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LUBBOCK (AP) — Smells of hay, barbecue — and, yes, manure — waft over the 800-acre show-place billed as Texas' first working farm show.

The three-day Farmer-Stockman Show opened Tuesday with the roar of harvest equipment. The show featured exhibits, seminars and demonstrations.

AUSTIN (AP) — Three former top officials at the Texas Department of Agriculture on trial facing bribery and conspiracy charges may be guilty of sloppy paperwork, but not criminal wrongdoing, defense attorneys say.

Jury deliberations in the federal trial are expected to begin today.

The aides to former Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower — Mike Moeller, Peter McRae and Billie Quicksall — have denied wrongdoing and said the 3-year-old case against them is politically motivated.

Federal prosecutors contend that the defendants used fraudulent invoices to get money out of the Texas comptroller's office to pay two consultants for the political fund-raising efforts.

DALLAS (AP) — The dean of students at the University of North Texas says he'll decide today on the future of a campus sorority accused of hazing.

Alpha Kappa Alpha's chapter at the Denton school has been suspended from group activities since the hazing was reported in April. Seven sorority members were charged with hazing, a misdemeanor. They were accused of striking the pledges with paddles and food and forcing them to eat hot peppers.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The site of President Kennedy's assassination in Dallas was designated Tuesday as a national historic landmark. Permanently intertwined with tragedy, Dealey Plaza has long been a shrine for the countless visitors wanting to retrace the final route taken by Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963.

AUSTIN (AP) — A Texas Association of School Boards official says the state must revamp its tax system, including passage of a levy on personal income, before it can solve school funding problems.

"The state must solve its fundamental problem with its revenue system. A personal income tax is part of that solution. It's not the entire solution," Billy Walker, TASB executive director, testified in a school funding trial Tuesday.

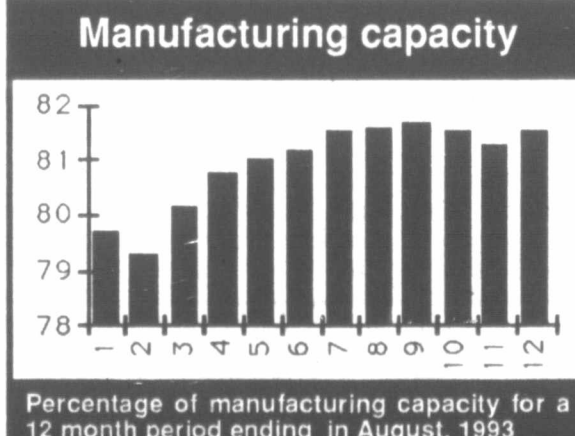
He was asked by State District Judge F. Scott McCown to describe his proposed school funding solution.

Texas has among the highest state government tax rates bringing in the least money in the nation, said Walker.

AUSTIN (AP) — Defense lawyers for a condemned killer plan a flurry of court motions to block the execution of Robert Nelson Drew, who claims he was a witness to a 1983 slaying — but not the killer. Robert Drew, 34, of West Pawlet, Vt., faces lethal injection early Thursday for a 1983 slaying.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department estimated this year's corn harvest at 6.6 billion bushels, the lowest in a decade outside the drought years 1983 and 1988. Tuesday's estimate, down 4 percent from last month's and 27 percent below the 1992 record of 9.48 billion bushels of corn, reflected the ongoing impact of summer flooding in the Midwest and drought in the Southeast.

NEW YORK (AP) — Major Wall Street brokerage firms reported double-digit gains in quarterly profits. Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc., Wall Street's biggest brokerage firm, reported Tuesday its third quarter earnings rose 57 percent, while Bear Stearns Cos. Inc. posted a 66 percent advance and discount Charles Schwab had a 185 percent rise. PaineWebber's earnings rose 14 percent.



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Hail, funnel clouds dot panhandle

Compiled from reports by The Pampa News staff and The Associated Press

Boiling clouds in the eastern panhandle produced a display of pyrotechnics, some hail and a little rain, but according to the National Weather Service, no tornadoes.

A series of thunderstorms that swept across the eastern part of the Texas Panhandle Tuesday night produced a few funnel clouds, but no actual tornadoes, a spokesman for the National Weather Service said today.

The storms began in Ochiltree and Hemphill counties and moved south from there, NWS science officer John Eise said.

"I had a guy who called in and said he saw two tornadoes," Roberts County Sheriff Bill Britton said.

County officials activated Miami's tornado warning siren but never received any report on damage.

Northeast Gray County was placed under a tornado watch briefly Tuesday evening. "We got quite a bit of hail," Britton said today. "There were some windows knocked out, but outside of that not much damage. Probably some roofs."

Pea-size hail covered Texas 70 solid white in Ochiltree County in the far northern portion of the panhandle, said sheriff's dispatcher Edna Epp. Heavy rain and hail were reported just west and south of Perryton.

Three "rope twisters" were seen in the sky about 17 miles south of the small town, but

none touched down, Ms. Epp said.

"We didn't get but a little bit of rain," said Kay Williams with the Hemphill County Sheriff's office. "We got just enough to wet the ground."

The storm seemed to pick up intensity as it moved south. "It got kind of rough looking," said a spokesman for the Wheeler County Sheriff's office today, but she said there were no reports of any damage.

Belinda Daniels of the Shamrock Police Department said the storm moved between Shamrock and McLean.

"In Shamrock, they didn't get much," she said. "I live between Shamrock and McLean, and we got a heck of a hail storm. It was a pretty rough looking storm. We watched a funnel

come down, but it never started rotating and never touched the ground."

She said the hail was the size of golf balls. "A few of them were a little bigger," she said.

Hail broke out a windshield on a fire truck near Lela, she said. Baseball-size hail pelted an area about six miles north of Lela in the Panhandle, the Association Press reported. There were numerous reports of small hail in the panhandle.

Downstate, a dozen people suffered apparently minor injuries when a tornado destroyed four homes in the Gustine area of Comanche County.

The Gustine tornado was one of several that touched down across a vast area of Texas

Tuesday night and strong thunderstorms triggered tornadoes, damaging straight winds, large hail and flash flood-producing rainfall.

Another tornado touched down in northeast Throckmorton County, destroying a mobile home, three vehicles and several smaller buildings and killing at least four steers.

Hail, ranging from dime-size to softball-size, pelted a vast area of North Texas. An interstate highway was closed for a time because it was covered by hail stones about two feet deep, the National Weather Service reported.

Donna Dubberke, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth, said severe weather extended about 60 miles east and west from the line of storms between Altus, Okla., and Victoria.



Baker School Principal Dick Crockett addresses a crowd Tuesday night at a special session of the Pampa school board at the elementary school. (Pampa News photo)

School board meets to discuss low test scores

By JOHN McMILLAN Staff Writer

Despite a high rate of failure on a May TAAS test by economically disadvantaged fourth graders at Baker Elementary School, officials assured a crowd of about 60 people Tuesday that a comprehensive improvement strategy is being pursued.

The new strategy emphasizes individual attention to students, a higher rate of attendance, and communication with parents.

Members of the Baker campus leadership team reported on strategies for boosting academic skills at the school during a Tuesday evening public hearing in the school's gym.

Several residents expressed confidence Dick Crockett, the new principal at Baker.

"I think Mr. Crockett will be the principal to get this school back on its feet," said Victoria Davis, who is the aunt of several Baker students.

Pampa school board member Chris Perez said he is confident that TAAS scores at Baker will be significantly higher in May, 1994.

"We have an excellent leader in Mr. Crockett, and once you have an excellent leader, the rest of the team will follow and make it happen," Perez said.

The public hearing Tuesday was required by the state of Texas because of low scores by economically disadvantaged Baker students on the May Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test for fourth graders.

Only 19 percent of the economically disadvantaged fourth graders at Baker Elementary passed all three portions of the TAAS test —

writing, reading, and mathematics.

The Texas Education Agency has warned that if schools around the state with "unacceptable" failure rates by economically disadvantaged students do not make a reasonable effort to improve scores, the state might replace management staff at such schools or close a school within two to three years.

Dr. Dawson Orr, superintendent of Pampa schools, told parents and Baker teachers Tuesday that "my firm belief is that (such drastic actions by the state) will not happen."

Crockett also voiced optimism Tuesday night. "I think the teachers are positive, they're working together as a team, with a particular goal — the success of our students," Crockett said.

There are 22 full-time teachers and 279 students at Baker Elementary. The school offers Head Start and a developmental education class for handicapped children well as kindergarten through fifth grade at Baker Elementary.

Among the steps being taken at Baker are teacher workshops in the summer, addition of one full-time fourth-grade teacher position, emphasis on individual attention, emphasizing individual learning styles of students, and boosting attendance.

Crockett said he has asked an expert on English as a Second Language programs to evaluate the program at Baker and offer recommendations. Among the issues he expects the ESL expert to address will be whether the instructional staff size of the program at Baker is large enough.

Clinton putting Haiti on hold after protests

By ROBERT BURNS Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is suspending plans to put 600 American military advisers in Haiti following protests by gun-wielding militants that prevented a Navy ship from docking at Port-au-Prince.

The administration withdrew the planned training and technical assistance mission Tuesday pending firmer commitments from Haitian military leaders to live up to a July agreement to restore democratic rule.

"I want the Haitians to know that I am dead serious about seeing them honor the agreement they made" to restore deposed President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to power, President Clinton told reporters Tuesday on the South Lawn of the White House.

Madeleine Albright, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said in New York that Clinton had asked her to press for renewed international sanctions against Haiti's military regime at a U.N. Security Council meeting today. Sanctions were lifted in July after the military signed an agreement in Governors Island, N.Y., clearing

the way for Aristide's return.

The administration suspended American participation in a U.N.-sponsored mission in Haiti after right-wing militants prevented the USS Harlan County from docking in the capital of Port-au-Prince on Monday.

The amphibious landing ship, carrying 194 U.S. and 25 Canadian noncombat forces, pulled out of Haitian waters Tuesday and headed for the nearby U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. It was ordered to remain there until further notice.

Kathleen deLaski, the chief Pentagon spokeswoman, said the administration also was scrapping plans to send a second shipload of U.S. support and logistics forces from Norfolk, Va. The USS Fairfax County, a tank landing ship, was due to leave Norfolk today. Ms. deLaski said its departure was "delayed pending developments in Haiti."

An advance party of 25 American military advisers that arrived last week in Port-au-Prince would stay for now, but if there is no significant progress by Monday toward establishing more security in the capital, they might be pulled out, Ms. deLaski said.

City buys new meter readers for utility dept.

By RANDAL K. McGAVOCK Staff Writer

The City of Pampa will purchase a new electronic meter reading system for the city's utilities department.

The electronic devices will cost the city a total of \$29,229.92, \$17,000 for the readers, software and training, and \$12,229.92 for a five year maintenance program.

The new readers, approved by the city commission Tuesday, replace those the city has had for the past seven years.

"The main reason that we are going out to bid and purchasing again is that the maintenance costs accelerated considerably after the lease (on the old readers) . . . and it's just too expensive to maintain," said Susan Crane, Pampa's purchasing manager. "Of course, technology has really progressed the last seven years."

In other business, the city commission declared property owned by the city surplus and set a tentative date of Nov. 13 for an auction at Pump Station #3 on Barnes Street.

Items include bikes, vehicles, lawn and garden equipment, electronic equipment.

Resolutions naming Oct. 27 "Unfunded Mandate Day" and supporting the agreement of a 2.9 percent reduction in Southwestern Public Service rate charges soon be put into effect. The change in rates, however, will be temporary. Further rate reductions will come in the future, according to the city.

The commission sold delinquent tax property at 900 E. Gordon for \$300. The property is made up of two 25' lots.

The commissioner and mayor recognized Milo Carlson, Bobbie Nisbet and Betty Beyer for their service on two of the city's advisory boards. Carlson and Nisbet have served a number of years on the Planning and Zoning Commission while Beyer has served on the M.K. Brown Auditorium Board.

Following the regular meeting of the city commission, the commissioner and mayor met in executive session to discuss pending litigation against the city. No action was taken.

A special meeting of the commission will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday in City Hall to discuss the hiring of a new city manager. A representative of Ralph Andersen and Associates will be present with a list of finalists for the position.

The high heels were orange

A 38-year-old Pampa man was freed on bond today after being arrested for disorderly conduct.

Melford N. Hanks was arrested Monday afternoon in downtown Pampa reportedly clad only in women's briefs, stockings and high heels.

Officers said Hanks was arrested in the 100 block of East

Kingsmill after a number of people called and stopped by the police station to report a man running around downtown dressed only in women's underwear and high heels.

Hanks was charged with disorderly conduct by offensive public display. Justice of the Peace Bob Muns set bond at \$300.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

HEDGECOKE, Dale — 2 p.m., Church of Christ, Canadian.
VAUGHAN, Simmie E. — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Tulia.

Obituaries

DALE HEDGECOKE

CANADIAN — Dale Hedgecoke, 78, died Tuesday, Oct. 12, 1993. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Church of Christ, with Mike Heatwole, minister, officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Cemetery by Stuckley-Hull Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hedgecoke was born in Ende, N.M. He was the only graduate of Stinnett High School in 1933. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He married Erma Carr in 1940 at Arnett, Okla. He moved to Canadian in 1938. He owned Hedgecoke Livestock Transportation Co. for 38 years. He was a longtime member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Ed Hedgecoke of Canadian; and a brother, Dean Hedgecoke of Morse.

EVA SWOFFORD KITCHENS

Eva Swafford Kitchens, 75, died Tuesday, Oct. 12, 1993, at Amarillo. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Dean Whaley Jr., minister of Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Kitchens was born on Dec. 17, 1917, in McLean. She moved to Pampa in 1936 from McLean. She married Tom Kitchens on July 29, 1940, in Amarillo. She worked for Gray County Abstract and National Farm Loan Association and was administrative secretary for Cabot Corp. Engineering Division for 34 years, retiring in 1980. She was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and the Pampa Women's Golf Association.

Survivors include her husband, Tom, of the home; four sisters, Fay Akers, Frances Johnson, Betty Pat Howell and a twin sister, Ava Warren, all of Pampa; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center, Amarillo, or to a favorite charity.

The family will be at 1919 Chestnut.

SIMMIE E. VAUGHAN

TULIA — Simmie E. Vaughan, 81, brother of a Panhandle resident, died Monday, Oct. 11, 1993. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Ernest McGahey, pastor, officiating. Masonic graveside services will follow in Rose Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are by Wallace Funeral Home.

Mr. Vaughan was born in Webb County and married Zora Agnes Hutson in 1934 at Tulia. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Tiona Eileen Vaughan, in 1939. He came to Swisher County in 1924 from Silverton. He was a member of Tulia Masonic Lodge No. 733 and a past member of the Khiva Shrine in Amarillo. He was a retired farmer and a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Martha Ellen Hooper of Plainview and Frances Pearl Hutson and Ellouise Agnes House, both of Tulia; two sisters, Nora McGavock of Happy and Zelma McClanahan of Big Spring; two brothers, Brill J. Vaughan of Boise City, Okla., and Ralph R. Vaughan of Panhandle; 11 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice of Canyon, 2 Hospital Drive, Canyon, Texas 79015.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions	
Graciela Marin and baby girl	
Hazel Fern Smith	
Laurie Sutherland and baby boy	
Connie Cates	
Bonnie Faye Dunn	
Marjorie Gladys Guill	
Angie P. Mata	
Hazel F. Smith (extended care)	
SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions	
Luden Wieberg	
Miami	
Verda L. Burnett	
Dismissals	
Pampa	
Raymond Douglas	
Ralph Earl Jackson	

Accidents

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

TUESDAY, Oct. 12

12:40 p.m. — A 1981 Chevrolet driven by Minnie Strawbridge Evans, 83, 501 S. Sumner, collided with a 1983 Chevrolet pickup parked in the 100 block of North Russell and owned by J. Harley Madison, 2735 N. Cherokee. No injuries were reported. Evans was cited for traveling the wrong way on a one-way street.

12:42 p.m. — A 1992 Ford driven by Anna Louise Nail, 16, 2610 Navajo, collided with a 1992 Chevrolet pickup driven by Kevin Lynn Whitson, 16, 2112 N. Wells, in the 100 block of West Randy Matson Avenue. No injuries were reported. Nail was cited for following too closely.

9:28 p.m. — A 1993 Nissan pickup parked in a lot in the 100 block of South Starkweather and owned by Brenda Tidwell, 319 N. Warren, was struck by an unidentified vehicle which fled the scene. No injuries were reported. No citations were issued.

9:45 p.m. — A 1988 Chevrolet driven by Roger Earl Terry, 23, 523 Davis, collided with a blue Toyota pickup which fled the scene of the accident. No injuries were reported. No citations were issued.

Police report

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

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Brenda Tidwell, 319 N. Warren, reported a hit and run.
Joanne Hazelwood, 315 1/2 E. Kingsmill, reported a theft.

Roger Earl Terry, 525 Davis, reported a hit and run.

Arrest

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Lucinda George, 37, 924 Gordon, was arrested on an outstanding warrant and having no insurance. She was released from custody after paying the fine.

Fires

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

TUESDAY, Oct. 12

10:29 a.m. — Three units and seven firefighters responded to a report of a structure fire at 601 E. Foster. Damage was limited to a chair. The incident is currently under investigation.

7:10 p.m. — Two units and three firefighters responded to a grass fire six miles east of Laketon on Texas 152. They were called back before arriving at the scene.

8:35 p.m. — Three unit and seven firefighters responded to a good intent call at the intersection of Cook Avenue and Gray Street.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported no incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Arrest

TUESDAY, Oct. 12

Larry Wayne Brewer, 37, Blossom, Texas, was arrested on an outstanding Department of Public Safety warrant from Hutchinson County.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler Evans of Pampa	
Wheat	3.13
Milo	3.96
Com.	4.42
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:	
Serco	6 dn 1/4
Occidental	20 3/8 dn 1/8
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:	
Magellan	75 8/8
Puritan	15 9/8
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa:	
Amoco	57 3/8 dn 1/4
Arco	112 3/4 dn 3/8
Cabot	56 1/8 up 1/4
Cabot O&G	23 3/8 up 1/4
Chevron	95 3/4 dn 1/8
Coca-Cola	42 1/2 up 3/8
Diamond Sham	25 up 1/8
Enron	36 1/8 dn 1/8
Halliburton	36 3/8 up 1/8
HealthTrust Inc.	23 3/4 NC
Ingersoll Rand	36 1/4 NC
KNE	26 7/8 up 3/8
Kerr McGee	50 7/8 up 7/8
Limited	23 NC
Masco	61 1/4 dn 1/2
Maxus	6 1/2 dn 1/4
McDonald's	53 up 5/8
Mobil	84 1/8 dn 1/8
New Atmos	30 1/2 dn 1/8
Parker & Parsley	34 3/8 dn 1/8
Penney's	46 3/4 up 1/8
Phillips	35 3/8 dn 1/8
SLB	64 1/4 dn 5/8
SIPS	31 3/8 dn 1/8
Tenneco	52 3/8 up 1/4
Texas	69 1/8 NC
Wal-Mart	25 5/8 dn 1/8
New York Gold	366.10
Silver	4.37
West Texas Crude	18.71

Calendar of events

VFW DOMINO DAY

VFW Domino Day is set for 1-5 p.m. Thursday at the Post Home, Borger Highway. Free coffee, bring your own dominos. No alcohol permitted.

Wal-Mart loses predatory pricing suit

CONWAY, Ark. (AP) — Wal-Mart Stores Inc., regarded by many Main Street merchants as the bully on the block, got its nose bloodied on its own turf.

An Arkansas judge ruled Tuesday that the chain — which became the nation's largest retailer by way of discounting — used low prices to try to drive smaller competitors out of business.

Judge David Reynolds said Bentonville-based Wal-Mart violated state law by selling some drugs and health and beauty aids below cost at its store in Conway. He awarded the plaintiffs, three independent Arkansas drugstores, nearly \$300,000.

It was the first predatory-pricing ruling against Wal-Mart, which critics have blamed for the demise of some long-established merchants in small towns around the country. The ruling applies only in Arkansas, but it could encourage similar lawsuits elsewhere.

Wal-Mart said it will appeal to the Arkansas Supreme Court. Robert K. Rhoads, Wal-Mart general counsel, warned of higher prices "not just for Wal-Mart customers but customers" at stores throughout the state.

Investors apparently shrugged off the ruling. Wal-Mart stock fell 75 cents to \$25.75 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Some analysts said there is little chance the three pharmacies will prevail if the case is appealed outside Arkansas courts. Terence McEvoy of the New York brokerage Janney Montgomery Scott Inc. predicted the U.S. Supreme Court would reverse the decision if the case got that far.

The ruling is "blatant restraint of trade, which at one time was allowed and in the current environment no longer is," he said. "It's a state law, and today's environment is much different than when that law was written. Court decisions tend to go with the times."

Wal-Mart said in a two-day trial in August that it priced some items below cost to draw customers, not to drive local druggists out of business.

Reynolds based his ruling in part on price comparisons of products sold by Wal-Mart and by the plaintiffs and other competitors.

The judge also noted a variation in prices of Wal-Mart products in other markets with more or less

competition, as well as the company's stated policy of meeting or beating the competition without regard to cost.

Matthew Adlong, a lawyer for the three pharmacies that sued, said small stores nationwide were awaiting the outcome of the case to decide whether to proceed with similar cases against Wal-Mart and other retailers.

"It's important to beat Wal-Mart. They were literally driving the small people out of business," said the lead plaintiff in the Wal-Mart case, druggist Dwayne Goode. "There's no way anyone can keep their prices down with Wal-Mart and survive."

Besides Goode, who owns American Drugs in Conway, the plaintiffs were owner Jim Hendrickson of Baker Drug Store in Conway and Tim Benton of Mayflower Family Pharmacy in Mayflower.

They claimed Wal-Mart violated Arkansas' 56-year-old Unfair Practices Act, which bars merchants from selling items at a loss with the intent of harming competitors.

Wal-Mart, which had more than \$55 billion in sales in 1992, became the nation's biggest retailer in 1991.

School briefs

Grandview-Hopkins ISD

Grandview-Hopkins Independent School District is hoping to offer some financial incentive to its students for attending a post-secondary institution.

The Grandview-Hopkins school board voted 7-0 on Tuesday to approve the establishment of a non-profit corporation that would serve as a basis for setting up a foundation and accompanying endowment fund, said Norman Baxter, superintendent of the Grandview-Hopkins ISD.

The endowment fund would provide scholarships for attending post-secondary institutions, Baxter said. The scholarships would be expected to pay for the costs of students' tuition, books and fees, Baxter said.

"The board has always been looking for ways to encourage students to get a good education," Baxter noted.

An average of about four students graduate each year from sixth grade at Grandview-Hopkins School, Baxter said. He added that he hopes the endowment fund could eventually fund scholarships for 15 to 20 students per year.

Baxter, who proposed to the school board the establishment of the endowment fund, said he has been developing the idea for the last half-year.

Baxter said he does not know of any other school districts in the Panhandle that have established foundations offering college scholarships.

Fort Elliott ISD

BRISCOE — The regularly scheduled meeting for the board of trustees of Fort Elliott Consolidated Independent School District has been postponed until Thursday.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Thursday in the superintendent's office, 501 W. Wilson, in Briscoe.

Items on the agenda for the Thursday meeting include consideration of health insurance policies; consideration of a suitable provision lawsuit; hearing of a tax collection report; and hearing of a report from Bob Downs, superintendent of Fort Elliott Consolidated ISD Superintendent.

The regularly scheduled meeting for this month had originally been scheduled for Monday, but was canceled, Downs said today.

PHS alumni reunion

Boosters are planning a reunion for all Pampa High School classes following Friday's Homecoming game.

The Pampa High School All Sports Booster Club will host its second all class reunion this year. The members will serve coffee and donuts in the girls gym following the Homecoming game Friday night, according to Don Whitney, president of the organization.

"This will be the second year we've had it," Whitney said. "We had about 100 people last year. We'd like to increase that if we could."

Joe Millican is co-ordinating the event, Whitney said. For more information, call Whitney at 665-8451 or Millican at 665-5631.

City briefs

BRICK REPAIR, Harley Knutson, 665-4237. Adv.

RADIO SHACK - Borger Store only Cellular Phone deal! Techno-phone Bag Phone, only \$29.95 with activation. Get a Pampa and an Amarillo number both for only \$30 a month total with 60 free minutes on the Pampa number every month. This deal only at Borger Radio Shack, 425 W. 10th, 274-7077, evenings 665-6779. Free Pampa delivery. Adv.

PERSONAL TOUCH Upstairs Sale: Fall items 20, 30 and 50% off. Adv.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION Sale: Continues with big savings throughout the store. 1/3 off all Fall dresses. Backroom now 50% off. Bette's, 708 N. Hobart. Adv.

CHANEY'S CAFE Open Monday-Saturday 11-2, Sunday 11-3. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

CLARENDON COLLEGE (Provider #0093) is offering, "MCE Complete Legal Update: Keeping Current With Texas Real Estate", (TREC Course Number 15-09-064-0163), on October 16-17, 1993, from 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. This course has been approved by the Texas Real Estate Commission for 15 hours of MCE Credit, 8 hours of which is in legal topics. For more information call 665-8801. Registration must be done by Thursday, October 14, 1993. Adv.

HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS and Jewelry at Mom N Me, open Wednesday - Saturday 12 noon-5:30. Behind Energas. Adv.

FOUND SET of keys at Carmichael Whitley, call 665-2323. Adv.

PAMPA ACADEMY of Christian Education is accepting donations for a garage sale, Saturday, October 16. For pick up call 669-CARE (2273). Adv.

PAMPA LIONS Club Mop and Broom Sale, Thursday 8 to 5, First National bank parking lot, across from Post Office. Adv.

FURNITURE DOCTOR, stripping, refinishing and repairs. 669-3643. Adv.

BASKETS OF Love and Party Too Now Open! Spooktastic Halloween Gifts! Combs-Worley Building. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, variable cloudiness and mild, low in the mid 50s, northeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday, variable cloudiness, high in the mid 70s, southerly winds 15 to 25 mph. Lake wind warnings will be posted on area lakes. The high on Tuesday was 79; the overnight low was 46.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, fair north and partly cloudy south. Lows 50-55. Thursday, mostly cloudy in the morning with some patchy fog southern sections, partly cloudy in the afternoon with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms northeast. Highs in mid 70s. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in upper 40s to low 50s. South Plains: Tonight, fair this evening then becoming cloudy.

Lows in mid 50s. Thursday, cloudy in the morning with patchy fog, partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs 75-80. Thursday night, fair. Lows in mid to upper 50s.

North Texas - Tonight, scattered thunderstorms in the southeast this evening, otherwise mostly cloudy with lows in upper 50s to mid 60s. Thursday, mostly cloudy with highs in mid 70s to low 80s. Thursday night, partly cloudy with lows in the 60s.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the 50s Hill Country, 60s south central. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 80s to near 90. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the 60s. Coastal Bend: Tonight, partly cloudy with widely scattered showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s and 70s. Thursday and Thursday night, partly cloudy. Highs in the 80s and low

90s. Lows in the 60s and 70s. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the 60s and 70s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 80s and 90s. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the 70s.

BORDER STATES

Oklahoma - Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows from upper 40s to mid 50s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in 70s.

New Mexico - Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows from upper 40s to mid 50s east and south. Thursday and Thursday night, partly cloudy. A slight chance of showers Four Corners and northern mountains. Breezy Thursday afternoon. Warmer northeast Thursday. Highs from 50s to mid 70s mountains and northwest, upper 60s to mid 80s east and south.

Controversy surrounds Lyme disease cure

EL PASO (AP) — Some U.S. health authorities have condemned a medical procedure which a Mexican physician says can be used to treat patients with Lyme disease.

Dr. Sergio Perez Barrio said he successfully treated two Lyme disease patients from Hungary this year using the technique, which involves injecting a patient with a certain form of malaria, then treating the malaria with antibiotics.

U.S. medical authorities dispute the malaria therapy's effectiveness, however, and say it is too dangerous.

"Malaria therapy has not been shown to be effective. It's a treatment we don't recommend," said Tom

Skinner, a spokesman for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

"We're absolutely against (malaria therapy)," added Tom Forschner, director of the Lyme Disease Foundation in Hartford, Conn. "None of the people who have supposedly got cured actually got cured."

Lyme disease is caused by bacteria carried and spread by deer ticks. The disease attacks the joints, heart and nervous system and is sometimes fatal. The illness responds to antibiotics if treated early, but is often resistant to standard therapy in later stages.

Perez, a general surgeon with a master's degree in public health, was

quoted in Tuesday's *El Paso Times* as saying that malaria therapy makes a difference in patients with advanced stages of the disease.

"(To date), approximately 30 cases of Lyme disease have been successfully treated with malaria therapy," said Perez, who practices at a clinic in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, across the border from El Paso. "The first cases were treated in Panama ... the last treatments have been administered in Mexico."

He said that by some as-yet-unknown means, the therapy allows antibiotics to cross the blood-brain barrier and reach both the malaria and the Lyme disease bacteria in the brain, where the worst damage is done.

Lefors OKs resolution on electric rates

LEFORS — Lefors City Council this week approved a resolution accepting a 2.9 percent interim rate decrease in electricity rates that was proposed by Southwestern Public Service.

The decrease will be reflected in the next monthly bills, said Phyllis Crutcher, city clerk for the city of Lefors.

The Public Utility Commission of Texas, based in Austin, must approve the proposed rate decrease

before it can be official, Crutcher said.

Also on Monday, the Lefors City Council approved a \$12,500 loan application to the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. in Pampa for payment of a new pagers system to the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department. The pager system was purchased from Hawkins Communications of Pampa.

The council also scheduled a special meeting for 6 p.m. Thursday to

approve the city budget for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. The current operating budget for the city of Lefors is \$298,729, Crutcher said.

In other items on the Thursday agenda, the council is expected to approve the purchase of a four-wheel-drive pickup truck for the city of Lefors and discuss the possibility of purchasing a trash compactor truck.

The special meeting is scheduled to be held in Lefors City Hall.

Oakley hints at release of pilot

By MICHELLE FAUL
Associated Press Writer

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — President Clinton's envoy to Somalia said today the release of a captured American pilot must be unconditional, and suggested there were "optimistic indications" an end to his captivity was near.

But at a news conference in Mogadishu, Robert Oakley did not rule out an American mission to rescue Chief Warrant Officer Michael Durant, who was captured in a bungled Oct. 3 raid that killed as many as 18 U.S. soldiers.

Oakley arrived in Somalia on Sunday to pursue a peace arrangement. He earlier met with members of the Somali National Alliance, a clan-based political group loyal to Gen. Mohamed Farrah Aidid.

Meanwhile, a top U.N. official warned today that the withdrawal of American soldiers could ruin the U.N. mission in Somalia and send the wrong message to warring parties in other conflicts.

Clinton has said that U.S. forces will leave by March 31. In Washington today, Sen. Robert Byrd planned to offer an amendment to force a withdrawal by year's end. About 5,300 of the 29,103 peacekeepers in Somalia are American.

"We have to handle these situations in a manner that will not set dangerous precedents for the international community or encourage situations around the world that will be impossible to contain," said Kofi Annan, U.N. undersecretary-general for peacekeeping.

Still, Annan said he was grateful that American forces would not pull out for six months. He added that much would depend on how the United States carries out its withdrawal. He warned it could "unravel it altogether."

Mogadishu has been relatively calm since Aidid issued a cease-fire order on Saturday. The United Nations has observed the truce, although there have been isolated shooting incidents.

At his news conference, Oakley said there would be no bargaining or exchange of prisoners, adding that the release had to be unconditional. "We will not buy prisoners," he said.

But sounding an optimistic note, he said: "I believe that the release of both prisoners would indeed be a very positive sign. ... There are some optimistic indications out there." He refused to elaborate.

Aidid's faction was reportedly split over whether to free Durant and a Nigerian private captured ear-

lier or only after the United Nations released 32 Somali prisoners, including four key aides of Aidid.

Asked whether he thought a raid to rescue Durant would violate the truce, Oakley said: "I would not categorize that as an offensive operation and I would not assume that that would necessarily happen, but it could."

Oakley was the former U.S. ambassador in this Horn of Africa nation. He left when the overthrow of dictator Mohamed Siad Barre deteriorated into clan warfare among victorious clans.

Since his arrival, the United States has sounded a more conciliatory tone toward Aidid, apparently in hopes of reaching a political settlement to Somalia's troubles.

About half the U.N. force is bottled up in southern Mogadishu in urban guerrilla warfare with Aidid's forces that has killed at least 31 Americans and 90 peacekeepers from other countries.

An estimated 350,000 Somalis died from civil war and famine in 1992 before the U.S.-led military coalition arrived in December and restored order to most of the country.

The humanitarian mission was turned over to the United Nations in May but quickly soured.



(Staff photo by John McMillan)

A report Monday night from Miami school board president Charles Byrum (above left) prompted Miami FFA faculty sponsor Ellis Miller to announce cancellation of FFA sponsorship of the Christmastime caroling hay ride in town. At right is board member Butch Thompson.

Miami FFA drops caroling sponsorship

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

MIAMI — 'Tis the season for Halloween, and a witch of some sort must be cackling with delight over the latest development in Miami Independent School District.

Prompted by concerns over the possibility of triggering a lawsuit against the Miami school district, the faculty sponsor of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) program at Miami High School announced Monday night that he plans to discontinue sponsorship of Christmastime caroling by the Miami FFA.

"The kids will have to just get together and do it themselves (on their own)," said Ellis Miller, an FFA sponsor and agricultural science teacher at Miami High School for about 15 years.

Miller said today that the officers of the Miami FFA told him at a meeting on Tuesday about their decision to continue the caroling tradition, even without official FFA sponsorship of it. "As long as they get to do it, that's fine with them," he said today.

"They still will like to make people happy, no matter what it is called or what it isn't called," the FFA sponsor noted. "Good kids, they like to do things for people and make them happy."

The president of Miami FFA is Shelley Howard, and the vice president is Amy Miller. There are 26 members in the Miami FFA, representing grades nine through 12 at Miami High.

Miller reached his decision to cancel FFA sponsorship of the caroling at a Miami school board meeting. Miller's announcement came after Miami school board president Charles Byrum reported on a workshop discussion he attended about the law on the relationship between religion and public schools at last month's Texas Association of School Boards meeting in Dallas.

The Miami school board took no official vote on the caroling sponsorship question at Monday night's meeting.

Miami FFA had sponsored non-denominational Christian caroling in town during the holiday season for all but two of the past 10 years, with the Spanish club at

Miami High serving as the official sponsor last year, Miller said.

An average of 15 to 20 junior high and high school students each December sang Christmas carols from an open-air trailer truck filled with hay that made stops in front of homes of elderly residents and others in Miami, Miller said.

Charles Byrum, president of the Miami school board, expressed disappointment over the cancellation of FFA sponsorship of the holiday-season caroling.

"It does bother me, because those kids feel a bond through this (FFA club)," Byrum said. "That means something to them when they can have their name in the paper (for) sponsoring something that is good for the community and homebound people."

Miller admitted that the decision to end FFA sponsorship of the Christmastime caroling "kind of hurts, but you've got to go with the rules."

"It's bad that the country has allowed a group of people who are in the minority to set the rules for the majority," Miller said, adding that he would categorize that minority as "the radicals."

In response to a question, Miller said he does not know of any radicals living in Miami and that he has no reason to believe that anyone in town would file a lawsuit against the school district if FFA sponsorship of Christmas caroling were to continue.

The FFA sponsor estimated that he knows 95 percent of the residents of Miami, adding that he would not be able to tell whether the remaining 5 percent were radicals just by looking at them along the streets of Miami.

Byrum, for his part, estimated that 90 percent of the residents of Miami are Christian. Of the remaining 10 percent, "I wouldn't have any idea," Byrum said.

Miller informed the officers of the Miami FFA during a luncheon meeting today concerning the decision to cancel its sponsorship of the Christmas caroling hay ride around town. The matter has not been previously discussed by the FFA, he said.

During the years in which the Miami FFA sponsored the Christmastime hay-ride caroling, no part of that activity was conducted on school property and no prayers were offered as part of the activity, Miller said.

Briefs

PEDC to meet Thursday

The board of directors of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation will meet Thursday at 4 p.m. in its office located at 301 N. Ballard.

Items on the agenda scheduled to be discussed include the treasurer's report and consideration of expenditures, consideration of an accounting firm to audit the corporation's finances and consideration of a prospect request.

In addition to the regular session of the meeting, the PEDC's directors will enter into executive session to discuss real estate matters and personnel matters.

The PEDC is a non-profit organization chartered by the city last year to help promote Pampa and bring business and industry to the city. The corporation receives its finances from a 1/2 cent sales tax placed on taxable items purchased in Pampa.

Its board of directors consist of area business men and civic leaders appointed by the city commission. They include Bill Waters, president; Victor Raymond, vice president; Wayne Stribling, secretary; Benny Kirksey, treasurer; and Jim Morris, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer.

PEDC meetings are normally held once a month and are open to the public.

County to have tax rate hearing

A public hearing on the 1994 tax rate will be part of the regular meeting of Gray County Commissioners on Friday.

The regular meeting is set for 9 a.m. and the public hearing will commence at 11 a.m. Friday in the second floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse.

Commissioners will consider other items of business including the sale of a surplus tractor, replacement of an election judge and assistant in Precinct 12 and a mineral lease agreement on the Gaines County school land.

In the commissioners' court meeting of Oct. 1, the 1994 budget was adopted and a tax rate of \$.3636 per \$100 valuation was proposed. The proposed rate is an effective rate increase of 8 percent and an actual increase of 11.63 percent compared to 1993. Any effective tax rate increase above 3 percent of the previous year necessitates a public hearing.

Margie Gray recertified by board

Gray County Tax Assessor/Collector Margie Gray has been recertified as a Registered Texas Assessor Collector, according to the Board of Tax Professional Examiners.

The recertification is based on having completed five years of service since original certification and having met the educational requirements established by the board.

"It is an honor serving the citizens of Gray County," Gray said.

Sarpalius' mobile office due here

Congressman Bill Sarpalius' mobile office will be in Pampa from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Thursday at the Gray County Courthouse.

"I have always believed that to be an effective public servant you have to go to the people and hear their wants and needs," Sarpalius said. "I was elected not just to represent you, but to serve you. That's why I have this mobile office."

The mobile office travels to each town in the 13th Congressional District, according to Doug Dodson, the congressman's community representative.

PRPC names advisory group

The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission has established an Overall Economic Development Program (OEDP) advisory committee.

The committee will assist PRPC staff with economic development in the 26-county Panhandle region, according to Pema Strickland of the PRPC.

"The committee will help determine economic development priorities," said Strickland, director of economic development.

"We at the planning commission are very much dependent on the active participation of Panhandle people serving on committees such as this one to accomplish things through regional cooperation," said Gary Piner, PRPC executive director.

The OEDP advisory committee includes Duane Harp, Pampa; Sam Aldrich, Dumas; George Berry, Memphis; Mike Carr, Hereford; Bill Daniel, Tulia; John Fritzen, Higgins; Gilbert Guzman, Amarillo; Delores Heller, Dimmitt; Donnie Johnston, Canadian; Diane Mashburn, Childress; Myron McCartor, Perryton; A.J. Ratliff, Gruber; and Leicia Redwine, Claude.

The committee will meet quarterly in Amarillo.

United Way totals

The United Way is almost halfway home, according to local officials.

Pampa United Way has reached 40.7 percent of its \$335,000 fund-raising goal, Katrina Bigham, executive administrator of the agency, said.

By the end of last week's check-in, Pampa United Way had raised a total of \$127,132.27 toward that goal, Bigham reported. An additional \$9,104 has been raised since then, increasing the total raised to date to \$136,236.27, she said.

The total was reported at the weekly check-in event in the Pampa Community Building (PCB) that monitors progress of the Pampa United Way fund-raising campaign. The week before, on Sept. 23, it had been 20 percent.

Dole urges support for troops withdrawal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate's top Republican is urging congressional cooperation with President Clinton as lawmakers brace for a showdown over the U.S. military presence in Somalia.

"I think we ought to give the president the flexibility he needs," Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas said Tuesday as the Republican and Democratic leadership, in a rare show of bipartisanship, worked to spare Clinton from a major foreign policy defeat.

Angered by the deaths of at least 32 Americans since the mission to feed starving Somalis began in December, Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., planned to offer an amendment today to force the complete withdrawal of U.S. forces by year's end.

The measure would be attached to the fiscal 1994 defense spending bill. A vote on the amendment is not expected until Thursday.

Clinton sought to appease lawmakers in a speech last Thursday in which he doubled the number of

U.S. troops to protect American forces in Somalia but set a withdrawal date of March 31, 1994.

Aides to Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine; Dole and two top members of the Armed Services Committee, Chairman Sam Nunn, D-Ga., and John Warner, R-Va., worked on a measure to counter Byrd's amendment.

That provision would set specific goals for the mission but leave intact Clinton's March 31 deadline unless Congress authorizes additional time.

"It's a plan, the president's plan, an American plan," Dole said. "Let's let him try to effect and implement it."

The Republican leader said he could not predict what the Senate will do on the Byrd measure because of the wide range of views on the issue, but he added: "I think when people reflect on it a lot they wouldn't do it."

The administration's decision to withdraw a ship of noncombat troops from Haitian waters eliminated one potential blow to the White

House's case in Congress.

The image of U.S. troops fending off hostile Haitians and Somalis simultaneously would have seriously undermined the administration as it sought to prevent strict limitations on presidential power.

The Senate is expected to address the issue of peacekeeping in Haiti and Bosnia, with possible amendments on allowing U.S. troops to participate only with prior approval by Congress.

It remained unclear how the House would handle the Somalia issue because that chamber already has approved the defense budget for fiscal 1994, which began Oct. 1.

But the House leadership is intent on seeing members go on record on the issue, especially if the Senate votes this week.

Both the House and Senate have approved a non-binding resolution asking Clinton to report to Congress by week's end on the Somalia operation, with a vote on congressional authorization of the U.S. military's role no later than Nov. 15.

Experts: Juror dismissal could aid appeal

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The judge in the Rodney Denny beating trial may have handed the defense grounds for appeal with his removal of a juror who colleagues complained didn't know which end was up.

Five jurors in all have been dismissed from the case in what has come to resemble the Agatha Christie murder mystery "And Then There Were None."

But legal experts said the only dismissal that constitutes grounds for appeal was that of a woman accused of lacking "common sense." Her removal on Monday at the prosecution's behest resulted in a request for a mistrial.

"Lacking common sense is not a reason I've ever heard before," said Michael Brennan, law professor at the University of Southern California. "This juror obviously was OK'd by both sides in the case, and she had to answer a fair number of questions that would have disclosed any failure on her part to act as a juror."

The jury is deciding the fate of Damian Williams, 20, and Henry Watson, 29. The two black men are charged with attempted murder in the attack on Denny, a white truck driver who was beaten bloody in the opening moments of the riots that broke out last year after four white police-

men were acquitted in the Rodney King beating.

Whether "common sense" was the deciding issue in the juror's removal was unknown. The forewoman in the racially volatile case wrote a note claiming that the juror, an older black woman, "cannot comprehend anything that we've been trying to accomplish."

After a closed hearing in which several jurors were interviewed, Superior Court Judge John Ouderkirk removed the juror, saying she was failing to deliberate as defined by law.

On Tuesday, another juror was removed for what Ouderkirk said were personal reasons unrelated to the trial. That left only one alternate juror out of an original six and meant

that deliberations had to start all over again for the second day in a row.

Earlier in the trial, two jurors were dismissed for health reasons and one was removed before deliberations began because he allegedly talked about the case outside court.

Defense attorney Edi Faal said Tuesday that he would ask the judge to eliminate yet another juror. Faal said he had evidence a member of the panel has helped the prosecution.

If there are no more alternates and the jury attrition continues, a mistrial is possible.

Under state law, the consent of both the prosecution and the defense is needed to continue deliberations with fewer than 12 jurors. If either side objects, a mistrial is automatically declared.

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Viewpoints

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Opinion

No justification for ATF excesses

The Treasury Department report on the tragically botched February raid by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms on the Branch Davidian compound in Waco has been praised for its forthright, even harsh criticism of not only the bungling, but the lying and cover-up activities of certain ATF agents.

But the report fails to ask a much more fundamental and important question about the raid, which started a months-long stand off that ended in the burning of the compound and the deaths of at least 85 members of the minority religious group.

Based on what the ATF knew about David Koresh and his followers, how could they have even dreamed about pulling an early-morning raid on the group's compound? Never mind that the raid was bungled. How did the agency justify even a simple arrest?

The standard answer is that the ATF suspected the group of building, or stockpiling, illegal weapons. But a 15-page affidavit in support of the warrant for Koresh's arrest doesn't begin to support the allegation. No one is quoted in the affidavit as having seen an automatic weapon in the complex — not even an ATF agent who lived undercover for months as a Koreshian. There's only third- and fourth-hand hearsay about how Koresh might have been able to convert his admittedly legal weapons into illegal weapons if he had the skills and equipment.

Some of the Branch Davidians supposedly indicated that Koresh had talked about turning weapons on citizens in the Waco area. But much of that, again, is only hearsay, and the reports indicate that it was mainly just more of Koresh's bluster, nothing to be considered seriously as a policy that Koresh would have instituted even with his near maniacal zeal.

What kind of country is it where such ill-supported rumors can justify a lengthy investigation followed by an armed raid? Or did an investigation into an unsympathetic minority religion have more to do with bolstering the ATF's bureaucratic turf than with enforcing the law or protecting the Davidians' neighbors?

We wish that ATF's excesses were an isolated anomaly. But other citizens have been victimized horribly by law-enforcement zeal. Randy Weaver's wife and son were killed in Idaho as a result of ATF overzealousness and entrapment. Donald Scott, a rancher in California, who was innocent of any lawbreaking, was killed by law enforcement officers who were apparently out to seize his property.

Until Congress and the government come to grips with the mindset that leads to such outrages, the books won't be closed on Waco.

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"I just may have invented — REINVENTING."

Clinton plan — falling apart

You will perhaps have noticed that Bill Clinton's great health plan is beginning to leak.

The critics got up from the floor and began to make their way after the sandbagging of the president's speech. The speech in which he promised the American people that he had come up with just the right formula to look after 37 million uninsured Americans and to maintain current expense levels for 220 million insured Americans all paid for by an increase in the tax on cigarettes, thanks to a reduction in the cost of Medicare and Medicaid of a couple of hundred billion dollars.

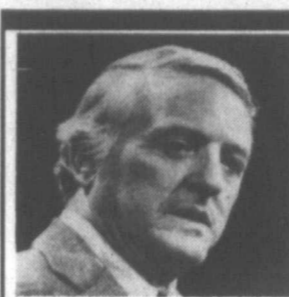
This arithmetic elicited from Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan the observation that it sounded like voodoo economics to him. He tried to efface that remark, but had no better luck than Lady Macbeth. Analysis began to set in.

On the matter of finances, a very small dose of cold water goes a long way. Sen. Bob Dole was on the David Brinkley program and reminded us that in 1965 all the government actuaries got together and carefully projected the cost of Medicare in 1990: It would cost \$8 billion. In fact it cost \$70 billion — they were about 900 percent off.

In the '70s, the senator added, the estimated current cost of renal disease treatment was put at \$250 million per year — it is now \$6 billion, an error of 2,400 percent.

So it goes, and of course it is true that we get more and more expensive medicine. George Will points out that 20 years ago we had 14,000 heart bypasses, last year 400,000. But then of course it is also true that there has to be a limit, even though it is unspecified, to the cost of medical care, if for no other reason than that there are other expenses in life, like food and shelter.

Dr. Bernadine Healy was once the director of the



William F. Buckley Jr.

National Institutes of Health, and she attempted to make a point or two, also on the Brinkley program, addressed to Sen. Jay Rockefeller, an enthusiast for the Clinton plan. Her suggestion is that there are so many complications inherent in the Clinton plan, the best idea would be to test that plan, and the competing Republican plan, for five years on the 37 million people who are uninsured so as to get some concrete documentation on what actually happens.

Rockefeller behaved as though Healy had burned the flag and stuffed the ashes down his throat. He was explosively indignant at the very idea, and raised the point about the increasing costs to people who are insured — how can we afford to wait to look after their problems? Oh, said Healy, there is no reason at all to postpone reforms on a number of fronts, and this we can do beginning immediately.

Such as?
"You must look at things like universal insurance forms. That would be a blessing. Cut down paperwork. Tort reform. Malpractice reform. Anti-trust reform. That should be done in the entire system. On the 37 million uninsured, that's the place to test these wonderful models that look great on paper. The Republican model looks great. Your (the Clin-

ton) model looks great, Senator. But let's test them so that you will have some facts."

Sam Donaldson said, "We didn't test Social Security when people needed some way to keep from starving to death."

Here Healy gave a quite insufficient reply, letting it go with the observation that we were then facing Depression.

As previously remarked in this space, it is useful to record the extraordinary miscalculations involved in Social Security. It was launched with a 2 percent payroll tax maximum, and \$30 is up to \$5,500. And of course the Social Security law has been revised time and again.

The case for experimentation is very persuasive. As Healy pointed out, \$600 will get you catastrophic health insurance for younger people, who make up the majority of the uninsured. And right now, as things are, the average person who is uninsured is getting \$900 worth of care every year, which is not so very far removed from the \$1,300 in care being received by the average person who does have insurance.

The Clinton approach is an exercise in redistribution. But it faces the intractable problem that the rich cannot finance free health for the poor because there isn't enough untaxed revenue up there to generate the endowment. That leaves the middle class, and it is feeling pretty strapped.

The way to go is obvious: health IRAs. You put \$2,000 from your salary (increased, because the employer would not be permitted a health deduction) in any account. Six hundred of that is consumed — the cost of catastrophic insurance. Routine medical costs are payable out of that account. If not used, it sits there, growing every year. It is yours. Now go out and eat an apple a day.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, Oct. 13, the 286th day of 1993. There are 79 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Oct. 13th, 1792, the cornerstone of the executive mansion, later known as the White House, was laid during a ceremony in the District of Columbia.

On this date:
In A.D. 54, Roman emperor Claudius I died, after being poisoned by his wife, Agrippina.

In 1775, the United States Navy had its origins as the Continental Congress ordered the construction of a naval fleet.

In 1843, the Jewish organization B'nai B'rith was founded in New York City.

In 1845, Texas ratified a state constitution.

In 1943, during World War II, Italy declared war on Germany, its one-time Axis partner.

In 1960, Richard Nixon and John Kennedy participated in the third televised debate of their presidential campaign, with Nixon in Hollywood, Kennedy in New York.



You will pay in higher prices

So, what's all this applause I hear for the president's new public health program?

Pollsters report Americans, 2-to-1, are enthusiastic.

Even Sen. Dole is lining up the loyal opposition to support government-administered medicine.

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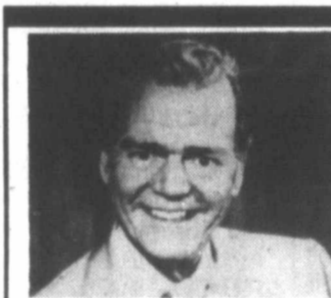
Hold everything! No employer, no business, no industry is going to pay for anybody's health insurance.

The employer, the business, the industry will simply and invariably add the cost of your insurance to the prices of the products it sells.

For your "free insurance," you will pay in higher prices.

This is Economics 101: Corporations taxed more merely pass along to you the higher taxes — in higher prices for what they sell you.

Tax the liquor company or the cigarette company; what do they care? They get it back in the higher prices they charge you.



Paul Harvey

Or your clothing or your groceries or whatever. Only people pay taxes.

And however the politicians hide the pea among the shells, you will pay — I promise — you will pay for any health insurance you get.

And you will also pay for the health care of the indigent, the jobless and the illegal immigrants.

Government cannot pay ...

Government has no money except what it takes from you ...

Only people pay taxes. It's embarrassing, when you think about it ...

How easily politicians are able to get elected — and stay elected — by buying our votes with our money.

It's about time your employer is forced to pay for your health insurance!

Sorry. All he is going to do is add the cost of your health insurance to the price of everything he sells. Then, as all employers do the same thing, you will pay higher prices for all this stuff the politicians call "benefits."

Corporations don't pay taxes — never have, never will. Only people pay taxes.

The political shell game has been going on for so long that Americans forgot ...

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Cherries are good for your health

Cherry-pickers unite! Your time has come!

The phrase goes back to the last health-care debate, which occurred a couple of years ago. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen was pushing for new federal health insurance legislation. The Bush White House, gradually coming out of its political stupor, was interested in the idea.

The time seemed ripe. Corporations were going leaner and meaner, which led to leaner and meaner health insurance programs. Insurance companies were denying coverage on the basis of "pre-existing conditions," thereby cutting down "portability," specializing in covering people least likely to need insurance. (How Sweet.) Malpractice awards were soaring, yielding "defensive medicine" driven by juries not doctors. Middle-class Americans, the kind who vote, were getting worried and angry. In Congress a new consensus for reform was growing.

Bentsen's legislation tried to fix what was most obviously wrong. He aimed at encouraging small businesses to provide their employees with insurance, in a way both political parties could agree upon. Applicants could not be turned down for pre-existing conditions. Portability would be enhanced. When the Bush White House finally came up with its own proposal, it drew heavily on Bentsen's work, adding tough controls on malpractice, a universal insurance form to cut down on wastes and health-care vouchers to cover most, although not all, of the remaining uninsured.

And it never happened. The opposition in Congress came principally from liberal Democrats.



Ben Wattenberg

Borrowing an epithet from the insurance industry, they said it was "cherry-picking," taking just the good stuff that most folks agreed upon. (What a terrible way to legislate that would be.) Good was Bad. If the ripe cherries got picked, horrors, voters wouldn't be upset any more. The motivation for broader health reform might dissolve before America took its bitter medicine. The liberal prescription for such medicine came under many brand names, but the generic label on the bottle was always "More Government Control."

There was a second reason that Bentsen-style incremental reform didn't succeed. The 1992 presidential election year approached, with health care looming as a big issue. Some of Bentsen's Democratic colleagues said, "Don't send Bush a bill he could sign" — lest Republicans get political credit.

And so, we now have the proposed Clinton remedy. Surely, he deserves credit for bringing the issue front and center on the political agenda. Surely, there is much that makes sense in his plan. In fact, most of

the good old cherries are right there, including portability, elimination of pre-existing conditions, and a universal insurance form (Although tough treatment of malpractice abuse is missing.) The Clinton plan goes further than Bentsen's or Bush's: Everyone gets coverage, including prescription medicine.

But, alas, with these fine Clinton cherries, we also get a coated pill of more government control, which in this day and age constitutes political malpractice.

Clinton proposes scores of new state "health alliances" to shape the very nature of medicine in America, adding one more layer of governmental busy-bodies to a system already overloaded with bureaucracy. And there will be federal price controls, in the form of a National Health Board, regulating the costs of insurance premiums, which under the Clinton plan means controlling every thing.

Price controls are a disaster. They never work economically. They can reduce innovation for new products — like drugs for Parkinson's, cancer and Alzheimer's. And they further extend the gray power of government over our lives — just when Vice President Gore has told us all about how the federal quagmire can't buy an ashtray with a task force.

It's unlikely to happen. The votes in Congress are not there for such a power grab. What we are probably going to get — what we should get — is Bentsen-style incremental reform, expanded to include coverage for all. Clinton's plan fixes more than is broke. It's time to pick some cherries.

Three Americans, Canadian share Nobel science prizes for chemistry and physics

By LAURINDA KEYS
Associated Press Writer

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Two Americans won the Nobel Prize in physics for an astronomical discovery that helps confirm Einstein's theory of relativity, and an American and a Canadian shared the chemistry prize for developing revolutionary ways to study DNA.

Russell A. Hulse and Joseph H. Taylor Jr. of Princeton University won the physics prize today for discovering a celestial object called a binary pulsar that provides an important test of Einstein's predictions about the nature of gravity.

The chemistry prize was awarded to Kary B. Mullis of Xytronix Inc. of San Diego, and Michael Smith of the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, British Columbia, for discoveries that have "hastened the rapid development of genetic engineering," the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said.

They were each honored separately for the development of laboratory tools that allow researchers to manipulate and determine the function of the smallest microscopic segments of the DNA that makes up the genes in nearly all living things.

They will split the \$825,000 award from the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, as will Taylor and Hulse.

The pulsar discovered by Taylor and Hulse — a pair of collapsed, orbiting stars unlike anything seen before — provides a "revolutionary space laboratory" that can be used to test one of Einstein's most daring predictions: that moving objects emit gravitational waves.

"So far, Einstein's theory has passed the tests with flying colors," the academy said in its citation.

Hulse, 42, and Taylor, 52, discovered the binary pulsar in 1974 using the 300-meter radiotelescope at Arecibo, Puerto Rico. Taylor was then at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, and Hulse was his student.

Mullis, 50, lives in La Jolla, Calif., and is director of Xytronix Inc. Smith, 61, is director of the Biotechnology Laboratory at the University of British Columbia.

Mullis invented a technique called polymerase chain reaction, which

allows researchers to take a microscopic strand of DNA and make millions of identical copies within hours, allowing researchers to study something which would otherwise be far too small to examine.

Smith's technique, called site-directed mutagenesis, allows researchers to alter a single piece of the genetic code in a DNA strand and to see how that changes its function.

Both methods have had widespread applications in molecular biology and genetic engineering.

Taylor, reached by AP Network News at home in Princeton, N.J., said: "Well, I'm overwhelmed."

"My big problem is how to spend this day," he told the Swedish news agency TT. "I would like it to be a normal day but I understand it can't be that way," said Taylor, who was about to leave for the university to lecture on the topic "Radio Astronomy and Pulsars."

"What they were doing was patient scholarship, not at all glamorous," said Daniel Kleppner, a professor of physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "And of course, that's the heart of science."

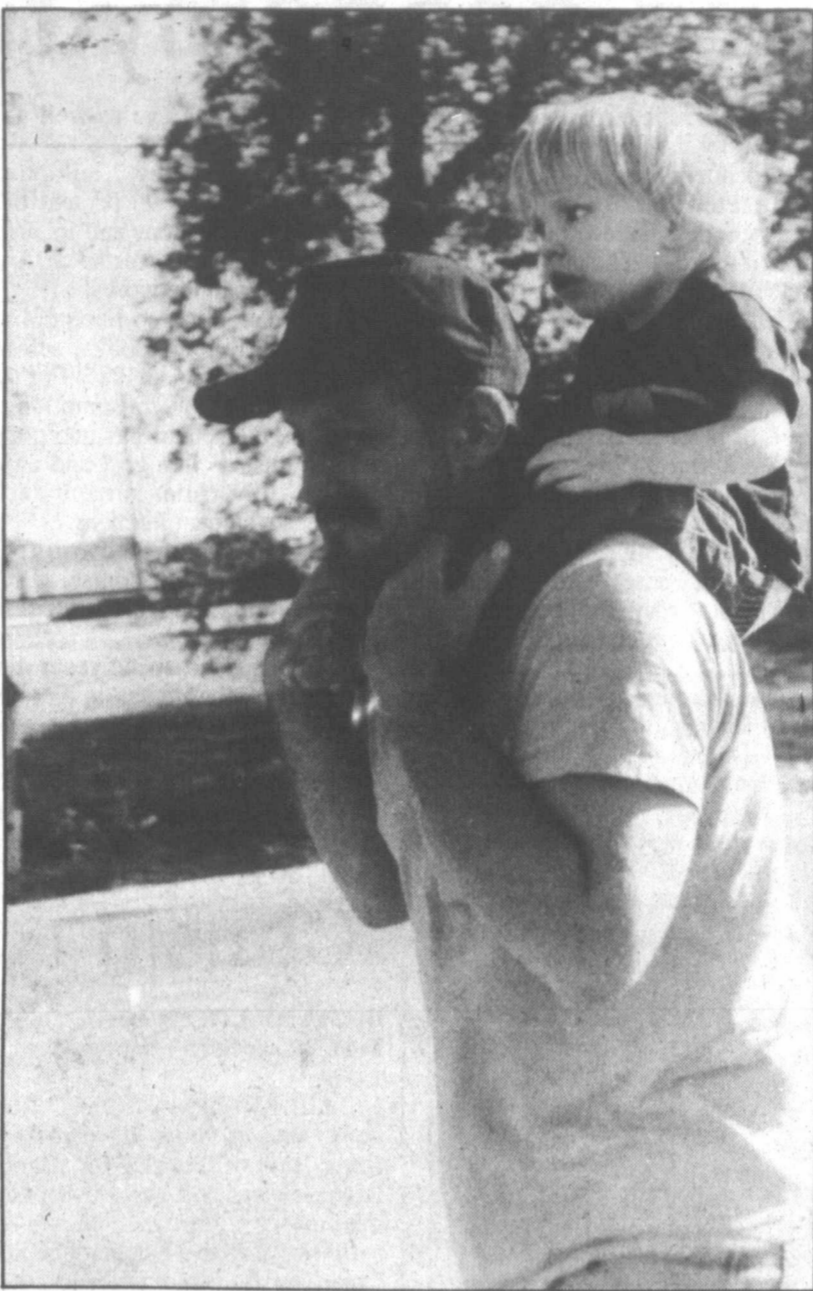
Pulsars are spinning collapsed stars called neutron stars that emit rapid, regular bursts of energy, usually in the form of radio waves. The binary pulsar discovered by Hulse and Taylor is unique in that it consists of a pair of neutron stars and emits very regular bursts — at the rate of about 16 per second.

In the years since the pulsar was discovered, Hulse and Taylor have made painstaking measurements of the pulsar's bursts and they have determined that they are slowing very gradually. Researchers believe that is because the pulsar has lost energy in the form of gravitational waves.

Novelist Toni Morrison won the literature prize last week, genetic researchers Phillip A. Sharp and Richard J. Roberts shared the medicine prize Monday, and economic historians Robert W. Fogel and Douglass C. North won the economics prize Tuesday. Roberts is a British citizen. The other winners are Americans.

The Nobel Peace Prize is to be awarded Friday in Oslo, Norway.

Taking a stroll



(Staff photo by Darlene Holmes)

Charlie Chandler takes advantage of Monday's warm afternoon to go for a stroll along Atchison Street in Pampa, carrying his 2-year-old son Calib on his shoulders.

Yeltsin ends Japan visit

TOKYO (AP) — Russian President Boris Yeltsin, wrapping up a first-ever state visit to Japan, today hailed progress in improving relations strained by a territorial dispute dating to World War II.

During his visit, Yeltsin promised to uphold all commitments to Japan made by the former Soviet Union, including a 1956 agreement to return two of the northern Kuril islands, once a formal peace treaty is signed.

Because of the territorial dispute, Russia and Japan have never formally signed an agreement ending wartime hostilities, and the lack of normalized ties has blocked large-scale Japanese aid.

Yeltsin said at a news conference today with Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa: "Our mutual goal is to sign the peace treaty," adding: "I am quite satisfied with my visit to Japan. It was extremely successful."

"This is a new page in Russo-Japanese relations," Hosokawa told reporters.

The Russian leader's trip came only a week after the bloody crushing of a rebellion by hard-liners, and Yeltsin defended his government's actions.

"We were obliged to use force to avoid terrible bloodshed, to avoid losing millions of lives," he said. "It was a painful decision for us. But when we had to use force, the Russian people understood."

Hosokawa reaffirmed Japan's back-

ing of democratic reform in Russia.

Some observers considered Yeltsin's trip to be shrewdly timed, because Japanese officials would not want to make his position more precarious by insisting on major concessions in the territorial dispute.

Russian nationalists strongly oppose the return of the islands, seized by Soviet troops just after World War II. Yeltsin, apparently seeking to avoid inflaming hard-liners at home, referred to the dispute mainly in indirect terms.

"It is my opinion as a politician and as a human being that we must develop relations and bring our peoples closer psychologically before we can solve this problem," he said.

When pressed further on the issue, he told reporters gruffly: "Let's have no more questions about the northern territories. Enough! There are other issues to be discussed."

No major new aid was announced, although the two sides pledged to increase cooperation in trade and economics.

Yeltsin was clearly sensitive about the subject. He snapped angrily at a journalist who asked about reports he had sought \$50 billion in new aid from Japan. "I have never said such a thing," he said.

Despite such displays of temper with reporters, Yeltsin took a conciliatory approach during the visit. In one important symbolic gesture, he apologized for Soviet abuse of Japanese prisoners from World War II.

Ag education director honored with fund for new fellowship

The Jay Eudy Fellowship has been established through the FFA Foundation in honor of the retiring Texas director of agricultural education and state FFA advisor.

Eudy retired the end of September after 35 years in agricultural education, according to Janie Smith of the FFA Foundation.

He started teaching vocational agriculture in Turkey in 1958. He became area consultant for the Texas Education Agency in Plainview in 1978 and was named state director for agricultural education for the Texas Education Agency in Austin in 1983.

Prior to his teaching career, he graduated from the Army Airborne and Ranger schools and commanded a company in the 101st Airborne Division for two years. He served as advisor to the Royal Arabian Infantry

School in Saudi Arabia.

For the past 10 years, he headed the largest agricultural education program in the nation with 1,400 ag science teachers in 950 schools. During the last eight years, the state's ag science classroom enrollment has grown by 50 percent. Texas is the largest and one of the fastest growing state FFA associations in the nation, with 58,000 members.

A statewide goal of \$200,000 has been set for the endowment, Smith said.

Contributions to the fund may be made through the FFA Foundation, 614 East 12th Street, Austin, TX 78701.

A retirement reception for Eudy is planned for 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 20, in the cafeteria of the Extension Building of the State Capitol in Austin.

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House Democrats ready to revive jobless benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democrats think they've resolved a dispute that has kept them from reviving a program providing extra benefits to Americans who have been out of work the longest.

Leaders said Tuesday that they had dropped a provision that would have paid for one-third of the \$1.1 billion program by making it harder for many elderly recent immigrants to get some welfare. The language had angered Hispanic lawmakers, which with opposition by many Republicans made its House prospects uncertain.

"They responded to a concern the Hispanic caucus had," said Rep. Jose Serrano, D-N.Y., a leader of the House's 20 Hispanic members. "We're very troubled by anything that may have the perception of singling out immigrants."

The House is likely to debate the bill later this week.

Since November 1991, the government has provided extra weeks of coverage to people who have exhausted the basic 26 weeks of jobless benefits. The extended benefits were initiated at a time when the recession was at its deepest.

But for the first time since then, the program expired Oct. 2 because divided Democrats were unable to get a bill renewing the program to the House floor.

The expiration affects 60,000 people who every week use up the basic 26 weeks of coverage.

Its lapse is in stark contrast to Democrats' repeated efforts to create the program and renew it during 1991 and 1992, often in the face of opposition from President Bush. Democrats used the issue during the presidential campaign to cast Bush as uncaring about suffering at home.

In an embarrassment for Democrats, the extra benefits expired at a time when there are more long-term unemployed workers than there were when the program was created in November 1991.

According to the latest Labor Department statistics, there were 1.75 million people last month who were jobless at least 26 weeks. That's 20.5 percent of all unemployed workers. Both are near historic highs.

Yet in November 1991, when extra coverage for long-term jobless people began, the situation was less severe. There were just 1.37 million people unemployed at least half a year — 15.8 percent of all jobless Americans.

The figures were even lower in

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Prestigious cooking academy finds plate too full

By CATALINA ORTIZ
AP-Business Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Something's cooking at the California Culinary Academy, and it's not just the succulent dishes its students create.

The academy, one of the nation's most successful and prestigious cooking schools, is expanding to feed a seemingly insatiable appetite for trained chefs and fine amateur cooking.

"Our biggest dilemma on a day-to-day basis is what opportunities to work on that day. The plate's full," said Theodore G. Crocker, chairman of the board of the California Culinary Academy Inc.

The academy, housed in a stately 1912 building in downtown San Francisco, has graduated more than 3,000 students since it was founded in 1977. Along with the famed Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y., and the Johnson & Wales school in Providence, R.I., the Cali-

fornia Culinary Academy is considered one of the nation's top cooking schools.

But with 600 full-time students in its professional training program and hundreds more taking a vocational and continuing education courses, the academy is bursting at the seams.

So the school is remodeling to absorb another 100 full-time students and plans to open a branch with a television production kitchen, retail shop and restaurant near Fisherman's Wharf. Both projects are expected to be completed by year's end. The academy also is looking to license its distinguished name for kitchen tools and small appliances.

And it's seeking a spot in Southern California where it hopes to start a second school in early 1994.

"Beyond that, we're looking into moving fairly quickly into other states" and into other countries, most likely on the Pacific Rim, Crocker said.

The current expansion is being funded by the \$6.5 million the debt-free academy raised in its recently completed initial public offering. The school is believed to be the only one of its kind to be publicly traded.

Profits rose 147 percent, to \$336,000 or 16 cents a share for the third quarter ended May 31, from \$136,000 or 7 cents a share for the same period of last year. Revenues rose 17 percent, to \$2.9 million from \$2.5 million.

The academy is best known with the public for its 1991 television show, "Cooking at the Academy." The 13-part series was "the hottest and most savory TV cooking show" of the year, proclaimed Time magazine.

The program, produced with San Francisco public television station KQED, eschewed wisecracking celebrity chefs. Instead, academy teachers gave clear, straightforward instruction ranging from simmering soup stock to making plates

delectable to the eye as well as the palate.

It was watched by 7 million people each week on 95 percent of the nation's PBS stations and in Britain, New Zealand and Australia. A second series is in the works.

The academy also has published more than 30 cookbooks, selling 2 million copies since 1985. For those more interested in consumption than creation, the school has two popular restaurants, a cozy grill and an elegant dining room surrounded by glassed-in student kitchens.

But professional training, an intensive 18-month course, remains the academy's core business and chief money maker.

Students, who spend seven hours a day five days a week in classroom and kitchen, learn the art and business of classical cooking. They start with such basics as proper use of a knife and essential sauces, progress through food chemistry and controlling costs to adorning buffets and the

sweet science of pastry.

"One of the things I keep telling people — and it's kind of a cliché around here — is our goal is to be able to blindfold graduates ... take them anywhere in the world and take off that blindfold, and they should be able to start cooking," said Thomas A. Bloom, the academy's president and chief executive officer.

"When they walk through here, they know everything about an artichoke that there is to know — but we also tell them how to make money with that artichoke," he said.

All this training isn't cheap. Tuition is \$22,500, not including more than \$700 for a supply kit: uniforms, towels, traditional tall pleated hats, books, knives and other hand tools.

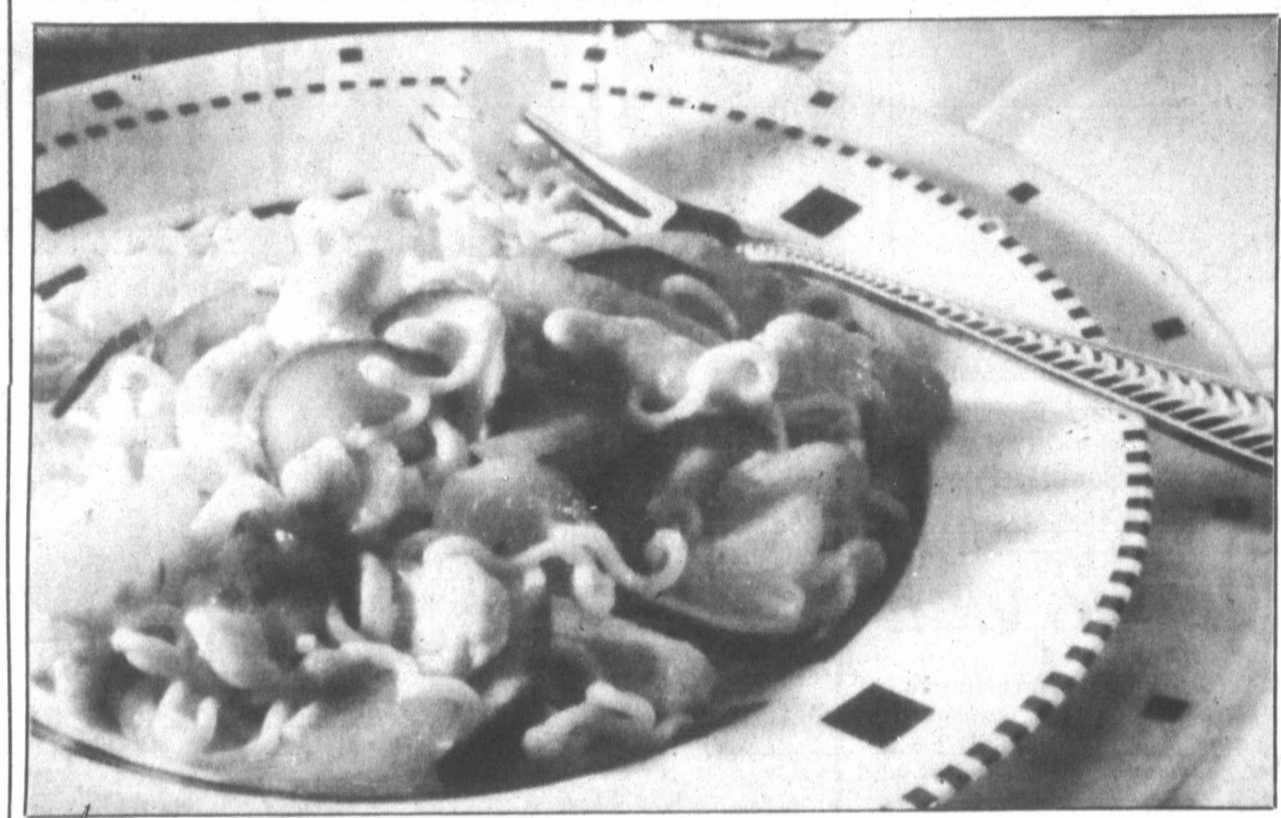
But graduates are virtually assured of work. The academy says 88 percent find jobs within six months of graduation with an average salary of \$24,000. That's comparable with the

starting pay of college graduates, according to the Department of Education.

Graduates are cashing in on the rapid growth in the food service industry. The National Restaurant Association estimates that demand for cooks, excluding fast food, will increase 22 percent by the year 2000. And there's growing demand for trained cooks as caterers, restaurant managers, consultants and "food stylists" — artists who arrange food tastefully for the camera.

Meanwhile, the layman's craving for culinary knowledge is filling the academy's continuing education courses. About 12,000 people — both hobbyists and professionals seeking new skills — have taken the Saturday classes in the four years they have been offered.

"It's like an avalanche," Crocker said. "It's not just like a snowball down a hill. It is running at a tremendous pace."



(Special photo)

Mandarin chicken with noodles

Noodles, a nice touch to most meals

(AP) — Some Chinese people eat more noodles than rice. In fact, noodles originated in China. There are as many different styles of noodles as there are ways of cooking them.

One method involves adding noodles right to the wok. This '90s takeoff does just that, with fast-cooking Oriental noodles. They take about the same amount of time to cook as the vegetables. When you're ready to add flavor, toss in the seasoning packet, along with a little sweet-and-sour sauce. Now that's using your noodle!

Mandarin Chicken with Noodles

1 tablespoon cooking oil
1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, cut into bite-size strips, or two 5-ounce cans chunk-style chicken, drained

3-ounce package Oriental noodles with chicken flavor
1 cup water
1 small zucchini or yellow summer squash, halved lengthwise and bias-sliced
2 stalks celery, thinly bias-sliced
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/4 cup bottled sweet-and-sour sauce
2 tablespoons coarsely chopped peanuts

11-ounce can mandarin orange sections, drained
If using chicken strips, pour oil into a wok or large skillet. (Add more oil as necessary during cooking.) Preheat over medium-high heat. Stir-fry chicken, half at a time, about 3 minutes or until no longer pink; remove. (Do not stir-

fry canned chicken.)

Break Oriental noodles into bite-size pieces (set flavor packet aside). Add noodles, water, zucchini, celery and garlic to wok. Bring to boiling; reduce heat. Cover and simmer for 3 to 5 minutes or until noodles and vegetables are tender. Stir in cooked or canned chicken, the flavor packet contents, sweet-and-sour sauce and peanuts; heat through. Serve at once. Top each serving with orange sections. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 268 cal., 7 g fat, 72 mg chol., 29 g pro., 22 g carbo., 3 g fiber, 242 mg sodium. RDA: 10 percent iron, 31 percent vit. C, 17 percent thiamine, 14 percent riboflavin, 90 percent niacin.

Helpful hints make baking easy as pie

By using these few helpful hints, baking and storing food will go smoother and be more enjoyable.

- Use shiny, sturdy aluminum baking sheets with little or no sides. This allows heat to circulate easily during baking and promotes even browning. Cookies baked on insulated baking sheets may need 1 to 2 minutes longer baking time.

- Bake only one baking sheet at a time in the center of the oven. If the cookies brown unevenly, rotate the baking sheet from front to back halfway through the baking time. If you do use more than one sheet at a time, rotate the baking sheets from top to bottom halfway through the baking time. Allow baking sheets to cool between batches. The dough will spread if placed on a hot baking sheet.

- Watch cookies carefully during baking time to avoid overbaking. Check them at the minimum baking time, then check them often to make sure they don't overbake. Follow the recipe for yield and size since the baking time is determined for that size cookie.

- Remove cookies from the baking sheets immediately after baking, unless directed otherwise. Place on a large sheet of foil or parchment paper placed on the kitchen counter. Always cool cookies completely before stacking and storing. Bar cookies may be cooled and stored in the baking pan.

- When storing: Store cooled cookies at room temperature in airtight containers. Store each kind separately to prevent changes in flavor and texture. Freeze baked cookies in airtight containers or freezer bags for up to six months.

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'Cousin Ruth' brings cooking alive

By MARY LOCHRIDGE
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

DALLAS (AP) — "Cousin Ruth" never fails to draw a crowd at the State Fair of Texas. Her name is Ruth ScEVERS and her talent is baking biscuits.

From the Demo Kitchen inside the Creative Arts Building just northeast of the Cotton Bowl, ScEVERS mixes, kneads and molds 200 to 250 biscuits a day. Her presentation is sprinkled with a lot of laughter — her own and that of those watching.

"I come up here to have a lot of fun," the retired woman from Mason tells the crowd gathered for her late-morning demonstration.

Four years ago, a fair official asked if she would become part of the fair. She agreed, and will be baking daily until the fair closes Oct. 24.

"I was scared to death," he said

of her first biscuit demonstration.

Now she considers it fun.

"I love this," she said. "I guess you can see that."

ScEVERS grew up on a ranch helping her mother cook for her seven brothers and a younger sister. The family went through "50 pounds of flour every week," she said.

"My mother started me making biscuits very young. I had to stand on a stool," she said.

Her mother also passed down the secret to making good biscuits.

"My mother made the best biscuits in the world," ScEVERS said. "She never used a recipe."

Although ScEVERS does use a recipe, she keeps it — like her age — a secret. "I don't want my recipe published," she said. "I only give it out to friends."

She will tell the basic ingredients: flour, soda, baking powder, salt and milk.

"You can use butter," ScEVERS said, again encouraging people to "have fun with it."

But the real secret of making a good biscuit is "the way you mix the dough," ScEVERS said. She tells those watching her demonstrations to use their hands for mixing because that allows more air into the flour, which results in a lighter biscuit.

"I don't know why you'd want to use a spoon," she said, laughing and holding up her sticky, dough-covered hands.

By the end of the presentation, the smell of fresh-baked biscuits works its way throughout the building and people begin to line up for a sample.

"Cousin Ruth" demonstrates her biscuit baking at 11 a.m. daily in the Creative Arts Building. And if you're going to watch, get in line early because the number of people wanting samples usually outnumber the biscuits.

Panhandle recipes, anecdotes wanted

The Pampa News is interested in receiving the Panhandle's best recipes for publication.

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

Recipes are not restricted to a specific meal or type of food. In fact, everything from appetizers to main dishes to desserts are welcomed.

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Karrie Smith of Panhandle, right, will be spending three days and two nights in Las Vegas, Nev., after winning the trip at the Top O' Texas Cattlewomen's Style Show last month. Pictured with her are Nancy O'Neal of White Deer, left, and Bethel Robinson of Panhandle, chapter president.

Sculptor delights in Huckleberry Finn project

By DICK LIPSEY
Associated Press Writer

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Sculptor Jim Brothers has read "Huckleberry Finn" every couple of years since he can remember, he says. So his current project is one he's particularly enjoying.

The work is a \$35,000 life-size bronze of Twain — "More fun than I knew what to do with," said Brothers, 51, who specializes in bronzes.

"I was going to do a 7-foot Twain, but he's already

larger than life," he said. "Everything I read about him made me wish I could have met him, he's a real favorite of mine."

"The Vision," Brothers' 8-foot statue of a frontier boy waiting with his dog for an unseen steamboat, is already familiar to many as the centerpiece for Kansas City's historic River Market.

Brothers is making his Twain bronze in three copies — one each for Hartford, Conn., and Hannibal, Mo., and one that's unsold as yet, said Paul Dorrell, owner of the Lawrence agency

that represents Brothers.

Twain grew up in Hannibal, worked on riverboats and eventually received a license as a Mississippi riverboat pilot. Twain and his wife then lived for 20 years in Hartford, where they built an elaborate home with a porch, staircase and other parts that resembled a steamboat, and where Twain wrote some of his major works.

The new bronze depicts Twain in 1902 when he last visited Hannibal. Twain is standing, pipe in hand, by the wheel of a riverboat, apparently turning to speak. "He's not starting

movement, he's not finishing it, he's right in between," Brothers said.

"This is in the classic American tradition," said Henry Adams, curator of American art at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City.

"I think it's a good piece of public sculpture, and what's interesting is that something of that skill and ambition is being produced in Lawrence."

Brothers is a living example of the stereotypical struggling artist who's held every sort of job — ranch hand, oil-field worker, police officer, bartender

and social worker. He uses those experiences for his art.

He draws, as well, from his rural upbringing. A native of Eureka, in southeast Kansas, he grew up in Wellington and worked on a ranch as a teenager.

His home, filled with 19th-century family photos and memorabilia, is almost a museum to his Midwestern heritage.

Brothers has been to the East and been to the West, but finds the heartland the best source of inspiration for a working artist.

"I came back to the land and people I knew best," he said.

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: Your answer to "Perplexed in Portland, Ore." regarding the use of the large stall in rest rooms was wrong, you obviously have never had to use crowded public rest rooms.

When the laws were changed to include handicap access to buildings and larger stalls in bathrooms, it was a step forward — and much needed. However, most places changed an already existing stall (or two) to comply, which greatly reduced the capacity of the bathroom. As a mother with two kids who "have to go now" — and who, myself, has a bladder about the size of a pea (no pun intended), I need the use of that stall if it is not occupied.

If a handicapped person arrived, she would always be next in line for the stall — even if there were 10 other women in line (which is not unusual). But when that person finished, the other people in line would be just as much in need of the facilities as she was.

When I enter a building, and there is no handicapped person using the ramp, I use the ramp because I find it easier than the steps — especially if I'm carrying something. But I someone who is physically challenged is using it, I'll always take the steps to give him plenty of room.

Never would I use the handicapped parking space, but I feel that bathrooms, ramps and dressing rooms are another matter. I have waited 30 minutes in line at a military PX to try on clothes because there were only two dressing rooms, and the one reserved for the handicapped was off-limits to able-bodied persons. I asked the salesperson when was the last time someone had used it, and she said she had worked there only a month, and no one had used it yet?

Grocery stores have special checkout counters to accommodate wheelchairs, and signs posted for the severely handicapped to proceed to the front of the line. This is great, but no store could afford to have a line exclusively for the handicapped.

Normally I agree with your answers, Abby, but you blew it on this one.

STANDING IN LINE WITH MY LEGS
CROSSED AT
OSAN AIR BASE, KOREA

DEAR STANDING IN LINE: You're not the only reader who responded to my answer. Read on for another perspective:

DEAR ABBY: Thank you very much for your response about rest room stalls for the disabled. I am in a wheelchair, and something that truly irritates me is finding that "large-door stall" occupied by an able-bodied person. It's especially irksome when it is a parent with one or more young children. I can understand a parent's need to get everyone to go potty and keep an eye on them at the same time; however, this is not the way to do it.

If I use the rest room anywhere "out," it is because I have that "urgent need" of which you spoke. I remember a particular episode when a woman with two young children was taking an extremely long time in a disabled stall. I begged her to hurry. She responded with, "We'll be out when we're good and ready!" I finally lost control and made a mess of myself. With tears in my eyes, I admonished her as the three of them left the stall. She gave me a dirty look and declared, "It's not against the law!"

Thanks for letting me get this off my chest.
RELIEVED IN
DES MOINES, IOWA

Children's Books

By CAROL DEEGAN
Associated Press Writer

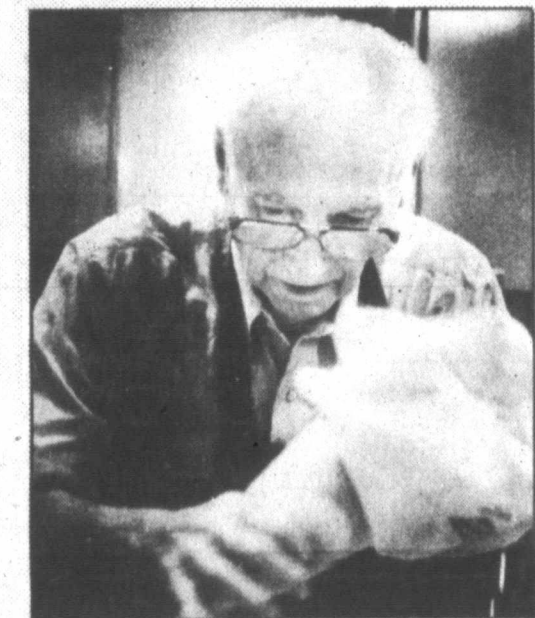
Lane Smith and Molly Leach, the illustrator and designer of the popular "The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales," have teamed up in a new book, "The Happy Hocky Family!"

This zany book pokes gentle fun at stories for very young children. The family consists of Mr. and Mrs. Hocky, Baby Hocky, Henry Hocky, Holly Hocky and the family dog, Newton. The more than dozen very short chapters include The Zoo, in which Newton disappears into the jaws of a crocodile, and Chores: Quiz 1 (Today was Holly's day to do the laundry. See if you can match the pocket items before and after the dryer.)

Kids 9 and up, and their parents, will enjoy the biting — but not brutal — humor that recalls favorite bedtime stories, birthday celebrations, family outings and sibling relationships. Smith, and author Jon Scieszka, recently published the fourth in their series of Time Warp Trio books, "Your Mother Was a Neanderthal," which takes readers back to the good old days of the Stone Age — before math homework!

The Time Warp Trio consists of three young boys who travel in time, with the help of a magical book, where they encounter action and adventure.

"Your Mother Was a Neanderthal" is filled with playground humor. It has a surprise ending plus a hilarious "pop" math quiz.



Carl Johnson shows Mary Niccum how to squeeze donuts out of a tube, top, and helps Jean Massey and Bill Ragsdale with the icing machine. (Pampa News photos)

Texas chef always ended up in kitchen

By DAVID BOWSER
Managing Editor

"When I first went into the Army," said Carl E. Johnson, as a squad of volunteer bakers scurried around him, "they made me a cook before I could get unpacked. The first six months, I didn't see any cream pies. I asked the mess sergeant if I could make some. That evening, the captain walked by and I had about 50 pies out there. He said, 'Who the hell made these?' I was a buck private then. Six months later, I was mess sergeant."

Born in Oklahoma, Johnson moved to Texas as a youth where he went to work for his brothers, Owen and Webb, in the 1930s at their cafe in Pampa.

"That's where I learned all about this business," he said. "I've been doing this for more than 50 years."

The slightly built, wiry gentleman squeezed French donuts out on a cookie sheet in St. Matthew's parish hall kitchen and talked about growing up in Pampa in the 1930s.

"I worked for my brothers at the cafe after school," he said. "I'd already worked there five years before the war. That's why when I joined the Army, they made me a cook before I could get my clothes unpacked. Some way or another, I've been stuck in the kitchen all my life."

After World War II, Johnson returned to Pampa and worked in the construction business, but eventually he returned to the kitchen. He opened Johnson's Restaurant in Panhandle and ran it for more than two decades.

Today, Johnson is retired and living in Amarillo, but he still travels the 40 plus miles each week to attend church and once a year shares his recipe for French donuts with friends at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

"These are batter donuts," he said squeezing out a series of rings, "rather than rolled out and cut. They have eggs, flour, and water, but no sugar. The only sugar is in the icing."

"He's a pastry chef," said Iris Ragsdale of the Episcopal Women's group that hosts Johnson's annual visit.

"He'll stand there all day and squeeze out those donuts," said her husband Bill Ragsdale. "I tried it for five minutes and my arms gave out."

Not only has Johnson shared his recipes, he also helped design the kitchen and built the icing machine for the donuts.

"We didn't make many French donuts in the Army," Johnson laughed as another batch headed for the deep fryer. "All the troops were supposed to get the same food, but I fooled them a couple of times. I pretty well did what ever I wanted."

Most of Johnson's culinary talents were self-developed.

"In my mother's day, about all you did was fry chicken and cook biscuits," he said. "This younger generation wants to learn. Last year, there was a 14-year-old girl that stood here and squeezed out donuts all day. Wouldn't let anybody else do it. She did real good."

The donuts produced by Johnson and his St. Matthew's class each year are sold at the annual Fine Arts and Crafts fair. The money goes to the Episcopal Women for a variety of projects.

"When I agreed to do this 10 years ago," Johnson said, "it was on the condition that all the money went to the women."

Serving more than 150 dozen donuts annually, the organization has used the funds to buy tables and chairs, a copier, an ice maker, and to help the youth group.

"What we don't sell, we have with coffee at Sunday School," one said with a big smile.

Violinist to be guest performer

A violin will be the instrument of choice for the guest artist with the Amarillo Symphony in their October concert.

Violinist Dylana Jensen will be the guest artist with the Amarillo Symphony Oct. 23.

The Saturday night performance is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Jensen appeared as a child prodigy with the New York

Philharmonic at Lincoln Center and has traveled North America, Europe and Latin America giving concert performances. She was the youngest person and first American woman to win the silver medal at the Tchaikovsky competition in Moscow.

Most recently Jensen appeared with the Yale Symphony Orchestra and the North Carolina Symphony. She is also

scheduled to appear with the Philharmonic Virtuosi at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Toronto Philharmonic and the Chicago Sinfonietta.

The Amarillo Symphony is scheduled to perform Kikimora by Anatol Liadov, Concerto for Violin by Jean Sibelius and Wagner's Tannhauser Overture and Wagner's Ride of the Valkyries.

Adventures for the antiseptic agrarian

By LARRY BLASKO
Associated Press Writer

The farming dream: Sunset paints your fields as you and your spouse thrill to the sound of crickets and await the twinkling of the stars in a smog-free sky.

The farming reality: Too much work and too few hours. Sunset means bugs that bite take over from those that sting, and the twinkling stars mean another night without needed rain.

Farming became romanticized when technology freed most people from having to do it. And now 3 percent of Americans grow food for the other 97 percent.

If you've wondered how you'd fare against nature but are squeamish about what's sticking to your boots, a software program for IBM PCs and compatibles called SimFarm can give you a chance to find out.

SimFarm comes from Maxis; the Orinda, Calif., publisher of simulations marked by a sense of fun as well as solid information. Other products have included SimEarth, SimCity, SimAnt.

SimFarm puts you into the farming business with your choice of location, crops, tools, weather, supplies. Of course, just like a real farmer, you have to pay for all this.

And you have to watch what kind of crop you're planting, where and when. And the kind of soil you're planting it in. And what's out there that wants to

eat your crop before you do and what, if anything, can be done about it.

If you need advice, there's always the local farm bureau. And you can play the commodities futures market to hedge your financial bets. Bets do need hedging. I had a decent crop of winter onions — planted them in January — and got nailed by a plague of locusts.

Because so many things can and do happen and because SimFarm is a complex simulation, it's not a game you can master in a couple of hours. I'd figure a minimum of three hours before you're comfortable with all the variables and interconnected events, maybe two more before you actually make a buck.

SimFarm comes with a 140-page manual that's nicely written and informative both about the simulation and considerations in real farming. You also get farming history, learning, for example, that the development of horse collars around 1000 A.D. was a big plus. Seems that before then, loads to be pulled by animals put the weight on the windpipe. Not good. The horse collar transferred the weight to the shoulders, allowing animals to pull larger loads.

SimFarm wants to see at least an 80286 CPU, a hard drive with three megabytes of free space, a mouse and either VGA or EGA graphic monitors, plus a Microsoft-compatible mouse. A sound card is optional. A Mac version is planned for next year.

Military look is in for outerwear

By FRANCINE PARNES
For AP Special Features

Joan Kaner, fashion director of Neiman Marcus in New York, agrees.

Coats this season are going to great lengths to please. They're either floor-length like a military great coat or fanny-length of the navy pea jacket style. Colors are dark, brightened by brass buttons and gold-tone braid.

"Coats are about six inches longer than last year," says Steve Blatt, president of Searle in New York. "The fashion coats are floor-length... This hasn't happened since 1970, which was the year of the maxi coat."

Because choice styles nip in at the waist and flare from hip to floor, they're perfect for flowing hemlines on pants and skirts. They're also compatible with short skirts, slit skirts, leggings and tunics.

Ellen Daniel, vice president of corporate design at Liz Claiborne in New York, says a double-breasted officer's great coat with a slightly flared skirt is "the one great piece to have. The world is preoccupied with war, and any take on uniforms should continue all the way through 1994."

Claiborne's ankle-length fit-and-flare black wool military coat with goldtone crest buttons and velvet collar is about \$300. A black leather storm trooper three-quarter length trench coat, with belt and goldtone buttons, is about \$600.

"Almost everything we have with hardware is flying out of the stores," says Blatt of Searle.

Of particular interest, he says, is the peacoat, which Searle is showing in red, navy or green, about \$200. He says it offers a military look for the practical shopper. After all, it's not easy bundling a floor-length flared coat into a car. And if your hands are full, it's hard to hike up the hem to hop on a bus.

"The jacket is a wonderful thing to drag around," he says. "It's a length that's just ideal for daily wear."

"The two ways to go for coats this year are really long or else three-quarter length — which looks best in a peacoat," she says.

Schott Bros. of Hoboken, N.J., maker of classic navy peacoats for 40 years, has six new colors for fall — red, purple, green, camel, oatmeal and gray tweed. In melton wool, they're about \$125.

"The peacoat silhouette always remains the same, but the new colors make it more of a contemporary fashion item," says Michele Litzky, Schott spokeswoman.

As for maxi coats, color them black or other shades from the dark side.

"When anything is that long," Blatt says, "you can rest assured the color will be conservative."

One way to add depth to the dark tones is to add fur, fake or the real thing.

Blatt calls fur-trimmed coats "enormously important. They look luxurious, they look warm, they feel warm."

Steve Gold of New York, North American director for Saga Furs of Scandinavia, says fur trim is up about 25 percent this season over last. He says to look for mink, fox, beaver and sable.

At Anne Klein, "the look of the season is an ankle-grazing black or navy cashmere military coat trimmed with fur on the collar and cuffs," says Anne Dee Goldin, president of Goldin-Feldman Furs in New York.

With sheared beaver it'll run you about \$3,500, with Russian sable, it's about \$5,500. There are also Anne Klein navy cashmere pea jackets with beaver trim, about \$3,000.

At Neiman Marcus, Kaner is keeping her eye on a calf-length brown dyed shearing double-breasted coat with Persian lamb collar and cuffs. By Turkistukku of Finland, it's \$2,995.

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Old Testament book
- 7 Magic
- 13 Given to wandering
- 14 Messenger's task
- 15 Tennis player
- 16 Merited
- 17 Mesh
- 18 Direction reversal
- 20 Kind of curve
- 21 Hide
- 23 Fate
- 26 Put out of sight
- 27 Lavish fondness
- 31 Lassoed
- 33 Entices
- 34 Altogether (2 wds.)
- 35 Acclaim
- 36 Become boring

DOWN

- 1 Actress — Simmons
- 2 Try to persuade
- 3 What a nuisance!
- 4 Laughing —
- 5 Follow
- 6 Sew
- 7 Swerved
- 8 Praying figure
- 9 Hockey great
- 10 European
- 11 Dollar bills
- 12 Betting factor
- 19 Psychic — Geller
- 21 Odors
- 22 Elicited
- 23 Trickle
- 24 Eugene O'Neill's daughter
- 25 Semi-precious stone
- 28 Paris airport
- 29 Rip
- 30 Princely Italian family
- 32 3.38 fluid oz.
- 33 Author John — Carre
- 37 Gypsy
- 38 Police alert (abbr.)
- 39 Hurries
- 42 Enjoyed
- 43 Unsuccessful car
- 44 Edible seeds
- 45 Cry of pain
- 46 Genuine
- 48 Talk-show host — Donahue
- 49 Renovate
- 50 City in Utah
- 52 Uncle
- 54 Singing syllable

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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WALNUT COVE

By Mark Cullum

I hope you enjoyed talking to Daddy while I was getting ready...

I most certainly did, Margaret.

Good. I was afraid he might've said something to intimidate you.

Intimidate me? Ha Ha! Whatever would make you think such a thing?

This is the third time you have stopped to top off the gas tank since 7 o'clock.

Good grief, is it after 7 o'clock? I'd better be getting you home!

ARLO & JANIS

By Jimmy Johnson

I REALLY SHOULD DRINK LESS COFFEE.

I SHOULD DRINK LESS BEER, TOO.

I CERTAINLY SHOULD EAT LESS.

BUT WHAT WOULD I DO WITH ALL THAT TIME?

ROBOTMAN® by Jim Meddick

I THOUGHT I COULD RESIST YOU AT FIRST. THE DUSTY T-SHIRT. THE TIGHT JEANS. THEY'RE HOT, BUT...

WHEN YOU PUT ON THE GARDENING GLOVES! THAT'S WHEN I KNEW!

GARDENING GLOVES, HUH?

THEN...HOW...ABOUT...

...A GARDENING HAT??

OK, OK...MY MISTAKE...THE GARDENING HAT GOES!

B.C.

By Johnny Hart

HI THERE, I'M A TALKING FLOWER.

AND I AM A TALKING ROCK.

YOU ARE NOT! I'M A VENTRILOQUIST!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today you could either take unduly long to make a decision or, conversely, jump to conclusions before you have all the facts at your disposal. Find the constructive middle ground. Try to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Usually you're pretty good at keeping secrets, but this might be one of your off days. There are indications you could talk about things which were told to you in confidence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you're handling funds today for your club or organization to which you belong, take pains to keep exacting records that account for every penny spent. You might need them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Under most conditions you are a rather methodical person who does things in a practical, sequential manner. Today, however, you may be impatient and attempt some rather foolish shortcuts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today if you have to make important judgments, base them upon your logical assessments and not your emotions or feelings. The former is productive, the latter could be destructive.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Make every effort today to try to avoid additional debt spending. Don't buy things hoping you'll have the cash to cover it later.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your judgment in career matters might not be up to its usual standards today. Be wary of making impulsive decisions, because they may prove counterproductive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This may not be a good day to experiment with new methods or procedures where critical assignments are concerned. Your chances for complicating problems are strong.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't jeopardize a good relationship you have going for you if today you should meet someone you find attractive. His/her razzle dazzle may quickly fade.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today you might belatedly learn you made a poor bargain or agreement. Reneging could tarnish your image, so bite the bullet and accept its terms and conditions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today it might be necessary for you to relay some important information from one person to another. Don't trust your memory, because it could be faulty. Take time to write it down in detail.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't take gambles on things today that could negatively affect your finances or security if they go awry. Unfortunately, there's a chance this might occur, so be careful.

MARVIN

By Tom Armstrong

I THINK I MUST BE DOING SOMETHING WRONG.

PEOPLE INTO FITNESS ARE ALWAYS (PANT! GRUNT!) TALKING ABOUT THE NATURAL HIGH THEY GET WHEN EXERCISING.

THE ONLY TIME I FEEL EUPHORIC IS ON THE DAYS I DON'T HAVE TO WORK OUT!

MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

"All right, who ripped the Garfield strip out?"

KIT N' CARLYLE

By Larry Wright

REPAIRS

I THINK THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH IT. IT WON'T SCARE MY CAT ANYMORE.

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

NICE OF LIMPA TO LEAVE ME THIS LITTLE SNACK!

SLURP SLURP

AAH, THIS FEELS GOOD! IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY!

SOMETHING'S GOT TO BE DONE ABOUT THAT BIG SLUG!

...UNWARE THAT HE IS BEING OBSERVED BY PIDALI, WHOSE PRESENCE IN THE MOOVIAN PALACE HAS GONE UNNOTICED IN ALL THE EXCITEMENT!

BEATTIE BLVD.

By Bruce Beattie

"Can I go get the malted milk balls I dropped? They should all roll to the front of the theater!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane

"Why do you hafta try all the other keys first?"

WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

WHOEVER IT WAS THAT SAID...

THAT IT'S DIFFICULT TO WALK ON EGGS...

NEVER TRIED SITTING ON GRAPEFRUIT RINDS.

CALVIN AND HOBBS

By Bill Watterson

OH!!

WHE! NGGHH! RRRGGG!

FWOOP

THE BORN LOSER

By Art and Chip Sansom

THE TRIUMPHANT SHOPPER RETURNS...

I CAME... I SAW...

I CHARGED!

FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

I TAPE TV SHOWS AND WATCH THEM ON FAST-FORWARD...IT'S A FORM OF TRASH COMPACTING.

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz

IF EVERYONE LISTENED TO ME, THIS WOULD BE A PERFECT WORLD!

JUST THINK ABOUT IT...WOULDN'T YOU LOVE TO LIVE IN A PERFECT WORLD?

GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

WELL, WHY NOT?!

IT'S AMAZING WHAT ONE CAN DO WITH A ROLLING PIN

Sports

Briefs

CHICAGO (AP) — Dave Stewart showed why the World Series champion Toronto Blue Jays got him, and why they're going back.

Stewart, the best playoff pitcher ever, won his fourth career clincher, leading Toronto past the White Sox 6-3 in Game 6, for MVP honors.

Pat Borders, last year's World Series MVP, drove in his first three runs of this series. His two-run single in the second and RBI grounder in the fourth put the Blue Jays ahead 3-2 against Alex Fernandez. In the ninth, Devon White homered and Paul Molitor hit a two-run triple.

The victory, Stewart's second in the series, made him 8-0 with a 2.03 ERA in playoffs. Duane Ward got the last five outs for his second save.

The Blue Jays are the first repeat AL champions since the Yankees in 1978.

Stewart, named playoff MVP a second time, pitched 7 1-3 innings, allowing two runs on four hits, walking four and striking out three. He passed Hall of Famer Catfish Hunter for most playoff innings pitched.

For the sixth straight time, the team that scored first won the game.

White's 12th hit of the series tied Tim Lincecum's AL playoff record set earlier. Molitor finished with nine hits, seven runs scored and five RBIs.

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Frank Thomas, who led the White Sox to their first AL West title since 1983, was named Baseball Player of the Year by The Sporting News.

Thomas drove in 128 runs, hit a career-high 41 homers and batted .317. He won the award over San Francisco's Barry Bonds 161-159 in a poll of major league players.

Other winners were: Bobby Cox of Atlanta, NL Manager; Johnny Oates of Baltimore, AL Manager; Greg Maddux of Atlanta, NL Pitcher; Jack McDowell of the White Sox, AL Pitcher; Mike Piazza of the Dodgers, NL Rookie, and Tim Salmon of California, AL Rookie.

CHICAGO (AP) — Either Tony Muser or Tom Trebelhorn will be named Chicago Cubs manager by Friday, general manager Larry Himes said. Muser and Trebelhorn are Cubs coaches, and both agreed whoever doesn't get the job will remain as coach.

Jim Lefebvre was fired as manager after the season when the Cubs finished fourth in the NL East.

ATLANTA (AP) — The winless Atlanta Falcons shipped Eric Dickerson, NFL's No. 2 career rusher to Green Bay for running back John Stephens. In a separate deal, defensive back Bruce Pickens went to the Packers for a conditional draft pick.

Last week, Dickerson thought he was cut by the Falcons, his third team in three years. It turned out the 11-year veteran was not released. Coach Jerry Glanville simply wanted Dickerson in a backup role.

Pickens, the Falcons' first-round pick — third overall — in 1991 from Nebraska, played 20 games, with eight starts, in three seasons. Stephens, 27, was NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year in 1988 with New England, and led the Patriots in rushing from 1988-1990.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Ball State basketball coach Dick Hunsaker resigned and forward Steve Payne was declared ineligible after the school discovered NCAA rules violations involving four players.

Ball State, Mid-American Conference co-champions at 26-8, said both sides decided it was best Hunsaker leave. The school investigation began after an unidentified source told the NCAA players received illegal payments.

A university committee found Payne and three others received improper inducements, extra benefits and unauthorized financial aid the summer of 1989.

Hunsaker, 39, coach for four years and assistant two years, knew of no illegal gifts or payments. He led Ball State to four 20-win seasons and postseason berths and finishes with a 97-34 record.

The school notified the NCAA of Hunsaker's resignation and Payne's ineligibility, but has not been told if it will be penalized.

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The NBA argued in federal court that Chris Dudley's seven-year contract with Portland attempts to "subvert" the league's salary cap.

Howard Ganz, an NBA lawyer, said the salary cap is designed to put all teams on "equal footing on bidding for players," but the one-year escape clause in Dudley's contract undermines such plans.

Lawyers for the players and their union asked the judge to discount the NBA's "doom and gloom" projections, noting 20 of 27 teams are already over the cap.

George Cohen, a lawyer for the NBA Players Association, doubted many players would seek an escape clause like Dudley's because they would risk losing leverage with a bad season or injury.

Dudley, a 6-foot-11 center, agreed to \$790,000 the first year of his contract.

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP) — The University of Southern Mississippi suspended a basketball player and a former player for one semester for firing a pistol on campus Oct. 2.

Authorities said Damien Smith, 18, a freshman guard, fired one shot into the air near the athletic dormitory. Former basketball player Terry Cameron, 22, of Chicago, said the pistol was his.

Smith and Cameron will not be allowed on campus for any reason this semester and are required to complete 70 hours community service with local youth organizations to be reinstated.

Smith, a 5-foot-10 point guard, averaged 34.1 points the past two seasons at Hattiesburg High School.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The Miami Heat signed 7-foot-7, 225-pound free-agent center Manute Bol, a native of Sudan. Bol has the third highest career blocked shot average at 3.41 and is only seventh in league history to block more than 2,000 shots.

Bol, 31 next week, began his eight-year NBA career with the Washington Bullets as a second-round pick after one season at the University of Bridgeport. He played with Philadelphia the past three seasons.

Pampa joins Randall, Borger at the top

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Writer

Randall and Borger join Pampa as the early leaders in District 1-4A after opening games last week.

Randall rolled past Caprock, 39-7, while Borger surprised Hereford, 45-28, last Friday night. It was Borger's first win over Hereford since the 1978 season.

Pampa's district opener was much closer with the Harvesters having to come from behind in the second half to notch a 18-11 win.

Pampa's defense, led by tackle Justin Long and cornerback Greg McDaniel, held Dumas to

just 115 yards total yards, including only 18 yards the second half. But it was Dumas' defense that turned out to be its best offense.

"Dumas has a fine defense. In fact it was the defense that scored most of their points," said Pampa head coach Dennis Cavalier following Friday's game.

Eight of the Demons' 11 points did come from its defense. The Demons only points from the offense came on James Charles' 48-yard field goal in the first quarter after Dumas scored a safety. Pampa's Tim McCavit countered with a 43-yard field goal to narrow the gap to 5-3 at halftime.

Pampa gained the lead in third

quarter at the 6:48 mark when quarterback Tony Cavalier stiff-armed a Dumas defender and scrambled 15 yards for a touchdown. The score was set up on Cavalier's 24-yard pass to tailback Gregg Moore, who made a diving catch along the Dumas sideline.

"That was a great play that Moore made to help get us in good field position for the touchdown," Cavalier said.

The two teams traded touchdowns in the fourth quarter. After Dumas' Jared Vorchard picked up a Harvester fumble and returned it 41 yards for the score, Pampa countered on its third possession with Matt Garvin's 36-yard TD run. Cava-

lier's conversion pass to Moore came with 6:37 remaining for the final points.

A pair of taunting penalties on Garvin's TD and the conversion pass put Pampa back deep on its own 13 for the ensuing kickoff, but McCavit unloaded a spectacular kick that went over the return man's head and rolled to the Dumas 5. Joe Dan Rogers made the return to the Demons' 20 and Dumas was forced to punt four plays later. The Harvesters ran out the clock to record their fifth win compared to just one setback.

Pampa has the district's best defense, allowing just 10.3 points per game after six outings. Randall is second, averaging 12.3 ppg, and the Raiders

also have a 5-1 record.

Long and McDaniel were among the Harvesters who stood out on defense against the Demons. Long made one solo and nine assisted tackles. McDaniel made six unassisted tackles.

McDaniel from his flanker position and offensive tackle Greg Erpelting had an outstanding night of blocking.

Pampa's offense is third in district, averaging 17.1 points per game. Borger, 21.8, and Randall, 23.0, are ranked ahead of the Harvesters.

Pampa hosts Caprock Friday night in the annual homecoming game.

Cowboys use 49ers for measuring stick

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING (AP) — Once again the San Francisco 49ers are the measuring stick for the Dallas Cowboys status in the NFL world.

Forget how the Cowboys have played so far. What matters is how they play against what coach Jimmy Johnson considers the most dangerous team in the league.

"We've come out of the hole we dug in the last three weeks," Johnson said on Tuesday. "Now, we have the opportunity to show if we belong among the elite in this league."

The Cowboys and the San Francisco 49ers meet Sunday at 3 p.m. at Texas Stadium in an NFC championship game rematch.

Dallas defeated the 49ers 30-20 in the muck and mire of Candlestick Park and went on to whip Buffalo 52-17 in the Super Bowl.

Without running back Emmitt Smith, who became embroiled in a bitter contract dispute with owner Jerry Jones, the Cowboys lost to Washington and Buffalo.

Players went into helmet-throwing demonstrations because Jones wouldn't sign Smith, the NFL's leading rusher for two consecutive seasons.

After Smith returned, \$13.6 million richer, the Cowboys defeated Phoenix, Green Bay and Indianapolis.

"We're playing well but we haven't faced a team the caliber of San Francisco," said Johnson. "We know they've been

the best team in the NFL. They are a great team with one of the finest offenses in the league. They have Hall of Fame players."

Johnson said he won't have to say one inspirational word this week.

"There's going to be a lot of adrenalin on both sides," he said. "This is a key game for each team. The winner can say it is the best regardless of the records we have."

Both the 49ers and Cowboys are 3-2, with the San Francisco losses coming on the road at Cleveland and New Orleans. The 49ers were idle last Sunday, giving them two weeks to prepare for the Cowboys.

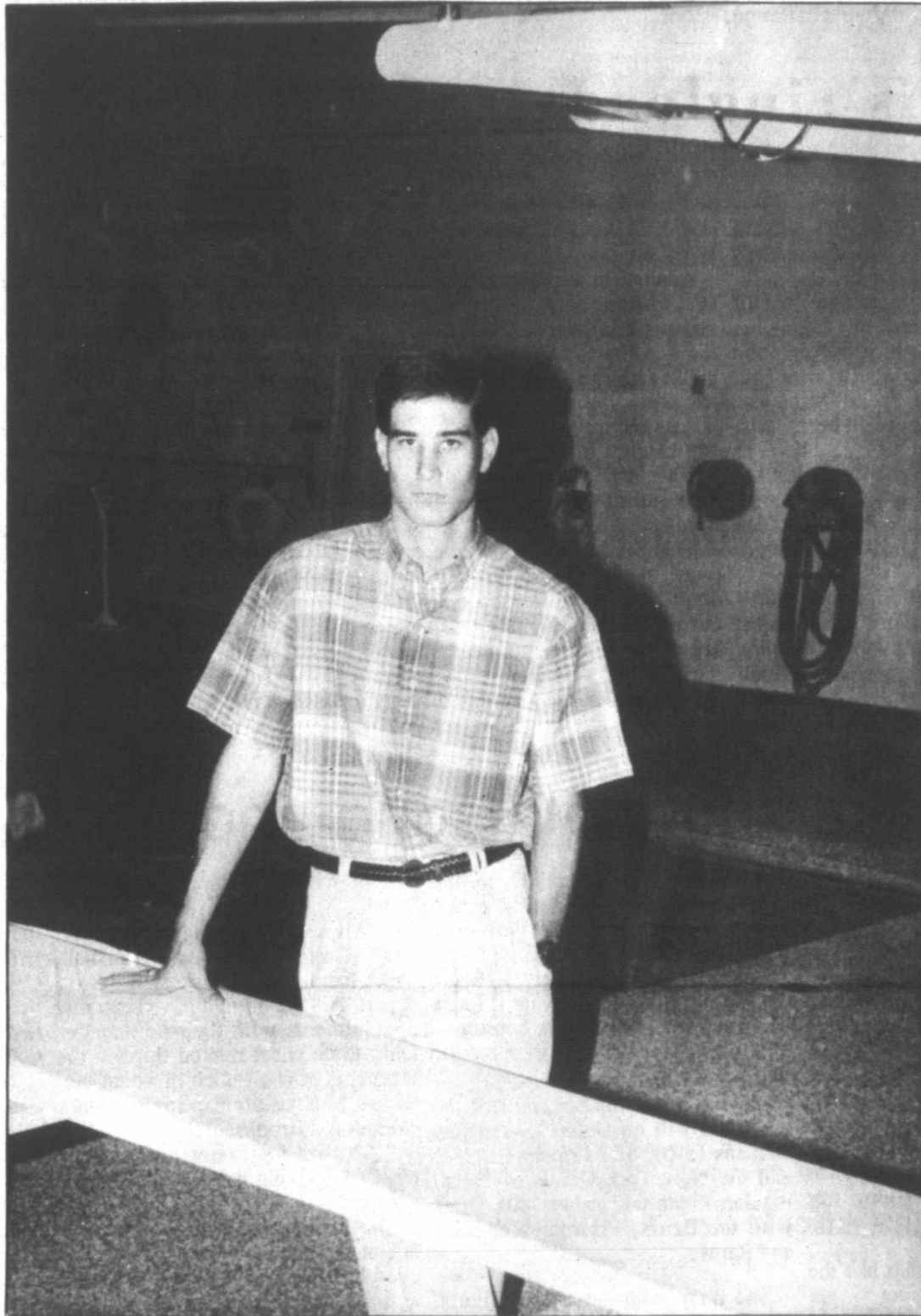
Once again, Johnson said the Cowboys will be faced with the chore of slowing down quarterback Steve Young.

"He can beat you with the pass and he can beat you with the run," Johnson said. "The 49ers are actively using him in running back schemes now. Sometimes you'll see the full-back lead him into the hole. He's very capable. He gives you more problem than most quarterbacks."

Johnson said the two weeks of preparation could work to the 49ers' advantage.

"They probably won't change a whole lot in what they do, but it will give them a chance to zero in on what we do," Johnson said. "I'm sure we'll get their best effort."

Odds makers rated the Cowboys six-point favorites in the 49ers first visit to Texas Stadium since 1990, when they claimed a 24-6 victory.



(Staff photo) Amarillo native Cody Huckaby takes over the swimming program at Pampa High School.

Taking the plunge

Former swim star surfaces in Pampa

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Writer

Cody Huckaby is a newcomer to the Pampa High School swimming program, but he's certainly not new to the swim scene.

Huckaby, the new head coach of the PHS swim team, has been to the Texas state meet in U.S.S. (United States Swimming) competition and also participated professionally as a triathlon athlete, which involves the combined sports of swimming, cycling and running.

"I was able to compete all over the nation, from California to Florida, but I was never quite good enough to make a living at it," Huckaby said. "It's kind of like the rodeo circuit. There's a lot of money that can be made, but not many can make a living at it. There was also a lot of training involved. About the only time I had off was maybe two weeks in November."

While a student at Tascosa High School, Huckaby qualified for the U.S.S. state meet in Houston. His best finish was ninth in the distance freestyle event.

This is Huckaby's first coaching job with a high school program since graduating from Texas Tech, but he did coach high school age athletes with the Amarillo Swim Team.

The Harvesters have been working out for about six weeks with the first meet scheduled Oct. 28 against Amarillo Caprock in the Pampa Youth Center.

Braves eager to earn rematch with Jays

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Atlanta Braves, who scored 14 runs the last time they played at Veterans Stadium, are eager to start hitting again and earn a World Series rematch with the Toronto Blue Jays.

And why shouldn't they be? Just as predicted, their talented lineup is burying the Philadelphia Phillies offensively — Atlanta is hitting .290 to Philadelphia's .227 — and their Fab Four starting staff has been ... well, fabulous.

The Braves have a 2.72 ERA to Philadelphia's 5.09 through five games, and they've got the

NL's last two Cy Young Award winners, Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine, ready to go the rest of the series. Maddux (1-0) starts tonight against Tommy Greene (0-1) in a rematch of the Braves' Game 2 walkover.

"I feel real good going into Philadelphia," Braves manager Bobby Cox said.

There's just one slight problem for Atlanta. The Phillies, not the Braves, lead the series 3-2 — and unless the Braves sweep in Philadelphia, they'll wind up with nothing in a year they won 104 regular-season games.

Marino faces long road to recovery

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Dan Marino must stay off his injured right leg for a week, wear a cast for a month and deal with the frustration of watching his team from the sidelines for the rest of the year.

The Miami Dolphins quarterback faces four to six months of rehabilitation after rupturing his Achilles tendon Sunday at Cleveland. The injury ends Marino's streak of 145 consecutive starts, excluding the 1987 NFL strike.

"I'm disappointed and hurt from the fact I'm not going to be able to play, regardless of whether it's the Super Bowl or playoffs or next week's game," Marino said Tuesday.

"I just enjoy playing football and the competition and being out there. That's what's hurting now, more than the injury itself — the fact that I'm not going to be able to contribute the rest of this season."

Speaking from his home in a conference call with reporters, Marino made his first public comments since undergoing surgery Monday.

"Actually I feel pretty good," he said. "I don't have a lot of pain."

"It's not the end of the world or anything. It's an injury that happened. I've played 10 seasons in a row without an injury. I've been very lucky in that regard."

The Super Bowl is 3 1/2 months away, and Marino plans to rehabilitate with the idea of returning for postseason play in the back of his mind.

"Chances are that it probably is not possible," he said. "But you have to hope for something."

Even if he must wait until next summer to return, the 32-year-old Marino anticipates a complete recovery from the first serious injury of his career.

"You have to deal with it and be as positive as you can, and the positive side is that it's not going to be career-ending," he said.

"From what I understand, with the history of injuries like this, when you undergo rehabilitation, you come back 100 percent. The chances of it reoccurring on an Achilles tendon that has been repaired are pretty much zero."

Fourth-year pro Scott Mitchell will make his first career start in the Dolphins' next game Oct. 24 against Indianapolis. At Cleveland, Mitchell came off the bench to throw his first two NFL touchdown passes in a 24-14 victory.

"Scott is very capable of doing an excellent job," said Marino, who plans to remain close to the Dolphins the rest of this season.

"I'm part of the team regardless of whether I'm hurt or not. If I can help by watching films or being on the sidelines or helping with the game plan, that's something I'd want to do."

And by next summer, Marino plans to be as good as new.

"Just one year older," he said.

Scoreboard

Pampa bowling results

Team	Won	Lost
Rogers Quad	10	6
Peggy's Place	9	7
Team Seven	9	7
Sparky Dog House	8 1/2	7 1/2
Team Six	8 1/2	7 1/2
Car Shades	7	9
Team Eight	7	9
Team Two	5	11

Week's High Scores
 Women - High scratch series: Peggy Smith, 549; High handicap series: Belinda Nolte, 215; High handicap series: Vickie Rogers, 647; High handicap game: Lisa Mynear, 246; Men - High scratch series: Gene Rogers, 509; High handicap game: Raul Bowers, 190; High handicap series: John Mears, 653; High handicap game: Joe Fick, 234.

HITS & MRS. COUPLES

Team	Won	Lost
Rug Doctor	15	5
Dale's Automotive	13	7
Northcrest Phar.	13	7
J & J Motor	12	8
Clemens	11	9
Agape	11	9
Hi Plains Printing	11	9
Safety International	7	13
R & R Roustabout	6	14
The C.O.'s	5	15
Pizza Hut	5	15

Week's High Scores
 Women - High scratch game: Bonnie Clemens, 206; High handicap series: Rita Steddum, 687; High handicap game: Sherryl Reames, 241; High handicap series: Susan Richardson, 662; Men - High scratch game: Jeffrey Thiry, 233; High handicap series: Earnest Byars, 695; High handicap game: Noel Clemens, 229; High handicap series: Douglas Krone, 709.

LAS VEGAS LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
Deaver Construction	18	2
Jack's Plumbing	13	7
J & J Motor Co.	13	7
Frank's Hardware	12	8
Eico Glass	7	13
Stephens Welding	7	13
Harvester Lanes	7	13
Siroin Stockade	3	17

High game - Men: Robert Yearwood, 230;
Women: Rita Stephens, 200.

Major League playoffs

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PLAYOFFS

American League
 Tuesday, Oct. 5
 Toronto 7, Chicago 3
 Wednesday, Oct. 6
 Toronto 3, Chicago 1
 Friday, Oct. 8
 Chicago 6, Toronto 1
 Saturday, Oct. 9
 Chicago 7, Toronto 4
 Sunday, Oct. 10
 Toronto 5, Chicago 3
 Tuesday, Oct. 12
 Toronto 6, Chicago 3, Toronto wins series

National League
 Wednesday, Oct. 6
 Philadelphia 4, Atlanta 3, 10 innings
 Thursday, Oct. 7
 Atlanta 14, Philadelphia 3
 Saturday, Oct. 9
 Atlanta 9, Philadelphia 4
 Sunday, Oct. 10
 Philadelphia 2, Atlanta 1
 Monday, Oct. 11
 Philadelphia 4, Atlanta 3, 10 innings
 Philadelphia leads series 3-2
 Wednesday, Oct. 13
 Atlanta (Maddux 1-0) at Philadelphia (Greene 0-1), 8:12 p.m.
 Thursday, Oct. 14
 Atlanta at Philadelphia, 8:12 p.m., if necessary

WORLD SERIES
 Saturday, Oct. 16
 NL champion at Toronto, 8:29 p.m.
 Sunday, Oct. 17
 NL at Toronto, 8:29 p.m.
 Tuesday, Oct. 19
 Toronto at NL, 8:12 p.m.
 Wednesday, Oct. 20
 Toronto at NL, 8:12 p.m.
 Thursday, Oct. 21
 Toronto at NL, 8:12 p.m., if necessary
 Saturday, Oct. 23
 NL at Toronto, 8:12 p.m., if necessary
 Sunday, Oct. 24
 NL at Toronto, 8:29 p.m., if necessary

PHS girls lift district mark to 4-2 with volleyball win

By SUSAN ADELETTI
Sports Writer

The Harvesters are picking up the pace again in district action. Pampa went to Caprock High School last night and came away with a 4-2 district record.

The atmosphere was high-energy and the Caprock team was, well - screechy, but the Harvesters were not affected. They took victory in just two games, 15-6, 15-9.

"I think we're steadily improving," Pampa head coach Brad Borden said. "And more importantly, we're developing more confidence in our ability."

In the first game, the Harvesters led 12-3, and showed no signs of slowing down. Shelly Young served well, and Serenity King spiked a few points in the win.

The second game crawled along, with possession of the ball going back and forth 40 times. Each serve was hard-won, and each point was an even bigger challenge.

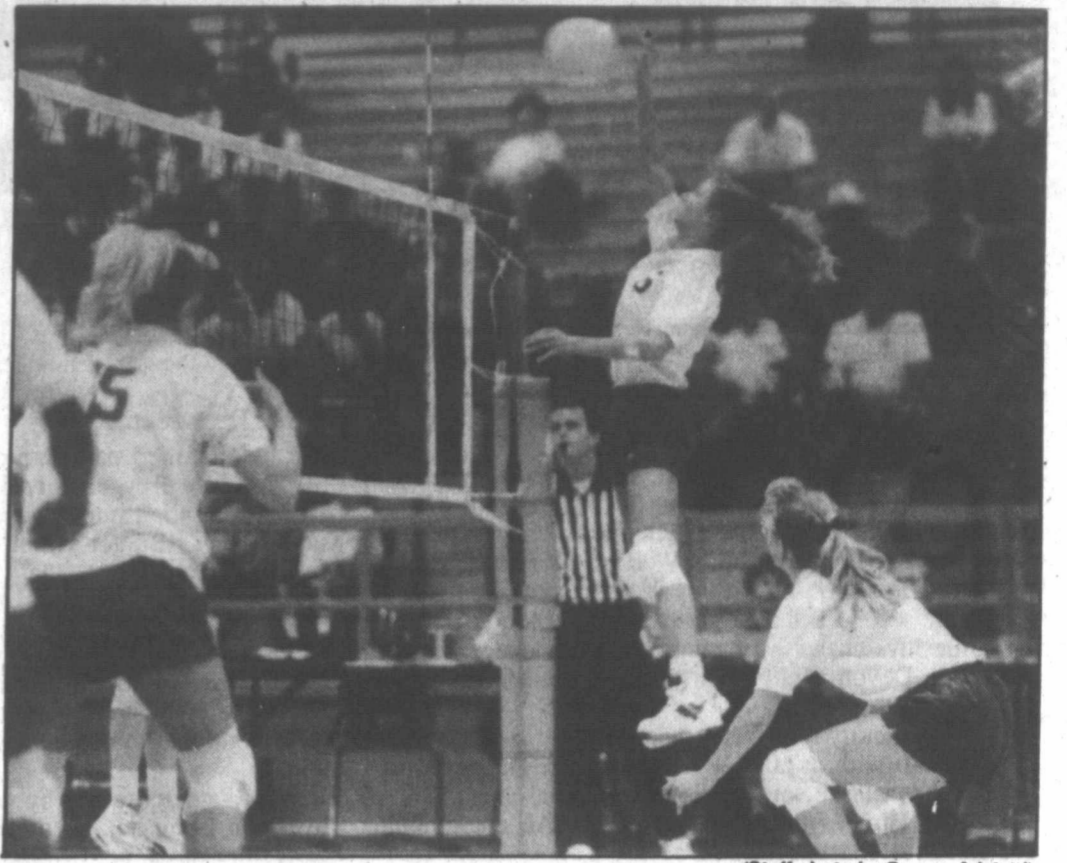
But the Harvesters' defense overpowered Caprock, and their offense played a good game as well, sending Longhorns sprawling all over the court.

Caprock led from the outset until Pampa took over, 4-3. With Candi Atwood serving, the Harvesters rallied to an 8-4 lead. The Longhorns found their offense mid-game, and closed the gap to one point.

The Harvesters pulled ahead, keeping Caprock at bay, and scored its final three points with Emily Brooks serving.

King registered six kills during the match and Tammy Chesher notched four. Defensive duties were well-shared, as Chesher, Young, Brooks and King all racked up at least five digs each.

"We had a good team defensive game," Borden said. "In a game that's that quick, not many balls are hitting the floor."



Junior Michelle Abbott spikes the ball during the Harvesters' 15-6, 15-9 victory at Caprock last night. The win improved Pampa's district record to 4-2. (Staff photo by Susan Adeletti)

Adams is ringleader of Texas A&M's Wrecking Crew

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Sam Adams is the chief wrecker of Texas A&M's Wrecking Crew defense.

He got there by creating a new line of scrimmage for himself and he was at his destructive best on Saturday, helping the Aggies dismantle Houston's offense and earning The Associated Press Defensive Player of the Week honor. A&M beat Houston 34-10.

"In high school, we ran a gap control defense where you didn't cross the line of scrimmage," Adams said. "This year I'm playing more aggressive and I'm creating a new line of scrimmage."

Rice quarterback Bert Emanuel didn't know he would start Saturday's game against Texas Christian until he got up that morning and limbered up his sore passing right shoulder.

That done, he completed 13 of 18 passes

for a career-high 221 yards as Rice beat TCU 34-19. He threw two touchdowns and ran 53 yards for another score, earning The AP's Offensive Player of the Week honor.

Adams' new playing field stretches into the opponent's backfield where he's become a regular visitor. He had four tackles against the Cougars, two sacks, two tackles behind the line and he batted down one pass.

Adams never felt he was not being aggressive. It was just a matter of breaking his schoolboy habits of protecting an area rather than charging into the backfield.

"People say I might take off a play or two," Adams said. "But it's hard if they don't run the ball at you or try to take you out of the offense. But that's no excuse. I keep telling myself to get to the ball, get to the ball."

"It just took me a couple of years to learn it."

Adams is the Aggies' leading tackler (38) and sacker (5 1/2). He has seven quarterback pressures and has knocked down two passes, caused one fumble and recovered two others.

The Aggies shut down the Cougars offense to 178 total yards. The Aggies hadn't allowed a point in two games at Kyle Field this season until the Cougars scored 10 points.

"You never want a team to score on you," Adams said. "It's in our minds but we don't talk about it. We just try to play good defense on every play and things take care of themselves."

Emanuel's bruised shoulder inhibited his workouts. He threw 50 passes on Wednesday but was limited on Thursday by more soreness.

"I knew when I woke up (Saturday) that I would play," Emanuel said. "I got up early and went to the pool at the hotel and worked it out."

Emanuel didn't respond immediately

when the game got underway but he completed his first nine passes of the second half and the Owls rolled up 20 points on their first four possessions of the second half.

"It (shoulder) didn't bother me once I got into the game," Emanuel said.

"Once you start playing, you forget about the injuries. I took about three hard hits on it in the second half."

Emanuel said he still emerged from the game feeling better than the previous week against Texas.

"We really debated on whether to start him," offensive coordinator Mike Heiumerding said.

TCU coach Pat Sullivan saw the difference in the game.

"One side had Bert Emanuel and that really makes a huge difference," Sullivan said. "When Rice needed someone to stand up and take charge in the fourth quarter, he really did."

It looks like same old song and dance for Oilers

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — The Houston Oilers, that annual post-season patsy, probably won't be back in the playoffs this year to continue their ritual of losing in the first or second round.

The way the 1993 season is going, however, most of the principals may make early 1994 look like a replay of the late '80s, proving once again that organizations win, not players, particularly in the new world of free agency.

Start with Houston, which has the longest active playoff string — six straight years, achieved mainly because it had enough high draft choices in the mid '80s to luck into some outstanding talent. That talent is aging now, the coaching staff is on at least two different tracks and the Oilers are 1-4 after their seven-turnover fiasco Monday night in Buffalo.

"We're not a very good team right now," says coach Jack Pardee, who will probably lose his job either before or after the Oilers fail to qualify for the playoffs, where

they've been 3-6 since 1987, failing even to make the AFC title game. Talent, you see, will take you only so far.

Since it's never too early to figure out the playoffs, here's what it looks like based on a third of the season — NFC first, since it always wins the Super Bowl.

Barring major injuries, four of the qualifiers will be Dallas (3-2), New Orleans (5-0), San Francisco (3-2) and the New York Giants (4-1), all regulars in the mid to late '80s, along with the Bears, Vikings, Redskins and Rams.

The only surprise is the Giants. Dan Reeves is proving just how bad a coach Ray Handley was and George Young has once again established himself as a "genius," a tag he lost temporarily when he hired Handley.

What did you do?

1. Hired Reeves as his third choice after Tom Coughlin and Dave Wannstedt said no.
 2. Signed perhaps the best group of free agents in the NFL — Mark Jackson, Mike Sherrard, Michael Brooks and Carlton Bailey, some (or even

all) of whom could make the Pro Bowl.

3. Allowed some big-name veterans — Carl Banks, Leonard Marshall, Mark Ingram and Jeff Hostetler — to depart. All but Ingram have been disappointments with their new teams, and the defense, ranked third in the league, is now a bunch of young no-names plus Lawrence Taylor, Mark Collins and Brooks.

"We're a lot faster defensively now," says Young, with his customary tight smile.

The other two teams?

Someone has to win the Central — everyone but Tampa Bay could do it at something like 9-7. And some team like the Bears or Rams could be a wild-card if the Eagles fall apart without Randall Cunningham. Green Bay, the preseason favorite in the Central, finally has Tony Bennett in to help Reggie White, and maybe Eric Dickerson and Bruce Pickens will shore up the dismal running game and secondary.

But the Super Bowl representative? Dallas, of course. They were 0-2 without Emmitt Smith and they'll probably go 14-0 with him.

The AFC?

Are we really ready for Buffalo (4-1) in the Super Bowl again? That's the most likely scenario now that the injuries to Dan Marino and John Offerdahl's annual shoulder separation have knocked Miami from the favorite's role. Scott Mitchell may be OK, but he's not Marino.

The best bet now is that Kansas City (4-1) makes the playoffs while giving Joe Montana enough rest so he's healthy in arm, leg and spirit for the post-season. That should happen even if Dave Krieg can barely beat Cincinnati.

So make it Buffalo and Miami (4-1) from the East, Pittsburgh (3-2) as the Central champion and Kansas City and Denver (3-2) from the West.

The sixth playoff team? Maybe the Raiders (3-2) or Cleveland (3-2). Maybe even the Colts, Chargers or Jets (2-3). But wouldn't it be nice if Seattle (3-2) went from 2-14 to the playoffs?

And one nice thing about the Super Bowl.

We will get a record — a fourth straight appearance by Buffalo.

And a fourth straight loss.

To Dallas, 52-17.

Athletes of the Week

The Pampa High School All Sports Booster Club has named two tennis players and a cross country runner as Athletes of the Week.

Stefan Bressler was named Athlete of the Week for the boys tennis team. Jamie Barker took the girls tennis honors.

Edward Williams was named Athlete of the Week for the Pampa High Cross Country team.

West Orange-Stark turns in record defensive effort in 84-0 romp

By JAIME ARON
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — The way West Orange-Stark's Cornell Thompson sees it, his defense intercepts so many passes because it's so tough against the run.

"I can't stand for them to run down the field and eat the clock up on us," Thompson said. "So we get more chances (for interceptions) simply because we're fair versus the run."

An offense that jumps out to big leads also forces opponents to throw the ball a lot, adding to Stark's chances for pickoffs. The team made the most of those opportunities last weekend, intercepting seven passes in an 84-0 romp over Port Arthur Lincoln.

The defense's record effort — including a single-game mark of 14 turnovers — topped their season total to 19 interceptions, earning Stark top honors in The Associated Press' honor roll.

Carlton Allen and Arthur Sweet, who both had three interceptions against Vidor, each picked off two Lincoln passes, and Morris Cook got three more.

"We just were in the right place at the right time," said Thompson, the defensive coordinator serving as interim head coach while Dan Hooks serves an eight-game suspension. "They kept throwing it to us and we kept catching it."

Sweet, the starting tight end, was forced to play defense for the first

time this season when one defender was lost because of grades and two others were injured. He'll start on both sides this weekend.

Sweet jumped right into the interception game, grabbing a twice-tipped pass on his first series. But as he returned it, he fumbled.

No problem. On the next series Lincoln ran the same play and Sweet again caught a batted ball. This time, he made a few moves and scored on a 25-yard return.

Cook, who has seven interceptions, could challenge the school record of 12 set in 1986 by current Dallas Cowboy Kevin Smith.

Smith, by the way, leads the Super Bowl champs with three interceptions.

In other outstanding Week 6 performances:

—Why is Amarillo River Road 6-0 for the first time in the school's 19-year history? Because of players like Donny King, who was incredible in the school's 29-15 victory over Childress, a first in 10 tries. King caught 10 passes for 189 yards and three TDs (79, 23 and 11), rushed for another TD, recovered two fumbles (he returned one 56 yards to set up his rushing TD), and threw a two-point conversion pass.

—Palestine's public address announcer said "Welcome to Palestine, Sanford," when Corsicana's Keric Sanford was stuffed at the line early in the game. The sophomore made himself at home, though, rushing for 149 yards and three TDs in a 28-7 victory in the district opener.

—Neither the flu nor San Angelo Central could do much to Abilene Cooper's Mike Rose as he rushed 29 times for 203 yards and a TD in a 43-27 victory. Quarterback Zac Allen threw four TD passes, three to Jason King.

High school honor roll

—Bridgeport, which went 0-10 last season, won for the fifth time this year thanks to Michael Morton blocking a punt out of the end zone for a 2-0 victory over Lake Dallas.

—Fort Bend Clements' Derrick Anderson had the Houston area's top 5A rushing game of the season with 307 yards and three TDs on 36 carries in a 26-14 victory over Brazoswood. Brazoswood had been allowing 304 yards per game.

—Amarillo's Jaret Greaser kicked field goals of 48, 27 and 59 yards and made all seven extra points he attempted in a 60-0 victory over Lubbock. His 59-yarder was the third of his career longer than 50 yards and set a school record, beating Scott Ferrell's 1990 mark of 57 yards.

—Tatum's Anthony Hodge rushed for 306 yards on 19 carries, scoring three TDs in a 42-21 victory over Spring Hill.

—Jeff Spikes of Burkeville went over the 1,500-yard mark for the season with 272 yards on 24 carries. He

scored on runs of 69, 29, 25 and 4 yards.

—Terry Clemmer completed 11 of 17 passes for 290 yards and four TDs and rushed nine times for 103 yards and two TDs in a 51-3 victory over San Angelo Lake View. Junior varsity callup Jason Blueford caught four passes for 175 yards and three TDs.

—Borger sophomore Cornell Jones rushed 22 times for 271 yards and TDs of 81, 72, 63 and 6 yards in a 45-28 victory over Hereford.

—Overton's Jessie Starling ran 35 times for 267 yards and three TDs in a 36-14 victory over Union Hill.

—Bryan Allsen of Agua Dulce ran for 243 yards and TDs of 75, 59 and 58 yards in a 57-0 victory over Asherton.

—John Smalley brought Bridge City back from a 21-0 first-quarter deficit, but he couldn't get far enough in a 28-27 loss to Nederland. He completed 16 of 32 passes for 308 yards and two TDs.

—Half of Larry Thomas' completions in Woodville's 49-14 victory over Kountze were TDs. He completed six of 10 passes for 246 yards, including scoring strikes of 40, 61 and 67 yards.

—Stratford's Heath Starnes rushed 19 times for 186 yards and two TDs and added an 89-yard kickoff return for another score in a 33-14 victory over West Texas.

—Enrique Ramirez had 12 unassisted tackles and three sacks in El Paso Burges' 12-7 victory over El Paso Austin. He also provided solid block-

ing at tight end, helping the Mustangs run for 298 yards.

—Basil Mitchell set a career-high with 222 yards and scored three more TDs, giving him a whopping 17 for the season, as Mount Pleasant defeated Texarkana Liberty-Eylau 27-20.

—Jason Tilson threw two fourth-quarter TD passes to lead San Saba to a 13-6 upset victory over then-No. 4 Goldthwaite.

—Tidehaven quarterback Artis Edwards had four TD runs, including a 74-yarder, in a 51-0 victory over Danbury.

—Hut Allred of Brownwood maintained his impressive rushing numbers (13 carries for 157 yards and three TDs) and also caught four passes for 147 yards and three more TDs in a 55-7 victory over Joshua. Quarterback Quade Driskill completed 10 of 18 passes for 294 yards and three TDs.

—Schulenburg's Steve Sartain had three interceptions, including one returned 99 yards, in the defending 2A champs' 35-7 victory over then-No. 10 East Bernard.

—Cameron Crager rushed for 176 yards and two TDs, including a 60-yarder on the game's second play, in Dawson's surprising 46-14 victory over defending district champ Oakwood.

—Jeremy Wills completed 18 of 31 passes for 317 yards and three TDs, most importantly a 25-yarder with 40 seconds left to carry South Garland past North Mesquite 41-40.

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

The Gray County Commissioners Court will receive applications with resumes to fill the vacancy in the office of County Attorney. It is requested that all interested and qualified persons submit a written application with resume on or before 10:00 a.m. on October 29, 1993 to the Gray County Judge at 205 N. Russell, Pampa, Texas.

The Commissioners Court will contact qualified applicants to schedule personal interviews. C-41 October 6, 13, 1993

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

You are hereby notified that HOECHST CELANESE CHEMICAL COMPANY, INCORPORATED has applied for renewal of Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) Permit No. 5968 to continue the operation of Storage Tanks V-897 & V-898 in Pampa, Gray County Texas. The location of the facility is 4.7 miles west of Pampa and 0.8 mile south of the intersection of U.S. Highway 60 and FM 2300. This facility will emit the following air contaminants: volatile organic compounds including, but not limited to, ethyl acetate, propyl acetate, i-butyl acetate, ethanol, methanol, and 2-ethyl hexanol.

A copy of all materials in the public file is available for inspection and reproduction at the TNRCC Amarillo Regional Office, Air Program, located at 3918 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79109-4996, telephone (806) 353-9251, and the TNRCC Central Office, 12124 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, telephone (512) 908-1000. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the regional office of the TNRCC. Inquiries about the permit renewal should be directed to the TNRCC Office of Air Quality Permits Section in Austin or the TNRCC Amarillo Regional Office.

You may submit written comments concerning the permit renewal to the TNRCC Executive Director in Austin. All written comments received within 15 days after the second publication of this notice shall be considered by the Executive Director in determining whether to renew the permit. All written comments will be made available for public inspection at the TNRCC Central Office in Austin. This notice is to be published on October 13, 1993 and October 14, 1993.

Any person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from this facility may request the Commission to hold an informal public meeting and/or contested case hearing on the permit renewal pursuant to section 382.056(d) of the Texas Health and Safety Code. The Commission is not required to hold a contested case hearing if the basis of a request is determined to be unreasonable. All requests for a contested case hearing must be received in writing within the 15-day comment period regardless of whether an informal public meeting has been held or scheduled on this matter. Before a permit can be renewed for this facility, the applicant must demonstrate that all emission sources are in compliance with all TNRCC air quality Rules and Regulations and all applicable Federal Regulations. C-46 October 13, 14, 1993



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WHITE Deer Land Museum: Pampa, Tuesday thru Sunday 1:00-4 p.m. Special tours by appointment.

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Prostate cancer drug test shows hope for victims

WASHINGTON (AP) — Researchers today announced the first large-scale test of a drug that holds promise for preventing prostate cancer — a condition affecting one-third of American men over 50.

About 18,000 men 55 and older will take part in a seven-year study to find out whether the drug — finasteride — works, said the National Cancer Institute and Merck and Co. Inc., the maker of the drug. Tests will be carried out at 222 sites around the country.

The Food and Drug Administration approved finasteride, also known by the trade name Proscar, in 1992 for the treatment of benign prostatic hyperplasia, a noncancerous enlargement of the prostate, a gland that secretes fluid discharged with sperm.

Because this condition and prostate cancer are influenced by similar hormonal factors, researchers believe the drug may also prevent cancer.

"We believe finasteride is a very promising agent that could prove to be of great value in heading off prostate cancer," said Dr. Charles A. Coltman, chairman of the Southwest Oncology Group, the organization that will coordinate the study.

"But the theory is still untested, and only a large-scale, controlled clinical trial of finasteride can show whether the drug is truly effective for cancer prevention," Coltman said in a statement issued by the National Cancer Institute.

"In 1993, there will be about 165,000 new cases of prostate cancer and about 35,000 deaths," said Dr. Samuel Broder, director of the cancer institute. "Prevention of cancer is our highest goal, and the need for effective prevention strategies is clear."

About 98 percent of prostate cancers are diagnosed in men age 55 or older. The rate for American blacks is twice the rate for whites — a phenomenon the cancer institute said was of "particular concern."

"For reasons not currently understood, African-American men have the highest prostate cancer mortality in the world," Broder said. One possible explanation is that blacks tend to be diagnosed with prostate cancer at later stages than whites are.

An estimated one-third of men over age 50 in the United States have early, undiagnosed prostate cancer, the cancer institute said.

"Most of these cancers are destined to remain harmless, but some will progress to clinically significant disease," it said.

Half of the 18,000 men participating in the drug trials will take one 5-milligram tablet of finasteride every day for seven years and half will take an inactive pill, or placebo, having no medicinal value.

The two groups will then be compared to determine whether their prostate cancer risks differ. Neither the participants nor the doctors conducting the study will know which men are getting which pill.

Finasteride controls benign prostatic hyperplasia by reducing levels of the hormone dihydrotestosterone in the prostate. Dihydrotestosterone promotes the growth of prostate cancer, doctors said.

Finasteride works only in the prostate, and its side effects are rare and mild, doctors said.

In tests performed by Merck, fewer than 5 percent of men complained of impotence or decreased sexual desire.

"In addition, a recent study suggests that these problems frequently diminish over time in men who continue to take the drug," the institute's statement said.

Men interested in taking part in the drug test can call the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service toll-free at 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237).

Rabies office opens

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Health is opening an office in Laredo as part of its effort to prevent rabies along the Texas-Mexico border.

The agency said Tuesday that the office is part of its response to the growing rabies problem along the border. In recent years, rabies has become unusually common among wild coyotes, which in turn have infected unvaccinated pets.

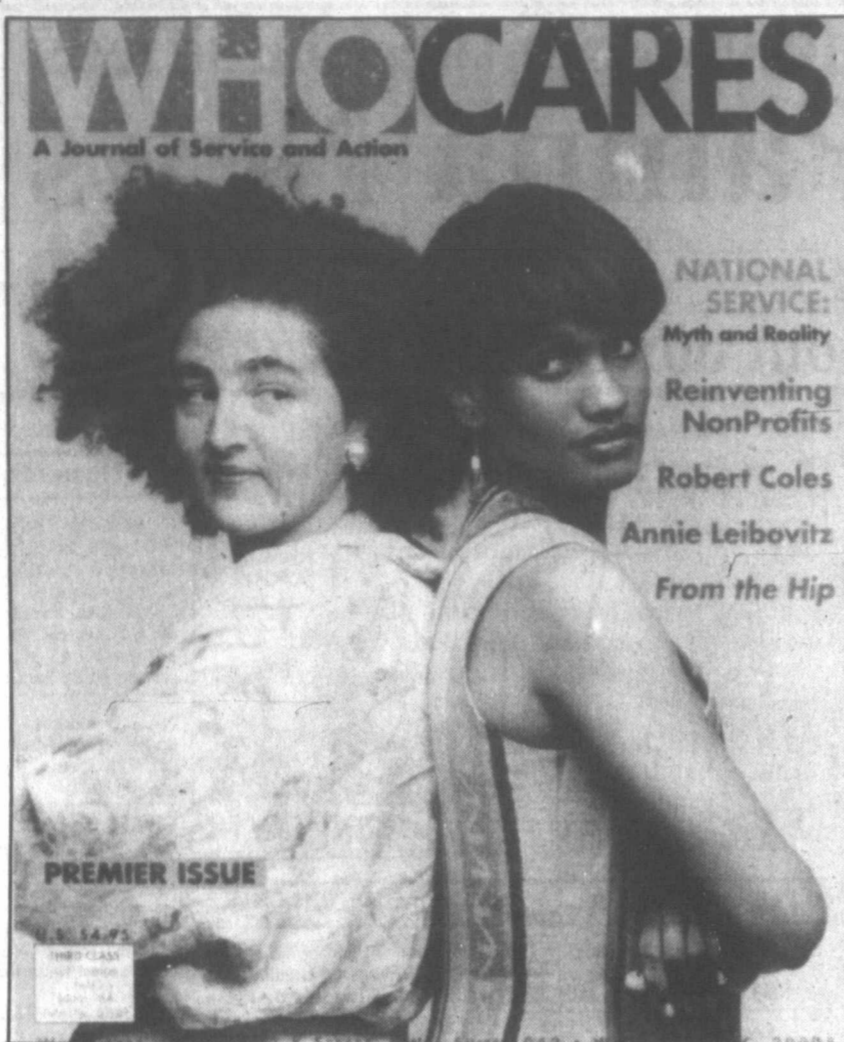
Dr. David Smith, state health commissioner, said the project will place agency employees at the Laredo city health department to oversee rabies control through pet vaccinations, disease control among wild animals and public education efforts.

The border rabies epidemic among coyotes and dogs began in Starr and Hidalgo counties in 1988.

Since then, it has spread to 11 more counties, including Duval, Zapata, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Brooks, Kleberg, Nueces, Kenedy, Willacy, Webb and Cameron.

In five years, 182 rabid coyotes and 180 rabid dogs have been reported in those 13 South Texas counties.

Two human cases of rabies, both fatal, have occurred in Texas since 1985. A Hidalgo County man died from rabies contracted from a bat, and a Starr County woman died from rabies of unknown origin.



This is the cover of the premier issue of 'Who Cares,' a new magazine about community service.

Young activists launch magazine about service

By NITA LELYVELD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Henry Fernandez graduated from Yale Law School, he didn't go looking for a lucrative job. Instead, the 24-year-old wound up teaching underprivileged children in inner-city New Haven, Conn.

Priya Haji, a 22-year-old Stanford graduate, runs a substance abuse program in crime-ridden East Palo Alto, Calif.

Their stories — and those of many other young activists — fill the pages of a new magazine about community service called *Who Cares*. It's written for and about people who do.

The premiere issue of the stylishly designed quarterly came out Tuesday.

Who Cares: A Journal of Service and Action is the brainchild of Leslie Crutchfield, Chloe Breyer and Heather McLeod, all recent graduates of Harvard College, where they met.

College for them was a time to teach as well as learn.

"We wanted to provide a communication forum for the community service world — not only to celebrate new programs but to take a critical look at how organizations work and how they can be improved," said Crutchfield, 25.

Crutchfield, Breyer and McLeod are also eager to dispel the notion that apathy is the distinguishing trait of their age group.

"There is no question in our minds that the stereotype was wrong," said Breyer, 23. "We were very involved in service at the college level and we felt it very important to show this interest to the rest of the world, especially because it's not ours alone."

During college, Breyer spent a semester teaching English at a Tibetan monastery, and taught civics to public high school students in Cambridge, Mass.

Crutchfield took time off to work on an agricultural development project in Gambia.

McLeod was actively involved in community service through Phillips Brooks House, Harvard's center for community service activities.

The magazine's first issue criticizes President Clinton's national service program, saying it already is becoming mired in "the bitter, murky politics of racial division and class conflict."

A young teacher writes about

the challenges of teaching in a rural Louisiana classroom. And a list at the back of the magazine provides addresses and phone numbers of community service organizations nationwide.

Who Cares got most of its seed money from the Echoing Green Foundation in New York, as well as from William Shore, founder of the anti-hunger organization, Share Our Strength. American Express and The Timberland Co., of boot fame, bought ads in the first issue, and Timberland plans to sell the magazine in its stores.

The magazine, which costs \$4.95 an issue, will also be available at about 1,000 newsstands and by subscription and will be sent to college career placement offices and community service organizations nationwide, the founders say.

Young people are changing the way community service programs work, said Crutchfield.

"They're media savvy. They understand how the media works. They understand how to bring in corporate sponsors," she said. "They also bring their values — values of inclusion and diversity — into the programs they work on."

The magazine founders' media savvy is reflected in first issue with Annie Leibovitz photos of people with AIDS and an excerpt from the latest book of Pulitzer Prize-winning author Robert Coles.

At a news conference, the magazine's creators introduced other young people who are devoting their lives to service.

"These are people who have a deep commitment, who grew up in the decade of the '80s, when the government was not associated first and foremost with community service or even public service," said Breyer. "So they started their own organizations to try to do something to help other people."

Who Cares: A Journal of Service and Action is available at newsstands and will be sent to colleges and community service organizations nationwide. Subscriptions cost \$15 for individuals and \$20 for organizations.

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Bell Atlantic, TCI in blockbuster merger

NEW YORK (AP) — Bell Atlantic Corp. has agreed to buy Tele-Communications Inc., the nation's largest cable TV operator, in what could be the biggest merger in corporate history — a deal valued at up to \$33 billion.

The new company would be a communications colossus, able to deliver telephone, cable and other services to about 40 percent of American homes.

The deal was reported today by *The Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*.

Bell Atlantic agreed to buy Tele-Communications in a stock deal valued at more than \$23 billion, *The New York Times* said. Bell would also assume \$10 billion in debt, pushing the value of the deal to \$33 billion, the newspaper said.

The *Journal* put the value of the transaction at more than \$26 billion.

By *The New York Times*' estimate, the deal would eclipse the 1989 leveraged buyout of RJR Nabisco Inc. for \$25 billion in cash and about

\$4.5 billion in assumed debt.

"This is the biggest deal of all time," said Martin Sikora, editor of *Mergers & Acquisitions Magazine* in Philadelphia.

The new company, with combined assets of \$60 billion, would be No. 6 on the Fortune 500 list of the biggest American companies, behind General Motors, Exxon, Ford, IBM and General Electric.

The Justice Department and the Federal Communications Commission are certain to study the proposed merger. Current law bars telephone companies from owning cable systems in their own territory.

But Bell Atlantic has already won a federal judge's ruling in Virginia that the law is unconstitutional. That case is on appeal.

And the Clinton administration appears to favor removing such barriers to force competition in the cable industry.

Philadelphia-based Bell Atlantic, one of the regional phone companies formed out of the 1984 breakup of

American Telephone & Telegraph Co., serves six mid-Atlantic states and Washington.

Denver-based TCI serves more than 10 million cable subscribers. Its pending acquisition of Liberty Media Corp. would boost that to more than 13 million, or 23 percent of the nation's cable TV households.

TCI has also backed a hostile bid by QVC Network Inc. to acquire Paramount Communications Inc. for \$9.5 billion. Liberty Media is a major owner of QVC.

Bell Atlantic reported 1992 revenue of \$12.6 billion and net income of nearly \$1.4 billion. In 1992, TCI reported revenue of \$3.5 billion and operating income of \$956 million.

TCI A shares traded as high as \$29.125 on Tuesday before closing at \$28.375, off 25 cents.

Bell Atlantic shares gained 62.5 cents to close at \$60, after tumbling \$2 the day before on news that Bell would pay as much as \$1 billion for up to 42 percent of Grupo Iusacell, a Mexican telephone company.

Austin officials blame cartoon for fires

AUSTIN (AP) — Austin fire officials say that three recent fires were set by children who told authorities they got the idea from MTV's animated show *Beavis and Butthead*.

None of the fires hurt anyone or caused serious damage, Cathy Brandewie, spokeswoman for the Austin Fire Department, said Tuesday.

Ms. Brandewie told the *Austin American-Statesman* that the department felt it was important to notify the public about the fires because of a recent fire fatality that was blamed on *Beavis and Butthead*.

On Oct. 6, a Moraine, Ohio, boy set a house fire that resulted in the death of his younger sister, Darcy Burk, 5-year-old Austin Messner's mother, blamed the boy's actions on the cartoon. Jessica Mathews,

2, died in the blaze.

After the incident, spokeswoman Carole Robinson said MTV would re-examine issues concerning *Beavis and Butthead*.

"Responsible programming at MTV has been and will continue to be our top priority," she said.

Beavis and Butthead, a pair of crudely drawn juvenile delinquents, identify any number of things, including fire, as "cool" on the half-hour MTV program. The characters spend most of their time critiquing music videos and chuckling.

MTV officials could not be reached for comment concerning the Austin report late Tuesday, the newspaper reported.

Brandewie said the fires were all small and that the children who had set them all "enjoyed the show and

learned that fire-setting was cool."

Two brothers, ages 8 and 12, confessed during an interview with fire investigators to setting two grass fires in Southwest Austin, Brandewie said. The boys were burning plastic cups when the grass caught on fire, she said. Damage was minimal.

In the other fire, a 10-year-old boy piled clothes and paper on his bed and set it aflame, Brandewie said. Once again, no major damage was reported, she said.

Austin Fire Department Lt. Mike Littrell, who interviewed the two brothers, said parents need to explain to their children the difference between reality and fantasy.

"We're concerned this might be a trend and we want to stop it before it becomes one," he said.

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