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## Thomas faces questioning on abortion, other issues

By JAMES H. RUBIN  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush today acknowledged "there's a fight on" over his nomination of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court, but expressed confidence the conservative black jurist will be confirmed.

Bush, meeting with leaders of historically black colleges and universities, said, "I personally am strongly committed and very pleased with the support that has come out over these last few days for him."

He acknowledged that sentiment among the black educators may be divided, but added, "There's a fight on and I'm confident we're going to win it."

He described Thomas, a sharecropper's grandson who became an appeals court judge, as "a plain, decent fellow."

The Senate Judiciary Committee opens its hearings on the Thomas nomination Tuesday, with opinions divided on whether the confirmation process has become too political.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., says senators have a constitutional responsibility to ask Supreme Court nominees about their ideology.

"I wish it were possible to return to an earlier day when nominees did not even appear" before the committee, said University of Chicago law school Professor Michael W. McConnell. "I think the inquisition is quite unfortunate for the independence of the judiciary."

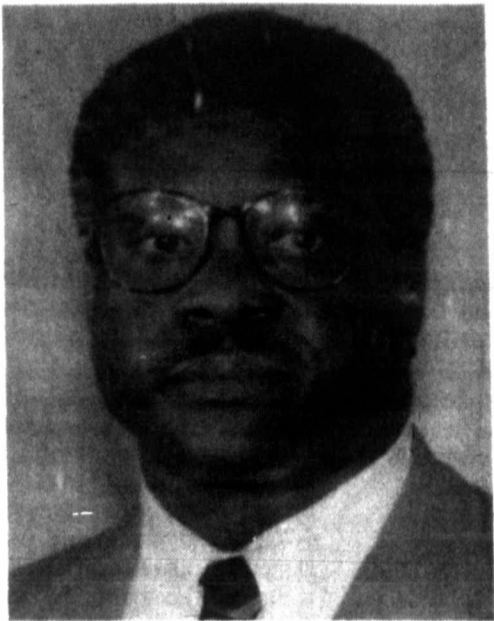
"The more specific the questions, the worse it is," he said.

Others argue that the intense questioning of a Supreme Court nominee reflects the unique role that the court plays in American society.

"The Supreme Court is not simply a tribunal of justice the way a magistrate's court is. It is an institution that makes decisions with respect to policy," said Professor William Leuchtenburg of the University of North Carolina, who teaches the history of law.

For Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, and others there is no dispute.

"I don't know where Judge Thomas stands on a woman's right to choose" on abortion, he said. "But I intend to find out"



Clarence Thomas

when the Senate Judiciary Committee opens Thomas' confirmation hearings Tuesday.

And committee Chairman Joseph Biden, D-Del., wrote in Sunday's Washington Post that the question of whether the conservative nominee would use his concept of a "natural law" beyond the Constitution to impose a moral code on Americans is "a critical question for the hearings."

The debate over questioning of high court nominees has raged since the watershed political battle over Robert Bork's nomination by Ronald Reagan in 1987.

Bork was defeated after his opponents portrayed him as a radical conservative and a stern ideologue bent on undoing a quarter-century or more of civil rights progress.

With a long record in public life, Bork had left an extensive "paper trail" that included pointed attacks on major liberal precedents set by the Supreme Court. He spent five days testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee, a record for a court nominee.

"Senate Democrats in a variety of ways are intent on taking over the functions of the president," Bork said.

Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo., Thomas' leading Senate supporter, said on CBS' "Face the Nation" program Sunday, "I think it is absolutely wrong if members of

the Senate try to get a judge to promise how he would vote on a specific case before the Supreme Court as a condition of his confirmation."

But Specter, a Judiciary Committee member, said the Senate is just following its constitutional responsibilities in gauging nominees' positions.

"It may be in the final analysis that Supreme Court nominees have answered as many questions as they have had to in order to win confirmation," Specter said.

Thomas' record is not as extensive as Bork's. But there is a good deal of material, and some of it has prompted the same civil rights and women's rights groups that opposed Bork to line up against Thomas.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State, so far neutral on the Thomas nomination, said too much is at stake to let the nominee escape without a rigorous cross-examination.

"We can't afford to put a person on the nation's highest court unless we know where he stands on our constitutional freedoms," said Robert Maddox, the organization's director. "With so much at stake, the Judiciary Committee would be remiss in its duties if it failed to aggressively question Thomas."

Americans United is particularly concerned about such issues as prayer in public schools and state and federal aid to parochial schools.

Thomas, a federal appeals court judge, has a slender public record on those issues, said Maddox, all the more reason the senators should probe his views on the relationship between church and state.

"I think the Judiciary Committee will examine Clarence Thomas just as closely as it did Robert Bork, maybe more so," Maddox said.

Thomas Jipping of the conservative Coalitions for America said the quizzing of Thomas may be exhaustive. But he said it is inappropriate for senators to ask about a nominee's political views.

"Liberals confuse political and judicial philosophy all the time," he said. "To require a nominee to commit himself to a specific issue ... that will be involved in a case: that's prejudging a case. We need open-minded judges, not pre-committed judges."



(AP Laserphoto)

Women grieve over the deaths of their relatives Sunday in Soweto after factional fighting left 57 dead and dozens wounded in townships around South Africa. Sunday's fighting came just one week before leaders of the African National Congress, The Inkatha Freedom Party and the Government of President F.W. De Klerk were to sign a peace pact to end the violence.

## At least 57 die in fighting before peace pact signing

By BARRY RENFREW  
Associated Press Writer

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Black factions today fought with guns, grenades and knives for a second day and police said at least 57 people had been killed in the nation's worst political violence this year.

Today's fighting broke out when a gang of men shot and killed three people on a black commuter train and injured four others, police said. The attackers hurled the dead and wounded from the train on the outskirts of Johannesburg, they said.

The fighting came just a week before leaders of the African National Congress, the Inkatha Freedom Party and the government of President F.W. de Klerk were to sign a peace pact aimed at ending violence.

Such clashes in the past have signaled a spiral of attacks and revenge killings that have crippled peace efforts.

The leftist ANC and conservative Inkatha, the country's two main black organizations, today called for an end to violence. None of the main political parties said they would pull out of the peace pact.

Police and army reinforcements were moved in to black townships around Johannesburg today.

Police commanders said about 90 people had been wounded, many seriously, since Sunday, when the violence started with the ambush of an Inkatha procession. Three gunmen opened fire on the march in Tokoza township, killing 23 people.

Fighting flared in other townships as word of the ambush spread, with Zulus linked to Inkatha battling mostly Xhosa speakers of the ANC. Both sides randomly attacked

people, and fighting spread to central Johannesburg at one point.

ANC Deputy President Walter Sisulu denounced the fighting as an act of provocation but did not say who he believed was responsible.

"We appeal to all our people to remain calm and not allow this wanton act of provocation to result in even more bloodletting," he said.

Inkatha leader Themba Khoza charged the ANC ambushed his group's march in Tokoza to derail the peace agreement.

The ANC has repeatedly charged that elements of the security forces are aiding Inkatha in fighting between the groups that has claimed 6,000 lives in recent years.

De Klerk's government rejects the charges but has admitted to providing Inkatha with financial support.

During the fighting Sunday, two journalists were shot. Spokes Mashiyane, a cameraman for London-based Worldwide Television News, and Kaori Sasaki, a reporter with Japan's TV Asahi, both received leg wounds from gunshots, but were in good condition in nearby hospitals, their colleagues said.

The ANC and Inkatha have been locked in a bloody struggle since 1986. The fighting spread a year ago from the eastern province of Natal to the townships around Johannesburg, and some of the worst battles have been in Tokoza.

Both Inkatha and the ANC oppose the government's racist apartheid policies but differ over tactics and plans for a future South Africa. The left-leaning ANC favors some degree of government economic control while Inkatha champions free market measures.

## Another republic declares independence

MOSCOW (AP) — A former Communist Party stalwart appeared headed for an overwhelming victory today as the only candidate in Azerbaijan's first popular presidential election. Opposition leaders rejected the balloting.

The election, the first since the coup and the sweeping reforms it caused, showed just how far some of the republics have to go in implementing democracy.

Also today, the republic of Tadjikistan declared its independence and called its first popular presidential election for Oct. 27. The declaration by Tadjik lawmakers made the Central Asian republic the 11th Soviet republic to formally declare its independence.

The declaration was largely symbolic, given the decision by national and republican lawmakers last week to transform the Soviet Union into a loose confederation. Only Russia, Armenia, Turkmenia and Kazakhstan have not declared independence, although Armenia has declared its intention to gain independence.

Opposition leaders in Azerbaijan said they would not recognize the election of incumbent President Ayaz Mutalibov, who quit the Communist Party only after last month's abortive coup attempt and the subsequent collapse of the party.

Official results of Sunday's election in the southern republic were not expected until late today or Tuesday, but an informal exit poll by the independent ASSA news agency gave Mutalibov 90 percent of the vote.

The Popular Front of Azerbaijan

accused officials of stuffing ballots boxes and stocking polls with sausages and other scarce foods to entice Azerbaijanis to vote for Mutalibov.

Zardusht Arlizada of the opposition Social Democratic Party pulled out of the election to protest what the Front termed "undemocratic elections."

About 50,000 Mutalibov opponents rallied in the capital city of Baku on Sunday, demanding the resignation of his government and saying they would not recognize the election results, the independent Turan news agency said.

Assembling in Freedom Square, they urged creation of strike committees and vowed to demonstrate daily until granted access to the republic's news media, Turan said.

An opposition figure withdrew his candidacy last week and the opposition called for balloting to be postponed, saying they lacked the time and resources to organize a campaign.

Mutalibov, leader of Azerbaijan since 1990, called the presidential election in June. The election commission estimated 83.7 percent of eligible voters, or 3.24 million people, cast ballots.

In Soviet one-candidate elections, voters can only approve or reject the candidate. Such elections were a hallmark of Soviet politics before President Mikhail S. Gorbachev took power in 1985, but have diminished under his democratic reforms and as republics have broken loose of Kremlin control.

The Soviet republics where Muslims

predominate — like Azerbaijan — traditionally have been the most supportive of Kremlin policies and the last to adopt the democratic principles embraced by other republics.

In Baku, the Popular Front said election observers were not allowed in some polling stations and that officials handed out multiple ballots to some people so they could vote on behalf of their families, Turan reported.

Scarce goods such as sugar, sausage, candy and cookies were put on sale at polling places to attract voters, the Popular Front alleged.

Mutalibov, 53, is an economist and technocrat who rose through the Communist Party ranks to head the republic, which declared independence from the Kremlin after the failed coup.

Meanwhile, "intense shooting" was reported Sunday in the South Ossetia region of the republic of Georgia, Tass reported. It said several Georgians and South Ossetians were killed and many were wounded in the violence near the city of Vladikavkaz. The exact number of casualties was not given.

South Ossetia, a mostly Muslim region of more than 200,000 people, has accused the Georgian majority, most of whom are Orthodox Christians, of discrimination.

Georgia has been pressing for the Soviet Union and foreign governments to grant it the same diplomatic recognition of independence given the Baltic states last week, but thus far has failed to convince.

## Beer sales to be topic of public hearing at City Commission meeting Tuesday

By BEAR MILLS  
Staff Writer

Citizens on both sides of the Sunday beer sales issue will have a chance to air their views during a 6 p.m. public hearing Tuesday at City Hall.

The hearing is being held in conjunction with the regular city commission meeting and is the latest in a series of steps being taken by several local conve-

nience store owners to attempt to get a Sunday beer sales ban lifted.

If commissioners maintain their previous position of disallowing Sunday beer sales in the city limits, the matter will be placed on a November city ballot.

Jesse and Allan Whitson, owners of the Harvey Mart stores, have decried suggestions by several area pastors who have said at

previous meetings that the commission must take a moral stand on alcohol.

Instead, the Whitsons have stated, the issue should be seen as an economic one, since establishments in Gray County located outside the city limits can sell beer seven days a week.

Commissioner Jerry Wilson said the city seems headed for a public vote on the matter.

"Personally, I think this needs

to be decided by the voters," he said. "I will not vote to change the existing ordinance. The voters should speak on this and (the Tuesday public hearing) is a procedural thing we are doing to allow initiative and referendum to go into effect."

"But we would still welcome public comment on the issue. If we are ever too busy to listen to what the public has to say, we are too busy."

In other business, commissioners are scheduled to give final approval to the 1991-92 fiscal budget and continuation of the 66 cents per \$100 valuation tax rate.

Other items included on the agenda include:

•Extension of the golf pro's contract at Hidden Hills.

•Purchase of a used marquee for the M.K. Brown Civic Center.

•Re-bid on a city vehicle.

•Appointment of a deputy city secretary.

•Sale of delinquent tax property at 519 N. Warren.

•Consider award of bid for purchase of a refuse collection vehicle.

•Consider multiple bids for work at Recreation Park.

•Consider award of bid for prison site water and sewer improvements.

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## Services tomorrow

**BRYAN, Barbara Michele** — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel.  
**MEESE, Thyra Hughes** — 11 a.m., graveside, Fairview Cemetery, Mountain Home, Ark.  
**JOHNSON, Emma Jane** — 1 p.m., memorial service, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.  
**PURDY, Beatrice** — 10 a.m., graveside, Highland Park Cemetery, Fritch.

## Obituaries

**MARGARET E. HAND**  
**SKELLYTOWN** — Margaret E. Hand, 70, died Sunday, Sept. 8, 1991, in Monte Vista, Colo. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.  
 Mrs. Hand was born Jan. 30, 1921, in Canyon where she was raised and attended school. She graduated from West Texas State University with a bachelor of science degree. She married Ben Hand on June 19, 1945 in Kerrville. She was a resident of Kerrville for 47 years, teaching school for 33 years in the Skellytown and Spring Creek systems. She retired in 1978. She was a member of the Texas Retired Teachers Association and Garden Street Church of Christ in Borger.  
 Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Lynn Kossey of Borger; a sister, Danny Huffman of Midland; three foster children; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Gladys Archer, in 1983.

**LEO DEAN RHOTEN SR.**  
**MEMPHIS, Tenn.** — Leo Dean Rhoten Sr., 57, a former Pampa resident, died Friday, Sept. 6, 1991, in Holbrook, Ariz. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.  
 Mr. Rhoten was born June 13, 1934, in Borger. He was a resident of Memphis, Tenn., for the past year. He was a longtime Pampa resident prior to that. He married Lynn McCune on Dec. 7, 1987, in California. He was a Baptist, a veteran of the U.S. Army and a truck driver for K&S Corp.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Leo Dean Rhoten Jr. of Star, Idaho; three daughters, Carla Neadham of Pampa; Margaret Hagman of Canyon, and Stephanie Rhoten of Wichita Falls; two stepdaughters, Polly Hancy and Mandy Hancock, both of Rome, Ga.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.N. Rhoten of White Deer; three sisters, Joyce Kellow of White Deer, Sherry Kay Thomas of Lawton, Okla., and Judy Free of Bakersfield, Calif.; and three grandchildren.

**MARION HENRY FULLER**  
 Marion Henry Fuller, 52, died today, Sept. 9, 1991. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.  
 Mr. Fuller was born Nov. 13, 1938, in Hickory Creek, Okla. He was a Pampa resident for 11 years, moving here from Hobbs, N.M. He married Karen Sue Mcints on Feb. 1, 1962 in Clovis, N.M. He worked for H&K Plugging as an oilfield operator.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, John Fuller of Seattle, Wash., D'Wayne Fuller of DePew, Okla., and Brian Fuller of Pampa; a daughter, Karen Luann Fuller of Pampa; three sisters, Helen Hamilton of Pampa and Jean Velasquez and Connie Veader, both of Amarillo; and four grandchildren.  
 The family requests memorials be to Hospice of Pampa or the American Heart Association.

**EMMA JANE JOHNSON**  
**AMARILLO** — Emma Jane Johnson, 72, died Saturday, Sept. 7, 1991. Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pampa with Rev. Bill Bailey, pastor, officiating. Cremation was by Memory Gardens Crematory in Amarillo.

Mrs. Johnson was born in Springfield, Mo., and lived in Amarillo 10 years. She was a former resident of Pampa and Panhandle. She was a member of St. Matthew's Church, where she was a member of the choir, Altar Guild Society and a Sunday School teacher. She was co-owner of Carl Johnson's Cafe in Panhandle for 22 years.

Survivors include her husband Carl; a daughter, Molly Herron of Albuquerque, N.M.; a son, Kimball Carter Johnson of Houston; two sisters, Virginia Dietert of San Diego and Betty Wieselmann of South Milwaukee, Wis.; two brothers, H.C. Maddux of Tulsa, Ariz., and Fred Maddux of Harwich, Mass.; and three grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the St. Matthew's Memorial Fund or a favorite charity.

**BEATRICE PURDY**  
**FRITCH** — Beatrice Purdy, 74, died Sunday, Sept. 8, 1991. Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Highland Park Cemetery in Borger with the Rev. Tommy Bresik, pastor, officiating. Arrangements are by Minton-Chatwell Funeral Directors of Fritch.

Mrs. Purdy was born in Channing. She had been a Fritch resident for five and a half years. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include six sons, Gerald Purdy and Tom Purdy, both of Fritch, Raymond Purdy of Plainview, Ray Purdy of Sunray, Cleave Purdy of Pampa, and Bud Purdy of Lubbock; two daughters, Barbara Anderson of Tyler and Jean Reinhardt of Kress; a sister, Pauline Baker of Fritch; and 53 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.  
 The body will be available for viewing at the funeral home.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.		Cabot O&G.....17 1/2	NC
Wheat.....2.66		Chevron.....72 1/8	NC
Milo.....3.89		Coca-Cola.....64 7/8	NC
Corn.....4.36		Enron.....63 7/8	dn 1/8
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:		Halliburton.....36 3/4	NC
Ky. Cent. Life.....9 1/2	dn 1/8	Ingenoll Rand.....49 5/8	dn 1/8
Serfco.....3 5/8	NC	KNE.....26 1/2	up 1/8
Occidental.....23 5/8	up 1/4	Kerr McGee.....42 5/8	NC
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:		Limited.....24 5/8	dn 1/4
Magellan.....67.49		Mapco.....49 1/2	up 1/8
Puritan.....13.68		Maxx.....9 1/4	dn 1/4
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.		McDonald's.....31 7/8	up 1/2
Amoco.....53 5/8	up 3/8	Mesa Ltd.....2 1/4	dn 1/8
Arco.....113 1/2	up 1/8	Mobil.....69 1/4	dn 1/4
Cabot.....30 5/8	dn 1/8	New Atmos.....20 1/2	NC
		Phillips.....26 3/8	NC
		SLB.....72 1/8	dn 1/2
		SPS.....31 3/4	dn 1/8
		Temco.....42 1/8	dn 1/8
		Tenaco.....63 1/4	dn 1/2
		Wal-Mart.....50 1/8	dn 1/8
		West Coast Gold.....350.70	
		Silver.....4.05	
		West Texas Crude.....21.40	

## Hospital

**CORONADO HOSPITAL** Pampa  
**Admissions**  
 Emma Lou Mastella (extended care), Pampa  
 Lisa Marie Maddox, Miami  
 Leonard Earl Cash, Pampa  
 Mary Day, Pampa  
 Eugene Burchal Goss, Panhandle  
 Robert Junior Ray, Pampa  
 Vernon Rich, Pampa  
 Lynette Young, White Deer  
**Births**  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Curtis Duncan of Mobeetie, a boy.  
**Dismissals**  
 Nathan Lee Gilmore, McLean  
 John Haynes, McLean  
 Doyle Webb, McLean  
 Lois Williams, Pampa  
 Estell Smith (extended care), Borger  
 Melinda Duncan and baby boy, Mobeetie  
 Marilyn Frye, Pampa  
 Vicki Sindy and baby girl, Pampa  
 Emma Lou Mastella, Pampa  
 Tammy Palmer and baby girl, Pampa  
**SHAMROCK HOSPITAL** Admissions  
 Rhonda Coleman, Shamrock  
**Dismissals**  
 Emma Foster, McLean

## Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**SATURDAY, Sept. 7**  
 Randall Harden, 613 Doucette, reported criminal mischief at Coronado Center.  
 Diana Cross, 1809 Coffee, reported criminal mischief at 1401 N. Hobart.  
 Marcie Cates, 1900 Coffee, reported theft of motor vehicle parts and accessories at 2500 Perrytown Pkwy.  
 Frank Anderson, 1832 Fir, reported criminal mischief at the residence.  
 Allsup's, 301 N. Hobart, reported a theft at the business.

**SUNDAY, Sept. 8**  
 Police reported an offense against families and children in the 400 block of Graham.  
 Sonia Roberson, 1517 Dogwood #1, reported disorderly conduct in the alley behind the residence.  
 Police reported a minor in possession at 821 E. Federic.  
 Noma Osborne, 456 Hughes, reported a theft at the residence.  
 Shanda Williams, 416 N. Christy, reported an assault at 709 S. Gray.

**Arrests**  
**SATURDAY, Sept. 7**  
 Daniel W. Walker, 20, 1025 Park, was arrested in the 100 block of South Cuyler on a warrant for dog at large. He was released on payment of fines.

**SUNDAY, Sept. 8**  
 Josephine Lesperance, 20, Perryton, was arrested in the 1500 block of Dogwood on charges of disorderly conduct and public intoxication. She was released on bond.

Mark D. Rhoden, 25, listed as a transient, was arrested in the 1500 block of Dogwood on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct. He was released on bond.

James E. Turlington, 20, 1517 Dogwood #3, was arrested at 821 E. Frederic on a charge of minor in possession. He was released on bond.

Sergio G. Salazar, 28, address unknown, was arrested in the 100 block of East Kingsmill on a charge of public intoxication. He was released on bond.

Kenett Rogers, 32, 1229 Darby, was arrested in the 400 block of North Hobart on four warrants. He was released on payment of fines.

## Minor accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**SATURDAY, Sept. 7**  
 12:30 a.m. — A 1988 Chevrolet driven by Jeffery Craven, P.O. Box 2891, collided with a legally parked 1977 Chevrolet owned by Terry Gillis, 1031 N. Sumner #123, in the 1000 block of North Sumner. Craven was cited for backing without safety and failure to leave information at the scene of an accident.

**DPS**  
**SUNDAY, Sept. 8**  
 1:25 p.m. — A 1991 Ford driven by Billy Joe Fulton, Lefors, collided with a 1980 Oldsmobile driven by Vesta Rigby Smith, McLean, at the intersection of Texas 273 and FM 749. Citations were issued. Smith and two passengers were transported to Coronado Hospital by private vehicle, where they were treated and released for possible injuries.

## Fires

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**SUNDAY, Sept. 8**  
 10:44 a.m. — Medical assist at 1105 Huff Rd. Two units and four firefighters responded.  
 1:46 p.m. — Gasoline washdown at Texas 273 and FM 749. One unit and two firefighters responded.

## Calendar of events

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK**  
 Southside Senior Citizens is sponsoring a blood pressure check from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, at the Southside Senior Citizens Center, 430 W. Crawford.

**PAMPA SINGLES ORGANIZATION**  
 Pampa Singles Organization will meet for snacks and games on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m. at 516 Powell. For more information call, 665-2992.

## 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



Fireboats at the Staten Island Ferry terminal in lower Manhattan douse the flames of a fire there Sunday morning. The blaze, labeled as suspicious in origin, concentrated under the terminal roof, resulting in a partial collapse and at least 13 minor injuries.

## Fire guts Staten Island ferry terminal

By RICHARD PYLE  
 Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A suspicious fire gutted the Manhattan terminal of the famed Staten Island Ferry, disrupting service today on New York's biggest travel bargain for commuters and tourists alike.  
 Staten Island Borough President Guy Molinari predicted "chaotic" auto traffic because of the blaze Sunday morning. About 70,000 commuters use the ferry on weekdays.

Limited ferry service between Manhattan and Staten Island across New York Harbor — a 20-minute trip — resumed Sunday afternoon from an adjacent Coast Guard terminal. But fewer boats were running and no cars were allowed.  
 Motorists can drive from Staten

## Discovery passes special leak test

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Discovery passed a special leak check of its orbital steering system early this morning, and the countdown for a Thursday liftoff will begin as planned this afternoon, NASA said.

Test director Mike Leinbach said tests showed the leak to be too small to be of concern.  
 "Once the leak rate was quantified, everyone was happy," Leinbach said. "We're ready to go, anxious to go."

The countdown clock was to begin ticking at 5 p.m. EDT. Discovery is scheduled to blast off at 6:57 p.m. EDT Thursday with five astronauts and a multimillion-dollar satellite to study the upper atmosphere.

Discovery's 13th trip into orbit was threatened when workers discovered a leak near a helium line valve late last week. Tests over the weekend eased managers' minds.

Although an alternate line is available, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration wanted both lines in good condition. Both lines are usable for the upcoming flight, Leinbach said.

A shuttle successfully has flown once before with a similar-size leak, Leinbach said.

Island to Manhattan over bridges via Brooklyn and New Jersey.

"It's just one more problem," griped Teresa Gerhrke, 23, as she waited in the mobbed Staten Island Terminal for a 7:20 a.m. boat that was 25 minutes late.

At the Manhattan end of the route, some commuters funneling through barricades from the outdoor slip to a nearby street Street decided to grin and bear the inconvenience.

"We're going to be late. What can you do? The city is falling apart," said Jack Mastroiello with a shrug as he walked with his wife, Marie, to their jobs at an insurance company.

The ferry offers the cheapest commute in town — 50 cents for a round trip — and was free of charge this morning. The bright orange and blue boats also are big tourist attractions, offering spectacular views of Manhattan's skyline and the Statue of Liberty.

Officials said it could be months — or even years — before the burned terminal is back to normal. This morning, smoke from the fire was still rising from the terminal, and firefighters high on a ladder bucket poured water on it. The smell of smoke filled the air.

The fire erupted as inspectors searched for the source of smoke in the building. Within minutes, "there was lots of fire in the ceiling, and then the ceiling collapsed," said Suleman Shah, who owns a newsstand nearby.

The fire began in a space between the roof and ceiling filled with asbestos, structural supports,

## City briefs

**BRICK REPAIR:** Harley Knutson 665-4237. Adv.

**BACK BY Popular demand** Larry and Bobby appearing nightly thru Saturday September 14th, 7:30 p.m. to 12 a.m. at Club Biarritz. Adv.

**ROOF REPAIR,** guaranteed, free estimates, 665-7006. Adv.

**CHILDREN AND Adult oil painting class.** Beginning October 8th. Limited space. Mary L. Cook. 669-3766. Adv.

**BEDROOM SUITE,** Queen waterbed. 2316 Dogwood. 665-4784. Adv.

wiring and ventilation ducts.

At least 13 people suffered minor injuries, including nine police officers who suffered smoke inhalation. Eighty firefighters exposed to burning asbestos, a carcinogen, were decontaminated, said Tom Kelly, a Fire Department spokesman.

The cause of the fire was under investigation. Fire Commissioner Carlos Rivera said it was suspicious because of "the great volume of fire" that erupted all at once. The fire was under control about 3 1/2 hours after it began.

About 200 firefighters using ladder trucks and two fire boats battled the blaze.

Some ferry passengers and concession stand employees fled when flames broke through the ceiling of the waiting room. About 100 people were in the terminal when the fire began.

The interior walls of the terminal, built in the early 1950s, buckled from the flames and heat.

The fire was the second major blow to New York's transit network in the past month. Five people were killed and subway service paralyzed on Manhattan's East Side when a speeding train derailed beneath Union Square on Aug. 28.

Lucius J. Riccio, city Transportation Commissioner, said the terminal's lower level may reopen within days if there is no risk from asbestos and if docking mechanisms are undamaged.

However, it could take "months, perhaps years" before the roof and ceiling are repaired, he said.

**COMPUTER SOFTWARE,** cheap! \$6.00 per diskette. A&B Software Specialties. Open evenings, Tuesday-Friday and Saturday, 329 N. Hobart, Pampa, Tx., 665-3121. Adv.

**HURRY IN!** New purse arrivals, Pampa News Stand, 114 N. Russell. Adv.

**TELEPHONE PIONEERS** covered dish dinner. Tuesday, 10th, 12:00 p.m., Telso Lounge.

**ROLANDA'S JUST** Received new shipment of Root Votive Candles and Room Spray. Rolanda's, Pampa Mall. Adv.

## Weather focus

**LOCAL FORECAST**  
 Tonight, 20 percent chance of showers and slightly cooler temperatures, with a low of 62. Tuesday, cloudy and continued cooler with a high of 83 and a 20 percent chance of more rain. South winds tonight and Tuesday 10-20 mph.

**REGIONAL FORECAST**  
 West Texas — Mostly cloudy far west and southwest mountains through Tuesday with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Elsewhere fair to partly cloudy with isolated late afternoon and evening thunderstorms mainly near the New Mexico border regions. Lows tonight mid 60s to near 70. Highs Tuesday mid 80s north to the upper 90s Big Bend.

North Texas — Widely scattered thunderstorms east and isolated late afternoon thunderstorms west. Partly cloudy tonight with isolated evening thunderstorms. Lows from 70 to 74. Partly cloudy Tuesday with widely scattered mainly afternoon and evening thunderstorms area wide. Highs from 92 to 96.

South Texas — Mostly cloudy tonight. Lows in the 70s except near 80 immediate coast. Partly cloudy Tuesday. Widely scattered showers and thunderstorms east

and south. Highs in the 90s except near 100 lower Rio Grande plains.

**EXTENDED FORECAST**  
**Wednesday through Friday**  
 West Texas — Texas Panhandle, partly cloudy. A chance of showers or thunderstorms each day. Highs in the mid to upper 80s. Lows in the lower to mid 60s. Permian Basin, Concho-Pecos Valley partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms each day. Highs in the upper 80s to around 90. Lows in the mid to upper 60s. Far West Texas, partly cloudy. A slight chance of showers or thunderstorms each day. Highs in the mid to upper 80s. Lows in the lower to mid 60s. Big Bend area, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms each day. Mountains, highs in the lower to mid 80s with lows in the lower to mid 50s. Lowlands, highs in the mid to upper 90s with lows in the mid to upper 60s.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central Texas, partly cloudy with scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms, mainly Thursday and Friday. Lows in the 70s. Highs near 90. Texas Coastal Bend, partly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms. Lows from near 80 coast to the 70s inland. Highs from the upper 80s coast to near 90 inland.

North Texas — Partly cloudy Wednesday through Friday. A chance of thunderstorms Thursday and Friday. Lows in the lower 70s. Highs in the upper 80s to lower 90s.

**BORDER STATES**  
 Oklahoma — Partly cloudy through Tuesday, with widely scattered afternoon or evening thunderstorms most sections. Lows from the 60s Panhandle to the low 70s elsewhere tonight and Monday night. Highs 90 to 95 statewide Monday and Tuesday.  
 New Mexico — Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mostly in the afternoon and nighttime hours. Highs from the middle 60s to near 80 in the mountains to the upper 70s to around 90 at the lower elevations. Lows from the 40s to lower 50s in the mountains to the 50s to mid 60s at the lower elevations.

Valley and plains, partly cloudy with widely scattered thunderstorms. Lows from near 80 coast to the 70s inland. Highs from near 90 coast to the mid 90s inland west. Southeast Texas and the upper Texas coast, partly cloudy with scattered mainly afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Lows from near 80 coast to the 70s inland. Highs from the upper 80s coast to near 90 inland.

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# Workers: plant safety records don't show all on-the-job injuries

HOUSTON (AP) — Employees of Houston-area refineries and chemical plants complain that after being injured at work they are being pressured to come back to work so the company can avoid reporting accidents to the government.

The Houston Chronicle reported Sunday that many plants are skirting federal safety guidelines by having injured workers picked up and brought to work, where they often are incapable of doing any job.

Some employees are encouraged to take over-the-counter medicines rather than prescriptions to further avoid reporting the injury to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the workers and their union representatives say.

"Even if you're near death, they want you to come back to work and sit in the chair — all they want is a warm body to look (good) on insurance statistics and OSHA (records),"

said Randy Reed, a former DuPont worker.

Reed said he was told to take vacation time in December if he wanted time to recover from being sprayed with hazardous chemicals. In another accident, Reed said he broke a finger and spent 12 hours a day playing trivial games and chess.

Under federal law, employers must report to a statistics collecting agency all injuries that prevent an employee from working. The agency in turn informs OSHA.

The Chronicle reported employees complaints of being told frequently over the past several years to hobble into a plant on crutches, full of stitches or covered with burns.

Peggy Browning, who worked in Phillips Petroleum Corp.'s safety office in Pasadena until 1987, said it was her job to make sure there were no lost-time accidents. Part of her routine included picking up injured

workers at home and depositing them in the plant's lunchroom or safety office. Then she drove them back home an hour or two later.

Ms. Browning figures at least 25 percent of the wounded workers who received prescriptions were not reported to OSHA or entered in company files because she talked the employees into using over-the-counter drugs.

"Then, I was willing to do it," Ms. Browning said. "Now, I think back about how ridiculous it all was."

The need to prevent lost time injuries "was just drilled into you," said Ms. Browning, who has a pending sexual discrimination case against Phillips. She said employees received gifts — such as watches, coolers, cameras and radios — as rewards for no lost time accidents.

"Those people should not be in the work place — they can't do any

thing," said W.E. "Sonny" Sanders, secretary-treasurer of the Oil, Chemical & Atomic Workers Local 4-449 in Texas City.

The companies deny that they pressure employees to maintain safety records. Some attribute the complaints to disgruntled employees and union members seeking to portray the companies unfavorably.

OSHA spokesman Doug Fuller said it is illegal for companies to manipulate safety and health records by forcing employees back to work prematurely. The number of lost work days is an important figure that federal regulators look at in deciding whether to inspect a plant, he said.

"It won't be tolerated," Fuller said, adding that any worker who feels pressured should contact OSHA. However, as far as OSHA knows, the practice is not common in the petrochemical or

any other industry, he said.

Robert Burro, manager of safety and security for the Phillips plant, said the plant follows the orders of employee physicians. No one sits around doing nothing, he said.

Ed Hawthorne, health and safety manager at the Shell Oil plant, said Shell wants employees to know the company cares about them, not a record. Consequently, the company removed all signs in the plant proclaiming the number of lost days since the last lost time accident.

The plant now tracks all accidents, whether involving lost work days or not, which is a more accurate picture of a plant's safety record, Hawthorne said.

But one Shell Oil employee said two years ago when he was severely injured, he was told to report to work a few hours a day at the Deer Park facility so the company could avoid a lost-time report.

"All I could do is sit there and moan — I couldn't stand or lay down," said the employee, who asked not to be identified. "If you don't go along with it, (they) can put you on straight graveyard for a year or put you in a more dangerous (job)."

Workers say companies pressure employees to return to the job, threatening terminations or schedule changes. And employees are not quick to complain because they receive full wages rather than the partial pay they would receive under workers' compensation insurance.

Sidney McKenzie, who is now suing Phillips, said he continued collecting \$16 an hour, the full electrician's pay, while he slept in a bed in the safety office. For six weeks, McKenzie said he was driven to work, helped in and out of a car by two people after he slipped and fell, tearing his hamstrings, at the Phillips plant.

## Many bodies recovered from Rio Grande are buried without autopsies, report says

DALLAS (AP) — The Texas side of the Rio Grande is being used as a "dumping ground" for unidentified corpses that were assumed to be drowning victims, some officials say.

Nearly 200 bodies have been discovered in the area over the past nine years, and most of those were buried without autopsies, a published report said.

The Dallas Morning News said in a copyright story Sunday that under supervision of some justices of the peace and law enforcement investigators, most unidentified bodies were hastily examined, labeled John Does after minimal investigations and buried without a service.

Handling of such deaths in the Rio Grande Valley is inadequate at best, officials with several Texas medical examiners' offices told the newspaper.

"I think it's wrong," Bexar County Medical Examiner Vincent J.M. Di Maio said. "Even though these people might not be American citizens, there's some kind of moral obligation to find out how they died."

Officials said that since 1982 at least 190 unidentified corpses have been found on the Texas side of the river between Laredo and the Gulf of Mexico, with 137 of those buried without autopsies.

"Obviously, the river is being used as a dumping ground. But nobody cares," said Di Maio. "I think

the line was originally used by Cain: 'Lord, I'm not my brother's keeper.'"

Most officials interviewed by the newspaper said many of the bodies are migrants from southern Mexico or Central America who could not be identified even after lengthy investigations and that border counties cannot afford more than burials.

"We get a lot of bodies in the river here," said Zapata County Justice of the Peace Gabriel Villarreal. "I would like to believe that most of these people drowned or died trying to come across the river, that they're Mexicans — illegal aliens."

But Villarreal said some victims could have been slain and autopsies should have been performed. "Autopsies cost a lot of money," he said.

Di Maio said his office occasionally receives inquiries about the cases from lower Rio Grande counties. He said the counties should have a full-time medical examiner to handle such cases and all other forensic investigations.

In one example, bodies of two men with fractured skulls floated down the Rio Grande within five weeks of each other last year. But the newspaper said Villarreal did not order autopsies, and San Ygnacio authorities assumed the men had drowned.

"What else can we do?" Lt. Ernesto Flores, chief of the Cameron County sheriff's criminal investigation division, asked of such cursory examinations.

## Searchers find main wreckage of Conoco jet

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Searchers today found the main wreckage of the Grumman Gulfstream II executive jet on a slope near the Tinatodon Peak of Mount Marta in the Crocker Range on Borneo island.

A Department of Civil Aviation Statement said operations to salvage the main wreckage was carried out, but it was not known if there were any bodies inside.

There were 12 people aboard. Nine were oil executives from Conoco Inc. of Houston and their wives, and three were crew members.

Police said mist, low clouds, rain, thick jungle and the sloping terrain was hampering operations. Search was called off at nightfall and will resume Tuesday.

The officials said more than 32 men were now in the wreckage site and they were looking for evidence of the crash and the black box as well.

Police said a temporary helipad had been blasted with explosives out of a slope of a mountain on Sunday and was ready Monday, but because of bad weather it could be put to only limited use.

Shamsuri Arshad, Commissioner of Police for Sabah state, where the jet crashed with 10 Americans and

two Britons, told reporters more than 32 para military police field force men had already been winched down from helicopters into the crash area the past two days and more were ready to be landed Tuesday.

Police said they have collected pieces of flesh, two hands, one torso, credit cards, passports, clothes and other articles of the Conoco Inc. executives, spouses and crew who were on board the jet, which crashed while coming in to land at Kota Kinabalu, the capital of Sabah.

Earlier, government rescue officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said bits of aircraft, life jackets and the like were strewn over a wide area, some of the debris hanging from trees.

The crash site is at an altitude of 4,500 feet above sea level. It is about 910 miles east of Kuala Lumpur and 30 miles south of Kota Kinabalu.

The plane belongs to Du Pont and was carrying Conoco Inc. personnel and their spouses from Tokyo to Jakarta. It was to stop at Kota Kinabalu on Bornea for refueling, but disappeared from the airport radar. The wreckage was found Friday.

Four Department of Civil Aviation officials went to the crash site Sunday but have not yet announced the reasons for the crash.

Three officials of the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board meanwhile arrived in Kota Kinabalu to investigate the crash.

U.S. embassy Press Attache Stanley Harsha identified them as Robert Benson, senior air safety investigator, Garry Scannevin, air safety investigator and Joseph Richards, pilot and Gulfstream II They are all from Washington.

Conoco identified its executives aboard as William K. Dietrich, 53; his wife, Gayle, 54; Colin H. Lee, 55, and his wife, Brooke, 53; H.K. "Kent" Bowden, 57, his wife, Connie, 56; James Myers, 50, and his wife, Linda, 41; and Ann K. Parsons, 35. The crew was identified as pilots Kenneth R. Fox, 46, and Gary Johnston, 55, and mechanic Steve P. James, 40.

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## Ku Klux Klan rally draws crowd of hecklers

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The late afternoon Klan rally on Saturday was preceded by a "Unity Celebration" that opponents of the Klan staged in downtown Midland. It drew about 300 people, compared to about eight Klan members.

Greg Owens, Midland Chamber of Commerce member, said he believed the Klan came to the West Texas town to create a media event at the expense of the community.

"But with the support you've shown by attending the unity rally

today, you've turned what could have been a problem into an opportunity," he said.

Klan Grand Wizard Thomas Robb, 45, of Harrison, Ark., gazed at the multitude of white, brown and black people behind police lines at the Klan rally and said that most of the people attending were minorities and curiosity seekers.

He declined to estimate how many Klan members are in Midland.

Of the hundreds who heckled and jeered the eight Klan members who stood safe behind police lines at a chain-link fence at Windlands Park, few expressed any appreciation of the Klan's visit.

"I came here to ask these people why they hate," said 35-year-old Allen Nichols of Midland. "It's been the group's history to hate blacks and Jews. Now I understand they stand against foreigners, too."

A man identifying himself as Lloyd J. Hill, 25, of Dallas waved a Confederate flag during the three-hour rally and claimed to be a Klan member. He said the organization hates nobody.

"The white race has as much right as any race to preserve itself," Hill said. "We don't dislike anybody. We just feel real strongly about preserving our race."

## Highland Pentecostal to host youth revival here Wednesday

Highland Pentecostal Holiness Church, located at 18th and North Banks, is hosting a youth revival tonight through Wednesday, Sept. 11, featuring 19-year-old evangelist Roger Pattay of Hutchinson, Kan.

Pattay, who began preaching in his backyard to neighbor children at age nine, has received national attention for his straight-forward, compassionate style of ministry.

In addition to preaching in churches, Pattay has also been active in street ministry in Hutchinson.

Since 1989 he has conducted revivals and camps in Oklahoma, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Arkansas, Tennessee and Florida.

Services begin at 7 p.m. and will also feature a variety of music performed by local Christian musicians and soloists.



Roger Pattay

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The Gray County Commissioner's Court conducted a public hearing on September 3, 1991, at 11:00 a.m. on a proposal to increase your property taxes by eight (8) percent.

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## Opinion

### Needle proposal is wrongheaded

One of the most difficult issues raised by the AIDS epidemic is how government can counter the disease among intravenous drug users without encouraging even more substance abuse. This question was revived recently when the National Commission on AIDS endorsed needle-exchange programs as a way to slow the spread of the disease among drug users.

June Osborn, the chairman of the AIDS commission, declared that the potential for AIDS to be transmitted like a "flash fire" through injection drug use has been demonstrated in the United States and around the world. The 15-member panel charged that the Bush administration continues to "neglect the real public health and treatment measures [that] could and must be taken to halt the spread" of AIDS.

It is difficult to determine precisely how many cases of AIDS in the United States stem from intravenous drug use. The commission estimates that nearly 60,000 adolescent and adult AIDS cases have resulted from the sharing of infected needles. The federal Centers for Disease Control, on the other hand, estimates there are fewer than 14,000 such cases.

The commissioners believe needle-exchange programs supported by the government would be an effective way to control the spread of AIDS.

But the evidence to date from such programs is, in fact, mixed. For example, a needle-exchange program in New Haven, Conn., is reported to have reduced the rate of HIV infection among that city's drug users by 33 percent. But similar experiments elsewhere, including Seattle, Tacoma and Portland, have not produced comparable results.

Needle-exchange programs also are opposed by the Bush administration and many minority leaders, including New York Mayor David Dinkins, who contend that providing free needles to drug users encourages more, not less, substance abuse. Critics regard it as an unwarranted surrender to the battle against drugs.

Common sense would seem to support this view, particularly when it is government that is sanctioning the free distribution of needles for illicit drug use. How can police and other government agencies effectively counter narcotics abuse when other government agencies are facilitating it by passing out hypodermic needles and bleach?

A better approach to decreasing the incidence of drug-related AIDS is to discourage drug abuse entirely. Rather than establish needle-exchange programs, state and local governments would be wiser to heed the AIDS commission's suggestion that high-risk intravenous drug users be afforded "treatment on demand."

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# Look in the nearest mirror

WASHINGTON — The SAT scores for 1991 came out a few days ago on Aug. 26, and what do you know: The verbal scores of high school seniors hit an all-time low. Scores on the mathematics part of the exam declined for the first time since 1980. The response from the educational establishment was predictable: same song, umpteenth verse.

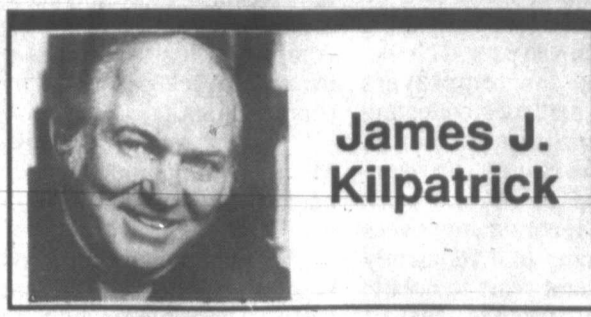
The Scholastic Aptitude Test is not intended to measure achievement as such; neither is it regarded as a test of basic intelligence. The SAT is supposed to measure a high school senior's ability to read, write and reason at the college level. This past spring 1,032,685 students took the test, an increase of 7,162 over 1990. The findings were dismal.

How dismal? Fifteen years ago, young men averaged a score of 433 on the verbal part of the SAT. Young women average 430. In 1991 the men slumped to 426, the women to 418.

On the other half of the test, involving mathematical skills, the score for men was exactly where it was in 1976, at 497. Between 1976 and 1991 young women improved in math from 446 to 453, but 1991 was two points down from 1990. The maximum possible score on each part of the exam is 800.

Looking at these miserable results, some educators were honest enough to lay the blame squarely where it belongs — upon the teachers, principals and administrators of the public school system, and also upon the permissive parents of a generation gone morally and intellectually soft.

The predominant response, to judge from *The New York Times*, was to fuzzle the picture by minimizing the statistics. The universe of test takers, it appears, has become "more democratic." A wider variety of students are taking the test. Moreover, each state mea-



James J. Kilpatrick

sures a different sample. Thus Iowa, which came in first, tests only 5 percent of its high school graduates; South Carolina, which finished last, tests 58 percent.

The downward trend, said one comfortable fellow, is not really a downward trend. When more students are taking the test, including more students from disadvantaged socioeconomic backgrounds, a drop in scores should be expected. Properly analyzed, the test results are "a great victory."

Another educator, this one an associate professor of psychology at Columbia Teachers College, was not alarmed. The composite scores on both the verbal and the math exams for 1991 were two points below the composites for 1990. "That two-point drop is not a drop in my eyes," said the professor. "It's such an infinitesimal amount as not to be worth commenting on."

The larger point is that there is no trend whatever toward improvement. Teachers, parents and society as a whole are failing in the most important task before the nation. We are failing to rear a generation intellectually equipped to compete in the coming century. The schools are doing a fair to good job with the bright and gifted youngsters. On

tests of specific achievement, students are doing better. But when we look at the lower economic slopes, the picture is bleak.

How come? One study after another has come to the same conclusions on the same evidence and offered the same recommendations. Our public school students have an average school year of 180 days. In Japan and most European nations the school year is 200 days or more. Our school days are roughly 8:30 to 3:30. The high school student in Japan goes from 8 to 5, and puts in half a day on Saturdays.

At every grade level, American students have less homework than their foreign counterparts. Our schools, generally speaking, are weak in foreign languages and higher mathematics. Relatively few American students take physics and calculus. Thousands of our teachers are themselves poorly educated. In some states a new teacher may pass a competency test by getting 47 right answers out of 104 questions.

In a book scheduled for fall publication, Charles Colson and Jack Eckerd find an explanation of *Why America Doesn't Work* in the moral laxity of American society today. Public schools, for the most part, shy away from instruction in moral values. Sex education becomes value neutral. As the statistics on teenaged pregnancies indicate, old-fashioned discipline has yielded to a pathetic permissiveness. We are a marvelously tolerant people. We tolerate the wrong things.

If President Bush could get his head out of clouds of euphoria, perhaps he could provide the down-to-earth leadership toward reform. But public education is primarily a state and local responsibility, and if the picture is to improve it must improve locally. Where to start? Look in the nearest mirror.



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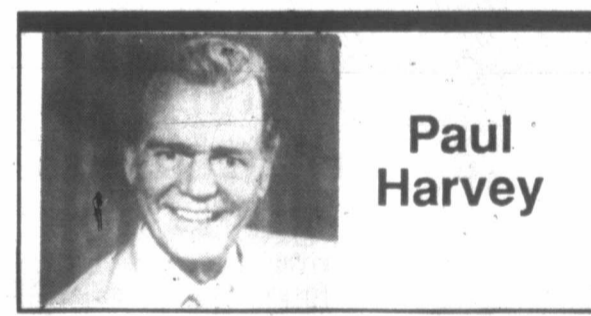
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Or a mummy in a rotten gabardine suit curled up in a car's trunk with a hat worn low over its crispy face.

Preston theorizes that if Jimmy Hoffa was put in a hulk, he's due to turn up any year now. The recycling loop proceeds like a glacier. Fifteen years from now to renewed is about average.

If a mummy is found, it will be handled with the strictest professionalism. The pockets will be picked, the fingers checked for rings, the bones and shoes will dribble from the hammer knives to be floated away in the water tank. Factories and office buildings eventually dissolve in this hydrologic cycle.

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Tomorrow is made of junk.

# SATs: National test or national con?

By CHUCK STONE

Some things never change.

But predictability is a security blanket. We greet each September confident that summer vacationers will straggle home. That new fall TV series will be introduced to bore us. That football rites of passage into manhood will be initiated. That Leggy Miss America contestants will strut down Atlantic City's Convention Hall runway.

And, like a recurring plague, the nation's SAT scores will be released.

The folks who compute the results from the annual "Saturday massacres," during which college-bound students take the standardized tests, like to think of the SATs as a national score card.

Instead they are psychometric ripoffs of American families who pay hard-earned money to be insulted every year by a press release about the congenitally high correlation between standardized test scores and race, gender, family income, geo-

graphical region and type of school.

The 1991 state-by-state breakdown shows that the seven states with the highest SAT scores are all in the Midwest and the Pacific Northwest — Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Nebraska, Minnesota and Wisconsin. And four of the five states with the lowest SAT scores are in the South — South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia and Texas.

Why? Well, probably for the same reasons that women score lower on the SATs than men, that blacks and Hispanics score lower than whites, that kids from poor families score lower than kids from wealthy families and that public-school students score lower than private-school students.

Are you tired of reading that? Well, I'm tired of writing it.

But why these discrepancies? The College Board, which owns the SATs, and the Educational Testing Service, which constructs them, know the answers. But if they told you the

truth, you would be so furious, you might join a national movement to ban all standardized tests from publicly funded school systems.

Instead, public-relations hacks write cute, 10-second sound bites about kids watching more television and reading fewer books, thus causing SAT scores to "free-fall."

American parents buy these non-explanations because they mistakenly believe that the psychometric establishment has all the answers.

As we know from experience, it doesn't. It is just as bewildered as the rest of us.

Currently, the state with the largest school system in America, California, bans IQ tests which, like the SATs, are norm-referenced tests. The only thing a norm-referenced test will tell you is how badly schools are doing in the inner city, compared to schools in the suburbs.

But the only thing that parents, pupils and public-school teachers —

especially those in low-income and minority densities — need to know is what can be done about the awesome discrepancies in standardized test scores, not what the results are.

As I wrote a couple of weeks ago in a special issue on education for my syndicate, an IQ was once defined by one of the fathers of the SAT, Henry Dyer, as "a dubious normative score, warped up in a ratio that is based upon an impossible assumption about the equivalence of human experience and the opportunity to learn."

If that definition is true for the IQ — and it is — then it is just as true for the SATs.

With the same unerring predictability as the Miss America contest and the football rites of passage into manhood, the SAT results will be annually released. And just as faithfully, a few of us will continue to remind parents, pupils and teacher that the SATs are still conning them.

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# Lifestyles

## Packing a safe school lunch for children

Whether it's in a brown bag, a lunch box or a tote bag, many children will carry a school lunch every day. Often when kids come home with the stomach cramps, diarrhea or even vomiting, it's diagnosed or dismissed as "just a bug going around." And indeed it may be a "bug," but not the "flu bug" often suspected. The "bug" may be foodborne illness.

Packing a carried lunch does require some food safety precautions especially since the lunch may be standing at room temperatures for several hours before being eaten. Bacteria that cause foodborne illness live and grow at room temperatures. In fact, between temperatures of 40 degrees Fahrenheit and 140 degrees F, enough bacteria can grow in two hours to cause illness.

The key to packing a safe lunch is "keep hot foods hot, cold foods cold, and everything clean." Here's why and how:

Some foods need to be kept either cold (below 40 degrees F) or hot (above 40 degrees F). These are the perishable foods like meats, poultry, seafood, eggs and milk products (including yogurt). In fact, any moist protein-containing foods are susceptible to bacterial growth because the bacteria that cause foodborne illness need a food source, protein in this case, and moisture to grow.

Meat salads like ham, chicken or egg are especially susceptible to food germs because they are handled a lot during preparation and hands can spread germs. If cooked, ready-to-eat lunch meats are a sandwich choice, pay attention to "use-by" dates. These products may contain a special type of bacteria that



## Homemakers' News

Donna Brauchi

grows slowly at refrigerator temperatures.

Ideally, you should store lunches in a refrigerator to keep them cold, but this often is not possible. Lunch boxes, especially insulated ones, will generally keep foods cold much better than paper bags. Cold devices such as a commercial freezing gel, a container filled with ice or a frozen drink will help keep lunch contents chilled. Advise children to place their lunch in as cool a place as possible, never in the window ledge in the sun.

To keep foods hot for several hours, a thermos designed for hot foods will work. Be sure the thermos has been adequately washed after each use. Before pouring a hot food in, rinse the thermos with boiling water. Bring the food to as high a temperature as possible before pouring it into the thermos. The food should be hot to touch when eaten.

Keep everything clean when preparing lunches to avoid spreading bacteria that cause the illness. Be sure that utensils, hands and work areas are clean. Wash food containers, including the thermos and lunch box itself, after each use. Wrap foods in clean wrap. If using brown paper bags, use one purchased only for that purpose. Bags which have carried groceries may

already be contaminated from insects or food leakage.

Occasionally, foods that don't need to be kept hot or cold may be a desirable lunch choice. These foods include dry meats such as beef jerky, peanut butter, and some non-perishable cheese and cheese spreads. Canned meat, poultry and seafood products that can be opened and eaten immediately are other options, as are fresh fruits and vegetables, breads and cereals and nuts. Some packaged read-to-eat foods now on the market in individual size servings, such as canned fruits and puddings, make a nice addition to a carried lunch.

Remember that food can be contaminated with enough bacteria to make you sick without looking, smelling or tasting bad. Keep carried lunches safe:

Keep everything clean when preparing and packing lunches.

Plan a balanced menu of healthy foods that have been properly prepared. Be sure meats are thoroughly cooked. Avoid using leftovers that have been in the refrigerator for an extended time.

Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. Don't allow these foods to remain at temperatures for more than two hours.

If perishable lunch foods aren't eaten, throw leftovers away.

Come and get it!



(Staff photo by Stan Pollard)  
The Twentieth Century Forum Study Club tailgate picnic is planned for Friday, Sept. 13, preceding the Pampa High School football game against the Amarillo Sandies. Proceeds from the picnic provide a \$1,000 college scholarship for a graduating PHS student. Getting ready for the tailgate picnic are Janis Spearman, president of the study club, and Karen Bridges, co-chairman of the picnic, with future grads Taylor Stelman, Jordan Spearman, Andrew Fraser, Sarah Fraser, Jared Spearman, Jaclyn Spearman, Kyle Kleth and Christopher Stelman.

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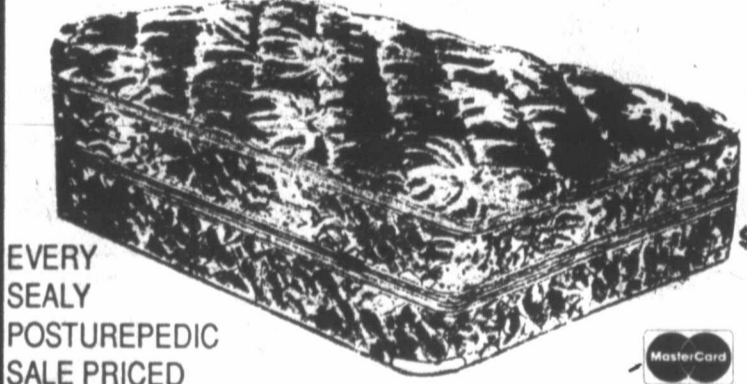


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## Circumstances effect the self-esteem cycle

By COSMOPOLITAN For AP Special Features

Your self-esteem rises and falls as you gain weight, lose a lover, earn praise or a reprimand at the office — swings that may right themselves or linger like a stubborn virus.

Psychologists say up-and-down cycles of self-esteem are normal, according to an article in the current issue of Cosmopolitan, as long as they do not occur continuously and with uncontrollable force.

"We like to think of self-esteem as a constant," said New York psychiatrist JoAnn Magdoff. "In reality, it's something we have to work hard to pull out of ourselves, if it turns to jelly at inconvenient moments."

Magdoff said that "no one feels very confident the day after the boss rips into her or the night her boyfriend tells her he wants to see other women," and she added: "The reverse is true as well. Who doesn't feel a tremendous surge of self-esteem when she's falling in love? Basically secure people can accept these changes and roll with the punches, but insecure people are not as limber."

She said to cope with these changes you must distinguish between a basic sense of yourself and subjective performance ratings that fluctuate with events.

Your sense of self-worth is housed in many compartments — love, sex, work, appearance and friendship are

a few of them — and it's a rare woman who feels equally confident in all of them.

"Most of us are resigned to the fact that we have certain weaknesses," said Anne Boe, San Diego, Calif., motivational speaker and author, "and we can assimilate that into a basically positive self-image. Let's say a woman sees her greatest job strength as her ability to handle people, and her greatest weakness as difficulty in writing reports.

"If her boss criticizes a report, she may not like it but it won't alter her basic sense of self. But if the boss tells her she's been antagonizing co-workers, her self-esteem will be badly shaken, because she's always felt most competent and effective in that area."

Romantic trouble frequently leads to loss of confidence.

"Loss of love is a blow to anyone's sense of self," said Cambridge, Mass., psychologist Susan Schenkel, "and it's terribly misleading of certain self-help books to imply that there's something wrong with women whose sense of themselves is shaken by the disintegration of a serious love relationship."

"I'd be more worried about anyone — male or female — who felt wonderful in those circumstances."

Most people who are romantically dumped experience a decline in self-esteem. Therapists worry only if it lasts indefinitely or blights a woman's self-image in other areas.

The end of a relationship need not mean a drop in self-esteem. For women who take the initiative in escaping troubled love affairs, a boost in sense of self-worth is one dividend.

Boe said that among working women, criticism — minor and major, justified and unjustified — is a main source of downward self-esteem shifts. She suggested you learn to distinguish between normal praise-and-criticism cycles and chronic denigration that saps self-confidence on a regular basis.

The way you look plays a significant role in day-to-day esteem.

"What we see in the mirror we take into all our roles — lover, mother, professional," said Sandra Haber, a New York City psychologist specializing in eating problems.

That includes the woman who was euphoric about reaching her goal of losing 10 pounds — only to be depressed when she discovered she hadn't really lost weight. Her 5-year-old had fiddled with the balancing mechanism.

"You could say that too much dependence on the opinions of others has a lot to do with shifting self-esteem in every area," Haber told Susan Jacoby in Cosmopolitan.

"With regard to weight, the scale stops being a useful measuring tool and assumes the role of outside critic with a magic power to make a woman feel good or bad about herself."

## It's time to tip our hats to towns with spirit

DEAR ABBY: We in Midland, Texas, owe you a debt of gratitude for informing your 95 million readers about our Midland Community Spirit Award. Each year we honor a community that best represents the American ideal of people pulling together and helping one another.

Last year, we heard from 108 cities in 35 states. The 1990 Midland Community Spirit Award went to Yakima, Wash., for its ongoing war against drug problems.

Past nominees have included: Brownsville, Texas, whose citizens worked shoulder to shoulder for more than 60 hours to clear rubble from a collapsed building in order to rescue the trapped survivors; the good people of Saco and Glasgow, Mont., who graciously fed, clothed and cared for the waylaid passengers of a train derailed in their vicinity; the members of Valley View Methodist Church in Valley View, Texas, who walked from car to car inviting hundreds of stranded motorists to spend the night in their church when a blizzard halted traffic late one afternoon. The townspeople brought whatever they had in their freezers to feed them all. The residents of Colonial Beach, Va., who raised half a million dollars through bake sales and bingo to replace their old school built in 1912.

Abby, we are again seeking nominations for the 1991 Midland Community Spirit Award, which will be presented in November. So please encourage proud citizens to nominate communities that have shown the cooperative, caring spirit during a time of need or crisis.

Thank you for your continued



## Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

support in making this project a success.

CARROLL THOMAS, MAYOR, MIDLAND, TEXAS

DEAR MAYOR THOMAS: This past year has been one of the worst for both natural and man-made catastrophes, so there should be an abundance of nominations.

Readers: The deadline is Oct. 15, 1991. So to obtain an official nomination form for the Community Spirit Award, write to: Midland Community Spirit Award, P.O. Box 1152, Midland, Texas 79702, or phone (915) 685-7206.

I'm sure there are many other communities whose citizens rose to the occasion when tragedy struck. Readers?

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DEAR ABBY: In the plant where I work, there are seven girls in my department. One of the girls was recently married. I pitched in for a shower gift, but I couldn't attend the shower.

I never did get an invitation to her wedding, but the other six girls got one. Two days before her wedding she mumbled, "Some of the invita-

tions must have gotten lost in the mail, so if you didn't get one, consider this a verbal invitation."

Abby, I didn't have anything to wear, and it was too late to get ready. Do I owe her a wedding gift? SLIGHTED IN ASHEVILLE, N.C.

DEAR SLIGHTED: No. Give her your verbal congratulations.

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DEAR ABBY: I received your booklet, "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It" on July 30, 1991.

You have saved my life. I cried tears of joy for the first time in my 47 years. Before that, they were tears of pain and sorrow.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart. God bless you.

MARY T. GREEN, SANTA MARIA, CALIF.

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This one's for everybody, from teens to seniors! To purchase Abby's new booklet, "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It," send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$5.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

# Today's Crossword Puzzle

## The World Almanac® Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- Syringe (sl.)
  - Jekyll's opposite
  - WWII area
  - Distance measure
  - the Mood for Love
  - the season to be ...
  - Poke
  - Donated
  - One Day —
  - Time
  - Catch in a net
  - Caveat
  - U-boat
  - Tint
  - Ceremony of anointing
  - Indian nurse
  - Senorita's aunt
  - Nautical rope
  - Airline info
  - Game animal

- DOWN**
- Exaggerated promotion
  - Story
  - High-school
  - And so on (abbr.)
  - Shipping unit
  - Look for
  - Cute
  - I think, therefore —
  - Agnus —
  - With hands on hips
  - Small and dainty
  - Sea eagle
  - Hawaiian city
  - Hearty laugh
  - Arrange
  - Roberts
  - Conceits
  - Sugar
  - Advise
  - Dissipated man

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- Former Yugoslav leader
  - Gravel ridges
  - Court case
  - Legume
  - Southwestern Indians
  - Cairo's river
  - Encrust
  - Necessity
  - Abominable snowman
  - of bricks
  - Dangle
  - Polliwog
  - American Indian
  - Actress — Novak
  - More supple
  - Loathe
  - Wavy-patterned fabric
  - Of aircraft
  - Kringle
  - Author of "Picnic"
  - Shakespearean villain
  - Biblical pronoun
  - Luxury
  - Boy

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### WALNUT COVE

By Mark Cullum

I've decided I like Jonathan Schaefer, Lori.

Every day after school I chase him across the playground and tackle him.

I hold him down until he gives me a kiss. Then I run away.

Why do you run away, Carmen?

I'm playing hard-to-get.

### THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

ARE YOU A PESSIMIST OR AN OPTIMIST?

BEATS ME...

WHAT WOULD YOU CALL A HALF A GLASS OF BOOZE?

MOST UNLIKELY

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By Howie Schneider

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By Johnny Hart

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PIZZA PARLOR

### Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

Several dynamic individuals might have a hand in providing you with new opportunities in the year ahead.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Goings-on behind the scenes tend to favor you today, especially where your financial interests are concerned. There are strong possibilities for profitable developments. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** The best of your charismatic qualities will be prevalent today. Those you'll be involved with will find these attributes appealing and help you fulfill your expectations.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Timing is extremely critical today, and you'll instantly know when to do things that will help you achieve your most important objectives.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** You could be luckier than usual today in significant involvements that include close, personal friends. Your rabbit's foot will work for them as well.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Something extremely beneficial could develop for you today, but not necessarily along the lines you've been anticipating. A change that transpires may even be better.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** The best way to resolve a delicate matter today is by listening. The individual who is the cause of the problem could provide you with the solution.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Continue to look for new channels today that could provide you with a second source of income. You're much closer to finding them than you may realize.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You have a secret admirer who, up until now, hasn't been bold enough to express feelings for you. However, there's a possibility this may all change today.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Because your creativity is so prominent today, even mundane tasks will seem like play. Try to find time to work on a project that will beautify your surroundings.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Sometimes unstructured, spontaneous events are the ones that turn out to be the most fun. This could be true today, so don't confine yourself to an inflexible schedule that limits your mobility.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** This is one of those unusual days when you could do more receiving than giving. Several individuals are looking for ways to repay the kindness you've shown them in the past.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Endeavors you devote your personal attention to have excellent chances of producing the types of end results you desire. Don't delegate key assignments to others.

### MARVIN

By Tom Armstrong

EVERYTHING'S PERFECT. I'VE GOT MY CRAYONS, A BIG BLANK WALL...

AND MOM'S BUSY IN ANOTHER ROOM.

SO HOW COME I PICK NOW TO GET A CREATIVE BLOCK?

### ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

WE APPRECIATE YOUR HOSPITALITY, CAPTAIN!

IT IS MY PLEASURE TO SERVE YOU!

MAY I ASK YOU A QUESTION, HONORED ONE?

SURE! WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

BY WHAT NAME IS YOUR NEPHEW KNOWN, OH MIGHTY ZEUS?

HE IS CALLED OOP.

HMM! "OOP" YOU SAY? I MUST CONFESS I HAVE NEVER HEARD OF SUCH A DEITY!

I'M SURE YOU'RE NOT ALONE, CAPTAIN!

### SNAFU

By Bruce Beattie

SCHOOL BUS

"I guess it's a little early to hope school would be closed due to snow."

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

"Grandma's watchin' 'The Young and the Rest of Us.'"

### MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

"Talk louder. I can't hear you while he's drinking."

### KIT N' CARLYLE

By Larry Wright

### WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

WHAT'S A "NECESSARY EVIL"?

By Dick Cavalli

YOU'LL SEE ONE WHEN YOU GET OFF THE SCHOOL BUS.

### THE BORN LOSER

By Art and Chip Sansom

I'LL Z-OUT AND YOU HIT ME IN THE FLAT! ON THE COUNT OF NINE... OKAY?

CHECK!

10-14-92-76-3-13-16-5-37-35-102-44-79-6-12-22-88-67-40...

41-11-93-86-21-15-49-77-20-7-81-66-57-4-18-2-71-48-11-25-33...

NINE!

### FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

NASA SAYS IT WILL TAKE MANY YEARS AND MANY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO GET THE KIND OF PICTURES THEY WANT FROM THE HUBBLE TELESCOPE.

THEY MUST HAVE THE SAME CABLE COMPANY I HAVE!

### CALVIN AND HOBBS

By Bill Watterson

A BEE LANDED ON YOUR BACK!

A BEE?! ACKK! GET IT AWAY!!

DON'T MOVE, AND IT WON'T STING YOU.

JUST STAND STILL AND TRY NOT TO IMAGINE THAT IT MIGHT VERY WELL CRAWL DOWN YOUR SHIRT AND INTO YOUR PANTS!

By Bill Watterson

HE IMAGINED IT.

YOW!

### PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz

HOW DO YOU THINK YOU DID ON THE "TRUE OR FALSE" TEST, SIR?

"TRUE OR FALSE"?

By Charles M. Schulz

I THOUGHT IT WAS "YEAH OR NOPE"!

By Charles M. Schulz

### GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS HOUSE NEEDS, GARFIELD?

BAKED GOODS?

I'M GUESSING YOU DON'T THINK WE NEED WALLPAPER.

PICTURE IT! CUPCAKES AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE!

By Jim Davis

# Sports

## Baylor dominates UTEP; TCU crushes New Mexico

By The Associated Press

Texas coach David McWilliams admits there is no defense for the Longhorns' lack of offense in an opening-game loss to Mississippi State.

The Bulldog defense stifled 13th-ranked Texas, holding the Longhorns to 211 yards and Jason Ziegler's field goals of 44 and 22 yards in a 13-6 victory.

"We just couldn't get anything going consistently offensively," McWilliams said. "We moved the ball at times, but couldn't sustain anything."

Mississippi State coach Jackie Sherrill, a former Texas A&M and Pitt coach, continued his mastery of Texas, winning his sixth consecutive game against the Longhorns.

The defense constantly hurried Texas quarterback Peter Gardere, who threw for only 87 yards in completing 13 of 26 passes, and limited Longhorns tailback Buich Hadnot to 67 yards on 14 carries.

Sherrill, who returned to the sidelines this season after two years away from football, downplayed his impressive record against Texas.

"Coaches don't win, players do," he said. "Texas had a chance to win, but our players said no."

But Bulldogs quarterback William Robinson, who passed for 119 yards and the game's only touchdown, suspects there was more to the game for Sherrill.

"He was saying Ole Miss and Florida and LSU were more important, but deep down, I could tell he wanted this game more than any of them," Robinson said. "You could tell this meant a lot to him."

In other Southwest Conference games Saturday, Arkansas beat Southern Methodist 17-6, Baylor dominated Texas-El Paso in a 27-7 victory, Texas Christian crushed New Mexico 60-7 and Texas Tech trounced Cal Fullerton State 41-7. Houston and Texas A&M were off.

This week is highlighted by a Thursday match between No. 10 Houston and No. 3 Miami, which will be televised nationally on ESPN at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, Baylor plays Colorado at 2:30 p.m.; Arkansas faces Southwestern Louisiana at 4 p.m.; Rice meets Northwestern at 1 p.m.; SMU faces Vanderbilt at 6 p.m.; Texas A&M plays LSU at 6 p.m.; TCU faces Ball State at 7

p.m.; and Texas Tech meets Oregon at 7 p.m.

TCU coach Jim Wacker said he wasn't surprised by the Horned Frogs' biggest offensive explosion since a 68-0 victory over Austin College in 1932.

"I knew this was a possibility just because I think we've got some pretty good horses," Wacker said. "This was a good game to build on."

Quarterback Leon Clay led the Frogs, completing 18 of 26 passes for 253 yards and four touchdowns in less than three full quarters of work.

Fullback Robert Strait led the Bears in their victory over UTEP. Strait carried seven times for 112 yards and touchdowns of 47 and 30 yards.

"We didn't run anything too complicated," Strait said. "Coach (Grant Teaff) told us to just line up and take it to them."

Baylor did just that, gaining 280 rushing yards on 46 carries. The defense also was impressive, holding the Miners to 192 yards and a fourth quarter touchdown.

Arkansas' defense came to the rescue for its sputtering offense in the 17-6 victory over SMU. The Mustangs led 3-0 in the third quarter before punt returner Michael James raced 56 yards to give Arkansas the ball at the SMU 12.

Carlton Calvin pushed into the end zone three plays later to give the Razorbacks a 7-3 lead.

The Mustangs responded with Russell Anderson's second field goal in the fourth quarter, but Arkansas sealed the victory with a field goal and Ray Lee Johnson's 23-yard touchdown on an interception return.

"My heart goes out to this team," said SMU coach Tom Rossley. "I feel real bad. They played well enough to win, but some breaks went Arkansas' way."

Quarterback Jamie Gill threw for two touchdowns and ran for another in Texas Tech's victory over hapless Fullerton State. The Titans haven't won since a victory over Division II Sonoma State in the first game of the 1990 season.

The Red Raiders, who led 23-7 after three quarters, broke the game open with Gill's second touchdown pass, a 7-yarder to Byron Hooper, a 39-yard scoring run by freshman Byron Morris and Lin Elliott's third field goal.

## Oilers tame Bengals, break Riverfront hex

### Rams topple Giants with 'Eagles defense'

By The Associated Press

With the Los Angeles Rams looking like the Philadelphia Eagles, the New York Giants were certainly confused.

The result was a 19-13 loss for the defending Super Bowl champions on Sunday.

"I'm as disappointed today as I was elated on Monday," said first-year coach Ray Handley, whose Giants had beaten San Francisco 16-14 the week before. "It's not our style to turn the ball over. We can't play the game that way. We weren't consistent offensively. The effort was there, but the execution was lacking."

Part of the reason was the "Eagles defense" that the Rams threw at the Giants. It was the plan of defensive coordinator Jeff Fisher, who brought it to Los Angeles from Philadelphia.

The Rams' new "Eagles defense" limited the Giants to 293 total yards and forced three turnovers — leading to two of Tony Zendejas' four field goals.

"I think when you play a team twice a year and spend time in the offseason, you get to know a lot about a team," Fisher said. "Whether you're successful depends on your ability to transfer that knowledge to the players. Here in Los Angeles, we have a lot of intelligent players and they worked hard to make this defense work."

Fisher has always found a way to slow down the Giants. The Buddy Ryan disciple saw the Eagles beat New York five of the last six times they played.

## NFL Roundup

In other NFL games on Sunday, it was Buffalo 52, Pittsburgh 34; Cleveland 20, New England 10; Miami 17, Indianapolis 6; New Orleans 17, Kansas City 10; Minnesota 20, Atlanta 19; Detroit 23, Green Bay 14; Chicago 21, Tampa Bay 20; Phoenix 26, Philadelphia 10; San Francisco 34, San Diego 14; Los Angeles Raiders 16, Denver 13; Seattle 20, New York Jets 13; and Oilers 30, Bengals 7.

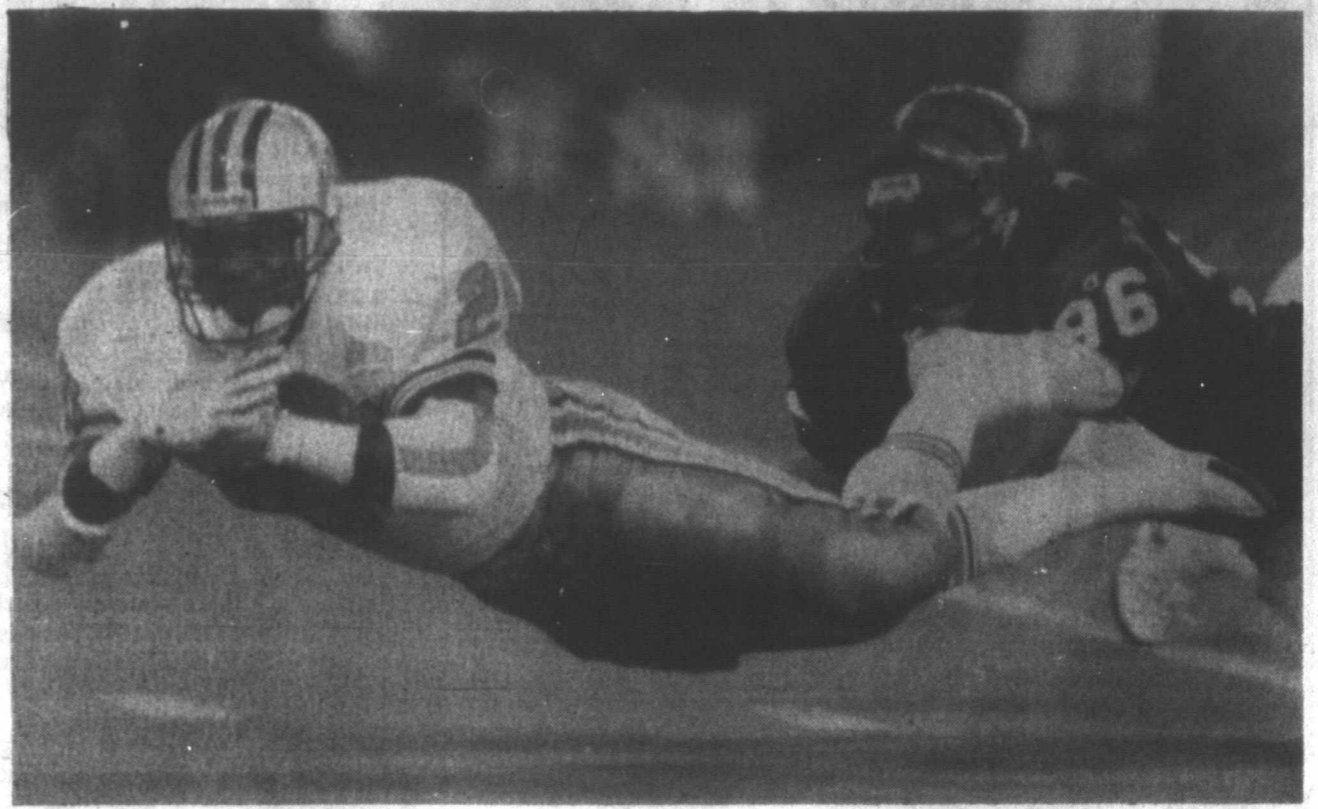
Washington plays at Dallas tonight.

Two things the Rams did well was to take away Dave Meggett's effectiveness on third down and contain Jeff Hostetler's scrambling ability. Meggett, the Giants' breakaway specialist, caught four passes for 30 yards and had one run for 2 yards. Hostetler, who completed 17 of 32 for 187 yards, had one scramble for 20 yards.

The Giants were 2-for-11 on third-down conversions after going 10-for-18 in their season-opening victory over San Francisco.

Houston 30, Cincinnati 7. The Oilers scored a pair of touchdowns one minute apart on Warren Moon's pass and Lamar Lathon's interception return.

Moon drove the Oilers 90 yards for a fourth-quarter touchdown, hitting Hayward Jeffries for a 22-yard touchdown pass and a 20-7 lead. Sixty-one seconds later, Lathon returned a deflected pass 52 yards for a touchdown that clinched the Oilers' first win at Riverfront Stadium in five games.



Houston Oiler running back Allen Pinkett dives for extra yardage as he is tackled by Cincinnati Bengals defensive lineman Natu Tuatagaloa Sunday.

Houston (2-0) had lost 10 of its last 11 in Cincinnati, including a 41-14 playoff rout last year. The Bengals (0-2) lost more than just their hex over the Oilers at Riverfront. They'd won their last 10 home games against AFC Central opponents and their last four home openers.

Bills 52, Steelers 34. Playing the best game of his career, Jim Kelly threw six touchdowns passes to lead the Bills over the Steelers, whose secondary allowed an NFL-low nine TD passes in 1990.

"You win with big plays and we had a lot of them today," Kelly said. Four of Kelly's scoring passes went to Don Beebe, the longest a 34-yarder, and the Bills had their second-highest scoring day ever. The Bills scored 58 points in 1966 against Miami.

Kelly also had touchdown passes to James Lofton and Andre Reed, while completing a career-high 31 passes in 43 attempts for 363 yards. The Bills had 537 total yards, one week after setting a franchise record with 582 yards against Miami.

"I would hate to play defense against us," Beebe said.

Browns 20, Patriots 0. In a battle of last season's two worst teams, Bernie Kosar and the Browns defense spoiled the Patriots' home opener. Kosar threw two touchdown passes and the defense turned in its first shutout in 32 games.

Cleveland was 3-13 last season. Only New England's 1-15 record was worse. The Patriots allowed 446 points. Only the Browns, with 462 points against, did worse.

The Patriots ended a 14-game losing streak by winning their opener last Sunday, 16-7 at Indianapolis.

Dolphins 17, Colts 6. Last week, Miami allowed 582 yards and lost 35-31 to Buffalo. This time, the host Dolphins held Indianapolis to 150 yards and won.

Mark Higgs rushed for 111 yards and became the first Dolphin since Andra Franklin in 1982 to top 100 yards in consecutive games. Dan Marino completed 14 of 25 passes for 147 yards with one interception.

The victory was the 299th of coach Don Shula's NFL career. Only the late George Halas won more games, 325.

"We can play good defense," said

end Jeff Cross, who had one of two Miami sacks. "There's no doubt that we've got what it takes to get this team where we want to go."

Saints 17, Chiefs 10. Bobby Hebert threw two touchdowns passes in the first half as the Saints held Kansas City to just one first down to win consecutive games at the start of the season for the first time in their 25-year history.

In the second half, the visiting Saints managed just two first downs, but held on for the victory with the help of a couple of big defensive plays.

The Chiefs seemed set to tie it when Neil Smith sacked Hebert and Derrick Thomas recovered at the Saints 27. But on third down, Reggie Jones intercepted a Steve DeBerg pass at his 21 to end that threat.

"I knew the result would come down to turnovers," Saints coach Jim Mora said. "Only turning the ball over once helped us win the game."

Vikings 20, Falcons 19. Cris Carter caught two touchdown passes from Wade Wilson to lead the Vikings.

Carter beat Bobby Butler on both TDs, the first covering 25 yards in the first quarter and the second covering 39 yards to build a 20-10 lead with 11:23 to play.

The Vikings won for the first time on natural grass in eight games. They had not won in an open-air stadium in their previous 11 tries.

Lions 23, Packers 14. Rodney Peete completed 25 of a career-high 38 attempts for 271 yards, and the host Lions beat the Packers in Barry Sanders' return to the lineup. Sanders, who missed the Lions' opener with a rib injury, gained 42 yards but scored Detroit's first touchdown.

Peete had a 12-yard scoring pass to Willie Green, and Eddie Murray kicked field goals of 41, 27 and 36 yards.

Bears 21, Bucs 20. Jim Harbaugh threw two touchdowns passes and the visiting Bears sacked Vinny Testaverde six times, continuing their mastery of the Buccaneers. Chicago has won 15 of the last 17 meetings between the clubs.

Harbaugh hit Neal Anderson on a 7-yard scoring pass and Wendell Davis on a 43-yard TD play as the Bears improved their September

record over the past seven years to 21-2.

Cardinals 26, Eagles 10. Tom Tupa got the better of the battle of backups at Philadelphia. Tupa, replacing the injured Tim Rosenbach, completed just 6 of 19 passes, but one was a 51-yard scoring throw to Johnny Johnson in the first quarter to give the Cardinals a 10-0 lead.

Jim McMahon, playing for the injured Randall Cunningham, completed 19 of 34 passes for 173 yards. Cunningham had started 62 consecutive games for the Eagles before going down last week for the season with a knee injury.

49ers 34, Chargers 14. Steve Young threw three touchdowns passes, including a 70-yarder to Jerry Rice that broke the game open in the third quarter. Young threw for 348 yards, and Rice had nine receptions for 150 yards, including a pair of TDs.

The 70-yarder gave the 49ers a 24-14 lead with 1:49 gone in the quarter, and Keith Henderson's 6-yard touchdown run late in the quarter increased San Francisco's lead to 31-14.

John Taylor caught four passes for 42 yards and a touchdown.

Raiders 16, Broncos 13. Jay Schroeder threw a 16-yard touchdown pass to Willie Gault, Roger Craig rushed for 99 yards, and the Raiders' defense limited the Broncos to a pair of first-half field goals until John Elway finally threw a 3-yard touchdown pass with 25 seconds left.

It was some measure of vindication for a Los Angeles defense that had allowed 99 points in its last two games, including 51 to Buffalo in the AFC championship game last season.

Seahawks 20, Jets 13. Starting his first game in three seasons, Seattle's Jeff Kemp passed for two touchdowns in the third quarter. Subbing for the injured Dave Krieg, Kemp threw for 182 yards, while the Seahawks' defense limited the Jets to a pair of field goals until Troy Taylor hit Rob Moore with a 6-yard TD pass with 1:14 to play.

Jets starting quarterback Ken O'Brien had to leave the game late in the fourth quarter with a twisted ankle after he was sacked by Rufus Porter.

## Cowboys take aim at Redskins with 'Fastest Gun in the West'

IRVING (AP) — There's a poster in the Cowboys public relations office. It shows Troy Aikman in western garb, drawing a football out of a pistol holster.

The cutline reads: "Fastest Gun in the West."

In offensive coordinator Norv Turner's new, get-rid-of-the-ball offense, Aikman has to be.

Turner, who tutored Jim Everett of the Los Angeles Rams, has Aikman quickly dropping back and throwing to areas, trying to hit receivers on the run. The old offense under David Shula was more mechanical and structured.

That means the Redskins will have

a "new" Aikman to defend tonight in an early season showdown of two old rivals.

"Aikman looks like he is very comfortable in the new Dallas offense," Washington coach Joe Gibbs said. "He's one of the best young quarterbacks in the league. He now has the experience to go with his talent."

Aikman hit 24 of 37 passes for 274 yards and two touchdowns in a 26-14 victory over the Lions. The Redskins opened with a 45-0 slaughter of the Lions.

Aikman said he feels confident in his third year, particularly with the new offense built around him and running back Emmitt Smith.

## Edberg dispatches Courier in straight sets to win Open title

By HAL BOCK  
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Midway through his U.S. Open championship match against Stefan Edberg, Jim Courier was down a set and on his way to losing another when he hit one of those shots tennis players dream about.

"I really clocked a return right at his feet and he hit this volley," Courier said. "He hit it right at the 'T.' The ball just bounced in the corner and spun away from me. It was one of those shots that you see on the tapes that Laver made 20 years ago. Not too many players are going to make that shot against me."

Edberg, though, would make shots like that all day in a 6-2, 6-4, 6-0 romp that was close to flawless. Later, he recalled the return that had left Courier flabbergasted.

"That was a nice little shot," he said. "No, actually that was one of the best volleys I had in the whole match."

And then he remembered another.

"I hit a smash on one of the break points and how I got that one back I'll never understand because I had just got my racket up and it just ended up being a winner."

It was like that from start to finish, Edberg putting on a virtuoso performance that even left him a little bewildered.

"It was almost like a dream," he said. "It was fantastic to actually play in a Grand Slam final and not lose your concentration once. The further the match went on, the more comfortable I played. I felt I could do almost anything out there."

And he did.

Edberg left the 21-year-old Courier very few options. He pinned him at the baseline, beat him to the net, administered a thorough thrashing to a player who had not dropped a set in this tournament until Sunday.

After one dazzling Edberg return, Courier looked at a fan in the crowd at the National Tennis Center, perhaps hoping for a suggestion, some help, anything.

The man merely shrugged. He had no answers, either.

"I was hitting some great shots," Courier said. "He was coming back with shots that made me look like I don't know what. So it was a bit discouraging at times, when I would hit those good, solid returns as hard as I could, right at his feet, and he would come in and hit an angle winner."

"I was always deep in trouble on my serve and it's awfully tough to be in a hole against a player like him because he plays so well when he is on top."

It began going downhill for Courier in the third game of the first set. Edberg put him in a love-40 hole and eventually broke his service after 20 points and 15 minutes. It was hard work for a single break, but it set the tone for the match.

"It was running my way," Edberg said. "I felt Jimmy was missing his serves by a couple of inches when I was hitting the lines. That really makes a big difference out there."

Edberg came into the Open as something of an enigma. He has never played well here, usually eliminated early. Seeded No. 1 a year ago, he was wiped out in the first round by Alexander Volkov. Then he struggled through a spotty summer — beaten by Ivan Lendl after blowing two match points in the Australian, a quarterfinal loser in the French, and beaten by eventual champion Michael Stich at Wimbledon.

Still, he said, he arrived in New York comfortable and confident.

"Because of what happened last year, I had everything to gain this year," he said. "And that is the way I looked at it going in. I had what I consider to be a bad

summer, but sooner or later, if you keep working, your game is going to come back. And it came back at the right time."

Still, only once has a player — Mal Anderson in the all-amateur days of 1957 — gone from first-round elimination one year to the U.S. Open championship the next. And Edberg's early matches gave no hint that he might become the second.

He had to come from behind in the first round against Bryan Shelton. He needed a tiebreaker in the first set and dropped the second against Jim Grabb. He was not playing dominating tennis.

And then, along came Michael Chang.

"I think the turning point was the Chang match," Edberg said. "That is where I really picked up my game, where I really started to play good tennis. He made me play and he made me think, and I got the rhythm back. That's really where I got the concentration. I really focused on every point in that match."

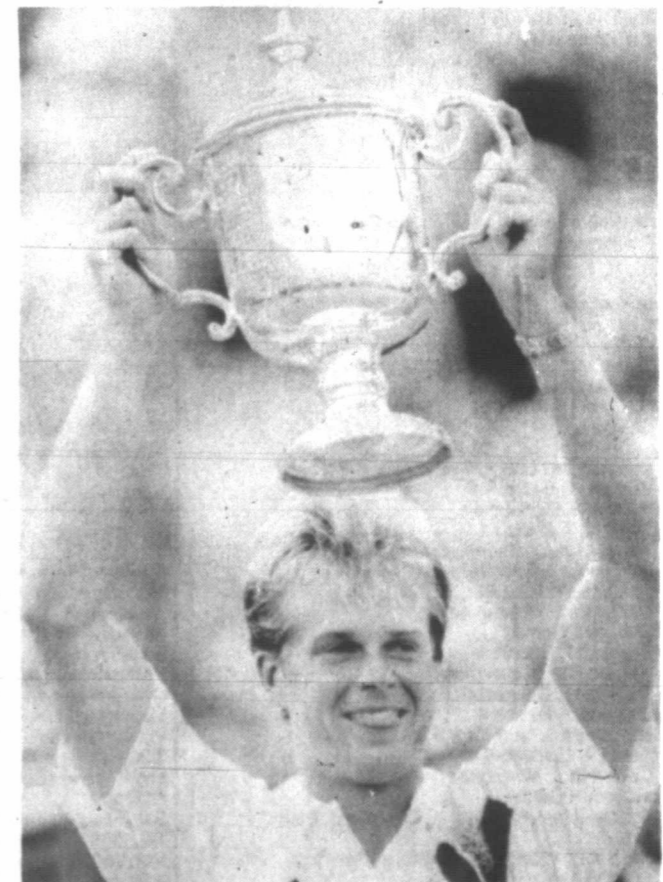
Edberg won 7-6, 7-5, 6-3. He would not lose another set the rest of the way.

"The last four matches I played here, I played as well as I think I can and I really peaked, especially for the last two matches," he said.

Edberg sort of snuck up on the tournament, which was captivated for two weeks by the heroics of 39-year-old Jimmy Connors.

Playing inspired tennis, Connors reached the semifinals and energized the Open. He was the centerpiece of the tournament and Edberg was asked if he thought Jimbo's show took anything away from his championship.

"Not a lot," he said, "because 50 years from now, when they look in the record books, you're going to see my name."



Stefan Edberg of Sweden holds high his trophy during award ceremonies.





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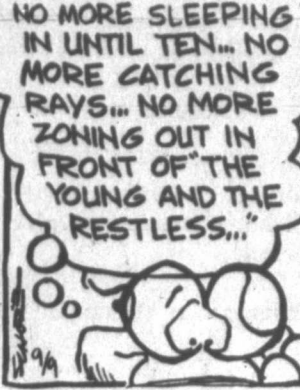
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## Activist asks West to withhold assistance to republics not observing human rights

By JOHN DANISZEWSKI  
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VILNIUS, Lithuania (AP) — A leading Soviet activist is calling on the West to withhold financial aid to his country or individual republics that fail to live up to international standards on human rights.

The comments by Lev Timofeyev came on the eve of an international human rights conference in Moscow, where activists hope last month's victory by democratic forces translate into lasting guarantees of individual rights.

In a related development Sunday, visiting U.S. congressmen said Washington is not likely to recognize secessionist Soviet Georgia until the southern republic improves its human rights record.

Timofeyev, a member of the Moscow Helsinki Group, spoke Sunday at the close of a meeting in Vilnius as the Baltic states rejoiced in independence granted by the Kremlin.

Timofeyev was emphatic in calling on Western countries to withhold assistance to "repressive regimes, wherever they are."

"Assistance may be given to the

former Soviet Union and to other state units (republics) only if there is no neglect, not to mention violation, of human rights," he said.

Helsinki Federation President Bjorn Elmquist of Denmark suggested some help to the Soviet Union might enhance human rights. Expectations about the future for human rights are "very much dependent on how the economy will develop," he said.

The Vilnius session, organized by the International Helsinki Federation, brought together Soviet and foreign experts to discuss the state of human rights in the collapsing union.

The findings were to be presented this week in Moscow to the governments of the Conference for Security and Cooperation in Europe, which convenes the international conference Tuesday in the Soviet capital.

Participants at the session in the Lithuanian capital said they saw some changes for the better in the Soviet Union but stressed there were still few guarantees of human rights.

After last month's failed coup the only political prisoner freed was

Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, charged Micah Naftalin, national director of the U.S.-based Union of Councils for Soviet Jews.

Elmqvist said the conference was shocked by reports of continued psychiatric abuses that he said were "very close to torture."

Similarly, he said, there was no independent judiciary and little progress in ensuring fair trial in the Soviet Union.

The conference warned of increasing ethnic conflicts and threats to the rights of minority groups as the 12 individual Soviet republics increasingly assert their own nationalism and power.

Such issues have become "very, very burning at a time when new concrete and real borders are appearing in the Soviet Union," said Timofeyev. "I am very afraid that blood will be spilled. I am sorry but I think so."

Speaking on the decision to suspend the activities of the Soviet Communist Party, Timofeyev said the action was justified as it prevented the party from acting as a quasi-government that worked to preserve all power to itself.

But he defended the rights of peo-

ple to hold Communist beliefs.

If his children someday decide they want to be Communists, he said, "I will consider that God has punished me, but I have no right to prohibit these convictions by source."

Elmqvist advised him to let the Communists "fight in the open — and they will lose."

On Sunday a U.S. congressional delegation left Georgia, saying they are convinced President Zviad Gamsakhurdia's government is too far from democracy to gain Washington's recognition.

Gamsakhurdia pressed the congressmen for a diplomatic signal from Washington for his republic's independence declaration, saying recognition could help lead to outright sovereignty.

"I was frank with him," said Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., a co-leader of the delegation. "I said, 'You're not going to get it unless you clean up your act.'"

DeConcini said he believed the Bush administration would at the least want evidence of free press, freedom of religion and land reform before any official ties could be established.

## Majority of Philippine senators endorse rejecting bases

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A majority of Philippine senators today endorsed a resolution opposing a new lease for a U.S. naval base, and several said there was no chance the extension would be ratified.

But Senate sources say the lawmakers may decide not to take a formal vote on the agreement itself and simply allow the current lease

on Subic Bay naval base to expire on Sept. 16 in hope the United States would ultimately agree to new negotiations.

President Corazon Aquino plans to lead a mass march to support the agreement, under which the Americans would give up Clark Air Base next year but keep Subic Bay naval base for 10 more years in return for \$203 million in annual aid.

Twelve of the Senate's 23 members supported a resolution today opposing the agreement. That was four more votes than would be required to defeat the agreement, which is expected to be tabled for debate on Tuesday.

A resolution recommending approval of the agreement was offered by Sen. Leticia Ramos-Shahani, but it failed to muster enough support to be presented to the full Senate.

"There's no chance the treaty will be ratified anymore," said Sen.

Alberto Romulo, one of 11 senators who voted against the resolution.

The Senate must approve the agreement by Sept. 16 when the current lease expires on Subic, 50 miles northwest of Manila. If the agreement is not ratified by then, the Americans must begin to withdraw.

Several senators who support a continued U.S. military presence oppose the agreement because of what they regard as insufficient compensation.

Senate sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they hope the Americans will ask for a delay of up to one year in vacating Subic, during which time new negotiations could be held.

Mrs. Aquino plans to hold a pro-bases rally Tuesday, and government sources say her administration has pressured officials to spare no effort to muster a large crowd. In a national radio and television state-

ment today, Mrs. Aquino said it would be foolish to close Subic at a time when the country is reeling from the effects of June's eruption of the Mount Pinatubo volcano.

More than 600 people have died from the effects of the volcano since it began erupting June 9 after 600 years of dormancy. The dislocation helped raise the unemployment rate nationwide to 17 percent, its highest level since World War II. The United States agreed to abandon Clark because of damage suffered during the eruptions. Clark lies only 10 miles east of the volcano.

Most Filipinos are believed to back a new lease, especially those in the city of Olongapo, whose 300,000 residents depend heavily on business from the nearby base. But a strong minority in the media, academia and the government oppose the U.S. presence as an infringement on national sovereignty.

## Argentines give surprising vote of confidence to President Carlos Menem's harsh reforms

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BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Argentines appear to have given a vote of confidence in President Carlos Menem's painful free market policies, with his party making gains in midterm elections, early returns indicated today.

"The results are really gratifying," Menem said after Sunday's balloting. Just weeks ago he was preparing for a political setback after two years in office.

Interior Minister Jose Luis Manzano said the outcomes "give us spirit to more profoundly pursue the path we believe is correct."

That path is the privatization and deregulation of what had been one of the free world's most socialist economies.

At stake Sunday were 86 seats in the lower house of congress, or about one-third; 12 governors, or about one-half; and more than 9,000 municipal and town officials.

Partial official returns at midnight Sunday, six hours after polls closed, indicated Menem's Peronists would pick up a few seats in the House of Deputies races, but not enough to give them an abso-

lute majority.

With just over a third of the votes counted, the Peronists received 40 percent and the Civic Radical Union, Argentina's second-largest party, 32 percent. The rest was split among seven other parties and blank ballots.

An estimated 80 percent of the 17.4 million eligible voters cast ballots.

The Peronists also appeared to retain six governorships and were leading in four others they already controlled.

The Civic Radical Union retained the important industrial province of Cordoba. A local party kept control of the 12th province at stake.

The Radicals had hoped to give the Peronists a beating, but suddenly glowing economic news changed that.

After nearly two years of austerity measures, inflation was 27 percent in February and workers lucky enough to have jobs saw paychecks shrink as real wages failed to keep up with the cost of living. Further, Menem was beset by corruption scandals among top aides.

In August, however, the stock market set records for volume, inflation dipped to 1.3 percent, the lowest in 17 years, and the jobless

rate dropped to 6 percent.

The three-stage elections that began Aug. 11 are the first since Menem took office in July 1989, and the Peronists' first as the governing party in four decades. Last month, the Peronists won two of the three provinces contested.

The remaining eight provinces have elections Oct. 27. After that, one-half of the 254-seat House of Deputies will have been renewed, plus all 23 provincial governorships and legislatures.

The key test was Buenos Aires, Argentina's foremost province by most every measure — population, wealth, natural resources, seats in congress and cultural riches. Vice President Eduardo Duhalde, prodded by Menem to run for governor, won easily.

Duhalde will not be replaced and Argentina won't have a vice president until national elections are held in 1995, Menem said. The next in line is the provisional president of the Senate, Menem's younger brother Eduardo.

The Communist and other leftist parties, thrown into disarray by the collapse of the Soviet Union and international socialism, garnered few votes.

## Two men claim responsibility for wheatfield circles

LONDON (AP) — A newspaper said today the mysterious wheatfield circles in southern England that have baffled scientists for years were a hoax created by two men who have come forward to claim responsibility.

The tabloid Today said Douglas Bower and David Chorley of Southampton contacted the newspaper and gave detailed information about how they planned and executed each design since the late 1970s. The newspaper said it paid no money in connection with the story.

Some people were convinced the circles were created by extra-terrestrials. Patrick Delgado, author of two books on that theme, said it looked as if he and many others had been duped.

Bower said he had lived in Australia during a period when similar circles were put in crops in Queensland "as a joke." Today said.

The two men hit on the idea of doing it in England while sitting in a pub "wondering what we could do for a bit of a laugh," Bower was quoted as saying.

Today said it had checked the men's circle-making skills in a field and then invited Delgado to see the result. His response, the story said: "No human could have done this."

The men used four-foot planks with rope reins to flatten the wheat and produce circles, the story said. Straight lines were made using a simple wire "gunsight" on a baseball cap that allowed the men to walk while aiming at a distant object, it said.



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