

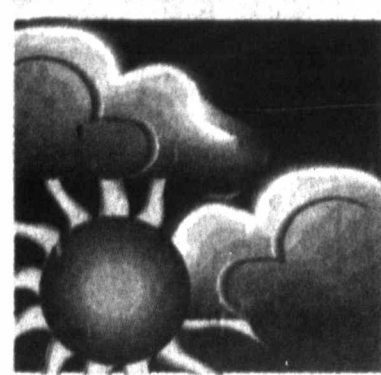
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**AMARILLO** — The Amarillo Fine Arts Association will be holding its Membership Art Show and Sale from 1 to 5 p.m. Sept. 14 at Las Tiendas De Amarillo, 6666 Amarillo Blvd. West.

The public is invited to take a Sunday afternoon stroll through the courtyard of Las Tiendas to view artwork in all media by local artists. A percentage of the sales in the exhibit will supplement the AFAA Scholarship Program.

Amarillo Fine Art Association members in the area include: Walton Bailey, Billie Collinsworth, Mary Cook, Larry Love, Lois Minnick, Nancy Reece, G.L. Sanders and Marilyn Shepherd, all of Pampa; Janys Stubbs of McLean; and Darla McDowell of Shamrock.

**AUSTIN (AP)** — Travis County Attorney Ken Oden says a lawyer for state Sen. Drew Nixon notified a judge that Nixon will plead guilty when his case comes up for trial next week, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported today.

The defense attorney's conversation with County Court-at-Law Judge David Puryear on Tuesday couldn't be heard by courtroom spectators.

Neither Oden nor Nixon attended Tuesday's hearing.

But Oden told the newspaper, "It is my understanding that in the course of the hearing the court was informed that Senator Nixon had requested (only) a punishment hearing for the proceeding on Monday."

After the brief discussion with Puryear, Nixon's lawyer, Dain Whitworth, declined to discuss trial strategy. He said only that the case would proceed as scheduled Monday.

Oden said he will seek clarification from the judge and Nixon's lawyer about whether Nixon plans to plead guilty to both the concealed weapon and prostitution charges stemming from his Feb. 18 arrest during a police prostitution sting.

Nixon was arrested after allegedly trying to pick up a female police officer posing as a prostitute. The weapon charge stems from a loaded pistol found under Nixon's car seat at the time of the arrest. He did not have a permit to carry it.

- Jacqueline "Jackie" Alberty Larner, 49, home-maker
- Zella E. Owen, 82, home-maker

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## City commission pleased with park

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY  
Staff Writer

City Commissioners approved development plans for the Dr. V.E. von Brunow park presented by the Pampa Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Tuesday night.

The park, named after a historical Pampa doctor, is located downtown at the intersection of Cuyler and Foster, beside the VFW building.

Parks Director Reed Kirkpatrick initially presented the plans and layout of the proposed park to the commission before turning the presentation over to Judy Elliott, chairwoman of the parks advisory board.

"This is our recommendation based on what citizens have told us," Elliott said.

She informed commissioners that the design of the park evolved from many ideas of supportive citizens and city organizations.

Parks Advisory Board Member William McCarley designed the layout of the park.

"William came up with this plan based on all the recommendations we received; he tried to incorporate the dreams of all involved," Elliott said.

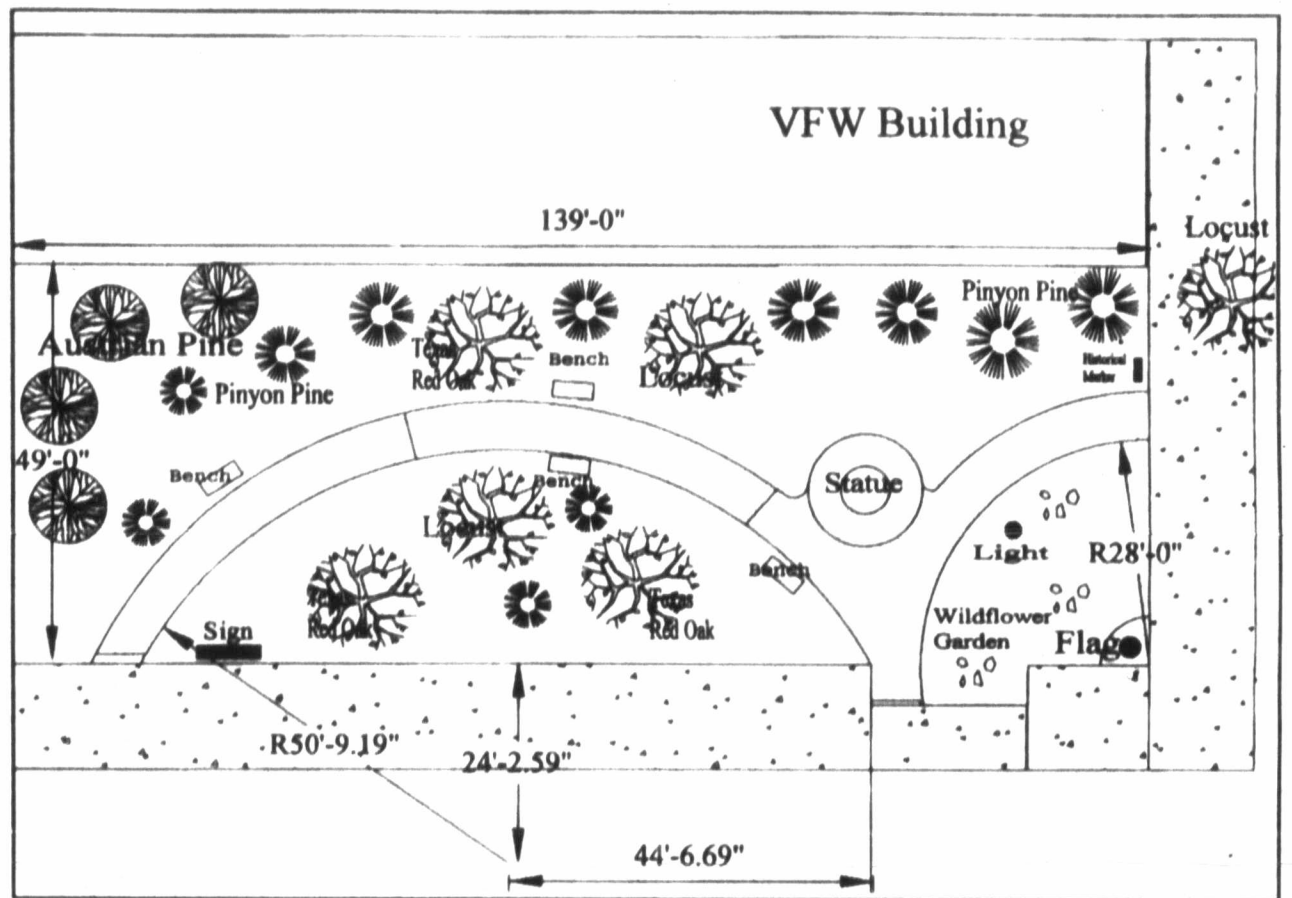
Organizations such as the Pampa Area Foundation for Outdoor Art (PAFOA), the local Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) post, and the downtown business association, among others, were involved with the park planning process.

McCarley and Kirkpatrick went over the outline of the park proposal in detail with the commission, noting contributions of the involved organizations.

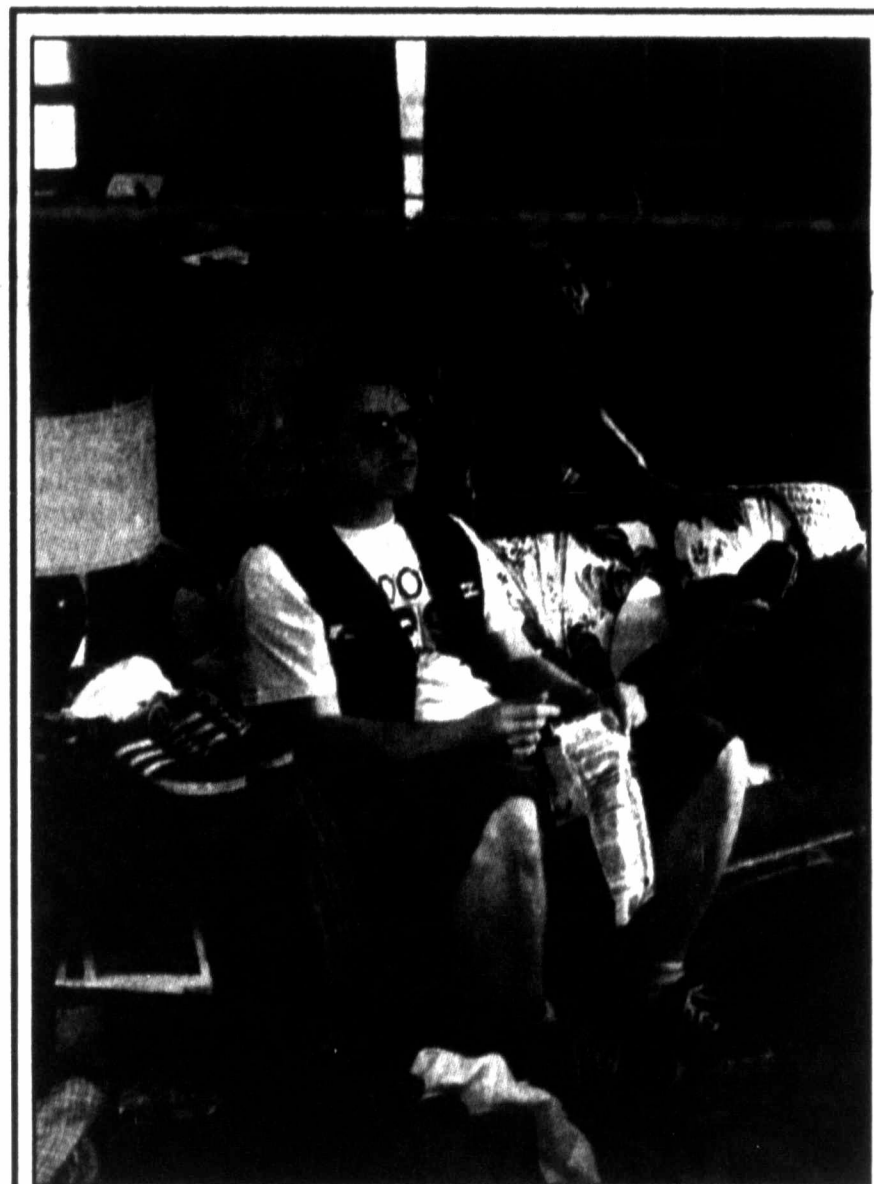
The installation of a bronze statue, "Grandfather's Vision" by Gerald Sanders, for example, will be funded by the PAFOA.

The VFW will fund the installation of a flag pole and an "old-style street light" in the garden, with spot lights on top to illuminate the flag and statue during night hours.

The installation of a historical marker on the south side of See **PARK**, Page 2



Dr. V.E. von Brunow park development plans



Former Pampan Brad "Chip" Pope and his co-star, Howard Kremer, portray their characters on MTV's sitcom "Austin Stories." The show premieres on MTV tonight at 9:30 p.m.

(Photo by Deane Newcomb  
Courtesy of MTV)

## Former Pampan debuts on MTV sitcom tonight

By LAURA HALEY  
Staff Writer

Brad "Chip" Pope likes to make people laugh. "I always thought I was funny. It took other people a while to catch up to that idea."

The stand-up comedian, writer and actor (sound like his plate is slightly full?) will get the opportunity to bring a smile to the face of thousands of viewers across the nation when his new sitcom "Austin Stories" premieres tonight at 9:30 p.m. on MTV.

That's right — MTV. The grunge, rap, classic rock, rock n' roll, industrial, techno, hip-hop, R&B, alternative, heavy-metal music video television station is ever-so-slightly switching gears. Moving away from typical MTV-genre shows, such as "Beavis and Butt-head" and "The Real World," the music television station is now adding a sitcom which it claims has a little more substance and a different point of view.

And, that point of view includes former Pampan Brad Pope's comedic qualities.

"Austin Stories" is based in Pope's city of choice. It is where he lives, it is where he works and it is his favorite city in the Lone Star State.

The 30-minute weekly sitcom features three characters, all played by comedians.

Pope's character, a job-juggling 20-something-year-old, is based loosely on some of his own experiences. His two cast mates, Laura House and Howard Kremer, play a reporter and a play-boy, respectively.

The sitcom, filmed in the style of a single-camera mini-movie every week, contains no live audiences, applause, or laughtracks. It promises to be highly entertaining, at least that is what Pope is wishing.

"Hopefully people will find the characters entertaining enough to tune in every week," he said.

The 13 episodes ordered by MTV for the fall season is a subtle show based more on the comedic quality of the characters than slapstick and outright jokes, said Pope.

And, for the comedian with "two sides," this show is perfect, said Pope. As a comedian, he explains, you often pressured to be funny all the time. But filming the show allows Pope to focus on other things, besides being a comedian.

The fast-paced world of sitcoms is a lot of hard work. Hours are grinding — each episode (with) See **MTV**, Page 2

## Study reveals habits of juvenile criminals

WASHINGTON (AP) — The most violent hour of the day for juvenile offenders begins at 3 p.m., as school ends and hours before parents come home from work, a study released today by a children's advocacy group said.

Half of all violent juvenile crime occurs between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on school days, said the report released by Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, a group seeking to persuade Congress to set aside more money for crime prevention programs.

"When the school bells ring, leaving millions of young people without responsible adult supervision or constructive activities, juvenile crime suddenly triples and prime time for juvenile crime begins," the report said.

The group and Attorney General Janet Reno released the study today at a treatment center for at-risk youth in the Washington, D.C., suburb of Rockville, Md. "It is better to prevent another crime from occurring than to punish the criminal after another victim is harmed," Reno said.

According to the report, two-thirds of all violent youth crime occurs between 2 p.m. and 11 p.m. In contrast, only 21.5 percent happens from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., a time period when some communities have sought to impose curfews on

teen-agers. The report said 11.4 percent of all violent juvenile crime occurs from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. — a sharp increase from the 3.5 percent occurring from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Crime begins to drop around dinner time, 8 p.m., and makes another sharp dip after 11 p.m., when most parents insist teen-agers be home, it added.

The report is based on FBI figures for eight states — Alabama, Colorado, Iowa, Idaho, Illinois, North Dakota, South Dakota and Utah — compiled by the National Center on Juvenile Justice and the Office for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Only school days were counted. Summers and weekends were excluded.

Reno and leaders of the group have been critical of legislation pending in Congress, saying it doesn't put enough emphasis on prevention. The bills toughen federal laws dealing with juvenile crime and give states strong incentives to do the same.

Rep. Bill McCollum, R Fla., said his House bill was designed to fix weaknesses in the juvenile justice system, and prevention is addressed in other bills.

"Nobody is arguing that we should not do prevention," he said. "But there is a definite need to correct the broken corrections systems for juveniles."

## Art, photography added to contests

AMARILLO — Over 50 contests are scheduled for this year's annual TriState Fair, Sept. 13-20. Included are art, ceramics and amateur and professional photography.

These exhibits will be housed in the Art and Agriculture Building on the Tri-State Fairgrounds.

Painters and photographers will be display their creations in classes for water color, oil and acrylic, ink and pencil and pastels. Divisions include professional, amateur, beginner and three student divisions. Exhibitors may enter only one item per class in their respective division. All artwork must have been completed within the past two years. LaNell Poling, Fritch, will judge the at 10 a.m. Sept. 12.

Professional photographer competition includes six classes: Portraits, Weddings, Commercial/Industrial, Photo Journalism, Miscellaneous and Landscapes. Ranch Life has been designated as the special exhibit theme for 1997. Master photographer Jim Childress of Lubbock will select the winning prints at 11 a.m. Sept. 12.

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# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**LARNER, Jacqueline "Jackie" Alberty** — 10:30 a.m., Calvary Baptist Church, Dumas.

## Obituaries

**JACQUELINE 'JACKIE' ALBERTY LARNER - DUMAS** — Jacqueline "Jackie" Alberty Larner, 49, sister of a Shamrock resident, died Monday, Sept. 8, 1997. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Mike Aiken officiating. Burial will be in Dumas Cemetery under the direction of Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Larner was born at Guymon, Okla. She had been a Dumas resident most of her life. She married Chuck Larner in 1979 at Amarillo. She received a degree in cosmetology from Amarillo School of Hair Design in 1969. She was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by twins, Jennifer Miller and James Miller, in 1970.

Survivors include: her husband, Chuck; two sons, Jacky Adam Miller of Lubbock and Joseph Raymond Miller of Amarillo; a stepson, Jim Larner of Lubbock; four stepdaughters, Pamela Van Meter of Carlsbad, Calif., Karen Larner and Tina Homer, both of Dumas, and Renee Hozdic of Atlanta, Texas; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Alberty of Dumas; and a brother, Allen "Pete" Alberty of Shamrock.

The family will be at 708 Bennett and requests memorials be to the American Cancer Society, 211 Zauk, Dumas, Texas 79029.

### ZELLA E OWEN

Zella E. Owen, 82, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Sept. 9, 1997, at North Plains Care Center at Borger. The body was cremated and consequently will not be available for viewing. Arrangements are under the direction of Colonial Funeral Chapel in Amarillo.

Mrs. Owen was born Nov. 3, 1913, in Limestone County, Texas. She had been a Pampa resident most of her life, residing in Amarillo for a couple of years.

Survivors include: a daughter, Tommie Lively of Fritch; a son, Joe Owen of Pampa; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Arthritis Foundation, 3154 McCart Ave., Fort Worth, Texas 76110 or to the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106.

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## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa

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Milo	4.10	
Corn	4.73	

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation

Occidental	24 5/8	dn 1/8
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The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation

Magellan	98 1/2	
Puritan	19 1/4	

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa

Amoco	96 3/16	dn 1/16
Arco	81 1/8	dn 1/8
Cabot	27 1/16	dn 1/8
Cabot O&G	22 9/16	dn 1/8
Chevron	81 7/16	dn 3/16
Coca Cola	58 9/16	dn 3/16
Columbia/HCA	29 1/8	dn 1/2
Enron	39 5/16	dn 9/16
Halliburton	49 1/8	up 5/16
Ingersoll Rand	40 1/4	dn 7/16
KSE	42 15/16	dn 1/16
Kerr-McGee	63 7/16	dn 1/8
Limited	23 15/16	dn 5/8
Mapco	31 5/16	dn 3/16
McDonald's	46 11/16	dn 5/16
Mobil	76 11/16	dn 3/8
New Atmos	26 7/8	dn 3/16
New Cent. Fin.	40 3/4	dn 1/8
Pennaco	60 7/16	dn 9/16
Phillips	49 9/16	dn 7/16
Pioneer Nat. Res.	42 5/16	dn 9/16
SLB	77 3/8	up 5/16
Tenneco	49 1/16	dn 3/4
Texas	119 15/16	dn 3/16
Ultramar	34 1/8	up 1/16
Wal Mart	88 13/16	up 3/16
New York Gold	321 10	
Silver	4 66	
West Texas Crude	19 42	

## Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls and arrest for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Criminal mischief was reported at 1025 Park Drive.

Theft of a \$2,000 pool table was reported at 2322 Duncan.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief and graffiti was reported at 111 E. Harvester at approximately 3:35 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Criminal mischief was reported at 732 E. Frederick.

### Arrests

Terry Len Hayes, 37, Borger, was arrested on three charges including exhibition of acceleration, no proof of financial responsibility and an expired driver's license.

## Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Joshua Belflower, 18, Borger, was arrested on charges of violating probation.

Gary Dan Harlan, 38, Kansas, was arrested on charges of criminal non-support.

James Craig Peoples, 42, Andrews, Texas, was arrested on charges of the possession of marijuana.

## Accidents

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

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

An accident was reported at the intersection of 100 N. Hobart and 900 W. Foster when a 1996 green Toyota Camry driven by John Niederbrach, Illinois, collided with a 1987 brown Chevrolet Caprice driven by Christine Jason, 1044 S. Faulkner. Niederbrach was issued a citation for failing to yield right of way at a red light.

An accident was reported at 900 W. Gwendolyn when a 1984 gray Buick Century driven by Mary Hearron, 1034 Twiford, collided with a 1992 white Chevrolet Cheyenne driven by Michael Rodriguez, 922 Jordan. Hearron was issued a citation for following too closely.

An accident was reported at 140 N. Hobart when a 1992 brown Geo Prizm driven by Tiffany Amber Kirby, 2314 Mary Ellen, collided with a 1996 white Ford driven by Tracy Lynn Cook, 1004 S. Wells. Kirby was issued a citation for failing to yield right of way while turning left.

A hit and run accident was reported at 2500 Primrose when an unknown vehicle collided with a legally parked 1992 blue Big Tex trailer owned by Daniel Barker, 1101 Cinderella. No citations were issued.

## Fires

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

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

11:33 a.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to 835 Malone on a down power line.

8:49 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to 2209 Wells on a false alarm.

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(Photo by Deana Newcomb/Courtesy of MTV)

Co-stars Brad Pope, Laura House and Howard Kremer will appear tonight in the premiere of "Austin Stories" on MTV. Pope is a former Pampa resident.

## MTV

an average of 35 scenes) is filmed in about three days. But Pope believes it is definitely worth it.

"It's a lot of compromises and teamwork," said Pope, explaining that as a stand-up comedian he was director, actor and star of the show.

Working with two others who are also used to calling all the shots and several directors, supervisors, producers, etc. is a big change from the stand-up comedy routine.

"It's really hard to learn how to do that. It still is an experience in learning group dynamics," he said, adding, "It's been the greatest experience of my life. It's just incredible."

But, Pope isn't ready to give up his stand-up routine just yet. It's

his "bread and butter" and makes him happy. Besides, it was through his stand-up routine that he was discovered by MTV.

After watching several comedians, MTV approached four, including Pope, about starring in this new sitcom. That was a few years ago.

Now the three remaining comedians have their own show. The fourth, Johnny Hardwick, stars in Fox's "King of the Hill," said Pope.

Despite the media attention, which has suddenly sprung up with the promotion of the new sitcom, Pope did take a few days to visit his family right here in Pampa.

"In fact, many may have seen him already."

"I did some singing," he said, laughing about his experiences during karaoke night at

the Coronado Inn. "I think a lot of people wanted to beat me up in the parking lot or something."

But, an article can't be written about Pope's visit home without mentioning Loretta and Lynn, the karaoke gurus at the Coronado Inn.

"You gotta' mention Loretta and Lynn," he said, adding they were the highlight of his visit to Pampa, besides his family, of course.

As the Labor Day weekend with his family came to an end, Pope was off again — to the MTV music awards in New York and then back to Austin. There he will continue filming and await the premiere of "Austin Stories."

Pampans are invited to tune in, with thousand of others across the nation, and watch the debut of one of their own!

## Calendar of events

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS**  
Narcotics Anonymous, a new non-profit group to aid people having problems with the use of narcotics, will have meetings at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1121 S. Hobart. For more information, call 669-6260 or 669-2665.

## Weather focus

**LOCAL FORECAST**  
Tonight, mostly clear with lows near 60. Thursday, mostly sunny with highs near 88. Thursday night, becoming partly cloudy with lows near 65. Tuesday's high was 81; the overnight low was 61.

**REGIONAL FORECAST**  
**West Texas — Panhandle** — Tonight, clear to partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in portions of the panhandle. Lows 60 to 65. South wind 5 to 15 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy with a 30 to 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in mid 80s. South to southwest wind 10 to 20 mph and gusty. Thursday night, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in mid 60s. South Plains/Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Mainly over the south plains. Lows from mid 50s to lower 60s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs from mid 80s to near 90. Thursday night, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in upper 50s to mid 60s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows 60-70. Thursday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms western Permian and trans-Pecos. Highs 88-94. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in 60s. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms Edwards Plateau, otherwise partly cloudy.

Lows in lower to mid 60s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs near 90. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in mid to upper 60s. Far West — Tonight, partly cloudy with a chance of evening showers and thunderstorms. Lows in 60s. Thursday, partly cloudy. A chance of thunderstorms. Highs 86-92. Thursday night, a slight chance of evening thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with lows in mid to upper 60s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows from mid 50s Marfa Plateau to lower 70s along Rio Grande. Thursday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs from lower 80s mountains to upper 90s along Rio Grande. Thursday night, isolated evening thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with lows from mid 50s mountains to lower 70s along Rio Grande.

**North Texas** — Tonight, mostly clear and cool. Lows 57 to 63. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs 87 to 93.

**South Texas** — Hill Country and South Central — Tonight, mostly fair skies. Low near 60 Hill Country to near 70 along Rio Grande, 60s south central. Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs in 90s. Thursday night, mostly fair skies. Lows in 60s south central and Hill Country, 70s along Rio Grande. Southeast and Upper Coast — Tonight, mostly fair skies. Lows in 50s to near 60 inland, near 70 coast. Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs near 90 inland, 80s coast. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in 50s to near 60 inland, 70s coast.

**Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains** — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in 60s to near 70 inland, 70s coastal bend and Rio Grande plains. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in 90s inland, near 90 coast. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in 60s to near 70s inland, 70s coastal bend and Rio Grande plains. Deep South — Tonight, partly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in 70s. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in 90s to near 100 inland, 80s to near 90 coast. Thursday night, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in 70s.

**BORDER STATES**  
**New Mexico** — Tonight, a few low clouds near the eastern border, otherwise partly cloudy. Scattered showers and thunderstorms mainly mountains and east, and mainly ending by mid-night. Lows in upper 30s to mid 50s mountains with mid 50s to mid 60s at lower elevations Thursday and Thursday night, partly cloudy with scattered afternoon and early nighttime thunderstorms, mainly mountains and north. Warmer east. Highs in 70s to mid 80s mountains with 80s to mid 90s at lower elevations. Lows in upper 30s to mid 50s mountains with mid 50s and 60s elsewhere.

**Oklahoma** — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in low to mid 50s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in 80s. Thursday night, a slight chance of showers west, otherwise partly cloudy. Lows in upper 50s and lower 60s.

## PARK

Cuyler Street's entrance to the park will be funded by the Gray County Historical Commission, while a wildflower garden will be planted by volunteers to comply with the von Brunow family's request for native flowers and grasses in the park.

Elliott told commissioners that

## FAIR

Amateur photography categories include color or black and white prints, any subject or theme accepted. Classes will be offered for both youth and adults. Classes for computer manipulated digital prints will be offered for the first year for the first time. Cindy Eastland and Robert Mulherin, both of Amarillo, will judge the event at 1:30 p.m. on Sept.

the design came out of a "meeting of the minds."

Commissioners said they were pleased with the plan and only one made a recommendation about the park's development.

Commissioner Faustina Curry, although pleased with the development plan, suggested the park might better suit the residents if a shelter was included in the park's

construction.

"I think the park will be lovely but it would be much more usable if there was some kind of covered shelter," Curry said.

Other than that, "this is what the commission had in mind," said City Manager Bob Eskridge. "I think this park will really spruce up the downtown," Mayor Bob Neslage said.

12. Five divisions will be offered in the Ceramics Department. Divisions include: professional, amateur, senior citizens (65 and over), youth (12 and under) and teenage (13-18). Sixteen classes per division will be judged at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 12. For more information and entry deadline times, contact the Tri-State Fair Office at (806) 376-7767.

# Espy pleads not guilty

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy pleaded innocent today to charges that he accepted and tried to hide more than \$35,000 worth of sports tickets, travel and other gifts from agribusinesses.

Espy, who resigned from President Clinton's Cabinet in 1994 and is now an attorney in Jackson, Miss., entered the plea during a brief hearing before U.S. District Judge Ricardo Urbina.

"May it please the court, I am not guilty," he said in a strong, clear voice.

Urbina did not set a trial date but did issue a schedule for motions and status hearings through Dec. 15, meaning the case likely won't go to trial until next year.

Before the hearing, Espy shook hands with a few of the reporters who had covered him at the Agriculture Department. When one expressed condolences over the circumstances, Espy replied, "That's life, though. That's life."

Later, outside the courthouse, Espy read a statement he had scribbled in longhand on a legal pad in which he repeated his innocence.

"Through this trial, the public will now hear my side of the story," Espy said. "Although some have called it a witch hunt, I have faith. I know I will prevail in this latest challenge to my life."

Independent counsel Donald C. Smaltz declined comment.

A 39-count grand jury indictment returned last month portrays Espy as persistently seeking favors such as tickets to National Football League and National Basketball Association playoff games, travel on corporate aircraft and lodging from companies regulated by the Agriculture Department.

Those companies include Arkansas-based Tyson Foods Co., Sun-Diamond Growers of California, and Oglethorpe Power of Georgia.

In addition, Espy is charged with lying to Agriculture Department investigators and to FBI agents about the gifts and with directing an agency employee to alter a document regarding the probe.

## City briefs

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**IMAGES ENTIRE** Stock Dooney & Bourke 30% off. 123 N. Cuyler, downtown, 669-1091. Adv.

**TAILGATE PICNIC** Fri., Sept. 12, 5:30-7 p.m. Tickets-call 665-0211. Adv.

**NEED WITNESSES** to the accident on Aug. 13, 1997 in the area of 200 blk. of Ballard around 5 p.m., 669-7553. Adv.

**HOME COMING MUMS** by Karen, call 669-7119. Adv.

**GARAGE SALE & Bake Sale** at 1124 Terrace, Pampa, Tx. Sat., Sept. 13th, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., hosted by the employees of Columbia Medical Center of Pampa. All proceeds go toward "Pampa Community Day" projects. Adv.

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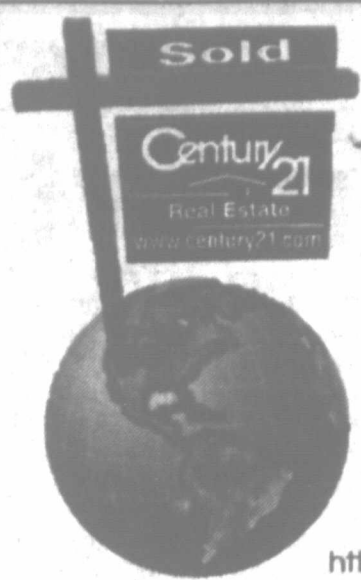
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**TxDOT appoints new head of local Transportation Planning and Development**

AMARILLO - Bruce D. Nipp has been appointed director of Transportation Planning and Development of the Texas Department of Transportation in Amarillo. Nipp will be responsible for transportation planning and funding of highway, landscaping, and aviation projects in 17 counties of the Panhandle. Nipp continues his career with the Amarillo district after having worked as assistant of operations engineer since 1994. Nipp also served as Dalhart area engineer between 1989 and 1994. He was employed as an engineering assistant for several TxDOT offices since 1985.

During his employment as assistant operations engineer in Amarillo, Nipp was instrumental in implementing the district's Road Weather Information System. He is currently a member of the Strategic Highway Research Program's Asphalt Technical Working Group.

Nipp graduated in 1985 with a degree in Civil Engineering and a degree in Architecture from Texas Tech University. He is a member of Chi Epsilon. He served as President of the Dalhart Rotary Club in 1994.

Nipp and wife, Toni, live in Amarillo with their three children, Tiffany, Teal and William. They are members of Paramount Terrace Christian Church.

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**Southwestern Public Service: Pampa office to cease accepting payments, bill handling to move to local 'payment centers'**

Bill-handling at the Pampa office of Southwestern Public Service Company will be phased out Sept. 30, as the utility completes its phase-in of 127 "Payment Centers" across its four state service area, offering more locations and longer hours for SPS customers who choose to pay electric bills in person.

Only customer-accounting operations, and not service operations, are being changed, said Jake Webb, SPS manager of community and economic development. "Our top-notch service and power plant personnel will still be in place for our customers, and on-call, just as they have been through the years. Our reliable and low-cost service to customers will not change," he said.

SPS customers anywhere may choose to pay their electric bills via mail, or by automatic bank draft or in person at any of the 127 new "SPS Payment Centers" at supermarkets and other established businesses, Webb noted. He said the payment centers typically are open longer hours than are SPS offices, and that many are open weekends, as well.

In Pampa, payment centers are open at: Homeland Supermarket, 2545 Perryton Pkwy.; Pack & Mail, 1506, N. Hobart; and Frank's Thriftway, 300 E. Brown Ave. and 420 Hobart.

Orders for new electric service or for discontinuance of service, and questions about service or bills now can be handled by telephone 12 hours each

day. Calls for repair of service are answered 24 hours per day, and servicemen respond to those calls 24 hours per day. Customers can contact SPS through numbers listed in community telephone directories, or through 1-800-750-2520 (to reach English-speaking operators) or 1-800-687-8778 (for Spanish-speaking operators).

SPS had maintained 43 local offices while serving 102 communities in parts of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas. The utility began phasing out in-office customer accounting and refocusing or closing the 43 offices in May. It will continue to use 26 offices as bases of operations for employees involved in sales, community development, engineering and other responsibilities and will transfer remaining personnel to its service centers and other facilities in the other 17 communities.

"We are not reducing our ability to construct, maintain and repair service," Webb emphasized.

There will be no new staff reductions announced because of the changes, Webb said. He noted the "transitional" customer-accounting jobs that will end on the last day of September "already have been reported as eliminated."

SPS is an investor-owned regional utility that primarily provides electric service to a population of about one million persons.

For more information, contact Bill Crenshaw (806) 378-2120.

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Opinion

Strike did not help big labor

Will the 15-day Teamsters strike against UPS and the settlement last month bring greater power to organized labor?

Union leaders hope so. But several trends, as indicated by Bureau of Labor Statistics and other research, would seem to suggest that the strike is unlikely to be repeated in other unionized industries.

Work stoppages have fallen in recent years, down to just 192,000 workers going on strike for a day or more in 1995 from 2.5 million in 1970.

The UPS strike of 185,000 workers will no doubt boost the 1997 number over that for 1995, but the long-line trend is toward fewer workers striking companies.

Union membership has declined, to 14.9 percent of all workers in 1995 from 33 percent in 1955, the height of the unions' membership and power.

Just as dramatic is the change in the composition of union membership. In the 1950s, just five percent of public sector employees belonged to unions. But today, 38 percent of public employees are union members. By contrast, today only 10.3 percent of private sector workers belong to unions.

In other words, the modern union movement gains members and power as government expands.

In the 1950s, the United States dominated other economies as an industrial colossus, with our competition in Europe and Japan still recovering from the destruction of World War II. In 1997, the United States competes not only with those two areas, but with such new economic powers of Taiwan, Hong Kong, South Korea and China.

U.S. companies have become much more efficient through refinements of technology and its applications. GM's hourly work force has declined nearly in half, to 227,000 line workers from 435,000 in 1985, just 12 years ago.

The richest job growth continues in mostly non-union sectors, such as computer programming and services and retail sales. And the capital gains tax cut in this year's federal budget agreement makes it even easier to raise capital for business formation.

So, it would appear the UPS strike will have limited long-term impact, though there has been some select responses.

It is likely, however, that some of the issues discussed in the strike could well become part of private sector management-worker dialogue in months ahead. Regular part-time workers, for instance, might press for an expanding array of benefits — and get them at companies that believe there's a benefit to giving something more in total compensation to encourage lower turnover. All workers are likely to press for higher wages overall, given a visibly expanding economy and a rise in their own confidence.

To the degree that management and the private work force can wrestle through these issues successfully on their own, a downward trend in union membership should continue, and workers will remain free to strike their own agreements with their bosses.

—Odessa American

Thought for today

"They that defy the tempest to gratify avarice and luxury, deserve shipwreck."

François De Salignac de la Mothe Fénelon, *Telemachus*

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Procrastination is an art

Well, you knew it had to come. By reading my last column you probably had it figured out. Hey, I'm working as a reporter so it's no big secret that I am a procrastinator.

I don't think it's something that has to be secretive.

I will announce it to the world: "I PROCRASTINATE!"

You see, there's a lot to be said about procrastinators. For one thing, we all procrastinate to some extent. Whether it be doing the dishes, changing the oil or taking the dog out to do its "business" in the middle of the night ... there are things we all hate to do and at one point or another, *avoid doing*, until we can no longer! (breathe) I think that's where the true sense of being a procrastinator lies — in the breaking point.

I work better under pressure. That's the Frazier motto. (Before I was a Bailey, I was a Frazier — am a Frazier — another column.) My brother has told me that he works better under pressure so many times, that I almost feel that he was the originator of the blessed saying.

But I know for a fact this cannot be true, because I'm older than he is. And I say that line.

And my dad is older than me, and he's said that line a couple of ... thousand times. My



Miranda G. Bailey

Pampa News staff writer

other younger brother thinks the line, although I can't place it coming out of his mouth lately. Maybe it's because he's the "baby" and he can do whatever he wants to anyway.

My mom hates the line. She hates the pressure. She hates procrastinating, or so she claims. But how can you believe it? Seeing as we all do it, right?

Actually, I do do it right.

"I can't believe you wait until the last minute to write these papers, do your homework, wash your clothes, (squinny-eyed-look) your just like your dad!"

Sorry mom, but I've heard it one too many times. And I'm telling you, just like I've told her, this procrastination thing is a gift!

It's a talent, that takes years to perfect. To tell

you the truth, I'm getting darn good at it.

Take writing columns, for example. If a column it supposed to be on the editor's desk at noon, then I'll start writing at 11 a.m. I have no choice. I have a column to write, and I better get one out in one hour, end of story. It gets written. (Okay, all right, I have a confession. I am writing this particular column a week ahead of when it's due. So, sue me!) But that's not to say that I don't still procrastinate. Honest.

It's just that I'm tired of procrastinators getting a bad rap. We're not all bad. I say if you can get the bills paid pretty much on time, then everything else is acceptable. You can tell the world your "just a late person," or the "I work better under pressure" line is always a safe bet. Besides, it takes skill to be a good procrastinator.

It takes imagination to make things look planned and premeditated.

It takes endurance to live with the stress that procrastination creates.

It takes practice to master the ability to put things off to the last possible minute and still be living fairly happily in the free world.

Heck, it's not just a skill, or even an attribute ... it's an art form.

Let's not deny art.

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Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 10, the 253rd day of 1997. There are 112 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 10, 1813, Oliver H. Perry sent the message, "We have met the enemy, and they are ours," after an American naval force defeated the British in the Battle of Lake Erie in the War of 1812.

On this date:

In 1608, John Smith was elected

president of the Jamestown colony council in Virginia.

In 1794, America's first non-denominational college, Blount College (later the University of Tennessee), was chartered.

In 1846, Elias Howe of Spencer, Mass., received a patent for his sewing machine.

In 1919, New York City welcomed home Gen. John J. Pershing and 25,000 soldiers who had served in the U.S. First Division during World War I.

In 1939, Canada declared war on Germany.

In 1945, Vidkun Quisling was sentenced to death in Norway for collaborating with the Nazis.

In 1948, Mildred Gillars, accused of being Nazi wartime radio broadcaster "Axis Sally," was indicted in Washington, D.C., on treason charges.

In 1955, "Gunsmoke" premiered on CBS.

In 1963, 20 black students entered public schools in

Birmingham, Tuskegee and Mobile, Ala., following a standoff between federal authorities and Gov. George C. Wallace.

In 1977, convicted murderer Hamida Djandoubi, a Tunisian immigrant, became the last person to date to be executed by the guillotine in France.

Ten years ago: Pope John Paul II arrived in Miami, where he was welcomed by President and Mrs. Reagan, to begin a 10-day tour of the United States.

What we need is a Business Day

It's nice to have Labor Day. But now, at the dawn of the New Economy, we also need a Business Day.

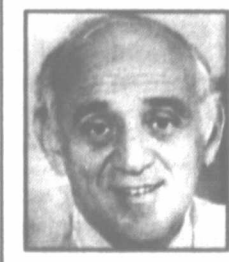
With such a perspective, the summer of 1997 could have served as the first session of New Economics 101, a course we all need. The AFL-CIO did its part. When the Teamsters hit the bricks and struck UPS, the national labor confederation said it would stand in solidarity with their constituent union. It pledged money and moved to the front lines of the public relations war. The unionists made a stark ideological case. The greed of the business class, coupled with the New Economy, was creating a "part-time America" where working men and women who played by the rules couldn't get a full-time job or earn a living wage.

Of course, there was demagoguery and spin. But this was high-stakes poker. The unions figured they would get as good as they gave.

They didn't. UPS management gave a parochial defense of their contract offer: "We can't afford any more." On the night of the settlement, Teamsters President Ron Carey gave a marathon press conference declaring victory and vindication. No UPS spokesman appeared. Where was the business equivalent of the AFL-CIO? (What is the business equivalent of the AFL-CIO?) Where was the ideological counter case? Ever-principled, the business community did not demagogue its case. They didn't even make it.

Too bad. By the summer of 1997, proponents of the New Economy finally had something big to offer.

It didn't start out that way. In the early 1980s, American business preached "lean and mean." Downsizing, restructuring and outsourcing became household words — bad ones. Big American corporations seemed to compete with themselves to see which could lay off more workers. The scythe cut a swath through



Ben Wattenberg

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blue and white collars. It was said that businesses were abandoning their loyal workers. Unions were dying. All this traveled under the worker-unfriendly flag of "Flexibility," the catchall of the New Economy. Not to worry, we were told. However painful the process might be short-term, flexibility would pay out. Just let business do its thing.

What happened? Since the early '80s, the gross domestic product grew smartly. Twenty-five million new jobs were created. There is full employment. Income is up. Poverty is down. Inflation is down. America leads the world in exports. A trip through America looks like continuous passage through a town called "Now Hiring."

Arguably, the macro-economy is humming thanks to Flexibility and the competitiveness it yields. But what about the micros? What happened to all those downsized and outsourced workers?

The New Economy is giving birth to a new politics. As the paternalism of business and labor diminishes, the politics of "social security" are being gradually replaced by the politics of "self-security." Consider some examples and some related trends.

Some new rules of the road for employment meant workers were going to bounce from job to job more often, how could they save for their retirement? The feds offered a fuller variety of

individual tax-deferred pension plans and extra-favorable tax treatment of "defined contribution" pension plans. The DC plans are more portable from job to job than "defined benefit" plans. DC investments are under control of the worker, and often parked in mutual funds. As the stock market rises, the employee gets wealthier — not the company, not the union. (From 1975 to 1997 the number of participants in DB plans fell by seven percent to 25 million participants, while DC plans grew by 272 percent to 41 million, according to the Employee Benefit Research Institute.)

What about health care? Legislation passed in 1996 made medical insurance portable and did away with turn-downs due to "previously existing conditions." The 1997 budget bill provided for a large experiment with "medical savings accounts," controlled by employees — not insurance companies, not unions, not employers.

With such new conditions, more Americans feel they can work for themselves, often telecommuting from home offices. Greater availability of part-time work helps many women who want to both work and tend their children. Employers offer more profit-sharing and stock participation.

In the 1930s, Huey Long, the radical populist from Louisiana, demagogued on the slogan "Every Man a King." Today, the goal is "Every Man a CEO" (women, too). The idea is to put individuals more in charge of their economic future (with government providing a safety net for those who can't make it on their own).

This makes every man the master of his ship and the captain of his soul. It offers just the sort of advance in worker dignity that unions championed for so long.

That's the kind of demagoguery we will hear someday, when there is a Business Day, allowing us to hear both sides of the story.

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## Panhandle courthouses featured in upcoming calendar

Two Panhandle courthouses are featured in the 1998 *Old Friends: Great Texas Courthouses* wall calendar, the 104-year-old red brick Donley County building at Clarendon and the 86-year-old streaked marble Deaf Smith County headquarters at Hereford.

This is the fourth in a planned series of five calendars by writer-illustrator Bill Morgan, who crisscrossed the Panhandle twice early in 1997 on visits to 41 Panhandle and South Plains courthouses. Other counties in the calendar are Atascosa, Comal, Eastland, Jim Wells, Johnson, Lamar, Mason, Maverick, Montague, Navarro and Trinity. Each section — the cover and each of the 12 months — includes a color painting of a courthouse and a 1,500-word history of the building and its county.

"Because the Panhandle was the last part of the state where counties were organized, the number of quality courthouses might be surprising," Morgan said. "The Deaf Smith and Donley buildings are representative of the wide diversity of Panhandle courthouse architectural styles. Most of the Panhandle courthouses are real landmarks — Potter, Hemphill, Cottle, Hale, Gray, Roberts, Hartley, Dallam — really, almost every one of them."

Morgan listed three reasons why Texas leads the nation in landmark courthouses: "First, we have 254 counties, almost 100 more than the next state, Georgia with 159. Second, a law passed in the 1880s allowed counties to finance courthouses with bonds, so they built early and well. Third, they figured impressive courthouses were a business asset. The law allowing the sale of bonds to finance courthouses was probably the main reason most Panhandle counties built such good courthouses at the start."

The history of Deaf Smith County proves it wasn't huge populations and strong tax bases that did it.

Deaf Smith's organization in 1890 is an intriguing political saga. Before they organized, Deaf Smith residents were forced to make a long and dangerous trip to Tascosa to conduct official business. State law allowed counties to form local governments if they had at least 150 signatures on their petition. A canvass of the county turned up only 60 signees, but a delegation left for Tascosa with the petition. When they arrived at the courthouse the next day, the signatures had more than tripled to 180.

And to this day, there's never been an explanation of where those other 120 names came from. The *Old Friends* calendar takes note of other county organizations where the names of farm and ranch animals appeared on petitions, as well as the names of people passing through the area.

The calendar also traces how Donley and Deaf Smith county seats came to be situated where they are. In both cases, the railroad that crossed the Panhandle late in the Nineteenth Century bypassed the county seat — so everybody in both county seats pulled up stakes and moved to the railroad. Having a railroad in those days was the equivalent of having a busy commercial airport today and having the courthouse was equal to having a big sports arena today — all were considered necessary to civic growth.

"People who aren't from Texas have a little trouble with a lot of the stories in the calendars," Morgan noted. "But for those of us who grew up here, they're just examples of the things we've heard all our lives."

## Box office: 'Fire Down Below' on top, 'G.I. Jane' close second

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In the dog days of the summer movie season, Steven Seagal's toxic-waste thriller *Fire Down Below* had enough bark to snare the top spot on a slow weekend.

Attendance is almost always down on the post-Labor Day weekend and it was no different this year. The top 10 movies took in \$37.6 million, slightly more than the \$37.1 million *Air Force One* earned alone in its July debut.

*Fire Down Below*, starring Seagal as a kick-boxing federal marshal, earned \$6.1 million as the only wide-release film to make its debut over the weekend.

Demi Moore's *G.I. Jane* was second with \$5.3 million, bringing its total after three weeks to \$33.6 million, figures from Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. showed Monday.

*Money Talks*, a comedy with Chris Tucker as a con man, was No. 3 with \$4.9 million in its third week.

In limited release, *The Full Monty* earned \$769,954 at 44 locations for a \$17,110 per-location average. *Fire Down Below* had a \$2,600 per-location average.

Disney's *Con Air* passed the \$100 million mark after 14 weeks in release. It was one of four \$100 million-plus movies still in the top 20.

The top 20 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled by Entertainment Data Inc. and Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.:

1. *Fire Down Below*, New Line,

BOX OFFICE	
Top weekend movies	
Weekend of Sept. 5-Sept. 7, 1997	
All dollar figures in millions	
Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
1. <i>Fire Down Below</i> \$6.1, one week, 2,336 screens	\$6.1
2. <i>G.I. Jane</i> \$5.3, two weeks, 2,016 screens	\$5.3
3. <i>Money Talks</i> \$4.9, three weeks, 1,994 screens	\$4.9
4. <i>Hoodlum</i> \$4.0, two weeks, 2,020 screens	\$4.0
5. <i>Air Force One</i> \$3.9, seven weeks, 2,468 screens	\$3.9
6. <i>Conspiracy Theory</i> \$3.3, five weeks, 2,204 screens	\$3.3
7. <i>Excess Baggage</i> \$2.9, two weeks, 2,211 screens	\$2.9
8. <i>Mimic</i> \$2.8, three weeks, 1,959 screens	\$2.8
9. <i>Cop Land</i> \$2.7, four weeks, 1,874 screens	\$2.7
10. <i>Men in Black</i> \$2.7, ten weeks, 1,401 screens	\$1.8

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. AP

6. *Conspiracy Theory*, Warner Bros., \$3.3 million, 2,204 locations, \$1,513 average, \$67.4 million, five weeks.

7. *Excess Baggage*, Columbia, \$2.9 million, 2,211 locations, \$1,291 average, \$10 million, two weeks.

8. *Mimic*, Miramax, \$2.8 million, 1,959 locations, \$1,437 average, \$20.8 million, three weeks.

9. *Copland*, Miramax, \$2.6 million, 1,874 locations, \$1,399 average, \$39.7 million, four weeks.

10. *Men in Black*, Columbia, \$1.8 million, 1,491 locations, \$1,209 average, \$237.3 million, 10 weeks.

11. *She's So Lovely*, Miramax, \$1.5 million, 844 locations, \$1,748 average, \$5 million, two weeks.

12. *George of the Jungle*, Disney, \$1.3 million, 1,319 locations, \$969 average, \$96.6 million, eight weeks.

13. *Event Horizon*, Paramount, \$1.3 million, 1,630 locations, \$769 average, \$24.4 million, four weeks.

14. *Kull the Conqueror*, Universal, \$1.1 million, 2,091 locations, \$535 average, \$5.1 million, two weeks.

15. *Leave it to Beaver*, Universal, \$1 million, 1,710 locations, \$585 average, \$8.9 million, three weeks.

16. *Contact*, Warner Bros., \$857,537, 705 locations, \$1,216 average, \$96.2 million, nine weeks.

17. *The Full Monty*, Fox, \$769,954, 45 locations, \$17,110 average, \$2.7 million, four weeks.

18. *My Best Friend's Wedding*, Tristar, \$652,669, 703 locations, \$928 average, \$120.3 million, 12 weeks.

19. *Picture Perfect*, Fox, \$552,851, 739 locations, \$748 average, \$29.7 million, six weeks.

20. *Con Air*, Disney, \$536,504, 621 locations, \$864 average, \$100.3 million, 14 weeks.

## Amarillo Inspirational Writers Alive! to offer four-part seminar

AMARILLO — Inspirational Writers Alive! Amarillo Chapter will present a writing seminar 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Kingswood United Methodist Church, 4801 S. Austin, Oct. 4.

Donna Clark Goodrich of Mesa, Ariz., will be teaching the day-long symposium in four parts:

—Part I, "Selecting Your Writing Field," covers writers' magazines and newsletters published, market guides, editorial requirements, obtaining sample magazines, record-keeping and recycling manuscripts.

—Part II, "From Idea to Finished Manuscript," includes where to get ideas, leads, preparing manuscripts for publication and writing out of life experiences.

—Part III, "How to Sell What You Write," covers marketing books and periodicals, what rights to sell, copyright information, editing exercises and funderules.

—Part IV, "Permissions, Query Letters, Book Proposals," includes query letter no-no's, sample query letters, rules and book proposals, how to cure writer's block and the ABCs of Christian writing, plus much, much more.

Goodrich is a writer, seminar leader, editor and proofreader with 37 of writing-related work experience. She holds self-sponsored writers workshops and teaches in 12 to 15 Christian writers seminars across the United States for American Christian writers and other groups.

She has had over 600 short stories, articles, devotionals, puzzles and book reviews published in religious and secular periodicals plus 11 books.

Fee is \$25 which includes a picnic luncheon.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. For reservations, contact Helen Luecke, 2921 S. Dallas, Amarillo, TX 79103; (806) 376-9671. All writers are welcome.

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# MEDICAL

## Laser heart treatment now available

LINCOLN PARK, Mich. (AP) — Three weeks ago, 41-year-old Denise Cameron couldn't walk 100 feet without getting faint from exhaustion. Not anymore.

According to *The Detroit News*, she has become the first person in the United States to undergo a cardiac procedure in which doctors use a laser to blast tiny holes in her heart wall.

The laser created a small channel in the tissue to allow more blood with oxygen to circulate.

"This seems like a miracle to me," Ms. Cameron told the newspaper in Sunday editions.

She was treated Aug. 14 at Beaumont Hospital after receiving

special approval from the Food and Drug Administration. The News said the FDA is expected to approve the procedure for experimental trials later this month.

In July, advisers to the FDA recommended against using a laser to zap holes in the heart to cure the pain of angina. That procedure, called transmyocardial revascularization (TMR), called for blasting one millimeter holes into the left side of the heart.

It is designed to increase blood flow to portions of the muscle that have been severely damaged by advanced disease; the channels opened by the laser are kept open by the beating of the heart,

diffusing oxygenated blood to oxygen-starved tissue.

The TMR technique requires a two-operation in which doctors slice a 4-inch cut between the ribs to insert the laser and blast directly into the heart.

The panel was concerned about whether the holes closed several months after surgery and whether the treatment was dangerous for some patients.

Ms. Cameron, however, did not have her chest cavity opened by doctors.

Surgeons made a small incision in her groin, then threaded a catheter through an artery leading to the heart. The laser was

then put through the catheter by doctors guided by a tiny camera.

Dr. William O'Neill, the chief of cardiology, then fired the laser 25 times into the heart wall. Ms. Cameron was awake for most of the operation.

With only one small incision, "there is less risk of infection and complications and a much shorter recovery time," O'Neill said.

Ms. Cameron, who has had eight heart surgeries in the past two years, was discharged from the hospital the morning after the surgery.

"I already feel lots better," she said, "more energetic, and I don't know, just more alive."

## Hawaii ranks healthiest

### States of health

States by average health score based on a possible range of 0 to 14, 1994-95

Score range	States
Gold Star (11)	Hawaii
High marks (10)	California, Colorado, Maryland, Utah, Washington
Achievers (8-9)	Alaska, Connecticut, New Mexico, Oregon, South Carolina, Vermont, Wyoming
Middling (7)	Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Texas, Virginia
Aspiring (6)	Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Missouri, Nevada, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, West Virginia, Wisconsin
Struggling (4-5)	Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee

Hawaii is by far the healthiest state in the union in which to live, according to a recent survey. Rhode Island was not rated since the state does not keep two categories of statistics that went into the ranking.

## Private test can determine alcoholism

ROCHESTER, Minn. — For people who are concerned that they may have a drinking problem, Mayo Clinic now offers a self-screening assessment that can be taken in the privacy of your own home.

Mayo Clinic recently added an alcoholism assessment to its health information site on the Internet, *Mayo Health Oasis* ([www.mayo.vi.com](http://www.mayo.vi.com)). The nine-question survey can be found by typing in the words "alcohol assess" in the search box. It gives users the opportunity to evaluate their drinking behavior, or the drinking behavior of a friend or loved one, confidentially.

Users receive immediate feedback which indicates whether or not they or someone they know may have a drinking problem.

Dr. Robert, a Mayo Clinic psychiatrist who specializes in diagnosis and treatment of alcoholism, says this simple assessment can help identify the possibility of alcoholism. "In most cases, a spouse or close relative knows

habits of another. Suggestions about what to do if someone is at risk of being an alcoholic also are available on Mayo Health Oasis. The assessment provides links to a variety of information on topics such as confronting an alcoholic, helping someone accept they have a drinking problem and getting treatment.

Dr. Morse and a colleague developed the Self-Administered Alcoholism Screening Test (SAAST). They found this assessment to be a more accurate and useful screening tool than lab tests on blood, urine or liver function. Dr. Morse points out that the online assessment is a screening tool only and that if it reveals a possible drinking problem, it is essential to find an appropriate professional to do a complete assessment.

**"This interactive questionnaire is the first of its kind, and a good step for someone who is concerned about his/her drinking habits"**

enough about a person's drinking pattern to recognize when it is a serious problem and possible alcoholism," Dr. Morse says.

This interactive questionnaire is the first of its kind, and a good first step for someone who is concerned about his/her drinking

## Researchers find drug-resistant plague strain

For the first time, scientists have found a strain of the plague that is resistant to all the antibiotics normally used to treat and prevent the deadly infectious disease.

The strain was found in only one person, a 16-year-old boy in Madagascar who got bubonic plague in 1995.

The resistant genetic material transferred easily to other strains of plague bacteria in the laboratory and could spread just as easily in nature, the researchers said.

The plague, the Black Death that killed one-fourth of the European population in the 1300s, is spread by fleas that have bitten infected rats and other rodents or by sneezes and coughs from infected people.

Antibiotics have proved highly effective against the plague as long as patients are treated in time. Public health measures such as killing fleas and rats and giving people preventive antibiotics also help control its spread.

The study, which appears in Thursday's *New England Journal of Medicine*, was done by researchers at the Pasteur Institute in Paris.

More research is needed to find out if the resistant strain is spreading among fleas and rodents in Madagascar, Drs. David Dennis and James Hughes of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in an accompanying editorial.

"If resistant strains spread in rodents, the public health implications could be substantial," Dennis and Hughes wrote.

Researchers should investigate other treatments and the United States and other countries should dedicate more resources to the plague and other re-emerging infectious diseases, they wrote.

Plague is considered a re-emerging disease by the World Health Organization. The number of cases reported each year is growing, cases are cropping up in more places and epidemics happened in 1994 in East Africa, Madagascar, Peru and India.

From 1990 to 1994, an average of 2,025 cases per year were reported in Africa, North and South America and Asia, compared with only 861 cases a year during the 1980s.

## Pneumonia vaccine could save lives

HOUSTON — Thousands of lives are being lost every year because people are unaware of a readily available vaccine.

It is the vaccine for pneumococcal pneumonia, an illness that annually claims thousands of lives, mostly adults older than 65 but also very young children and people with certain chronic illnesses.

Too few people even know about the vaccine, said Dr. Daniel M. Musher, an infectious-disease expert at Houston's Baylor College of Medicine and Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

The sad fact is that many people whose lives could be saved by the pneumonia vaccine do not get inoculated because they are unaware of it and they are not pressured by their physicians to take it," Musher said.

"Research has shown that people are more likely to get inoculated against pneumonia if their doctors recommend it," he said, "and, though the numbers of those getting the vaccine are rising, there are still too many people who need it but are unaware of it."

The vaccine is also important, Musher said, for people with

lung disease, heart disease and any kind of immune-system disorder, including HIV infection.

"Until people who have had their spleens removed are especially susceptible to pneumococcal infection and must be vaccinated," he said. The spleen helps clear bacteria from the blood, and its absence leaves a person prey to pneumonia infections.

At one time it was widely believed that the beneficial effects of pneumonia vaccine persisted for a lifetime, but, Musher said, research at Houston's VAMC has shown that vaccination probably should be repeated at five- to 10-year intervals or, for people without spleens, Musher recommends revaccination every five years.

Young children are also especially susceptible to pneumonia, Musher said, but the vaccine is not effective in people younger than two.

While pneumonia is not generally a major killer of otherwise-healthy people between toddler age and 65, Musher said, "I personally have had every member of my family vaccinated against pneumococcal infection. It can't hurt, and it may well save a life."

## Baylor to test artificial blood

HOUSTON — An artificial blood substitute will be tested in trauma patients with severe blood loss by physicians at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

The study will begin next month to help determine whether the blood substitute prevents death and treats harmful side effects that can be caused by severe blood loss. The research will take place at the Harris County Hospital District's Ben Taub General Hospital.

**"This blood substitute might save critical time in stabilizing patients because it does not have to match their blood type."**

"Survivors of car wrecks or gunshot and stab wounds often go into shock because the loss of blood prevents oxygen from getting to vital tissues and organs," said principal investigator Dr. Matthew J. Wall Jr., associate professor of surgery at Baylor and director of the trauma and critical-care service at Ben Taub. "This blood substitute might save critical time in stabilizing patients because it does not have to match their blood type."

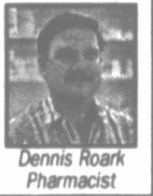
Baxter Healthcare Corporation, the study sponsor, makes the blood substitute from expired human red blood cells. The substitute contains oxygen-carrying hemoglobin and might increase blood flow to vital organs.

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## Not All The Action In Sports Arena Takes Place On Field

DEAR ABBY: I work for a sports arena, but please don't reveal in which state. Several times a year, people are "caught" having sex in the upper decks of the empty stands.

They are caught because television cameras are very powerful and can zoom in for a close-up of the subject from several hundred feet away.

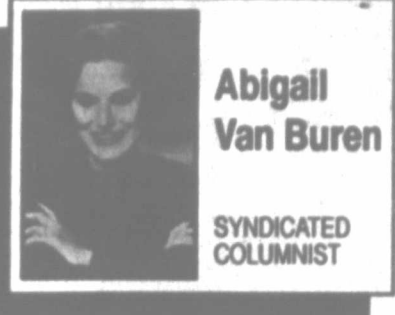
Of course, these images never make it on the air. However, they usually do end up on videotape — and through the miracle of satellite technology could end up in every TV sports department in the country. Abby, this is just a warning to those couples who think they are getting away with something.

IT AIN'T A SECRET AT THE GAME.

DEAR AIN'T A SECRET: Thank you, dear reader. You have just performed a public service. Amorous readers who are tempted to wink at convention should bear in mind that the lens of a camera never blinks.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I had different reactions to a couple we know. I'll call them "Jack and Jill." My husband considers Jack to be one of his best friends, so he asked him to be his best man in our wedding.

Shortly after we announced our engagement, my parents threw a party for us, inviting only family and those in our wedding party. It was such a special event that my



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husband's parents flew across the country to be there. Much to my husband's dismay, Jack and Jill never showed up. When we saw them a few days later, they explained that they had made other plans.

A few months before the wedding, my sister planned a bridal shower for me. Jill was invited. She never came. I saw her that evening and she said that she forgot. This really hurt my feelings.

About a month before the wedding, a couple of the groomsmen called me to find out about the

bachelor party. I called Jack, and he said he had not made any plans yet. It got closer to the wedding (a week away) and a groomsman, one of my bridesmaids and I were working frantically to give my husband a bachelor party. We asked Jack to take care of the transportation deposit. The night before the bachelor party, the bus driver called my bridesmaid and told her that he never received his deposit (which

had been given to Jack). We then had to track Jack down and get the deposit to the bus company. Luckily, the party went well. The same evening, we had my bachelorette party. Jill never showed up.

The rehearsal evening finally came. Jack and Jill showed up at the church 30 minutes late, with no explanation. Luckily, my husband asked Jack to come to our house to get ready for the wedding so he would be there on time.

Last week we got our wedding album back. We decided to have a barbecue and invite everyone in the wedding party. Jack and Jill accepted. Two hours after the barbecue started, they called to say they weren't coming.

My dilemma: I do not want to make any more plans with this couple because they make no effort to see us. My husband thinks I am being mean when I tell him not to invite them to any of our functions. What do you think?

FRUSTRATED IN FLORIDA

DEAR FRUSTRATED: I think you have been incredibly tolerant. After Jack dropped the ball so many times, I'm puzzled why your husband continued to want him in your wedding party.

From their track record, I see no harm in continuing to invite Jack and Jill to your functions, because the odds are, even if they do accept, they will not show up.

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**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Do not wile difficult assignments off of your agenda today. Your beginnings might not look too promising, but you will be a strong finisher.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** You are likely to get fidgety today if you're anchored in one spot too long. Allow yourself ample space for independence and mobility.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Financial opportunities could provide your best chances for success today. Look for deals that could strengthen your material base.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Do not put yourself in a position that will allow dependent types of associates to impose upon your time, talent or resources.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** You will function best today in surroundings that provide solitude and harmony. Work out private matters in a place where you can be alone.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Continue to

be expectant and hopeful about your objectives. Positive thoughts will trigger positive action with positive results.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Compliments and recognition from peers will be quite significant to you today. Now you can measure how associates evaluate your ideas and efforts.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You will take all your involvements seriously today, while remaining philosophical about the outcome. Your reasonable, easy attitude is a big plus.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Striving with another toward an objective should be mutually advantageous today, provided there is parity in the sharing of responsibilities.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Lately, you may have been too opinionated, and this can work against you. Try to see things from another's point of view today.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Today you'll be in an industrious, productive mood rather than a playful one. You will derive great pleasure from doing meaningful things.

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## Horoscope



Your Birthday

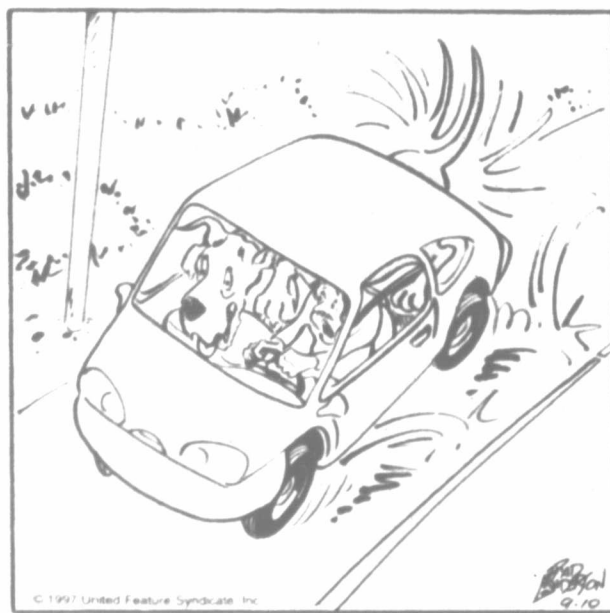
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In the year ahead, stronger ambitions will come into play as your needs for material gratification become more active. You will be willing to work harder for what you want.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Socialize with friends today who can help you in the workaday world. Blending business with pleasure in appropriate proportions could be a profitable mix. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this



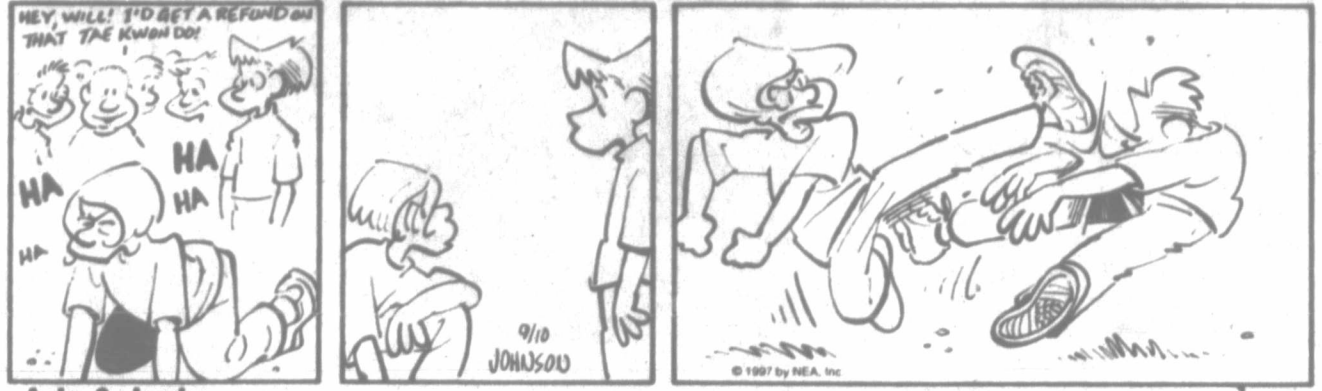
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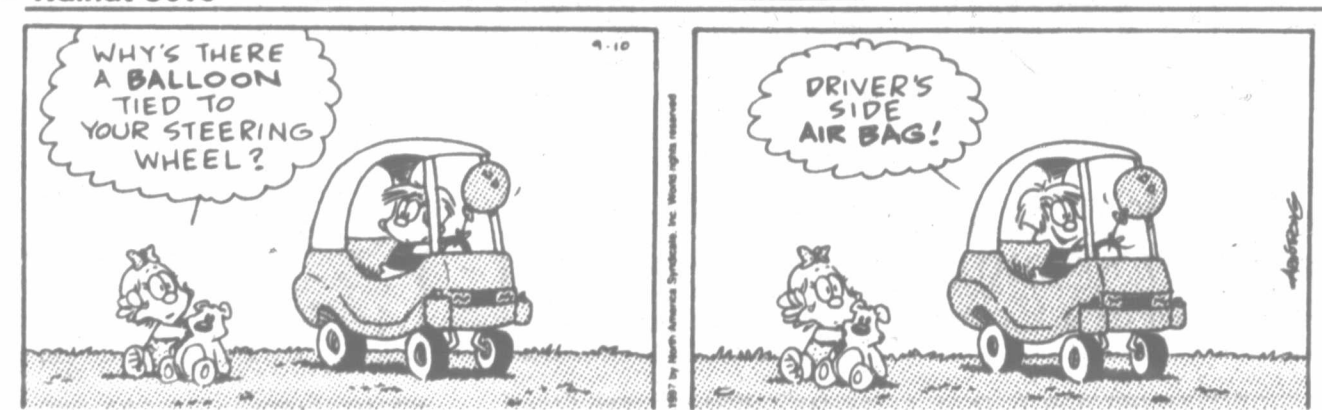
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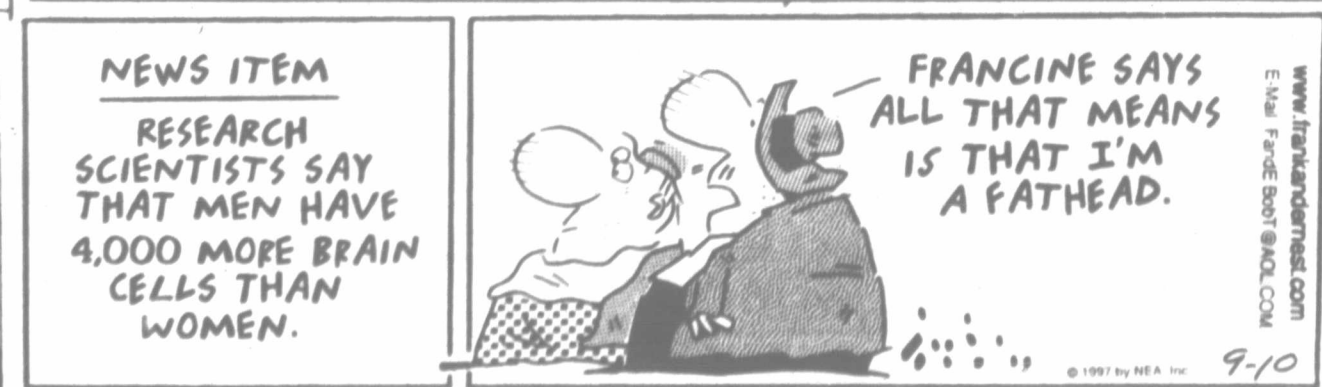
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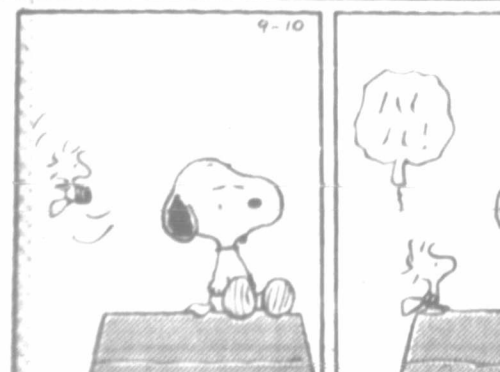
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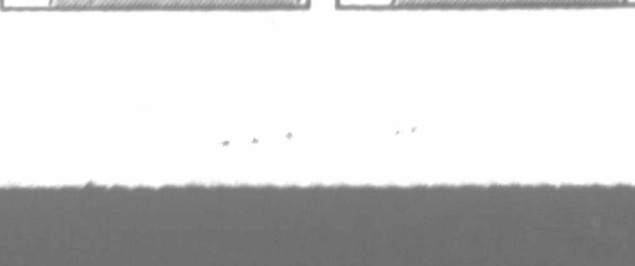
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# SPORTS

## Notebook BASEBALL

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Mark McGwire hit his 49th home run and the St. Louis Cardinals rallied past the San Francisco Giants 5-3 Tuesday night.

McGwire, playing for the first time in the Bay Area since he was traded from Oakland to St. Louis on July 31, homered for the 15th time since joining the Cardinals. He hit a solo shot in the eighth off Julian Tavarez to make it 5-3.

With his next homer, McGwire will join Babe Ruth as the only players in baseball history to have back-to-back 50-homer seasons. Ruth achieved the feat twice in 1920-21 and 1927-28.

Gary Gaetti and Ray Lankford also homered for the Cardinals.

Rookie Manny Aybar (2-4) won despite committing two errors and a balk that figured in all three Giants runs. He went six innings, allowing three runs and four hits.

Dennis Eckersley pitched the ninth for his 34th save.

## FOOTBALL

**FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP)** — The Arkansas Razorback football team worked briefly on short yardage drills Tuesday, but focused mainly on the game plan for Southern Methodist.

The Razorbacks meet the Mustangs on Saturday at Shreveport, La.

"Our work on offense was better than the defense today," Coach Danny Ford said. "The rest of the time we prepared for SMU. For a full-contact day, we got out of it pretty healthy."

Tight end Nathan Cole, who sat out the past week with mononucleosis, returned to practice Tuesday, but safety Kenroy Kennedy was forced to sit out another day with a back injury.

Kenroy "will need to start practicing soon in order to start," Ford said. "But we're more concerned that he get healthy. Jeremiah Harper had a good game as the back-up last week and we have all the confidence that he can continue to perform."

Kenroy could return to practice Wednesday or Thursday, Ford said.

Madre Hill, recovering from knee surgery, is still out of action until the training staff gives him the go-ahead, his coach said.

Ford said SMU was "trying to make changes in their philosophy. You won't see them running the run-and-shoot. They'll go to a tight end more now than they did."

**FORT WORTH, Texas** — Fort Worth Christian quarterback Vance Smith is tired of defending himself.

He has 10 size-14 shoeboxes full of letters from colleges.

— (Yeah? So do a thousand other high school athletes.)

He received 17 telephone calls from schools including Tennessee, Texas A&M, University of Miami, Texas and UCLA on Sept. 1, the first day of the recruiting period. They started coming in at 7:42 a.m.

— (That's because his private school coach pumped up his statistics.)

He threw for 1,136 yards and 10 touchdowns last season for a team that ran the ball about 65 percent of the time.

— (Please. Like other private schools offer competition?)

He's 6-foot-5, 225 pounds with a rocket arm.

— (Hey, just because he's big doesn't mean he's good.)

Texas A&M has asked him to commit early, he says.

— (Come on. Recruiters are as honest as used-car salesmen.)

Seems like he has done everything possible to prove he's not another hyped-up, Division II, Fort Worth private school pretender.

Seems like until he signs a Division I letter of intent, he won't get any respect.

Private school athlete. It's a phrase almost like a bad word. And it's a hard tag to shake.

"I'm here to prove people wrong, that a private school guy can go to a Division I college," Smith said.

## Dallas wants to avoid another 'sorry' September

**IRVING, Texas (AP)** — Most coaches don't talk about the third game of the season being a "must" win. But that's what Barry Switzer is calling Monday night's game against the Philadelphia Eagles.

The Dallas coach, mindful of last season's sorry September that put the Cowboys in a deep 1-3 hole, said Tuesday: "We've got to have this one."

Switzer's observation came after his team blew a 15-point lead Sunday to lose 25-22 in overtime to the Arizona Cardinals, leveling the Cowboys record at 1-1.

"Our goal is the home-field advantage," he said. "This is a must win. Our (home-field) fate was determined in September last year."

Dallas finished 10-6 last year, winning a fifth consecutive NFC East title but entering the playoffs as a wild card. The Cowboys beat Minnesota 40-15 at home in the first game, then tumbled 26-17 to Carolina on the road.

Puzzling Switzer is the Cowboys complete turnaround

from two weeks ago when they opened with a 37-7 thumping of Pittsburgh.

"We went from the castle to the privy," Switzer said. "This is an important game for us, and they (the Eagles) are a dangerous opponent."

The two teams traded out in their divisional series last year with Dallas winning 23-19 at Philadelphia and the Eagles winning 31-21 at Texas Stadium.

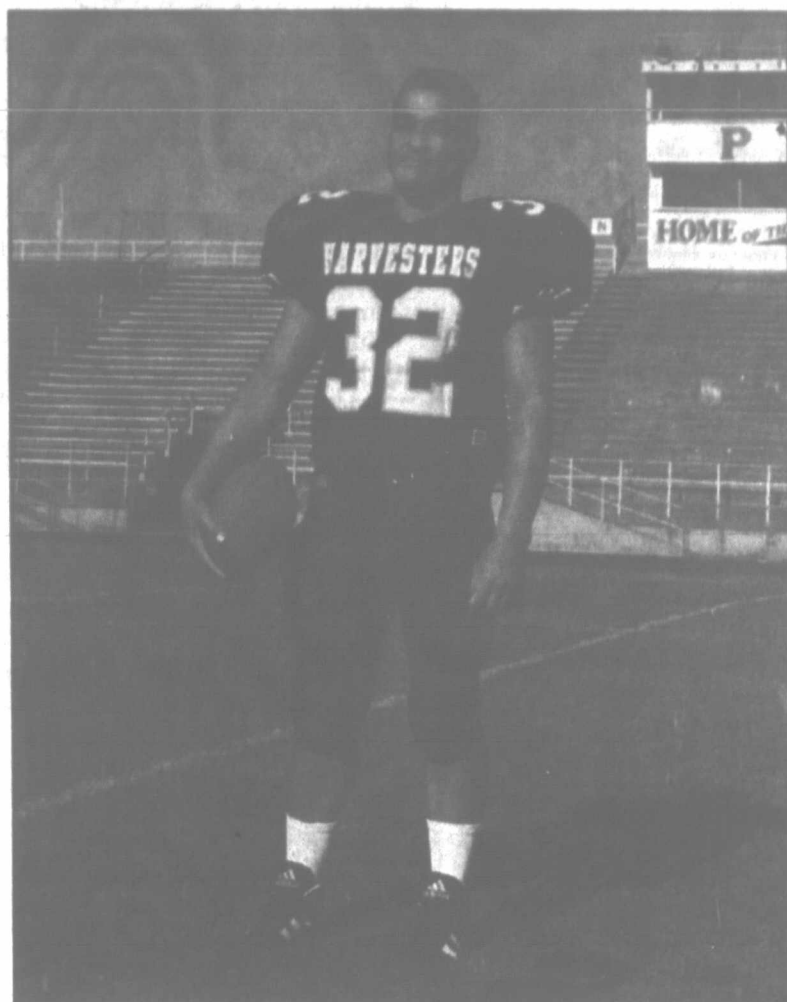
Switzer said also underlining the importance of the Eagle visit is the division standings.

"It's our first home game and a division game," he said. "Our opponent is one who has a chance to win the division along with the Washington Redskins. Anyone can beat anyone."

The Cowboys were early eight point favorites over the Eagles, who have lost nine of their last 11 games to Dallas.

The Dallas offense collapsed in the second half against the Cardinals. Sorely missed was wide receiver Anthony Miller, who played only two downs before he was alarmed by a tight hamstring.

## Top tackler



(Special photo)

Junior middle linebacker Jared White was the leading tackler for Pampa with 13 tackles against Lubbock Estacado last week. White also blocked an extra point kick. The Harvesters host Amarillo High at 7:30 Friday night at Harvester Stadium.

## Pampa girls fall to Borger

**PAMPA** — Borger defeated Pampa, 15-10, 15-10, in a District 1-4A volleyball opener Tuesday night.

"Adjusting to a team's playing style is hurting us. Saturday (at Amarillo Tournament), we played against two big hitting, blocking style teams where our defense had to dig deep hits and last night Borger had a roll, tip, type team and instead of adjusting to their style of defense, we tried to play their style of offense. Our blockers were taken out of the game with tips and rolls and our diggers did not communicate, react and move to the ball," said Pampa coach Sandra Thornton.

Lisa Dwight led Pampa in hitting with 23 of 28 and 11 kills, Katy Cavalier was 15 of 18 with 3 kills, Lisa Kirkpatrick 13 of 14 with 5 kills and Keili Earl 13 of 15 with 3 kills. Earl also led in digs with 15 of 17.

"While we have to block and dig the hard-hitting teams like Hereford and Dumas, we have to adjust to the soft short shots and right now we're not making that adjustment. Monday's practice was devoted almost entirely to that aspect of the game, but obviously that was not enough and that's my responsibility," Thornton said.

Thornton said the Lady Harvesters also lacked intensity on serving and serve receiving.

"It's difficult to score or stop opponents scoring when we aren't ready for every opportunity," she added. "I will give us credit for not giving up. We were behind 4-13 and came back to close the gap. We know we're a better team than we showed last night. Now we just have to prove it."

Pampa's next match and first home game of the season is Saturday with Randall coming to McNeely Fieldhouse. The varsity match will follow the junior varsity game, which starts at 2 p.m.

The Lady Harvesters are 0-1 in district play and 8-5 for the season.

## Tri-State Rodeo scheduled Saturday at TOT arena

**PAMPA** — The Pampa High Rodeo Club will be hosting a Tri-State High School Rodeo Saturday at the Top O' Texas Arena. Starting time is 9 a.m.

The Tri-State season started last weekend with a rodeo at McLean.

Shandon Stalls of McLean won all-around cowboy honors with 19 points. Randus London of Freedom, Okla. was all-around cowgirl with 18 points.

**Tri-State High School Rodeo at McLean**

**Barrel racing:** 1. (tie) Matthew Burrow, Boys Ranch, 64 points; 2. Justin Passmore, Wheeler, 64; 3. Thomas Wiegler, Randall, 63.  
**Calf roping:** 1. Jeffery Seaton, Lazbuddie, 11.358 seconds; 2. Clint McCloy, McLean, 12.338; 3. Ryan Nuckols, Canyon, 13.218.

**Saddle bronc:** 1. Neal Daniel, Childress, 71 points; 2. Leland Wood, Childress, 65; 3. Rowdy Thomas, S-S, 63.

**Ribbon roping:** 1. Shandon Stalls, McLean, 6.263 seconds; 2. Monty Eakin, McLean, 6.286; 3.

Jeffery Seaton, Lazbuddie, 6.695.

**Bull riding:** 1. Zane Wagoner, South Plains, 74 points; 2. Buster Bledsoe, Randall, 73. 3. Rowdy Thomas, Gruver, 70.

**Steer wrestling:** 1. Monty Eakin, McLean, 19.922; 2. Roper Slavin, Canadian, 21.019.

**Team roping:** 1. Jordan Satterfield-Pecos Alford, Hereford, 7.392 seconds; 2. Shandon Stalls, McLean-Rodey Wilson, Hereford, 10.957; 3. Jace Crabb, McLean-Ty Boggeman-Hereford, 12.202.

**Barrel racing:** 1. Amanda Schumacher, Hereford, 17.321 seconds; 2. Denise Sexton, Childress, Randus London, Freedom, 17.677.

**Goat tying:** 1. Ashley Sultemier, Lubbock, 7.603 seconds; 2. Lauren Middleton, Lazbuddie, 7.960; 3. Jera Harris, Lazbuddie, 8.360.

**Pole bending:** 1. Randus London, Freedom, 20.602; 2. Lindsay Tidwell, Pampa, 21.032; 3. Johnna Garcia, Gruver, 21.059.

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### Major League Standings

BASEBALL				
NL Standings				
By The Associated Press				
East Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	89	54	.622	—
Florida	84	58	.592	4 1/2
New York	77	65	.538	12
Montreal	72	71	.503	18
Philadelphia	58	83	.411	30
Central Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	72	71	.503	—
Pittsburgh	70	75	.483	3
St. Louis	66	77	.462	6
Cincinnati	65	78	.455	7
Chicago	60	85	.414	13
West Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	81	63	.563	—
San Francisco	79	64	.552	1 1/2
Colorado	73	71	.507	8
San Diego	67	77	.466	14
Monday's Games				
Chicago Cubs 8, Cincinnati 1				
Philadelphia 13, N.Y. Mets 4				
Florida 8, Los Angeles 4				
Only games scheduled				
Tuesday's Games				
Late Games Not Included				
Montreal 5, Pittsburgh 4, 10 innings				
Cincinnati 5, Chicago Cubs 2				
Philadelphia 1, N.Y. Mets 0				
Houston at Colorado, (n)				
Atlanta at Los Angeles, (n)				
Florida at San Diego, (n)				
St. Louis at San Francisco, (n)				
Wednesday's Games				
Houston (Garza 6-8) at Colorado (Castillo 11-11), 3:05 p.m.				
St. Louis (Osborne 3-7) at San Francisco (Estes 18-4), 3:35 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Lieber 9-13) at Montreal (Martinez 16-7), 7:35 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Tapera 5-3) at Cincinnati (Mercker 8-9), 7:35 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Beach 4-8) at N.Y. Mets (Bohanon 4-4), 7:40 p.m.				
Atlanta (Givane 12-7) at Los Angeles (Martinez 9-3), 10:35 p.m.				
Florida (Fernandez 17-10) at San Diego (Smith 5-5), 10:35 p.m.				
Thursday's Games				
San Francisco at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.				
Montreal at N.Y. Mets, 7:40 p.m.				
Only games scheduled				
All Standings				
By The Associated Press				
East Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	89	53	.627	—
New York	81	61	.570	8
Detroit	70	74	.486	20
Toronto	70	74	.486	20
Boston	69	75	.479	21
Central Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	76	64	.543	—
Minnesota	72	71	.503	5 1/2
Chicago	70	74	.486	8

## Astros increase lead in NL Central race

DENVER (AP) — Bill Spiers hit a three-run homer and Derek Bell added a two-run shot Tuesday night, leading the Houston Astros to their third win in 12 games, a 7-4 victory over the Colorado Rockies.

Bell drove in three runs as the Astros increased their lead in the NL Central to 3 1/2 games over second-place Pittsburgh. The Pirates lost 5-4 in 10 innings at Montreal.

Mike Hampton (13-9) allowed eight hits in 7 2-3 innings and won for the 10th time in 12 decisions.

Russ Springer got two outs for his third save.

Andres Galarraga went 4-for-4

for Colorado, which lost for the second time in 13 games. Dante Bichette added a two-run homer and sacrifice fly for the Rockies.

Colorado starter Jamey Wright (6-11) gave up six runs and nine hits in seven innings. The right-hander lost his fourth straight decision.

Wright's wildness and Spiers' third homer gave the Astros a 3-0 lead in the first. Wright hit Craig Biggio and Jeff Bagwell before Biggio was thrown out attempting to steal third. After Bell walked, Spiers hit a drive to center that deflected off Ellis Burks' glove and went over the wall.

Bell's one-out RBI single gave the Astros a 4-0 lead in the third.

Vinny Castilla's sacrifice fly in the fourth brought the Rockies within 4-1, and Colorado closed to 4-2 in the sixth on Bichette's sac fly.

With Chuck Carr aboard in the seventh, Bell hit his 13th homer to make it 6-2.

Bichette's two-run homer in the eighth made it 6-4.

Bagwell closed the scoring in the ninth with a sac fly.

Notes: Hampton is 9-1 at home and 4-8 on the road. ... Biggio has played in a club record 362 consecutive games. ... Larry Walker returned to Colorado's lineup after sitting out a game with upper back spasms. ... Biggio matched his own club record

when he was hit by a pitch for the 28th time. ... Galarraga has a 12-game hitting streak.

### Mariners 4, Royals 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr. failed to get closer to Roger Maris' record, but teammate Rob Ducey hit a leadoff homer in the ninth to give Seattle a 4-3 victory over Kansas City on Tuesday night.

The victory increased first-place Seattle's lead over Anaheim to five games in the AL West with 17 games remaining.

Griffey failed to hit a home run for the second straight night against Kansas City, so he remained 11 short of Maris' record of 61.

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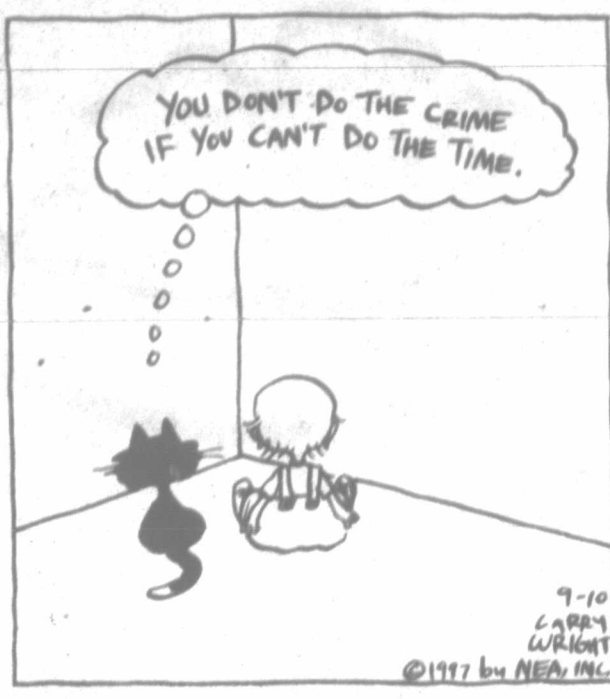
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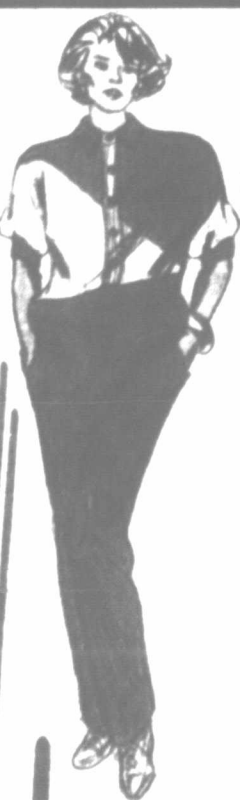
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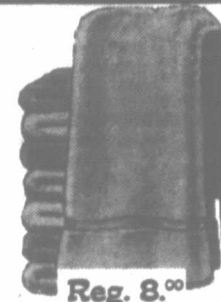
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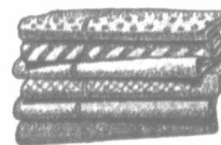


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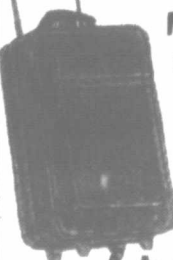


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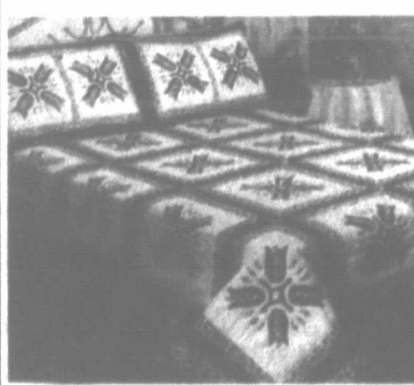
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