through May. In June through September, the price would rise nearly 1 percent to \$65.29.

The difference of four-tenths of a cent per kilowatt hour is to "satisfy state-favored conservation ideas," said Gerald Diller, SPS vice presi-

dent of rates and regulation.

A similar difference in winter and summer rates would be applied to commercial customers.

The company said it reached the settlement agreement with PUC staff, the attorney general's office, a steering committee representing most cities it serves and various others.

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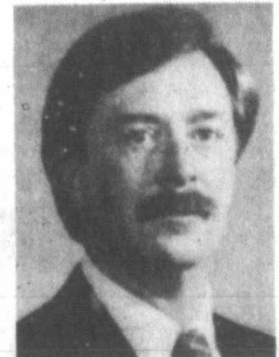
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Opinion

Proposition would help the children

The California school voucher initiative, Proposition 174, received another boost this month. The U.S. Department of Education released a study showing, in the summary provided by *The New York Times*, "Nearly half of the nation's 191 million adult citizens are not proficient enough in English to write a letter about a billing error or to calculate the length of a bus trip from a published schedule..."

Assuming that datum was not inflated in order to raise tax dollars for the educators — half of the nation's adults sort of strains credulity — most of these poorly-trained citizens attended the public schools back in the days when standards were much higher than they are now.

Ten or 20 years from now, when today's school inmates have become adults themselves, reading and mathematical skills will be rated even lower. Again, that is probably the trend if you extrapolate from figures furnished by bureaucratic alarmists, or if you don't.

Ironically, the national study came from the Department of Education. National education standards have declined precisely in the past 30 years of heavy federal involvement in education, first from the old Department of Health, Education and Welfare, later from the split-off Department of Education.

Federal involvement in schooling has brought such disasters as bilingual instruction, in which the children of immigrants aren't thoroughly taught English — or any other language. And federal involvement has brought reams and reams of red tape for local school districts. The number of administrators has increased as fast as test scores have declined.

High schools around the country now routinely graduate students who can't read, write or solve simple math problems. The three R's have been replaced by the three C's — cocaine, condoms and Colt .45s.

Prop. 174's school vouchers would change all that. The power over children's schooling would be taken away from school bureaucrats and placed back in the hands of parents, where it belongs. Each parent would be given a voucher, or coupon, worth \$2,600, to be "spent" at any participating school chosen by the parents.

No wonder school bureaucrats are jittery. The California Teachers Association and the National Education Association are spending literally millions of dollars on propaganda opposing school vouchers. By contrast, voucher backers, being a loosely organized group of parents and concerned citizens, have much less money.

Even if Prop. 174 fails, one day a similar voucher initiative likely will pass in California.

After all, literacy keeps decreasing. School violence keeps increasing. And the power of school administrators continues becoming more outrageous. Even if half the population can't read above a basic level, everyone knows that while school bureaucrats are getting the taxpayer-funded gold mine, children are getting the shaft.

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On protocol's fighting front

On Sunday, Sept. 12, here and there interrupting the squeals of delight and the moans of depression over the forthcoming ceremony featuring Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat, U.S. journalism entertained itself on points of protocol.

At least one likes to think that somebody at the conference featuring *The Problem of Arafat's Pistol* had a little fun with it. We do now know exactly how it was communicated to Tunis that Arafat should not appear at the White House wearing his holster. It must have been a venturesome aide who relayed the message.

We know what would have been the answer of Wild Bill Hickok to such an emissary: "Ah don't go nowear with-at m'pissle." And we know that the very first time Wild Bill consented to sit with his back to the door of a tavern, he was shot, shot dead as a door-nail. It is surprising that Arafat didn't demand the Golan Heights in return for his drawn pistol.

To be sure, it was a ceremonial question. Nobody at the White House really expected that if Arafat, surveying the final document, found something in it he didn't like, he'd have drawn his six-shooter and plugged Rabin there and then.

No, it was a matter of protocol. But then, so much is a matter of protocol.

I was a delegate to the United Nations when in 1973 the foreign minister of Cuba let loose on Chile his very best forensic fire, whose representative then returned the courtesy. The official transcript of what then happened reads: "The speaker was interrupted by the representative of Cuba, who attempted to reach the speaker's rostrum, which gave rise to strong protests from other representatives. The meeting was suspended briefly and then resumed."

What actually happened was that the Cuban foreign minister began to walk toward the speaker. He was followed by four Cuban bodyguards. The foreign



William F. Buckley Jr.

minister was screaming, "Hijo de puta!" which means, son of a lady of pleasure, and "Maricon," which means gentleman of minority sexual inclination. These happen to be the f'ghtingest words in the Spanish language, and the bodyguards were poised to raise their pistols but were overwhelmed by surrounding delegates.

By a masterstroke of irony, at that very moment, a few chambers away, the Sixth Committee of the United Nations was discussing a Draft Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Diplomatic Agents and Other Internationally Protected Persons. The next day it was reported that lots of delegates put in to get pistol licenses.

In the General Assembly there is no rule against carrying guns. If you can get four Cuban gangsters into the General Assembly, one can envision someone who up until his baptism this month was everywhere thought of as a Palestinian gangster bringing a firearm into the wide expanse of the south garden of the White House.

As if that wasn't enough to distract official Washington, there was the report in *The New York Times* by Maureen Dowd (she is the funny one) on some of the difficulties President Clinton and Vice President Gore were having in the course of reinventing government.

Their new gut-hunger for national husbandry doesn't harmonize perfectly with their own habits. For instance, there was the caller on the *Today* show who asked just why did Gore need a separate office in Tennessee, to which the answer was something along the lines of how glad Gore was that that question had been asked.

There was the question of how come President Clinton felt he had to redecorate the residence and the Oval Office at a cost of about \$400,000 when the office had just been done over by George Bush at a cost of \$62,000, to which the answer was that other people's offices aren't the real you, and in order to be an authentic president, you have to redecorate the Oval Office and, every now and then, the Constitution.

James Pinkerton is a professional Republican who toughmindedly wants the GOP to continue to be accepted as the party for cutting government waste, and he raised what seemed an unanswerable question when he asked why the \$79,000 worth of Reagan-Bush Oval Office rugs were wasting away in a warehouse. Why weren't they auctioned away? Well, that question reminded every Democrat to whom it was put about the great diplomatic triumph looming on Monday, when peace, finally, would be brought to the Middle East.

On the matter of that peace, there has been some scurrying about establishing historical lines of credit. Every president since Harry Truman has tried to bring peace to the Middle East, but only Jimmy Carter made concrete progress, at the meeting at Camp David. And Carter was very much slated to be in town, as also Bush; and indeed Carter consented to appear on television with Arafat.

Viewers strained to see whether the pistol had been retired, or would it go away only the following day at the White House?

The viewer, as so often happens, is the last to learn what really is going on.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 22, the 265th day of 1993. There are 100 days left in the year. Autumn arrives at 7:22 p.m. CDT.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 22, 1776, Nathan Hale was hanged as a spy by the British during the Revolutionary War.

On this date:

In 1656, in Patuxent, Md., an all-female jury heard the case of a woman accused of murdering her child. (The jury voted to acquit.)

In 1789, Congress authorized the office of Postmaster-General.

In 1862, President Lincoln issued the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, declaring all slaves in rebel states should be free as of January first, 1863.

In 1949, the Soviet Union exploded its first atomic bomb.

In 1958, Sherman Adams, assistant to President Eisenhower, resigned amid charges of improperly using his influence to help an industrialist.



Get feds out of charity business

A Jacksonville, Fla., woman seeking to rent an apartment had a bad credit rating but a good income, so the landlord, Benton Bradberry, took a chance.

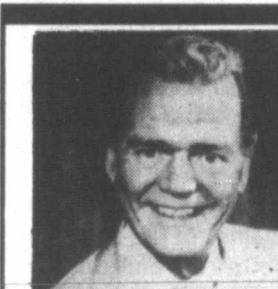
The well-dressed woman paid one month advance rent plus a security deposit — a total of \$1,130.

She paid in cash. This 36-year-old mother of four teenage children also has an elderly disabled mother living with her. (One of the teenagers is retarded; another is pregnant.)

The income listed on the family's rental application is entirely from government and welfare programs.

It totals \$46,000 a year. When Bradberry telephoned the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, he was told, "It's all entirely legal."

The family's monthly welfare income includes: two welfare checks totaling \$1,510; Aid to Families with Dependent Children, \$214; Housing and Urban Development rent check, \$550; food stamps, \$440. The family is also eligible for monthly Medicaid benefits worth \$550.



Paul Harvey

And when the daughter's new baby arrives, there will be an additional government check in the amount of \$426 a month.

The elderly, disabled mother gets a monthly Social Security check of \$513 and is eligible to have a housekeeper come in twice a week at a cost of \$242 a month as well as regular visits from a public nurse.

HRS confirms the retarded teenager is eligible for programs that could cost up to \$70,000 a year.

There are other federal, state and local programs available to this family, but they are already receiving \$3,469 of your dollars every month, and that will increase to \$3,895 after the teenager has her baby.

This family's income will be \$46,740 per year! It beats working.

The average working American makes much less. *World Almanac* confirms that the average taxable income of Americans last year was \$16,000, on which that average American paid \$2,400 in taxes.

This means IT TAKES 19 TAXPAYERS TO SUPPORT THIS ONE WELFARE FAMILY in Florida.

New York City is running into an avalanche of organized opposition as it seeks to cull the rolls of the homeless.

As is, New York is sheltering 5,700 families at a cost of \$3,200 per family per month. And 950 additional families want in on this deal every month.

As the Clinton administration sets out to "reform the welfare system," it will be challenged by organizations of welfare recipients — people who for three generations have come to think of their hand-outs as "entitlements."

If we'd get the government out of the charity business and return charity to the Salvation Army where it belongs, we would separate the needy from the greedy and also save the salaries of all those bureaucrats.

NAFTA opponents suffer amnesia

You know a name has become installed in the public consciousness when it can be publicly referred to by its initials — witness the FBI, NAACP, PTA, UNESCO and YMCA.

NAFTA has now joined that auspicious club. And the North American Free Trade Agreement Act is getting baptized in controversy.

The public debate over NAFTA is fascinating for two reasons.

First, NAFTA has created some strange bedfellows. On one side is a curious group of intergalactic opponents: Virginia Gov. Wilder, Ross Perot, House Democrat Whip David E. Bonior, Rev. Jesse Jackson, AFL-CIO chief Lane Kirkland and extreme right-wing poohbah, Pat Buchanan.

On the other side, led by a tippy-toeing President Clinton, are NAFTA's supporters: Republican Senate leader Bob Dole, influential Democrat Rep. Robert Y. Matsui of California, 41 of the nation's governors and conservative columnist Robert Novak.

Those bizarre alliances remind me of the punch line of an anecdote about an extraordinarily diversified group of persons with eclectic tastes — "Who argued all night as to who had the right to do what and with what to whom."

Like Clinton's budget battle, the vote on NAFTA will be decided more by political alignments than economic realities. That's because supporters of NAFTA have done a shoddy job of organizing support, while opponents have done a masterful job of misrepresenting economic data.



Chuck Stone

That brings us to the second interesting aspect of this agreement: The historical amnesia of its opponents.

Nobody can convince American workers that ratifying NAFTA will not cause a mass exodus of jobs to Mexico's cheaper labor market. But one of the world's most intellectually formidable publications, *The Economist*, has quoted the Congressional Budget Office in concluding that the number of jobs lost from NAFTA is likely to be small: "half a million over the next decade in a country in which 20 million jobs were displaced during the 1980s."

Still, NAFTA will result in a "tiny net increase" in American jobs. NAFTA opponents selectively quote Bush's Secretary of Labor Lynn Martin's testimony before the Senate that 150,000 jobs would be lost.

But they fail to mention that those lost jobs are part of the total job market mobility that would also result in a net gain of 180,000 jobs from NAFTA. If the United States keeps tariffs low, other nations will reciprocate, resulting in more sales at lower cost and

an increase in jobs.

Another side benefit of NAFTA, contended *The Economist*, is the creation of a stable and prosperous Mexico to help "lessen the flow of illegal Mexican immigrants."

Without a NAFTA agreement, a lot of job losses and regional job shifts have already taken place in this country. In 1966, there were only twice as many jobs in the 11 Southern states as in the six New England states. As of 1991, there were five times more jobs in the 11 Southern states. Lower salary scales, not lower tariffs, caused that shift.

Santayana once warned, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." During the Great Depression in 1930 tariffs were raised through the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act. Nations retaliated by raising tariffs on U.S. goods and the depression deepened.

But in the uncertainty of a capricious American economy, labor's fears are understandable. Unions also feel threatened by the decline in union membership, now only 16 percent of the U.S. work force.

President Clinton has attempted to allay some of the fears of labor unions and the environmentalists by insisting on the right to reimpose pre-NAFTA tariffs if Mexico does not comply with minimum worker and environmental standards. Canada has rejected this economic blackmail.

Like the budget and universal health care, NAFTA is going to be a tough call. But like the European Economic Community, it's an idea whose time is come.

Yeltsin's move leads to dueling for power

By ALAN COOPERMAN
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia was torn by dueling governments today after President Boris Yeltsin suspended parliament and hard-line lawmakers, meeting in their barricaded headquarters, tried to oust him.

Pedestrians applauded Yeltsin when he made a brief impromptu appearance today with his military commanders in Pushkin Square, one of the busiest places in Moscow. Yeltsin told the hundreds of people who surrounded him that he had the support of most Russians and that security forces were behind him.

Vice President Alexander Rutskoi tried to grab the reins of power but appeared to be failing as military and police commanders remained loyal to Yeltsin. There was little public reaction and life in Moscow and other major cities was normal.

Rutskoi's main hope was in some of Russia's far-flung regions, such as the vital oil-producing Tyumen district of Siberia, where his supporters threatened to strike. But parliament was having problems assembling a quorum today to vote on removing Yeltsin, a move the president would ignore if it went through.

The Russian ruble plunged 6.4 percent against the U.S. dollar following Yeltsin's move, and the political chaos in Moscow pushed Tokyo stock prices sharply lower today.

In what amounted to a coup against his long-time foes, Yeltsin went on television Tuesday night and announced December elections to a new parliament. His declaration trampled the Soviet-era constitution, which he has been trying to replace, and was aimed at breaking the stalemate that has paralyzed Russia's government for more than a year.

Yeltsin warned that any attempt to block him would be "punished by law."

Growing support came from President Clinton and other world leaders. British Prime Minister John Major today praised Yeltsin's "courageous efforts in the face of great difficulties." German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said the promise of new elections "earns our full support."

Yeltsin was gambling that he would win the backing of the military and the people and end up with a new parliament more receptive to his economic and political reforms.

The stakes were high. Yeltsin's move could determine what kind of government emerges from the chaos of the post-Soviet era. And it could finally settle the question of who rules Russia: the president or parliament.

The Communist-dominated parliament, which has consistently blocked Yeltsin's initiatives and whittled away his power, has little popular support.

The gamble seemed to be paying off today. Lawmakers voted to replace the defense, interior and security ministers — a clear sign that Yeltsin had won the loyalty of the top leadership of the military, police and former KGB. But it was unclear which way the career officer corps would lean.

Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin said the entire Cabinet supported Yeltsin. But Foreign Economics Minister Sergei Glaziev submitted his resignation, calling Yeltsin's decree unconstitutional.

Yeltsin's main opponent, parliament speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov, indicated that lawmakers faced an uphill battle. He said the first task of their new defense minister, Col. Gen. Vyacheslav Achalov, "is very simple: It is to establish control over the armed forces."

Government Defense Minister Pavel Grachev said Achalov tried to order military units to deploy around parliament "with their service weapons immediately." He said the military would not obey the orders.

Achalov was one of the accused plotters of the failed August 1991 hard-line Communist coup

against Mikhail Gorbachev. Khasbulatov, looking haggard after a sleepless night, said today that local governments in some parts of Russia had denounced Yeltsin. "More than 20 regions have already condemned the coup d'etat and expressed support for the constitutional system," he said.

He appealed for a nationwide general strike. Yeltsin made similar calls when he faced down tanks outside the White House during the 1991 coup attempt.

There appeared to be little public reaction to Yeltsin's action. Except for the rally outside the White House, no demonstrations were reported in Moscow or elsewhere in Russia. Morning traffic was normal as Russians headed to work as usual. No tanks were sighted in Moscow.

Chernomyrdin told reporters there were no unusual troop movements and there would be no attempt to storm the White House.

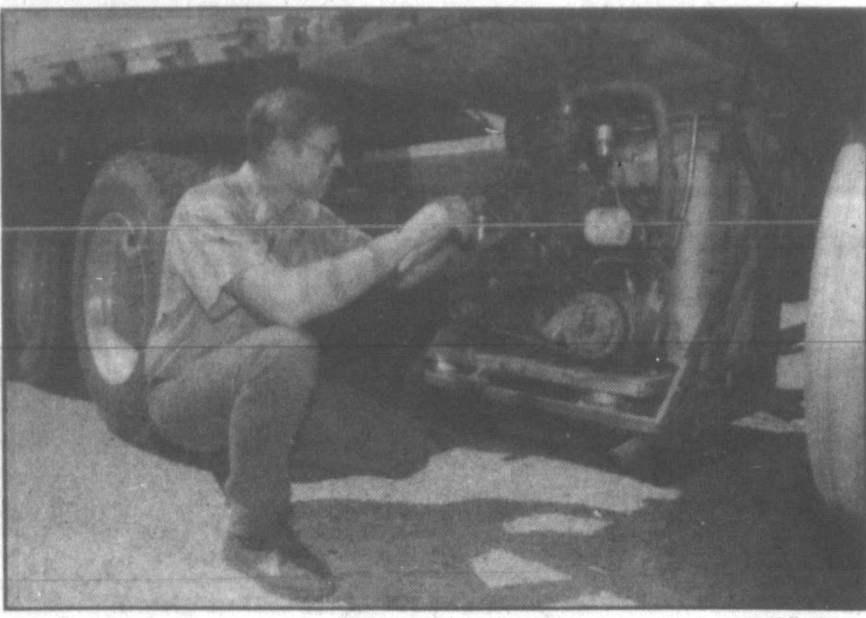
"All troops remain in their garrisons," Chernomyrdin said. "Of course, they are ready for anything, but God save us from doing that."

After Yeltsin's television appearance, about 150 lawmakers rushed to their headquarters at the White House and immediately voted to impeach Yeltsin and replace him with Rutskoi.

The war of decrees between Yeltsin and his parliament-appointed "successor" began quickly. Rutskoi's first decree nullified Yeltsin's action and ordered all government leaders to obey him and the parliament.

Constitutional Court chief Valery Zorkin told lawmakers the panel had found Yeltsin's move unconstitutional and there were sufficient grounds to impeach him. The court's vote was 9-4 against Yeltsin.

The constitution, drafted in Soviet times, does not give the president authority to dissolve parliament or call elections. But Yeltsin has often argued he has authority to take actions not specifically barred by the constitution.



(AP photo)

Rex Greer of Albuquerque, N.M., looks over a Pony Pack he invented for operating the heating and air conditioning systems on a tractor-trailer rig.

Tiny engine cuts big-rig fuel-guzzling inefficiency

By NANCY WALZ
AP Business Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Twenty-eight years in the seat of an 18-wheeler taught trucker Rex Greer that countless hours of idling to heat or cool a parked rig wore down engines and polluted the air.

But when he bought a new tractor-trailer rig in 1984, he couldn't find a system that would run separately from the truck's main engine to keep his sleeping compartment cool Arizona's summers and warm in North Dakota's winters — without guzzling diesel.

"Some companies were selling 110-volt recreational vehicle generators, but they weren't compatible with big rig electrical or hydraulic systems," he says.

It took Greer about a week to develop a prototype of what he now calls the Pony Pack, a 250-pound, 8 1/2-horsepower diesel auxiliary power unit that keeps a rig's batteries charged and runs in-cab heaters and air conditioners.

"We packed a lot into a small package," Greer says. "I didn't want to use a \$20,000, 855-cubic-inch, 500-horsepower engine to heat or cool an area the size of most people's bathrooms."

He tested the Pony Pack on his own rig, then got patents in 1986 and moved from Lubbock, Texas, to Fort Sumner, N.M., to start a company. Limited production and test marketing began in 1987.

In 1988, the U.S. Department of Energy gave Pony Pack an award for energy innovation based on its potential to save the nation an estimated 528 million gallons of fuel a year.

Pony Pack had sales of \$51,000 in 1991 and \$284,000 in 1992 and expects to sell \$600,000 worth of the \$5,000 units this year to owner-operators and fleet managers. The company moved to Albuquerque in 1991.

The Defense Department and U.S. Border Patrol now are testing the device, and railroads have expressed interest.

Truckers routinely idle their engines at rest stops, during overnight layovers and while loading or unloading. A typical truck idles about 42 percent of the time, or 1,600 hours a year, according to *Heavy Duty Trucking* magazine.

An idling engine guzzles about two gallons of fuel an hour and runs colder than it should, spilling unburned

fuel and sulphur into the crankcase. Engine parts wear faster than when pulling a load on the road.

The two-cylinder Pony Pack plugs into the rig's existing systems and runs the heater and air conditioner, warms the main engine for easy restarts and charges the batteries.

Mounted on a running board, the 3-by-2-foot engine is fed from the rig's fuel tanks.

It uses about a pint of fuel an hour and emits 2 percent of the pollution of an idling main engine, Greer says.

He says that with the Pony Pack, idling drops to around 3 percent and fuel consumption drops by 35 percent. He says a Pony Pack should pay for itself in less than two years based on those savings alone.

A rig also will need about half as many oil changes, which cost \$150 each every 25,000 miles or so, and can be expected to have a longer engine life, he says.

Trucker Jonathan Webb of Albuquerque says the Pony Pack lets him run all his lights and fans during stops.

He recalls a January night in New York when the temperature was 4 degrees below zero and the wind howled at 40 mph.

"My wife had to get up and turn down the heat," he says.

And the next morning, the truck started up "like the Fourth of July."

Pony Pack has virtually no competitors, truckers say.

"We have good patents," says Greer, who plans to get foreign patents as well and market the product overseas.

He says he had expected the company to grow faster, but found that truckers are slow to accept change and many balked at the initial cost.

Still, he's gearing up for big sales as word of mouth converts drivers and as states take steps to limit truck idling time for environmental reasons.

"I suspect there will be a federal law sooner or later," he says. "Everybody has driven by truck stops and seen the huge gray clouds of smoke."

A recent increase in the federal fuel tax also has spurred interest in the product, Greer says.

Steve Bonhomme, who runs a fleet of four trucks out of Indianapolis, says he has a Pony Pack on each of his rigs.

"They have saved me money," he says. "My cost per mile has gone down because of less wear and tear on the engine, increased fuel mileage and decreased oil change intervals."

Federal workers to regain political freedoms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Early next year, millions of federal workers will regain their freedom, lost more than half a century ago, to engage in partisan politics.

Under legislation sent to President Clinton by the House on a vote of 339-85 Tuesday, changes to the 1939 Hatch Act will open the door to political activities for most U.S. government employees. Clinton backed the measure and is sure to sign it.

That means federal workers will soon be able to do a number of once-forbidden things, ranging from envelope stuffing — on their own time — on behalf of a favored candidate to holding key party jobs. Still, they won't be able to run for elective public offices.

Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, and

other supporters in both chambers, insisted that changes in the law will not lead to the politicization of the U.S. Civil Service.

"There will now be a bright line for civil servants between the prohibition of all political activity on the job and what political activity is acceptable off the job, which must be voluntary and conducted as private citizens," Glenn said.

The bill takes effect 120 days after Clinton's signature. It exempts some 85,000 federal employees in so-called highly sensitive positions in law enforcement and national security.

And it retains the Hatch Act's prohibition on federal employees running for partisan office in their own right.

The final vote came as the House

agreed to amendments approved earlier by the Senate.

"Political freedom is now a signature away," said Robert M. Tobias, president of the National Treasury Employees Union, the largest independent federal union.

"Now the reality of federal workers being able to exercise the same kind of political freedom guaranteed to all Americans except convicts is just around the corner," Tobias said.

Some 3 million federal workers will be eligible to enter the political arena under the changes permitted by the bill.

The majority now will be able to endorse political candidates, organize phone banks to urge their election, distribute campaign literature and engage in most other political activity.

But all that must occur on a federal worker's free time.

Employees are barred specifically from political work while wearing federal uniforms or insignia or while in any room or building in which they conduct official business.

And they are forbidden, under penalty of law, from using their official positions to influence employees or the outcome of elections.

Supporters of the measure noted that when the Hatch Act was adopted by Congress in 1939, only a third of the 950,000 federal workforce was covered by a merit system.

In 1993, with the workforce more than three times larger, nearly 80 percent of federal employees are covered by a merit system protecting them and the public from political influence and abuse, supporters said.

Shuttle Discovery makes first Florida landing in darkness

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Discovery and its five astronauts touched down on a floodlit runway today in the first shuttle landing in the Florida darkness after completing a rehearsal for the Hubble Space Telescope repair mission.

The winged spaceship glided through clear skies and landed at Kennedy Space Center just before 3 a.m. CDT. Rain had ruined NASA's plans to bring the shuttle home Tuesday, forcing the space agency to extend the flight to 10 days.

About 250 people, including the astronauts' families, were on hand to greet the crew as Discovery rolled to a neat stop on a three-mile runway illuminated at one end by banks of brilliant, 1 billion-candlepower xenon lights.

"Congratulations, Frank, on making the first night landing of the

space shuttle at KSC," Mission Control told commander Frank Culbertson Jr.

Mission Control had the pilot quickly turn off two of Discovery's three auxiliary power units because of what appeared to be flames billowing from the tail exhaust. NASA said it was a precaution only; the units — which power the hydraulic system used to steer the shuttle on the way down — worked properly.

Later, launch director Bob Sieck said that it was just the usual hot gas from the exhaust, but that it caused concern because it was yellow instead of the usual white or gray, possibly because of high humidity of 93 percent.

During the nearly flawless flight, the astronauts tested tools and spacewalking techniques another

crew will use to fix the Hubble's blurry vision. They also released an experimental communications satellite.

They accomplished their last major task on Sunday, the capture of an orbiting telescope they released six days earlier. Astronomers were eager to get their telescope and data back; it observed six dozen objects, mostly stars.

Discovery circled Earth 158 times and traveled 4.1 million miles during its journey, which began two months late on Sept. 12 after five launch delays.

After being instructed to stay aloft an extra day Tuesday, Culbertson joked that it seems to take him and his crew "a little extra time to get anywhere."

Of the 56 previous shuttle flights, only five landed in darkness — all of

them at Edwards Air Force Base in California's wide-open Mojave Desert.

NASA prefers to bring shuttles back to Kennedy to save the one week and more than \$1 million it takes to ferry cross-country, even though there is less margin for error at Kennedy, where alligator-filled swamps surround the runway.

Daylight landings are preferred because pilots have fewer visual cues when bringing the spacecraft down in the dark.

But landing times are dictated by the spacecraft's launch time and orbital path. Because it glides back to Earth, the shuttle must leave space on an orbit that takes it directly over the landing site.

All of today's landing opportunities, at both Kennedy and the backup site, Edwards, were in darkness.

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Food

Variety, versatility among best qualities of beef

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — If steak is what's for dinner, there is an individual type for virtually every purpose that a chef could wish to serve.

Versatility characterizes beef selections in most local retail markets, and the Chicago-based National Livestock and Meat Board describes as many as 17 different portions of meat that are typically sliced into steaks. The board lists another 16 kinds of roasts, plus briskets, ribs, beef for stew and cubes for kabobs.

The variety that is available literally from every quarter of the beef animal ranges from packages of meat that preserve a budget to those that sink it out of sight.

Consumers also get to choose from meats that offer relatively low levels of fat, or they can throw caution to the wind and dine on steaks as they often were before nutritionists turned fat into a four-letter word.

Add a wide range of palatability choices, and the meat market begins to resemble a forest. But an intelligent course has been charted through the quality, nutrition and cost labyrinth by the Texas Tech Meat Laboratory, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the National Livestock and Meat Board.

For example, the tenderness of a beef steak depends initially upon what part of the animal it comes from, and subsequently upon the way it is prepared.

The more palatable cuts of meat also cost the most.

Mark Miller, director of the Tech Meat Lab, said the types of meat available in retail stores often fall into either "choice" or "select" labels.

"If you look at the choice quality grade, it has 5 percent or less fat in it," he said. "Or if you look at select, it will have somewhere around 3 1/2 percent fat."

According to Miller, the choice grade, although sometimes disapproved by the nutrition profession, is often a more pleasant dining experience than select.

"Basically, the choice grade — because it has a little more fat in it — will be more consistent for its tenderness, its juiciness and its flavor. So, your overall satisfaction from the standpoint of how well it eats will be higher with choice than with select," Miller said.

The choice grades also sell for a bit more. "If you believe that choice is worth the extra few cents a pound they would charge, then you would buy that. But on the other hand, select doesn't taste bad. Select is a good product too; it is just not as consistent," he said.

"Basically, if you buy 100 select steaks and 100 choice steaks, your chances of getting an unpalatable steak that you wouldn't be quite as satisfied with in choice, might be five or six times out of the 100. If you look at select, it might go up to 15 times out of 100, or you might be twice as likely to get something that is a little tougher or a little drier," he said.

According to Miller, consumers now are leaning toward the purchase of leaner meat. "What we are finding is that there is more select being sold than ever before; but there is still a high demand from consumers who want a really high quality beef product, so it (choice) is pretty well maintaining itself."

According to Linda S. Lynch, Lubbock County Extension agent-home economics, current grades of steak at the retail level can range from "commercial" up to "prime."

Under the U.S. Department of Agriculture labeling system, the grades are "commercial," "standard," "select," "choice" and

"prime," from lower to higher quality. Grades that are below "commercial" are "utility" and "canner," but they are not usually found at retail stores.

Some grocery stores do not label their meat with a particular grade, but that information is usually available by asking someone in the meat department.

Miller believes that knowing what cut to select is the most important thing a customer can do.

"If you are going to try to impress your family or your boss, or have someone over and it means a lot, then you want to buy a filet mignon, a tenderloin, a rib-eye, a New York strip or the T-bone. And you'll spend a little money doing that," he said.

"If you are on a limited budget, and you are a pretty doggone good cook, there are a lot of recipes out here where you can take some inexpensive cuts — for example, beef chuck roast — and you can crock pot cook that; you can marinate it; and you can make a really exquisite meal from a beef standpoint with a low value cut."

For grilling steaks, Miller recommends a cut of meat that is especially tender to start with. Those include cuts from the loin section of the beef carcass. Club, T-bone, porterhouse, strip loin and filet mignon tenderloin steaks all come from that section.

Miller recommends special preparation for skirt steak. "You want to cut that thin because you know it's going to be tough." He suggests marinating it with some solution that has a tenderizing enzyme in it:

"Something that comes from the pineapple plant or the papaya. A lot of the tenderizers have an enzyme in there that basically degrades protein, and that's what makes it tender."

The consumer should remember, he said, that "if you buy chuck steak



Brian Owens, a graduate student at Texas Tech University Meat Lab, checks the progress of a T-bone steak. A steak is considered rare if cooked at 130 F. and well done if cooked at 180 F.

and it cost \$2.25 a pound, don't expect that to be as tender as T-bone steak that you paid \$4.95 a pound for. It's just a relationship of value." According to Miller, some of the tenderest meat is in the chuck, but also some of the toughest. "Out of an entire chuck steak, as large as it is, you are going to have certain muscles within the steak that are going to be very good, and you may have others that not going to be quite as good. You need to basically understand that, and give the tough ones to somebody else!"

Not just for breakfast anymore

FOOD



MARIALISA CALTA

"Whenever I said the word 'waffles,' people would smile," says Dorrie Greenspan, talking about her research for her new book "Waffles From Morning to Midnight." "People have such great associations with waffles."

My own associations are of waffles sticking to my ancient waffle iron, while my children whine for breakfast. Hopefully, a new, nonstick iron will garner the smiles of which Greenspan speaks. I also plan to use the battery of tips which Greenspan offers to the uninitiated. They include:

— If your waffle iron needs greasing, do it once, lightly. Brush or spray grids again only if subsequent waffles stick.

— Recipe yields may differ from iron to iron.

— Some batters are self-spreaders, some need a bit of cajoling. Use a metal spatula or wooden spoon to smooth the batter almost to the edge of the grids.

— If you've overfilled the grids, let the batter bake for 30 seconds with the lid up. Then gently lower the lid.

— If the lid doesn't open easily, the waffle isn't cooked. Even if there's no more steam coming out of the waffle iron, the waffle may still be cooking.

— No peeking in the first two minutes of baking.

— Waffles can be frozen and reheated in a toaster without defrosting.

— For quicker cleanup, put your waffle iron on a sheet of aluminum foil or a heavy duty brown grocery bag. Greenspan's book — along with Elizabeth Alston's small treasure, "Pancakes and Waffles" — offers a range of waffles topped with everything from maple syrup to basil-garlic sauce. Here's a sampling:

WAFFLE PIZZAS

- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup pasta flour (semolina flour)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano or 1 tablespoon fresh
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme or 2 teaspoons fresh
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 3 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 1/4 cups milk
- 2 large eggs
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- Toppings of your choice, such as tomato sauce, mozzarella, pepperoni, olives and mushrooms.

Preheat waffle iron. In a large bowl, whisk together the flours, baking powder, seasonings and Parmesan. In another bowl, whisk together the milk and eggs until well blended. Pour the liquid ingredients

over the dry and stir with whisk until just combined. Fold in olive oil.

Lightly grease the grids of your waffle iron, if needed. Spoon out 1/2 cup of batter (or amount recommended by waffle iron manufacturer) onto heated iron. Close the lid and bake until crisp and pale golden. (They will be very stiff.) Cool on rack while making rest of batch.

Preheat oven to 475 degrees. Place waffles on foil-lined baking sheet. Divide sauce and other toppings among the waffles. Bake about eight to 12 minutes, until cheese is melted and bubbly. Serve immediately.

Yield: 5 6 1/2-inch round waffles.
• Recipe from "Waffles From Morning to Midnight" by Dorrie Greenspan (William Morrow, 1993).

CRISPY CORNMEAL WAFFLES WITH FRESH ORANGE SEGMENTS

- 3 large, juicy oranges
- 1-2 teaspoons sugar, or more to taste
- 2 teaspoons Grand Marnier or other orange liqueur (optional)
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup yellow cornmeal, preferably stone ground
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups buttermilk
- 1/4 cup pure maple syrup, plus more, for serving
- 2 large eggs

Topping: Working over a nonreactive bowl, peel the oranges and drop segments into bowl. Remove any seeds. Stir in sugar, adjusting to taste, and liqueur (if using). Cover and refrigerate or set aside until needed.

Preheat the waffle iron. Preheat oven to 200 degrees.

Make the waffles: Melt the butter, and set aside. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, cornmeal, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In another bowl, thoroughly combine the buttermilk, syrup and eggs. Pour the mixed liquid ingredients over the dry ingredients and whisk until just combined. Stir in melted butter.

Lightly grease the grids of your waffle iron, if needed. Spoon out 1/2 cup batter (or amount recommended by waffle iron manufacturer) onto heated iron. Close the lid and bake until the iron will open easily.

Keep waffles warm in preheated oven, directly on rack, until ready to serve. While the waffles cook, whip the cream mixture to form soft peaks. Serve on hot waffles.

Yield: 4 6 1/2-inch round waffles.
• Recipe from "Pancakes and Waffles" by Elizabeth Alston (HarperCollins, 1993).

recommended by waffle iron manufacturer) onto heated iron. Close the lid and bake until brown and crisp. Keep waffles, in a single layer, on a rack, in the preheated oven while you make the rest.

Serve on warmed plates with maple syrup. Top with orange topping.

Yield: 6 6 1/2-inch round waffles.
• Recipe from "Waffles From Morning to Midnight" by Dorrie Greenspan (William Morrow, 1993).

WALNUT BROWNIE WAFFLES WITH ESPRESSO CREAM

- 2 ounces unsweetened baking chocolate
- 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 cup plus 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon instant coffee powder or crystals, preferably espresso
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 tablespoons water
- 2 cups walnuts, chopped fine

Melt the chocolate and butter in the top of a double boiler over hot, but not boiling water. Remove from heat and let cool slightly.

Mix together the cream, 2 teaspoons of sugar and the instant coffee. Refrigerate about 5 minutes while the coffee dissolves.

Preheat the waffle iron. Preheat oven to 200 degrees.

In medium-sized bowl, beat the remaining 1/2 cup sugar, eggs and vanilla with a wire whisk. Whisk in chocolate-butter mixture, then the flour, baking powder, baking soda and water. When blended, stir in nuts. The batter will be very thick.

Lightly grease the grids of your waffle iron, if needed.

Spoon out 1/2 cup batter (or amount recommended by waffle iron manufacturer) onto heated iron. Close the lid and bake until the iron will open easily.

Keep waffles warm in preheated oven, directly on rack, until ready to serve. While the waffles cook, whip the cream mixture to form soft peaks. Serve on hot waffles.

Yield: 4 6 1/2-inch round waffles.
• Recipe from "Pancakes and Waffles" by Elizabeth Alston (HarperCollins, 1993).

Panhandle recipes, anecdotes wanted

The Pampa News is interested in receiving the Panhandle's best recipes for publication. But that's not all.

Along with your recipe, include any interesting anecdotes or history you think our readers might be interested in reading about. Recipes will be printed as space permits.

Recipes are not restricted to a specific meal or

type of food. Every dish from the heartiest ranch breakfast to the most Spartan supper is welcomed. In addition, speciality dishes and desserts are also accepted.

The Pampa News reserves the right to print or reject any recipe. Submissions may be sent to The Pampa News, Food Editor, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, Tx. 79066.

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Lifestyles



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

Marriage to mama's boy is inconvenient

DEAR ABBY: I heard my husband talking on the phone this morning. He said, "Sure, Mom, it's OK ... it will be just fine ... no problem for us."

After he hung up, I asked him what that was all about, and he hit me with the news that it was his mom's turn to have the annual family party at her house, but she had volunteered our house for the occasion. I got really upset because he didn't even ask me — he just agreed to take it over without consulting me. Our house is small, but we have a large porch and a pool.

I know we will end up paying for all the food and drinks, and nobody in his family will offer to lend a hand in the work involved before, during or after the party. I flew off the handle and told him I would go away for the weekend and he could handle the whole thing himself.

He says I'm overreacting because I hate his family, which is not true. He's got a couple of sisters I'm not crazy about, but I don't hate them. I guess I'm upset because he didn't consult me before agreeing to have the party at our place. Am I wrong, Abby? And what should I do?

MARRIED TO A MOMMA'S BOY

DEAR MARRIED: He should have consulted you before making the commitment, but don't make a federal case out of it. The fat is in the fire.

Make a list of things to do before the party, food to be served, etc., and then appoint your mother-in-law as your co-hostess. Call her — and between the two of you, decide who should bring what. Paper plates and cups, and plastic forks, knives and spoons should make your picnic-style party a breeze. By cooperating, you will save face for your husband and avert a lifetime of possible resentment from his family.

DEAR ABBY: I just read a letter from a female medical student who was studying to become a doctor. It reminded me of a riddle that I heard recently:

A teen-age boy had been in a serious car accident. The hospital called his father so he could sign a consent form to authorize surgery if it was needed. His father went to the hospital and signed the form.

After the boy was wheeled into the operating room, the doctor looked at the boy and exclaimed, "I can't operate on him! He's my son!" Question: Who is the doctor?

Answer: His mother.

PROUD NOT TO BE STEREOTYPED,
CHERRY HILL, N.J.

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to the letter stating that it was tacky for the spouses not to be invited to the class reunion pool party.

I refuse to attend any of my class reunions for the very fact that spouses are invited to everything. Come on, grow up, people! I had absolutely no sexual relations with any of my classmates, but we did have some really crazy, fun times that I am sure the spouses would not enjoy hearing about. I do not see what the harm is. A class reunion should be just that — a class reunion, not a bunch of strangers there being bored. (I have not and will not attend my husband's class reunions, either. Let him go and enjoy the past. It's his past, not mine.)

I think all class reunions should be for class members only.

FLORIDA GRADUATE

DEAR GRADUATE: To this say, "Amen, sister."

Did you know?

Ground was broken for the Suez Canal in 1859.

Radio pioneer Guglielmo Marconi was born in Bologna, Italy, in 1874.

The United States declared war on Spain on April 25, 1898.

The Kellogg-Briand Pact was signed in Paris in 1928, outlawing war and providing for the peaceful settlement of disputes.

Anger, misery, elation and laughter can become infectious

BY COSMOPOLITAN
For AP Special Features

Emotions — from anger and misery to elation and laughter — are just as contagious as the flu.

Even strangers are capable of infecting us, Wyatt Townley wrote in an article in the current issue of *Cosmopolitan*, as when someone honks insistently on the highway and other drivers feel their tempers rise. Couples who are married or living together are particularly vulnerable to "catching" each other's moods.

"Everybody picks up on the energy and emotions of others and is affected by them — even if the effect is less than conscious," said Eric Morris, an acting coach in

Los Angeles, who has used "infectability" as a technique in training actors including Jack Nicholson and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"Laughter is one of the most infectious kinds of expressions. If you start one person in a room laughing — even if it's a somber group — and keep that person laughing long enough, everybody else will eventually join in."

That kind of infection is positive, as is empathy — sensitivity to someone else's feelings. But when you cross the line from empathy to symbiosis (living together) there are problems.

"In such cases, the boundaries merge," said Ellen McGrath, executive director of the Psychology Cen-

ter in Laguna Beach, Calif. "You become the other person. Her feelings become your feelings, and that's not healthy."

Studies indicate women are far more susceptible to symbiosis than men.

"To help with the survival of the species, one of the sexes needs to be exquisitely attuned to the feelings of those around them — particularly infants and children," McGrath said. "Women are still conditioned to be the caretakers of everyone else right from the start."

For women perhaps the most contagious of all emotions is depression. A recent study from the American Psychological Association found women are twice as likely to get depressed as men.

In the face of a friend's unhappiness, try to be objective. You can observe the feeling without drowning in it, which also best serves the person you are trying to help. Ask yourself, "Whose problem is this?" If it's not your problem, just listen.

Contagious states like depression often need more than an open ear. One effective antidote is taking action. McGrath advises that you "set a mental time limit on how long you'll talk over the problem."

Toward the end of that time, try to get the friend to stop dwelling on her woes by suggesting doing something — go for a run, spend the next day gallery hopping. Even rearranging the furniture can alter perspective.

"Then the support isn't just emo-

tional," McGrath said. "It's behavioral."

People who have the most difficulty separating their own feelings from those of others are like chameleons, changing colors depending on who's around them.

"If we're lucky, by the time we're little kids, we learn that we're separate," said psychologist Irma Rahtjen of Kansas City, Mo. "We discover we can live without Mommy for an hour or two because we know she'll come back. It's the kid who doesn't know if Mommy will ever come back who has trouble developing boundaries."

Counseling, such self-help groups as Emotions Anonymous, even acting classes, can provide a reassuring environment to help chameleons unfurl their own unique colors.



The many faces of Garnet Poole — happiness, charm, love — an octogenarian who spent most of Saturday afternoon visiting and hugging friends at a surprise birthday party for her given by the Shriners at the Sportsman's Club. (Staff photo by David Bowser)

Garnet Poole on the go at 80 years young

By DAVID BOWSER
Managing Editor

Friends tell of Garnet Poole's family vacation to Branson, Mo., this past year and her comment "I outwalked each one of them and had a great time."

Those who know the young lady who turns 80 years old this week have no doubt that she did. It is difficult to imagine this energetic woman not having a great time where ever she is.

Spread across tables at the Shriners' Sportsman Club south of Pampa Saturday afternoon were pages from a family album that showed Poole as a child on the family ranch near Spearman, wading in the Pacific Ocean as a young lady and eating hot dogs at Dodger Stadium when she was well into her seventh decade.

"She came out to California, and we had a great time," said her niece, Virginia Peck of Torrance, Calif. who came to Pampa for Saturday's surprise birthday party given by the Shriners.

"Garnet Poole has helped out us for years," said James Washington, a spokesman for the Shriners. "This was our way of saying 'thank you.'"

"I've worked with the Shriners for 40 years," Poole said. "My brother Jim was a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner. That got me started. The last 15 years, I thought they'd run me off, but they won't do it."

"That's a crock," laughed Washington.

"They're the ones who keep me young and active," she said.

As her family tried to get her to sit down at a table with them for pictures, Poole kept hopping up and running across the room to hug friends coming through the door. There was no reception line. She went to them much the same way she had at the family restaurant years ago in Pampa.

"Jim had a steak house here," she said. "He opened it in 1947 or 1948, after the war. We had it for 26 years."

Jim Poole died in 1964, and the family sold the steak house. Most of Poole's cooking these days have been for Shriner functions.

"Every third Friday is family night," she said. "We fix the meat and everybody brings something. I'm not going to say how many beans I've fixed."

"We also do catering to raise money," Washington said.

"The money goes for the Shriners' crippled children's hospital in Dallas and the burn center in Galveston," she said.

'Who done it?' relives the past and solves the mystery

By PRUDENCE HELLER
Associated Press Writer

While Rosie Meyers tries to find out who knifed her husband Richie to death in their kitchen, she relives their marriage in "After All These Years" (HarperCollins), Susan Isaacs' latest novel.

Rosie is in a hurry to find out because the police have warned her she is about to be arrested (but after the funeral — they're tactful). Before they can do it, though, Rosie

Review: Rosie probes hubby's murder and their marriage

goes on the lam. The reader shares her feeling of urgency in this fast-paced story, told in the first person, that takes her from her sumptuous Long Island estate to nearby New York City and back.

The police are sure Rosie did it because her fingerprints are the only ones on the knife sticking out of her husband's chest; and, Richie was leaving her for the vice president of the company that had made them

rich. The divorce negotiations have been bitter.

An ex-student of Rosie's who never showed any inclination to study helps her out in New York. He's a "bad egg with good luck; no arrests, no convictions." He has a certain skill at providing people with documents they lack — but not the big stuff such as passports or currency.

Along the way, the reader meets a

variety of characters: Cassandra, English Department chair in the high school where Rosie teaches; the Meyers' creme-de-la-creme, beautiful neighbor, married to a surgeon; the "other woman" of the triangle, a go-getter if ever there was one; and Richie's former partner, embittered by the past.

After Rosie has researched what happened over the years, she no longer feels bereaved at Richie's absence. What's more, she has figured out who killed him.

Cutting utility costs topic of program

Panhandle Community Services and the Gray County Extension Service will host a program, "Cutting Utility Costs" at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Gray County Annex meeting room.

The purpose of the program is to provide individuals with information on how to weatherize their home and save energy to cut down on utility costs.

The program will feature Frank Robinson of Southwestern Public Service, and Energas representative, and Margo Stanley with Panhandle Community Services. Specific tips and techniques for energy-wise utility management will be provided. In addition, participants will be given the opportunity to have their questions answered.

The program is provided free of charge and is open to all interested persons of all ages regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

For more information, call Panhandle Community Services at 66-0081 or the Gray County Extension Service at 669-8033.

55 Alive to be offered

55 Alive/Mature Driving, a classroom driver improvement course for drivers aged 50 and older, will be offered in Pampa.

The next 55 Alive/Mature Driving class will be held 6-10 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency 2225 Perryton Parkway or the old Gibson's building. For more information call Phyllis Laramore at 669-7574.

Developed by American Association of Retired Persons, 55 Alive can sharpen driving skills, prevent accidents and keep older drivers on the road longer and more safely. For many people, 55 ALIVE can also save them money.

Texas law requires all auto insurance carriers to offer a discount on premiums to qualified graduates aged 50 and older of approved courses such as 55 Alive. Policyholders should contact their carriers for more information about such discounts.

The course is to be sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons and Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency.

Newsmakers

Juan Arreola received an associate of applied science in instrumentation technology and was named to Texas State Technical College-Amarillo's Dean of Instruction's Honor Roll with a 3.5 or greater grade point average for the summer quarter.

Larry Smith of Lefors received an associate of applied science in chemical technology and was named to the President's Honor Roll with a 4.0 grade point average.

Edward Pryor was named to the Dean of Instruction's Honor Roll with a 3.5 or greater grade point average for the summer quarter.

Benny Cooper, Kent Crow, Gordon Hobbs, Larry Svoboda, and Connie Williams were named to the President's Honor Roll with a 4.0 grade point average for the summer quarter.

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Club News

Altrusa International Inc. met Sept. 13 at Coronado Inn.

Lib Jones reported on the Baker Star Reader kick off held Sept. 8. She presented a display of pictures and prizes to be awarded.

Glyndene Shelton reminded

members of the Altrusa Style Show on Oct. 2. Judy Rutledge announced that Altrusa will help sponsor an open house at 7 p.m. Sept. 20 for Pampa Learning Center.

Dorla McAndrew made a special presentation to Brenda Tucker of the

completed scrapbook of her presidency for the 1992-1993 year. The board of directors also presented her with a numbered plate of a car which signified the theme of her presidency — "Cruising the Highway to Service."

Life Preserver awards were presented to Jones for her work on the Baker Star Reader project and to Rutledge for her work on the 1993-1994 yearbooks.

The next meeting is set for 7 p.m. Sept. 27 in the Starlight Room.

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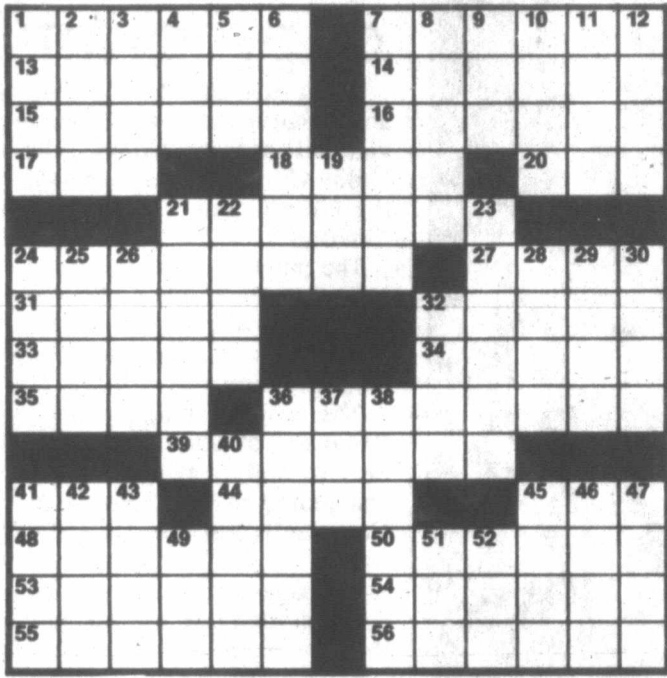
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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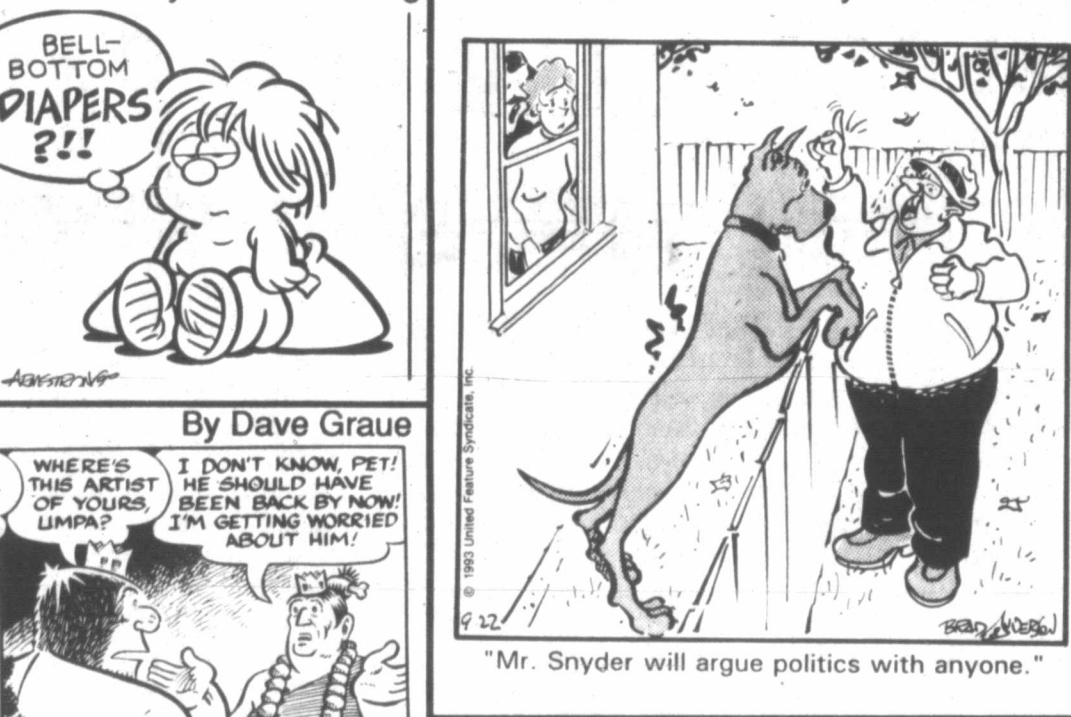
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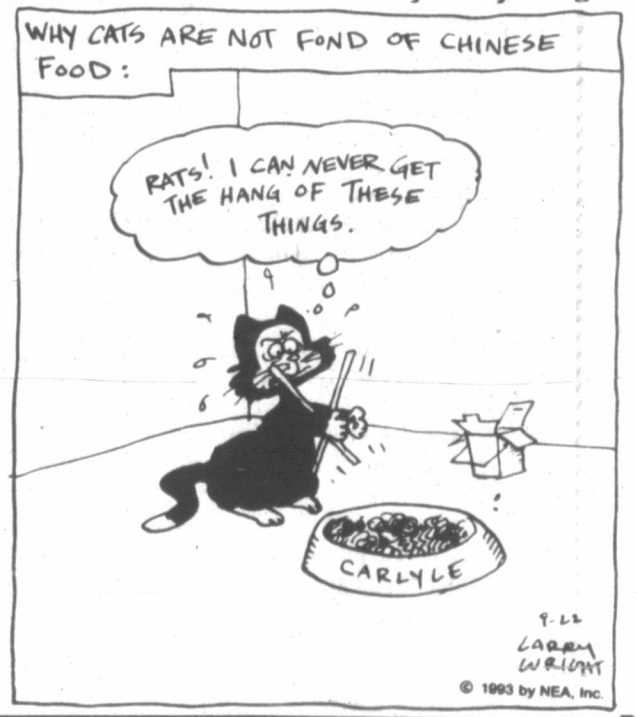
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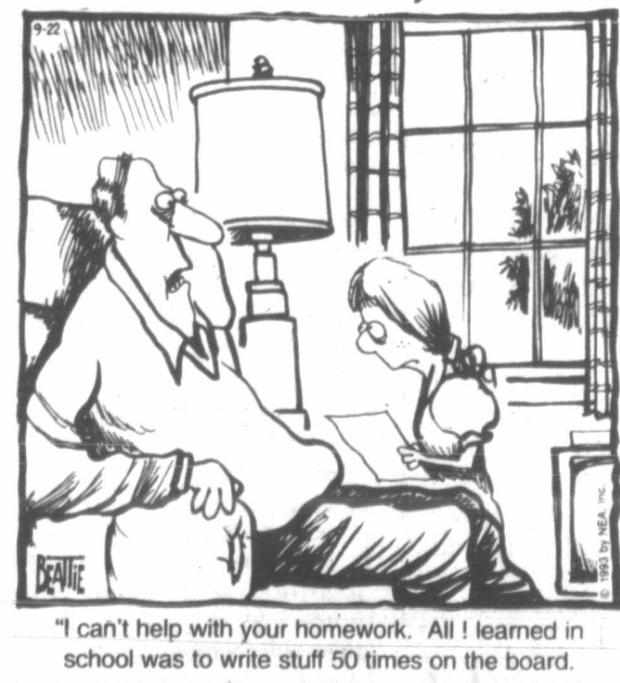
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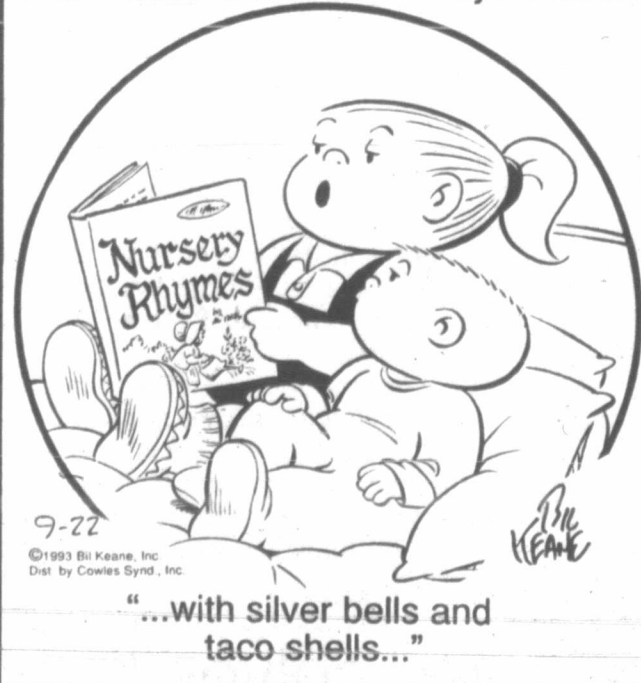
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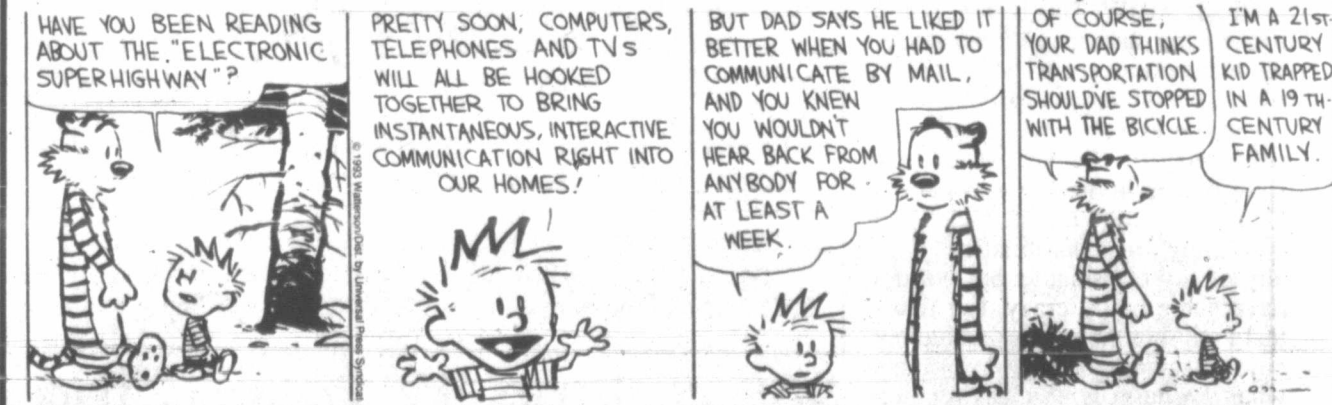
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Astro-Graph

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Everything good might start coming up roses for you as of today. In fact, this may mark the beginning of things you'll long remember. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Good things are developing for you at this time, but they might not be too obvious. This is because what transpires will be behind the scenes screened from everyone's view, including yours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Loyal associations are your most valuable assets in this time frame, because they can help bring into being your high hopes. Pals will be willing to assist where they can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Devote your efforts and energies today to your most important objectives, because your chances for succeeding are better than they've been for a long time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You're a positive thinker today who has the ability to inspire others and help them elevate their hopes and expectations. Don't let this gift go unused.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Conditions in general should go rather smoothly for you today, but your most impressive moves are likely to be in joint ventures.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You have the potential to make a big hit today with a person who is essential for putting together an arrangement you'd like to formulate. Developments can benefit both parties.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A door might open for you today which has been previously barred against you. It could represent the type of break for which you've been looking to put you on the threshold.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today you could be luckier than usual in your social encounters. Keep in touch with any new commercial contacts you make while socializing, because one might be very meaningful.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're a very good stretch runner today and if you apply yourself with consistency, things should work out to your expectations. Don't lose sight of your objectives.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Being in the right place at the right time might be a big contributor to your success today. The other factor will be your ability to capitalize on what the moment offers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Influences are now at work that could substantially help to improve your financial position. You're in a very lucky cycle, so don't limit your thinking as to how you can make money.

Sports

Notebook

PAMPA — Tickets for the Pampa High football game in Vernon are available at the Pampa High School athletic office.

Tickets are \$4 and \$2 from the Pampa High School athletic office and will be on sale until noon Friday, according to Sandy Clark of the PHS athletic dept. Ticket will be \$5 at the gate in Vernon.

Pampa plays Vernon Friday night in Vernon beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Vernon could very well be the next Class 3A state champion.

The Lions have a 3-0 record and are ranked second in the state behind Southlake Carroll in the latest Associated Press rankings. Most of their skilled players on offense along with the entire defensive line return from last year's regional finalists.

All three of Vernon's victories this year came against teams in higher classifications.

AP's No. 1 ranked teams in other classes include Odessa Permian, 5A; Waxahachie, 4A; Boyd, 2A and Tenaha, A.

TULIA — The Top of Texas Bassmasters of Pampa held a bass tournament Sept. 18-19 at Lake MacKenzie near Tulia.

First place went to Roy and Mary Alderson with 16.32 pounds; Joe Millican was second, 9.04; Ronny Alderson and Floyd Lott, third, 7.76; Bob and Matt Schiffman, fourth, 2.82; Steve and Maxine Stauffer, fifth.

Big Bass went to Roy Alderson with a 3.97 pounder.

The club will be fishing in the 806 Region Tournament Sept. 25-26 at Lake Ute, followed by a Husband and Wife Tournament Oct. 3 at Lake Greenbelt. On Oct. 9-10, there will be another 806 Region Tournament at Lake MacKenzie, followed by a club tournament, also at MacKenzie, Oct. 16-17.

The next club meeting will be at the Pampa Lovett Memorial Library meeting room (111 N. Houston Street) Oct. 5, starting at 7:30 p.m.

PAMPA — The Rotary Club is sponsoring a golf tournament Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday at Hidden Hills.

Entry deadline is 6 p.m. Thursday and interested persons can call 669-5866 to enter.

Only one golfer on each four-man team may have a 10 or less handicap. The total must add up to 50.

The tournament is being held to raise funds for Rotary projects.

PAMPA — The annual Swim Fest involving the Pampa High School varsity swim team is set for Sept. 30 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Pampa Youth and Community Center.

The varsity swimmers will swim 100 laps within a two-hour time period. The 100 laps are equivalent to 200 lengths of the 25-yard Youth Center pool.

Coach Cody Huckaby invited the public to attend the Swim Fest and pledge a nickel or dime per length for a swimmer.

L'HOSPITALET, Spain (AP) — The Major League Baseball Players Association is attempting to reach agreement on a European tour next season with stops in Britain, Spain, France and Italy. Games almost certainly would be in London, Paris and Barcelona, and in either Rome or Parma, Italy. Games in the Netherlands and Germany are also possible. There are about 48.2 million baseball players in the world but only about 102,000 in Europe.

TORONTO (AP) — The Toronto Blue Jays announced that Jack Morris has a partial tear of the medial collateral ligament in his right elbow and will not pitch again this season. Morris is being paid \$4.5 million in the second season of a \$10.85 million, two-year contract with a \$5.15 million option for a third year. However, the club is expected to buy out Morris' contract for \$1 million, leaving him free to sign elsewhere next season. Morris finished the season at 7-12 with a 6.19 ERA.

LONDON (AP) — American Olympic shot put champion Mike Stulce faced a lifetime ban after failing a drug test at last month's World Championships in Stuttgart, Germany. Stulce, winner of the gold medal at the Barcelona Olympics last year and the bronze in Stuttgart, tested positive for the second time in his career. A spokeswoman for the IAAF, the sport's governing body, said Stulce would be stripped of his medal and suspended for life pending a hearing by the U.S. Federation because it was his second offense.

BOSTON (AP) — Former commissioner Pete Rozelle scuttled a 1987 plan that would have let Billy Sullivan keep the New England Patriots. Sullivan testified in his \$116 million antitrust suit against the NFL. Unable to raise public money and faced with huge debts, Sullivan sold the team for what he considered a low price of \$80 million to Victor Kiam in October 1988.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Wayne Gretzky agreed to a new three-year, \$25.5 million contract with the Los Angeles Kings, making him the highest paid player in the National Hockey League. Gretzky, 32, the NHL's all-time leading scorer, will earn \$8.5 million per season, according to Kings owner Bruce McNall, more than double his current \$3 million annual salary. Gretzky, entering his sixth season with the Kings and 15th in the NHL, is just 36 goals short of Gordie Howe's all-time record of 801.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The NBA has tentatively approved free agent center Chris Dudley's contract with the Portland Trail Blazers, but the league says it will revoke the contract if appeal in federal court succeeds. The league contends the seven-year, \$11 million contract circumvents the NBA salary cap because it contains a clause allowing Dudley to become a free agent again after one season. If that happens, the Blazers could offer him an unlimited amount of money because NBA teams can exceed the salary cap to retain a free agent.

Fans may be saying goodbye to bye weeks

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

Unless you're a fan of the Phoenix Cardinals or Seattle Seahawks, you won't get to see any teams next weekend from football's two best divisions in the first three weeks — the NFC East and AFC West.

The divisions' top eight teams have a bye, leaving us with San Francisco at New Orleans, Miami at Buffalo and an otherwise blah schedule on Sunday. Plus Pittsburgh (1-2) at Atlanta (0-3) on Monday night.

Say goodbye to bye weeks, or at least double bye weeks, which could end up losing the NFL a lot of money.

One reason: TV ratings were down last weekend, when the AFC Central and NFC East were off and the NFL was in the process of negotiating a new TV contract.

The NFL notes that the byes were the idea of the networks, who wanted to extend the season. And Commissioner Paul Tagliabue anticipated even before the season that byes might be on the way out.

"We're thinking of going back to a 17-week season," he said. "Or maybe even eliminating byes entirely."

For the NFL, the best news is that there are no byes the final six weeks.

The World Series will be over and everyone but Tampa Bay, New England, Seattle and Cincinnati will be in contention for the playoffs, presumably heightening interest in football and giving Tagliabue ammunition for the final stretch of television negotiations. But what's not to guarantee that Dallas, 0-2 without Emmitt Smith, won't finish 14-2?

Still, sitting down the two best divisions the fourth week doesn't help anything. Look who's not playing this week — John Elway, Joe Montana, Junior Seau, Randall Cunningham, Troy Aikman, Smith, Rodney Hampton and ... John Carney, who's kicked six field goals in each of San Diego's two wins.

In the AFC West, Denver, Kansas City, San Diego and the Raiders are all 2-1, and all probably have the strength to stay for the long haul, even if the Chargers' offense consists only of Carney.

"I promise you this thing is a long way from over," was the obvious observation of the week from Chiefs coach Marty Schottenheimer after his team's win Monday night over Denver.

In the NFC East, there's the surprise scenario of the Giants

and Eagles, picked to finish third and fourth before the season, at 3-0 while Dallas languishes at 1-2.

Both are puzzles.

The Giants, with an unheralded defensive line whose best player, Erik Howard, is a backup, have allowed just 193 yards rushing in three games.

Dan Reeves, the new coach, seems content to re-implement the Bill Parcells offense that disappeared in the Ray Handley chaos — the Giants controlled the ball for 43 minutes against the Rams on Sunday.

"He'll win 10 or 11 games," says a man who worked with Reeves in Denver. "He's driven to prove in New York that he's a great coach, and he is."

The Eagles?

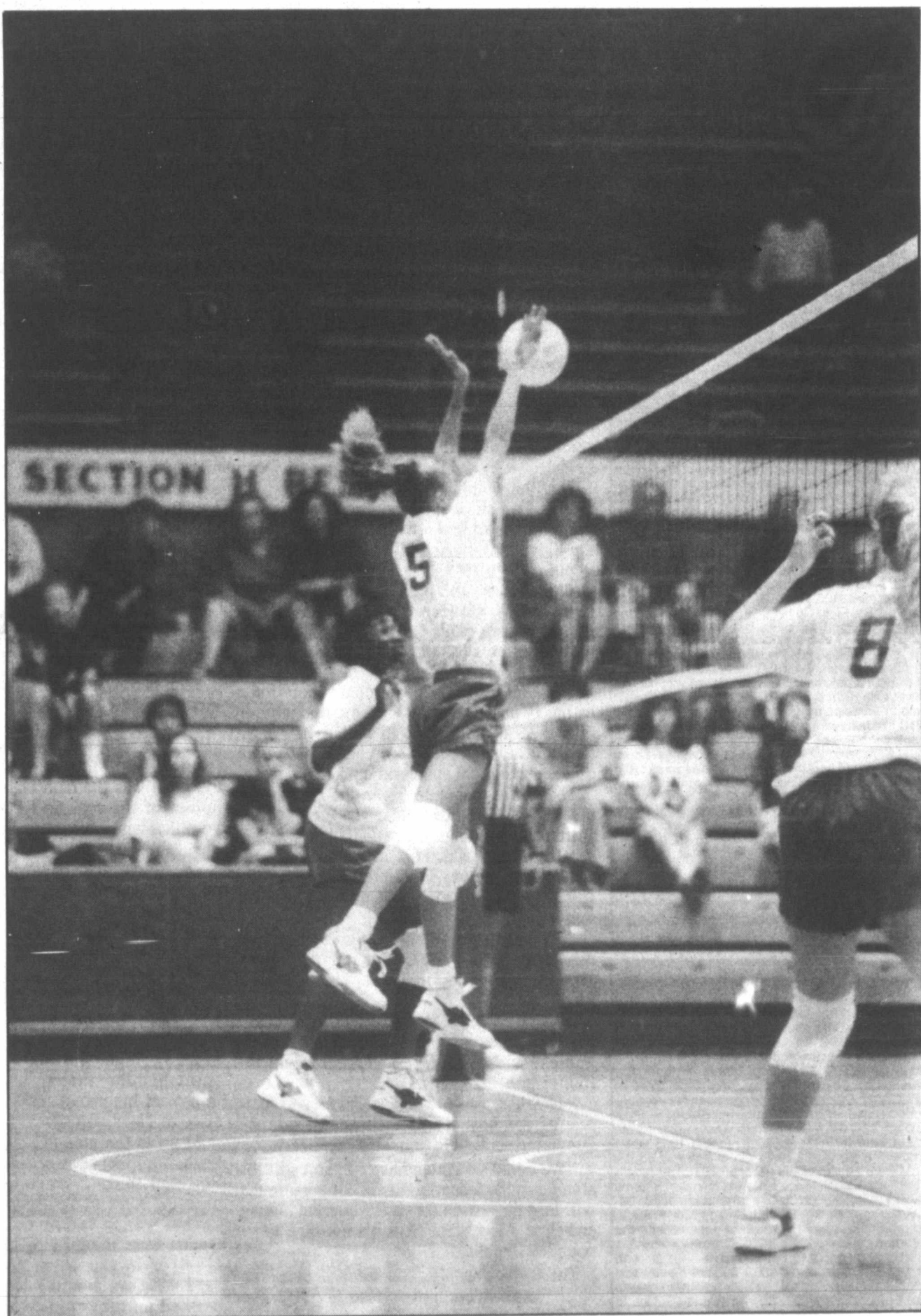
"We beat three NFC teams. We beat two division teams," coach Rich Kotite said. "We beat a team that spent \$20 mil-

lion on free agents in Phoenix. We beat Green Bay, who was possibly the hottest team toward the end of last year. And we certainly beat an excellent Washington team."

They Eagles are interesting, and they're off this week, along with six other interesting teams. The coaches welcome the bye — Jimmy Johnson, for example, can work with Smith for two weeks and have him ready for the Packers after a minitraining camp.

OK, so when the two divisions come back, we get a good matchup on Sunday night — the 3-0 Giants at the Bills in a rematch of the 1991 Super Bowl and probably the first loss for New York, whose three wins are over teams that are 1-6 combined.

But wouldn't it be nice to see a full schedule, or close to it, this week?



(Staff photo by Susan Adeletti)

Pampa junior Michelle Abbott blocks a ball during the Harvesters' 15-11, 15-7 loss to Palo Duro last night. Abbott had seven kills during the match.

PD takes third win from Lady Harvesters

By Susan Adeletti
Sports Writer

Palo Duro was at it again last night, beating Pampa for the third time this season in two games, 15-11 and 15-7.

The Harvesters looked as if they had game one well in hand, leading at 4-0 and again at 8-4. But the powerhouse Dons battled back until the score was knotted at 8-8. Pampa tied it again at 11-11, but could get no further.

Palo Duro took an early lead in game two, outscoring Pampa, 6-1. The Dons, who are expected to finish near the top in division 5A, didn't let Pampa come closer than two points the entire match.

Despite the loss, Pampa head coach Brad Borden was pleased with the Harvesters' play.

"I felt like our effort was exceptional tonight," Borden said after the game last night. "We were intense, we played hard and that's all I asked the girls to do."

Junior Michelle Abbott had seven kills for the Harvesters, and

sophomore Serenity King led the team in digs with nine.

"We can always count on Serenity to dig balls," Borden said. "Senior Shelly Young played a real nice match, and Michelle Abbott showed some real promise at the net."

Although the efforts of the Harvesters were valiant, the lacking element versus Palo Duro was execution.

"We probably had our worst passing match in three or four weeks," Borden said.

The junior varsity set had a similar outcome, as Pampa was downed by Palo Duro in two games, 16-14 and 15-9.

"We didn't do too badly," j.v. head coach Susan Davis said. "We just couldn't put a run together. We weren't intense for long periods of time."

Pampa volleyballers open up division play at home Saturday against Caprock at 2 p.m.

In area volleyball action, Kelton

and Lefors played their district opener at Lefors last night. Lefors won the match in two games, 15-10 and 15-12.

"My kids really played a good game," Lefors head coach Carol Vincent said, noting that during one of the games, the Pirates managed to pull out the win after trailing by eight points.

"Kelton has a pretty good team — we're about the same," Vincent said. "They had hard servers; of course I have a couple of those, too."

"We made a lot of silly mistakes that we shouldn't have," Kelton head coach Brad Slaton said. "We've just got to get back to work. I have to find a way to light a fire under them."

Kelton will try to avenge the loss and up its 7-9 overall record as it hosts Lakeview next Tuesday evening for its second district matchup. Meanwhile, Lefors travels to Fort Elliot Tuesday in an attempt at a second district win.

Kelton's record now stands at 7-9 overall and 0-1 in district play.

A&M booster sues for libel

DALLAS (AP) — A businessman who once was a yell leader at Texas A&M has sued The Dallas Morning News for libel, alleging that his publishing company suffered huge financial losses because of an article that blamed him in part for NCAA sanctions against the school's football program.

In June, Texas A&M gave Rod Dockery's company, Dockery House Publishing Inc., a contract to sell memorabilia in honor of the institution's 100th year of football.

In its June 24 story about the contract, the newspaper's report that Dockery had been banned from A&M's athletic program resulted in adverse publicity that caused potential sponsors to stay away, Dockery said.

The story identified Dockery as one of four boosters banned for at least two years from associating with Texas A&M's athletics.

"I was not banned as a booster for A&M and never have been. My business has been substantially damaged. My reputation, my integrity has been damaged," Dockery said Tuesday during a news conference at the offices of his lawyer, Gary L. Richardson.

"We have had millions of dollars of publishing contracts that have been voided or not instituted by customers" because of the article, Dockery said.

Attorneys for A.H. Belo Corp., which owns the newspaper, said Tuesday they could not comment extensively on the lawsuit, which was filed in the 101st State District Court of Judge Eric Moye.

"We haven't yet been served with the suit, and we stand behind the accuracy of the story," said Marian Spitzberg, assistant general counsel for A.H. Belo.

According to the newspaper, Dockery's dealings with A&M quarterback Kevin Murray in 1988 partly contributed to NCAA probation for the Aggies.

The story was false, malicious and defamatory, according to documents filed in the lawsuit.

Dockery was accused of putting Murray on the payroll of his Dallas automobile dealership, without requiring that the star player perform any work in return.

Dockery has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing. He said his company had hired A&M athletes, including Murray, and students over the years. But he said they did work, were properly paid, and that the NCAA later found no evidence of wrongdoing.

He said an import car he leased to Murray was for an amount higher than prevailing lease rates. The car later was repossessed when Murray didn't make the payments.

Dockery, 49, said he and his attorney believe a jury award in the case could be substantial "based on the damage that The Dallas Morning News has done to our business and to me personally."

"In the Texas A&M project, we were projected to raise millions and millions of dollars, and we've had many people tell us they don't want to do business with us — high profile companies that have had the reports from The Dallas Morning News that we've had," Dockery said.

Dockery, a 1966 A&M graduate, said the school's general counsel informed him by letter that his contract for the 100-year football celebration was being re-evaluated. He said the counsel told him in a telephone conversation that it was because of the newspaper article.

Scoreboard

Golf

Jack & Jill Scramble
(At Pampal Course)
Championship flight
1. Jim Gowdy-Kathy Gowdy, 64-67-131 (won playoff); 2. Carol Langley-Linn Schneider, 65-66-131; 3. Roy Don Stephens-Joy Elmore, 67-67-134.

First flight
1. Mike Rosier-Jan Rosier, 67-65-132; 2. Don Stafford-Shirley Stafford, 73-68-141; 3. Raymond Bowles-Shirlene Bowles, 74-68-142.

Second flight
1. Jeff Kindie-Laura Kindie, 78-68-146; 2. Larry Oden-Debbie Sitz, 75-72-147; 3. Darren Rice-Ragna Rice, 77-71-148.

Third flight
1. Danny Riddle-Etaine Riddle, 77-74-151; 2. Alvin Stokes-Sharon Dunlap, 82-78-160; 3. Roy Morris-Mary Joe Fiveash, 83-82-165.

Bowling

LONG STAR WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
Jo Anne Beauty Supplies	15	1
Mary's Ceramics	12	4
Cabot	11	5
Dorman Tire	9	7
Coney Island	9	7
Harvester Cafe	8	8
Hiway Package Store	8	8
Hall's Show Center	8	8
Citizens Bank & Trust	8	8
Cabot Oil & Gas	7	9
Hamburger Station	7	9
John Anthony Const.	7	9
Richardson's Texaco	6	10
Albertson's	6	10
Chris' Pro Shop	5	11
Peggy's Place	2	14

Week's High Scores
High game: 1. Valerie Werley, 222; 2. Karen Ellis, 214; 3. Rita Stedum, 205; High handicap game: 1. Valerie Werley, 272; 2. Mary Niccum, 252; 3. Mary Richardson, 250; High series: 1. Karen Ellis, 612; 2. Rita Stedum, 574; 3. Carrie Duroy, 537; High handicap series: 1. Mary Niccum, 694; 2. Karen Ellis, 690; 3. Valerie Werley, 674.

Baseball

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

ALL TIMES EDT MAJOR LEAGUE

East Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Toronto	87	63	.580	—
New York	83	69	.546	5
Baltimore	82	69	.543	5 1/2
Boston	77	73	.513	10
Detroit	77	74	.510	10 1/2
Cleveland	72	80	.474	16
Milwaukee	65	87	.428	23

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	85	65	.567	—
Texas	81	70	.536	4 1/2
Kansas City	77	74	.510	8 1/2
Seattle	68	82	.453	17
Minnesota	63	88	.417	22 1/2
Oakland	62	88	.413	23

Monday's Games

Detroit 6, Milwaukee 3
Cleveland 6, Baltimore 4
Oakland 2, Kansas City 1
Texas 2, Seattle 1, 10 innings
Chicago 10, California 2
Only games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
Milwaukee 7, Detroit 4
Baltimore 7, Cleveland 6
Minnesota 5, New York 4
Toronto 5, Boston 0
Seattle 8, Texas 0
Oakland 9, Kansas City 6
California 8, Chicago 0
Wednesday's Games
Milwaukee (Eldred 16-14) at Detroit (Wells 10-9), 1:30 p.m.
Baltimore (McDonald 12-12) at Cleveland (Grimsley 2-4), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Tapan 9-15) at New York (Kamieniecki 9-6), 7:30 p.m.
Boston (Selig 6-2) at Toronto (Hengen 18-8), 7:35 p.m.
Texas (Ryan 5-4) at Seattle (Fleming 10-4), 10:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Gordon 11-6) at Oakland (Darling 5-10), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago (Alvarez 13-8) at California (Finley 15-12), 10:05 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Kansas City (Appier 17-6) at Oakland (Witt 11-12), 3:10 p.m.
Chicago (McDowell 21-10) at California (Langston 15-9), 4:05 p.m.
Boston (Minchey 1-0) at Toronto (Stewart 10-8), 7:30 p.m.
Only games scheduled

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	92	59	.609	—
Montreal	86	64	.573	5 1/2
St. Louis	82	69	.543	10
Chicago	78	74	.513	14 1/2
Pittsburgh	70	81	.464	22
Florida	62	89	.411	30
New York	51	100	.338	41

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	97	54	.642	—
San Francisco	93	57	.620	3 1/2
Houston	79	72	.523	18
Los Angeles	77	73	.513	19 1/2
Cincinnati	69	83	.454	28 1/2
Jordan	63	90	.412	35
San Diego	59	93	.388	38 1/2

Monday's Games

San Diego 11, Colorado 7
Philadelphia 7, Florida 1
Pittsburgh 6, New York 2
Los Angeles 5, Cincinnati 2
Chicago 6, St. Louis 5
San Francisco 7, Houston 2
Only games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
Atlanta 18, Montreal 5
Philadelphia 5, Florida 3
Los Angeles 5, Cincinnati 3, 11 innings
New York 4, Pittsburgh 3
Chicago 13, St. Louis 3
Houston 6, San Francisco 0
Colorado 15, San Diego 4
Wednesday's Games
St. Louis (Urbani 1-3) at Chicago (Harkey 10-9), 3:20 p.m.
Atlanta (Avery 16-5) at Montreal (Fassero 11-4), 7:35 p.m.
New York (Rapp 3-5) at Philadelphia (Rivers 12-9), 7:35 p.m.
Florida (Fernandez 4-6) at Pittsburgh (Hoep 0-1), 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles (Kevin Cross 10-13) at Cincinnati (Roper 2-4), 7:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Swift 18-8) at Houston (Harnisch 15-8), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Benes 15-13) at Colorado (Nied 4-7), 9:05 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Los Angeles (Candiotti 8-8) at Cincinnati (Pugh 8-1), 12:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 18-9) at Montreal (Martinez 14-8), 7:30 p.m.
San Francisco (Burkett 19-7) at Houston (Drabek 9-16), 8:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Football

SWC THUMBNAIIS

TEXAS (0-1, 0-0 SWC) AT LOUISVILLE (2-0), 3 p.m. (CDT) — The series: Roles are reversed a bit for this battle of traditional football and basketball powers. Texas faces the Cardinals for the first time on the gridiron and plays its first grid tussle ever in Kentucky. The Cards are 2-6 against all SWC foes since UL began varsity football in 1912. Louisville most recently met SWC stalwart Texas A&M in Nov. 1992, and dropped a 40-18 decision in College Station. The last SWC team to play in former Fairgrounds (now Cardinal) Stadium was Houston, which came away a 49-27 victor over coach Howard Schnellenberger's 1985 Cardinals. Texas last played a Division I-A independent in the 1991 Mobil Cotton Bowl against Miami (Fla.) before the Hurricanes officially competed in the Big East. The coaches: The Longhorns' John Mackovic is 50-42-2 (ninth season) overall, 6-6-1 (second year) with the Longhorns, 4-3 in SWC action, and 0-0 in previous contests with Louisville. UL's Schnellenberger is 83-64-2 (14th year) overall, 42-48-2 (ninth year) with the Cardinals, 0-1 against Texas, and 4-2 as a head coach against all SWC opposition while he was at Miami (Fla.) and UL. The teams: Texas has taken the air for the majority (446) of its total offense yards in the first two games. The Longhorns may have to continue to tally quickly against the Cards, who have averaged 40 points per game against San Jose State, Memphis State and Arizona State. Louisville has its most quick-striking team since the 1990 season, which pounded Alabama 34-7 in the Fiesta Bowl. This year's Cardinals haven't been beset by injuries like the ones that nagged last season's 5-6 bunch. The Longhorns hope to have some key regulars back from ailments... Key individuals: Texas QB Shea Morenz has posted high passing numbers in his first two college starts for the Cardinals, 310 yards and 3 TDs. Morenz starts against Texas, 11 grabs, 243 yards can go for broke. DB Darius Watson (three interceptions) seeks to counteract the "Horns' aerial game... Incidentally, Texas last faced a Schnellenberger-coached team in 1981 when coach Fred Akers' squad stopped Miami 14-7 at Memorial Stadium in Austin. The Cardinals have a new campus stadium on the drawing board and expected completion of the facility is 1996. Texas speedster Mike Adams had 134 kick return yards against Syracuse... The broadcast: Bill Schoening and Craig Way on the Texas Radio Network.

IOWA STATE (1-2) AT RICE (2-1, 0-0 SWC), 4 p.m. (CDT)

— The series: ISU and RU enter their 24th meeting, with the Cyclones holding a 2-1 advantage. Iowa State won a thriller at Rice Stadium 28-27 in 1991 over the Owls while Rice captured a 13-7 verdict at Houston in 1990. This is ISU's 10th meeting with SWC squads, which hold a 7-2 advantage over the Ames-based squad. Every conference team except SMU and TCU has faced the Cyclones, and Rice has the most previous encounters with three. This is the seventh of 10 meetings between SWC and Big Eight Conference crews in 1993, and the SWC is 120-104-8 against its northern neighbor since 1946... The coaches: Iowa State's Jim Walden is 70-93-6 (16th season) overall, 26-41-2 (seventh year) with the Cyclones, and 1-0 against Rice. The Amory, Miss., native played college football at Rice. Walden's Fred Goldsmith stands 21-34-1 (sixth season) overall, 19-27-1 (fifth year) at RU, 11-20 in SWC tilt, and 0-1 against Iowa State. 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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The Commissioners Court of Gray County will receive and open sealed bids on October 15, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. for the following used tractors:
1964 Ford 4000 series tractor on butane, Serial #41205; Butane nurse tank to be included, and; 18 HP Wheel Horse garden tractor with mower and blade, Model D180-engine bad.
Sealed bids addressed to the County Judge, 205 N. Russell, Pampa, Texas 79065, must be received prior to the 10:00 a.m. bid opening time. Bids will be opened in the County Courtroom.
The tractors may be inspected by contacting Commissioner Ted Simmons or Don Hauck at 806-779-2493 or 806-779-2258 (night), P.O. 4, McLean, Texas. A separate bid should be submitted for each tractor accompanied with a cashiers check or certified check of not less than ten percent of the bid price as a good faith guarantee.
The successful bidder or bidders must pay in full prior to taking possession not later than five working days after bid opening.
The county reserves the right to reject any/all bids, to waive objections based on failure to comply with formalities and to allow correction of obvious or patent errors.

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Professional house leveling. Free estimates 1-800-299-9563.

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14f Decorators-Interior

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14h General Services

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14i General Repair

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14m Lawnmower Service

PAMPA Lawnmower Repair. Repairs on all makes of mowers and chainsaws. Pick up and delivery available. 665-8843, 501 S. Cuyler.

14n Painting

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14t Radio and Television

Johnson Home Entertainment
We will do service work on most Major Brands of TV's and VCR's. 2211 Perryton Pkwy. 665-0504.

14y Upholstery

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14z Siding

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19 Situations

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I will do housekeeping. Experienced and references available. 665-0539.

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\$150 Sign On Bonus

LVN Needed who love the elderly and show it in daily work. Borger Nursing Center is expanding Resident Care and has vacancies for LVN's. Call Borger Nursing Center, 273-3785 to see if you qualify. EOE.

\$150 Sign On Bonus

CNA's needed who love working with other people and show it in their daily duties. Borger Nursing Center has vacancies for Nursing Assistants. If you qualify you will be paid to learn proper nursing care. Call Borger Nursing Center 273-3785 to see if you qualify. EOE.

NOW hiring full/part time cooks and drivers. Must have own car and insurance, and 18 years old. Apply in person at Pizza Hut Delivery, 1500 N. Banks.

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NOW is the time to start earning money for Christmas. Sell Avon products, full or part time. For information call Ina Mae 665-5854.

DYER'S now taking applications for waitress/waiters. Apply in person.

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EMERGENCY Room technician, EMT certified. Part time/on call position. Coronado Hospital, Human Resources, 1 Medical Plaza, Pampa, Tx. 79065. EOE.

LA Fiesta now hiring full-time hostess, morning/evening bus persons, waitress/waiters.

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WANTED certified medication aide, top salary and benefits. Sign on bonus \$100. Call Vickie Craven or Geneva for appointment and more details, Coronado Nursing Center, 1504 W. Kentucky.

21 Help Wanted

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GOOD Looking, registered gray Mare, 4 years old. 665-9791.

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GROOMING, exotic birds, pets, full line pet supplies. Iams and Science Diet dog and cat food. Pets Unique, 854 W. Foster. 665-5102.

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All breeds-Reasonable Rates
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Kittens To Give Away
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FOR sale: Plum headed Parakeet bird, will talk. 665-3496.

FREE KITTENS
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1 year old Female Pyrenees, \$100. 665-8065.

89 Wanted To Buy

WANTED old quilts, pocket knives, marbles, old toys, spurs, costume jewelry, collectables, miscellaneous. 669-2605.

WANTED used 14 foot mobile home. Will pay cash. Please call me in Amarillo, 383-9783.

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95 Furnished Apartments

ROOMS for rent. Showers, clean, quiet. \$35 a week. Davis Hotel, 116 1/2 W. Foster. 669-9115, or 669-9137.

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10 acres, new 4 bedroom house, basement, horse barns. S. Price Rd. 669-6625.

OWNER will pay closing cost or lease on 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. 1120 Cinderella. 665-0271 after 5 and weekends.

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3 bedroom, 1 bath, separate kitchen dining, large corner lot, fenced yard. Remodeled inside. 665-7030.

3 bedroom brick home with double garage. 1531 N. Nelson. \$60,000. Call 665-6955.

GREAT Buy! You'll love this 3 bedroom dollhouse, corner lot, 2 living areas, 3 car garage, 2200 N. Dwight, 665-3341.

PRICE Reduced \$49,900. 1414 Williston, 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, den, central heat/air. 665-6000, 665-6258, 665-3001.

Jim Davidson
First Landmark Realty
669-1863, 665-0717

927 S. Faulkner; Clean, clean, small 2 bedroom. \$7500. Shed Realty 665-3761, Lorene Price 868-6971. MLS 2893

WALNUT Creek- 613 Pheasant. Price reduced. 1 acre, 5 bedroom. 3 full baths, 2 fireplaces, split level with 2 decks. Shed Realty 665-3761 Lorene Price, 868-6971. (Make an offer) MLS 2840.

2425 Navajo, 3 bedroom 1 bath, brick home. \$34,000. 665-7630.

SIX Rooms, 1 bath, vinyl siding, storm windows, central heat. Storage building. \$19,900 as is. 1314 E. Kingsmill.

104 Lots

CHOICE residential lots, north-east, Austin district. Call 665-8578, 665-2832 or 665-0079.

FRASHER Acres East-1 or more acres. Paved street, utilities. Balch Real Estate, 665-8075.

105 Acreage

60 acres, ready for cows, fenced, windmill, corral, barn, on blacktop road, \$18,000. 779-2115.

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114 Recreational Vehicles

Superior RV Center
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Parts and Service.

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930 S. Hobart, 665-4315

115 Trailer Parks

CAMPER and mobile home lots. Country Living Estate, 4 miles West on Highway 152, 1/2 mile north.



Cpl. Gianluca Polverigiani, 26, an Italian soldier with the United Nations forces in Somalia, patrols the streets of Mogadishu earlier this month. (AP photo)

United Nations now facing questions over finances and political goodwill

By VICTORIA GRAHAM
Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Once the Cold War ended, a world in turmoil began dialing up the United Nations like 911, summoning mediators, peacekeepers and good Samaritans to the rescue.

But the emergency phone may soon go unanswered.

The 48th General Assembly convenes Tuesday as the United Nations hunkers down for a spell of limited ambitions, short of both money and political will.

"The world body faces its gravest financial crisis ever. The United States and some other governments among the 184 members remain delinquent in paying assessments, and Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali warns his cash on hand will last only into early October.

The U.N. Security Council, meanwhile, is wavering before the world's most glaring affront to peace — the bloody Serb and Croat carve-up of Bosnia-Herzegovina — and would be hard-pressed to take on new challenges.

"This is a watershed for the U.N. — a time of promise and peril — but the decisions lie largely with the member states," said Edward Luck, president of the U.N. Association of the United States, an advocacy group that sees both great possibilities for the United Nations, and chronic problems in management.

"The U.N. can't work miracles, and whether members provide the cash and support it needs is dubious," he said in an interview.

Combating charges of mismanagement has become a major preoccupation of the U.N. leadership.

"There is fraud, waste and abuse in any big organization," said Richard Thornburgh, the former U.S. attorney general who stepped down this year as a U.N. undersecretary-general. "The question is what you do about it, and precious little is done at the U.N."

The budget troubles have been building for years.

The U.N. regular budget is about \$1 billion a year, and annual peacekeeping spending — a separate budget — has ballooned to an estimated \$3.5 billion. As of Aug. 31, arrears by

member states totaled \$839 million for the regular budget, and \$1.08 billion for peacekeeping.

Of that, U.N. statistics show, the U.S. government owes \$517 million to the regular budget and \$261 million to peacekeeping. Russia and Japan are next in delinquencies. Some point out that the overall U.N. shortfall of approximately \$2 billion equals the cost of just one American B-2 stealth bomber.

The U.S. government had been paying off its U.N. arrears the past three years as part of a five-year program. But Congress has not appropriated funds to pay arrears after October — a sign of wobbling commitment.

In another sign of the anti-U.N. feeling in Washington, the House of Representatives earlier this month narrowly voted down a \$10 million appropriation to help pay for a U.N. peacekeeping command and control center in New York.

Thornburgh, who left his U.N. post six months ago, has delivered a scathing report on U.N. management practices, calling the budget process "surreal" and saying the organization seems simply unwilling to get rid of incompetent staff.

He cited "overstaffing, deadwood ... and lack of good middle management." He said the world body lacks the proper means to investigate and punish, and advocated establishment of an independent inspector general's post.

Boutros-Ghali has stopped short of that — instead bringing back a retired U.N. auditor and fellow Egyptian to look at allegations of impropriety. He also has promised that U.N. restructuring will not cost anyone a job.

In the peacekeeping area alone, problems include the purchase of eight times as many vehicles as necessary for the Cambodia operation, the wrongful diversion of supplies from warehouses, and allegations that contract awards for helicopter service were biased.

U.N. officials say they are vigorously investigating such allegations and will punish those who are guilty.

Financial straits have forced Boutros-Ghali to order cuts in travel and in hiring temporary help and to limit meeting hours and translation and documentation services. Officials

say the cash shortage may mean no mid-October paychecks for U.N. staff.

Luck, of the U.N. Association, said charges of abuse should be put in perspective. The U.N. budget is "tiny," he said. "The U.S. government probably wastes more in one day than the U.N. does in one year."

"We are going through a transition period," said Melissa Wells, an American who succeeded Thornburgh as U.N. management chief. "... It is difficult to adjust from having done things in one way to doing them in new ways and funding them on a sustained basis."

She said new demands being made in peacekeeping and other areas show that member governments "see a very active and important role for the U.N. in the future."

But relative successes in the peace-making arena, such as in Cambodia, are mixed with setbacks — as in Angola, where a U.N. peace plan failed to disarm the combatants and a civil war reignited, and particularly in the former Yugoslavia and Somalia.

In Bosnia, the world organization's humanitarian mission has managed to save many lives with food and medical relief, but the U.N. Security Council has lacked the consensus needed for decisive action to end the war. It has not even been able to deploy the soldiers needed to protect what it itself declared to be "safe areas" for threatened Muslims in Bosnia.

In Somalia, where firm U.N. action has been taken, critics say peacekeepers are acting more like Rambo than good Samaritans, as they attack supporters of a local warlord.

The United Nations and other international groups successfully fed the famine-stricken in the African nation, but questions are now arising about the U.N. mission and mandate. Critics worry that the United Nations appears to have fallen into a partisan role in Somalia's many-sided conflict.

When that happened in the Belgian Congo in the early 1960s, it undermined one of the early pivotal peace missions in U.N. history.

Beset by such troubles, and financing itself week by week, the United Nations will be lowering its sights as world statesmen converge on New York in the coming weeks for the new General Assembly session.

Senate OKs funds for space station

WASHINGTON (AP) — The redesigned space station is intact for next year, with the Senate providing \$2.1 billion, turning aside objections that the project is wasteful even now that it's been scaled down.

Senators voted 59-40 Tuesday in favor of the full amount President Clinton sought for the project.

NASA, the nation's space agency, now estimates the cost of the redesigned station at \$19.4 billion, compared to the \$40 billion cost projection of a year ago.

The money was included in legislation providing \$87.9 billion for space, veterans, housing, environmental and other programs for fiscal 1994, which begins Oct. 1.

Senators scheduled more debate on the appropriations bill today.

Supporters of the space station said it could bring advances in medicine, electronics and other areas, while providing an opportunity for cooperation with Russia — a potential partner in the project.

"It will enhance the situation there," said Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., a station supporter and floor manager of the money bill. "The fact that they will know one of the anchors will be scientific cooperation with the United States I think will be a significant stabilizing force."

The National Aeronautics and

Space Administration said the permanently occupied station — once called Freedom but temporarily renamed Alpha — could be in orbit in 10 years.

The new, reduced cost estimate was the most detailed since Clinton ordered the space agency to pare plans for the orbiting laboratory.

Opponents of the station contended that it would offer few scientific benefits, and challenged the mostly conservative supporters of the spacecraft to vote to use the money for deficit reduction instead.

"Let's see if they want to cut spending, or if they simply want to act out a charade," said Sen. James Sasser, D-Tenn. He and Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., have been among the chief foes of the space station.

The House approved \$2.1 billion

for the spacecraft in its version of the bill in June, but only after opponents narrowly lost two attempts at killing the program, one of them by a single vote.

The space agency's new \$19.4 billion cost estimate does not include savings or a speeded-up construction schedule to be gained from possible Russian participation, or the \$9 billion spent since 1984 on a multitude of discarded designs.

In another development on the bill, an amendment by Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J., to abolish the Selective Service System was defeated, 58-41.

Bradley called the system "a dinosaur in the post-Soviet world," but opponents said more study was needed before killing a program that played such a vital role in the nation's defense.

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Air controllers pronounce new radar system as being flawed

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Air traffic controllers say their new \$839 million radar system has some gnawing flaws: planes vanish from screens, phantom images appear and even a wayward squirrel can chew up the network.

The FAA acknowledges the problems but insists the system overall is outstanding.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration said it has received many complaints at its Ames Research Center at Moffett Field, Calif., home of NASA's aviation safety reporting system.

The National Air Traffic Controllers Association said the system could pose dangers in many places unless the bugs are eliminated.

"The controllers and the pilots make it work," said Will Faville, head of safety and technology for the controllers union. "It's stretching the rubber band. Pretty soon it could snap."

The system is called ASR-9, short for airport surveillance radar. It began operating in 1989 and is being used in 62 airports now, including eight military bases. That total, according to the schedule, will more than double by 1995.

So far, Faville said, there have been no accidents caused by the system. But there have been close calls.

A midair collision almost occurred in Walla Walla, Wash., in October 1990, the controllers group said, when the radar did not pick up an aircraft flying at 6,500 feet that came within 200 feet of another plane.

NASA withholds the identities of those who complain. Here are some examples from NASA files:

— In Cleveland, a controller said the radar failed at least a dozen times in an 18-month period. "The design is obviously flawed," the controller said.

— A jet at Baltimore-Washington International Airport relied on a visual landing over Labor Day weekend in 1990 when the radar failed. Controllers said the system was down for several hours.

— Controllers at St. Louis International Airport said there are instances when two planes take off at the same time on parallel runways and one of them disappears from the screen. "It seems to me St. Louis is an accident waiting to happen," one controller wrote NASA in August 1991.

— Another controller at St. Louis said, "We have always had problems with the radar. ... Most of it goes unreported because controllers have become accustomed to it."

— In Pasco, Wash., controllers said they were picking up ground traffic on their scopes, including what they believed to be a car backing out of a driveway.

— In Salt Lake City, controllers reported that nonexistent aircraft have appeared on screens. But the controllers union said recent improvements seem to have eliminated the "ghost" images.

The union said it has received complaints from members at 17 airports since 1989.

The *Cleveland Plain Dealer* reported earlier this month problems at about half the 62 airports where the

radar has been installed.

The FAA said it constantly tries to improve the ASR-9 and, on the whole, the system is highly reliable.

"Like any other new system, there will be some problems," said George Terrell, an FAA manager. "We think it's one of the best radar systems we've had. It's extremely sophisticated, high technology and reliable."

He said the system was developed to help controllers keep track of bad weather and guide jet pilots around storms. That means it is sensitive enough to pick up slow-moving objects, not just jets.

Too sensitive, say the controllers. Railroad cars, trucks, boats and even that car backing out of the driveway in Pasco can show up on the radar scope.

The problem in St. Louis with tracking planes on parallel runways has caught the FAA's attention.

The FAA said the glitch will be eliminated by installing a radar unit at nearby Scott Air Force Base to ensure that aircraft on parallel runways will be spotted. Each unit costs several million dollars.

The encounter with the squirrel occurred at Cleveland's Hopkins International Airport in August.

Utility company officials said they believe a squirrel gnawed on a power line, causing a short that knocked out the radar system for more than a week.

The airport relied on nearby radar towers until the Hopkins system was repaired. In the interim, controllers said they were forced to operate with less precise information.

Amtrak train plunges into bayou; 70 missing

SARALAND, Ala. (AP) — An Amtrak train jumped the tracks and plunged into a foggy bayou before daybreak today. Seventy people were unaccounted for, and an unknown number of others were injured.

The Coast Guard used helicopters and boats to pull scores of people from the murky water, and sent divers in to look for others.

Four cars on Amtrak's Sunset Limited from Los Angeles to Miami derailed just after 3 a.m. in a remote, swamp on the northern outskirts of Mobile, Amtrak spokesman Clifford Black said in Washington. Two were

passenger cars, he said.

One car was completely submerged and another was partially underwater, said Richard Hutchinson, a Coast Guard group operations controller in Mobile.

"It's indicated that 60 passengers are unaccounted for, that 10 crew members are unaccounted for, but that the balance of passengers and crew are safe and awaiting pickup by another Amtrak train," Black said.

Black said about 200 passengers and 12 to 15 number of crew members were believed aboard.

The cause of the accident was not immediately known.

Steve Huffman, a Mobile Fire Department spokesman, said the injured were taken to hospitals.

The accident occurred where a railroad bridge crosses over the Mobile River and Bayou Sara Creek. The bayou is fed by the river.

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