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Good Evening!

AREA

PAMPA — Gray County commissioners are to meet at 9 a.m. Thursday to discuss an agenda heavy with financial considerations.

The panel will discuss the 1995 budget and tax rate as well as funding for the upcoming trial of homicide defendant Henry Watkins Skinner, whose trial is scheduled for Oct. 13 in Fort Worth.

The court will also consider advertising for medical insurance bids and hear a 10:30 a.m. presentation about options in medical insurance.

The court will convene in closed session to discuss pending lawsuits.

McLEAN — The Gray County Tax Office Sub-Station at McLean has announced daily hours to help residents with vehicle registration and county taxes.

Tax Assessor/Collector Sammie Morris said Molly McDowell, the sub-station employee, will be available from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday through Friday for the convenience of McLean residents.

NATIONAL

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Comedian George Burns remained in intensive care today after surgery to drain fluid from the surface of his brain. But he was well enough to crack jokes from his hospital bed.

Burns, 98, was listed as stable and improving at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, and could be released next week, hospital spokesman Ron Wise said.

"He's OK," said Burns' longtime manager, Irving Fein.

Fein said Burns was drowsy after surgery, but able to talk with his speech therapist. "He was cracking jokes with her. He was doing routines with her."

Burns underwent about two hours of surgery Monday night to relieve pressure from fluid that built up after he fell in his bathtub and hit his head at his Beverly Hills home on July 13, Wise said.

Burns hit a soap dish when he fell and needed two stitches to close a head cut. He was hospitalized at the time for observation, and his speech was impaired briefly.

The non-emergency operation was performed after the speech troubles returned.

NEWBURGH, N.Y. (AP) — Somebody slipped a little sex in between the pictures of bunnies and puppies that children at an elementary school brought home for a fund-raising campaign.

Several parents discovered pornographic pictures Monday when their children brought the fund-raising brochures home from Meadow Hill School. Packets were given to 1,000 kindergarten and grade school students.

Most of the packets included catalogs for chocolates, Christmas paper, and calendars with pictures of bunnies and puppies on them. But at least ten packets also included pages torn from a magazine that showed naked adults having sex, numbers for phone sex lines and ads for life-size inflatable dolls.

"We assume it was a disgruntled employee" at one of the companies involved in the fund-raiser, Vice Principal Deborah Bannan said. "At this point in time, they're not sure what happened."

WORLD

MANNHEIM, Germany (AP) — An American neo-Nazi who claims the Holocaust was a hoax failed to show up for his trial today on charges of slander and inciting racial hatred.

Fred Leuchter, 51, of Malden, Massachusetts, fled Germany after being briefly arrested in October when he turned up at a studio for a talk show appearance.

An arrest warrant had been issued for a speech he gave at a November 1991 rally with extreme rightist Guenter Deckert.

Leuchter, a maker of electric chairs and lethal injection devices, claimed the gas chambers were never used to kill Jews.

Deckert, who translated the speech, was given a one-year suspended sentence and fined \$6,000 in June.

The Mannheim judge who gave the sentence was forced to resign because of outrage over his statement that Deckert was "strengthening the resistance of the German people to Jewish demands."

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Speaker: United Way is unique American idea

By MELINDA MARTINEZ
Lifestyles Editor

The United Way is a unique American idea in which to help one another, said guest speaker Dave Schafer, a longtime United Way volunteer, at the Pampa United Way luncheon held Tuesday in the Pampa Community Building for both benefactors and contributors.

"I think that in a sense United Way represents simple philanthropy," he continued. Europeans, Schafer said, cannot comprehend organized philanthropy such as the United Way but the idea is catching on with a United Way International.

"There's nothing wrong with desiring a more perfect world," said Schafer. "The philosophy works. Helping others is a wonderful way to be remembered."

"It all boils down to how much money we can raise," he said. "I am convinced

that there are a lot of people looking for a reason not to give."

United Way's credibility was rocked by a scandal two years ago when a former national director was misappropriating funds. The current director, Elaine Chao, said Schafer has done a remarkable job of rebuilding confidence in the United Way after that scandal.

United Way workers, he said, try hard to expose the United Way to potential givers by showing how the money is used and providing site visits to see what organizations it helps and what is going on under the United Way banner. The United Way "Day of Caring," Schafer said, gives people "tremendous exposure to what's going on prior to campaign time."

"We never had a problem selling United Way," he said. "The United Way mission sums it all up."

"I think that it is also important to stress the local aspects," he said. "In my mind,

the United Way's greatest strength is the fact that it derives its authority from and renews the community."

Many of the beneficiaries of the United Way include organizations dealing with education, drugs, alcohol and hunger, Schafer said. "Sadly," he continued, "that list in various permutations can go on almost literally forever."

The United Way, he added, also provides a way to respond to local crises in an ad hoc basis.

"The newly rejuvenated United Way of America is excited about its role in the disaster relief program in California."

Schafer, vice president of operations for Northern Border Pipeline Co. in Omaha, Neb., has played a leadership role in a number of successful company-wide campaigns for subsidiaries of Enron Corp. His personal giving has earned him recognition as a charter member of the Midlands Bridgebuilders' Club.

The luncheon kicked off the official fund-raising campaign for 1994 to raise funds to be distributed to the 16 agencies and services assisted by the Pampa United Way. The funds will be distributed to the agencies in 1995.

Serving as campaign chairperson for the 1994 drive is Samia D. Chisum, senior human resources representative for Hoechst Celanese Chemical Group's Pampa Plant.

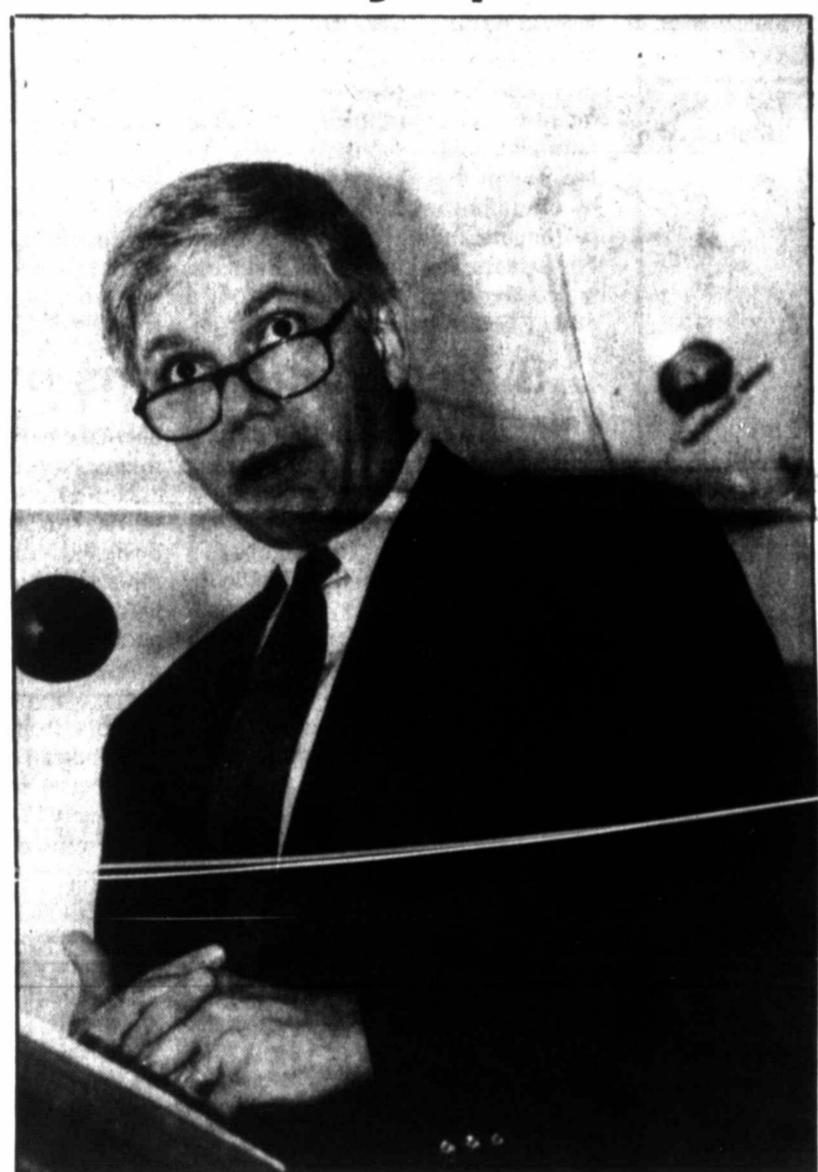
The campaign goal this year is \$300,000, Chisum said.

Theme for this year's fund-raising drive is "Open Your Heart."

United Way campaign volunteer workers will be having their first check-in meeting on Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Pampa Community Building to report their progress in collecting contributions and pledges.

Other check-in meetings will be held each Thursday through Oct. 27.

United Way speaker



Dave Schafer, a longtime United Way volunteer, addresses the Pampa United Way fund-raiser held Tuesday at the Pampa Community Building. Schafer, from Omaha, Neb., is vice president of operations for Northern Border Pipeline Co. (Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

City gives late-payers more time to pay their water bills

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

City commissioners are giving a break to those who find it hard to pay their water bills on time by amending a city ordinance requiring the amount due be paid within 10 days or face shut-off on the 15th day.

The panel approved on a second reading an ordinance allowing 15 days for payment with a five percent penalty to be imposed if payment is late. Nonpayment will cause shut-off on the 25th day after billing, according to the ordinance.

Commissioners held 1994-1995 tax rates at the previous level of \$0.5962 per \$100 valuation. The levy is divided among general fund, \$0.4158; Lovett Library, \$0.03; and \$0.1504 for the interest and sinking fund. Taxes are due Oct. 1 and will become delinquent Jan. 31, 1995.

A \$12,615,501 budget was adopted unanimously.

Bill Hildebrandt, director of community services, used time devoted to a public hearing on a proposed grant application to Texas Department of Commerce to tell those assembled that funds, if won by the city, would be used to relocate a business in Pampa, with the ultimate benefit to be retaining and expanding jobs primarily for low-to-moderate income people. There was no public comment on the proposal.

The commission authorized Mayor Richard

Peet to submit a Texas Community Development Program application for funds earmarked for housing demolition and rehabilitation. The application asks for \$250,000 and promises \$5,000 will be provided by the city in labor and equipment.

In other action, the commission:

- Authorized a \$1 increase in cart fees at Hidden Hills Golf Course. The ordinance raises cart fees to \$8.50 for nine holes, \$0.95 per hole for holes 10 through 17 and \$16 for 18 holes. They also agreed to allow annual memberships to be paid out over 10 months at prime rate interest. Commissioners authorized contract pro David Teichmann to plan golf course promotions.

- Accepted a \$200 bid for delinquent tax property at 740 S. Barnes.

- Agreed to reallocate 10 cents of the \$1 voluntary donation collected through water bills to Clean Pampa. Under the new plan, Clean Pampa will receive 25 cents of the \$1. The 10 cents was previously earmarked for seasonal donations.

- Recognized Charlie Smith, utility superintendent, recipient of the Award of Merit and President's Gold Performance Award from the American Water Works Association, for reduction of on-the-job injuries.

The meeting ended with 40 minutes in executive session to discuss David Louis Wilkinson and Nicholas Fortner vs. city of Pampa. No action was taken following the session, said City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers.

Perry: No public deadline set for invasion of Haiti — yet

By JIM ABRAMS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — No concrete deadline has been set by the United States for the removal of Haiti's military leadership, but one could be established in the coming days, Defense Secretary William Perry said today.

The Pentagon chief also warned that U.S. forces will be in place to conduct an invasion of Haiti "very soon," should such an action be ordered by President Clinton.

Asked whether a "concrete deadline" had been set for Haiti's generals to step down, the secretary replied, "No," then added: "One has not been established at this time. That's not to suggest there might not be some change in the future."

The defense secretary spoke with reporters at a photo session in his office with Italian Defense Minister Cesare Previti.

His comments came as a tide of congressional opposition to U.S. military action continued to grow and Clinton was building momentum for an invasion on two fronts — amassing warships in the Caribbean and appealing to public opinion at home.

Clinton scheduled a Thursday evening television address to try to convince the American people that the restoration of democracy in Haiti, by force if necessary,

was a vital U.S. interest.

But Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole said today that "I don't think he can make his case." Asked if an invasion was inevitable anyway, Dole, R-Kan., replied "of course ... if not this week, next week."

Senate Republicans introduced a non-binding measure today declaring that the lives of American military personnel "should not be risked in combat for the purpose of restoring" President Jean-Bertrand Aristide as president of Haiti.

No vote was likely on the proposal before next week. White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta said today "the president has to look at one fundamental issue. What is in the security interest of this country? That has to be predominant theme and that's what he is going to stress in his address to the country."

But, Panetta cautioned, "he cannot suddenly sit back and say this has to be a popularity poll as to whether we go or not." Panetta, interviewed on NBC, said, "I think the worst thing right now is if the military dictatorship thinks that somehow this country is not going to come together to send a very clear message to them. That would be the worst of all results."

Dole, appearing on CBS, agreed that "we're going to support the troops if there is an invasion. But we certainly

don't support the policy."

In a letter delivered to the White House Wednesday, the national commander of the 3.1-million-member American Legion also urged Clinton not to invade Haiti, saying the veterans' group sees no serious threat to the national security of the United States.

The administration says an invasion can be averted only if Army chief Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras and his cohorts give up power and allow the return of the democratically elected Aristide, who was overthrown in a military coup three years ago.

The aircraft carrier USS America left the naval base at Norfolk, Va., Tuesday, and another carrier, the USS Eisenhower set sail today, presumably for waters off Haiti. The carriers are to provide a launch platform for special force troops and Marines who would lead the takeover of Haiti's capital of Port-au-Prince.

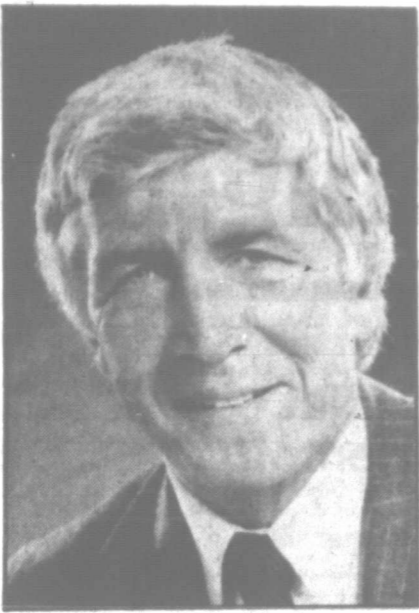
Perry was heading to Norfolk today to talk with military leaders aboard the Eisenhower and the USS Mount Whitney, which would serve as the command ship for military operations in Haiti.

Lawmakers indicated that the invasion was still not inevitable. "There's a lot going on right now," said Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

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Patrick O'Neal

Actors Drake, O'Neal die

Charles Drake

EAST LYME, Conn. (AP) — Charles Drake, an actor who co-starred in movies with Bette Davis, Joan Crawford, Humphrey Bogart and James Stewart, died Saturday after a long illness. He was 76.

Drake began acting in the late 1930s and had three roles in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, starring Charles Laughton.

In the 1940s and '50s, his movies included *Dive Bomber*, *The Maltese Falcon*, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, *You Came Along*, *Comanche Territory*, *Peggy*, *The Glenn Miller Story* and *To Hell and Back*.

Other movies included *All That Heaven Allows*, *Walk the Proud Land*, *Jeanne Eagles*, *Showdown*, *The Swimmer* and *The Arrangement*.

On television Drake appeared in

Robert Montgomery Presents, *Playhouse 90*, *Lux Video Theater* and *CBS Playhouse* in the 1950s.

Patrick O'Neal

NEW YORK (AP) — Patrick O'Neal, an actor and New York restaurateur, died of respiratory arrest on Friday. He was 66.

His stage roles included the lead in *The Ginger Man* and the defrocked cleric in *Night of the Iguana*.

O'Neal's films included *King Rat*, *In Harm's Way*, *The Way We Were* and *The Stepford Wives*.

He and his wife and his brother were owners of O'Neal's, a restaurant near Lincoln Center that had been called *The Ginger Man* until last year.

He also was an owner of the Landmark Tavern, just west of the Theater District.

Father discovers transient befriended by family is accused molester

LAKEPORT, Calif. (AP) — As a stranger slept in his 5-year-old daughter's bedroom, Robert DeCosta watched a television report on an accused child molester with growing horror.

The transient that DeCosta's wife had befriended turned out to be wanted in the sexual assaults of three young girls.

DeCosta called police when he saw photos of Kyle Allen Ramer on

the late news Monday. Officers arrested the 35-year-old fugitive, who was featured recently on *America's Most Wanted*.

"I was angry, but I kept control of myself because I didn't want him to know what I knew," DeCosta said Tuesday.

DeCosta's wife, Karen, had found Ramer in a park during a rainstorm Monday. She took pity on Ramer, who had only a bedroll, and invited

him to spend the night at her family's home about 90 miles north of San Francisco.

Ramer slept in the DeCosta's daughter's bedroom while the girl slept with her parents in another room. DeCosta's 3- and 4-year-old sons slept in the bedroom next to Ramer.

DeCosta was already having second thoughts about his guest, though, and invited two friends to

spend the evening at the house as a precaution.

Ramer was being held today on \$200,000 bail at a Lake County jail. He is charged with molesting three girls in the San Francisco and San Jose areas, and faces up to life in prison under California's "three strikes, you're out" law, said San Jose police investigator Tom Wilson.

DeCosta said he still would help strangers, but would be more careful.

Gay leaders: Hate crime laws need strengthening in Texas

By LINDA LEAVELL
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Homosexual rights leaders say a recent string of slayings of gay men underscores the need for tougher hate crime laws in Texas.

"There's a long history in Texas of not valuing lesbian and gay lives and therefore giving lighter sentences to those who murder lesbians and gays," said Dianne Hardy-Garcia, executive director of the Lesbian-Gay Rights Lobby.

The Texas Hate Crimes Act directs every Texas law enforcement agency to report bias offenses to the state Department of Public Safety.

In 1992, the first year hate crimes were cataloged, 480 offenses were committed. There were 420 offenses in 1993. Data for the first half of 1994 still was being calculated, DPS spokesman Mike Cox said.

According to the 1993 figures, 69.1 percent of all hate crimes were racially motivated and 11.5 percent were incited by sexual orientation. The rest were motivated by ethnicity, national origin or religion.

"Our hate crime law defines a hate crime as a crime committed on the basis of prejudice and bias," Ms. Hardy-Garcia said. "That is a weak law. And so as we get ready for the

legislative session, we will try to get a law that specifically defines sexual orientation as a reason to have a penalty enhancement."

Representatives from four gay-lesbian organizations cited a number of recent crimes against homosexuals:

— Three gay men have been killed in Irving this year. In late August, police arrested Arkansas parolee Edwin Bernard Perkins and charged him with one of the slayings.

— A high school student and three former football teammates were charged with capital murder Aug. 16 in the slaying of a man who officials say was targeted because he was at a gay bar. Michael Burzinski, 29, suffered a gunshot wound to the head. His body was found July 30 in rural north Harris County.

— A Kerr County jury ruled Aug. 9 that Donald Aldrich should be put to death for the execution-style slaying of Nicholas West, who was abducted from a Tyler park because he was a homosexual.

Hardy-Garcia noted that many crimes of prejudice are committed by teenage boys.

"They did not just learn this behavior," she said. "They were not just born to hate. They were taught by a society that condones hatred of homosexuals, that it's OK to commit violent acts against them."

Baptists lose control of Samford board

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — The Alabama Baptist State Convention has lost control of its educational crown jewel after 149 years.

Trustees of Samford University on Tuesday stripped the convention of its right to name members to the school's board. That power was the main form of control church leaders had over the school, said President Thomas Corts.

Convention leaders were not informed of the board's intentions beforehand and were not present for the vote, Corts said. But he denied the move was a coup by school leaders protecting their turf.

"This is the fruit of quiet thinking by thoughtful persons," he said.

Officials with convention headquarters in Montgomery said church leaders had no immediate comment.

A statement released by the school said the change was aimed at insulating Samford from the denominational infighting between conservatives and moderates.

Such bickering has resulted in accreditation problems and faculty losses at other church-affiliated schools.

Corts said he was unsure whether the university, with 4,500 students

and an annual budget of \$68 million, would continue to receive funding from the state convention, which provides about \$4 million annually.

The state convention had held the power to appoint Samford's trustees since 1845, when the school was only 4 years old and known as Howard College. Since then, Samford has grown to become the largest private institution in Alabama and the only state university with an accredited divinity school.

The Samford board will continue to be composed of 36 Alabama Baptists. Effective immediately, though, board members will elect their own successors rather than let the convention fill vacancies.

Trustee spokesman John C. Pittman said the change was made "without any hint of enmity or hostility" toward the state convention, Alabama's largest church organization.

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Opinion

NAFTA is more than paying off

Seldom has a change in public policy yielded such quick dividends as last year's passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

In effect for only half a year, the agreement is being given credit for spurring a healthy jump in trade with Canada and Mexico.

According to government figures released last month, American exports to Mexico rose by 17 percent in the first six months of 1994 compared to the same period last year.

This growth in trade has been good for people on both sides of the Rio Grande. It has put downward pressure on consumer prices while creating economic opportunity - for workers, entrepreneurs and existing companies.

The Commerce Department estimates that increased trade with Canada and Mexico will create a net 100,000 new jobs in the United States this year, far more than the number of jobs believed to have been eliminated because of foreign competition.

At a press conference, Commerce Secretary Ron Brown touted the numbers as evidence that NAFTA is fulfilling its promise. When the Clinton administration shepherded the treaty through Congress last November, it argued that lowering trade barriers would benefit consumers and spur economic activity.

Passage of NAFTA is one of the Clinton administration's genuine achievements. Although first proposed by President George Bush, the Clinton administration championed the free-trade pact with Mexico and pushed hard to win final passage in Congress.

Adding to its free-trade credentials, the administration negotiated an even more ambitious reduction of worldwide trade barriers in December with completion of the latest treaty through the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Last month's encouraging trade numbers only add to the argument for quick approval of the GATT agreement by Congress.

Of course, NAFTA alone cannot be given full credit for the rapid growth in trade between Mexico and the United States. The flow of goods across our southern border was already increasing smartly before NAFTA, largely because of the free-market reforms in Mexico that have spurred its appetite for U.S. goods.

But the lower barriers locked into place by NAFTA can only encourage the growth of trade and will make it more likely that Mexico will stay on the road to economic freedom.

Is GOP abandoning pro-lifers?

New York Democratic Gov. Mario M. Cuomo is in trouble. First elected in 1982, he may not survive this year's challenge from Republican, George Pataki. If \$100 bills were to be offered to the first 50 New Yorkers who could name five of Cuomo's achievements in the past 12 years, there would probably be no winners.

Until a couple of months ago, George Pataki, with no statewide identity, might have appeared to voters as maybe an outfielder for the Minnesota Twins. Yet, because of Cuomo's vulnerability, Pataki is now seen as a real contender.

But Pataki is in trouble too. A candidate's position on abortion is a litmus test for large numbers of New York voters, and Pataki is trying unconvincingly to be credible to both sides. Cuomo also used to do a soft shoe dance on the issue, repeating, like a mantra, that as a Catholic, "I personally oppose abortion, but I would not impose my views, as governor, on anybody else."

Cuomo seldom has to say that anymore because he has become as strong a paladin of abortion rights as Gloria Steinem.

Although Pataki, once regarded as pro-life, has now made some pro-choice pledges, the pro-choice voters do not trust a trimmer. Despite what other quats they may have about Cuomo, they are sure of his views on abortion.

On the other side, many pro-lifers feel betrayed by Pataki because, as one of their leaders told me, "he flip-flopped." But where will they go rather than vote for Cuomo?

There is a Right-to-Life Party candidate for governor this year, and it is useful to remember that two



Nat Hentoff

years ago, when sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-N.Y.) was re-elected, a decisive part of his victory margin of 80,000 came on the Right-to-Life line. This year, in a close election, the pro-lifers could end Pataki's hopes.

The New York State Republican Party seems so forgetful of the D'Amato lesson that a vigorous pro-choice, Elizabeth McCaughey, is running as lieutenant governor on the ticket. She has achieved national attention - and the ire of the White House - as an exuberant critic of the Clinton health care plan.

In national politics, there is much pressure on Republican leaders to soften the party's platform language on abortion in order to implement the late Lee Atwater's "big tent" vision of a more inclusive party.

The debate is focused on a pro-nunciamento by William Kristol, head of the Project for a Republican Future, and George Weigel, director of the Ethics and Policy Center.

His proposal is modestly titled "A Comprehensive Pro-Life Strategy for Republicans." It omits any mention of a constitutional amendment barring abortion - a regular controversial element of

previous Republican platforms.

The Kristol-Weigel blueprint does include much language to assure Republican pro-lifers that they have not been orphaned: "We are a pro-life party. We regard the nation's one and a half million annual abortions as a great tragedy." It speaks of the need for public persuasion, and help for "women caught in the dilemma of unwanted pregnancy."

But the manifesto also calls for returning the battles over abortion to the individual states, thereby giving back "to the people their constitutional right to deliberate on this question in their legislatures."

The Supreme Court is not at all likely, for many years to come, to come close to overthrowing Roe vs. Wade. Many pro-lifers do believe, therefore, that the only alternative is to bring the war home - pressuring state legislatures to weaken abortion rights within the rather narrow openings provided by the court in the 1992 Planned Parenthood vs. Casey decision. And a future Republican-controlled Congress could presumably give - within limits - more power to the states to regulate abortion.

The moral problem - bitterly fought over in the past within pro-life circles - is that if abortion is the taking of human life, how is it possible to support a "compromise" by which some states will be able to take prenatal life while others cannot? It is somewhat like having had some states in which slavery was outlawed and other states where it was not.

In terms of harvesting more Republican votes, Kristol and Weigel may be right. But using situational ethics on abortion actually masks the profound underlying question of who shall be excluded from the human family. The Democratic Party does not see this as a problem. If the Republican Party avoids it, who - besides pro-lifers - will care?

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 14, the 257th day of 1994. There are 108 days left in the year. The Jewish Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 14, 1814, Francis Scott Key wrote his famous poem "The Star-Spangled Banner" after witnessing the British bombardment of Fort M'Henry in Maryland.

On this date: In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr was acquitted of a misdemeanor charge two weeks after he was found innocent of treason.

In 1812, the Russians set fire to Moscow after an invasion by Napoleon Bonaparte's troops.

In 1847, U.S. forces under Gen. Winfield Scott took control of Mexico City.

In 1901, President McKinley died in Buffalo, N.Y., of gunshot wounds inflicted by an assassin. Vice President Theodore Roosevelt succeeded him.

In 1927, modern dance pioneer Isadora Duncan died in Nice, France, when her scarf became entangled in a wheel of her sports car.



Our nation showed others the way

Editor's note: The following column is the first in a three-part series.

One day in Philadelphia in 1778, for the first time in the history of the world, men of experience blueprinted the republic. There began the world's first great era of governmental progress.

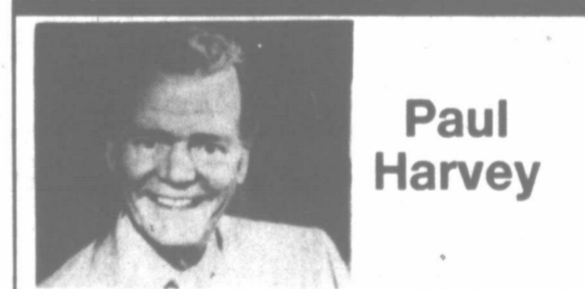
What was their formula? It was a written contract called the Constitution, which established four units. It provided for the authority of a president, a Congress, a court and the individual. It guaranteed that no one could run away with the others.

Every tyranny in history has had a short life, and, as James Madison said, every democracy has died a violent death.

But here was a republic - a government that governs neither too little nor too much. It provided that one man, in the interests of others, may be told what "not" to do. But it does not tell him what "to" do.

He may work or quit, pray or not and say what he thinks, and it is nobody's business but his own.

No government ever before had secured for its people religious freedom, civil liberty, freedom of speech and press, security of individual rights, or popular education or universal franchise.



Paul Harvey

Here, in the words of a sacred compact, was a government of moderation.

Like a race horse, not completely unharnessed, but with a limp rein, we spurred forward.

We, the People of the United States, took a world of ox carts and put it on wheels of steel and powered the new world with steam and electricity and gasoline.

Men were free. Nothing could stop them.

And so it was that Henry Esterbrook said, "I would fight for every line in the Constitution as I would fight for every star in the flag."

Then something happened.

We had begun to radiate this great new gospel of

government all over the world.

Just as surely as other good things had been copied, good government was being imitated.

The idea of being married to only one woman at a time was first evolved in some country, and when the world recognized that it was better than either polygamy or promiscuity, it met with almost universal adoption.

The clock was first evolved in some country, and when the world recognized the 24-hour day as the best means of telling and recording time, it met with universal adoption.

And so with weights and measures and the fish-shaped boat. For land travel, men who had experimented with one and two and three and six and eight finally agreed - universally - that the four-wheeled vehicle was the most efficient.

In government, mankind was copying us. From all over the earth, men were beginning to lay down their burdens on this new altar of liberty.

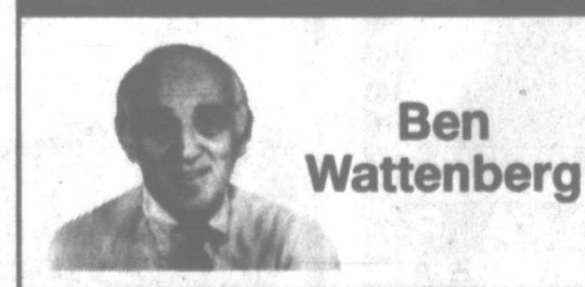
Here was a government, evolved through reason and experiment and tested by experience and demonstration, and by every standard, it proved it worked best.

Where are those sports of yesteryear?

The end of summer is the time to write about sports. So let me give you my grumpy athletic history, even if parts of it may anger certain sports lovers.

As a young boy, growing up in the early 1940's, starting in first grade, my big sport was Punch Ball. The "batter" punched a pink rubber ball, called, in the vernacular, a "Spalden." The rest of the game was more or less like baseball. I loved it. Later I graduated to stickball, in two varieties, regular, or "pitching in." I loved that too. I lived in the Bronx, home of the great New York Yankees. Always a contrarian, I rooted for the Brooklyn Dodgers. Ete Reiser, the star center-fielder and rookie-of-the-year, was my special hero, before he went off to the Second World War. I then rooted for the wartime Dodgers with unknown stalwarts like Dee Moore and Bill Hart. Later, of course, came the great "Boys of Summer": Snider, Hodges, Campanella and our super-hero Jackie Robinson. I read every story. I thought I knew every average and every statistic, until one summer I ran into a kid in the country name Burton, who knew more than me. Lots more.

Not long after all that, Dodger owner Walter O'Malley hijacked the team to Los Angeles, and I stopped caring about baseball. Los Angeles wasn't my team. I sought no statistics, no feature stories. Later, I had a brief fling with Casey Stengel's terrible New York Mets of the mid-1960's (Ed



Ben Wattenberg

Kranepool anyone? Choo Choo Coleman?) Then I came to Washington. I loved the Washington Senators with Frank Howard and "Super-Jew" Mike Epstein, even though the team was a loser. The manager was Ted Williams. My son and I went to lots of games.

Senators owner Bob Short then hijacked the Senators to Texas. I gave up on baseball, I think for good. There is still no Washington baseball franchise.

I know that some big-time columnists and sociologists think baseball is a metaphor for America, or something. Really? Fifteen out of eighteen guys doing nothing or next to nothing at any given moment. This is America? I wrote a column a few years ago calling it "Snoreball" and caught hell for it, particularly from my brother-in-law, who goes to a baseball fantasy camp and plays Rotisserie baseball.

I know the baseball strike is big news and big bucks. But, at its root, it bores me because baseball does.

I loved playing schoolyard basketball. And I loved watching basketball, on site or on television. It was a different time. Players over 6 feet 5 inches were known as "geeks." And there was a strange custom: Players shot UP at the basket. But the players now are so good, and so tall, floating above the hoop and dunking, I find it hard to remember the game of my youth. I watch it sometimes, marvel at the displayed skills, but a fan I'm not.

I played soccer on my college team. I enjoyed it greatly, but as a spectator sport I have found it a bore. No scoring. Why is the rest of the world so crazy about it? And ending the World Cup with a shoot-out? Get serious.

American football is a great spectator sport. I often watch the Redskins. But it is a bruising game for the young participants, leaving too many injured bodies.

As an adult I took up tennis. Over the years I have loved the game. I watch it on television when I can, but even there I confess to a certain contrarianism. The men these days, with those big rackets, hit the ball so hard and so fast that it leaves me breathless, but after a while, less than wholly interested. I could never dream of serving a ball at 100 miles per hour. The game I like to watch is women's tennis. I know they could push me off the court, but at least they are playing a game I recognize.

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How do you stand on employer mandates?

Lifestyles

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column, your response to "Still Grieving," who inquired about acknowledgments for expressions of sympathy following a funeral, was unclear.

Did you really mean that proper etiquette demands that everyone who sent a sympathy card must be thanked?

We have written thank-you notes to everyone who sent flowers, memorials, money and brought food, but are we expected to acknowledge cards expressing sympathy, too? Please answer in your column. Thank you.

M.A.J. IN WEST SALEM, WIS.

DEAR M.A.J.: Yes, I quote from "A Complete Guide to the New Manners for the '90s" by Letitia Baldrige: "After the sadness of the funeral period is over, when the main surviving members of the family feel strong enough to tackle the job, one of them should write a personal note of thanks to:

—The relative or friend who served as director of all the proceedings.

—The clergy person who handled the services.

—The honorary pallbearers and ushers.

—The people who gave eulogies. (It is not necessary to write family members, but it is a nice touch to do so.)

—Everyone who sent a telegram, condolence card, Mass card, condolence letter or flowers.

—Everyone who gave a charitable contribution in memory of the deceased."

DEAR ABBY: Regarding the young woman you thought was treated too harshly when she was caught shoplifting because it was her first offense:

I saw an interesting irony in that situation. Twice in my life, I have walked out of a store with items for which I had not paid. Both times it was accidental, and nobody caught me. I had the merchandise in my hand — not hidden — and I fully intended to pay for it, but simply forgot to do so.

In both cases, I returned to the store immediately, told the cashier what I had done, apologized for my forgetfulness and paid for the merchandise.

I regret to say that in both cases, I was treated as though I were "stupid" for returning to pay for the merchandise.

DISGUSTED IN BOYNTON BEACH, FLA.

DEAR DISGUSTING: It's distressing that two salespeople, who should know how costly shoplifting is to retailers, should have so little respect for integrity.

In the long run, shoplifters cost the buying public billions of dollars annually. And guess who picks up the tab? You and I.

DEAR ABBY: Back in 1968, my husband, my parents and my in-laws were in San Francisco admiring the various treasures on display in Gump's — an incredible store that featured antique jewelry.

I was standing slightly apart from the main group when a saleswoman approached me and loudly exclaimed, "My, what interesting earrings you are wearing!" She bent down closer, as if to admire my earrings more thoroughly — and then whispered, "Tell your husband his fly is unzipped."

I did — immediately. After my husband repaired his oversight, he thanked the lady for admiring my earrings.

I thought you'd get a chuckle out of this.

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From different walks of life ... They have something to offer each other

By MELINDA MARTINEZ
Lifestyles Editor

Experiencing far off places in different ways. For two foreign exchange students who came to experience what the United States has to offer, they in turn provide their host families with a chance to get to know what their countries and cultures are like.

Paivi Niskanen, 17, of Nurmes, Finland, and Askar Kanaev, 16, of Kyrgyzstan, which is part of the former Soviet Union, recently arrived in Pampa. Niskanen is staying with John, Susan and Kelly Tripplehorn and Kanaev is staying with Dave and Jan Cory and their two sons.

For both Niskanen and Kanaev this is the first trip to the U.S.

"I think this is a great experience," said Niskanen. "I want to see this land. I want to learn how to speak English."

"I grow up in Soviet Union," said Kanaev. "It's different here. I came to know about culture, American people."

His main goal for coming to the U.S. is to improve his English. "And see capitalism," he added. Kanaev was among half of one percent of 200,000 students who applied for the program in his country and were chosen.

"Jan and I felt like this was an unbelievable opportunity," said Cory. "To share our way of life and the good things the U.S. has to offer."

"Our family is learning about other families and cultures," said Susan Tripplehorn. "And it's a marvelous experience to be able to share the U.S."

As for the difference between

Pampa and her hometown, Niskanen said Pampa is a bigger. And, she even commented on there being "no trees" around here.

"The weather is warmer," she added. And she thinks the people here are friendlier.

"My town," said Askar. "Is 35,000." But he said there are more things to do in Pampa. "So many activities here. More things to do, go, than in my town."

They also noticed that the young people here have cars. In Finland, Niskanen said a person has to be 18 years old to drive a car. In Kyrgyzstan, Kanaev said a person can drive before they are 18, but cars are expensive and many students don't have cars. "If students have cars in my country, it unusual," he said.

Their opinions on the young people tend to differ with Niskanen saying she thinks the young people in this country are more mature. Kanaev thinks they are not that different.

Both are students at Pampa High School and say the school system differs than the ones in their country.

"It's easier I think," said Niskanen. "The teachers are friendlier."

Kanaev said the school here differ than the ones in his country. In Kyrgyzstan, the students follow different schedules in a week and have different subjects and shorter class times. What is also different, he added, is that here students have electives. In his country, the only subjects the students can choose are foreign languages.

In both their countries, colleges and universities and vocational



Standing as a group are Dave Cory, left, with Askar Kanaev, right of Kyrgyzstan whom Cory's family is hosting. Paivi Niskanen, center right, of Finland is also shown with her host family members John, Susan and Kelly Tripplehorn. (Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

schools are free to attend though the students do have to pass tests to get in to the universities. Finland also offers free school lunches. In addition, the citizens in their countries pay higher taxes and also have free medical care.

Niskanen will graduate from high school when she's 20 years old and Kanaev will graduate from high school when he's 17. He said in his country, students start school when they are

seven years old. For all the differences, these students and their host families are noticing that there are many similarities.

"We have already learned from Paivi that people are all the same," said John Tripplehorn. "I will make a comment and she will say, 'Yes, my father says the same thing.'"

"These kids love American food," said Susan. Kanaev likes to eat pep-

peroni pizza and Mexican food. Cory added that Kanaev likes to play video games as well.

One of Niskanen's favorite dishes, said Susan, is cherry pie pizza with ice cream on it.

Both students came through the Intercultural Exchange Program.

"Here in the immediate Panhandle there are thirty-four students from all over the world," said John.

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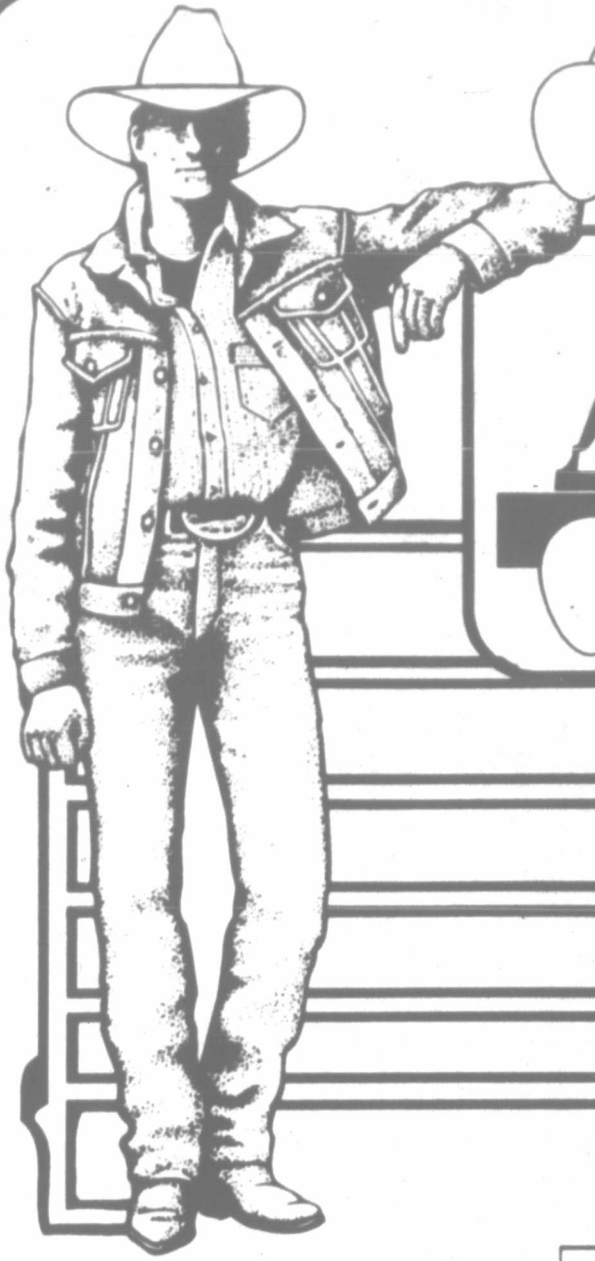
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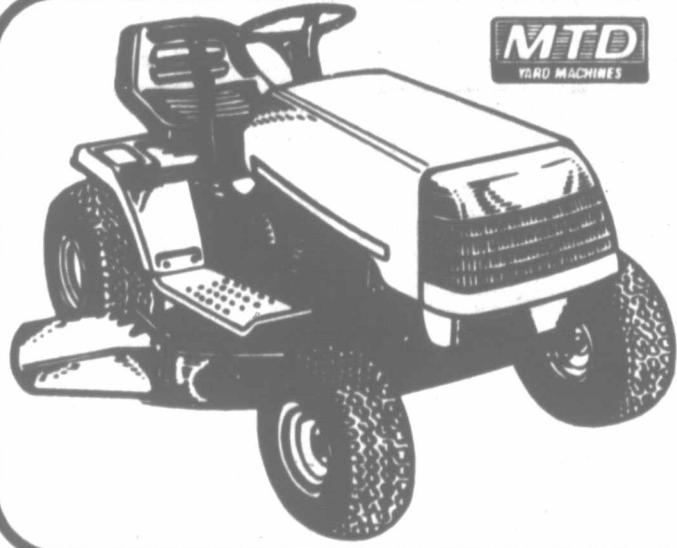
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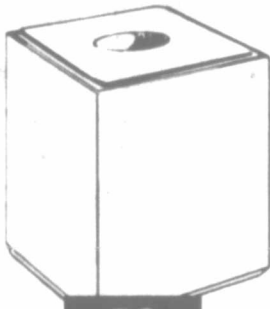
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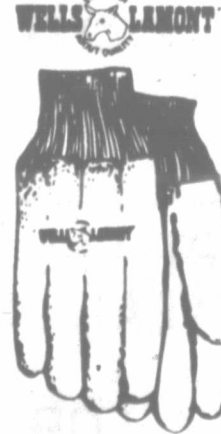


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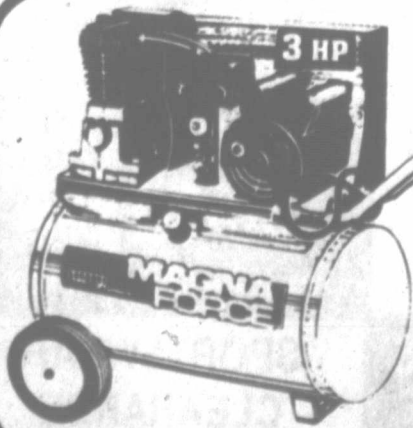
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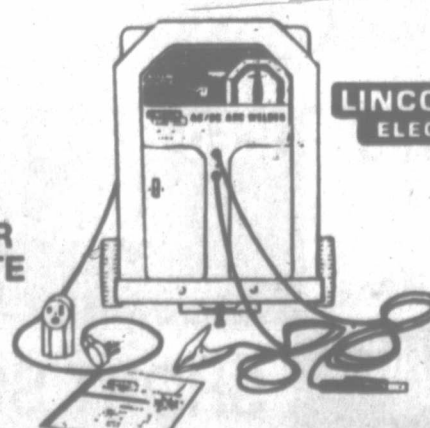
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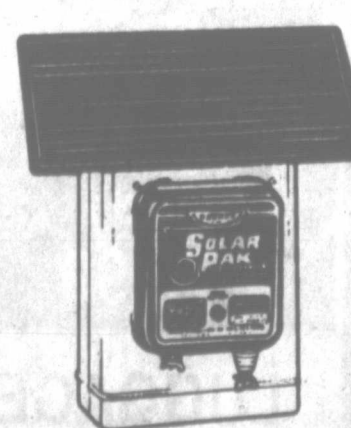
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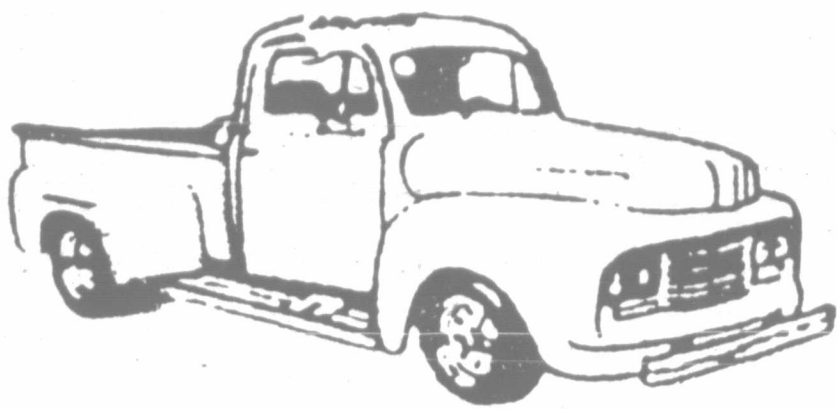
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Cocaine, alcohol detected in blood of pilot that crashed near White House

By RON FOURNIER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Small amounts of cocaine and alcohol were found in the body of a despondent truck driver who crashed his small plane on the White House grounds, the Secret Service said, reporting preliminary autopsy results.

And in a troubling miscue, Frank Corder's plane appeared on radar at the nearby National Airport but operators did not notice until after the crash. "It was ... missed," Secret Service spokesman Dave Adams said Tuesday.

The developments should help investigators determine how a novice pilot in a tiny Cessna 150 managed to come so close to hurting the first family, but the news did little to explain why Corder took to the air in the first place. Was it suicide, a bungled prank or — less

likely — an assassination attempt?

Adams said an autopsy showed that Corder's blood-alcohol content was 0.045 percent, slightly above the 0.04 percent legal limit for pilots. The legal limit for driving a car in most states is 0.10 percent.

Relying on an initial test tainted by blood-clotting, the Secret Service first reported the blood-alcohol content at 0.32 percent. The agency later supplied the 0.045 results of a second test but said even that exam is preliminary.

Adams said the autopsy found "trace amounts of cocaine in his system," but complete results will not be available until tissue samples are examined in the next few days.

In what could become an embarrassing lapse, Adams said radar at National Airport picked up the plane shortly before the crash, but the operators failed to spot it.

The Federal Aviation Administration keeps recorded images of everything operators see on the radar. A

review of the tapes showed the plane was visible, Adams said.

"They did not see the aircraft on the radar screen. After reviewing the tapes ... they did see it on the image," he said.

As a result, Secret Service agents at the White House did not know the plane had invaded restricted airspace until it was spotted by guards just seconds before the crash. Adams said he did not know how much time elapsed between the time the plane was recorded on radar and the crash, shortly before 2 a.m.

Explaining how the lapse could have occurred, a government official familiar with the inquiry said operators don't constantly monitor the radar in the wee hours of the morning, because there is so little traffic. Many see their main responsibility as directing planes headed to National Airport — usually after pilots radio for help. The official said it is unclear whether there is a definitive set

of rules requiring monitors to stand vigil over the large restricted airspace around Washington.

The development could increase concern over the president's security. Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., who chairs a Senate panel that oversees the Secret Service, said he was considering public hearings on the matter.

Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen and Transportation Secretary Federico Pena met Tuesday to discuss an internal inquiry in the crash, and the possibility of buying a radar system designed to ferret out intruders.

But government officials, lawmakers and security experts acknowledged that there are limits to what can be done to protect a president housed in the middle of a major city, a few miles from a major airport.

Investigators still don't know why Corder undertook the flight, although preliminary findings indicate he did not intend to hurt the president or his family.

Astronauts release probe designed to study solar winds

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — A \$14 million satellite released from the space shuttle Discovery focused at the sun's searing corona today to help unlock mysteries about solar winds.

Astronaut Susan Helms used Discovery's robot arm to release the 2,800-pound satellite, named Spartan, on Tuesday for two days of free flight. It will focus on the streams of charged particles that rush through the solar system and are sometimes visible on earth as beautiful auroras, also called "northern (or southern) lights."

Video images beamed from the

shuttle showed the boxlike satellite drifting into a parallel orbit 160 miles above the Indian Ocean.

Although the release itself was flawless, the shuttle radar system failed and commander Richard Richards couldn't track Spartan as it floated away. The radar finally locked onto the satellite an hour later, but distance measurements were off by 2,000 feet.

Richards had counted on using the radar to retrieve Spartan on Thursday. Mission operations director Randy Stone said the astronauts will use backup navigation systems to close in on the satellite if the

radar isn't fixed by then. "It will be an aggravation, but it really does not put Spartan in any jeopardy whatsoever," Stone said.

Discovery's six astronauts were awakened this morning by Mission Control's own version of the theme to the old TV show *Green Acres*. The first verse: "On orbit is the place to be, free-wheeling on Discovery. Earth rolling by so far below, just give her the gas and look at this baby go."

Today's activities aboard Discovery include checking out the space suits and a new jet pack that astronauts Carl Meade and Mark Lee

are to use during a scheduled six-hour spacewalk on Friday.

Meade and Lee are to take turns with the jet pack, becoming the first astronauts since 1984 to walk in space without safety tethers. The \$7 million pack is designed as a self-rescue device should future space-walkers become accidentally untethered while building a space station.

Two telescopes aboard Spartan will focus on the sun's corona, the outer atmosphere where solar wind originates. A satellite named Ulysses, launched four years ago, has been making similar observations while orbiting the sun.

Study: Minorities, women under-represented in ag

By ROBERT GREENE
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Women and black farmers may be getting lower farm subsidy payments than white male farmers do, says a report today by environmental groups wanting more federal control over farm program decisions.

The report says some of the gap may be due to under-representation of blacks, other minorities and women on local and county committees that implement and oversee farm programs.

The groups, the Environmental Working Group and the National Audubon Society, support a proposal by Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy to have the agriculture secretary appoint some committee members.

The proposal also could result in the appointment of more environmentalists.

"It's in line with our standard argument that USDA needs to come into the modern era and serve more than agricultural interests," said Kenneth A. Cook, president of the Environmental Working Group.

Farm groups have opposed the move as anti-democratic. The House and Senate Agriculture committees took the proposal from a pending bill to reorganize the Agriculture Department.

The study found that in 1992, minorities were elected to 169, or 1.9 percent, of the 9,030 seats on county committees of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, which runs commodity programs. Minorities at the time represented 4.8 percent of those able to vote or run.

Women were elected to 453 seats, or 5 percent, even though they made up 28 percent of those eligible to vote and be elected.

In one state, Mississippi, minorities accounted for 16 percent of eligible voters but for only one representative out of 245.

The study also examined various internal findings by the department that the committees typically assigned women and minority farm-

ers lower "program yields" per acre. Those yields, based in part on historical production, help determine the volume of cotton, rice, corn, wheat and other crops on which government payments are made.

The report noted that the reasons for the lower yields are varied and complicated and sometimes showed lower actual yields, reflecting smaller, poorer farms with less to spend on fertilizer or herbicides. Soil types and other variables weren't accounted for.

Another factor is the 1985 Farm Bill, which froze yields for all producers in an effort to cut costs.

But the groups said that more female and minority representation would have led to better ways of reaching disadvantaged farmers.

The study calculated the probable impact of yield differences on assistance between 1986 and 1989. In one example, a white man growing 100 acres of corn in Illinois would have received \$61,049 in government payments, compared with \$51,332 for a black man.

An Associated Press study last year showed black farmers received half the dollars white farmers received under a program to help struggling small farms. That program was administered by another agency, the Farmers Home Administration.

The reorganization bill would create a service agency combining the Farmers Home Administration and the Stabilization and Conservation Service. Espy had proposed having two appointed members and three elected.

Rep. Kika de la Garza, D-Texas and chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, has offered a compromise that would have yields adjusted where discrimination has occurred, and have the General Accounting Office further study the matter.

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One-fourth of girls who quit school are pregnant

By CAROLE FELDMAN
AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than a quarter of the girls who drop out of high school cite pregnancy as the reason — and nearly 8 percent of male dropouts say it's because they've become parents.

But the most common reason for dropping out still is a plain dislike of school, the Education Department said Tuesday.

In its annual dropout report, the department said 381,000 high school students aged 15 to 24 quit school last year. All told, 3.4 million people aged 16 to 24 — 11 percent of the age group — are high school dropouts.

Although the 11 percent dropout rate was unchanged from 1992, it has declined since the 1970s, when it ranged from 14 percent to 14.5 percent.

"Students who were black or Hispanic, living in families with low income, or living in the South or West were less likely to complete high school," the report said.

However, the report found an encouraging trend among black students, whose high school graduation rate rose from 74 percent in 1972 to nearly 84 percent in 1993. Among whites, the graduation rate rose from 85 percent to 90 percent over the same period.

Hispanics had lower graduation rates than blacks or whites. The department said language barriers might contribute to a Hispanic dropout rate nearly triple the national figure.

"Many dropouts say they left school because they were failing or just didn't like it," Education

Secretary Richard Riley said. "Some will come back and finish, but too many find themselves unemployed or stuck in a job with no future."

He added, "If we are to meet the national goal of a 90 percent high school graduation rate, we must all do more to keep our children connected to school, to teach them the value of learning, and to keep them engaged in school by making schools places where challenging courses interest and expand young minds."

The department followed students who were eighth-graders in 1988 through their last year of high school, in 1992.

'Many dropouts say they left school because they were failing or didn't like it. ... too many find themselves unemployed or stuck in a job with no future.'

"Dropouts cited school-related reasons over other reasons for leaving school, but female dropouts were more likely than male dropouts to report family-related reasons," the report said.

Nearly 43 percent of those who dropped out between 10th and 12th grades said they did so because they didn't like school; 38.7 percent said they left because they were failing.

Twenty-one percent of the girls said they left school because they had become a parent, as did 8 percent of the boys. Pregnancy was cited by 26.8 percent of the female dropouts — 31 percent of Hispanics, 34 percent of blacks

and 26 percent of whites.

"Black dropouts were far less likely than their peers to have reported 'got married' as a reason for dropping out — 2 percent compared with 13 percent of Hispanic and 15 percent of white dropouts," according to the report.

The department found that students were more likely to drop out of high school for job-related reasons during their junior and senior years than during their first two years of high school. More juniors and seniors than freshmen and sophomores cited a desire to travel as the reason for dropping out.

Students who repeated one or more grades were twice as likely to drop out than those who had never been held back, 19.8 percent in 1992 compared to 9.4 percent. Just looking at those who repeated more than one grade, the dropout rate jumps to 40.9 percent, four times that of students never retained.

In other 1993 findings, the department said: — The dropout rate for students aged 16 to 24 was highest among those with the lowest family income. Nearly 24 percent of low-income students dropped out, compared to 9.9 percent of middle-income students and 2.7 percent of high-income students.

— Students in the South and West were more likely to drop out than those in the Northeast and Midwest. The dropout rates in the four regions were 13 percent in the South, 12.5 percent in the West, 8.8 percent in the Midwest and 8.5 percent in the Northeast.

— There was little difference between the dropout rates for males and females.

Increasing numbers of kids on disability rolls, GAO says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Unprecedented numbers of low-income children are collecting disability benefits for mental impairments, including behavior problems and personality disorders, according to a congressional study released Tuesday.

The report by the General Accounting Office documents the rapid growth in the number of children on the rolls of Supplemental Security Income, a federal welfare program for the elderly and disabled, over the past four years.

Later studies by the congressional watchdog agency will address allegations by lawmakers and educators that parents are encouraging their children to feign behavioral and learning disabilities so that they can receive SSI.

The program pays children a maximum federal benefit of \$446 a month, at an annual cost of \$4.35 billion. These SSI payments are now so widespread in some areas of the country that they are known as "crazy checks."

GAO said the number of children on SSI has more than doubled in four years, from 296,300 in 1989 to 770,500 in 1993. Children are also a larger portion of the SSI disability rolls — from 11.5 percent in 1989 to 20 percent in 1993.

Rising numbers of children in poverty and outreach efforts by the Social Security Administration explain part of the growth, GAO said. Also significant, said GAO, was the

Supreme Court's Zebly decision in 1990 that required the Social Security Administration to make the disability criteria for children less restrictive.

Regulations issued by Social Security in 1990 to reflect advances in medical science also had an impact on the growth in children on the rolls, the study said.

Rep. Gerald D. Kleczka, D-Wis., requested Tuesday's report and said it supports his push to take a "long, hard look at the child SSI program."

"What we have here is a noble but rudderless program which may be squandering valuable taxpayer dollars," he said. "While truly deserving children on SSI should get our help, in light of this startling report, we must clarify the program's mission and reconsider how severe an impairment should be in order to qualify for benefits."

GAO said huge increases in the number of children awarded benefits because of mental impairments — including children with mental retardation or other disorders, including attention deficit hyperactivity disorder — account for two-thirds of the growth in children's cases.

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Actor Johnny Depp arrested at hotel

NEW YORK (AP) — Johnny Depp was arrested early Tuesday and accused of breaking up furnishings in his room at a posh East Side hotel.

The 31-year-old actor was charged with criminal mischief, said Sgt. James Coleman, a police spokesman. Depp was "possibly intoxicated," according to the police report.

His girlfriend, celebrity model Kate Moss, was with him but was not arrested, said police spokesman Louis Llanes.

Sgt. Robert Volonino said he and two other officers went to the Mark Hotel shortly after 5 a.m. in response to a call from hotel security officers.

"There appeared to be a lot of glass shattered all over the room," said Volonino, who estimated damage at more than \$2,000. Depp did not resist and "was not surprised" by the officers' arrival, he added.

Depp is known for portraying a moody police officer in *21 Jump Street*, a late 1980s TV show about young undercover officers. He also starred in the feature films *Edward Scissorhands* in 1990 and last year's quirky romantic comedy *Benny and Joon* and had the title role in *What's Eating Gilbert Grape*.

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- Type of horse

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- First-rate
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- Hems and
- Part of small intestine
- Save
- Director
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- Mrs. Truman
- Arrow poison
- Prevalent
- Invitation letters
- Harvest
- Campus area
- Hooklike parts
- First-rate
- Trickle
- Opera by Verdi
- Metal fastener
- Winter vehicle
- Formally precise
- Selves
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Astro-Graph

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you're presently involved in an important endeavor, don't wait for others to initiate proceedings. If there is something important to be done today, you're the guy to do it. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Things might not work out the way you expect them to today, but don't let this disturb you. Developments will be triggered by outside forces that can accomplish more than you can by yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You might not like your assignments today, but taking care of your responsibilities will provide you with gratification and unexpected rewards.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Sharing an opportunity with another might be the only way for you to be truly successful today. The secret is simple: give what you hope to gain.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do not discount the suggestions of associates today, but by the same token, do not treat your own ideas with indifference. Each can make a contribution.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Even though you are likely to do rather well operating independently today, you could do still better in a collective effort. If you must make a choice, choose the latter.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There is a person you recently met who you'd like to know better. You might have an opportunity to do so today. Don't let it slip past you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Regardless of what occurs today to cause disarray in your agenda, persons with whom you're involved can be dealt with effectively. Use your imagination and resourcefulness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You might create more ill will with silence today than you will if you express your position verbally, especially when exchanging thoughts with friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) An outside involvement might invade your parameter of independence today. But before getting angry, study the situation. Something very worthwhile could result.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you're too set in your thinking today, you might resist a creative suggestion that could prove more effective than your way of doing something.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Where money is concerned today, don't ignore your inner voice. You might receive some hints or perceptions that can't be proven correct, but will still guide you successfully.

Sports

Notebook

RODEO
PAMPA — The Pampa Tri-State High School Rodeo will be held Saturday at the Top O' Texas rodeo grounds.
 The morning performance starts at 10 a.m. followed by team roping. The afternoon performance starts at 3 p.m.
 The rodeo is sponsored by the Pampa High School Rodeo Club.
 Events include saddle broncs, bull riding, calf roping, ribbon roping, breakaway roping, barrels, poles, goat tying and team roping.
 Admission is three dollars at the gate.

FOOTBALL
PAMPA — The Pampa-Tascosa junior varsity game scheduled Thursday has been canceled. The 9th grade football game between Pampa and Hereford will be played in Pampa at 5 p.m. Thursday.

BASEBALL
NEW YORK (AP) — Saving the World Series seemed to be less important than how to announce its demise. By fax? By telephone conference call?
 Acting commissioner Bud Selig reviewed a draft news release and sent a draft resolution to owners, baseball sources said. He scheduled a telephone conference call for 2 p.m. EDT today, and sources said that's when owners would make a formal decision on the season.
CINCINNATI (AP) — An attorney representing Deion Sanders entered written pleas of innocent to a felony charge and two misdemeanor charges stemming from a confrontation with an off-duty police officer.
 The Cincinnati Reds center fielder was not required to appear at the arraignment. All charges stem from an alleged scuffle in which police said started when Sanders tried to drive his motor scooter through a restricted gate after an Aug. 8 game at Riverfront Stadium.
MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Twins promoted Terry Ryan to general manager, replacing Andy MacPhail, who left for a job with the Chicago Cubs. Ryan's first move was to give manager Tom Kelly a contract extension through the 1997 season.
 Kelly, 44, has been the team's manager since 1987 and has guided the Twins to two World Series championships.

TENNIS
CLEVELAND (AP) — Jennifer Capriati, who left the women's tour last year and was later arrested on drug charges, plans to return to professional tennis in early October.
 The International Management Group, representing Capriati, said the 18-year-old has requested wild-card entries to the Barilla Indoors tournament in Zurich, Switzerland, and the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix in Filderstadt, Germany.
BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — No. 1 seed Carlos Costa and No. 2 seed Jaime Yzaga were ousted in the first round of the Club Colombia Tennis tournament.

Yzaga, who beat top-seeded Pete Sampras at the U.S. Open, lost to Alejo Mancisidor. Costa was beaten by Jaroslav Bulant.
 Fifth-seeded Karel Novacek, a U.S. Open semifinalist, advanced, as did No. 3 Andrei Chesnokov.
BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Franco Davin upset second-seeded Sergi Bruguera 7-6 (7-1), 3-6, 6-3 in the opening round of the Romanian Open.
 Also, third-seeded Andrei Medvedev withdrew because of problems with his right wrist.
 Seeds advancing included No. 4 Alberto Berastegui, No. 5 Thomas Muster and No. 8 Alex Corretja.

FOOTBALL
WASHINGTON (AP) — About 1,300 pro football players should receive within weeks their share of a record \$30 million settlement of pay lost when they were unlawfully barred from NFL games after the 1987 strike.
 The National Labor Relations Board said the settlement included \$17.4 million in game checks from the 28 NFL teams, \$10 million in interest and \$3 million for lost bonuses and interest.

HOCKEY
NEW YORK (AP) — The NHL announced a new television contract with Fox, as well as an expanded deal with ESPN.
 Both are five-year pacts.
 Fox's premiere NHL telecast will be the All-Star Game in San Jose, Calif., on Jan. 21, and then Fox Sports will have regional game coverage on the final two Sunday dates leading to the Stanley Cup finals.
 Fox will televise a minimum of two 1995 Stanley Cup final games and any potential Game 7 matchup. Under the new deal, ESPN will televise Games 2, 3, 5 and 6 of the finals and up to 12 conference finals games.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — A federal judge approved an agreement that clears the way for the NCAA to restore the eligibility of five Florida state football players, including All-America linebacker Derrick Brooks.
 Brooks, tailback Tiger McMillon and reserve offensive lineman Marcus Long are expected to be in uniform for Saturday's game at Wake Forest.
 The players, however, will must sign a waiver that moves the jurisdiction of their eligibility to the NCAA under terms of the agreement.

GOLF
GAINESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Greg Norman, golf's second-ranked player, pulled out of the Presidents Cup because of a flu.
 Presidents Cup teams are made up of players from countries who are not eligible for the biennial Ryder Cup matches between the United States and Europe.
 Norman was replaced on the International team by Australia's Bradley Hughes. Other members of the International team include Nick Price, Australian Craig Parry and Fiji's Vijay Singh.

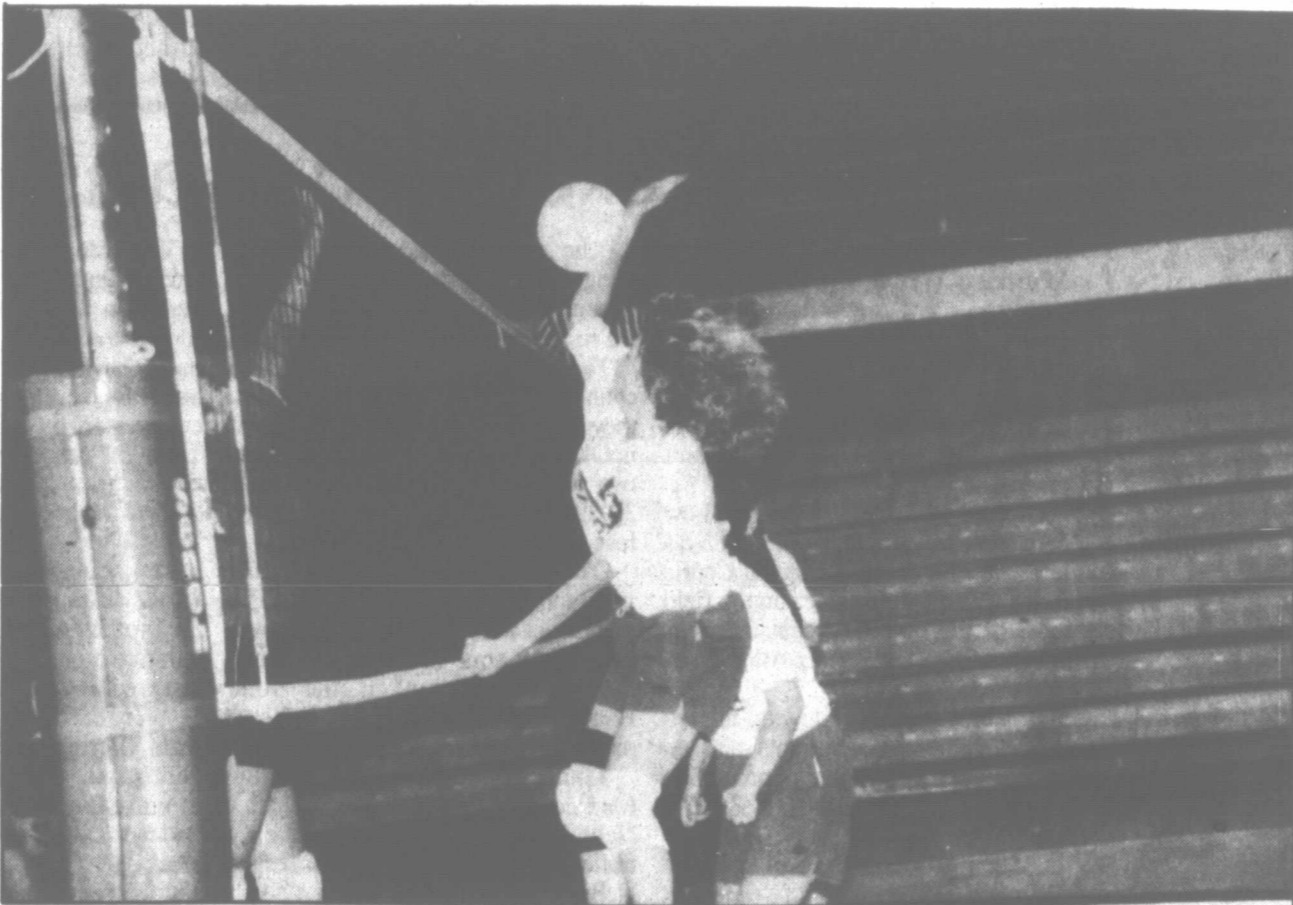
Rallies give Plainview 2-0 record

Pampa hosts Bulldogs at 7:30 Friday night

PAMPA — It appears that Plainview, Pampa's opponent Friday night, has been a second-half team the first two games of the 1994 season. But Plainview head coach Steve Parr doesn't necessarily agree with that analysis.
 "I'm not so sure about that. I know we didn't play well early and we didn't really play well late in the game," Parr said. "We're fortunate to be 2-0."
 Last week, the unbeaten Bulldogs were leading Clovis, N.M. just 7-0 at halftime before erupting for a pair of second-half touchdowns and a 19-7 win.
 Two weeks ago, Plainview was trailing Lubbock Estacado by a two touchdowns before coming up with 18-second half points and an 18-14 win.
 The last time Pampa and Plainview met, the Bulldogs edged out a 9-7 win in the bi-district round of the 4A playoffs last season. Plainview has moved to Class 5A this year.
 Pampa head coach Dennis Cavalier has some walking wounded on his hands since last Saturday's 34-10 loss to Amarillo High.

Tight end Jason Warren (twisted knee), linebacker Floyd White (sore shoulder) and defensive lineman Chris Thompson (sprained ankle) were three Pampa casualties.
 "We got pretty nixed up, but we're hoping all of these guys will be ready by Friday night," Cavalier said.
 Defensive end Ryan Gibson, who was out with a broken hand, has returned to the team and linebacker Seth Heiskell has been moved up from the junior varsity to the varsity.
 The Pampa-Plainview game kicks off at 7:30 Friday night in Harvester Stadium. The Top O' Texas Football Magazine has Plainview picked to finish fourth in District 3-5A.

District 1-4A individual leaders (games through Sept. 10)
Rushing touchdowns
 D'mitri McFarland, Randall, 4
 Jeff Willis, Dumas, 3
 Cornell Jones, Borger, 3
Matt Archibald, Pampa, 2
 Armando Zambrano, Hereford, 2
 Michael Brown, Hereford, 2
 Joe De Dawson, Canyon, 2
Yards rushing
 D'Mitri McFarland, Randall, 51-361
 Armando Zambrano, Hereford, 56-269
 Jeff Willis, Dumas, 49-263
 Cornell Jones, Borger, 32-243
 Michael Brown, Hereford, 33-203
Matt Archibald, Pampa, 26-170
 Jason Howell, Canyon, 27-156
 Scott Anderson, Caprock, 32-106
Matt Garvin, Pampa, 23-95
 Derrick Gardner, Caprock, 21-89
 Jared Taylor, Randall, 8-89
Touchdown passes
 Toby Guest, Borger, 2
 Michael Brown, Hereford, 2
Joel Ferland, Pampa, 1
 Warren McCarty, Randall, 1
Touchdown receptions
 Marc Haney, Hereford, 2
J.J. Mathis, Pampa, 1
 Marcus Quesenberry, Randall, 1
 Cornell Jones, Borger, 1



The Lady Harvesters' Serenity King slams the ball over the net in the District 1-4A volleyball opener Tuesday night against Borger. Pampa won, 15-8, 15-11. The Lady Harvesters are now 8-4 on the season and will take on Hereford on Saturday at Hereford. Matches start at 2 p.m. (Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Lady Harvesters defeat Borger

The Pampa Lady opened District 1-4A volleyball play Tuesday night by sweeping Borger, 15-8, 15-11.
 "I was pleased with our effort. We came out ready to play. I think this district is so balanced that whoever comes out focused and ready to play is going to win," said Pampa head coach Brad Borden. "I believed that's what happened last night."
 Defensively, Jennifer Jones and Mechelle Abbott led Pampa with 10 and 8 digs respectively. Tammy Chesher and Serenity King had 8 kills each for the Pampa offense.
 "We had some good setting from Candi Atwood and Serenity King," Borden said. "We're starting to get some real good consistency on our sets and that's making a difference for our hitters."
 The Lady Harvesters are now 8-4 on the season and will play at Hereford on Saturday with the matches starting at 2 p.m.
 "Hereford is supposed to be the top dog in the league this year, but I think we can surprise them if we play well," said Borden.

Fort Elliott fell to Sanford-Fritch, 15-3, 10-15, 9-15, Tuesday night.
 "We played the first game as well as we've ever played, but we had trouble with our concentration the last two games," said Fort Elliott head coach David Johnson. "Sanford-Fritch got stronger on us, but I was pleased with the way we played. We keep improving."
 Andrea Dukes, April Purcell, Lindsey Fillingim and Jamie James were Fort Elliott's top players, Johnson said. "Andrea played a good, all-around game. April did some good serving. Lindsey hit the ball well and Jamie set the ball well."

Florida, Nebraska get first tests

By RICK WARNER
 AP Football Writer
 After rolling over their first two opponents, top-ranked Florida and No. 2 Nebraska get their first tests of the season Saturday.
 The Gators visit No. 15 Tennessee, while the Cornhuskers are home against No. 13 UCLA.
 Florida averaged 600 yards and 71.5 points against New Mexico State and Kentucky, but nobody expects another rout at Knoxville. The Gators have had problems on the road against ranked teams, going 0-7 in the past four seasons.
 "I wish we had been tested more in these first two games," Florida coach Steve Spurrier said. "Our players needed to be put in tougher situations than they have been up to this point."
 It doesn't get any tougher than playing before 92,000 screaming fans at Neyland Stadium, where the Gators have been outscored 76-17 in their last two visits. But Florida won't be intimidated.
 Terry Dean has thrown 11 touchdown passes in less than five quarters, and freshmen tailbacks Elijah Williams and Fred Taylor are quickly making Gators fans forget about the loss of career rushing leader Erric Rhett.
 Tennessee lost starting quarterback Jerry Colquitt for the season with a knee injury in its opening 25-23 loss to UCLA, but replacement Todd Helton played well last week in a 41-23 win over Georgia.
 The Vols, who are 4 1/2-point underdogs, will play an inspired game before their home crowd, but it won't be enough against the ultra-talented Gators. ... FLORIDA 31-24.
 After beating West Virginia and Texas Tech by a combined score of 73-16, Nebraska faces a UCLA team that struggled to beat lowly SMU 17-10 last week.
 UCLA All-American J.J. Stokes missed that game with a bruised thigh, but the receiver is expected to play against Nebraska.
 The Cornhuskers had to rally to beat the Bruins 14-13 last year at the Rose Bowl. This time, Nebraska is a 16-point favorite ... NEBRASKA 35-21.
 No. 3 Florida St. (minus 38) at Wake Forest
 Seminoles 18-0 in ACC ... FLORIDA ST. 45-0.
 Iowa (plus 21) at No. 6 Penn St.
 Lions looking like title contenders ... PENN ST. 38-14.
 No. 10 Wisconsin (plus 6) at No. 7 Colorado
 Two terrific offenses ... COLORADO 31-28.
 No. 8 Notre Dame (minus 11) at Michigan St.
 Irish have won seven straight over Spartans ... NOTRE DAME 24-10.
 LSU (plus 11) at No. 11 Auburn
 Shocker in Death Valley ... LSU 21-20.
 No. 12 Alabama (minus 6 1/2) at Arkansas
 Tide visits Fayetteville for first time ... ALABAMA 21-14.
 Tulane (plus 25) at No. 16 North Carolina
 Tar Heels coach Mack Brown faces former school ... N. CAROLINA 35-7.
 No. 18 Virginia Tech (plus 1 1/2) at Boston College
 Dan Henning gets first win at BC ... BOSTON COLLEGE 24-21.

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'Seven Year Itch' star Tom Ewell dies at 85

By BOB THOMAS
Associated Press Writer

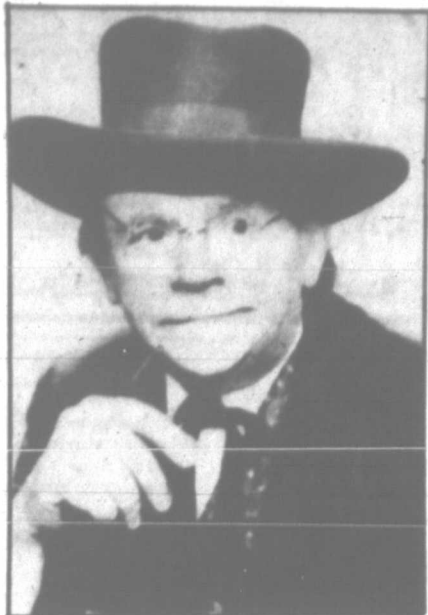
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tom Ewell, who starred opposite Marilyn Monroe as the homely would-be philanderer in *The Seven Year Itch*, has died. He was 85.

Ewell died early Monday at the Motion Picture and Television Country House and Hospital, after a long series of illnesses, said his wife, Marjorie.

It was Ewell who stood beside Miss Monroe when a blast of air from a subway blew her skirt in a classic scene from the 1955 film. Reprising a role that won him a Tony on Broadway, he played an urban husband who fantasizes about an affair with the sexpot upstairs while his wife is on vacation.

With his ordinary face and cracked voice, Ewell admitted he was not easy to cast in leading roles. Even after his success in the play, he was surprised when he was chosen over Gary Cooper, William Holden and others to appear opposite Monroe, then the most popular sex symbol, in the film version of *The Seven Year Itch*.

"I never expected to get the part," said Ewell. "Needless to say, I'm happy they did choose me."



Comedy actor Tom Ewell shown in character in this 1981 photo as Doc Kullens in *Best of the West*. (AP photo)

About Monroe, Ewell told columnist Hedda Hopper: "I've never met a sweeter, nicer person than Marilyn or one easier to work with. She wanted me in the role."

In 1956, Ewell co-starred with another sexpot, Jayne Mansfield, in *The Girl Can't Help It*.

His other films include the Tracy-Hepburn comedy *Adam's Rib*, *Tender is the Night*, *State Fair* (in the role created by Will Rogers), *Suppose They Gave a War and Nobody Came?*, *They Only Kill Their Masters*, *The Great Gatsby*, *The Last Tycoon* and *Easy Money*.

For one season, 1960-61, he starred on television in *The Tom Ewell Show*, a CBS sitcom in which he played a man surrounded at home by his wife, mother-in-law and three daughters.

In the 1970s, he appeared in the ABC police drama *Baretta* as Billy Truman, a pal of the detective played by Robert Blake. He continued to have roles in movies, including *Best of the West* in 1981.

He was born Yewell Tompkins on April 29, 1909, in Owensboro, Ky.

As a struggling actor in New York in the 1930s, he claimed a Broadway record in appearing in 28 flops. He served in the Navy during World War II.

Ewell's luck in the theater improved after the war. He appeared in the hit *Apple of His Eye* in 1946 and then was cast in the lead of Norman Krasna's comedy *John Loves Mary*, produced by Rodgers and Hammerstein.

Judge asks both sides to settle Laguna Madre suit

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A federal judge on Tuesday urged environmental groups and the Army Corps of Engineers to settle a lawsuit claiming that dredging operations are damaging the Laguna Madre.

U.S. District Judge Filemon B. Vela called both sides to his chamber to try to persuade them to negotiate an agreement over the disposal of silty, sludge-like material dredged from the lagoon's bottom.

The National Audubon Society and other conservation groups claim that the Corps' 45-year practice of dredging and dumping the "spoil" back into the shallow lagoon is harming its productive ecology and fisheries.

The Corps periodically must dredge to keep the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway open for barge traffic between ports in Corpus Christi and Brownsville.

Amy R. Johnson, an attorney for the environmental groups, said her side had made a proposal and was waiting an answer from the Corps. She did not elaborate.

Vela asked both sides to continue negotiating this week while he is hearing testimony on a request for a preliminary injunction, which would prohibit open-bay

dumping in a current dredging contract for a 6.5-mile stretch between Port Isabel and the Arroyo Colorado.

Corps officials and the barge industry contend that such an injunction would shut down the entire canal.

Corps spokesman Ken Bonham said sections of the 6.5-mile stretch between Port Isabel and the Arroyo Colorado are only 7 feet deep now, forcing barge companies to carry lighter loads. The fully dredged depth would be at least 12 feet.

Corps officials say dredging must begin on the section within days to avoid navigation hazards this winter.

The Corps argues that open-bay dumping is by far the most economical way of dealing with the immense volumes of spoil. Pumping it several miles to containment areas on land or into the Gulf of Mexico would be both expensive and environmentally harmful, the Corps says.

After the judge rules on the preliminary injunction, the environmental groups will ask him for a permanent ban on open-bay dumping for the entire 120-mile leg of the waterway between Port Isabel and Corpus Christi, Ms. Johnson said.

Scientists urge aggressive anti-smoking plan

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A panel of top scientists urged Congress Tuesday to allow the government to aggressively regulate tobacco — from capping nicotine to banning cigarette vending machines — as a way to fight teenage smoking.

The report by the prestigious Institute of Medicine was strong support for the Food and Drug Administration's plan to curb the tobacco industry.

"Tobacco needs supervision and regulation right away," said Dr. Paul Torrens, a University of California at Los Angeles professor who co-wrote the report. "This is a dangerous, addictive substance that is widely and freely available to teenagers around this country."

The government says more than 400,000 Americans die each year from diseases attributed to smoking — and 70 percent of smokers start before age 18. Anti-smokers and government scientists say as many as 3,000 teenagers a day become regular smokers, hooked on nicotine after experimenting with just a few cigarettes.

The Institute of Medicine spent 18 months studying how to battle teen smoking and concluded that current school education programs and state laws prohibiting tobacco sales to youths simply aren't enough.

The scientists said an aggressive plan to reduce teen access to and awareness of tobacco is the only solution — led by a Public Health Service agency, probably FDA, that would strictly regulate tobacco and limit the nicotine allowed in cigarettes.

The FDA already is considering doing just that, and has asked outside scientists to determine at what level nicotine becomes addictive. Despite a barrage of cigarette company ads to the contrary, FDA Commissioner David Kessler insists the plan won't outlaw tobacco.

The Institute of Medicine doesn't want a ban either.

"We are not prohibitionists, we are not banning cigarettes," Torrens said. "We are simply saying children should be protected from addictive substances."

The panel also recommended that: — Congress increase the 24-cent federal tax on cigarettes to \$2 a pack. — Merchants obtain a state

license to sell tobacco, which would be suspended if the store sells tobacco to minors.

— All public places, from restaurants to shopping malls, ban smoking.

— Congress repeal the federal law prohibiting states from regulating tobacco advertising so states can ban billboards and any advertising deemed attractive to teens.

— Cigarette vending machines be banned.

— Federal funds help states conduct "sting" operations to catch stores that sell tobacco to minors.

The report is a rehash of "anti-smoking rhetoric that ... no one believes is politically viable," said Thomas Lauria of the Tobacco Institute.

Congress killed President Clinton's proposed 75-cent cigarette tax increase and would never tolerate a \$2 tax because it would cost 300,000 industry jobs, he said.

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Court blocks EPA from implementing project on ethanol

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court Tuesday blocked the Environmental Protection Agency from opening the way for the widespread use of corn-based ethanol in a cleaner burning gasoline.

The three-judge panel acted on a lawsuit filed by the American Petroleum Institute, which had argued that the EPA violated the 1990 Clean Air Act by giving preference to ethanol as an additive for a cleaner-burning gasoline that will be required beginning next year in several cities including Houston.

The court blocked implementation of an EPA regulation involving ethanol until the petroleum industry's lawsuit can be considered on its merits. The court refused to overturn the regulation entirely, saying the industry had not made an adequate case for such a move.

The EPA last June directed that ethanol be a major component of reformulated gasoline beginning Jan. 1, 1995, and that at least 30 percent of the oxygen additive in the new gas be ethanol by 1996.

The issue had been one of the hottest before the agency with farm-state lawmakers in Congress pushing hard on behalf of ethanol, an oxygenate produced from corn. The oil industry had argued that a rival additive — MTBE, made from methanol — would be less expensive and that the market should determine what additive should be used.

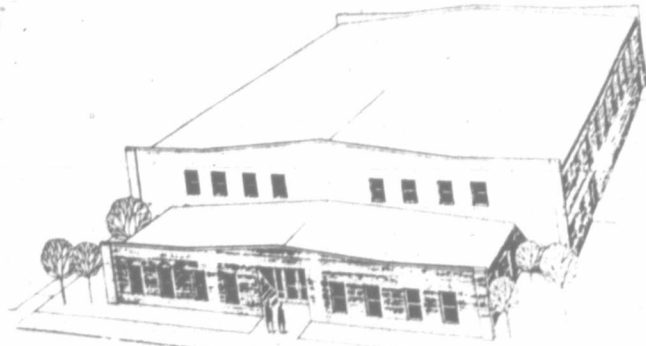
EPA officials said the court decision will prevent the agency from implementing the ethanol requirement as planned in January.

"If what we are hearing is true, the program is on hold and we won't start Jan. 1," said Donald Zinger, assistant director of EPA's Office for Mobile Sources.

It was unclear whether the court action would delay the entire reformulated gasoline program or only the portion that requires some "renewable" oxygenate, generally ethanol.

The cleaner-burning gasoline, which would amount to about a third of all gasoline sold in the country, is required under the regulation to be sold in the nine cities with the worst smog problem and parts of 14 states.

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