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LOCAL

PAMPA — Auditions for Pampa Civic Ballet will begin at 2 p.m. Oct. 2 at the Beaux Arts Dance Studio, 315 N. Nelson, for area ballet dancers who would like to audition for the company.

The first performance of the year will be *The Nutcracker Suite* on Dec. 3 at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center.

The children's auditions will be Sunday, Oct. 2. Auditions for girls ages 3 to 7 is set from 2-3 p.m. Auditions for both boys and girls ages 8 to 14 is set for 3 p.m.

Dancers ages 13 and up who would like to dance in *The Nutcracker Suite*, but do not qualify as members of the company, can audition as extras from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8.

Returning as guests artists will be Dmitri Korobeinikov and his wife Eloisa Narvaez, both of the Alabama Ballet.

Dancers chosen to be in the company must take a minimum of two ballet classes per week from their regular teacher. Those chosen for the company will be ages 13 and up, with junior members to be chosen for 11 and 12-year olds.

Audition examiner for this year will again be Neil Hess of Amarillo, artistic director of the Lone Star Ballet and director of *TEXAS*.

An audition fee will be charged. Dancers selected during the audition will be required to attend all company rehearsals.

PAMPA — "Breast Health & You" will be the focus of a leader training at 10 a.m. on Monday in the Gray County Annex meeting room. Donna Brauchi, Gray County Extension agent, will conduct the training.

Breast cancer prevention through breast self-examination and mammography will be presented through a variety of methods.

The training is especially for Family and Community Education club program leaders as well as others who are interested in receiving program materials to share with their club, organization, or group. All necessary teaching plans and materials will be provided to program leaders attending the training.

PAMPA — A local woman asleep on the sofa in her Craven Street home was attacked about 1:40 p.m. Friday by a man in a ski mask who ran away when she told him she heard her sister outside.

The 26-year-old told Pampa police officers a man wearing a ski mask and gloves and speaking with a Spanish accent jumped on her as she slept, ripping her clothing and leaving her with scratches and facial bruises.

No arrests have been made. The incident will be worked as a burglary of a habitation because it is a higher level offense than assault, said Lt. Shawn Fullagar.

PAMPA — The Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be offering a standard first aid and CPR instructor class this week.

The class will begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday and continue Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. Those planning to take the class must have their current CPR and first aid certification.

For more information, contact the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell, telephone 669-7121.

STATE

FORT WORTH (AP) — At least 28 Branch Davidians whose bodies were found in the religious sect's burned-out compound had been shot, 10 more than previously believed, officials said.

The group's 51-day standoff between federal authorities and followers of doomsday prophet David Koresh ended in fire on April 19, 1993. The remains of at least 79 people were found in the ashes, including 58 adults, 19 children and two fetuses, said David Pareya, the McLennan County justice of the peace who has coordinated inquests in the case.

Officials said Friday that the latest count shows that 28 of the Davidians had been shot. Tarrant County Medical Examiner Nizam Peerwani testified in February that 18 had been shot.

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Marines kill eight armed men in Haiti

By FRED BAYLES
AP National Writer

CAP-HAITIEN, Haiti (AP) — In the first deadly confrontation between U.S. troops and Haitians, Marines killed eight armed men outside a police station Saturday night when the Haitians confronted the Marines' evening patrol.

The sharp, quick firefight was followed by a long siege outside the station, as the Marines tried to coax two wounded policemen out on the street.

It wasn't clear whether the men killed were police. Many civilian "attaches" work alongside Haitian police.

A U.S. Marine, a Haitian who serves as an interpreter, was wounded in the leg. The injury was not considered serious.

Lt. Col. Steve Hartley, the battalion commander, who arrived on the scene minutes after the firefight, said the platoon from Echo Company on patrol had stopped across the street from the station. When armed men came out of the sta-

tion, "words were exchanged, and there was gunfire," Hartley said.

Cpl. Mike Amett, a member of the platoon, said armed men came out of the police station and opened fire.

"Four guys came out from the front desk, saw us and got spooked and lit up their weapons," he said. "And we returned fire."

Eight Haitians were killed in all. Their bodies remained on the street.

Marines from that platoon had been patrolling the area around the police station throughout the day, exchanging curt "Bonjours" with the Haitian police station there before moving on. The shooting incident occurred about 7 p.m. as dusk fell.

A quick reaction force immediately responded, sealing off the north-west section of this city of 75,000 on Haiti's northern coast.

Civilians ran from the shooting, locking themselves behind shuttered doors and windows.

The night became eerily quiet, except for the shout of Marines and the incessant ringing of phones from within the police station.

"The phone's ringing but no one's home," Hartley said as he calmed the Marines surrounding the police station.

The scene in front of the station was lit by the headlights of a Marine armored personnel carrier that rushed in to support the platoon.

Some 19,000 Marines arrived Tuesday in Cap-Haitien on the northern coast to provide security for the U.S.-brokered return of exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. There had been no incidents between Marines and local authorities before Saturday's deadly clash.

In the capital Port-au-Prince, emboldened Haitians danced through the streets in the biggest pro-democracy demonstration since Aristide was toppled by the army three years ago.

Police fired tear gas at demonstrators

marching by the capital's army headquarters, and other protesters stoned police headquarters before being chased away.

U.S. forces didn't intervene in the clashes because they didn't see them, an American military spokesman said.

The demonstrations by thousands of people, unseen since the popular priest was overthrown and exiled in September 1991, reflected the swiftly shifting balance of power. Demonstrators defiantly ignored a ban on such rallies issued Wednesday by Haiti's army-backed government.

The joyful outpouring coincided with a visit by Defense Secretary William Perry, who brought a message of pride to the U.S. soldiers deployed here to restore Haiti's elected government.

Haitians waving green branches symbolizing peace swarmed through the streets and the Cite Soleil slum, which had been terrorized by military-backed gunmen until the arrival of American GIs five days ago.

Accused murderer Braun behind bars in county jail

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

Gregg Francis Braun, 33, accused of taking the life of a 54-year-old Pampa shop owner in 1989, is in Gray County jail today in anticipation of a plea bargain which exchanges a guilty plea for a life sentence.

Braun is accused of murdering photo shop owner Edley "Pete" Spurrier the afternoon of July 20, 1989 during a shop robbery.

He was returned to Pampa from Oklahoma's Death Row in McAlester about 3:45 p.m. Friday by four local law enforcement officers who report an uneventful trip.

"He was real quiet the whole trip," said Gray County Sheriff Randy Stubblefield.

Stubblefield said Oklahoma officials had all appropriate paper work ready for Friday's trip to Pampa.

Braun is in an isolation cell in the

jail, the sheriff said.

Braun, formerly of Garden City, Kan., faces execution plus two consecutive life sentences in Oklahoma, one life sentence in New Mexico and two life sentences in Kansas.

He entered a no contest plea and was sentenced to death in the summer of 1993 for killing Ardmore, Okla., flower shop owner Gwendolyn Miller, 31, and wounding two other women in the store robbery.

Braun pleaded no contest in March 1992 to the murder-kidnappings of two convenience store clerks - Barbara Kochendorfer, 27, and Mary Rains, 28 - in Garden City, Kan. For that plea, he was sentenced to two life terms in prison.

New Mexico sentenced Braun in September 1991 to life in prison for the murder of a Springer, N.M., store clerk, Geraldine Valdez, 48.

The five murders occurred between July 19 and July 23, 1989.



Jennifer Davis, left, and Cheryl Stevens are escorted through the Wheeler County Courthouse door by Wheeler Deputy Sheriff Joel Finsterwald. The two women were charged with attempted capital murder following a running gun battle along Interstate 40 near Shamrock. (Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Two Maryland women remain in jail after shootout on I-40

WHEELER - Two Maryland women accused of attempted capital murder following a high speed chase and shoot out near Wheeler Thursday evening remain in jail in lieu of bond.

Cheryl Stephens, 39, and Jennifer Davis, 33, both of Baltimore, Md., remain in Wheeler County jail under \$25,000 bond set Friday by Justice of the Peace Doyle Ramsey.

They were arrested west of Shamrock about 6:30 p.m. Thursday following a chase which began east of Shamrock and continued

on and off Interstate 40 and through the town of Shamrock.

It is alleged Davis shot six times with a Ruger .38-caliber six shot revolver at pursuing officers who returned about an equal amount of fire with service pistols and a shotgun.

The chase began when Texas lawmen, advised of a strong arm robbery in Texola, discovered the Toyota believed to be driven by suspects in the robbery east of Shamrock on Interstate 40.

The woman are wanted for questioning in connection with auto theft in Maryland.

Air Force pilot: 'I was not derelict'

By FRANK BAJAK
Associated Press Writer

BERLIN (AP) — The Air Force pilot charged with negligent homicide in the downing of two U.S. helicopters over northern Iraq insisted Saturday he is innocent and was not derelict on that fateful April day.

Lt. Col. Randy W. May said that while he felt "terribly sorry" for the "unthinkable heartache" felt by the loved ones of the 26 people killed in the accident, he rejects any criminal culpability.

"My decision to fire was the last action in a long chain of events involving a number of people and agencies. Numerous errors occurred in that chain of events. The decision to fire was based on human error," May said in a statement released by his lead defense counsel.

"I was not derelict in the performance of my duties. I am innocent of the charges which have been brought against me," May said. The statement was May's first response to the charges announced Sept. 8.

"There were mistakes made at many different levels," May's attorney, Air Force Capt. Earl Martin, said in a telephone interview. He said his client is confident he will be cleared.

The Pentagon has not denied mistakes were made by others, but only May has been charged with negligent homicide. Five others have been charged with dereliction in their duty in connection with the April 14 incident.

May faces the military equivalent of a grand jury hearing on Nov. 7. If the officers conducting the hearing decide to go ahead with a court martial and May is convicted, he could be imprisoned for up to 26 years.

The hearing, which will be closed to the public, is to be held at Sembach Air Base in Germany, headquarters of the 17th Air Force, Martin said.

May was flying with a lower-ranking F-15 pilot who visually misidentified the two U.S. Black Hawk helicopters as Iraqi Hinds violating the no-fly zone set up to protect Kurds from Iraqi air attack, the Pentagon says.

Officers on an AWACS radar plane had transmitted a message to the jet fighters that the two pilots interpreted as confirmation the choppers were Iraqi.

The lead pilot made a final effort to determine electronically whether the helicopters were friendly. Receiving no reply, he fired the radar-guided missile that downed the first Black Hawk. May then fired the missile that destroyed the second U.S. chopper.



Deputy Rob Goodin shows Gregg Francis Braun into the booking room at Gray County jail. Braun was returned to Pampa Friday to face charges in a 1989 murder. (Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

A bargain — laser discs by Deng

BEIJING (AP) — Recordings of senior leader Deng Xiaoping's speeches have gone on sale, China's leading newspaper reported today as part of efforts to glorify the aging leader.

The sets of laser discs and cassette tapes contain 10 of Deng's speeches from 1978, when he started China's economic reforms, to 1985, when he said at a Communist Party congress that his reforms had "set wrong things right."

The People's Daily, a party mouthpiece, said in a front-page story that distributing the recordings "plays an important role in promoting the study of Comrade Deng Xiaoping's theory of socialism with Chinese characteristics."

A consistent attempt has been made to glorify the 90-year-old Deng and his economic reforms. In the past year, his daughter has written a biography of him, the official media has published almost daily calls to study his theories, and medallions with his profile and the title "Our General Architect" are being marketed.

Although the attention pales by comparison to the godlike worship surrounding revolutionary leader Mao Tse-tung, the growing adulation of Deng suggests his associates want to make sure his policies will survive his death.

Former Pampan nominated for Adapted PE Teacher of the Year

Helen Reed of Denton, a 1964 graduate of Pampa High School, has been nominated for Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year for the state organization Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (TAHPERD).

Reed is currently the adapted physical education coordinator in Lewisville, a position she has held for going on 10 years. Prior to that, she was a high school coach and PE teacher at Alamogordo, N.M., for three years, a PE coach and resource teacher at Hereford for 11 years and a resource teacher at Lewisville for a year.

Reed was nominated for the state honor by Norma Nash, an elementary physical education teacher at Madisonville. Nash said she nominated Reed for displaying the qualities of excellence in teaching and for serving the public school and community "with much dedication and perseverance."

After graduating from Pampa High School, Reed received her bachelor of science degree from West Texas State University, her master of science degree from Eastern New Mexico University and her special education certification from WTSU.

She is a member of the Texas State Teachers Association, the National Education Association and the Association of Education of Rehabilitation for Visually Impaired and Blind. In 1971 she was named teacher of the year and in 1976, coach of the year.

Her services to the community have included volunteer work with the American Red Cross, Special Olympics, Muscular Dystrophy Association and American Heart Association.

In her nomination, Nash notes that



Helen Reed

in 1985 Reed began inclusion in the PE classes for her students with disabilities because she felt there was a need. Lewisville began total inclusion in 1993. One of Reed's personal achievements was to teach a third-grader to jump rope even though he didn't have legs.

Reed has been the adapted PE teacher for the Lewisville Independent School District for the past nine years. When she assumed the position, there were 21 individual schools and she served 15 of them. Today, her area of responsibility includes not only Lewisville but also The Colony, Flower Mound and Highland Village.

According to Nash, Reed has a wide latitude of programs she must prepare and follow in dealing daily with children who are blind, deaf, autistic, Downs Syndrome afflicted, severely to profoundly mentally retarded, brain damaged, physically impaired or afflicted with cerebral

palsy. Some of the students have multiple afflictions or a combination of afflictions.

"Helen does this with patience, poise, caring and professionalism," Nash notes in her nomination. "Helen's belief that all students should have a physical education program makes her unique from most physical educators. She attends many adapted PE workshops to keep her skills up to the latest research."

Reed also provides consultation for classroom and PE teachers, helping them learn how to modify for students with special needs as they participate as much as possible with others in the classrooms and regular PE classes from first through 12th grades.

She also works to plan appropriate games and activities for the regular PE classes to allow her students to participate in and to feel a sense of success. She also consults with other teachers to modify games to fit in vocabulary words, math skills and life skill words taught in other classes.

"When faced with the task of meeting the physical education needs of students with disabilities, many PE teachers who have not received training for adapting PE feel overwhelmed and ill-prepared," Nash notes, "but without a fuss or making anyone feel uncomfortable, Helen simply shows them the many ways that all of the students can be more successful in spite of their difficulties. She empowers and helps other teachers with whom she works to feel a sense of accomplishment through their efforts and a sense of ownership of all their students."

The nominations will be judged by a committee of nine from TAHPERD. Results will be announced during the first couple of weeks in October.



Deputy Ron Goodin shares the drug- and alcohol- free DARE message to fifth and sixth grade students at Grandview-Hopkins School. From left are Chris Bruton, Goodin, Chandler Bowers, Clay Ritter and Matt Bell. (Pampa News photo by Cheryl Berzanskis)

Deputy teaches kids anti-drug message

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

"Consequence - The result of something you choose to do or choose not to do"

Definition given by DARE officer Deputy Rob Goodin to fifth- and sixth grade students at Grandview-Hopkins School.

Deputy Rob Goodin is daring young people to be different, take a stand and use their brains in the competition for their lives waged by those who sell mind-altering drugs to America's youth.

Goodin, an employee of Gray County Sheriff's Office is also known as the DARE officer.

DARE, or Drug Abuse Resistance Education, is a classroom-taught curriculum which not only teaches children about nicotine, alcohol and drug use and abuse, but emphasizes how to be cool in a tempting situation.

Goodin travels weekly to McLean and Grandview-Hopkins schools to deliver his four-prong approach to drug-proofing kids.

Goals of DARE revolve around education on physical and mental effects of drugs, decision making skills, ways to resist peer pressure and ideas for alternative activities.

Wednesday, fifth- and sixth-graders at the Grandview-Hopkins learned about consequences of drug

use and abuse, including nicotine and alcohol. They reviewed definitions of the words "drug" and "abuse." The 12-member class broke up in small groups to develop the pros and cons of using or avoiding drugs.

Named as reasons to avoid tobacco were mouth and lung cancer, death and possible arrest for underage users. Alcohol should be avoided because it makes one throw up, start fights and get in wrecks, students said.

On the other side, students say a drug free lifestyle keeps one healthy, safe and on the honor roll among good friends.

"So you see, most of the time you are using, it's negative and most of the time you are not using, it's positive," Goodin said.

Children eagerly told Goodin about those they know - albeit they claim not too well - who dip, smoke or even, in one case, drink beer. The deputy encouraged them to stand by their friends and family, but continue to share the message of "consequences" of drugs use.

Students seem to think DARE education is fun.

"It's cool," said Joel Quisenberry. "We get to learn how to use certain drugs like aspirin and not to take an overdose of it."

"It's fun. It keeps the people away from drugs and it keeps people from getting in wrecks and stuff. It'll

teach me not to do drugs," said Krista Roby.

Goodin is certified to teach the DARE core curriculum to fifth- and sixth-graders, whom he says are the most susceptible to peer influence. Teaching DARE to youth in elementary school fortifies them for entry to middle school, he explained.

DARE, he said, is not a law enforcement tool nor an opportunity to develop snitches, but is for education only.

"So much of what went on during the 80s, was this 'Just Say No' stuff. It got a lot of attention. You got to give (young people) the reason why and how to do it," Goodin said.

Goodin began teaching DARE two years ago in Roberts and Wheeler counties before moving to Pampa. Children told them they avoided illegal activities using DARE-taught techniques, he said.

"I've seen how the kids accept it in the classroom and how it's worked in their lives," he said.

Drug avoidance is based on balance between parents, schools and law enforcement, he explained.

"To me the biggest thing to deter drug use is education. My personal goal is to do it in the rural areas and have it succeed there and show the other schools how successful it can be. This concept of education is the only way it's gonna be beat. It's not gonna be done tomorrow or next week but it's gonna be done."

No breakthrough in U.S., Japan trade talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Top U.S. and Japanese negotiators, facing a deadline for possible trade sanctions, reported no breakthrough after a fourth day of talks Saturday.

However, U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor and Japanese Foreign Minister Yohei Kono tentatively agreed to meet again on Wednesday in New York and ordered aides to keep the talks going at a lower level until then.

The Clinton administration has set a deadline of next Friday for reaching agreement in talks to expand sales opportunities by U.S. medical equip-

ment and telecommunications manufacturers to the Japanese government.

If no agreement is reached, President Clinton this week told Kono that the administration would be forced to consider imposing economic sanctions on Japan.

In a statement, Kantor's office said that he and Kono tentatively planned to meet in New York on Wednesday and that there was a possibility that Kono might return to Washington for further talks after that meeting.

Kono had been scheduled to fly home to Tokyo following a speech Tuesday at the opening sessions of

the U.N. General Assembly.

The talks on government purchases of telecommunications and medical equipment are just one of three priority areas covered under a 15-month round of negotiations known as the framework talks. Other priority areas under discussion are insurance and autos and auto parts.

Officials have said they believed deals can be struck in insurance and government purchases but that the two sides remained far apart in the auto and auto parts negotiations.

Next Friday is also the deadline set by the United States to announce a target list of priority foreign trade barriers under a provision of law known as Super 301. Clinton revived this section of the law earlier this year, specifically to pressure Japan to open its markets and help narrow its \$60 billion trade gap with the United States.

Officials have said that they plan to go ahead and release that list of trade barriers next Friday, setting in motion a process that could result in further sanctions in the areas cited.

Throughout the arduous framework negotiations, the primary sticking point has been a U.S. demand that "objective criteria" such as annual sales gains be used to measure progress. Japan has repeatedly rejected such suggestions as "managed trade."

Loaned executive

Mayda King, employed as an accountant for IRI International, will be serving as a loaned executive for the 1994 Pampa United Way fund-raising campaign.

As a loaned executive, King will be given time by the company to help with the campaign.

King, who is a certified public accountant, received her bachelor of business administration degree from Fort Hays State University at Hays, Kan.

"United Way is a strong organization in Pampa that helps many people who may otherwise suffer without the assistance from United Way," she said.



Mayda King

King, have two children. Their daughter, Chalan King, lives in Pampa and their son, Greg King, lives in Great Bend, Kan.

King is a member of First Christian Church and the Seekers Sunday School class. She also serves as vice president of Altrusa International of Pampa. She and her husband, Terry L.

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Opinion

The public wants a moral compass

Had it come from the so-called "religious right," it might have been dismissed as just so much more posturing about family values. But this new nationwide survey's finding, reported earlier this month by the major media, came from the avowedly liberal group People for the American Way, whose raison d'etre for years has been to weed any talk of traditional morality out of politics. And the results were eye-opening, including for the survey's own sponsor:

- Despite all of the furor within the political establishment over the supposed intrusion of fundamentalist Christianity into the public policy debate, fewer than one-third of the survey's 1,002 respondents (randomly chosen from registered voters) viewed the growing role of conservative religious groups in politics as worrisome.

- Meanwhile, fully 51 percent of those surveyed said society's biggest problems are attributable to a decline in moral values; at a distant second, 34 percent chiefly blamed economic and financial pressure on families.

- A whopping 74 percent said they were more likely to vote for a candidate who "put top priority on returning to traditional moral values." Only 7 percent said they were less likely to support such a candidate.

One implication of such findings is that People for the American Way might as well disband for lack of a mandate; the group, founded by fashionably left-leaning television producer Norman Lear, has crusaded for well more than a decade against traditional religious influence on elections and government in general. Its efforts don't seem to have had much of an effect.

Whether or not that group gets the message, though, there is a more fundamental revelation here for the rest of us: Most Americans believe that society needs a clearly defined moral code based on historic values, which should influence our political leadership. And Americans seem to believe this despite ritually being told by many politicians, policy wonks and media pundits from both major parties that morality and politics make a volatile mix. Average Americans, by contrast, seem to see them as inseparable.

Which is not to say that this survey or any other recent samplings of the public's mood point to support for any kind of "theocracy," which groups like People for the American Way so often warn against. No, Americans continue to believe very much in the proverbial separation of church and state.

For example, the survey reinforces Americans support for separating sectarian religion from the operation of government, with 80 percent of the respondents saying government officials should not let their private religious views be the top factor in policy decisions. That of course reflects a consistent sentiment that dates at least to the dawn of our republic; probably few Americans would want any particular religious creed to dominate the political landscape.

But at the same time, the survey suggests that the standard of separating church and state has too often been misinterpreted, elbowing Judeo-Christian moral tenets out of lawmaking. The survey respondents certainly would have it otherwise. While most Americans believe in a separation of "church" from state, they believe in a strong bond between the state and morality.

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How to produce more conflict

I love robust California zinfandels, merlots and cabernet sauvignons. But you may have as strong a passion for chardonnay, wine coolers and beer. I love biking 20, 40 and 60 miles on my custom-made Klein, Campagnolo-fitted road bike. But YOU may hate biking and rather play tennis, golf or just watch television.

How come there's no conflict between us on these strongly held values? The answer's easy. I drink my zinfandel and bike my 40 miles, and you down your wine coolers and play several sets of tennis. We can be friends and team up to go fishing. When's the last time you've seen bikers organized against tennis players and merlot lovers organized against beer drinkers? The chances for conflict are so slim that even to ask the question is silly.

To produce conflict among people having different values and preferences would be easy. Beer and tennis lovers could use threats, intimidation and coercion to make wine and biking lovers play tennis and drink beer. If they did this privately, they'd risk going to jail or getting punched out or shot by bike and wine lovers. So it'd be safer for them to use government power to get their way. And, of course, if one group of people has the right to use government to get its way, what's fair about denying another group the same privilege?

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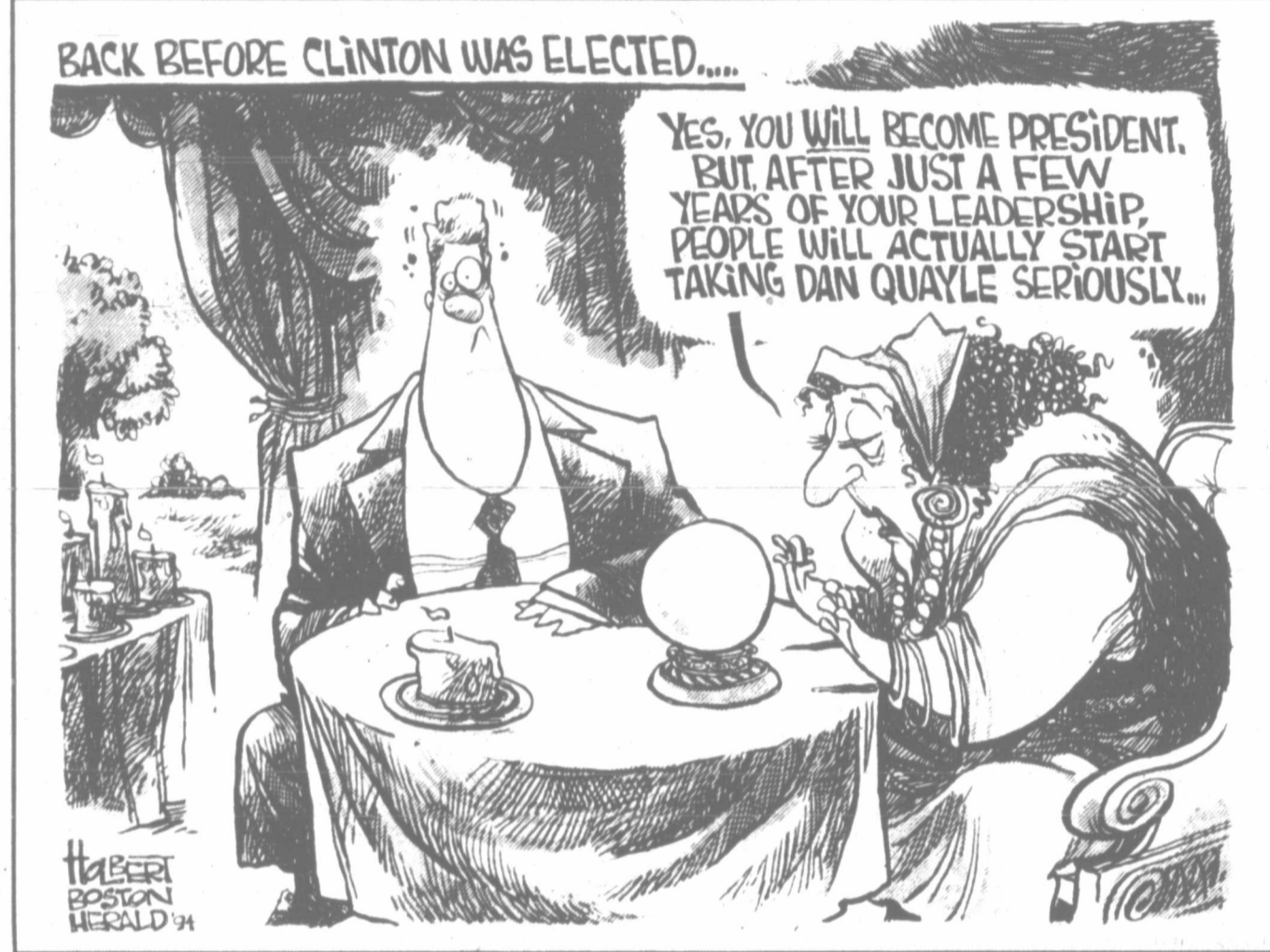
they'll use their time and money resources to bike or play tennis, or drink wine or beer. They also have the right to choose what form of health insurance they wish, including none at all. Parents have the right to decide whether their children will say a prayer at school or not, and whether they're taught what's passed off as sex education.

Conflict arises when there's government involvement. In the case of government schools, there's either going to be prayer in school or no prayer in school. If I want my kid to have a morning prayer, and the government forces me to pay for schools, I'm going to join forces with like-minded people to try to impose my preference on others, and others will do the same things. It's a zero-sum game, and one of us must lose. Most government activity is a

zero-sum game. But if schools were privately produced, I'd send my kid to the school of my preference and you to yours, and we'd be friends.

Liberty means free choice. If I don't want to be in Clinton's socialized health-care plan, what moral standard dictates that I should be forced to be or ultimately suffer the pain of death if I don't go along? You say, "Williams, what do you mean, death?" Suppose I refuse to be in Clinton's plan? The government fines me. I say, "Your actions are immoral. I have not violated the rights of others. I refuse to pay the fine." The government says, "We'll send marshals to take your house to settle the fine." I say, "No, you won't." Then the government says, "Remember Waco and Randy Weaver!" At that point, I either yield to the threats or say, "Come on sucker - you've got to bring ass to get ass."

The genius of the framers was their call for limited government. The fewer decisions made through the political process, the lower the potential for the brutal human conflict. That's the beauty of market decisions - people with different tastes and values live side by side in harmony. When government decides, the same people fight one another. There's a lot to be said for the emerging Tenth Amendment and secessionist movements sweeping the nation. Many Americans are demanding that they be left alone.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Sept. 25, the 268th day of 1994. There are 97 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 25, 1493, Christopher Columbus set sail from Cadiz, Spain, with a flotilla of 17 ships on his second voyage to the Western Hemisphere.

On this date:

In 1513, Spanish explorer Vasco Nunez de Balboa crossed the Isthmus of Panama to reach the Pacific Ocean.

In 1690, one of the earliest American newspapers, *Publick Occurrences*, published its first - and last - edition in Boston.

In 1775, American Revolutionary War hero Ethan Allen was captured by the British as he led an attack on Montreal.

In 1789, the first U.S. Congress, meeting in New York, adopted 12 amendments to the Constitution and sent them to the states for ratification (10 of the amendments became the Bill of Rights.)

In 1890, Mormon president Wilford Woodruff issued a manifesto formally renouncing the practice of polygamy.

An act of remembrance needed

Charley Reese

Sept. 16 was National Prisoners of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day. Let's remember them.

About 78,000 Americans remain unaccounted for from World War II, about 8,000 from the Korean War and about 2,200 from the Vietnam War. Most were probably just blown into such small pieces or so completely incinerated no identification was possible. Contemporary war technology can do that. It can turn a stout youth into a pink mist, a whiff of gas or a crust of charcoal.

It is now, in 1994, extremely unlikely that any living prisoners of war remain in Southeast Asia, though it's possible. Living prisoners were certainly left there when the U.S. pulled out in 1973. I think, however, that those whose strategy it was to let the evidence of American abandonment of living prisoners die off have probably won their filthy little campaign.

So I suggest a new campaign as an act of remembrance: bringing to justice the Vietnamese war criminals who tortured and murdered American prisoners of war.

Now the Clinton administration is all hot to trot to try war criminals from the Balkans, even though nobody over there has yet killed an American to my knowledge. They have even talked about war crimes for Rwandans, though nobody there killed any Americans either. But Vietnamese war criminals? Haven't heard a peep about them.

And these war criminals, these apes who tortured and murdered helpless American prisoners, are very likely alive and thriving. Their crimes were not so long ago. They are not so old. And there are plenty of American ex-POWs who could pick them out of a lineup.

Now the Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush and Clinton administrations all failed miserably to get the Vietnamese communists to provide a full accounting of our missing soldiers. That will remain one of the great scandals of the post-World War II era.

But Clinton has lifted the economic embargo and set out to re-established diplomatic relations with Vietnam anyway, despite an obvious record of perjury and lying on the MIA issue, despite their government remaining a brutal communist dictatorship, despite the human rights abuses of Vietnamese and despite the continuing existence of war criminals guilty of heinous crimes against American captives.

Can Americans now at least raise hell on the war criminal issue? Do Americans have to always remain a flock of fat, sleepy apathetic sheep who do

nothing but beg favors from government and whine if they don't get them?

Is there not one thing in God's universe that can tear their attention away from the pending murder trial of a not-very-bright, bad-tempered ex-jock? Is anyone left out there who thinks justice for murdered American prisoners is more important than a cost of living adjustment? Must traitors always have the last word?

Perhaps. Perhaps it's the destiny of young men who die in wars to be forgotten except for a breath or two of rhetoric once or twice a year. Some people exist without a past. They are entirely ignorant of the past, much less of any debt owed to others. Other people look upon the soldiers as merely paid help whose fate is of no importance naturally because, to these snobs, servants are of no importance.

A friend of mine, an ex-colonel, but for the need to educate one more daughter, would have stopped a car he was chauffeuring and pounded a certain chief executive's nose flat for saying explicitly that soldiering was only for people less intelligent and important than himself. God, what sacrifices a man makes for the sake of his children.

But pain, sweat, tears, blood and life should not be spent as casually as money nor, having been spent, as easily forgotten. There is surely a special corner of hell for the ungrateful and the indifferent.

Yes, Virginia, there is an election...

Might the Virginia Senate race in 1994 be a political model for America in 1996? Some recent news items offer grounds for speculation.

Consider: The Virginia contest has four candidates running. The Democratic incumbent, Sen. Charles Robb, son-in-law of President Lyndon B. Johnson, has been an authentic New Democrat, trying to move his party to the center from the left. The Republican challenger is Oliver North, seen as the darling of the religious right and some conservatives. North and Robb have been involved in scandals that have put neon asterisks in the race.

Former Virginia Gov. Douglas Wilder, the first elected black governor, before he dropped out of the race, was running as an Independent, trying to build a plurality from a black base. Also running as an independent is former Republican gubernatorial candidate Marshall Coleman, seeking to attract moderates who are turned off by the rest of the field.

Now take a look at the national picture. There will be a Democratic incumbent running, probably Bill Clinton, although a primary challenge in the Democratic Party is not out of the question. A recent CNN/Gallup poll shows Clinton's approval rating down to 39 percent, the lowest such rating at this point of a presidency since the advent of modern polling. (Challenge a sitting president seeking reelection? Remember, that's what Sen. Ted Kennedy did in 1980, confronting President Jimmy Carter.)

There will be a Republican candidate, most likely a conservative, of one stripe or another. As in 1992 there may well be a third candidate,



Ben Wattenberg

billionaire Ross Perot, picking up lots of disaffected voters, this time probably more from Democrats than Republicans. Perot recently announced that this year he will appear at a series of big political rallies sponsored by his organization, United We Stand America. It does not seem to be the act of a man no longer interested in shaping national politics.

And now Rev. Jesse Jackson has said that he is considering running as an Independent. Such a candidacy, like Wilder's, would be built on an African-American voting base, but Jackson's 1988 presidential campaign in the Democratic primaries demonstrated that he can attract some very liberal white voters as well. (This is not the first time that Jackson has publicly toyed with the idea of running for president as an Independent - all the while denouncing neo-conservative Democrats for not being "real" Democrats.)

Other names have surfaced as possible independent presidential candidates, including that of Gov. Lowell Weicker of Connecticut.

Now, until Perot's race in 1992 there was a simple analytical way of dealing with candidates numbering more than the normal two from the major parties. Experts said that by Election Day voters would know who the serious candidates were and not "waste a vote" on a sure loser. Thus, George Wallace's vote shrunk as Election Day approached in 1968; John Anderson's sank in 1980.

But in 1992 Perot's vote didn't diminish from pre-election polls - it soared, and he ended up with 19 percent of the vote. Wasted vote or no wasted vote, many millions of Americans decided to vote for the man who said he could get under the hood and fix it all.

Well, suppose we had four candidates in 1996. In 1992, in a three-way race, Clinton only got 43 percent of the vote, and there are those who still stress that he is less than a majority president. (Although he did receive a solid win in the Electoral College.) Now, suppose for the sake of argument, that in 1996 there was a four-way race - Bill Clinton, Ross Perot, Jesse Jackson and, say, Jack Kemp for the Republicans. And suppose the winner got only 35 percent of the vote, or, for that matter, 25.1 percent.

If no candidate gets a majority of the Electoral College, the choice is made in the House of Representatives among the top three contenders. Wonderful! The political institution the public has the least faith in - Congress! - would choose a very minority president! That's when political scientists start talking about "legitimacy."

Keep your eye on Virginia - you may be seeing a rough sketch of the political presidential future.

Berry's World

The average couple spends 27-1/2 minutes a week in conversation. TIME'S UP!

Letters to the editor

Please, vote smart

To the editor:

I was disturbed by the "turn of a phrase" and placing of a comma on my article in the paper on Sept. 11. Also, the perpetrator was a she, not he. I will not ask for an apology, but I do ask my letter submitted on Sept. 8 and this one be published together.

To set the record straight, the responses came from Dan Morales, Warren Chisum, Phil Gramm, Bill Sarpalius, Teel Bivins, and six months later, Ann Richards, in that order.

Deep down in your soul, you know when you are doing wrong. Of course, there are those who deny this reality, for any number of reasons. Who are these who deny this reality, choose to push it aside for the sake of an argument, a VOTE, or the fact that they themselves cannot face the truth? Some have become so accustomed to leaning whichever way the political winds blow, they have become numb and indifferent. It has become second nature to ignore their conscience, if they have one, and to be afraid of a conservative opinion.

What has happened to journalistic idealism? It is lost in prejudiced media. Objectivity no longer becomes reality because of political correctness, liberalism — if you will. Does freedom of media and press really belong only to those who "own" it?

I wrote an article recently regarding juvenile crime, etc. It did not make the paper. I felt it was because it was too close to the truth. This I do know without a doubt; the fight over the crime bill, the health plan, economics (all having "pork"), defense cutbacks, ALL leave dangers that remain unaddressed by the media. In my unpublished article, I asked that everyone research on their own by whatever means other than TV ads and newspaper campaigns. Research now, to learn who you should vote for. Check your conscience for right and wrong regarding their platforms. God is my conscience, and when people choose to ignore Him that soft voice becomes an ever so quiet whisper until eventually it is gone. Is your heart hardened? Listen ... what do you hear? Are you constantly listening?

Over governor recently received a great tribute along with promises regarding juvenile crime. What was neglected to be said was that juvenile laws came up in the state legislature in January 1993 for changes. All that was changed was some minor changes in drug laws for juveniles, nothing pertaining to violent juveniles was addressed. "Kiddie" criminals become "big" criminals. Where was our governor then?

Get a voters guide, write your representatives, corner them on your concerns, everything you feel. Our state and country depends on YOU, in your soul knowing without a doubt that you have done the right thing when you mark that ballot. Do you know who calls abortion a viable issue? Is that answer satisfactory for you? Listen ... do you hear a whisper? Voting is in your Bible, look it up. Look up a voters guide, be leary of those who didn't respond at all or only certain questions. It's only you, your children and grandchildren's future that is at stake.

Personally, I'm fed up with hearing about "taking care of our children" when 1.6 million abortions are taking place each year. Please, vote, but vote smart.

Jequita Risley

Pampa

Editor's Note: I refer you to the Letters to the Editor Policy published below.

Books are still banned

To the editor:

Words. Ideas. The freedom to read them, without censure or limitations. The right to choose what to read. These freedoms are among the most difficult to legislate — whether in a court of law, in our homes, schools, churches or in the workplace. What one person considers threatening, another finds exhilarating. In nations populated with diverse cultures, races and lifestyles, free expression can be the powerful dose of medicine that can heal or hurt.

Sept. 24 through Oct. 1 is Banned Books Week. This annual observance celebrates the freedom to choose what we read. I'm writing to invite your support in making our community aware of the challenges to the freedom to read.

Yes, books are still being banned. In 1993 and 1994, people challenged such diverse books as the Bible, *Little House on the Prairie*, *Where's Waldo?*, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *The American Heritage Dictionary* and *A Thousand Acres*. It is hoped that this observance will help people understand what happens when words and ideas are suppressed and hidden. Lovett Memorial Library would like to invite you to "check out" the display of banned or challenged books and "check out" several to read.

Thank You

Ellen Malone

Lovett Memorial Library Staff

Real owners of the land

To the editor:

I just had to write about my trip to the Canadian River Sept. 1, for the opening day of dove season. I went in about two miles west of Perryton river bridge. The grass was high, but I saw one cow on the north side of the river, and fences on both sides of the river were the same as last year — 20 feet from the river all the way to probably 300 feet on the north side and T. Boone Pickens' fence all the way to the water on the south side. There might have been 50 hunters scattered out along the north fence overlooking the river.

Quite a few birds came over. I shot two and a half boxes of shells and got three birds (pretty bad shooting). There were quite a few fathers and sons along that line of shooters. Most were young people. Too bad they won't be able to bring their grandkids to enjoy time together on the river. Most probably can't afford to pay \$100-\$200 a gun for a day of hunting somewhere else.

I understand there are about 13,000 acres that Judge Kent Sims gives the Canadian ranchers, yet he says the public can still use it for recreational purposes until some mumbo-jumbo reason that I, or a lawyer friend, couldn't understand. The question is, if there are only about 150 feet (more or less) to hunt on, how come those fences are already in place — illegally?

I did a little math, and on an average of 150 feet wide and 13,000 acres, that would be a little over 700 miles. I understand there is only 25-30 miles of river in dispute. I'd say there is quite a bit of illegal fencing.

Why are judges in Hutchison and Roberts counties ready to give citations

for trespassing on state land, when all the appeals — lawyer work — and final judgment about that land still belonging to the people haven't been made yet? Another thought about Judge Sims' decision — if he is supposed to represent the people, why did he give the people's land away?

Another note: the planes were coming and going, bringing in people to hunt on the Pickens' private hunting land that weekend. That appears to be the real reason for the Canadian River dispute. It's not about cattle; it's about T. Boone's and Bea's private hunting preserve.

The only real solution, as I see it, is to let the ranchers use the land until hunting season. Then, they can either move the cattle or leave them, as they wish, but let the REAL OWNERS USE THE LAND AS WELL, for recreational purposes.

C. Calvin Lacy

Pampa

P.S. I wonder if Judge Sims likes to hunt?

It's only a T-shirt

To the editor:

Recently my daughter, who is in middle school, wore a YAGA T-shirt with a small eight ball on the front and a large eight ball on the back. She was told she would have to change T-shirts because the T-shirt she had on was considered to be "gang related."

I would not believe that because some supposed gang somewhere wore an eight ball on their clothing, that my 13-year-old daughter and all the other children in middle school in Pampa, Texas could not wear a YAGA T-shirt with an eight ball on it! So I called several of the middle schools in Amarillo and finally found a coach who said that he had heard somewhere that there was a gang called the "Crazy Eights" who used an eight ball as a symbol. There is no school policy, however, regarding a student wearing an eight ball on a T-shirt.

The school official I talked to here in Pampa said this policy was based on police guidelines. I am really having a problem understanding why 200 or so students have to conform to "police guidelines" because a handful of kids decide their gang is going to wear certain styles as their gang symbol.

I have talked to at least 20 other parents, and no one has ever heard of this. In Plainview, the kids can't wear red or blue plaid flannel shirts because they are considered gang related.

Where do you draw the line? I am sure school officials have our children's safety in mind, but once again hard working, law abiding citizens are made to adjust to this minority of trouble makers. Why are we made to defer to these people?

At any rate, please, Gang Person, wherever you are, next year let us know ahead of time what your dress preference might be so that when we go shopping for school clothes we'll know what will be allowed. All my student handbook said was no advertisements for alcohol, drugs or cigarettes, and nothing vulgar. An eight ball? I thought it had something to do with playing pool.

Charmayne Cornsilk

Pampa

More on weapons ban

To the editor:

The debate continues relative to restricting the manufacture and distribution of certain guns. Some think this is an infringement of their SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS.

Mr. Straub and others, including my favorite columnist Walter Williams, seem to think there is an attempt to repeal the Second Amendment. I have never heard of this issue being mentioned. We are told that guns, including assault weapons, are needed to protect ourselves from the heinous criminals.

A friend of mine kept her pistol loaded on a table near her bed. One night she was startled to see someone coming through the window into her bedroom. She fled the room and took refuge at her neighbors. The burglar took the gun and whatever else he wanted. The gun was no deterrent.

It was mentioned we need firearms as a defense against "criminals that prey on us with virtual immunity. ... Luby's Massacre, etc." If everyone in that county had owned an assault weapon, it would not have changed the outcome of the "Luby's Massacre."

To have an assault weapon or a deer rifle in your gun rack is not a deter-

ent to a criminal robbing your neighbor. To use weapons to protect or regain your lost freedoms, there must be a leader (NRA president), an organization (NRA) and the willingness to risk further loss of freedoms, e.g., the four-year Civil War. The Second Amendment gave the Southern States the constitutional right to "keep and bear arms"; they used this right to enter into a conflict over the loss of "freedom to secede and economic and political rivalry" resulting in the loss of 600,000 killed and an equal number maimed or injured.

The most important defense against the erosion of our freedoms is in the hands of INFORMED voters. In the 1940s I asked a German friend of mine, "How did Hitler ever get control of Germany?" His answer, "It was because the average citizen, like my father, were not interested in politics and were not concerned as to who was elected."

Unfortunately, it appears many of the elected officials are inept, self-serving opportunists whose priorities are: themselves, their party and lastly, THEIR COUNTRY. It is imperative that we have educated electors who will elect concerned citizens to public offices. Ideally these elected representatives will act in the best interest of the people and the good of their country instead of being beholden to pressure groups, e.g., NRA, AFL-CIO, NEA and others. The protection of our freedoms depends on having conscientious citizens representing all of us.

W.A. Morgan

Pampa

Highlight to remember

To the editor:

I am a big Pampa Harvester fan, and very proud of each player on our team. Each young man plays his heart out every game, and I want them to know they are appreciated.

I would especially like to give recognition to Todd Finney, our kicker. He set a PHS record, and a record for Dick Bivins Stadium with a 55-yard field goal against the Amarillo Sandies. Even though we lost the game, we still have a highlight to remember. Way to go Shooter!

A loyal fan,

Jo Ann Keller

Pampa

Letters to the editor policy

The Pampa News welcomes and encourages readers to express their opinions on issues of public interest and concern. However, we also reserve the right to accept or reject any letter for publication.

Letters should be 300 words or less. Letters submitted for publication should be neat and legible, typed if possible, or at least handwritten in a clear manner. Letters may be edited for length, clarity, spelling, grammar, taste, style and potentially libelous statements. Submission of a letter does not guarantee its publication, nor can we guarantee a date of publication due to space and time limitations.

ALL letters must be signed for publication; no unsigned, name withheld or anonymous letters will be published. The writer must list an address and a telephone number or numbers where he or she may be contacted for verification; addresses and telephone numbers will not be printed, unless requested for a specific reason.

Poetry, candidate or political endorsements, letters to third parties and "thank you" letters will not be published except at the discretion of the editor, depending on general interest.

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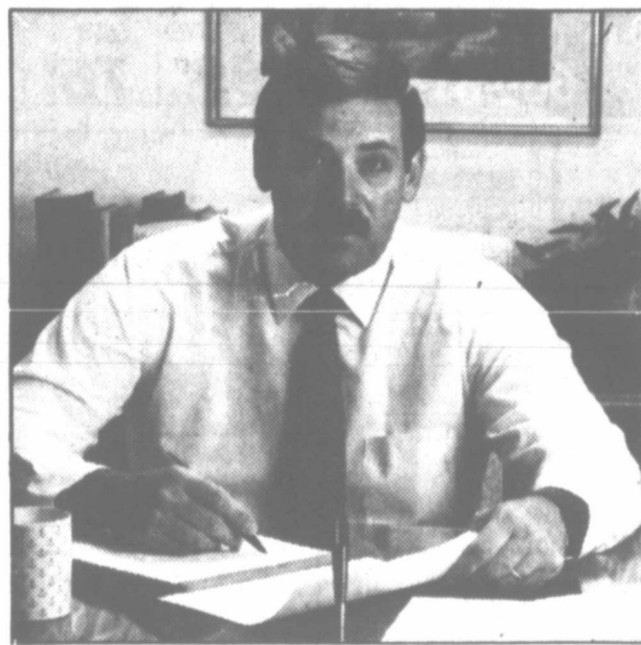
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Becky Sweeney, left, representing Slo Pokes Car Club and Krankers Car Club, presents a \$30 check to Pampa Meals on Wheels assistant director Cindy Gindorf, far right. The funds came from T-shirts auctioned off by both clubs. Tom Brown, center, Alco store manager representing the Coronado Center Merchants Association, also presents a \$400 check to Gindorf. The funds were raised during the 5th Annual Car Show at the Coronado Center.

Winners from the show were: In the classic division: Jeff and Becky Sweeney, 1st place; Mary Lou Haygood, 2nd place; and Ken Henson, 3rd place. In the street rod division: Larry and Yolanda Cargill, 1st place; Sonny Maxwell 2nd place; and Walt and Jimmie Cannon and Jeff and Becky Sweeney, tied for 3rd place. In the street machine division: Joe and Alicia Krizan, 1st place; Bert and Zora Millard, 2nd place; and Jerry Peurifoy, 3rd place. In the convertible division, Terry and Helen Gamblin, 1st place; Pat Henson, 2nd place; and Norman Allen, 3rd place. In the pickup division: Lonnie Shelton, 1st place; Tony and Pat Birkenfeld, 2nd place; and Larry and Paula Rose, 3rd place. In the antique division: Ray Covalt, 1st place; Dale and Marie Burns, 2nd place; and Jimmy and Sharon Ratliff, 3rd place. The people's choice was a 1927 fire truck owned by Gene Gates. The special interest car belonged to Kaycee Whinery. (Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Resort planned for China Beach

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — A U.S. investment firm has formed a joint venture that plans to build a \$234 million resort complex on famed China Beach, the company's local representative said Saturday.

BBI Investment Group Chartered, based in Chevy Chase, Md., signed a joint venture agreement Wednesday forming Non Nuoc Seaside Resort Co. with the Non Nuoc Tourism Co. of Quang Nam-Danang.

BBI owns 67 percent of the venture and Non Nuoc Tourism 33 percent.

The resort, planned for a site 6 miles south of the city of Danang, would cover 536 acres of property on the beach known to Americans as China Beach, a rest and recreation spot popular with U.S. servicemen during the Vietnam War.

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Local optometrist to participate in 'ABC's of Eyecare'

Dr. Diane Simmons has announced she is taking part in "The ABC's of Eyecare," a national campaign to promote literacy and stress the importance of annual eye exams for children.

The ABC's campaign - for Annual Back-to-School Checkups - underscores the fact that an annual eye exam, as part of the back-to-school routine, can help ensure a child's satisfactory performance in the classroom.

"This may be the most importance examination your child receives at this time of year," Dr. Simmons said. "Good vision is essential to a child's healthy development. And children with vision problems should have them properly diagnosed and corrected promptly."

The back-to-school campaign, sponsored by the Better Vision Institute (BVI), a non-profit organization based in the Washington, D.C., area, also benefits Reading Is Fundamental (RIF), America's largest reading motivation organization.

BVI makes contributions to RIF to emphasize the important link between good vision and reading ability.

Founded in 1966, RIF works to build a more literate America by encouraging young people to read. RIF, with more than 96,000 volunteers nationwide, has put more than 100 million books in the hands of American children.

Dr. Simmons, of Drs. Simmons & Simmons, P.C., Optometrists in Pampa, noted that professional annual eye exams for children are important for at least two reasons.

First, the usual in-school screenings detect only 20 to 30 percent of vision problems in children. Second, these screenings determine 20/20 vision (the ability to see characters of a certain height from 20 feet away), but is no substitute for a thorough eye exam.

"A comprehensive eye exam can help diagnose vision problems before they reach the point where they affect the child's classroom performance," she said.

Oil slick reported off northwest coast

NEAH BAY, Wash. (AP) - The Coast Guard mounted an air and sea search Saturday for an elusive oil slick reported near a major wildlife refuge.

The heavy fuel oil was found late Friday at three locations bounding an area about 2 miles by 3 miles, but it was later lost in the fog.

More aircraft and ships were sent out Saturday.

"We want to assume the worst case and react accordingly because of the environmental sensitivity of the area," said Lt. Craig Petersen of the Coast Guard's Marine Safety Office in Seattle.

The sheen or thin film was sighted about five miles from Cape Flattery, at the northwest tip of the Olympic Peninsula, and about four miles north of the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary. No oil was reported inside the refuge, Petersen said.

The area is home to hundreds of sea otters and the highest concentration of breeding shore birds in the United States, said Fred Felleman, state maritime commissioner and a board member of the Washington Environmental Council.

Candy sale



Parents of the Head Start program at Baker Elementary School prepare for a candy sale at Wal-Mart that began this weekend. Money raised from the candy sales will go towards buying things for the classroom, sponsor field trips and reading awards. Lynette Maciel, left, and Julia Wood, both parents of Headstart students, are with Tyler Morris, Jacob Maciel, Cody Wood, Narita Flores and Alicia Staab, a few of the students the funds will go to help, and their teacher, Jeneane Thornburg. (Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Scientist ordered deported as suspect Korean agent

By MIKE DRAGO
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) - A former NASA aerospace researcher ordered deported as a suspected North Korean agent denied any wrongdoing Saturday and said he is being punished for his refusal to spy on the communist country.

Jong-Hun Lee, 48, who said he is of North Korean descent but was born and raised in Japan, was ordered out of the country Friday by federal immigration Judge Michael Suarez.

Lee, a Canadian citizen, has been in the country since 1990 on a temporary work visa. In Friday's hearing, he was petitioning for permanent residency through the Immigration and Naturalization Service, but Suarez decided he was a national security risk and ordered him back to Canada.

The decision was based in part on classified FBI information that Suarez refused to divulge to either Lee or his attorney, Herbert Gee.

The judge said he was presented no evidence that Lee has collected information on behalf of North Korea while working in the United States.

But Suarez cited Lee's past relationship with Korean scientists living in Japan and said he could be subject

to pressure from the North Korean government because he has a brother who emigrated there from Japan.

"He (Suarez) was determined to kick me out," Lee said Saturday, adding that neither he nor his attorney was allowed to attend the government's closing arguments Wednesday. "This is extremely biased because we didn't have an opportunity to see anything."

Lee first came to the United States in 1983 and conducted aerothermodynamic research for NASA at the Ames Research Center in Mountain View, Calif., until 1985, when he returned to Canada. He was questioned by FBI agents and Canadian intelligence agents in 1985 when he was seeking Canadian citizenship.

Authorities presented Suarez with a report on FBI lie-detector tests, saying the exam "revealed deception" to several questions, including, "Are you connected in any way with any non-U.S. Intelligence Service?"

Lee claims the San Francisco-based FBI agents asked him to spy on North Korea for the United States and Canada and he is now being punished for his refusal.

"That's the whole story," Lee said. "They wanted me to go to North Korea. In return they offered me the U.S. permanent residency status and also the secure contract with NASA."

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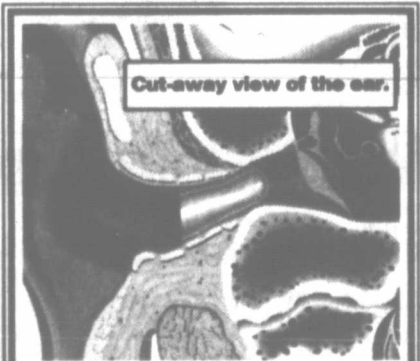
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Business

Money-market accounts lagging badly

By CHET CURRIER
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - As the financial world has changed in the 1990s, one popular money-management vehicle has failed woefully to keep up with the times.

The item in question is the bank money market account, which holds an aggregate pool of some \$363 billion, according to the latest data from the Federal Reserve.

Money market deposit accounts, or MMDAs, were created in the early 1980s by lawmakers overhauling financial regulations to allow banks to compete with the upstart money market mutual funds.

And for about a decade, that's pretty much what MMDAs did, offering yields that competed fairly closely with those of money funds while boasting the great comparative advantage of federal deposit insurance.

Money-market funds may invest in securities that are guaranteed by the federal government, but they themselves are not covered by deposit insurance or any similar government backing.

In the past few years, however, as many banks and other deposit-taking institutions have stopped competing aggressively for money from the small depositor, the typical MMDA has become less and less attractive.

As of mid-September, according to Bank Rate Monitor, the average yield on MMDAs stood at 2.45 percent, having barely budged from its level a year ago of 2.39 percent.

Over the same span, by contrast, yields on money market mutual funds climbed from 2.64 percent to 4.14 percent, as tallied by IBC-Donoghue's Money Fund Report in Ashland, Mass.

If these trends go much further, money funds will be paying double what you can get on the typical MMDA.

There are some exceptions to this overall picture. Monitoring services report individual banks in various places around the country offering interest rates well above 4 percent on MMDAs.

But even in such cases, would-be customers need to look closely before they invest, warns the newsletter Income Fund Outlook in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Because of fees and other "fine print" conditions on their accounts, "many money market account depositors at banks and thrifts actually earn net returns well below the nominal rates quoted on those accounts," says Norman Fosback, the newsletter's editor.

One standard feature of money-market accounts at both mutual funds and banks is check-writing, usually at no charge.

In cases where checking isn't offered, "it is not a true money market account," Fosback says. "Find out if there is a minimum denomination on checks, or a maximum number of checks you are permitted to write each month."

"As well, ask if checks are free or if there is a per-check fee, and who pays to print the checks."

In addition, potential depositors need to ask what minimum balances are required for them to get, and keep receiving, a promised rate of interest; how that minimum balance is computed, and whether any fees are charged if the account falls below the minimum.

Fosback gives the example of one institution that imposes a \$10 monthly service charge any time an

MMDA balance drops below \$2,500. Sometimes, depositors aren't aware of such fees until they see statements that show money having been deducted from their accounts.

While you're scrutinizing any bank MMDA deal, Fosback adds, "ask if there is a monthly charge of ANY type, at ANY level, for ANYTHING. If there is, watch out, for you may well end up paying the

bank more in fees than it pays you in interest."

All this advice applies not only for anyone with new money to invest, but also for people who may have kept money in MMDAs simply through inattention or inertia. At current yield levels, Fosback reckons that MMDA depositors as a group are giving up about \$5 billion a year they could be earning in money-market funds.

Minding your own Business

By Don Taylor



Relationship marketing

I'd like to offer an exciting and perhaps new concept for all small businesses. What if we started focusing on how we can best satisfy customer needs instead of just selling our products and services? What if we became obsessed with taking such good care of our customers that they become our personal friends? What if we worked so hard to satisfy our customers that they wouldn't dare stop doing business with us?

Many business owners are using this strategy to win customer's loyalty and to increase sales. I believe these two factors - customer loyalty and increased sales - go hand-in-hand. I know some of you are thinking, "What is customer loyalty? We used to have it, but it doesn't exist anymore!"

Though some experts suggest that customer loyalty is gone forever, I disagree. I see many small businesses who are growing and prospering by taking good care of their customers. They continue every day - rain or shine - to build long-lasting associations with their customers. They are practicing relationship marketing.

Taken for granted

One of the reasons customer loyalty diminished in the first place may have been that businesses started taking their customers for granted. The level of care started to slip, the company began to focus on internal needs and they assumed that the customer would always be there. However, as in any other personal relationship, you're in trouble when you start to assume.

I often hear business owners and managers lament that the customer should stand by them. They tell me that they support their communities and believe their customers should support them.

However, the customer sees it from a different perspective. They feel that better selections, cleaner floors, newer styles and lower prices await them elsewhere. They know the business is not giving them the personal service it once did. To the customer, it is a personal issue, not a community issue.

A New England bookstore owner told me about this true incident recently. He said he met a regular customer at a community meeting and chided him in a friendly way for not coming in the store as frequently as in the past. The customer responded seriously that he had been in the bookstore several times lately, but had not seen the owner there at all. He suggested that he - the customer - was spending more time in the bookstore than the owner was. The owner realized he needed to spend more time working the sales floor meeting customers.

Building relationships

Here are five tips for building lasting relationships with customers. 1) Remember that all business is personal. People like to do business with people. In fact, most folks won't do business with companies where there is little personal contact.

2) Know your customers and stay in touch with them. Talk to them and listen to what they have to say. It is difficult to establish a relationship with someone you don't know much about. The more you know about your customers, the better you can serve them.

3) Do whatever it takes to satisfy the customer. Doing little things that customers like strengthens the relationship. Even if it means doing something you don't like to do, do it if it pleases the customer. Satisfied customers tell others. Just ask any Lexus owner.

4) Promise a pound, deliver a ton. Go beyond what the customer expects. Exceed their expectations. Deliver more than you promised.

5) Stay focused on providing value. No one buys the lowest price every time. We all make decisions based on value, not just the lowest cost. Add value to your products and save your customer's time. You'll see sales soar.

Relationship marketing is a one-to-one strategy. It will help you win customers for life.

Justice: AIDS discriminators beware

HOUSTON (AP) - A \$100,000 settlement in favor of a Houston man denied dental care because he has the AIDS virus should serve as a warning to anyone practicing AIDS discrimination, a Justice Department official said Friday.

In a settlement signed by U.S. District Judge Vanessa Gilmore Thursday, Castle Dental Center admitted it violated the Americans with Disabilities Act when it told Harrison J. Totten it would no longer treat him.

Totten, 30, will be paid \$80,000 in compensatory damages by Dr. Jack Castle, owner of the dental center. Castle Dental Center and its management company, Family Dental Services of Texas, Inc., each will pay

\$10,000 in civil damages.

Irene Bowen, a deputy chief in the Justice Department's civil rights division, said Totten's case was the first federal case settled regarding AIDS discrimination by health-care providers. A similar case is pending in New Orleans.

Ms. Bowen warned that those practicing AIDS discrimination could ultimately pay for their actions.

"We're vigorously enforcing the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)," she said. "We will go for compensation against individuals ... whether it's something that can be assessed as a particular monetary amount or whether it's an emotional, which was the case here."

Oil, gas rig count increases by 32

HOUSTON (AP) - The number of oil and gas rigs operating in the nation this week increased by 32 to 836, Baker Hughes Inc. said Friday.

The rig count was 866 a year ago at this time.

Of the rigs running this week, 484 were exploring for natural gas, 339 for oil and 13 were listed as miscellaneous.

Houston-based Baker Hughes has kept track of the count since 1940. The count peaked at 4,500 in December of 1981 during the oil

boom. Last summer, it dropped to a record low of 596. The previous low was 663 in the summer of 1986.

The rig count represents the number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas.

Of the major oil- and gas-producing states, Oklahoma gained 12 rigs, while Texas gained five. Colorado, Louisiana, New Mexico and Wyoming each gained four.

The counts in California, Kansas, Michigan, North Dakota, Ohio and Pennsylvania were unchanged.

Louisiana companies looking south to replace lost business

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - The domestic oil boom is over. But there may be black gold awaiting Louisiana petroleum-related companies south of the border.

For now, most will settle for a lot less than the economic glory days of the early 1980s. Many say their future survival is at stake.

"We're interested in selling anywhere as long as it's honest and legal," said Ronald A. Daspi, president of Daspi Cos., which manufactures various devices for use in petroleum-related fields.

With skyrocketing demands for petroleum services, Latin America appears to fit the bill. A number of Louisiana companies put their wares and services on display this week at Encuentro, an annual conference that attempts to match up Latin American and U.S. companies.

Cliff Guston, a trade official with the U.S. Department of Commerce, said it makes sense for domestic oil service companies to look to foreign countries, since that's where most of the drilling activity is going.

"A lot of the better U.S. fields have been found," Guston said. "The rest will be expensive to develop. There are more opportunities to develop cheaper oil and gas overseas."

Latin America is particularly inviting because heavily bureaucratized government oil monopolies are either being cut into smaller pieces or privatized, Guston said.

For example, the Mexican oil monopoly PEMEX, once infamous in U.S. circles for being laden with bureaucrats, has been broken up into regions for management purposes.

"Before, a lot of companies would say they couldn't break through that good old boy network," Guston said. "But now they're giving it another shot because everyone is basically having to start over and make new contacts."

Rocky Burris, operations manager of Louisiana-based Gly-Tech Services Inc., said his petroleum service company just completed its first project with PEMEX. He hopes to work out other contracts soon.

"There's a lot of technology and training they need and they're coming to the states for it," he said.

Burris said the key to dealing with PEMEX was patience.

"I heard a lot of horror stories, such as having problems getting paid, but when we got into it, we were fine," he said.

Larry Heason of Southland Steel and Supply, a company hit by a reduction in military contracts, said he hopes Latin American deals will help the company complete a turnaround.

"Our domestic market has been limited, especially since the Navy cut back. We've gotten into petrochemicals. The exporting business will pick us up and put us back where we were," he said.

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Intentions to Drill

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Texaco E&P, Inc., #11 S.P. Williams (80ac) 1860' from North & 831' from West line, Sec. 7,1,ACH&B, 1.5 mi SE from Lefors, PD 3300' (Box 2700, Pampa, TX 79066)

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT) Southwestern Energy Production Co., #1 Hall 241-A (640ac) 1320' from South & West line, Sec. 241,C,G&MMB&A, 26 mi SE from Canadian, PD 1530' (5600 N. May, Suite 300, Okla. City, OK 73112)

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL) Granite Wash) Wallace Oil & Gas, Inc., #1-23 Petree (640ac) 1320' from South & 1980' from East Line, Sec. 23,1,I&GN, 11 mi south from Canadian, PD 11300' (3030 NW Expressway, 18th floor, Okla. City, OK 73112)

LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & WILEY) Tonkawa Unit Petroleum Co., #1 Harris (80ac) 1980' from North & 1996.5' from East line, Sec. 97,10,HT&B, 2 mi northerly from Follett, PD 6480' (Box 702500, Tulsa, OK 74170)

OCHILTREE (WILDCAT & ELLIS RANCH) Cleveland Unit Petroleum Co., #2 Morris 'C' (647ac) 990' from North & East line, Sec. 736,43,H&TC, 12.5 mi southerly from Booker, PD 7480'

POTTER (WEST PANHANDLE) Anadarko Petroleum Corp., #2-37A Masterson (640ac) 1476' from South & 00' from West line, Sec. 37, B-10,EL&RR, (BHL: 330' from South & East line of Sec.) 8 mi SW from Fritch, TVD 2291' (9400 North Broadway, Suite 700, Okla. City, OK 73114) Horizontal Well.

POTTER (WEST PANHANDLE) Anadarko Petroleum Corp., #1-85A Masterson (640ac) 150' from South & East line, Sec. 85,3,G&M (BHL: 330' from North & West line of Sec.) 20 mi SE from Dumas, TVD 2409', MD 5000'. Horizontal Well.

POTTER (WEST PANHANDLE) Anadarko Petroleum Corp., #1-104A McBride (638 ac) 6450' from South & 250' from West line, Sec. 103,46,H&TC (BHL: 330' from N/W line & 397' from West line, Sec. 104,46,H&TC) 10 mi SW from Fritch, TVD 2501', MD 5694' Horizontal Well

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & RED DEER CREEK) Granite Wash) Wallace Oil & Gas, Inc., #1-26 Sharon (640ac) 1400' from North & 1850' from West line, Sec. 26, B-1, H&GN, 6 mi north from Miami, PD 14600'

ROBERTS HANSFORD & WEST LIPS Cleveland) Amoco Production Co., #41 Lips Ranch B Unit #1 (640ac) 142' from North & 1550' from East line, Sec. 31,A,H&GN, 30 mi NW from Miami, PD 8800' (1670 Broadway, Rm. 803, Denver, CO 80202)

ROBERTS (HANSFORD Lower Morrow & WEST LIPS Cleveland) Amoco Production Co., #43 Lips Ranch B Unit #3 (640ac) 2687' from South & 1786' from West line, Sec. 21,A,H&GN, 30 mi NW from Miami, PD 8800'

ROBERTS (WEST LIPS Cleveland) Amoco Production Co., #42 Lips Ranch B Unit #9 (640ac) 2217' from South & 863' from West line, Sec. 2,—SPRR, 30 mi NW from Miami, PD 7000'

Application to Plug-Back

ROBERTS (S.E. PARSELL) Douglas Canyon Exploration Co., #1 Waterfield (640ac) 1500' from South & 280' from East line, J.C. Shule Survey, 18 mi NE from Miami, PD 10550' (Box 15205, Amarillo, TX 79105)

Amended Intentions to Drill

WHEELER (WILDCAT & BU-FALO WALLOW 'A' Chert Zone) Kaiser-Francis Oil Co., #1-13 Lohberger/Meadows (648ac) 467' from South & 1867' from West line, Sec. 13,RE,R&E, 1.5 mi westerly from Briscoe, PD 15050' (6733 South Yale, Tulsa, OK 74121) Amended to change well location

Oil Well Completions

LIPSCOMB (BRADFORD) Tonkawa Unit Petroleum Co., #4 Bradford-Laurie, Sec. 684,43, H&TC, elev. 2548 kb, spud 7-17-94, drlg. compl 8-4-94, tested 9-3-94, pumped 40 bbl. of 40.2 grav. oil + 96 bbls. water, GOR 950, perforated 6556-6586, TD 6725', PBTD 6703'

MOORE (PANHANDLE) Sandra Arkoma, #3 Powell 'B', Sec. 393,44,H&TC, elev. 3645 kb, spud 7-6-94, drlg. compl 7-12-94, tested 9-8-94, pumped 29 bbl. of 38 grav. oil + 76 bbls. water, GOR 342, perforated 3458-3598, TD 3710', PBTD 3643' — Form 1 filed as #3 L.B. Powell 'A'

Gas Well Completions

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL) Granite Wash) Samson Resources Co., #8-72 Howell, Sec. 72,A-2, H&GN, elev. 2694 gr, spud 3-6-94, drlg. compl 5-30-94, tested 8-22-94, potential 10100 MCF, rock pressure 1429, pay 10608-10915,

TD 11100', PBTD 10885' —

LIPSCOMB (FOLLETT Morrow) Kaiser-Francis Oil Co., #1-88 Mason Trust, Sec. 88,10,HT&B, elev. 2518 gr, spud 4-14-94, drlg. compl 5-2-94, tested 8-9-94, potential 2500 MCF, rock pressure 1058, pay 8710-8778, TD 9000', PBTD 8940' —

LIPSCOMB (MAMMOTH CREEK Tonkawa) Mewbourne Oil Co., #1 Burchfiel 'B', Sec. 878,43,H&TC, elev. 2339 kb, spud 6-18-94, drlg. compl 6-29-94, tested 8-12-94, potential 785 MCF, rock pressure 1751, pay 6450-6464, TD 7635', PBTD 7296' — Plug-Back

LIPSCOMB (SOUTH MAGOUN Lower Morrow) Stat Land Exploration Co., #2 Ingle, Sec. 970,43,H&TC, elev. 2411 gr, spud 6-30-94, drlg. compl 7-15-94, tested 8-22-94, potential 36000 MCF, rock pressure 3549, pay 9282-9306, TD 9650', PBTD 9587' —

LIPSCOMB (SOUTH MAGOUN Lower Morrow) Strat Land Exploration Co., #1 Parsons, Sec. 966,43,H&TC, elev. 2469 gr, spud 7-21-94, drlg. compl 8-4-94, tested 8-29-94, potential 2200 MCF, rock pressure 3559, pay 9378-9392, TD 9700', PBTD 9644' —

SHERMAN (TEXAS HUGO-TON) Gordon Taylor Oil Co., #2 Steel, Sec. 15,2-T,T&NO, elev. 3655 gr, spud 7-14-94, drlg. compl 7-20-94, tested 8-25-94, potential 463 MCF, rock pressure 22.4, pay 3130-3462, TD 3530' —

WHEELER (WILDCAT) Kerr-McGee Corp., #1 Mary Mitchell '10', Sec. 10,RE,R&E, elev. 2668 rkb, spud 4-21-94, drlg. compl 6-14-94, tested 8-29-94, potential 167 MCF,

rock pressure 2608, pay 12006-12098, TD 15552', PBTD 12124' —

Plugged Wells

CARSON (PANHANDLE) W O Operating Co., #26 J.T. Boney, NCT-4, Sec. 89,4,I&GN, spud unknown, plugged 5-5-94, TD 3173' (oil) —

CARSON (PANHANDLE) W O Operating Co., #6 Fee '244', Sec. 91,4,I&GN, spud unknown, plugged 5-27-94, TD 3052' (oil) —

CARSON (PANHANDLE) W O Operating Co., #54 Fee '244', Sec. 109,4,I&GN, spud unknown, plugged 5-18-94, TD 3170' (oil) —

CARSON (PANHANDLE) W O Operating Co., #100 Fee '244', Sec. 90,4,I&GN, spud unknown, plugged 5-12-94, TD 3065' (oil) —

GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE) Stephens & Johnson Operating Co., #1 Eakins, Sec. 56,25,H&GN, spud 8-8-81, plugged 6-24-94, TD 2287' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Heiskell & Hoover

HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) Chevron U.S.A., Inc., #2 Marguerite Humphreys, James Ford Survey, spud 8-13-72, plugged 7-11-94, TD 7389' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Gulf Oil

HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) Chevron U.S.A., Inc., #1-212 Isaacs, et al, Sec. 212,C,G&MMB&A, spud 9-20-74, plugged 7-13-94, TD 7400' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Gulf Oil

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Mustang Oil & Gas Corp., #1 W.A. Carver, Lot 56,7,J.J. Hall, spud 7-11-04, plugged 8-22-94, TD 3245' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Clay Bros. Drig. Co.

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE)

Phillips Petroleum Co., #6 M. Johnson, Sec. 34,YA&B, spud 10-10-33, plugged 8-3-94, TD 3047' (oil) —

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) W O Operating Co., Cockrell Ranch T-K A&B, Sec. 11,B-3,D&SE, (oil) for the following wells:

#B-2, spud unknown, plugged 7-7-94, TD 3050' —

#87, spud unknown, plugged 7-19-94, TD 3044' —

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) W O Operating Co., Haile, Sec. 4,M-21,TCRR — for the following wells:

#2-G, spud unknown, plugged 7-7-94, TD 3091' (inj) —

#9-G, spud unknown, plugged 7-5-94, TD 3129' (oil) —

LIPSCOMB (BRADFORD Cleveland) Phillips Petroleum Co., #3 Cruise 'D', Sec. 858,43,H&TC, spud 10-27-81, plugged 9-8-94, TD 7594' (gas) —

OCHILTREE (HORIZON Cleveland) Phillips Petroleum Co., #1 Akers 'B', Jesse White Survey, spud 10-4-74, plugged 8-23-94, TD 7157' (oil) —

OCHILTREE (SHARE Upper Morrow) Taylor Energy Corp., #1-56 Rolette, Sec. 56,4,GH&H, spud 6-23-88, plugged 8-23-94, TD 7600' (gas) —

OLDHAM (BRANDI Upper Granite Wash) Kana Resources, Inc., #7 Billys Creek, Sec. 231, B-6, EL&RR, spud 11-27-83, plugged 8-22-94, TD 8586' (oil) —

WHEELER (WHEELER - PAN Hunton) Texaco E&P, Inc., #2 City of Shamrock Unit, Sec. 14,L,J.M. Lindsey, spud in April 1975, plugged 8-16-94, TD 15300' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Getty Oil Co.

Excavation safety program scheduled for area contractors

The second annual "Public Education - Contractor Awareness Program" will be held Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center in Pampa.

The program will be sponsored by a group of companies with a common goal of preventing accidents and damages to underground pipelines and utilities.

A free barbecue will be catered by Dyer's Bar-B-Que for all persons involved in excavation-related activities in Armstrong, Carson, Donley, Gray, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Roberts and Wheeler counties.

Following the dinner, a brief safety program will be presented to stress the importance of accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of One-Call systems, and the importance of working with pipeline and utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities.

Sponsors provide promotional materials that include notification information for their companies, safety related brochures and other safety reminders.

The program is intended to help inform those in the excavation-related businesses and to help prevent injury or loss of life, repairs and lost products incurred from someone inadvertently or accidentally digging into a pipeline or other similar underground structure.

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Frustrated Democrats accuse Republicans of using delaying tactics

By DAVID ESPO
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Frustrated in their attempts to push through year-end legislation, Democratic congressional leaders are accusing Republicans of using delaying tactics on measures ranging from campaign finance reform to a bill to protect a huge California desert area.

"Senators have shown an increasing willingness to exploit the rules to maximize political and partisan advantage with virtually no concern for the effect on the institution itself," Senate Majority George Mitchell said Friday as he struggled to maneuver past side-by-side filibusters.

He predicted Republicans would regret the day they settled on the strategy and suggested that Republican election gains might not be what the GOP is hoping for.

Republicans, convinced they are headed for a strong showing on Nov. 8, offer a different interpretation.

"What we're doing is killing bad legislation and we're doing it proudly," Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky said as he led the GOP through a protracted filibuster on a campaign finance bill expected to provide public subsidies for political candidates.

The most thoroughly studied and debated issue of the year — health care reform — is dead, although some Democrats want a vote in the final days of the session on a measure that would extend insurance to low-income children. They hope to put Republicans on record in opposition to the politically attractive idea.

Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., said he and other Senate Democratic liberals had explored the possibility of trying to get a lame-duck session convened after the Nov. 8 election to act on the child health care measure. But both Senate Republicans and House Democratic leaders have made it clear they would prefer to put off any action until a new Congress convenes next year.

After a week of struggle, both the House and

Senate adjourned early in the day Friday to give lawmakers time to catch planes home for a full weekend of campaigning.

Lawmakers return to work Monday to confront a bewildering thicket as they work to adjourn for the year within two weeks.

— GOP opponents of the campaign finance legislation can force the Senate through another 60 hours of debate before House and Senate negotiators are permitted to sit down to begin formal drafting of a compromise. That measure would also be subject to a filibuster.

— The California desert bill, which would set aside a vast tract as park and wilderness lands, is being filibustered, although compromise talks are proceeding on a separate track.

— A compromise worked out by Democratic leaders to toughen restrictions on lobbyists and crack down on gifts for members of Congress is pending in a meeting of House and Senate negotiators. Republicans balked at signing off on the measure on Friday afternoon, saying they had only been

given copies of the bill a brief while before. Another meeting is set for Monday.

— A routine spending bill for the District of Columbia is stalled in the Senate, where Texas GOP Sen. Phil Gramm wants to use it to force a vote on Republican crime proposals that would toughen mandatory prison sentences contained in the freshly passed crime bill and repeal about \$5 billion in spending. Senate debate on that measure resumes on Monday.

Despite the partisanship, some measures are expected to clear Congress in the final days of the session, including the major international trade agreement known as GATT and an extension of federal aid to education.

House and Senate negotiators working on that measure agreed Friday to provide for one-year suspensions of students who bring guns to school. Negotiators also decided, however, to drop a provision in existing law that automatically cuts off funds to school districts that don't have such a policy.

Panetta reshuffles White House staff, aims for a sharper focus

By LAWRENCE L. KNUTSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A disciplined, focused White House staff dedicated to sharpening President Clinton's policies and message is the goal of a shakeup ordered by Chief of Staff Leon Panetta.

Panetta said the realignment, the result of a two-month review, was intended to impose order on the staff, end a series of embarrassing mistakes and ensure "greater focus and greater long-term planning."

But with an apparent last-minute reversal on the role of Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers, Panetta's own authority to make his recommendations stick appeared open to question.

Myers made a successful appeal to the president, apparently saving her job and obtaining more access and clout, at least for the rest of the year.

Myers, at 33 an experienced political operative, is known to have told friends she intends to leave the White House staff by the end of the year, no matter what.

But Panetta said her job was "permanent as far as the president and I are concerned."

Myers had been widely expected to be replaced by State Department spokesman Michael McCurry. However, that change was said to have been overruled by Clinton himself.

Panetta said that he believes that with new authority and status, Myers can now "do an excellent and outstanding job."

The major change at the top of the White House restructuring list involved a job swap.

Philip Lader, currently Deputy White House chief of staff and a top Panetta aide at the Office of Management and Budget, moves to head the Small Business Administration with Cabinet rank.

Erskine Bowles, the current SBA chief, takes Lader's old job at the White House with a new focus on White House operations, access to the Oval Office and the day-to-day activities of the president.

Harold Ickes is staying on as a deputy chief of staff and was given a specific portfolio that includes the White House political, intergovernmental affairs and Cabinet liaison duties.

The changes involve more clearly defined duties for two of Clinton's most trusted aides, George Stephanopoulos and Bruce Lindsey. Stephanopoulos was named executive assistant to Panetta for policy; Lindsey is to work as deputy White House counsel for special projects.

Mark Gearan, who under the old system supervised Myers' activities, will be moved from communications director to a new post as director of strategic planning.

In that job he will report directly to Panetta and concentrate on long range strategy and planning.

Panetta said that problems and confusion arose under the old system whether Myers or Gearan had primary responsibility for dealing with day-to-day press contacts.

Ricki Seidman will leave as director of scheduling to become director of Rock the Vote, a voter registration group aimed at younger voters. Billy Webster, a longtime Clinton ally who worked in the Education Department, will replace her.

Another county added to bee quarantine

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Washington County has been quarantined for Africanized honey bees.

The "killer bees" were found during a routine inspection of a trap box on U.S. 290, about 6 miles east of Brenham, said Paul Jackson of the Texas Apiary Inspection Service. The bee inspectors are part of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

The quarantine allows beekeepers

to move hives within but not outside the affected area, Jackson said.

Africanized honey bees look just like regular domestic honey bees but are more defensive in protecting their hives.

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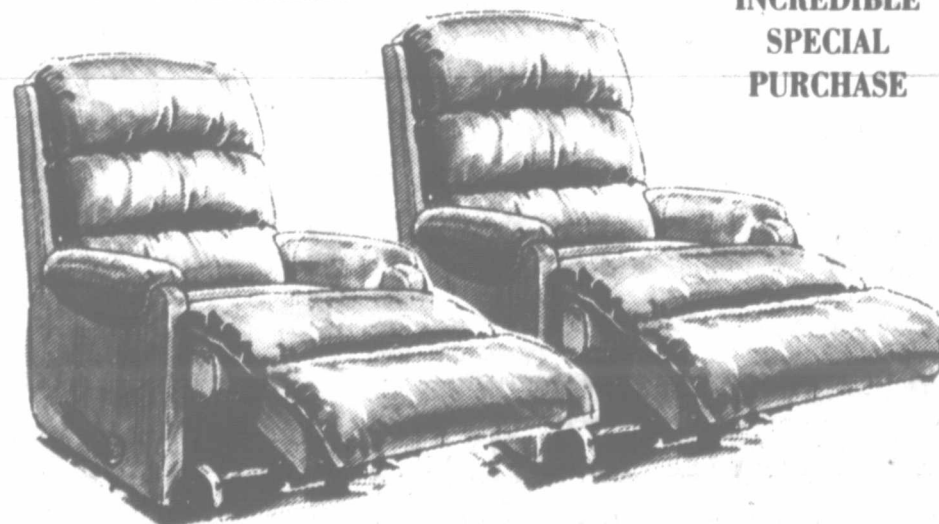
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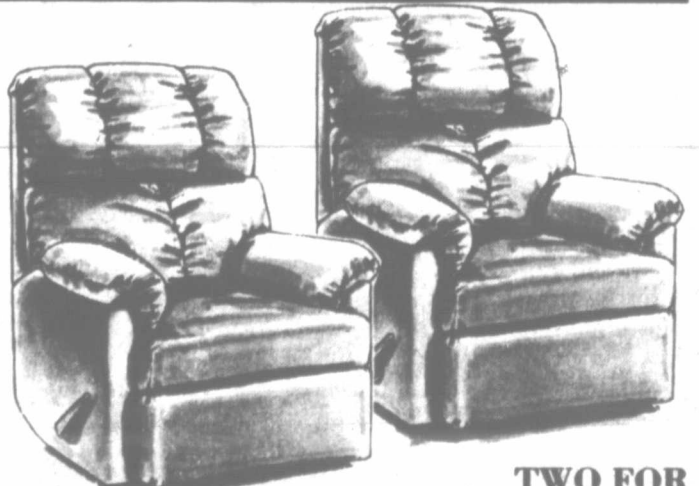
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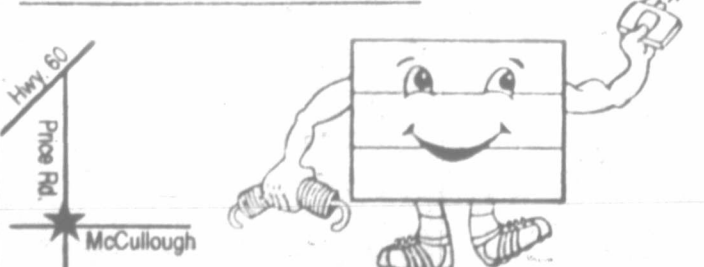
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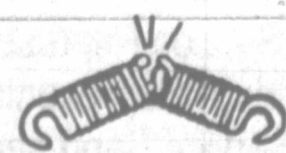
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La piñata: In the making before the breaking



Photos and text by
Melinda Martinez

The piñata, a game thought up by the Mayans, was interpreted by the Spanish missionaries to teach the Mayans Christianity. The missionaries taught them that the shell of the piñata symbolized a sinful nature — so the outside of the piñata was usually a horrible being. By being blindfolded, a person would have to break their sinful nature through faith. Once they achieved that, they would be rewarded. Hence, the sweets that fall from the piñata.

In recent times, the piñata has now become used in celebrations of various events, particularly children's birthday parties and Christmas.

Irma Silva, who has lived in Pampa for 16 years, learned to make piñatas as a young girl in San Luis Potosi in Southern Mexico.

Growing up, Silva used to watch other people make piñatas and her sister taught her as well.

She also learned, she said, "En escuela." "In school," translates Vickie Davis, a friend of Silva's who is helping her make a piñata that looks like a slice of watermelon.

"The teacher would sometimes show them how to (make piñatas)," continues Davis as Silva speaks.

Silva, Davis and Estela Shorter start off by making the shell of the piñata out of cardboard. Watching them make the piñata in the early stages, it does not look like the slice of watermelon that is going to be. But it begins to take shape as they bend and tape the shell together.

Silva then brushes the cardboard shell with starch which she uses as an adhesive. She then wraps the shell in newspaper. Silva will also use the starch to glue strips of colored, curled tissue paper to the outside.



As a youngster in Mexico, Silva recalls, they didn't use brushes but their hands to spread the starch.

Davis added that when she and Shorter make piñatas, they use homemade *masa*, or a sticky paste made from flour and water.

Shorter and Davis help Silva fill the piñata with newspapers. Since it is going to be used as a decoration, it's not filled with candy like the ones used for children's birthday parties.

They then hang the piñata up and begin cutting and

curling strips of green, red and white tissue paper — along with the help of Mary Lou Lopez, Davis' sister who dropped by to help. Using the dark part of magazines pages, Silva cuts out imitations of watermelon seeds.

How long does it take to make a piñata?

"*Tos tardes*," said Silva.

"Two afternoons," translates Davis. But it depends on the piñata, both say.

A piñata that Silva made of a clown for a child's

Top left photo: Estela Shorter, left, Vickie Davis and Irma Silva tape and bend the cardboard shell of a piñata that they are making in the form of a watermelon.

Top center: Davis and Silva fill the piñata with wadded up newspapers.

Top right: Silva brushes starch along the newspaper that was wrapped around the piñata to glue it to the cardboard.

Center photo: Silva places strips of colored tissue around the piñata. In the background hangs a piñata in the shape of a clown that she made for a child's birthday party.

Bottom photo: Silva puts the finishing touches on the watermelon — paper seeds.

birthday party took some time.

"She figures out how she's going to work with it," said Davis about the way Silva makes a piñata.

"The watermelon is simple," said Davis. Other kinds of piñatas that Silva makes for friends and parties, like the clown, take longer and are harder to do.

With help from Davis, Shorter, and Lopez, Silva was able to finish this particular piñata in an hour and a half.

Silva and her husband Carlos Silva have two children, Naomi and Juan Carlos.



Follis-Morales

Crystal Rae Follis and Jimmy Morales, both of Amarillo, were married Aug. 25 at the Little Church of the West in Las Vegas, Nev. The bride is the daughter of Calvin and Mary Follis, Pampa, and the groom is the son of Mary and Bob Smith, Las Vegas. Serving as the flower girl was Brittani Morales, Amarillo. A reception followed at the Mirage Hotel. The bride is a 1989 graduate of Pampa High School. She holds an associate's degree in science from Amarillo College. She is attending West Texas A&M University in Canyon. She is employed by the United States Postal Service. The groom is attending Amarillo College and is employed at the law firm of Hinkley, Cox, Eaton, Coffield and Hensley in Amarillo. After a honeymoon to the Grand Canyon and Las Vegas, the couple plan to reside in Amarillo.



McKoon-McNeil

Kay McKoon and Jack W. McNeil, both of Moore, Okla., were married Aug. 19 at Willowbrook Gardens Wedding Chapel in Oklahoma City, Okla., with Don Reipe, campus minister for Christ on Campus at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Okla., officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Hunter, Parsons, Kan., and the groom is the son of Mary Dell McNeil, Moore, Okla., and the late Homer E. McNeil, Pampa. Serving as the matron of honor was Carol Perry, sister of the bride, Bridgewater, N.J. Standing as the best man was the groom's son, Homer Eugene McNeil II, Amarillo. Providing music for the ceremony were the bride's brothers, Dr. William P. Hunter, Pratt, Kan.; Bob Hunter, Topeka, Kan.; and Barry Hunter, Fort Smith, Ark. Registering the guests were Mrs. Jeff Flowers and daughter Kristen, both of Wichita Falls, both nieces of the groom. A reception followed in the Garden Room of the chapel. Serving the guests were Mrs. Barry Hunter, sister-in-law of the bride, Fort Smith, and Mrs. Joe Brown, sister of the groom, Iowa Park. The bride is a reading specialist for the Moore Public Schools. She teaches 7th and 8th grade reading at Highland West Junior High in Moore. The groom is a district manager for the Carbo Co. division located in Oklahoma City of Heller's Carbonic West, Inc., of Webster City, Iowa. The couple plan to reside in Moore.

Hotline for women offers messages on 300 topics

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) — Menopause Foundation in Women with questions about menopause can now tap into a free telephone library to get information on topics ranging from managing midlife stress to estrogen replacement therapy. The National Menopause Foundation Inc. has announced the activation of 1-800-MENOASK, a voice mail system with prerecorded messages addressing more than 280 topics. The system, funded by a grant from Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. in Princeton, can handle as many as 10,000 calls per day, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time. Specific topics are accessed by punching a four-digit code on a Touch-Tone phone. An on-line directory provides the codes, or, for a small fee, a written directory can be obtained from the National

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Gill-Christian

Lora Gill, Richmond, Va., and Paul Christian, Petersburg, Va., were married Sept. 17 at St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Richmond with the Rev. David Nott officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Ronald Gill, Miami, and the groom is the son of Mrs. Dennis Duffy and John Christian, both of Bedminster, N.J. Serving as the matron of honor was the sister of the bride, Elizabeth Gill, New Braunfels. Bridal attendants were Karen Lucy, Atlanta, Ga.; Mary Ann Cox, Wilderado; Meredith Allocca, Richmond and Maureen Christian, Bedminster. Standing as the best man was John Christian, the groom's brother, Flanders, N.J. The groomsmen were Michael Gill, Charlottesville, Va.; Brian Christian and Michael Christian, both of Bedminster; and Andrew Hurly, New Vernon, N.J. Providing music was Dr. Michael Hart, soloist, San Antonio. The readers were Dr. David Hadley, Oklahoma City, Okla., and Mary Christian, Flanders. The bride is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and the University of Texas Medical School in San Antonio. She is a resident of pediatrics in Richmond. The groom is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and is employed as a national sales manager for Mastex, Inc., in Petersburg. After a honeymoon in Florida, the couple plan to reside in Richmond.



Price-Ray

Mary Alice Price and Douglas Sean Ray, both of Pampa, were married Aug. 20 at First Baptist Church with John Glover, minister of music, officiating. The bride is the daughter of Alice Price and the late Bill Price, Pampa, and the groom is the son of Karen Ray and the late Donald Ray, Idabel, Okla. Serving as the matron of honor was Karen Hall, the bride's sister, Pampa. The flower girl was Allison Hall, the bride's niece, Pampa. Standing as the best man was Jeff Ray, the groom's brother, Lake Charles, La. The ushers were Jim Hall, the bride's brother-in-law, and Mark Gibson, both of Pampa. The candles were lit by Price Hall, the bride's nephew, Pampa. Registering the guests was Nan Rivera, Amarillo. Providing music were Dickey McGahen, vocalist, and Jerry Whitton, organist, both of Pampa. A reception followed in the church parlor. Serving the guests were Elaine Rivera and Stephanie Poranto, Pampa, and Lara Cotten, Amarillo. The bride attended West Texas State University and Texas Tech University. She is a 1987 graduate of Pampa High School and is employed with Citizens Bank and Trust. The groom is a 1991 graduate of the University of Oklahoma. He holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry and is employed with Conoco Inc. After a honeymoon to Colorado Springs, Colo., the couple plan to reside in Pampa.

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Mental Health experts discuss relationships

By COSMOPOLITAN
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Dr. Joyce Brothers points out that a man is not a room — he cannot be redecorated — while Dr. Ruth Westheimer advises you to keep your past to yourself. Brothers and Westheimer are among the mental health experts that Neil Chesnow asked about love and relationships in an article in the current issue of Cosmopolitan. Here is a sampling of what they had to say about meeting Mr. Right, getting married, fighting and forming an enduring partnership. "Wishful thinking is the enemy of real romance," psychologist Judith Sills said, adding that reality is the most romantic thing of all. "Romance means seeing him as he is and loving him anyway," she said. Psychologist Bruce Hamstra warned against being a prisoner of your past, saying: "Learn to recognize self-destructive patterns that set you up for romantic failure." Psychologist Brothers warned against trying to redecorate your man and advised asking yourself two questions — can you live with his faults for a lifetime and would you rather be with him than anyone else in the world. "If the answer is no, cancel those wedding plans immediately," she said. "Great sex isn't enough — you must share goals," said psychologist Mada Hapworth, who believes it's great to be different but without similar goals "life together will be one continuous battle." "When it comes to marriage, be able to take it or leave it," advised psychologist Harriet Goldhor Lerner. "Have a life plan that neither requires nor excludes marriage and make sure you're not just one husband or lover away from a welfare check." In the section on fighting, psychosexual therapist Westheimer had this advice: "Some secrets should be kept secret. Your past life? Leave it in the past. To reveal everything about yourself, all your innermost thoughts, is to give your partner permission to use those things against you the next time you have an argument." Psychologist Wayne Dyer had a

gentler thought, saying, "When your choice is to be right or to be kind; always be kind." In the same vein, psychotherapist Bonnie Maslin said: "Say you're sorry even when you'd rather not. Giving love to your partner even though he's hurt or angered you takes maturity. Acknowledge that he might also have bruised feelings. Take a step toward him, put your arm around his shoulder — even if that's the last thing you feel like doing. Such small gestures are what ultimately make a relationship work." To have an enduring relationship, psychologist Nathaniel Branden said you must realize romantic love is for grown-ups. "Love is not for children or grown-ups who, on a deep subconscious level, still think of themselves as children," he said. "Romantic love often dies because the two people involved are simply not mature enough to nurture and sustain it. When there's conflict, and you're having trouble communicating with your partner, concentrate on how much you love him. Don't disengage and let childish fear, anger or hurt sabotage the relationship." "What really scores big with men? Overlooking their mistakes," said psychologist John Gray, who added, "Also, go out of your way to acknowledge thoughtful things he does for you — thereby ensuring he'll do more." Psychiatrist Bill Hapworth advised that partners should not compete with each other, adding: "If you compete with the person you love — I earn more money, I'm a better parent — you're needlessly creating friction. Relationships are meant to provide mutual support — competition derails love."

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"And I, brethren, when I came unto you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." (I Cor. 2:1-5.) Jesus Christ and Him crucified is the crux of the gospel. That event brought to bear all the things God had prepared up to that time in order to man's redemption. In that event was realized the atonement for the sins of mankind. Thus Paul simplifies God's plan of redemption in the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ. The simplicity of the gospel is evidence to its divine origin. God deliberately used simple illustrations and delivered His word in simple language in order to confound the wise and shrewdly (I Cor. 1:18-31.) In chapter eleven, verse three of the second letter to the Corinthians, Paul wrote: "But I fear, least by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve in his craftiness, your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity and the purity that is toward Christ." Men consistently involve complex and complicated man-made doctrines and seek to persuade men that theirs is the doctrine of salvation. It seems the more complicated and complex it is, the more popular it is. Not so with the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is composed of simple facts to be believed, simple commands to obey and plain and easy to understand rewards to be received. An absolute, working faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God is basic to one's salvation (Jn. 8:24.) Repentance of sins because of one's recognition of his unworthiness in God's sight is the next step to salvation (Acts 17:30-31.) Confession with the mouth of one's faith is Jesus Christ is unto salvation (Rom. 10:10.) Baptism in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins is the final step that washes away our sins (Mk. 16:16; 22:16.) By doing these things and living faithful all the days of one's life, we are assured of an eternal home in heaven. -Billy T. Jones

Address all inquiries, questions or comments to:
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Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Every day we read and hear about people caught in floods, earthquakes, avalanches, etc. I would like to alert people to a danger that lurks in many older homes:

I flushed the toilet at 10 o'clock at night, heard a sudden explosive "bang" under the sink, then I saw rusty water gush up in the toilet! For some reason, I decided to check the water heater down the hall. Hot air poured out of the closet in which it was stored. I reached over the tank and felt the pipe. It was like touching a hot stove.

I called the neighborhood plumber. His wife answered the phone, and when I explained the problem, she said her husband was asleep — and although she could hear the explosions, she assured me that they had nothing to do with the water heater. Then she said she'd have her husband call me in the morning.

I telephoned my son, who told me to trip the circuit breaker, and he was at my side in minutes. We opened the hot water taps in both bathrooms and steam came out for almost a half hour! It was so thick we could barely see each other. Water dripped from the ceilings. The next morning, my new plumber shook his head in disbelief. My 30-year-old electric heater had no safety-release device. (We had built the house ourselves and had used the best equipment available at the time.) The plumber told me that he knew of cases where water heaters had exploded through two story buildings!

All I could think of was my little grandson, who often played not 15 feet away from that killer tank.

Abby, you'd be doing your readers a favor if you urged them to have their utility company check old water heaters for safety systems. (This service is usually free.)

GRANTS PASS, ORE.

DEAR GRANTS PASS: You are indeed lucky. Not long ago, I read that an old water heater not only exploded and crashed through two stories — it landed in a yard several houses away. (As I recall, there was no release valve.)

DEAR ABBY: My son was recently married at a formal wedding held at a posh country club. He and his wife realized, after having opened all their gifts, that they had received nothing from two of the groomsmen who had been friends of my son for more than 15 years.

Should my son say something to the two groomsmen? And if so, how can it be tactfully phrased?

NO NAME, PLEASE

DEAR NO NAME: If there is a "tactful" way to ask, "How come you didn't give me a wedding gift?" I am not aware of it.

DEAR ABBY: Recently an acquaintance of my wife stopped by our house to discuss PTA business. Much to my disgust, I noticed this lady walking through my house with bare feet!

Is it or is it not socially acceptable to enter someone's home with bare feet? I would just about as soon have this person go into my bathroom and use my toothbrush?

Please let me know if I am overreacting. Thanks.

DISGUSTED IN DALLAS

DEAR DISGUSTED: Of course it's not "socially acceptable" for a grown woman to walk through someone's house with bare feet. But given a choice between her using my toothbrush and walking barefoot — I'd take the bare feet, hands down.

4-H Futures & Features

DATES

- 25 - South Plains Fair Swine Show.
- 26 - Horse project, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 4-H Wildlife project meeting, 7 p.m., Annex.
- 27 - Prime swine meeting, 7 p.m., Annex
- 29 - Clover Kids Organizational meeting, 6:30 p.m., Annex.

WILDLIFE PROJECT MEETING

Are you ready to answer the "call of the wild?" If so — come to the 4-H Wildlife Project kick-off meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday at the Gray County Annex. The program will be a group activity to learn about quail feeding habits and habitat. We will also do some planning for the year. Come join us. Parents are welcome, too.

TRI-STATE FAIR

Many of Gray county 4-H members had entries and were successful at the Tri-State Fair last week in Amarillo. 4-Hers participated in the swine, sheep, heifer, and rabbit shows, District 4-H Bake Show, photography contest, horticulture, and clothing competitions. We will try to have a complete list of results next week.

Did you know ...

- * Skim milk is not good for babies, according to baby feeding experts, who say it is too high in protein and salt and too low in the calories necessary for growth.
- * World War II began Sept. 1, 1939, when Nazi Germany invaded Poland. Great Britain and France declared war against Germany two days later.
- * In 1878, Emma M. Nutt was employed by Telephone Dispatch Co. of Boston and became the first woman telephone operator in the United States.
- * The Japanese cities of Tokyo and Yokohama were devastated in 1923 by an earthquake that claimed some 150,000 lives.

Eat smart when you are eating out

Homemaker's News

By Donna Brauchi



If you are like most Americans, you may be eating one of every five meals at away-from-home establishments. Americans are on the move. Busy lifestyles and tight work and travel schedules make eating out routine for many of us. In this, our last look at heart-smart eating, we will explore ways to eat out and eat smart.

Think about your eating out habits. Answer the following questions to give you a hint of what type of changes you may want to make.

(1) How often do you eat out? The more often you eat out, the greater the effect of these food choices on your total diet.

(2) Where do you usually get the food you eat away from home? Where you eat affects the food selections available to you. If you consistently choose places with a limited selection of foods, following "heart-smart" dietary guidelines may be more difficult.

(3) What types of foods and beverages do you usually choose from the menu when you eat out? If you typically choose fried foods, creamy sauces, rich desserts, and salty snacks when you eat out, your diet may be high in calories, fat, sugars, and sodium.

(4) How much do you eat when you go out? Eating a big meal or splurging on a rich snack once in awhile, whether away or at home is no problem. But if you do this often, you need to pay close attention to the food calories you make at other meals to control total calories, fat, and sugars.

(5) How do your food choices away from home affect your food choices at home the rest of the day? Remember, it is your total diet that counts. So, if you choose foods higher in calories, fat, and sugars when you're out, balance them with the food choices you make at home the rest of the day.

Many restaurants are changing their menus and cooking styles to suit health-conscious customers. To encourage this, go to restaurants that offer the healthful foods you prefer or that prepare food to order. Call ahead to find out if specials prepare food to order. Call ahead to find out if special requests will be honored. Remember that you are the customer — don't be afraid to ask for what you want. Study the menu carefully, then ask questions. Restaurants can't handle every

type of special request, but most will do their best to make reasonable changes for their patrons. If managers get enough requests for a particular menu item or accompaniment, they make it regularly available.

Ask about serving sizes. Are small or half-portion sizes available? Some ways to cut down on portion sizes include: choose an appetizer as your main dish; order a la carte; share food with a friend; or order a child's portion.

Ask how menu selections are prepared and what ingredients are used. Are the meats, chicken, or fish broiled with butter or fat? Are they served with cream sauces? Are vegetables buttered, creamed, fresh or canned? Are rich pastries added? Is the selection fried or French-fried? Is it in its own gravy or pan gravy? Other terms that usually mean lower fat include "stir fried," "roasted," "poached," "steamed," "grilled," or "broiled."

See if your special requests can be accommodated. Order meat, fish, or chicken, broiled without added fat. Ask if chicken can be prepared without the skin. Request that food be served with dressings and sauces and on the side. See if salt or other ingredients can be omitted when your food is prepared.

Ask about availability of food items not listed on the menu.

Possible food items might include low-fat or skim milk, fresh fruit and other similar items.

Eating by the "heart-smart" guidelines need not be dull. It doesn't mean giving up your favorite foods either. If you are really hungry for nachos smothered with cheese, order them. Balance the higher fat and sodium with other menu items that are lower. Or choose lower fat and sugar foods at other meals. If you really want a particular meal that's high in fat, order a small portion and eat less fat at your next few meals and snacks.

Heart-smart nutrition can help you make healthier decisions and lifestyle choices. Losing excess pounds, limiting intake of cholesterol, saturated fatty acids, sugars, fat/triglycerides and alcohol, and exercising more can control your blood cholesterol and can help medications do their job better.

For more information on diet and health, contact your Gray County Extension office.

Menus

Sept. 26 — 30

PISD MENU

MONDAY

Breakfast: Blueberry muffin square, fruit or juice and choice of milk.

Lunch: Corn dog, macaroni salad, carrots, diced pear and choice of milk

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast, fruit or juice and choice of milk.

Lunch: Chili-mac, sliced potatoes, spinach, peaches, hot rolls and choice of milk.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit or juice and choice of milk.

Lunch: Ham Sandwich, carrot sticks, celery sticks, ranch dressing, orange smiles and choice of milk.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Biscuits, jelly, fruit or juice and choice of milk.

Lunch: Beef and cheese nachos, refried beans, tossed salad, pineapple and choice of milk.

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit or juice and choice of milk.

Lunch: Hot dog with chili, French fries, fresh apple, brownie and choice of milk.

PAMPA MEALS ON WHEELS

MONDAY

Chicken nuggets, potato salad, pork & beans and cookies.

TUESDAY

Cabbage Rolls, green beans, squash and pears.

WEDNESDAY

Ham, hominy casserole, yam patties and Jello.

THURSDAY

Beef patties, sliced potatoes, tomatoes and pudding.

FRIDAY

Fish, macaroni with tomatoes, Brussel sprouts and peaches.

PAMPA SENIOR CITIZENS

MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or Chicken Louisiana, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, beans, slaw, tossed or Jello salad, butterscotch icebox pie or pineapple upside-down cake, cornbread or hot rolls.

TUESDAY

Taco Salad or Kraut n' sausage, sliced new potatoes, Spanish rice, fried squash, beans, slaw, tossed or Jello salad, chocolate pie or coconut creme cake, cornbread or hot rolls.

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, carrots, beans, slaw, tossed or Jello salad, cherry cobbler or chocolate cake, cornbread or hot rolls.

THURSDAY

Salisbury Steak or chicken spaghetti, twice baked potatoes, cream corn, turnip greens, beans, slaw, tossed or Jello salad, bread pudding or coconut pie, cornbread or hot rolls.

FRIDAY

Fried cod fish or lasagna, French fries, buttered broccoli, breaded tomatoes, beans, slaw, tossed or Jello salad, brownies or egg custard cups, garlic toast, cornbread or hot rolls.

LEFORS SCHOOL MENU

MONDAY

Breakfast: Pancakes on a stick or waffles, cereal, juice, milk, and peanut butter.

Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, garlic toast, cottage cheese, peaches and milk.

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Sausage, biscuit gravy or cereal, milk, juice and peanut butter.

Lunch: Salad bar — Chicken nuggets, potatoes, gravy, English peas, fruit, rolls and milk.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: French toast sticks, cereal, peanut butter, juice and milk.

Lunch: Salad bar — Pizza, salad, corn, fruit and milk.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Ham, eggs, toast, cereal, juice, milk and peanut butter.

Lunch: Salad bar — Dinner sausage, potatoes, gravy, black-eyed peas, rolls, fruit and milk.

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, juice, milk, and cereal.

Lunch: Hamburgers/barbeque, oven fries, HB salad, fruit and milk.

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Colorful news drifts into town with the fall air

Even though fall brought some cold air, the news about town blows hot with interesting and exciting happenings.

Melba Bruce had the greatest and happiest day of her life on Sept. 11, when she celebrated her 85th birthday three days late. The day of celebration began when she and her immediate family attended church services at Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ together. Filling two church pews were Melba, her son Jerry and his family, Barbara Bruce, their son, his wife and children, Vance and Lynda, Ryan and Christian; her daughter and family, Sally and Lee Lehmann, Renee and Russell Shirley, Beau and Garrett, Bruce and Beckie Lehmann, Jeffrey and Sarah, plus a great-nephew and great-niece Bryan and Kresha McAdoo.

About 43 family members plus Dean and Debbie Whaley gathered at Jerry and Barbara's house for cake and punch, pictures, conversation and laughter. Melba's niece Suzie Summers made a large and fancy 3-tiered red and white cake, complementary to the red and white table. Melba received phone calls, cards, gifts and her first ever bouquet of long stemmed roses from a nephew Tim Woodington of Spearman.

Others attending and not previously mentioned were Polly Goettsche, Higgins; Ione Booth, Lipscomb; Carolea Summers and children; Carole Faye and Lee Ziegelgruber, Melba and Jack Crawford, L.E. and Gail Summers.

The church bunch of the morning became the no-dishwashing bunch at Furr's Cafeteria toward evening to close a day that was perfect in every way.

Melba remembers her only other birthday party, her 18th, that was celebrated with a household of close relatives. Her mother's house had just been wired for electricity and the lights were turned on for the first time for the family dinner.

At 85, Melba enjoys going to Bible Class and church services at the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ on a regular basis, setting her own schedule and visit-



Peeking at Pampa By Katie

ing with lots of family members, who drop in at all hours to prove how important she is to her family. A tacked on p.s.! Early this week she made and baked four dozen cinnamon rolls. She's perky and quick to react with positive words and ready laughter. Belated birthday wishes to a lovely lady on a milestone birthday!

Judy and Rob Martin finally made the final stop of their move to Brownwood, where Judy will be employed by the Physicians Services Department of Health Trust and Rob as part of the school system. They successfully resisted the temptation to move to the city where their daughter Kimberly attends college as a freshman. There was a farewell party for Judy recently at Coronado Hospital. All three will be greatly missed in several areas of involvement while being wished the best of everything.

Bob Eskridge, Pampa's city manager, spoke on factors important to the economy of the community at the membership breakfast of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce last Tuesday. He considered water, solid waste disposal and city streets as the top three factors.

Mary Alice Roberts threw the business spotlight on Benny and Kerrick Horton and their several enterprises. They purchased Warner Horton Janitorial Supply from Kerrick's father, the late Greeley Warner, in 1972, added a miniature golf course and a shaved ice drink stand this summer. Recently they expanded their business interests with the purchasing and housing of the inventory of Tri-City Office Supply. Mike Schale is their newest employee. As busy as Benny and Kerrick are, they make time for involvement in several areas of

community affairs. A couple of go-getters, huh? Ben Shackelford, presided at the breakfast.

Jerry Foote, Benny and Kerrick exchanged notes on their college children. Jerry and Connie enjoyed a new experience since school began when they went to see Michael at Norman, Okla. With them were Sherry and Dan Seabourn, who visited their son Josh. Unable to find a motel to stay in, they opted for bed and breakfast accommodations. It was a wonderful experience, tasty in the food area, nice and economical. Maybe next time they will seek B and B over a motel.

With a move into a country home, Jonathan and Sally Martin are one step further along in their move from Wichita Falls to Pampa. Jonathan is the new manager of Dunlap's.

Vanessa and Mark Buzzard and children are in the process of moving to a new-to-them home. A move after more than 10-12 years in the same house? Whew!!!

Pampa Harvester Hank Gindorf, son of Cindy and Jack, provided a good reason for his Uncle Tom and Aunt Beth to come to Pampa from California for a visit with Tom's mom, Glendora Gindorf, and the rest of the family.

Seeing Hank play two football games took star billing with Glendora's gourmet cooking and time for golfing in perfect Texas Panhandle weather running close second and third places.

Elizabeth Meers looked so fashion smart while shopping a few days ago. Her cotton vest and longer length shorts were in three coordinating plaids in red, blue and green. Her royal blue flats and hose matched the vest lining for a well-put together look.

Janie Shed came back from a trip to Dallas, stayed a day or so

and took off again, all the time looking fresh and ready for action.

Bethel and J.B. Walker are back home after a busy summer in Colorado. On their way to Colorado, they took Bethel's mother Ethel Matthews to Creede. Visiting at least once and maybe twice were their son and family Dirk and Cheryl Ammerman children.

Ethel is another of Pampa's active senior citizens. She is spunky, alert and lots of fun with knowledge of world events to share. She loves to walk three or four blocks to town, where she always sees someone to chat with. She enjoys life to its fullest in her own quiet way.

Cheers to Willie Nickleberry for his superior playing in the golf

tournament in the Alamo City last weekend. He won and won big!

T.C. and Darlene Drinnon hosted a cookout recently for the Deborah Class of Highland Baptist Church. The menu included hamburgers, cantaloupe, watermelon and homemade ice cream and cake. Attending were T.C. and Darlene, Johnnie and Nina Pearl Dawes, Don and Minnie Emmons, Troy and Betty Hester, Roy and Georgia Blanscet, Doyle and Vanetta Keeton, Troy and Odessa Ledbetter, Jim and Martha Maples, Fines and Pat Marchman, special guests were the Rev. Paul and Nicky Nachtigall, Arthur Lux of Whittier, Calif., and Polly Taylor of Skitook, Okla.

Former Pampan Kenneth Bond and his children did a superb job of arranging a big surprise party for

his wife Lucille with over 100 friends and relatives attending. The party was held at their home in Rockwell. Her Pampa relatives are her mother, Lovey Mathus, who was unable to attend, and sisters Wilma McLearn and Collene DeVore. The Bonds served the Lakeside Baptist Church in Dallas for 18 years, retired and moved to East Texas, where they ranched and more for nearly 20 years. They organized the Lakeside Baptist Church in Canton and now serve in First Baptist Church of Rockwall. They are parents of five accomplished children. Belated birthday wishes.

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See you next week, Katie.

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Brittle bones and smoking

ATLANTA (AP) — Brittle-bone disease is significantly higher among women who smoke, according to a recent study reported in a publication of the Arthritis Foundation.

The publication, *Arthritis Today*, related that Australian researchers studied 41 pairs of female twins aged 27 to 73 — in which one twin was a smoker and the other was not, or one was a heavier smoker than the other.

It noted that when the researchers measured the women's bone density at three sites they found that

bone loss was greater among the women who smoked. The sites were the lower spine, the neck and mid-shaft of the thigh bone.

According to the publication, smoking appears to cause a reduction in estrogen in the body, which increases bone loss.

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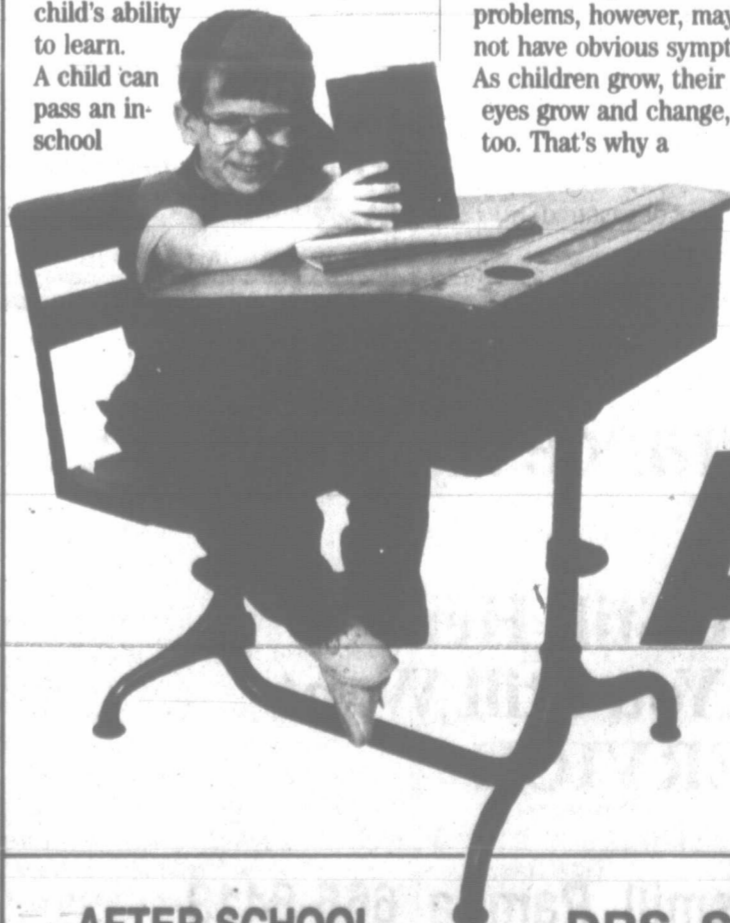
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Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in this week's issue of *Billboard* magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.)

Top Singles

- Copyright 1994, Billboard-Soundscan Inc.-Broadcast Data Systems.
1. "I'll Make Love to You," Boyz II Men (Motown)
 2. "Endless Love," Luther Vandross & Mariah Carey (Columbia)
 3. "All I Wanna Do," Sheryl Crow (A&M)
 4. "Stay (I Missed You)," Lisa Loeb & Nine Stories (RCA) (Gold)
 5. "When Can I See You," Babyface (Epic) (Gold)
 6. "Wild Night," John Mellencamp & Me'Shell Ndegeocello (Mercury)
 7. "Stroke You Up," Changing Faces (Spoiled Rotten-Big Beat) (Gold)
 8. "At Your Best (You Are Love)," Aaliyah (Blackground)
 9. "Never Lie," Immature (MCA)
 10. "This DJ.," Warren G. (Violator) (Gold)

Top Albums

- Copyright 1994, Billboard-Soundscan Inc.
1. *From the Cradle*, Eric Clapton (Duck)
 2. *II, Boyz II Men* (Motown)
 3. *Rhythm of Love*, Anita Baker (Elektra)
 4. *The Lion King Soundtrack*, (Disney) (Platinum)
 5. *Dookie*, Green Day (Reprise) (Platinum)
 6. *Smash*, Offspring (Epitaph) (Platinum)
 7. *'Forrest Gump' Soundtrack*, (Epic)
 8. *Tuesday Night Music Club*, Sheryl Crow (A&M)
 9. *Purple*, Stone Temple Pilots (Atlantic) (Platinum)
 10. *The Sign*, Ace of Base (Arista) (Platinum)

Country

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1. "Third Rock from the Sun," Joe Diffie (Epic)
 2. "Down on the Farm," Tim McGraw (Curb)
 3. "Who's That Man," Toby Keith (Polydor)
 4. "What the Cowgirls Do," Vince Gill (MCA)
 5. "What's in It for Me," John Berry (Liberty)
 6. "Callin' Baton Rouge," Garth Brooks (Liberty)
 7. "She Dreams," Mark Chesnutt (Decca)
 8. "I Try to Think About Elvis," Patty Loveless (Epic)
 9. "XXX's and OOO's (An American Girl)," Trisha Yearwood (MCA)
 10. "Hard to Say," Sawyer Brown (Curb)

Adult Contemporary

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1. "Wild Night," John Mellencamp & Me'Shell Ndegeocello (Mercury)
 2. "If You Go," Jon Secada (SBK)

3. "Lucky One," Amy Grant (A&M)
4. "Can You Feel the Love Tonight," Elton John (Hollywood)
5. "The Way She Loves Me," Richard Marx (Capitol)
6. "Stay (I Missed You)," Lisa Loeb & Nine Stories (RCA)
7. "Come to My Window," Melissa Etheridge (Island)
8. "Circle of Life," Elton John (Hollywood)
9. "Love Is All Around," Wet Wet Wet (London)
10. "You Mean the World to Me," Toni Braxton (Laface)

R&B

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1. "I'll Make Love to You," Boyz II Men (Motown)
 2. "At Your Best," Aaliyah (Blackground)
 3. "Stroke You Up," Changing Faces (Big Beat)
 4. "Body & Soul," Anita Baker (Elektra)
 5. "Never Lie," Immature (MCA)
 6. "I'd Give Anything," Gerald Levert (EastWest)
 7. "Endless Love," Luther Vandross (Columbia)
 8. "Flava in Ya Ear," Craig Mack (Bad Boy)
 9. "I Wanna Be Down," Brandy (Atlantic)
 10. "Letigo," Prince (Warner Bros.)

Modern Rock

- Copyright 1994, Billboard (While the other charts are based on retail sales, this list is compiled from radio station airplay reports.)
1. "What's the Frequency, Kenneth?" R.E.M. (Warner Bros.)
 2. "Interstate Love Song," Stone Temple Pilots (Atlantic)
 3. "Basket Case," Green Day (Reprise)
 4. "Fade Into You," Mazzy Star (Capitol)
 5. "Self-Esteem," Offspring (Epitaph)
 6. "Feel the Pain," Dinosaur Jr. (Sire-Reprise)
 7. "I Alone," Live (Radioactive)
 8. "Sometimes Always," The Jesus and Mary Chain (Warner Bros.)
 9. "Am I Wrong," Love Spit Love (Imago)
 10. "Einstein on the Beach," Counting Crows (DGC-Geffen)

Latin

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1. "El Dia Que Me Quieras," Luis Miguel (WEA Latina)
 2. "Bidi Bidi Bom Bom," Selena (EMI Latin)
 3. "Pero Que Necesidad," Juan Gabriel (Ariola)
 4. "Quisiera," Ricardo Montaner (EMI Latin)
 5. "Manana," Cristian (Melody-Fonovisa)
 6. "Miseria," Vicente Fernandez (Sony)
 7. "Te Sigo Esperando," Ednita Nazario (EMI Latin)
 8. "La Nina Fresa," Banda Z (Fonovisa)
 9. "La Mesa del Rincon," Los Tigres Del Norte (Fonovisa)
 10. "Diablo," Los Fugitivos (Rodven)

Native American record company takes off

By RICHARD BENKE
Associated Press Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — One night he's sleeping penniless in a phone booth at the Hollywood bus depot. The next night he's chauffeured to the Beverly Hilton.

That's how the upbeat-downbeat life story of music man Tom Bee goes. Abandoned at birth in a garbage can and rescued by the woman who then adopted him, Bee says life has taught him to persevere and have faith that he'll prevail.

He's been a singer, songwriter, manager of rock bands and a car salesman. And in 1988, Bee founded Sound of America Records (SOAR), an all-American Indian label, in his Albuquerque garage.

"I have a very limited education, but I've got a degree in life. I've survived the ups and downs," says Bee, whose birth parents were both Sioux. "Survived" understates the case.

In its first six years, SOAR has sold more than a million recordings, including cassettes and CDs, says Bee, who turns 50 in November.

His 24-year-old son and partner, rapper Robby Bee of the Boyz from the Rez, won video of the year from the National Association of Independent Record Dealers for his "We're the Boyz (Reservation of Education)." And the HBO special *Paha Sapa, the Struggle for the Black Hills*, for which SOAR provided the music, was nominated for an Emmy this year.

Bee says he and Robby are now working on what may become a musical based on the life of the great Sioux warrior-chief, Sitting Bull.

Tom Bee's first job in music was setting up chairs at the Gallup Armory for concerts by rock greats Little Richard, Fats Domino, Ike and Tina Turner, Buddy Holly and Jerry Lee Lewis in the 1950s.

He sang along with their records and began writing his own songs. He had a terrible stutter but found it disappeared when he sang. The stutter was so bad, he says, he sometimes had to scribble notes to communicate.

He went to Hollywood as a teenager with a portfolio of songs to peddle. He stayed nights at the Hollywood YMCA and spent days waiting in studio lobbies. Finally, he followed some executive types into an office and "just started singing."

"They started laughing," he says. But he says he got his first record out of that encounter when producer Steven Venet arranged for Bee to cut two of his songs, "Don't Be Two-Faced" and "Little Carol." Venet declined to release the record but gave the master tape to Bee, who had the songs pressed as 45-rpm records he sold in Gallup stores.

Bee kept on rocking on the Navajo reservation and around the Four Corners in the mid-1960s. One night, he says his backup band got stuck in a snowstorm in Flagstaff, Ariz., when they were supposed to open for the Beach Boys in Window Rock. The Beach Boys pitched in and backed him, he says.

He moved to Albuquerque in 1966 and began managing bands. He visited Hollywood promoting a New Mexico group, the Sheltons, but had to wait two extra days for an appointment with Dot Records. He stayed at the Y again, but he says that even at \$1.50 a night he ran out of money. So he crammed himself into a telephone booth at the bus depot those two nights.

"I kept my appointment, they bought the master and — now get this

— I was 'limousined' from there to the Beverly Hilton," he says. "That shows you what Hollywood's all about. No place but Hollywood can that happen."

He co-wrote for Motown artists in the 1970s and toured with bands worldwide into the 1980s.

But in 1981, in Switzerland, family responsibilities overrode the dream, he says. He quit, returned to Albuquerque and started selling cars. And he was good at it — "I was New Truck Employee of the Year one year."

The car business was "like seven years of schooling," teaching phone skills, follow-up technique and, he says, an irrepressible confidence in his ability to sell.

"But I was dead inside. The music was calling me back like a drum beat," Bee said. "So in June of '88, I quit. I maxed out a Citibank Visa card,

and started the SOAR Corporation."

He started small, recording traditional Navajo singers and stacking crates of cassettes on pallets in his garage. He'd put the tapes in his car's trunk and drive to the Navajo reservation, selling SOAR tapes and CDs to grocers and small record stores around the Four Corners.

"The Navajo people, believe it or not, buy a lot of music," Bee says.

SOAR now has a studio and offices in Albuquerque's Northeast Heights. It records Indian musicians from around the country — from rock to rap to new age. It has nationwide distributors selling SOAR tapes and CDs to retail chains such as Tower Records, the Wherehouse, Sam Goody, Sound Warehouse, Hastings and others.

The Aug. 6 issue of *Billboard* magazine mentions SOAR as part of a growing trend in recording and

marketing Indian music.

Robby Bee and the Boyz from the Rez are very much part of that scene. The Albuquerque group played for President Clinton's inaugural festivities on the same bill as the rock band Los Lobos.

His father says Robby is a natural-born talent who wrote his first song at the age of 5: "Classical Gallop."

"He always loved music, but I never pushed him in that direction," Tom Bee says.

Tom Bee's wife, Vicki, also was a singer when the couple met during an audition at an Albuquerque wrestling arena in the early 1970s, and her mother was a concert violinist, so their son's and daughter's bloodlines are musical.

Daughter Randi Johnson sings in her church choir in Denver and once played a mean saxophone, her dad says.

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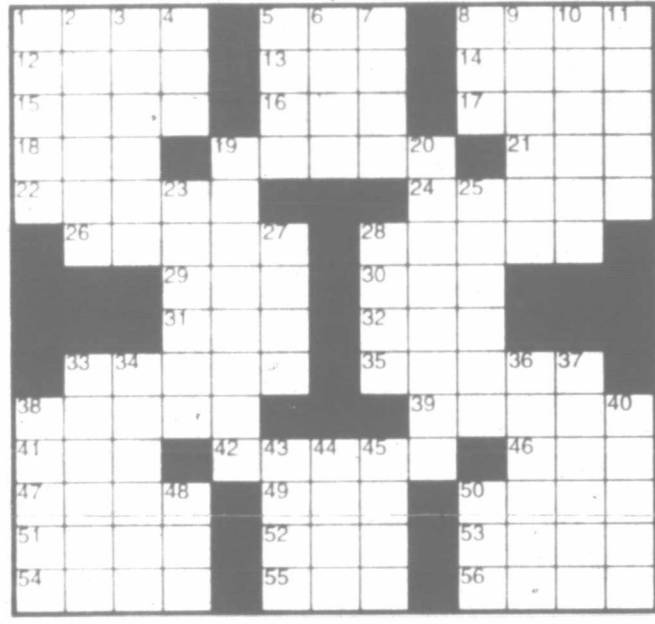
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- 1 Bomb shelter
 - 5 Fitting
 - 8 Help a criminal
 - 12 Dry
 - 13—de
 - 14 Janeiro
 - 15 Zooms (engine)
 - 16 Lodge
 - 17 Affected manner
 - 18 Be in debt
 - 19 Despises
 - 21 Speck
 - 22 Bold
 - 24 Actor
 - 26 Invades
 - 28 Ice-cream holders
 - 29 Gun grp.
 - 30 Choose
 - 31 Alley
 - 32 Final
 - 33 Medicines
 - 35 Challenger
 - 38 Residence
 - 39 Under-stand? (2 wds.)
- DOWN**
- 1 Home-run king
 - 2 Beer maker
 - 3 TV's
 - 4 Geraldo
 - 5 Diva's offering
 - 6 Liquid measure
 - 7 Shade
 - 8 Motorists
 - 9 Horse's gear
 - 10 Signs up for
 - 11 On edge
 - 19 Explosive gas
 - 20 Termination
 - 23 Of wine
 - 25 Whole
 - 27 Under-mines
 - 28 College gal
 - 33 Half mask
 - 34 Media
 - 36 Engraver
 - 37 Most ready
 - 38 Damp
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 - 43 Monster
 - 44 Building parcels
 - 45 Foot parts
 - 48 View
 - 50 Pie — mode

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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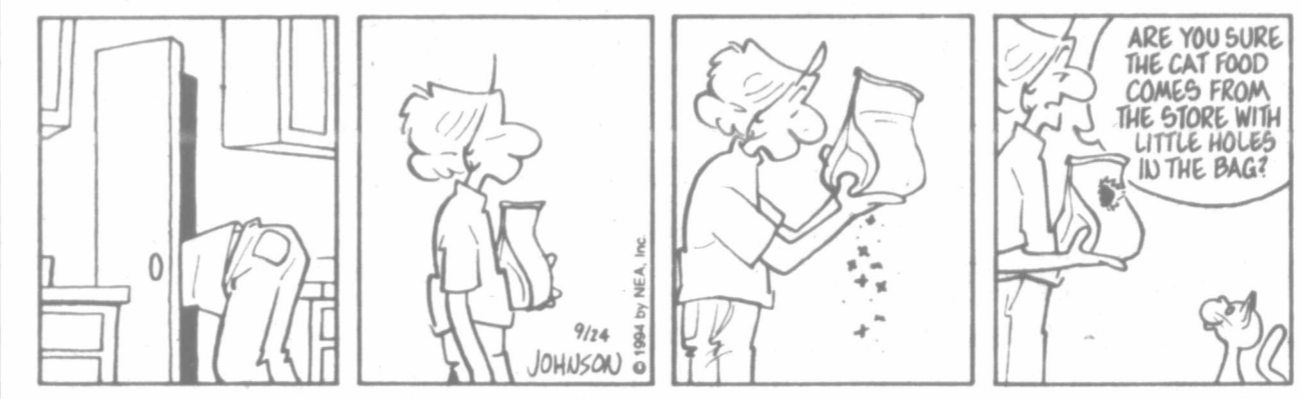


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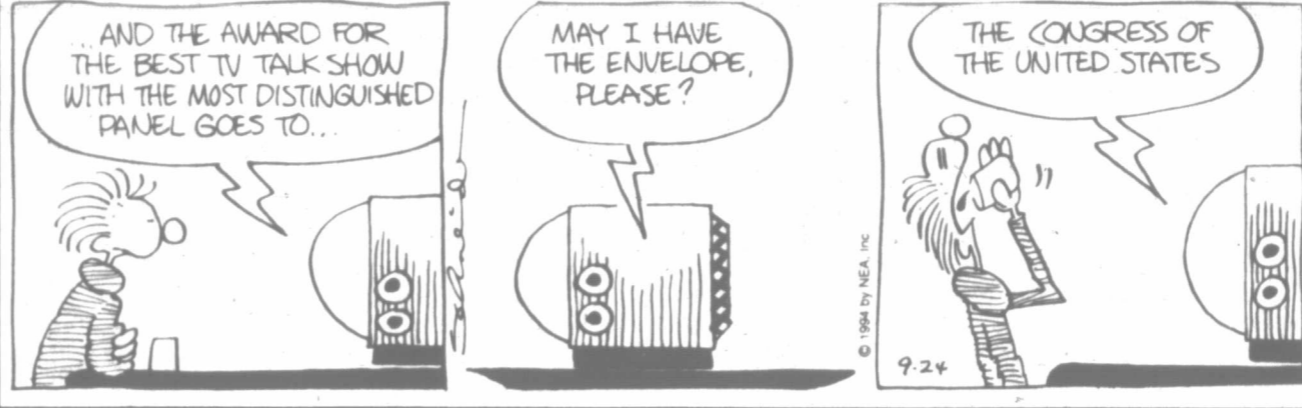
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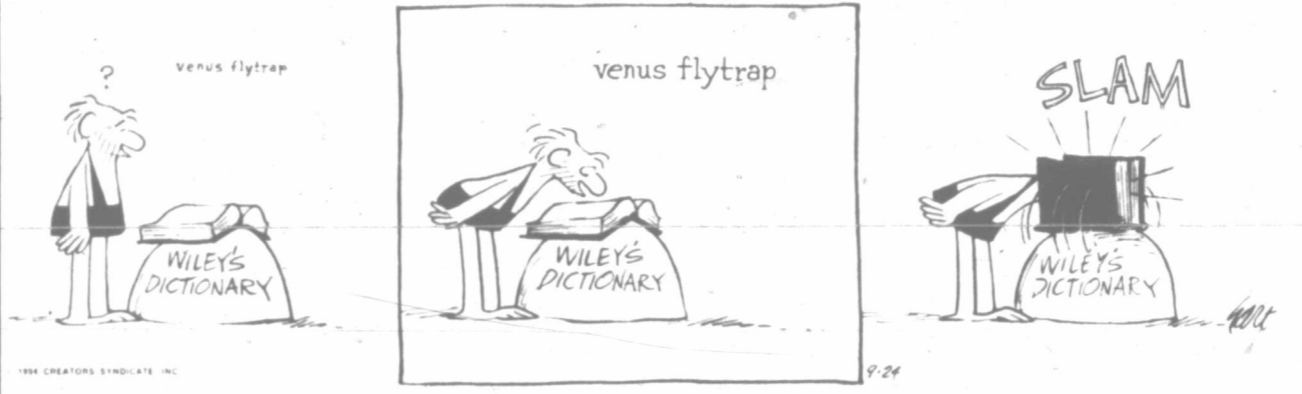
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Astro-Graph

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Neither you nor your mate should make major decisions today without first consulting the other. In your instance two heads are definitely better than one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Exercise that is modestly, physically challenging could be both fun and healthy for you today. Get off your duff and start moving your muscles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It might be necessary for you to take a calculated risk today in order to strengthen your position where your career is concerned. Be bold and brave, not brash or foolish.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Domicile oriented activities could prove to be very gratifying today. You'll find enjoyment mending things around the house or out putting in the yard or garden.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This is a good day for you to catch up on matters pertaining to communication. Clear up old correspondence and make those phone calls you've been meaning to make but haven't.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Even though you won't be unfair nor try to take advantage of others, you might still profit nicely from your business involvements today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It's imperative today you don't let control slip from your hands in matters pertaining to strong, personal interests. Be the manager, not one who is managed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A difficult development can be rectified today if you let the solutions you perceive appear as if they're the ideas of persons with whom you're involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Think twice at this time before committing yourself to a commercial arrangement with a friend with whom you've never done business previously. It could have some hidden disadvantages.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A goal you previously thought was unreachable can be achieved in this cycle. The important thing is to first overcome your feelings of inadequacy and self-doubt.

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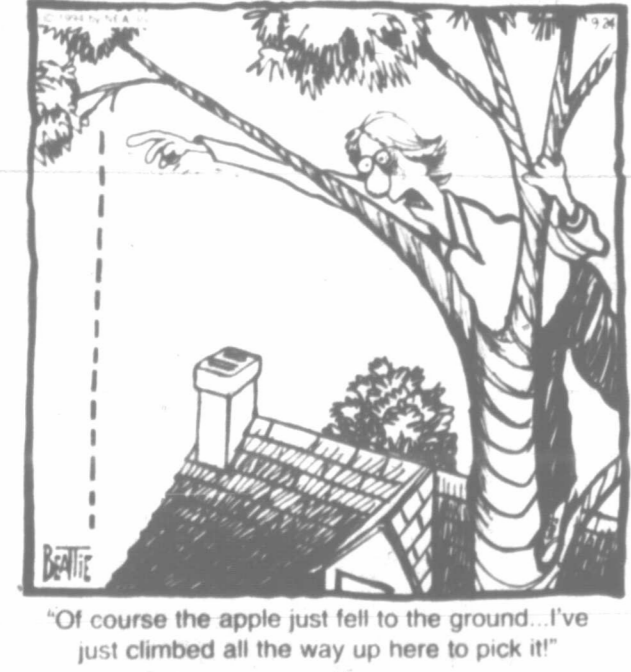
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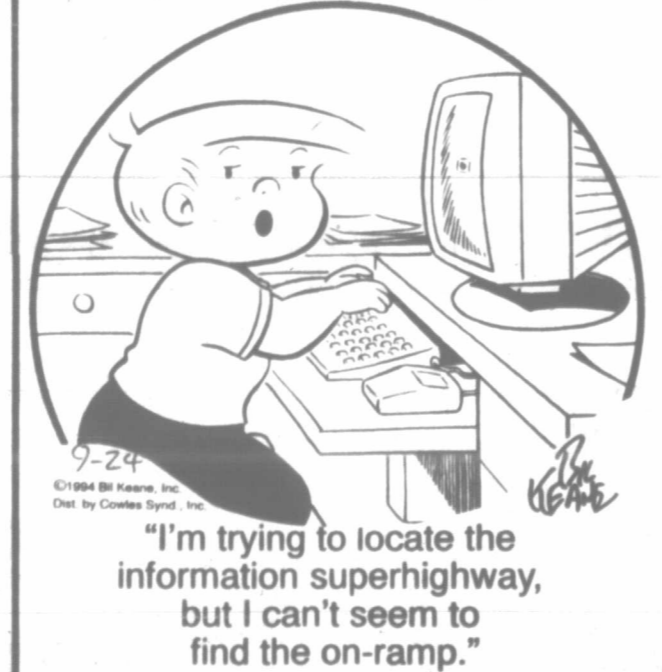
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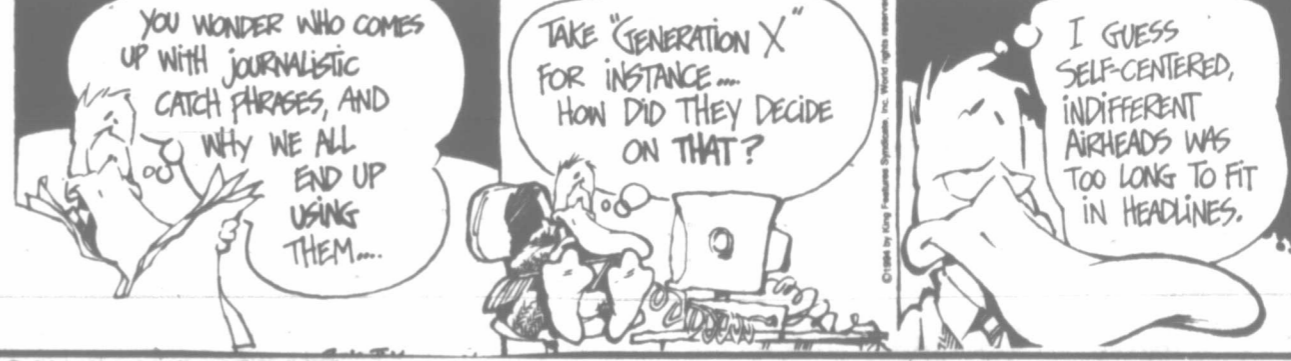
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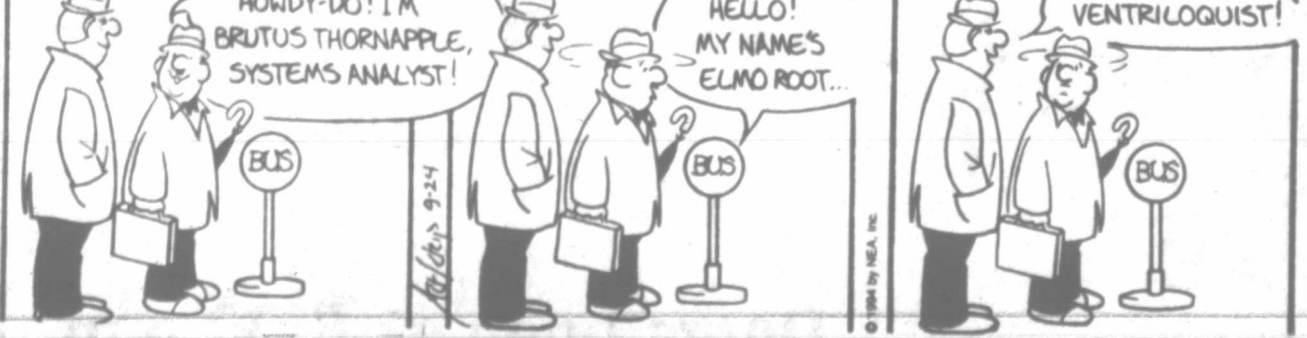
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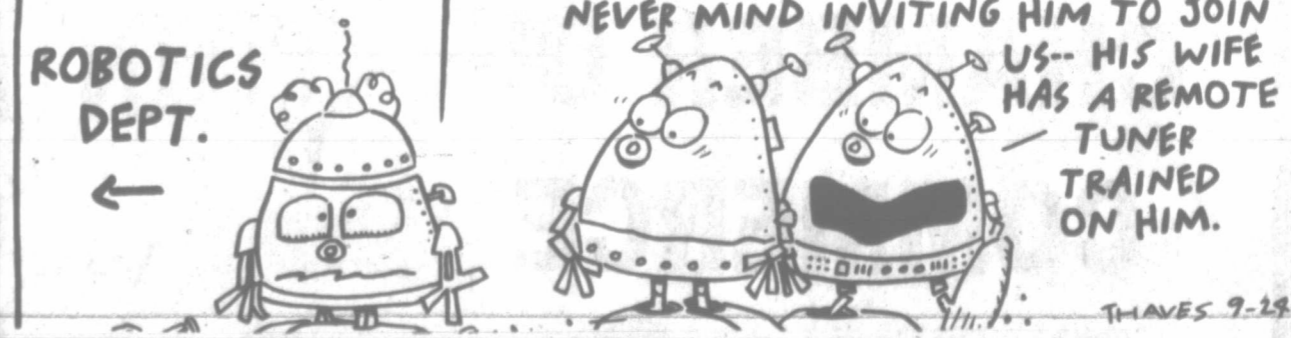
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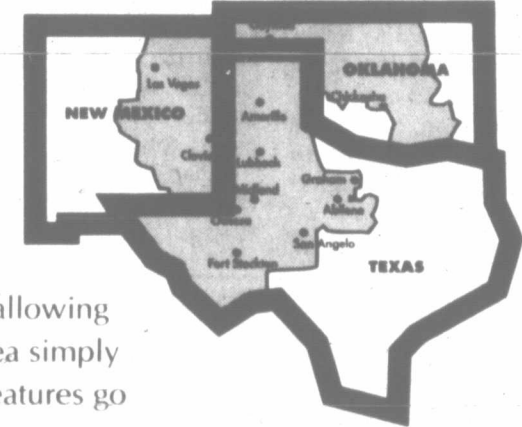
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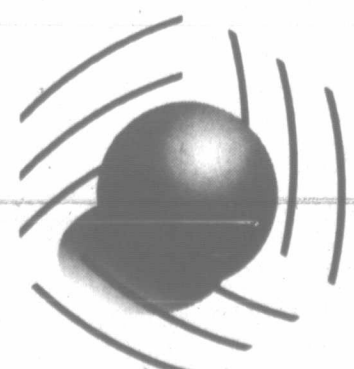
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World sugar production to decrease

By MICHAEL LANDWEBER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department is revising its estimate of world sugar production for 1994-95 to 114 million metric tons, down 2.3 million from its June forecast.

The new forecast predicts a sharp decline in Cuban production, reflecting that nation's deteriorating economy. It also foresees a drop in beet sugar production from Central Europe, Russia and the Ukraine due to a widespread drought.

Additionally, 1993-94 and 1994-95 estimates for China have been revised downward for both beet and cane sugar output, mainly because of a shift in acreage allocation away from sugar to more lucrative crops.

These downturns are offset in part by an improved sugar outlook for the United States, South Africa, Pakistan, Thailand and Australia.

Even with the downward revision, however, the 1994-95 estimate tops the previous year by 3.4 million metric tons. A metric ton equals about 2,200 pounds.

Worldwide sugar consumption, meanwhile, is also forecast at 114 million metric tons — the same as last year — following a 1.8 percent decline from the June forecast. This marks a 0.6 percent improvement from the previous year.

The revision takes into account a drop in sugar use by many Central European nations and former republics of the Soviet Union, particularly Russia, where difficult economic conditions have led to fewer production subsidies and increased retail prices.

Sugar consumption in the European Union is also forecast to fall as alternative sweeteners gain in popularity.

Still, consumption advances in countries such as the United States, Brazil, Mexico and Columbia are expected to offset European declines.

Asia remains the largest market for sugar, with a predicted 37.6 million metric tons expected to be used, marking a 3.6 percent rise from the previous year. Indonesia, China, Pakistan and India are all expected to increase sugar consumption significantly over the next year.

The balance of sugar output and consumption at 114 million metric tons each reverses the trend of the past two deficit seasons, during which use outpaced production. The deficient production of 1992-93 and 1993-94 resulted in the absorption of much of the surplus built up during the 1990-91 and 1991-92 seasons.

For the first 11 days of September, world sugar prices averaged 12.54 cents per pound. This was up from an average of 12.1 cents in August and 11.7 cents in July.

The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

WHEAT —(BULL)

OUTLOOK: Last week we discussed our reasons for being bullish the wheat market — but I also warned of a potential price correction. The global fundamentals for wheat are quite positive, but prices do appear to be a bit overextended at present based on the moderate level of booked export sales.

So if we agree a correction is coming, what might it look like? Some clues might be had by looking at past years with similar patterns. Thus far, this year looks quite like 1991. In '91 (a very bullish year) wheat prices bottomed in the futures market on July 8. This year the yearly low came in just about the same time — on July 5. In '91 the market proceeded to rally about 80¢/bu. into the fall before the first major correction. The correction was about 20¢/bu., and this turned out to be a buying opportunity (the market then proceeded to rally another dollar a bushel into early '92).

So far this year the market has rallied about 70¢/bu. from lows without a major correction. Patterns never seem to repeat to the letter, but if history is a guide we should see a major correction soon. Look at it as a buying opportunity.

STRATEGY: *Hedgers:* Based on previous advice you now own December (some of you own the March) 380 call options (having "rolled up" from the 340s). At this point, this is a "no lose" proposition since you still own wheat (on paper) and you've eliminated downside risk.

This is because even if the 380s expire worthless, you still have the profit from the 340s. You have no storage costs, and you still have upside potential should wheat prices continue to rally.

What if you still own cash wheat in the bin or are paying commercial storage? No problem. The market

has run up faster than your storage costs, so this has been a smart decision.

I do think it makes more sense, however, to sell your cash wheat at current prices to generate cash flow (which can be used to pay down debt or earn a return) and replace ownership in the option market by buying at the money call options. They'll cost 12-15¢ and this will be your maximum risk if wheat prices head lower. If they head higher, you'll still benefit, since the options will appreciate in value.

Traders: Look to buy the first 12 to 15¢ correction from the next peak in December futures. Risk at least 8¢ on a closing basis.

CORN —(BULL/BEAR)

OUTLOOK: The best thing corn has going for it is wheat. If you look at prior years with a steep premium wheat to corn (currently wheat is trading close to \$1.70 over corn), these years have seen a sharp increase in corn usage.

This isn't surprising — who would be nuts enough to feed wheat at these prices? In fact, based on the large livestock numbers corn usage should be brisk over the coming year.

However, I see no hurry to be long corn going into the thick of a monster harvest. Barring harvest problems, I wouldn't be surprised to see one more "test of the lows" in the corn market over the coming few weeks.

STRATEGY: *Hedgers:* Consider expanding hedge protection about \$2.29 December for short-term, pre-harvest protection. This is a recommendation for nimble hedgers since longer term, good export demand, combined with a solid livestock feed base, should see corn prices higher in 1995 than at present. However, I don't see a major rally "in the cards" for at least another few weeks.

Traders: Short term traders look

to go short December at \$2.29 or higher, and/or buy at \$2.11 or lower. Look for scalping profits of about 10¢ (\$500/contract), risking 7¢.

CATTLE —(BEAR)

OUTLOOK: The market has traded erratically, and there appears to be support on breaks. Overall, my short-term bias is still a bit negative, however. The weights are still too high, and the cow numbers coming to slaughter (while hard to pin down) still feels heavy. Pork production is also predicted to be at record levels over the coming months.

Once we can get one more good "washout" in the market, I would look at it as a buying opportunity. Lower placements in early summer should result in smaller supplies of market ready cattle in October. So my bearish bias is a short-term phenomena only. The best cure for low prices will be low prices.

STRATEGY: *Hedgers:* Hedgers own put options for the purpose of downside price protection. Puts protect you with a guaranteed worst case price regardless of how far prices fall, plus they have the advantage over futures of unlimited upside potential if the market is strong.

"True hedgers" own the October/December 68 puts, and "selective hedgers" own the October and December 70 put options. Cattle feeders should also start to watch the October feeder contract to price replacement needs. If the October feeder contract can trade near the June lows (about 71 plus), this could represent a good place to lock in some of your needs.

Cow/calf operators: You are short the October 78 feeders calls at 250 points and at this point the strategy is working well. As long as the Oct. stay under 78, you will add the full \$1250 extra profit per head to your ultimate selling price. Remember, this strategy could cap your upside, but at an equivalent price of 80.50 which is well above the current market.

Traders: Last week we recommended re-shorting the October futures at 7050 or better, which you should have been able to do. Risk to a close over 7160 for a move into the 68-6850 area. If the market traders at 6925 or lower, then move your stop loss order down to the point where you can't lose on the trade.

TCFA readies for convention

Cattle feeders, looking ahead to the 21st century, have been building bridges in international trade, the political arena and industry issues for many years. That's why the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) chose "Bridge to Tomorrow" as the theme of its 1994 Annual Convention, scheduled Nov. 13-15 at the Hyatt Regency in San Antonio.

The Opening General Session on Monday, Nov. 14, will feature TCFA President Les McNeill, who will share his thoughts on what has turned out to be a very eventful year for cattle feeders. Then Russ Wolfe, vice president of Topco Associates Inc., will discuss how beef is faring in the battle at the retail meat counter.

With results of the November elections still fresh, cattle feeders will be particularly interested in Hugh Sidey's analysis of the Washington political scene. Sidey, who has covered the past six administrations as a columnist for *Time* magazine, brings a wealth of inside understanding about the political process.

With NAFTA a reality, cattle feeders are expanding their long-time trading partnership with Mexico. Former NCA and TCFA President Bob Josseland will moderate a panel discussion on how NAFTA is affecting cattle and beef trade.

Panelists include Homero Recio of the U.S. Meat Export Federation; Don Butler of Tucson, past NCA president and export consultant; Robert J. Whetten, an El Paso banker and export financing expert; and Isidro Carillo, president of the Chihuahua Cattlemen's Union.

On Tuesday, Nov. 15, cattle feeders will hear an update on the move to consolidate the major national industry organizations from Jim Webb, chairman of the Industry's Oversight Committee. Then cattlemen will learn how to rely on "The Hero in All of Us" from Capt. Gerald Coffee, a former POW in Vietnam.

For more information on the "Bridge to Tomorrow" Convention, contact TCFA at 5501 West I-40, Amarillo, TX 79106 or call (806) 358-3681.

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Ag prices up, but still below 1993

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prices received by farmers rose 1.5 percent in August from July, but remained 6.3 percent lower than in August 1993, according to the Agriculture Department.

USDA's all-farm products price index hit 135 in August, up 2 points from the previous month but 9 points lower than a year ago. The index uses 1977 prices as a base of 100.

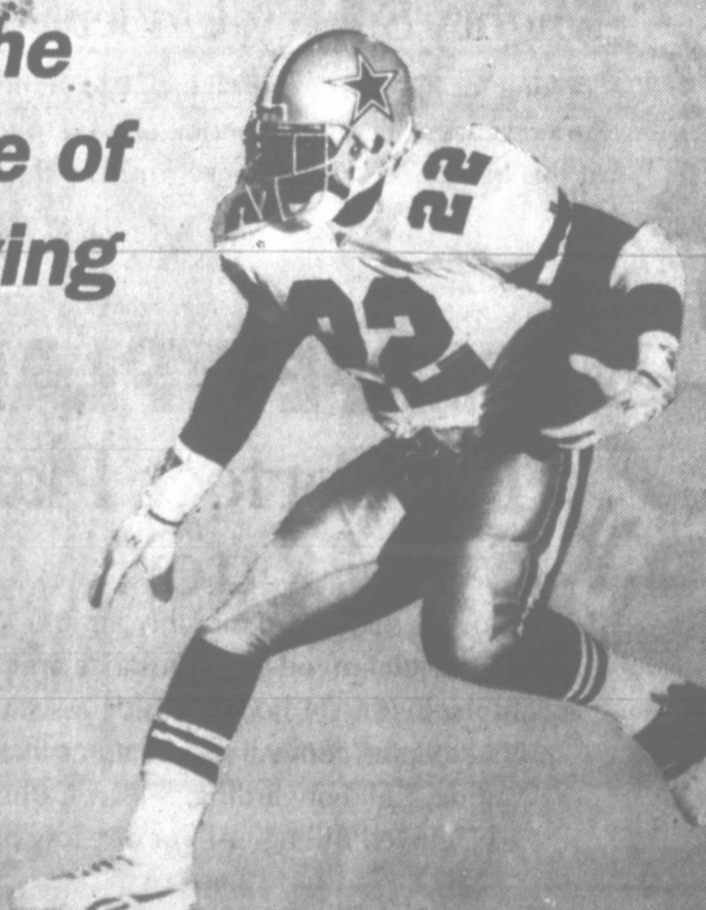
Monthly price gains for cattle, apples, oranges and wheat more than offset declines for corn, soybeans, potatoes and broilers, the department said.

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Old soldier seeks French boy who saved his life

By JERRY HARKAVY
Associated Press Writer

SANFORD, Maine (AP) — With his 79th birthday just around the corner, Phillip J. Roy knows he may not have much time left to find the answer.

He wants to know what happened to the 12-year-old French boy who came to his World War II foxhole and told him the location of German forces and mines — information he is convinced saved his life and the lives of his fellow GIs 50 years ago this month.

Roy is returning to France on Oct. 6 with only a name, a snapshot and two return addresses on letters written in 1944 to guide him.

Roy was a rifleman with the 29th Infantry Division, which landed at Omaha Beach on D-Day and advanced into central France.

Roy, who spoke French, befriended young Claude

Ganaye near Brest and gave him food and a pair of shoes. The boy had been sharing his only pair of shoes with his father.

"He had never seen white bread before, and he called it cake," Roy recalled.

Claude told Roy about a field planted with German mines, and gave the locations of German troops and weapons emplacements.

"We took 40 prisoners without losing a man, without any casualties at all," Roy said.

The soldier gave Claude his home address before his unit moved on through France.

The boy wrote two letters to Roy's wife, Louise, and sent her the snapshot. His correspondence contained two addresses, one in Brest and one in the nearby village of Quilbignon. That was the last Roy heard of him.

After his wife died in November, Roy decided it was time to tie up loose ends. His three children agreed.

West Texas man builds retail utopia — in an old powdered egg factory

By STEVE O'NEIL
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LAMESA — When Gordon Waldrop bought the old powdered egg factory here 18 years ago, some people thought he was nuts. But in the years that followed, Waldrop turned the sprawling, dilapidated building into a merchant's mecca, a junkman's paradise.

"Sure, a lot of people thought I was crazy when I bought this place," Waldrop says, strolling through the building. "But they could not see what I saw in the place."

Built in the early '30s, the 490,000 square foot building was a creamery. Later, during World War II, it housed what some say was the largest powdered egg factory in the world.

Now, it houses an eclectic array of Waldrop's thingumabobs and thingumajigs.

In the middle rooms of this brick building, Waldrop sells hardware, seed and animal feed — the latter two being his bread and butter.

Thousands upon thousands of metal parts from long-forgotten machines line shelves in some rooms, while antique furniture and antique cars fill other rooms.

"Oh, I have a good time here," he says, stopping frequently to examine various angular pieces of machinery. "I sell a lot of my stuff, but I think I collect it faster than I can unload it."

In an airy, three-story-room in the front of the building sits what looks like an enormous upright steel toy top stretching to the ceiling. On the ground floor are a myriad of oddi-

ties: a rheostat the size of a suitcase, lead doors to a boiler, an electric refrigerator from the '40s.

"This is called an air cyclone, and this was about the last step for the powdered eggs," he says referring to the steel top, while clacking up metal stairs along one wall. "They would blow air through there at high velocity, and it would spin, and the centrifugal force would force the powder out of the air, causing it to stick to the sides of the funnel."

When he reaches the top of the staircase he walks up to a hole in the center of the domed structure and peers in. The cement floor can be seen through a hole at the structure's narrow bottom 25 feet below.

"This must have been something else when they had it running and all of those people were working," he says with a smile. "I suppose a lot of eggs have gone through here."

Lamesa's W.B. Osborn, 78, was around when the egg factory was in its heyday. From 1942 until 1945, Osborn was in charge of doling out paychecks. And with 500 employees, that was no small job.

"It was one of the busiest jobs I ever had, but I was younger then and I didn't mind," he says.

Henningsen Lamesa Inc. opened in 1942 to supply the U.S. military with powdered eggs. As far as Osborn knows, it was the largest powdered egg factory in the world.

"At one time people from all over the globe were eating eggs from Lamesa," Osborn says.

And with the military's insatiable need for food, the factory operated

24 hours a day. Osborn frequently logged 14-hour days to keep things in order, he says.

The eggs came from all over Texas and sometimes out of the state, he says. Locally, a truck would drive through the county and pick up eggs from farmers. Although he doesn't remember exact numbers, Osborn estimates workers cracked a million eggs per day.

But the busy times were not to last. In 1946, Henningsen pulled out of Lamesa and moved to the Midwest.

"It is kind of a shame they couldn't have kept it open," Osborn says. "It certainly provided a lot of good paying jobs. A lot of people missed it after it was gone."

Different people had various plans for the vacant building, but all of them fell through, Waldrop says.

"I suppose the city was hoping to get another factory in here. But nothing ever worked out."

So in 1976 a Lamesa development corporation decided to sell the building through a sealed bid. Waldrop was the only taker. For \$35,600, he acquired a handsome yet worn building. Asked if the building was worth it, Waldrop laughs.

"I figure the land would be worth more if the building were not here," he says. "But I figure it would cost more than the building is worth to tear it down. So we work with what we have."

When Waldrop toured his new purchase, he found a structure with broken windows and holes in the walls and roof. For the next year he patched up the place and planted trees around the property.

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Study: Walking could save billions in health care costs

By IRA DREYFUSS
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WASHINGTON (AP) — While Washington wrangles over costly and complex health care reform proposals, Brown University researchers have found one that's not only cheap, it's simple — walking.

If sedentary adults walked for exercise, the improvements in coronary heart disease costs alone would be so striking that America would save billions of dollars a year on health care, lost wages and related expenses, the researchers said.

In fact, even if people who dislike exercise were paid to walk, the nation could still wind up with a net savings in the billions, said the study in the journal *Archives of Family Medicine*.

The savings is possible because heart disease strikes many people and exercise is a powerful way to ward it off. Each year, there are 1.5 million heart attacks and 500,000 deaths, the study said. And other research indicates sedentary people have 1.9 times the risk that exercisers do of having a heart attack, the article said.

The researchers came to their conclusions by plugging statistics into a model of health care costs. The higher risk of coronary heart disease in sedentary people is one; another is that 40 percent of the population is sedentary.

The researchers selected adults 35-74 years of age as their study group and 1991 as the year for which they would draw health cost and population data.

They assigned some costs to walking. One is that the new exerciser would buy walking shoes at \$80 per pair and that the shoes would last about 4 years.

Another is that 10 percent of the cost of an annual physical examination could be considered exercise counseling and labeled as a cost of starting a walking program.

The study also considered the costs created by people who hurt themselves while walking and needed medical care. Depending on how the researchers varied the estimates of the injury rate, these costs ranged from less than 1.5 percent to 5 percent of the annual savings in health costs.

The researchers also had to figure how much people should walk. In one scenario, they counted on an hour a day, 5 days a week at a level of exertion within federal guidelines for a comfortable and sustainable exercise program.

If every sedentary American started to walk this much for exercise, the annual savings for America would be about \$20 billion, said Dr. Charles B. Eaton, director of the Heart Disease Prevention Center at Brown University School of Medicine in Pawtucket, R.I.

However, because it's unrealistic to expect everyone to exercise, the researchers focused on participation

rates that could be possible based on results of previous programs that encouraged people to start exercising.

If only a quarter of the sedentary population began to exercise — a level that Eaton considers reasonable with proper public education and encouragement — the savings would be nearly \$5.6 billion a year, the report said.

The researchers realized that some people just don't like exercise, so they looked into what would happen if these exercise refusers were paid to take part. The researchers assigned them half the 1991 average hourly wage of \$10.34.

If all sedentary people walked because people who otherwise would have refused were being paid to do so, the nation's annual savings would still be \$4.3 billion, the study said.

The study did not examine the costs of public education and other efforts to encourage people to exercise. But Eaton believes such programs would be good investments in health care.

"Money should be spent on prevention," Eaton said. "That seems to be cost effective."

Another expert thinks that, although the study's figures are only theoretical, the research is on the right track. "It's a fairly well done analysis," said Carl J. Caspersen, a physical activity epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

However, the costs of programs to encourage walking should be factored in, Caspersen said. Also, not all people can exercise even if they want to, he said. Some people considered sedentary in the Brown model could have been disabled and unable to walk, and some could be in neighborhoods where walking is not safe, he said.

A critical look at the Top 10 Saturday kids' shows

By SCOTT WILLIAMS
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The early ratings are in on the networks' hottest Saturday morning children's shows, and the Top 10 suggest the kids are all right.

You don't have to be young enough to qualify for a Happy Meal to enjoy these shows — suddenly, Saturday morning is full of offerings that are as appealing to adults as they are to kids.

1. *Mighty Morphin Power Rangers* (Fox) — OK, so it's an exception. The appeal of this top-rated live-action show eludes most adults — especially if we've shopped in vain for Power Ranger action figures.

Nonetheless, the Power Rangers have been a TV hit (and a retailing mega-hit) since their rollout as a syndicated weekday strip.

Using footage from a Japanese kids' show, the U.S. version features six teens of various genders and ethnicities who "morph" — er, metamorphose — into monochrome armor of red, blue, pink, green, etc., to battle evil.

Six-year-olds enjoy the Rangers' city-smashing martial-arts combat with dinosaurs and alien monsters, while older kids revel in shockingly bad dubbing and the cheesiest Japanese monsters since Mothra met Godzilla.

Verdict: Pass on this one.

2. *Animaniacs* (Fox) — Imprisoned in a studio water tower since the '40s, these three red-nosed, black-on-white zanies are Warner brothers Yakko, Wakko and their sister Dot. They periodically escape for some of Saturday's most sophisticated silliness.

This high-octane half-hour combines classic cartoon gags with the hip irreverence of the '90s. Where else can a cartoon critter get mashed by a toppling statue of filmmaker Martin Scorsese? Quelle homage!

Other segment stars include Slappy Squirrel, a dour, opinionated gal star from the '30s; two would-be world-conquering lab mice, Pinky and the Brain; and the tot Mindy, rescued from constant peril by the faithful dog Buttons.

Verdict: A delight. Now, pay attention!

3. *X-Men* (Fox) — Emotionally complex mutant superheroes (who actually inspired the *Ninja Turtles!*), the X-Men survived their transition from Marvel's popular comic book into the

simpler world of children's television.

It's a teenage wish-fulfillment fantasy, with emotionally immature adults (i.e., teens) coping with relationships and responsibilities — while saving the world from nifty explosions and evil, alien peril.

Verdict: "Evil mutants! Duck!!!"

4. *Batman & Robin* (Fox) — The Fox network brought the moody, atmospheric *Batman: The Animated Series* to TV last year as a daily, afternoon strip. It was the most distinctive, stylish cartoon on TV.

Critics loved the series' well-written, character-driven stories, its somber-hued palette and the expressionist cityscapes that evoked the *Batman* comic's original style. Surprisingly, kids loved it, too.

The Saturday show adds the Teen Wonder, Robin, as a regular player to offset some of the series' darkness and broaden its appeal.

Verdict: The dark side of the hero, still magnificent.

5. *Eek! Stravaganza* (Fox) — Starring Eek! the Cat, one of Saturday morning's more abused 'toon critters, who absorbs an horrific amount of abuse from an arbitrarily hostile universe, yet never loses his optimism, his sweet nature or his bilateral emission lisp.

Verdict: The sweetest victim since Mr. Bill.

6. *The Tick* (Fox) — Our title character is a seven-foot, 400-pound, V-shaped mass of manly muscle, a crime-fighter in pale-blue skin-tights whose jutting jaw is three times wider than his brow.

What *The Tick* lacks in brains, he makes up for with straight-arrow virtue, enthusiasm and, well, enthusiasm. His sidekick is Arthur, a plump, timorous former accountant in a moth costume (voiced by ex-Monkee Mickey Dolenz).

The *Tick*'s fellow heroes include the acerbic wonder-woman American Maid, the operatic batman Die Fledermaus, and the extremely smelly Sewer Urchin. You want villains? How about the Evil Midnight Bomber What Bombs at Midnight?

Verdict: Superb.

7. *Reboot* (ABC) — TV's first wholly computer-animated series is the most original concept for kids' TV since 1953's *Winky Dink and You* let us crayon critical plot devices onto a plastic sheet over the TV screen.

Reboot, set in the cyberspace computer city of

Mainframe, stars Bob, a "guardian program"; Dot Matrix, a smart young businesswoman, and her kid brother, Enzo, who idolizes Bob.

Villains include the demonic "viruses" Megabyte and his arch-rival, the witchy femme fatale Hexadecimal.

"Trouble in Mainframe comes in the form of computer games downloaded by The User," ABC notes. "Akin to natural disasters, the intense games appear unexpectedly ... with invasions by aliens, ninjas and dragons."

There's a lush hyperrealism and spaciousness to *Reboot*, along with breathtaking action sequences, appealing characters and witty, computer-literate humor.

Verdict: To heck with the kids: This one's a must-see for grownups.

8. *Bump in the Night* (ABC) — This nonstop, stop-action animation is led by the frenzied Mr. Bumpy, a lumpy, green mouth on legs with eye-stalks but no head. He's pure id, loves to eat dirty sweat socks and is totally charming.

His best pals are Squishington, a polymorphous blob of blue goo who lives in the commode, and a sweet, bedraggled "comfort doll" named Molly Coddle. His foes are the robot Destructo and the fantastic Closet Monster.

The animation is superb. Shapes whirl, melt and reform in astonishing plasticity. Bumpy's voice (Jim Cummings, a great blues-shouter) fires the bright, funny musical segment, "Mr. Bumpy's Karaoke Cafe."

The stories are about friendship, commitment, having a good time without hurting others and — YUM!!! — dining on dirty sweatsocks.

Verdict: Delightful. And he'd eat Gumby ... ALIVE!

9. *Where on Earth Is Carmen Sandiego?* (Fox) — The computer game spinoff is a painless geography lesson, in which teen sleuths Zack and Ivy perennially pursue Carmen to foil her dastardly thefts of world treasures.

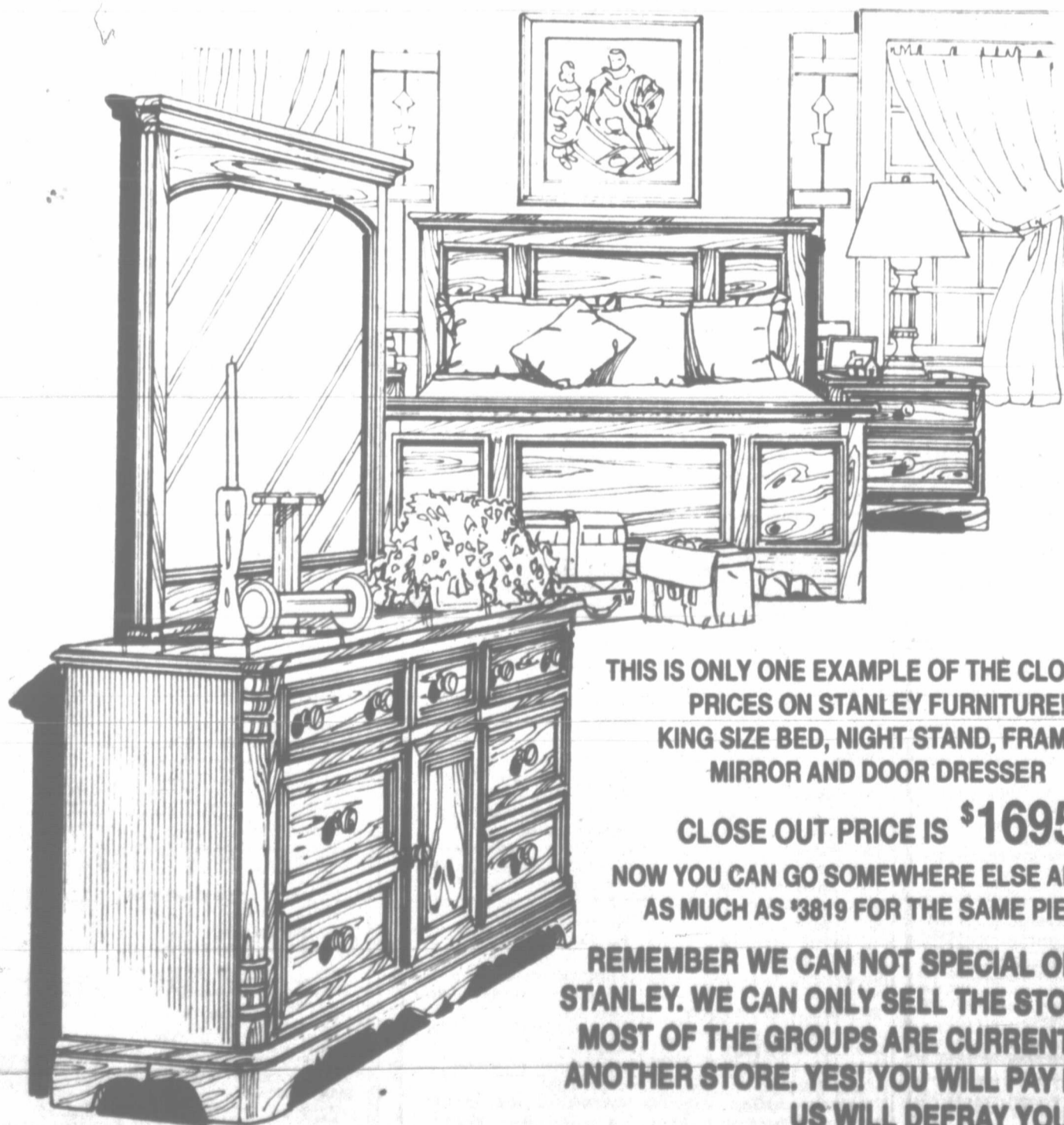
Verdict: Tune in *Beakman's World* on CBS.

10. *Tales of the Cryptkeeper* (ABC) — This is an animated spinoff of HBO's live-action series, which was itself spun off E.C. Comics' gory, classic comic book of the '50s. The cartoon is a toned-down collection of morality plays. Short on goo and gore, it suffers most from not being very scary.

Verdict: Yawning graves? No, just yawns.

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