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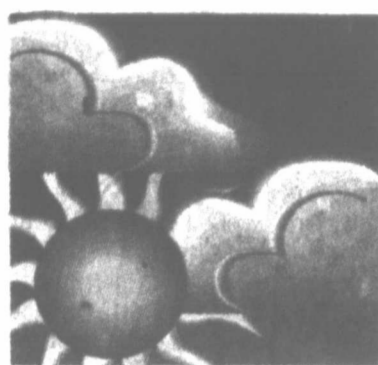
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**CLARENDON** — The Saints' Roost Jamboree will be Saturday, July 12, at the Clarendon College Bairfield Activity Center on Highway 287.

The Jamboree will be starting at 6:30 p.m. and will feature country, gospel and bluegrass music.

The talent show also starts at 6:30 p.m. with Doris Allen from Amarillo. She is new to the show and plays several instruments, sings and yodels.

This month's show will feature the Now and Again group from Amarillo and Wilderado and Weldon Allard of Amarillo, also our own Saints' Roost Band of Clarendon.

The concession stand opens at 6 p.m. and will have hot barbecue sandwiches, cold sandwiches, and its famous homemade pie along with other goodies.

**PANHANDLE** — The Carson County Square House Museum is hosting a Texas history exhibit July 2-24.

The photograph and text exhibit is organized by the Texas Humanities Resource Center in Austin and will also include a lecture by James L. Haley, author, Texas historian and curator of the museum.

The lecture will be held free of charge Sunday, July 13 at 2:30 p.m. in the Hazlewood Arts and Education Building auditorium.

For more information about the exhibit and lecture, call (806) 537-3524.

**MOBEETIE** — The 17th annual Mobeetie Bluegrass Festival will be held July 25-27 at the Old Mobeetie Jail Museum.

The festival begins at 6 p.m. Friday and lasts until noon on Sunday.

In addition to music, food concessions, arts and crafts booths and camping will be available for the public.

Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling (806) 622-2808.

**AUSTIN (AP)** — No tickets matched the numbers during Wednesday night's Texas Lotto drawing.

The winning numbers drawn were 06-12-14-31-33-34 for an estimated \$14 million. There were 136 tickets with five of the six numbers for \$1,485 each; and 6,685 tickets matched four of the six numbers for \$109 each.

The next drawing will be held Saturday for an estimated \$20 million.

- Clarence Dewey Frain, 83, truck driver
- Claude Frank Lard, 75, wildlife biologist

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## Arlo celebrates his 50th

By Dave Bowser  
Staff Writer

"I don't have a plan," Arlo Guthrie said as he sat on a stool in the middle of the stage at M.K. Brown Auditorium. "I used to have a plan."

As a folksinger, he said, he used to keep his plan taped to the top of his guitar.

"Then when I turned 40," Arlo said, "I realized I couldn't move the guitar far enough away to see it."

It gets worse. Arlo Guthrie turned 50 years old today, July 10.

Arlo's ties to Pampa are distant, but they brought him here in January.

"The last couple of years we've been going by on I-40 looking at the sign, and I kept saying one of these days, we've got to get up to Pampa," Arlo said backstage on Jan. 18. "That's where my Dad spent a lot of time growing up. He met his first wife here. I wanted to come just to see it."

Arlo's father was Woody Guthrie, an icon of American folk music, who bought his first guitar and started writing music in Pampa.

"I went home after one of these tours," Arlo said, "and I finally called up my agent one



Arlo Guthrie tunes up on stage at M.K. Brown Auditorium prior to his concert last January. The son of former Pampa resident and American folksinging legend Woody Guthrie, Arlo turned 50 today.

day when we were thinking where shall we go now."

Another connection Arlo has to Pampa is his uncle, Jeff Guthrie, a former Gray County Sheriff and a champion fiddle player. "Jeff was a real musician," Arlo said. "He was a musician's musician. He was a player. My dad wasn't a player. My dad was looking for something to do. He was a writer. He wasn't a picker..."

Arlo told his agent he wanted to go to Pampa on his next tour. He told his agent to call the Pampa Chamber of Commerce and see if there was a place to play.

"So he did, and here we are," Arlo said.

Arlo's agent was referred to Thelma Bray who heads the annual Woody Guthrie celebration in Pampa.

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## More efficient, quicker service aim of computer dispatch system

By LAURA HALEY  
Staff Writer

A new computerized dispatch and record-keeping system will provide quicker and more efficient services to citizens with police, fire and ambulance needs.

The system will replace the out-dated, hand-generated system that is currently used by the Pampa police and fire departments. Presently, dispatchers must record every incoming call on handwritten forms, assign the call a priority, keep track of fire, police and ambulance units and conduct periodic welfare checks of the units.

Although the city dispatchers only control the police and fire units, the capability to track ambulance calls could come in handy in the future. Rural/Metro, the current ambulance service in Pampa, has a contract with the city, which is set to expire in October 1998. Once that contract expires, the city could establish its own ambulance service.

The new system allows an incoming call to be recorded directly into a computerized system, automatically assigning a priority status to the call and giving the location of the nearest officers.

The system also contains maps of Pampa and surrounding areas, enabling dispatchers to give better directions and track police, fire and ambulance vehicles. In addition, the new computerized system

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## Stabbing victim gets 60 stitches

An early morning altercation on Wednesday at 213 N. Starkweather has sent two men to the hospital to be treated for stab wounds and resulted in the arrest of one man on a charge of attempted murder.

Officers answered the call placed by a family member at 1:03 a.m. and arrived to find one man who had minor wounds. The victim had left to seek treatment at the local hospital.

According to Pampa Police Department Detective David Lee, the altercation began when Michael Nelson refused to leave after being asked to do so by Buck Henry Mobley.

Henry apparently picked up a kitchen knife and proceeded to make stabbing gestures at Nelson, the officer said.

Nelson managed to get to Columbia Medical Center, where he was treated for a laceration on the left side of his face and a large laceration of the left thumb, the report said. He received more than 40 stitches to his face and more than 20 in his thumb wound.

Lee said Mobley was charged with attempted murder due to some comments he made along the lines of being glad he had stabbed Nelson and hoped he died from his wounds.

## Columbia gets Top 10 rank in care and costs Comparison involved 340 hospitals

By LAURA HALEY  
Staff Writer

Columbia Medical Center of Pampa has ranked in the top ten medical centers owned by Columbia Health Care since January.

This is an incredible accomplishment, said Phillip Young, chief executive officer of Columbia Medical Center, considering the Columbia organization owns 340 hospitals around the world.

The ranking is based on both the quality of care and the cost of services received. In order to achieve this ranking, patients and former patients are polled about the quality and prices.

But, although Columbia Medical Center ranks near the top, Young is hoping the status of the hospital will continue to grow, especially within the community of Pampa.

"What I want to be able to say is Columbia Medical Center of Pampa provides the best value in health care," he said.

With health care reform as the top of the political

firing squad list, many citizens are very aware of health costs and quality. And, of course, in a small community such as Pampa, rumors are always afloat about poor quality and outrageous prices.

"There is just such misunderstanding, such misinformation out there," said Young.

In order to improve community relations, Columbia has made a few changes. In the past, said Young, the hospital did not have a good mechanism for quoting prices. This resulted in citizens receiving incorrect quotes.

With recent changes, all quote requests are directed to the Business Manager's Office. Young explained that having only one individual issue quotes reduces confusion. In addition, customers requesting quotes are given a range of costs rather than an exact dollar figure.

Costs of a procedure can vary depending on an individual's circumstances, said Young. And, of course, factors such as health, age, allergies to medications and any special conditions could also

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## Don't be sneaky snake — root, that is...

The latest fad in health food herbs—Snake root—may cost diggers of the elongated root a fine of \$200, says the U.S. Corps of Engineer public information office.

There is nothing illegal about the plant or the root or the leaves of the Purple cone flower. Problems arise when interested hobbyists or herbalists begin digging up the plant on federally managed lands.

Often the federally managed lands are composed of exactly

the types of soils, with the proper conditions for growing the tall purple, daisy-like perennial.

Root diggers, in their quest for the bitter root, either don't know or fail to pay heed to the law that makes it unlawful to disturb any flora or fauna on federal lands.

Purple cone flowers tolerate drought and poor soil, but do well in light loamy soils with high sunlight. The flowers bloom in a bright array when natural fertilizer is used.

In, other words, the federally

managed pastures, range land and the land surrounding Army Corps of Engineer lakes is absolutely perfect as far as the purple cone flower is concerned.

The native wildflower, Echinacea Angustifolia, produces a 6-20 inch tap root which many herbalists claim to strengthen the immune system, and shows promise as a source of potent drug to fight the AIDS virus.

The combination of essential

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### Little cowboy



(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)

Jaekob Jenkins, 3-year-old son of Mac and Leann Martinez, participated in the stick horse and goat ribbon competition during this week's Kid Pony Show.

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### Toastmasters Install new officers



(Special photos)

The new "Smooth Talker and Knee Knockers" Pampa Toastmasters officers are (photo at left: backrow, from left), Treasurer Robert Ellison, V.P. of Membership Gary Casebier, President Daniel Silva, Sgt. of Arms Alfonso Walker, Secretary Mary Fleming, V.P. of Public Relations Sherry Raines and Area Four Governor Helen Woolley. The new Borger "Magic Plains Toastmasters" Club 6343 officers include (from left), Secretary Joe Janeway, V.P. of Public Relations Laura Frye, V.P. of Membership Mary Kay Ooley-Immel and President Cindy Gillman.

### State briefs

#### Judge bans unruly defendant from courtroom

**HOUSTON (AP)** — A man on trial on a charge of raping his girlfriend's daughter has been banned from the courtroom because of disruptive behavior. District Judge Mary Bacon banned Julio Cortez from the courtroom Wednesday as testimony got under way because he refused to stop talking.

Last month, during jury selection, the judge ordered Cortez gagged and shackled to his chair because he was creating a ruckus. She ultimately dismissed that panel of jurors because she feared his actions would bias the jury.

A second panel was also dismissed because attorneys couldn't find enough jurors willing to consider the whole range of punishment for the man charged with aggravated sexual assault of a child.

The jury was finally selected Tuesday and testimony began Wednesday.

#### Efforts to desegregate public housing hampered

**DALLAS (AP)** — Infighting, bad management and ineffective oversight from Washington have hampered efforts by federal authorities to desegregate public housing in East Texas, an inspector general's audit suggests.

The audit said that the federal offices set up three years ago amid much hoopla "have not effectively carried out their mission."

"Strife and confusion plague the Beaumont fair housing and public housing offices," the audit said.

The offices were set up to enforce a sweeping court order to integrate public housing in 36 East Texas counties from the Red River to Sabine Pass.

Auditors noted that there were eleven all-white housing authorities in the region when the Beaumont office was established in early 1994. As of last summer,

eight of those remained all-white, they said.

#### Beer billboard comes down after complaints

**ARLINGTON (AP)** — Public criticism that a beer billboard depicted what appeared to be teenagers enjoying Bud Light has prompted an advertising company to remove the ad.

That action Wednesday followed complaints by some Hispanics and school district leaders, who are fighting alcohol abuse by teens. They say the billboard targeted young people.

The sign, featuring two young men who appear to be pressing their faces against a window while holding beer bottles, states, "Yo Quiero Una," or "I want one."

Some parents have taken their complaints to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, which is investigating.

"There's no way those kids are old enough to drink," said Richard Lanzer, who has a 16-year-old child and lodged a complaint with the TABC. "It's totally irresponsible. It lures kids."

#### Fred Goldman to try out for talk show host spot

**SAN ANTONIO (AP)** — Fred Goldman, who gained notoriety through his dogged pursuit of O.J. Simpson after the stabbing death of his son, will take to the airwaves here for a weeklong try-out as a talk radio host.

Goldman will be on the air in San Antonio July 21-25 as part of "The Great WOAI Talk-off," an ongoing, on-air contest to determine who will permanently fill the station's 1 p.m.-3 p.m. slot.

"We'll see if Fred likes the stage and if the stage likes him," WOAI-AM operations manager Andrew Ashwood told the *San Antonio Express-News* Wednesday.

Ashwood added that he was so

impressed by his recent meeting in L.A. with Goldman that Ashwood seems intent on finding a place for him either on WOAI locally "or perhaps we'll syndicate him from Los Angeles."

Ashwood could not be reached by The Associated Press on Wednesday night. Goldman was vacationing and unavailable for comment, said his mother-in-law, Elaine Rice.

#### Property owners must fill abandoned lease space

**AUSTIN (AP)** — Texans who leave their rented apartments, homes or commercial space before their leases are completed could face lower costs for doing so under a ruling by the Texas Supreme Court.

In a unanimous opinion Wednesday, the nine-member court said landlords must make reasonable efforts to fill space

abandoned during a lease term.

That could lead to the space being rented to another tenant, limiting the amount of rent the departing tenants are required to pay.

"Requiring (an effort to limit rent due) ... discourages economic waste and encourages productive use of the property," Justice Rose Spector wrote. "A landlord should not be allowed to collect rent from an abandoning tenant when the landlord can, by reasonable efforts, relet the premises ..."

George Allen, executive vice president of the Texas Apartment Association, said nearly all landlords already comply with the court's decision.

### Senate rejects base closings

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Choosing home-state jobs over Pentagon savings, Congress killed any chance of another round of base closings before the end of the century.

A 66-33 vote in the Senate late Wednesday delivered the death blow to President Clinton's proposal for two more base closing rounds in 1999 and 2001. Both the House and Senate versions of the 1998 defense budget now have no provision for more base closings, assuring that no bill that reaches the president's desk will allow for more of the politically painful shutdowns.

Supporters of more base closings had the president, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the defense secretary on their side. Opponents had the lineup that matters on Capitol Hill: the Senate majority and minority leaders and the chairman of the Senate Appropriations and Armed Services committees.

In nearly a day of debate, lawmakers talked about military modernization, the importance of not throwing away important facilities, and the costs of cleaning up closed bases. But the debate boiled down to protecting home-state jobs.

"The only statement that can be made with confidence is that our communities will suffer dislocation and disruption well into the next century," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

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Inside the Beltway

with Rep. Mac Thornberry

Helping constituents cut bureaucratic tape

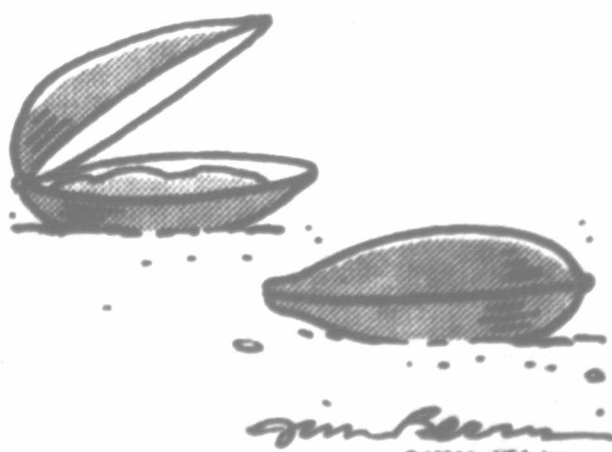
Everyone has heard stories about how hard it can be for people to find their way around the federal bureaucracy. Unfortunately, most of these stories are true. The federal government can be a cold and uncaring place for people who have a question about their Social Security check or are wondering what happened to their refund from the IRS. One of the lesser known parts of my job in Washington is to help people cut through government red tape when problems like these occur. In addition to helping people out with their Social Security checks and IRS refunds, my office can also help people with questions and concerns relating to immigration, welfare, veterans benefits, Medicare, and a host of other federal issues. While I can't tell a federal department or agency how they should rule on a particular case or inquiry, I can make sure that a person's problem or concern gets the attention it's due and the consideration it deserves. In many respects, this can be one of the most satisfying parts of my job. When everything goes right, you can really see the results of your work and the difference it makes in people's lives. But it can also be frustrating, as well, because it lets you see up close just how messed up the federal government can be. If you have a federal concern where you think I might be of some assistance, please contact me at one of my two district offices. In Wichita Falls, I can be reached at (940) 767-0541. In Amarillo, the number is (806) 371-8844. While I can't promise you'll get the answer you're hoping for, I can promise that you'll at least get an answer — which from Washington, is often half the battle.

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Charles Kuralt will be missed

Every reporter gets into this business for a different reason.

One of the reasons I got into it was because of a pudgy little guy from North Carolina.

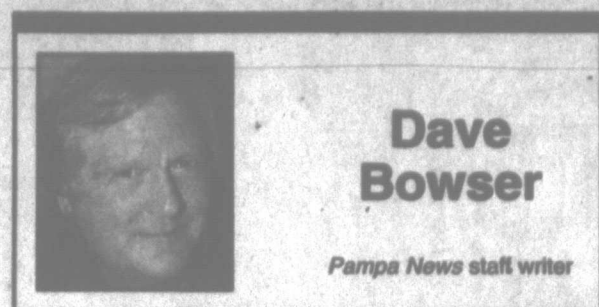
Charles Kuralt was born in Wilmington, N.C., in 1934. After college he went to work for CBS News. Although he started covering hard news, he soon found a home among what is known as soft news. Unfortunately, soft news is all too often thought of as puff pieces, small unimportant stories, stories that have no significance other than to fill space.

But Kuralt's stories were different. They weren't fluff. They had substance. They weren't world shaking international crisis, although Kuralt certainly covered those, too. They were the quiet moments that reflected us all.

Perhaps, journalism is at its best when it holds up a mirror for society, and Charles Kuralt did that well. And who he chose of us to reflect in that mirror is both inspiring and troubling.

At a time (was there ever not a time?) when front pages and the evening news were filled with war, violence, terror, death and destruction, Kuralt brought us stories that reassured, that inspired. His stories were of the joy and beauty of every day, of every day heroes, the man who fixed bicycles for neighborhood youth, the 80-year-old female aerobic pilot, the woman who planted wild flowers along the highway, of noble people.

One of the most common complaints against the news media is that all they cover is violence. Cynics claim the subject matter is determined by economics. Violence sells papers and attracts viewers and listeners. Purists claim news is by def-



Dave Bowser

Pampa News staff writer

inition anything out of the ordinary and as long as violence is out of the ordinary, then society is well.

But news, like so much else in this world, is balance. Charles Kuralt brought us that balance. He left the coverage of violence for the most part to others. He brought us beauty and joy in counterpoint to death and destruction.

If the purpose of art is to inspire, Charles Kuralt was an artist. He raised the vast wasteland of radio and television to an art form.

I never met Charles Kuralt. I first remember being introduced to him through the series "On the Road," first on radio, then on television.

I did awake one morning to find Kuralt taking me to task, or more accurately a columnist for a magazine I had to task, over Rhode Island. Kuralt and his "On the Road" crew had come through Amarillo and picked up our magazine to find a tongue-in-cheek column that questioned whether there really was a such a state as Rhode Island. Kuralt assured us that there was and they were as proud of their state as Texans were of the Lone Star state.

Later, Kuralt brightened our Sunday mornings. What more fitting time to bring us inspirational stories than Sunday morning.

I was inspired by the stories he did. I wanted to do those kinds of stories. But along the way I ended up on the police beat, and I was seduced not by the beauty of the arts, but by the of chasing fire trucks and covering shoot outs.

Hard news is the first take on history. Kuralt put that history in perspective.

Of course, such approaches to reporting still exist. Charles Osgood still has brief five minute daily radio commentaries on the often ignored stories of humanity. Osgood hosts Sunday Morning, now.

But something has been lost. Osgood apparently has a contract with CBS that allows him to make sales pitches as well as bring us the reassuring stories of everyday.

I've always felt that was rather tawdry and crass. I have nothing against advertising, but I've always felt it should be separate from the reporter's story. I've always felt it was rather like going to church and having the preacher tell you the only way to salvation was by buying your footwear from Acme Shoe Store down on Main Street.

We lost something when Charles Kuralt died the fourth of July. We lost something when Kuralt retired earlier this decade.

I still watch Sunday Morning. I listen to Osgood on radio most mornings. But when Charles Osgood comes on, I always catch myself wondering, what's he selling today?



Today in history

By The Associated Press Today is Thursday, July 10, the 191st day of 1997. There are 174 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 10, 1940, during World War II, the 114-day Battle of Britain began as Nazi forces began attacking southern England by air. By late October, Britain managed to repel the Luftwaffe, which suffered heavy losses.

On this date: In 1832, President Andrew Jackson vetoed legislation to re-charter the Second Bank of the United States.

In 1850, Vice President Millard Fillmore assumed the presidency, following the death of President Taylor.

In 1890, Wyoming became the 44th state.

In 1919, President Wilson personally delivered the Treaty of Versailles to the Senate and urged its ratification.

In 1925, the official news agency of the Soviet Union, TASS, was established.

Problems underlying real reform

Charley Reese

There are several amusing aspects to the more or less continuing furor about "reforming" public education.

One such amusing aspect is that some of the loudest mouths have no real knowledge of the subject they are being so loud about, namely education. Another is how many people suppose that there is some sort of technological or system solution.

The first step in thinking about public education is to recognize that in the United States there is no uniform public education system. There are around 15,000 local school districts, about 2.5 million teachers and about 40 million-plus students. Not only do the results vary from district to district, they vary from school to school, from classroom to classroom, from student to student.

It is a subject about which a generalization will almost always be wrong.

To a large extent, public education has become a political football. Demagogues, depending on the political constituency they are appealing to, love to propose to rescue, condemn, dismantle or reform public education. Corporate types, who are sending jobs to Third World countries where illiterate workers can be exploited, try to save their consciences by claiming American education produces poor workers.

Some upper middle-class types like to blast public education in the hope of getting vouchers

to subsidize the private schools they are sending their children to anyway. Computer and other technology peddlers are screaming that you cannot educate a child without a computer, CNN and the Internet, which is a load of horse manure.

The federal government has for years been providing billions of dollars in research grants to enable the intellectually challenged in colleges of education to dream up new bad ideas, many of which are eventually forced on the classroom teachers.

"Research" has become the con of choice and wastes more public dollars than any 100 old-style politicians who used to hire their dead-beat relatives.

A good rule of thumb is, if a public dollar is not going to build a classroom, pay a classroom teacher or buy a text or library book, then don't spend it. Education has been researched and administered to death.

Humans, of course, are born little savages, and traditionally parents civilize them from birth to about six. Many parents today don't have time for the burdensome task of civilizing their children;

consequently, some young ones show up at the school-house door uncivilized and, in some cases, hungry and virtually mute. Naturally, the parents play the great American game of "It's Not My Fault" and blame public education. No one has paid a heavier price for the '60s generation's self-indulgent, me-first attitude than their children.

Many parents, too, have forgotten the old adage that "teachers teach, but students learn." Teaching is hard work, but so is learning. Many parents and their children seem to be under the impression that there is some magical way to learn without the expenditure of time and energy. There's not.

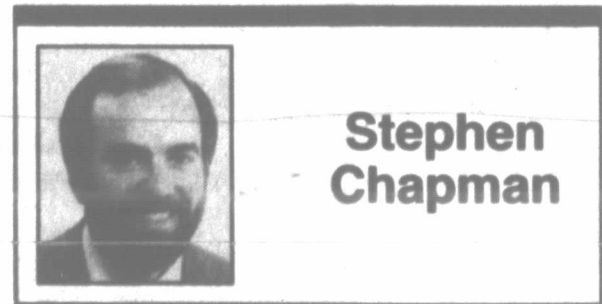
A lot of learning is just plain memorizing. If certain essential data is not committed to memory during the elementary school years, further education is unlikely to be successful. Study takes time, discipline and concentration.

A good book on this point for high school or college-bound students is *Study is Hard Work*, by William H. Armstrong (David R. Godine, 1995). It's a no-nonsense discussion.

At best, a school can only provide an environment, a teacher and an orderly arrangement of the subjects to be studied. If the parents do not civilize their children and instill in them a desire to learn, all the money and computers in Christendom will not educate their offspring. And unfortunately, that's not the least bit amusing.

The people win on assisted suicide

Stephen Chapman



A year ago, the advocates of assisted suicide had all the momentum on their side. Oregon voters had approved a measure making theirs the first state to legalize the practice. Jack Keovorkian was still a free man, thanks to juries that refused to send him to prison for hooking volunteers up to his suicide machine. And in the most stunning development, two federal appeals courts found that the U.S. Constitution gives a dying patient the right to a doctor's help in killing himself.

"I have always thought that society would move toward some sort of legalization of assisted suicide, but I thought it would take the better part of a decade, not the better part of a year," lamented Arthur Kaplan, director of the Center for Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania, an opponent. "You're talking about a sea change overnight — in public policy on this issue."

Recently, the Supreme Court said: Oh, no, we're not. In a rare show of consensus, a unanimous court said the Constitution establishes no such right. Not a single one of the nine justices, liberal or conservative, agreed with the lower court rulings. Like the Iraqi army in the Gulf War, the supporters of assisted suicide were not just defeated — they were routed. The "right-to-die" momentum is suddenly gone, and it may never be revived.

The advocates had hoped that the court would pre-empt the entire public debate over the issue, as it did with abortion in 1973, by enshrining assisted suicide as a constitutional right, subject to only minimal restriction. The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals said abortion and assisted suicide were so similar that they deserved the same constitutional status.

"Like the decision whether or not to have an abortion," said the appellate court, "the decision how and when to die is one of the most intimate and personal choices a person may make in a life-

time, a choice central to personal dignity and autonomy." It quoted one of the court's nuttier lines on abortion rights: "At the heart of liberty is the right to define one's own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life."

The justices, hearing those words again, may have had the good sense to cringe at such vaporous mumbo jumbo. At any rate, they were not eager to go off on that sort of tangent again. Instead, the court looked back at its experience with the abortion issue and firmly resolved not to repeat it.

Chief Justice William Rehnquist, writing for the court, tersely dismissed the philosophizing about personal autonomy. "That many of the rights and liberties protected by the Due Process Clause sound in personal autonomy does not warrant the sweeping conclusion that any and all important, intimate and personal decisions are so protected," he said.

The court recognized what it failed to heed 24 years ago on abortion: It needs an extremely powerful reason to spin a new right out of old constitutional fibers. Otherwise, it is not interpreting the nation's charter but merely substituting the policy desires of nine people for the policy desires of 260 million people. It is also blocking consensus and fostering popular contempt of the judiciary — and even the Constitution itself.

"By extending constitutional protection to an asserted right or liberty interest, we, to a great extent, place the matter outside the arena of public debate and legislative action," said the justices, and this they were unwilling to do. "Throughout the nation, Americans are engaged in an earnest and profound debate about the morality, legality and practicality of physician-assisted suicide. Our holding permits this debate to continue, as it should in a democratic society."

The supporters of assisted suicide wanted the court to impose their preferences on the entire country. That would have spared them the tedium of dispelling the doubts Americans harbor about letting doctors use their knowledge to kill as well as heal — doubts made clear by the fact that 49 states ban the practice.

It would also have relieved them of the need to explain how we can safeguard against deadly abuse. In the Netherlands, where assisted suicide is tolerated, the right of a terminally ill patient to a doctors help in hastening death has grown rapidly in practice. It now includes the right of doctors and families to euthanize comatose patients without their consent, the right of the parents of a fatally handicapped newborn to have the baby killed and the right of physically healthy but distraught people to a doctor's help in committing suicide.

But the "right-to-die" proponents, unlike abortion-rights groups a generation ago, didn't get their way. Instead, policy decisions on assisted suicide will be left to elected lawmakers in 50 different states acting on the desires of their constituents. It will be an interesting experiment. Call it democracy.

# Beef award up for grabs

As part of an effort to recapture market share, the beef industry has launched "The Cattlemen's Centennial Award for Best New Beef Product in America." The award highlights the changing nature of today's beef products and recognizes those products that deliver a great-tasting beef experience to consumers.

"In recent years, consumers have really shown they want to have new products that add variety and value to their meals, both at home and at restaurants," said Jan Lyons, Manhattan, Kan., beef producer, immediate past chair of the Cattlemen's Beef Board, which is providing the funding for the initiative. "Producer leaders considered a number of ways to encourage the development and marketing of exciting, new beef products and they decided producers' checkoff dollars were well spent by supporting the Cattlemen's Centennial Award."

The award is available to the creator or marketer of a retail or foodservice beef product or product line that meets a number of criteria, including taste, addressing the consumers' needs, is branded, offers enhanced value, is innovative in character or packaging, has addressed food safety and is new after Jan. 1, 1995.

A selection committee, including retail and foodservice industry leaders, will evaluate all entries based on the award criteria. Based on the committee's decision, the winner of the "Cattlemen's Centennial Award for Best New Beef Product in America" will be announced at the beef industry's Centennial Convention in Denver, Co., Feb. 4-8, 1998. In addition to recognition at the Centennial Celebration, the winner will receive \$250,000 to help promote and develop new beef products.

Entry forms and rules can also be obtained by faxing a request to (312) 670-9414, or by writing to Melissa Denny, Cattlemen's Centennial Award, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, 444 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60611. Completed entries should be sent to the same address. All entries must be received by close of business, Aug. 31, 1997.

## Altrusa scholarship



(Pampa News photo by Laura Holey)

Jeanne Mitchell, president of Altrusa International, presents a certificate to Jennifer Chaney, who was recently awarded the 1996-97 Geraldine Rampy vocational scholarship. Every year Altrusa International presents the \$500 scholarship to a young woman that has excelled in the area of vocational education.

## Family wins suit against Lubbock hospital

LUBBOCK (AP) — The family of a 20-year-old pregnant woman who died from a heart attack after a drug-addicted doctor incorrectly injected her anesthetic will get \$10.5 million from the hospital.

South Park Hospital agreed to work to institute drug testing of its doctors in the settlement approved Tuesday by a state judge.

The hospital admitted no wrongdoing, saying it had no idea the doctor was abusing drugs.

Margo Glickman Johnson was being operated on in July 1995

when Dr. Jack Dunn III, an anesthesiologist, missed the epidural space in the 20-year-old woman's lower back and struck a major vein leading to her heart.

Mrs. Johnson died quickly of a heart attack and her baby was not delivered.

In a letter to his girlfriend, Dunn had admitted he was addicted to drugs, some available to him at the hospital. Lawyers for the family were not privy to the letter until a sympathetic nurse secretly supplied it to them just four months ago.

# Agreement reached on TV rating system, key lawmakers say

By JEANNINE AVERSA  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The TV industry has agreed in principle to revamp its six-month-old program ratings system to give parents better tools to shield children from violence, sex and potentially offensive language, key lawmakers say.

By Oct. 1, parents can expect to see the letters "V," "S," "L" and "D" show up alongside the ratings that now flash in the upper-left corner of TV screens for 15 seconds at the beginning of a program. The letters stand for violence, sex and language that could be viewed as offensive. The "D," for suggestive dialogue, would indicate language filled with sexual innuendo.

Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., said the agreement was reached Wednesday night between the industry and parents' groups, children's advocates and others and would be signed today. Assuming that happens, Vice President Al Gore was expected to announce the accord at the White House, a White House source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"We are putting the finishing touches on an agreement involving modifications to the TV parental guidelines," said Dennis Wharton, a spokesman for the National Association of Broadcasters.

"It's a done deal," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., one of several lawmakers who pressured broadcast and cable networks to strengthen the ratings voluntarily or face the possibility of having Congress do it for them.

ABC, CBS and Fox are part of the agreement, along with the major cable networks. NBC is not.

"There is no place for government involvement in what people watch on television," NBC said in a statement Wednesday night. Beth Comstock, an NBC spokeswoman, said the network would continue using the existing six-tier, age-based ratings system and would add additional, unspecified

information about a show's content on a case-by-case basis.

But McCain and other lawmakers said they expected NBC to adopt the same ratings by fall.

The American Psychiatric Association, one of the groups involved in the ratings negotiations, and some small, unidentified cable companies also shunned

14" for programs unsuitable for children under 14; and "TV-MA" for mature audiences only.

Since they took effect Jan. 1, the TV ratings have been attacked by parents' groups and some lawmakers for not giving parents enough information to make decisions about children's viewing choices.

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Tauzin said. Meanwhile, the Screen Actors Guild, the Directors Guild of America and the Writers Guild of America have threatened to file a lawsuit against the revamped ratings, citing free speech concerns. Also, they have argued that the current system has not been given enough time to work.

One or all of the new "V," "S," "L" and "D" notations would be added to the present "TV-PC" for parental guidance suggested; "TV-

"This is a wonderful development for parents," said Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., who wrote the law calling on — but not requiring — the TV industry to rate shows.

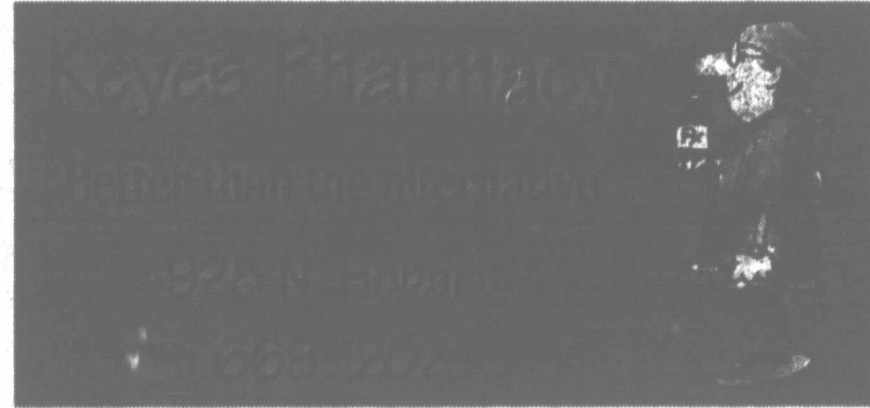
Broadcasters balked at adding the new letter codes to the current "TV-Y7" rating for programs suitable for children seven and older. Instead, the industry will add a special designation for cartoons or fantasy programs aimed at older children, such as "FV" for fantasy violence.

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### Alumni year book



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Standing beside the WTA&M exhibit table, looking through the current alumni year book are Warren Hasse of Pampa, Dr. Russell Long, Phoebe Reynolds of Pampa, and Coach Stan McGarvey.

### Curriculum vote looms as criticism, praise abounds

AUSTIN (AP) - With a final vote looming on Texas' new school curriculum, conservative critics urged a public outcry to change what they consider a flawed document. But Republican Gov. George W. Bush stood firm in backing it. The State Board of Education is scheduled to take a preliminary vote Thursday and final action Friday on revised curriculum standards for English, math, science, health and social studies. Nearly 80 people have signed up to testify at a Thursday hearing.

On the eve of that meeting, Education Commissioner Mike Moses held a news conference to tout support from education experts for the state's first wholesale rewrite of education standards in more than a decade.

"These are recognized scholars who have stepped forward and said that they would endorse our document," said Moses, who was appointed by Bush on the recommendation of the State Board of Education.

Among those supporting the rewrite, Moses said Wednesday, are Texas historian T.R. Fehrenbach, who called the social studies curriculum proposal "not a perfect document ... but I believe it will mark a very great step forward from where we are now;" Diane Ravitch, a professor of educational policy at New York University; and

Barbara Foorman, professor and director for the Center for Academic and Reading Skills at the University of Texas-Houston Health Science Center.

Education board members already have approved a new curriculum for geometry, Algebra I and II and enrichment courses, including fine arts and career and technology. The curriculum forms the basis for statewide tests and the adoption of instructional materials.

State Board of Education member Donna Ballard of The Woodlands, a Republican and one of six people on the 15-member board strongly backed by religious conservatives, is among the chief critics of the proposed Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills.

She contends the rewrite is not rigorous enough and supports an alternative.

"But without a tremendous outpouring from citizens, we won't be able to muster the votes to get the job done and will watch a nebulous set of standards be adopted instead," she said in an essay published in several newspapers.

Ms. Ballard also criticized Bush. "Contrary to his campaign promises, he has embraced the education establishment. At this hour of need, leadership from the governor is lacking," she wrote.

### Bush will push tax measure during road trip

AUSTIN (AP) - Gov. George W. Bush is planning a road trip before the Aug. 9 election to ask voters to approve a \$1 billion plan for rolling back local school property taxes.

Bush, who lost two-thirds of his \$3 billion tax relief plan in the Legislature, wants to make sure Texans know about the ballot measure and ratify it.

"I'm worried about turnout," the governor said Wednesday. "I'm confident that with a reasonable turnout it will pass. Very few people should be against it."

The \$1 billion proposal is what remains after the Legislature spent 140 days chewing over Bush's initial tax rollback idea. Bush recommended spending a \$1 billion budget surplus and replacing about \$2 billion in local property taxes with new state levies.

The \$1 billion tax cut is a proposed amendment to the Texas Constitution. If it's ratified by voters, minimum homestead exemptions will be raised from \$5,000 to \$15,000, reducing school property taxes by an average of \$140 a year.

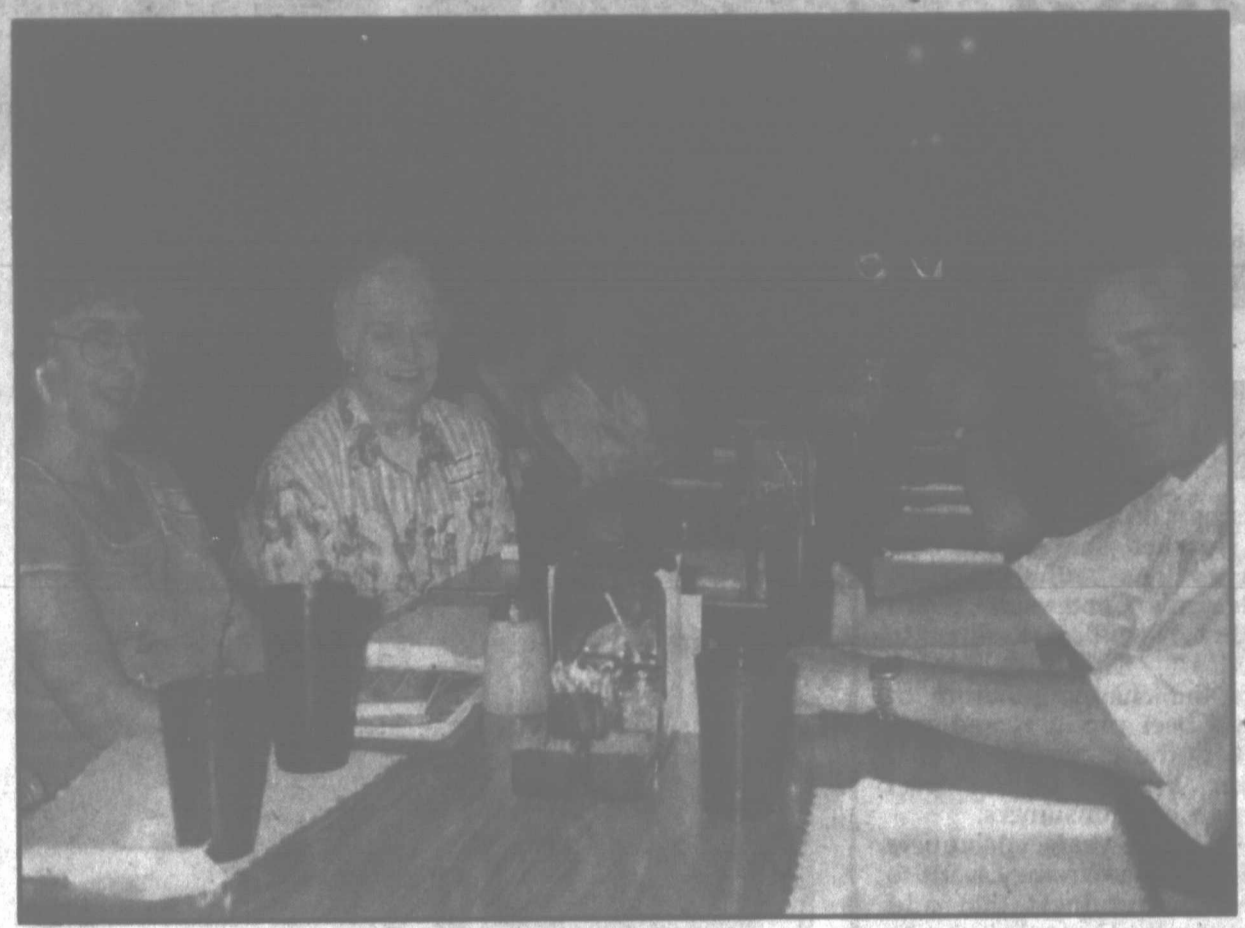
Lisa Glass, spokeswoman for the secretary of state's office, said voters have until Thursday to register for the election.

The property tax proposition is the only amendment on the Aug. 9 ballot. On Nov. 4, another 14 constitutional amendments proposed by this year's Legislature will go before voters.

Bush said he knew of no organized opposition to the tax proposal. "Who would vote against a billion-dollar property tax cut?" he asked.

However, he said, he plans a five-day swing across the state to encourage ratification, combined with a series of newspaper opinion page essays advocating the amendment's passage.

### WTAMU 'Blitz'



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromarlie)

Guests and representatives of West Texas A&M University meet for a barbecue dinner at Dyer's Barbecue Restaurant, Tuesday night to learn more about the university and what it represents for area communities. In the picture are Royal Brantley, WTA&M head of the Department of Art, communications and theater; Keith Brown, president elect of Alumni Associates Board and graduate of the class of '91; Sid Walker, director of development; Misty Price, director of Alumni Associates, class of '92; Bob Beumer, coordinate of external affairs, athletics; Ed Harris, athletics director; Warren Hasse, a local friend of the university; Dr. Russell Long, president of WTA&M at Canyon; Jon Hildebrandt, a local friend of WT; and wife, Katrina Hildebrandt; Phoebe Reynolds, member of the WT Foundation; June McGahey, graduate of class of '38; Helen Mackie, class of 1954 and 1957; Ann and Lonnie Loter, friend of WT and Trent Loter, former student; and Stan McGarvey, WTA&M football coach.

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# Trial lawyers may champion fight against tobacco deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was lawyers, wielding lawsuits from sick smokers and states stuck with their medical bills, who finally pushed the major tobacco companies to the bargaining table to craft a historic settlement.

Yet trial lawyers — who traditionally oppose anything that curtails lawsuits — may prove the tobacco deal's most powerful opponents in what promises to be a big-money battle on Capitol Hill.

The Association of Trial Lawyers of America, an aggressive, well-financed lobby with close ties to President Clinton and other Democrats, is poised to fight the proposed \$368 billion tobacco settlement unless major changes are made before the deal goes to Congress for its approval.

In an unusual twist, the 55,000-member lawyers' group would be pitted against some of its own most prominent members — the group of trial lawyers who negotiated the settlement and stand to make billions from it. "We've never really been divided on any

political issue before," said Russ Herman, a former ATLA president and one of the attorneys who helped seal the tobacco deal. "But if ATLA lobbies against this bill, it will still be extremely effective and powerful."

Opposing the settlement also would pit ATLA against another powerful lobby — the tobacco companies. The cigarette-makers plan a no-holds-barred effort to promote the settlement that offers them relief from lawsuits and mounting legal bills.

In addition to their regular lobbyists, the tobacco companies have hired some heavy-weight help — former Republican Party Chairman Haley Barbour along with a mostly Democratic law firm that includes former Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole.

Already this year, Philip Morris, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and the industry's Tobacco Institute have given more than \$425,000 to the Republican National Committee.

Philip Morris alone contributed \$3 million to the political parties in 1995-96, making it

the nation's largest giver of the type of unlimited corporate donations that many reformers hope to ban. In all, the tobacco industry gave about \$9.5 million in political donations.

There will be other players, too. Public-health advocates, tobacco farmers, advertising agencies, consumer groups, labor unions, insurance companies — all are sizing up the deal or suggesting changes, preparing to take sides in the congressional battle this fall.

"This issue is radioactive. Everybody is going to have their Geiger counter out," said Rich Hailey, incoming president of the trial lawyers' association. "It almost gets hard to think of who won't be involved in this debate."

The proposed settlement calls for the tobacco companies to pay \$368 billion over the next 25 years toward anti-smoking campaigns, efforts to reduce teenage smoking, programs to help smokers quit and compensation for the states' Medicaid spending on smoking-related illnesses.



(Special photo)

Clarendon College recently hosted the 17th annual FFA leadership conference in Clarendon. Pampa FFA students (from left to right) Melissa Price, Courtney Lowrance and Erin Marie Cobb were in attendance.

## Annual leadership conference held at Clarendon College

CLARENDON — Future farmers of America chapters from across the Texas Panhandle met at Clarendon College for the 1997 Area I FFA Leadership Conference.

According to Jerry Hawkins, CC agriculture chairperson, 216 FFA members attended the 17th annual leadership conference, June 23-25 in Clarendon.

Throughout the conference, Area I, district and state FFA officers led educational programs focusing on improving student leadership skills. Chapter members also participated in a variety of fun-filled workshops, dances and a banquet. Skills learned by FFA members and advisers will be applied to local, district, area and state FFA levels throughout the 1997-98 school year, according to Hawkins.

"The Agriculture Science instructors also use our conference to plan their activities for the year," Hawkins said. "Plus, the conference provides the chapters an opportunity to fine-tune and prepare for the upcoming

State FFA convention." The 1997 State FFA convention will be held the second week of July in Amarillo.

Fifty-one FFA chapters were represented at the 1997 Area I Leadership Conference. Chapters included Abernathy, Amarillo Tascosa, Amherst, Boys Ranch, Canadian, Childress, Claude, Cotton Center, Dalhart, Dimmitt, Dumas, Floydada, Friendship, Friona, Gruver, Guthrie, Hale Center, Hart, Hereford, Idalou, Kress, Lazbuddie, Lubbock Cooper, Lubbock Coronado, McLean, Memphis, Morton, Motley County, Muleshoe, Nazareth, Olton, Pampa, Panhandle, Patton Springs, Petersburg, Plainview, Roosevelt, Ropes, Shallowater, Shamrock, Slaton, Spade, Springlake Earth, Spur, Sunray, Valley and White Deer.

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# THE PAMPA NEWS

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## U.S.O. Volunteers Continue To Serve Peacetime Military

**DEAR ABBY:** With all the support you provide to our servicemen and women through Operation Dear Abby, perhaps you'd like to tell your readers that the USO is still alive and well. The United Services Organization, which is non-profit and receives no funding from the government, was founded in 1941 during World War II.

My 17-year-old twin daughters and I volunteer at the USO Puget Sound Area Military Center at the Seattle International Airport. People say, "Oh, is USO still around? We thought that was a World War II thing." Well, it is still around, because we still have men and women in uniform (most of the armed services today are volunteers), who have chosen to protect our country and "stand on the wall of freedom." My daughters and I feel honored to serve them, to show them the American people appreciate them and what they are doing for our country.

Even in peacetime, servicemen and women risk their lives daily. Last February, three Coast Guardsmen lost their lives off the coast of Washington while rescuing a sailboat in trouble. It really brought home the fact that servicemen and women today, whether in a peace-keeping situation like Bosnia or routine jobs at military installations around the world, are "in the line of fire" constantly.

USO stays open thanks to the efforts of volunteers who give of

**Abigail Van Buren**  
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

their time and money, and organizations who donate items and money to provide refreshments, a quiet place away from the airport terminals and — many times — information to help them to get to their next duty station. Whether the person who walks through that center door is a 17-year veteran of the services or a new recruit fresh out of boot camp, these people need our respect and appreciation.

As a proud volunteer at the USO, I ask your help in informing your readers that USO exists and needs their support.

WENDY FLORES, SEATTLE

**DEAR WENDY:** I'm pleased to pass along the word that such a worthwhile organization is alive and well. I vividly remember the USO from World War II. Its volunteers and contributors deserve praise for continuing to provide a comfortable and supportive atmosphere for our servicemen and women who are far from home. An excellent

way to support our soldiers is to support the USO.

**DEAR ABBY:** I just broke off all ties to a woman who has been my best friend, lover and partner in life. As in any relationship, we've had our share of problems. Unfortunately, the most recent was too difficult for me to overcome.

"Rene" felt that she needed to satisfy her curiosity. She met someone new and now spends all her time with him.

What Rene doesn't know is that her new friend is trying to satisfy his curiosity with three or four other women as well as satisfying Rene. I have concrete evidence that proves his guilt. Should I give her the information I have prior to her being hurt, or should I wait until she's been burned, let her learn a lesson and then present her with the evidence?

**C.M. IN PHOENIX**  
**DEAR C.M.:** If your ex-girlfriend has an emotional investment in this new man, it's unlikely that she'll believe you if you try to intervene. Stay out of the line of fire. (Let's hope she's had the good sense to use protection.)

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## Horoscope



**Your Birthday**

Friday, July 11, 1997

The year ahead should be an active one both socially and business-wise for you. Your ability to adjust to new people and environments might amaze your friends. **CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Wishful thinkers who bet on blind expectations usually wind up losers, but today, a flyer might fulfill expectations if you think things through sensibly first. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be

sure to state your zodiac sign. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Take developments in stride today and try to maintain harmony in your relationships. If you let calm prevail, it will permeate a positive atmosphere.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Unusual swings in your financial affairs might become multiple occurrences today that could suddenly put you on the profitable side of the ledger.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Your popularity is at a high point and could cause friends to vie for your time and attention. Try not to play favorites but to treat all equally. **SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Developments over which you might have little control should work out to your advantage today. Lady Luck will be adjusting all the bells and switches.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** It could prove most enjoyable today to plan something social with just a few friends whose company you truly enjoy.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Elevate your sights higher than usual today; you can achieve what you envision. Use your

ingenuity and don't be afraid to experiment.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** In your involvements with others today, the mantle of leadership might be foisted upon your shoulders. Take charge!

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Your insights in business matters will be constructively focused today. Be cognizant of your hunches, but also rely upon your common sense.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Usually it's not too wise to put credence in snap judgments. Today, however, your on-the-spot decisions are likely to be on the money.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Success is indicated today in most areas where you blend your practicality with logic. Each are supportive of the other in constructive ways.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** The basic axiom of your success today is dependent upon your faith in ideas and your future. Know mentally that what you conceive can be achieved.

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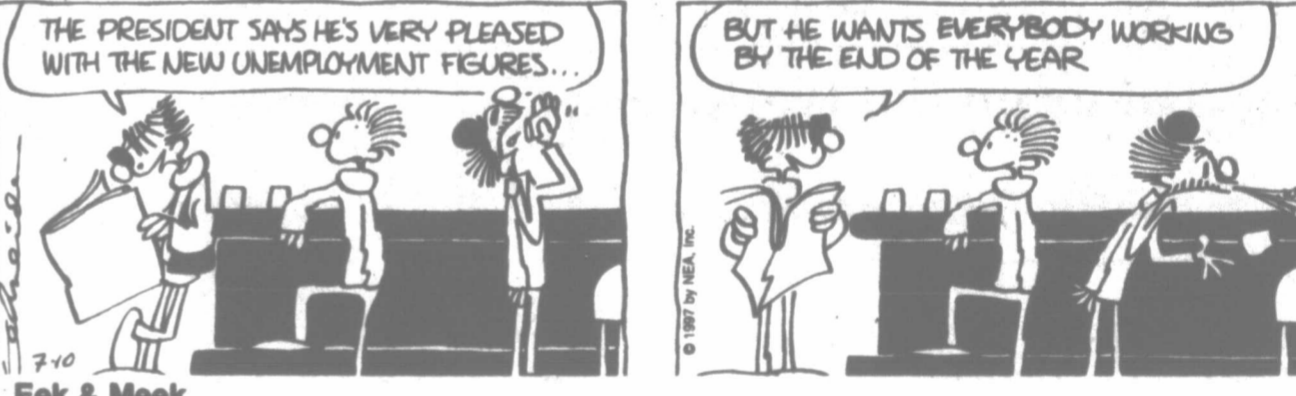
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"He wanted a summer cottage."

### The Family Circus



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World briefs

**Tens of thousands march to London to defend hunting**

LONDON (AP) — It's being billed as the biggest rural uprising since the English Civil War in the 17th century.

Up to 90,000 people from villages and hamlets across Britain were expected to converge on London's Hyde Park today to defend their right to hunt with hounds.

Blood sport enthusiasts fear a Labor lawmaker's bill that would outlaw hunting with hounds will spell the end of all forms of hunting, shooting and fishing, changing the face of rural Britain.

Prime Minister Tony Blair, whose Labor party swept to power with a 179-seat majority in national elections May 1, said Wednesday he is backing the bill.

"I have voted before in favor of a ban on fox hunting and I shall continue to do so," Blair said in reply to a lawmaker's question in the House of Commons.

The government plans to allow lawmakers to vote on the bill according to their consciences. Most Labor legislators are known to favor the bill, so it has a strong chance of passing into law. Conservatives oppose it.

Opponents of blood sports say hunting is cruel and unnecessary, an outdated relic of a bygone era.

But hunters say they perform vital culling of foxes and help preserve the countryside by maintaining hedgerows and planting trees to encourage birds and other wildlife.

The Standing Conference on Countryside Sports, an alliance of pro-hunting groups, said its studies have shown that the jobs of 27,000 people, ranging from game keepers to farriers and saddlemakers, could go if hunting is banned.

**Earthquake in Venezuela leaves at least 40 dead**

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Rescue workers picked through the rubble of a collapsed school and an office building in northeastern Venezuela today in a desperate effort to save about 50 people buried during an earthquake.

The earthquake Wednesday afternoon killed at least 40 people, including 26 students, and injured 162, said Gov. Ramon Martinez of Sucre state, the hardest-hit region.

"We've rescued many people, and we know there are more" victims at the school and the multi-story office tower, Martinez told The Associated Press in a telephone interview early today. "It's possible the death toll could go higher."

The country's worst earthquake in 30 years — with an initial magnitude of 5.5 — struck at 3:25 p.m. Wednesday and sent thousands of people fleeing from homes, restaurants and office buildings from this capital more than 300 miles east to Cumana and also on Margarita island in the Caribbean.

About 30 people remained trapped early today in a demolished office tower in downtown Cumana, the state capital of Sucre, Martinez said. Another 20 to 30 students, teachers and others were buried in the debris of a school in the town of Cariaco.

**NATO led forces arrest war crime suspects**

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — NATO-led forces arrested two Bosnian Serbs early today in an operation that reflected a new, tougher attitude toward war crimes suspects. A Bosnian police chief was killed in the process, a British official said.

Bosnian Serbs and international sources in Sarajevo identified the two men as Simo Drljaca, former police chief of the northwest Bosnian town of Prijedor, and Prijedor hospital chief Mico Kovacevic.

Sources said Drljaca had been seriously wounded in the operation in northwest Bosnia, while official Bosnian Serb radio and TV said he was killed.

NATO-led forces arrested two men in Bosnia today and a Bosnian police chief was killed in the operation, British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook said in London. The police chief was one of the two men who were arrested, the Foreign Office said.

Cook said it had always been part of the peacekeeping mandate that "troops not only can but should apprehend war criminals whom they encounter in the course of their work."

"These two men were within the British sector of Bosnia. They were known to our forces and that is why they were apprehended," Cook told Sky Television.

**Mudslide wipes out houses in southern Japan**

TOKYO (AP) — A mudslide triggered by torrential rains swept down a mountain in southern Japan early today, killing 19 people and wiping out more than a dozen homes. Two people were missing and feared dead.

Another dozen people were injured, two of them seriously, when the mudslide roared down, crashing through a 45-foot-high concrete barrier that was being built to protect the city of Izumi on the southern island of Kyushu, local police said.

After three days of unrelenting rain, a section of mountain gave way at about 1 a.m., releasing an avalanche of bright red mud, boulders and trees on the small community 625 miles southwest of Tokyo.

It carried away all or part of 16 houses in the basin below.

"It's unbelievable," said Gov. Tetsuro Suga of Kagoshima prefecture (state). "It's the first time we've seen such a disaster."

Izumi was the worst-hit area in Kyushu, where flooding damaged some 600 houses, set off about 100 small landslides and covered roads with mud.

**British Airways vows to offer more flights in spite of strike**

LONDON (AP) — British Airways is losing millions of dollars a day from a flight attendants' strike but said it hoped to fly more airplanes today. Passengers faced more aggravating delays and cancellations.

Jeanne Fry tried to get home to suburban Philadelphia from London's Heathrow Airport on Wednesday, but the airline could give her no immediate satisfaction.

"We told them we'll go anywhere — Boston, Chicago, New York — but so far we've got nowhere," Fry said on her way back from her son's wedding.

Fry and other travelers were left in limbo after the British Airline Stewards and Stewardesses Association walked off the job in a pay dispute, throwing British Airways into chaos in a strike scheduled to run through Saturday morning.

About 70 percent of the airline's flights out of its main hub at Heathrow were grounded as the strike began, with about ten percent of the flights from London's smaller Gatwick airport canceled.

That came to 135 flights scheduled to leave London alone. Before long, the airline also was experiencing problems with return flights because dozens of airplanes were not in place to fly back.

British Airways was unable to fly London-Phoenix on Wednesday, for example, so it could not fly Phoenix-London today.

British Airways executives predicted an enhanced, but still reduced, flight schedule today. They said the airline would increase services by about 25 percent over Wednesday's levels, adding

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some of the intercontinental, European and domestic flights they missed.

Franz Beauzil, a print manager from Speyer, Germany, said he got the runaround from British Airways on his plans to return today from a family vacation in the States.

Beauzil was told Monday night that his flight out of Phoenix was still scheduled, but on Wednesday he ended up spending hours at the airport, only to learn he would have to fly out twelve hours earlier than scheduled, on another airline.

"That's stupid," Beauzil said. "I've lost two days — one day walking through the airport and tomorrow we leave at 9 o'clock in the morning."

Despite trying to put on its best face, British Airways was left grumbling about the legality of the strike vote taken by the BASSA union, which represents 8,500 of the flight attendants. The union reiterated its contention that the vote was perfectly legal, but British Airways held out the threat that it might sue for damages.

Another 3,500 flight attendants, represented by a breakaway union, Cabin Crew 89, have settled a wage deal with the airline and are crossing the picket lines. British Airways said some members of the striking union also were defying the walkout and many more were calling in sick — so they wouldn't have to strike or work.

The Transport and General Workers Union, which is handling negotiations for the strikers, said the workers had shown solidarity and predicted British Airways would lose \$330 million in the walkout.

"There is no possibility of the company operating anything like a normal service without an end to the dispute," said George Ryde, the transport union's national secretary for civil aviation.

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