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Coronado Inn salary case reset

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

A small claims case filed by a former employee against the Coronado Inn has been rescheduled to Sept. 24, at 3 p.m. because both sides were unprepared, said Justice of the Peace Bob Muns.

Lisa Nachorato, 20, of Pampa, filed the suit, claiming she was not paid the full amount of her salary — \$250 per week. According to court documents, she was employed at the hotel as an administrative assistant for approximately two weeks.

The court papers filed by Nachorato originally asked for \$500, the total of two weeks' salary. But, in municipal court on Wednesday, Nachorato amended the motion to ask for \$270 plus court costs

Judge Bob Muns, after looking at copies of the checks issued by the Grand Coronado Inn, said the suit was filed correctly because the L.M. Joseph Trust is not the entity named on the payroll accounts. In addition, Beasley is the acting service agent of the Coronado Inn, which makes him subject to the suit, said Muns.

because she said she has since been paid for a portion of the two weeks salary.

The lawsuit, filed against Lowell Beasley, manager of the Grand Coronado Inn, was heard in Muns court Wednesday. Beasley was not present but had two employees, Shanna Mohar and Dana Jefferies, at the hearing to represent him.

In presenting her case, Nachorato told the court she was hired at a salary of \$250 per week. She claimed to have only

missed one day of work due to an injury.

After showing up for work for three other days, Nachorato said she was told to go home by her supervisor, Michele Bybee, and another employee, Kim Rose, because there was nothing for her to do. Beasley, said Nachorato, was out of town during those three days.

Despite only working for six of the 10 days of her employment, Nachorato is asking the court for the total two weeks of

pay because she was hired under the impression that the position was salaried.

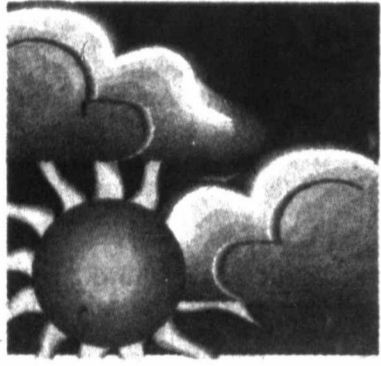
In cross-examination, Beasley's representative, Mohar, questioned Nachorato about the absences. Mohar indicated in her questions that Nachorato had missed work all four days and was not told to go home.

After questioning Nachorato, Mohar read a written statement by Beasley in which he stated his opinion the lawsuit was invalid because it was filed incorrectly.

"Her suit against me personally is just an act of vengeance and vindictiveness," read Mohar.

The suit, he stated, should have been filed against L.M. Joseph Trust, the corporation attempting to purchase the

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High tomorrow 85.
Low tonight 65.
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PAMPA — "Building Teams in School" with Debora Tinnin from Amarillo will be presented Wednesday, Sept. 17 from 2-3 p.m. at Lamar's Parent Resource Center. Childcare can be provided.

SHAMROCK — Irish ShamFest '97 will be Oct. 4-5 at the Shamrock Area Community Center on South U.S. Highway 83 in Shamrock.

The event will emphasize a Christmas theme with thousands of hand-made collectibles and crafts available to the general public from more than 85 area and local crafters. Hours for Irish CraftFest '97 are: Saturday, Oct. 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 5th from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Crafters are urged to make reservations early for booth space by contacting Vaughn Anne Thomas at 256-3535.

FOOT WORTH (AP) — Cable viewers will be able to watch the trial of a former military cadet accused of a love triangle slaying.

Judge Joe Drago agreed to let Court TV carry the trial of Diana Zamora. Jury selection starts Sept. 29. Ms. Zamora, 19, is charged in the 1995 shooting death of Adrienne Jones, 16.

Prosecutors allege the Mansfield teen was killed by Ms. Zamora, a former Naval Academy midshipman, and her boyfriend, David Graham, a former Air Force Academy cadet.

- Bessie Mae Adkins, 72, retired checker at Ideal Grocery Store.
- Geneva Imogene Johnson, 82, homemaker.
- Floyd Stilwell Whitson, 91, retired farmer, railroad employee.

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(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

These three pen pals, Margie Moore, (from left) Shirley McKenney and Martha Holt met for the first time this week after writing one another for 58 years.

58-year odyssey... Pen pals meet at last

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

It's as good as a fairy tale. Maybe better. In 1939 when 13-year-old Shirley Eastwood decided to find out some information about Texas, little did she know it would turn out to be a lifelong pursuit.

When she told her father that she wanted to learn about the State of Texas, her father's reply was, "Why don't you write the Texas Governor and find out?"

"I would have just written the chamber, but my dad had me write the governor," Shirley laughed.

So she wrote Governor James

Alfred of Texas.

And she got a lot more than a brochure and a map.

Governor Alfred sent her a large, gray Stetson cowboy hat, a letter explaining many things about Texas, and he inadvertently sent her two pen pals and a little fame along the way.

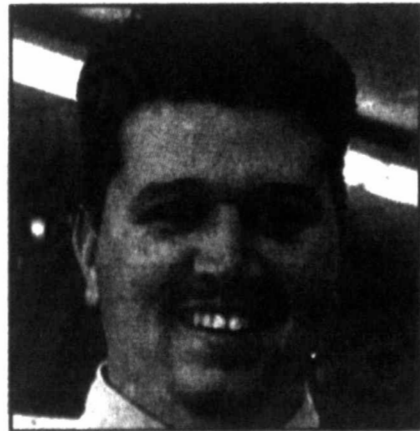
The news of this young Rhode Island girl getting a hat from the governor of Texas soon attracted the media. And not long after, several papers in Texas had written about the story. Rhode Island newspapers got a hold of it, too.

"I was famous for a while that year," Shirley said.

During that fall - of 1939 -

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Our neighbors



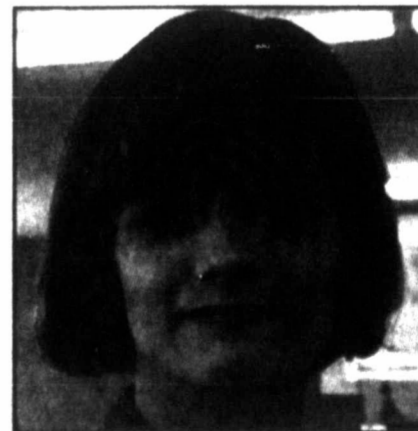
No, because a lot of business matters have to be taken care of on the spot, and accidents and medical problems can be dealt with over the phone at the time they happen.

- Dwight Kirksey



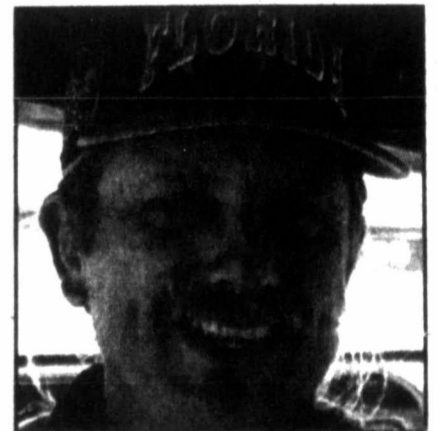
No, because they can be used for business and medical emergencies

- Chevonne Ware



No, because of important matters, family emergencies, etc. However, I do believe they are definitely mis-used — but convenient.

- Donna at Hastings



Yes, a lot of people can't drive with two hands, let alone with one!

- Dennis Moore

Jurors receive option to give pay to groups

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

Citizens reporting for jury duty now have the option to donate their jury compensation to the Tralee Crisis Center and the Child Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) of Gray County, Inc.

The Gray County Commissioners Court decided Monday to add these two local, non-profit agencies as juror donation alternatives when they were given the opportunity to do so under the new House Bill 1886.

Residents who are currently called in for possible jury duty are paid \$6, while those selected to be participating members of the jury are compensated \$15.

Before commissioners made the additions, jurors and prospective jurors were given the option of keeping the pay, or donating it to one of two state agencies including the Crime Victims Compensation Fund (CVC) and the State Child Welfare Services Fund.

"Now there are more options.

"I would rather see Gray County money go to local entities," County Treasurer Scott Hahn said in discussion of the consideration.

Commissioner Jim Greene of Precinct II suggested that donation

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State to need more prisons

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's one-two punch of getting tougher on criminals and making it harder to win parole is filling up Texas prisons faster than expected, a new report says.

However, plans are in the works to accommodate the extra inmates, said the report issued Monday by the Criminal Justice Policy Council.

"Parole has practically been abolished in Texas for violent offenders, with these offenders expected to serve up to 90 percent of their sentences under present release practices," said Tony Fabelo, the council's executive director.

"The toughening of parole practices means that offenders are staying longer in prison and more are being revoked from parole, consuming faster the available prison space," Fabelo added.

In the last year, the number of convicts released on parole dropped 13 percent. And from September 1996 to June 1997, the number of paroles that were revoked jumped by 261 percent.

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Quite frankly...

Should it be illegal for people to drive and talk on the cellular phone at the same time?

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

ADKINS, Bessie Mae — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Debolt Cemetery, Arnett, Okla.

Obituaries

BESSIE MAE ADKINS

AMARILLO — Bessie Mae Adkins, 72, a former Pampa resident, died Sunday, Sept. 14, 1997. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Debolt Cemetery at Arnett, Okla. Burial will be under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Adkins was born at Hollis, Okla. She married Morris F. Adkins in 1972 at Childress. She had been a Pampa resident from 1948 until moving to Amarillo in 1972. She was a checker at Ideal Grocery Store in Pampa prior to retiring.

She was a Baptist and a Pythian Sister with the Pampa Lodge. She was a former secretary at Highland Baptist Church in Pampa and helped establish the Youth Center in Pampa.

Survivors include her husband, Morris; a sister, Ruth Cogkendale of Arnett; and two brothers, Walter Martin and Clarence Martin, both of Arnett.

GENEVA IMOGENE JOHNSON

AMARILLO — Geneva Imogene Johnson, 82, died Saturday, Sept. 13, 1997. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Father-Albert Funeral Home Chapel at Erick, Okla. Burial will be in Cave Creek Cemetery at Vinson, Okla. Local arrangements are under the direction of Rector Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mrs. Johnson was born at Reed, Okla. She was reared in Vinson and in the Mobeetie-Wheeler areas. She married William Thomas Johnson in 1938 at Wheeler, he died in 1975. She moved to Commerce, Calif., in 1941, to Mobeetie in 1950, to California in 1955, to Erick in 1957 and to Amarillo in 1995. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a son, Albert Johnson, in 1989.

Survivors include a daughter, Betty L. Rodney of Amarillo; a son, Nolan Johnson of Anaheim, Calif.; a sister, Rhonda Allen of Erick; a brother, Eugene Myers of Erick; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

FLOYD STILWELL WHITSON

HOLLIS, Okla. — Floyd Stilwell Whitson, 91, father of a Pampa resident, died Monday, Sept. 15, 1997, at Harmon Memorial Hospital in Hollis. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in Patterson-Greer Chapel with the Rev. Hoyt Ellis of Hollis officiating. Burial will be in Fairmont Cemetery under the direction of Patterson-Greer Funeral Home.

Mr. Whitson was born June 17, 1906, at Ada, Okla., to Henry and Allie Whitson. He had been a resident of Harmon County since 1924. He married Vera Coward on June 6, 1934, at Hollis. He worked at various occupations, farming and working for the railroad, before retiring in the 1970s. He had been a resident of Colonial Manor II Nursing Home in Hollis since 1995. He was an avid gardener and a member of Antioch Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Eunice Whitson, Oscar Whitson and Woodrow Whitson, and two sisters, Pearl Roddy and Maude Roper.

Survivors include his wife, Vera, of Hollis; four children, Earl Whitson and Carol Stribling, both of Pampa; Evelyn Caswell of Hollis and Shirley Orr of Vinson, Okla.; two sisters, Eunice Powers of Woodward, Okla.; Laomi Corbett of Fort Supply, Okla.; a brother, Claude Whitson of Vinita, Okla.; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

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Maize	1.12	up .01
Corn	1.05	up .01

The following show the prices for which these securities will have traded at the time of completion:

Marathon	41 1/16	up 1/16
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The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of completion:

Magellan	22 1/4	up 1/4
Pioneer	19 1/4	up 1/4

The following 9 3/4 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:

Marathon	41 7/8	up 1/16
Wells	83 1/16	up 7/8
Yielder	26 1/16	do 1/8
Global Fund	21 5/16	up 7/16

Police report

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

A possession of marijuana was reported at 737 N. Perry. Property was found at 201 Kingsmill Street.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Brandi Walker Brewer, 24, 1224 Osborne, was arrested on charges of speeding in Roberts County.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

An accident was reported at the intersection of 300 E. Harvester and 1300 N. Duncan when a 1991 maroon Ford Aerostar driven by Cheryl Velasco, 1418 E. Francis, collided with a 1994 green Chevrolet S-10 driven by Daria Jewett, 512 N. Starkweather. No citations were issued.

An accident was reported at 1900 Holly when a 1972 black Chevrolet owned by John Richards, 1916 Holly, slipped out of gear, rolled backward and struck a concrete brick mailbox belonging to Lajuana Tredwell, 1908 Holly. No citations were issued.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

11:06 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of N. Hobart on a medical emergency and one patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

1:52 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of N. Hobart on a motor vehicle accident and no patients were transported.

6:27 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Gray D and Gray 5 on a motor vehicle accident and three patients were transported to Columbia Medical Center.

7:45 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one patient to Northwest Texas Hospital.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

6:48 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Magnolia on a fall injury and one patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

Fires

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

11:05 a.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to 1233 N. Hobart on a medical assist call.

1:52 p.m. - Three units and six personnel responded to the 700 block of N. Hobart on a motor vehicle accident.

6:23 p.m. - Three units and six personnel responded to Gray D and Gray 5 on a motor vehicle accident.

Calendar of events

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Are you or someone you know in an abusive relationship? Tralee Crisis Center is offering a women's support group Wednesdays at 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. All inquiries will be kept confidential. For information call 669-1131.

TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night, from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Coronado Inn.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energy	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	669-7432
Water	669-5830

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Coronado Inn from the current owner Parker & Parker. The trustee of the L.M. Joseph account is 19-year-old Bybee, Nachorato's former supervisor.

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After looking at payroll ledgers, which indicate a pay scale of \$150 per week for Nachorato, Muns decided to reschedule the case. Neither Mohar or Jefferies could explain the ledgers, the monetary figures or pay deductions.

"Unfortunately, he's not here to answer any form of grievance," said Muns about Beasley.

Neither side, he said, had adequate proof or witnesses to present their case at the Wednesday afternoon hearing.

"Because there are too many unanswered questions in this case, I am going to reschedule it — to be fair to everyone involved," said Muns.

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PALS

Martha and Margie Brummet were sitting around the table eating breakfast when their father noticed an article in their Pampa News about Shirley's story.

"Here is a story about a girl in Rhode Island wanting to learn all about the state of Texas, now why don't you two write her and tell her all about it," he immediately said to Martha and Margie.

Interestingly enough, Shirley's address was listed within the news article, so 12-year-old Pampan, Margie Brummet, wrote Shirley first.

"I think I told her their weren't cowboys here like in the movies ... I suppose I disillusioned her," Margie said.

"Yes, I think she did," Shirley agreed. Not long after, Margie's sister Martha joined in the fun and that began a lifetime, long distance friendship between the three that has lasted for 58 years.

At first the letters sent from Pampa were all about Texas and the things the two girls were doing in school. And as time passed and things changed, so did the letters. But the fact that the letters were sent, did not.

"There was high school graduation and World War II and marriage and children — so many things to write about," Martha explained.

Through the years, the girls knew they would like to visit each other some day and get acquainted ... talk over everything that had happened through the years.

And it finally came to pass. Shirley Eastwood McKenney came last week to Pampa after 58 years of envisioning the "Lone Star State."

"Why did it take so long? It's a long way between Texas and Maine," the ladies simply said.

The reunion is keeping them busy. Precinct I said he appreciated what Greene was saying.

JURORS

options remain the same to allow Gray County citizens to make their own decisions as to what organization should obtain the money as well as to lighten the load that the changes would make in the bookkeeping.

"I hate for us to be picking one thing for the money to go to," Greene said.

Commissioner Joe Wheeley of

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precinct I said he appreciated what Greene was saying. "It's hard to choose, because so many groups need money," Wheeley said.

However, County District Clerk Yvonne Moler presented another viewpoint.

"It's my opinion that most people won't donate if the organizations aren't listed," she said.

The court also discussed the amount of monies received by

state entities compared to local ones.

"State agencies get a lot of money. The CVCF has more money in that pool that what they've got distributed," County Judge Richard Peet said.

Tralee Crisis Center aids victims of domestic violence and CASA provides volunteer advocates for children to investigate child abuse cases.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low around 65. Southwest wind 10-20 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. High 85. Variable wind 5-15 mph, becoming southeast. Yesterday's high was 93; the overnight low, 74.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low around 60. Variable wind 5-15 mph. Wednesday, partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. High in the mid 80s. Variable wind 5-15 mph, becoming southeast. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms northern rolling plains. Lows 60-70. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms northern south plains/Northern rolling plains. High upper 80s to mid 90s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, fair. Lows 65-70. Wednesday, partly cloudy. High around 95. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, fair. Lows 70-75. Wednesday, partly cloudy. High

mid 90s. Far West Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows upper 60s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs mid 90s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend area — Tonight, slight chance of evening thunderstorms, otherwise fair. Lows mid 50s to lower 70s. Wednesday, sunny. Highs upper 80s to near 104.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, clear to partly cloudy, a slight chance of thunderstorms north. Lows 70 to 75. Wednesday, brief morning clouds south central, otherwise partly cloudy. A chance of thunderstorms north and central portions. Highs 90 to 97.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, some late night and early morning low clouds, otherwise mostly clear. Lows in the mid 70s, near 70 Hill Country. Wednesday, some morning haze mainly central and east. Otherwise partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, fair. Lows in the lower 70s inland to near 80 coast. Wednesday, partly cloudy with isolated showers or thunderstorms. Chance of rain less than 20 percent. Highs in the

mid 90s inland to upper 80s coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows near 80 coast to the mid 70s inland. Wednesday, partly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers or thunderstorms. Chance of rain less than 20 percent. Highs in the lower 90s coast to the mid 90s inland, near 100 Rio Grande Plains.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Tonight, partly cloudy. Scattered showers and thunderstorms till around midnight east and south. Isolated evening thunderstorms northwest. Lows middle 30s to lower 50s mountains, mid 50s to 60s elsewhere. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms northeast plains and southern mountains. A few afternoon and evening thunderstorms elsewhere. Highs 70s to lower 80s mountains and far north, 80s to middle 90s elsewhere. Lows middle 30s to lower 50s mountains, 50s to mid 60s lower elevations.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly north. Lows mostly in the 60s. Wednesday, partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs 85 to 90.

City briefs

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PRISONS

Gov. George W. Bush's office said there is good news in the report, despite the need for additional space.

"First of all, criminals are serving longer sentences. And the parole rate is the lowest it has been in 20 years, which is very good news," said Karen Hughes, the governor's press secretary.

"It will require that we plan effectively and that we have adequate prison space available to continue these tough policies. Gov. Bush is talking with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and other state leaders about the most cost-effective way to provide the additional prison capacity we will need," she said.

According to Fabelo's report, without action there

would be 3,714 convicted criminals in county jails awaiting transfer to state prisons by August 2002. That number would rise to 4,421 by August 2002.

However, the report says, plans are being considered to increase prison space so the state can accept convicts within 45 days of sentencing.

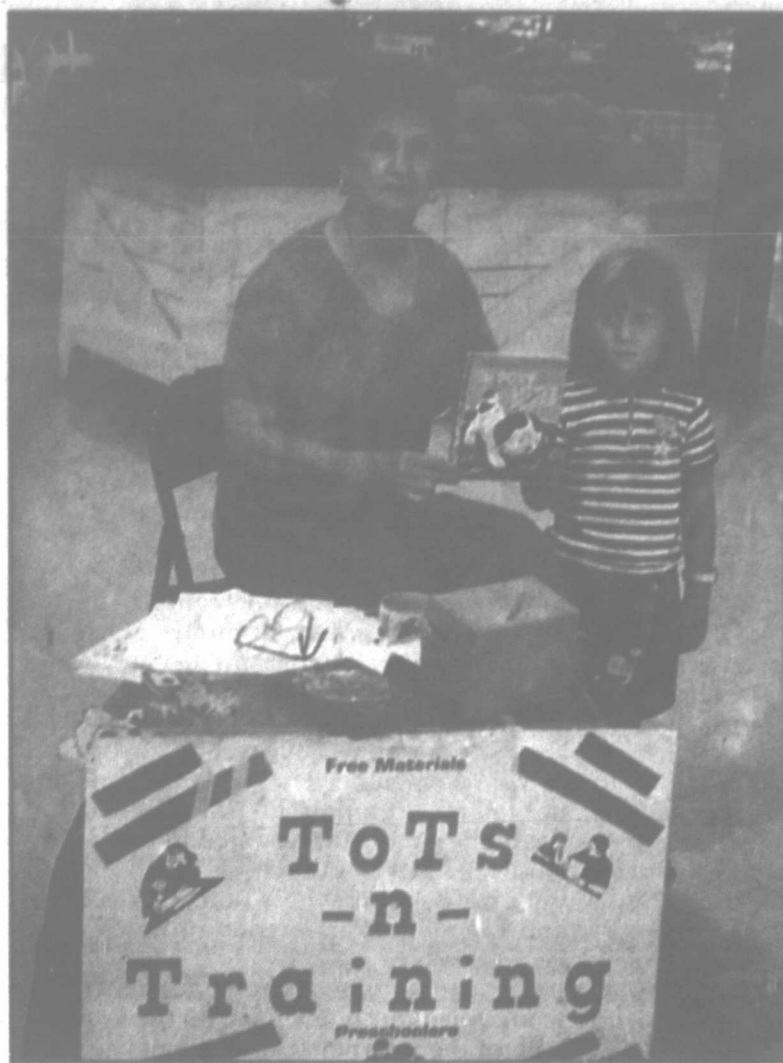
The plans includes the options of contracting with counties or private prisons for space, and of using up to \$125.7 million in available bond money to build more prisons.

Ms. Hughes said the bond money would go toward construction of more maximum security cells — a real need as more violent offenders are locked up longer.

"As criminals serve longer sentences, you have more violent people in prison and you need more maximum security space," she said.

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Tots n' Training



(Special photo)

Freda Lankford handed out supplies to Shasta Morris at Albertsons last Wednesday for the first distribution of the Tots n' Training program. The distribution of free school supplies for children happens each Wednesday throughout the school year.

Doctors, clinics challenging restrictions on abortion funding, take case to court

AUSTIN (AP) — A state prohibition on taxpayer-funded abortions — except in cases of rape, incest or to save the pregnant woman's life — is being challenged by doctors and clinics that perform the procedure.

Their lawsuit contends Texas abortion funding laws and regulations violate the state constitution. The doctors and clinics said they are representing their own interests and those of low-income, Medicaid-eligible patients.

State District Judge Paul Davis on Monday heard motions by those bringing the lawsuit and by state defendants for a summary judgment, a ruling without a trial. He took the case under advisement.

"The challenged provisions jeopardize the health and lives of Medicaid-eligible women seeking abortion services," said the court petition by the doctors and clinics.

"As a result of these provisions, some women are forced to carry unwanted or unhealthy pregnancies to term, others must endure health-risking delays while they seek to raise the funds, and many must forgo, at great cost to themselves and their families, basic necessities to pay for the abortion procedure," it said.

Some women may turn to unsafe illegal or self-induced abortions, the lawsuit said.

The abortion funding restrictions violate the right to privacy, equality under the law, equal protection and freedom of worship under the state constitution, the lawsuit contended.

Assistant Attorney General DeDe Wilburn said Texas isn't obligated to subsidize constitutionally protected activities.

"Texas is making childbirth the more attractive option ... but they've not imposed any restriction on abortion that wasn't already there," she said.

Sixty state lawmakers have signed a friend-of-the court brief supporting the current state system, which tracks federal law on abortion funding.

Specifically, the state allows public funding of abortion when federal matching funds are available, which extends coverage to save a pregnant woman's life or when the pregnancy is caused by rape or incest.

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Child abuse survey:

University researchers find child abuse growing in Texas

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — The number of Texans who say they were abused as children has risen dramatically — more than 41 percent — according to studies by Sam Houston State University researchers.

In results released Monday, a total of 26.4 percent of 798 people surveyed by the school's Criminal Justice Center, working with the Children's Trust Fund of Texas, said they had been abused or neglected by the time they were 16 years old.

That's 41 percent more than the 18.7 percent who said in a 1991 survey that they had been abused or neglected as children. A similar survey in 1978 found 14.3 percent considered themselves victims of abuse and neglect as a child.

"Whether the respondents are simply more aware of the abuse of the children ... or whether an actual increase is taking place cannot be determined from this survey," researchers Raymond Teske Jr. and Stephanie Whitus Goodner concluded. "However, the totality of the findings suggest that the increases are real."

One-fifth or those surveyed said they were a parent and 28 percent of those with children indicated at least one of their own children had been abused or neglected. That's almost double the response from parents in the 1991 survey.

"I do think there has been a significant increase in awareness and more people are feeling comfortable talking about it," Janie Fields, executive director of the Children's Trust Fund of Texas said Monday.

In the 1978 study, only 8.5 percent reported abuse or neglect suffered by their own children.

"The findings from this survey provide unique insight into a prob-

lem which is of major and growing concern," Teske and Ms. Whitus-Goodner said. "Child abuse and

Sexual abuse ranged from forcing a child to engage in sexual activity to fondling to showing pornographic movies. Emotional abuse ranged from threats to shouts to locking a child in a dark room or withholding affection.

Some survey results were promising, the researchers said, noting that compared to earlier surveys, the number of people who considered spanking with a wooden paddle to be abusive grew from 36 percent in 1978 to 48 percent in 1996. Shaking a child violently was considered abuse by 96 percent of the respondents in the most recent survey, up from 84 percent 20 years ago.

"These findings are very encouraging as they suggest that the public is becoming more aware of the

potential harm children may suffer from the shaken baby syndrome," Teske and Whitus-Goodner wrote.

However, the most recent survey could not gain unanimous agreement that striking a child with a fist was abuse (3 percent disagreed), or that holding or placing a child in very hot water was abuse (1 percent disagreed).

In addition, 2 percent said forcing a child to engage in sex with another child was not sexual abuse, and 1 percent said it was not abuse for a parent to engage in sexual intercourse with his or her own child. Three percent said it was not emotionally abusive to tie a child to a chair, bed or other object. And 2 percent said failure to provide a child with adequate food did not constitute neglect.

neglect have a significant impact on the quality of life in our society and many parents today worry about their child being abused by either a stranger or someone they know."

The study, based on mailed questionnaires, was conducted from July through October last year.

Just over 50 percent of the people 18 years of age and older who received the questionnaires responded from 124 Texas counties.

Almost 13 percent of the respondents were college graduates, 41 percent had some college and nearly 30 percent had only a high school education. Margin of error in the findings was listed at plus-or-minus 3 percent.

Abuse was divided into three categories: physical, sexual and emotional.

Physical abuse included spanking, slapping, biting, shaking or holding a child in very hot water.

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Let Peace Begin With Me

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We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not a political grant from government, and that men have the right to take moral action to preserve their life and property for themselves and others.

Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and sovereignty of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consistent with the covenanted commandment.

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Texas Editorial

By The Associated Press

Editorial comment on freedom of information in Texas.

Houston Chronicle on keeping open records open:
It's a crying shame that for four long years trustees of the Klein Independent School District have expended precious taxpayer resources in a court battle in which their position is neither legally nor ethically defensible. While the district's lawyers are, no doubt, smiling all the way to the bank, the trustees are figuratively slipping out the bank's back door with those taxpayers' resources to no avail.

The latest chapter in this shameful saga came this past week. The Texas Supreme Court let stand a lower court ruling in favor of Robert Lett, who has been battling to obtain records about grades his daughter received while attending the district's Doerre Intermediate School.

Lett originally questioned whether there might be racial bias against his daughter, who is black, when she received three low marks for conduct.

He subsequently was sued by the school district after he filed a Texas Public Information Act request to get the documents. The state attorney general agreed he should be given the records.

The Klein ISD lawsuit prompted the 1995 Legislature to pass a law barring agencies from suing people who file open records requests. Agencies must now sue the attorney general when they disagree with a ruling.

A state district court ruled in favor of the school district but that decision was reversed by the 14th Court of Appeals last year. Lett's attorney, Robert L. Wiley, has said the Supreme Court refusal to hear the case means that the decision reached by the 14th Court of Appeals is likely to stand. Wiley said the only legal recourse the district now has is to file a motion for a rehearing.

Lett and Wiley are to be congratulated for continuing to pursue Texans' rights to access public records. It's an important and courageous fight on their part.

The Klein trustees, for their part, need to write repeatedly on the chalk board, "I will not fritter away taxpayer resources on indefensible secrecy."

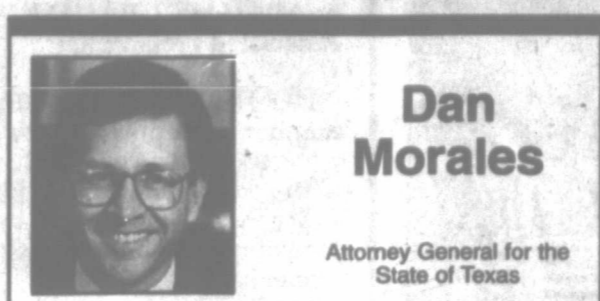
On-line schemes and scams

It is estimated that more than 50 million people use the Internet worldwide, and most of them are accessible to marketers at very low cost. The speed and convenience of shopping by computer can be a boon to businesses and consumers alike. Be forewarned: These advantages are a strong incentive for scam artists to go on the Internet too.

Most of the scams on the Internet are not entirely new ideas. They have been around for years. But the Internet version of a timeworn scam may have a sleek new look, and we at the Office of the Attorney General want you to be on guard. Whether it is a phony investment or business opportunity, a fake job placement service, or a simple chain letter pyramid scheme, the goal is to separate you from your money.

On-line investment scams have involved gold mines, snail ranching, movie production, live on-line "virtual shopping malls" and "prime bank instruments" (a non-existent type of security). They are often set in exotic, remote corners of the world, where buyers can not just drop by to check on the progress of their investments.

Other common Internet scams:
—Bogus Internet services offering low-cost access and web site design.
—Miracle health or technology products, such as satellite or cable decoders and free



Dan Morales
Attorney General for the State of Texas

long distance phone call devices (if they were legal and actually worked, you would see them in stores tomorrow.)

—Bogus job opportunities and help-wanted ads.

—"Universities" that only exist as web sites.

Look out for hot tips on stocks and other investments found in chat groups. If they involve genuine issues, such as small-time penny stocks, the comments may be an attempt to manipulate the stock. More often, however, the whole setup is a scam.

Never give out credit card or financial information to anyone who approached you through an unsolicited e-mail (also known as junk e-mail). Don't give your password to anyone for any reason. Also stress the importance of this to children in your family who use the Internet.

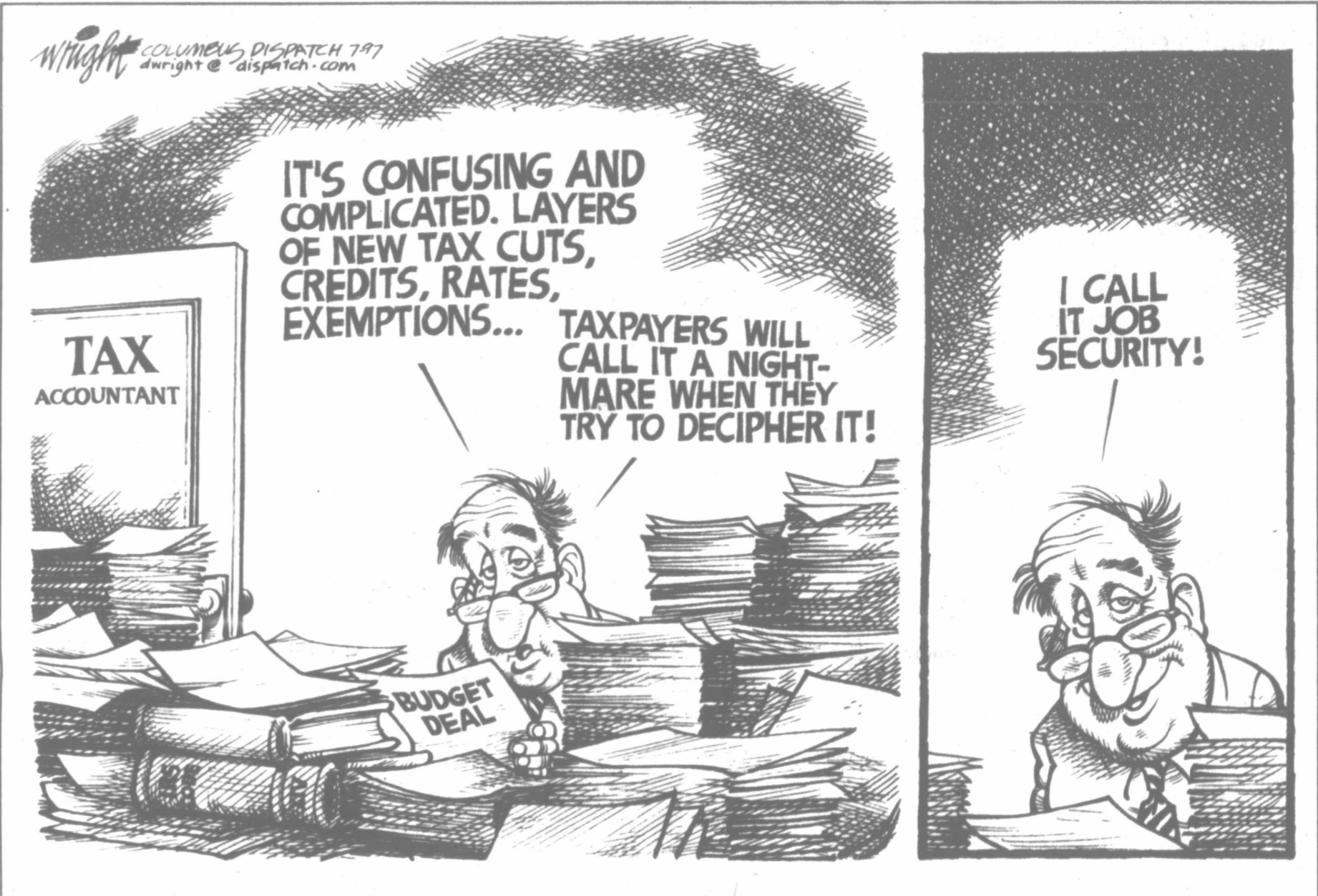
Never invest in anything you heard about through unsolicited e-mail until you have thoroughly researched the offer, even if it appears to come from a well-known company. Call the company to make sure they really sent you the solicitation.

Never do business with any outfit that will not give out a street address, telephone number or other form of verifiable information. Before investing, find out where the firm is based, whether it is regulated and which country's laws will apply in case a dispute arises.

It costs very little to set up a web site that looks expensive. Do not confuse glitz with legitimacy. Use your common sense and a healthy dose of skepticism, just as you would with traditional sales offerings.

As always, be wary of claims that sound too easy or offer huge returns for little or no effort or risk. Remember to take your time, and do not fall for high pressure sales tactics. A good deal today will still be a good deal tomorrow. And when in doubt, check out the company with the Better Business Bureau, the Securities and Exchange Commission or the Texas State Securities Board.

For more information about consumer scams, visit our home page on the World Wide Web of the Internet at www.oag.state.tx.us.



By The Associated Press

Today in History
Today is Tuesday, Sept. 16, the 259th day of 1997. There are 106 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Sept. 16, 1919, the American Legion was incorporated by an act of Congress.

On this date:
In 1638, France's King Louis XIV was born.

Today in history

In 1810, Mexicans began their revolt against Spanish rule.

In 1893, hundreds of thousands of settlers swarmed onto a section of land in Oklahoma known as the "Cherokee Strip."

In 1940, President Roosevelt signed into law the Selective Training and Service Act, which set up the first peacetime military draft in U.S. history.

In 1940, Samuel T. Rayburn of

Texas was elected Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1966, the Metropolitan Opera opened its new opera house at New York's Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

In 1972, *The Bob Newhart Show* premiered on CBS.

In 1974, President Ford announced a conditional amnesty program for Vietnam

War deserters and draft-evaders.

In 1977, Maria Callas, the American-born prima donna famed for her lyric soprano and fiery temperament, died in Paris at age 53.

In 1982, the massacre of hundreds of Palestinian men, women and children by Lebanese Christian militiamen began in west Beirut's Sabra and Chatilla refugee camps.

An independent civil libertarian

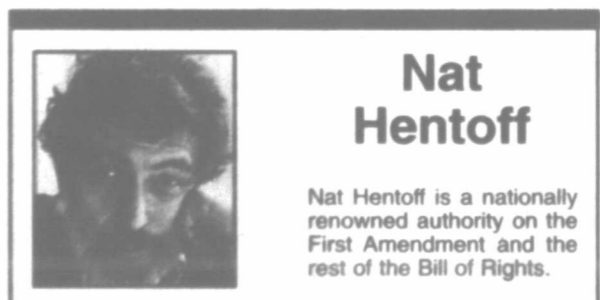
I first came across Robyn Blumner when she headed the state ACLU office in Utah. Exuberantly engaged in constitutional controversies, she knocked down a restriction on abortion rights; tried unsuccessfully to prevent Mormon prayers at public commission meetings; and otherwise brought civil liberties into conversations around the state.

Eight years ago, she became executive director of the Florida ACLU, which then was a marginal presence, but is now a strong force in the courts there. But Blumner has not been one of the national ACLU's favorite provincial chieftains. Her views on the First Amendment, for instance, are more extensive and deeper on occasion, than those of national officials.

In one case, when a female welder claimed sexual harassment because of sexually explicit materials around a shipyard, a federal judge agreed, banning ALL "sexually suggestive" material anywhere in the shipyard. Blumner, however, filed an appeal. She argued that the judge's order was too broad. "After all," Blumner said to me at the time, "sexists have First Amendment rights too." The national office made a point of distancing itself from her First Amendment appeal in the case.

She has also differed with the national office in cases in which pro-life demonstrators have been sharply limited by courts as to where and how they can protest. Blumner herself is unswervingly pro-choice. (She once won a Florida state court decision providing stronger reproductive rights protections than the federal Constitution.)

Blumner's approach to civil liberties is joyous. She delights in controversy, being convinced, as she puts it, "that ultimately, whoever I'm debating will be convinced of my view." Her ability to make constitutional issues as



Nat Hentoff
Nat Hentoff is a nationally renowned authority on the First Amendment and the rest of the Bill of Rights.

vivid as she is has also been evident in her regular column for the *St. Petersburg Times*. She will soon leave the Florida ACLU and join that newspaper as an editorial writer, while continuing her column.

In a recent column — which is not likely to make the national ACLU or its often politically correct Southern California chapter miss her — Blumner "admits to being a member of one of the most despised minorities within my social sphere. I'm an opponent of affirmative action." "I can no longer sit silently while my cohorts defend a discriminatory policy that favors groups of people solely on their gender, skin color or national origin ... An advantage granted me due to my sex demeans my individuality, reducing me to a walking immutable characteristic."

"Affirmative action lumps individual students into groups based upon their ethnicity and skin color, then declares them collectively unable to compete. It is virtually the definition of racism."

Blumner quotes Shelby Steele's point that only 26 percent of black students — six years after admission — graduate from college. The reason, he adds, is that some black students who have not been adequately prepared for college have been admitted nonetheless.

"Racial preferences," says Steele, "allow society to leapfrog over the difficult problems of developing blacks to parity with whites."

Those "difficult problems" are rooted in the very low level pre-college schools that many black youngsters have to attend. As Robyn Blumner emphasizes, "Raising the educational level of students of color so they can compete on an equal footing" should begin at the beginning. Not later through affirmative action pressure to admit certain students, through preference, into the most prestigious professional schools.

"It is as if society missed a key step in trying to redress the wrongs of the past. Investing in urban and mostly black schools, giving Hispanic youth the educational tools they need to compete will serve to heal our racial divide."

Maybe it won't do all of that, but at least when these students come into a law school, they will have no doubts as to why they were admitted.

To my knowledge, Robyn Blumner is one of the very few active civil libertarians to break out of the ACLU's ex cathedra doctrine that affirmative action is both essential to achieve racial equality and is also clearly constitutional. Affirmative action is neither.

Although Blumner is also in a decided minority among liberals on this issue, she is not alone. "There are people," she says, "with a profound commitment to racial equality who do not approve of the current methods being employed. Those, however, who support affirmative action see it as an instrument of racial justice. I see it as a barrier to equality."

A suggestion for Bill Buckley: a TV *Firing Line* debate between Jesse Jackson and the uncatagorizable Robyn Blumner.

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Fiesta Dancers!



The Fiesta Dancers from Pampa High School will be presenting the "16 de Septiembre" show on Tuesday, September 16 at 7 p.m. in the PHS auditorium. The group consists of various Hispanic students from grades 9-12. Admission will be \$1. Proceeds go to purchase or make new costumes for future competition. If you would like the dance group to perform at your organization or for a party, please feel free to call Roger Reyna or Eunice Moreno at 669-4800.

(Special photo)

Discovery Center hosts starlab at Tri-State Fair

AMARILLO — The Discovery Center is hosting planetarium shows daily in their portable planetarium, starlab, Sept. 13 - 20 at the Amarillo Tri-State Fair. The Discovery Center's booth is being sponsored by the Amarillo National Resource Center for Plutonium and is located inside the Crafter's Pavilion, the first building on the right as you enter the main gates. The booth is open during regular fair hours, 10 a.m. to 10: p.m.

The public can stop by the Discovery Center's booth anytime for demonstrations, activities and our very own traveling exhibit, Puzzle Pieces. Tickets for the starlab can also be picked up at the Discovery Center's booth. Tickets are free and will be handed out on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The starlab program, Skylore will show at 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. daily. Skylore takes an educational look at the origins and folklore of familiar Greek constellations as well as the Skylore of Native Americans.

The portable starlab seats 30 people at a time and is handicap accessible. Show time is approximately 30 minutes. For more information, contact Aaron Guzman, planetarium coordinator at (806) 355-9548 ext. 13.

Microsoft delays Windows 98

SEATTLE (AP) — Microsoft Corp. is postponing the release of the latest Windows upgrade to allow users of its two earlier operating systems to switch at the same time.

Saying the delay was unrelated to any bugs with Windows 98, Microsoft plans to release the software sometime between April and June instead of by the end of March, as originally planned.

The world's largest software maker said it needs more time to test upgrades for Windows 95 and its predecessor, Windows 3.1, which is still used by millions of people.

Microsoft had planned to sell only an upgrade for Windows 95 first, then one for 3.1 later. But Phil Holden, Windows product manager, said releasing the product in two stages would have caused confusion among software testers and customers.

Microsoft stock fell 5 percent Monday after the announcement. Windows 98, like Windows 95, is being designed to run programs written for earlier versions of the operating software, which runs the basic functions of a computer.

The new version of Windows won't be the technological leap that marked the introduction of Windows 95 two years ago. But it will combine Microsoft's Internet Explorer browser into the general operation of the computer, while being more reliable and simpler to operate.

That means a user will not have to pull out of one application and then call up the Web browser to get onto the Internet.

Study: Flow of legal immigrants to U.S. should be cut

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Congress should tighten the admission of all legal immigrants into the United States to ease the strain they bring on public services and employment, a new study suggests.

The analysis of California immigration by the Rand Corp. think tank warns the state's economy cannot continue to absorb large numbers of legal immigrants with poor job and language skills.

The report, released Monday, also urges making an exception for Mexico, allowing increased legal immigration from that country in return for help fighting illegal border-crossing.

The Rand report calls on

Congress to reduce legal immigrants to a "moderate range" — more than the 300,000 annual average of the 1970s but less than the 1990s average of about 800,000.

It also suggests regulating immigration flow so it can be cut at times of high unemployment. Education levels and English proficiency should be used as admission criteria, which now rely heavily on family ties.

"This is not an anti-immigrant study," said Kevin McCarthy, a demographer who wrote the study along with George Vernez, an urban planner. "What we are arguing is that we need a more realistic appraisal of immigration studies."

The study by the Santa Monica-based think tank concedes, immigration fueled California growth for more than 20 years — until the recession of the early 1990s.

California, home to a quarter of the nation's immigrants, is moving away from low-skilled jobs in manufacturing and other sectors. Despite that, almost half of all immigrants to the state are from Mexico and Central America, where they do not receive adequate education, the study said.

The 321-page Rand analysis does not make distinctions between the effects of legal and illegal arrivals in a state where an estimated one in five immi-

grants is undocumented. A spokesman for Gov. Pete Wilson, Sean Walsh, said this was a flaw in the study.

"We hold legal immigrants on a pedestal," Walsh said. "Their contributions to California are fabulous. The fastest growing small business sector is the (Hispanic) middle class. They should be praised."

The report suggests expanding the number of legal residence permits for Mexican immigrants in exchange for collaboration on border enforcement. The range of such an expansion could be somewhere up from the 20,000 residence permits to as many as 100,000, McCarthy said.

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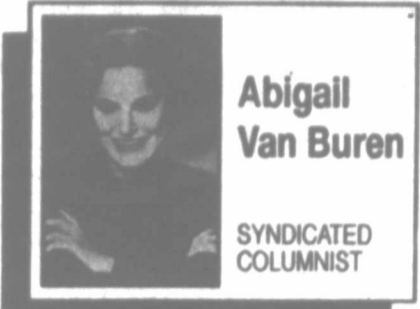
DEAR ABBY: I don't know how you feel about response letters to response letters. Nonetheless, the letter I read today from "Happy With a '90s Home Life," chastising your printing the letter from "Old-Fashioned and Proud of It," evoked a fiery response from me.

I am a 29-year-old woman with a college education, a professional career and a boyfriend I live with. Nothing gives me greater pleasure than knowing when he walks through the door, he has a meal, a neat home, and does not need to worry if his clothes are clean.

I consider myself fortunate to have good looks, brains, and to have retained the values of "making a home" my mother taught me, which I will be proud to teach the daughter I may someday have. I consider myself blessed to have a great guy, and I am showing him just that every day through my quite natural efforts. I know he loves me and I do not expect him to prove it by putting the pillow under my feet as I put them up. Any woman who aspires to shirking domestic duties she should be proud to accomplish can be summed up in one word: *lazy*.

It is not a matter of women "serving" or men needing "survival skills." Relationships are about wanting to take care of your partner and making each day easier for him. Relationships are meant to be about "us."

Too many partners in relationships these days ask the question, "What can you do for me?" as



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

opposed to, "How can I help you?" There is something wrong with this lack of selflessness, and quite possibly people have forgotten the definition of "true love." If two people really care for each other, there should be no thought of tit-for-tat. Acts performed from the heart all equal out in the end.

HAPPY TO BE RON'S GIRL, 1997

DEAR HAPPY: I'm sorry you didn't allow me to use your name, but perhaps it's for the best. Ron might be killed in the stampede of contemporary feminists trying to do you in — and men climbing over him to get to you.

DEAR ABBY: I am 70-plus and have just lost my wife. We had a very good marriage. I want to continue living an active life and begin dating when it is appropriate. How long should one wait to start dating, and how long should one wait to marry again?

WIDOWER IN FLORIDA

DEAR WIDOWER: Grief is such a personal emotion that no one can presume to make rules that will apply to everyone.

A widow or widower may begin dating whenever he or she feels like it; the decision is yours. When you tie the knot again is up to you — and the lucky lady who will accompany you down the aisle.

DEAR ABBY: My condolences to "Janis in Capistrano Beach, Calif.," who bragged that she wore makeup and a tight T-shirt to "lure the salesclerks" so her husband could get help. She apparently is blissfully unaware that she has been insulted.

It probably takes 100 well-groomed, hard-working professional women to offset the influence of each "Janis."

Women will never have respect, equal opportunity and equal pay until they learn to value themselves for their abilities and their contributions to society rather than the size of their bra cups.

You may print my letter if you wish, including my name and state. LEOLA FARMER, TULSA, OKLA.

DEAR MS. FARMER: I agree. And hasten the day when "... and blessed be they whose cup runneth over" refers only to good fortune.

you that is personally important, don't do anything today that could rock the boat.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Friends with whom you've not spent much time lately are eager for your company. Take the initiative today and make arrangements to get together.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Unusual career developments are stirring for you at this time. They could be significant; take positive action when you get the signals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You will command respect of your peers today. The impact of your words and conceptions could bear fruit for an extended period.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A person who has your best interest at heart might do helpful things for you of which you'll be unaware. This is a day of surprises and fulfilled expectations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Project yourself into situations today that could enable you to be a middleman. Profitable developments are indicated if things are done appropriately.

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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Sept. 17, 1997

Your long-range material prospects could be subjected to favorable transformations in the year ahead. Keep your eyes open for new fields that could generate larger earnings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In order to perform at your best today, stimulating challenges are required. Do not fear paper tigers or the trappings of power. Virgo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead 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.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Select companions who are optimistic and adventuresome today. If you associate with people who are too reserved, they might spoil a potentially fun day.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) This could be a good day to present a matter that requires familial consent. All are likely to be in accord and positive results are probable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Mental involvements have excellent chances of succeeding today. You will show sound judgment and your disclosures will win support from others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Financial trends are moving in your favor today, and you could get involved in situations that make or save you money. Follow your basic instincts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Spontaneous developments will bring you the greatest enjoyment today. Keep your schedule flexible so that you can move where pleasure dictates.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If competent associates are managing a matter for



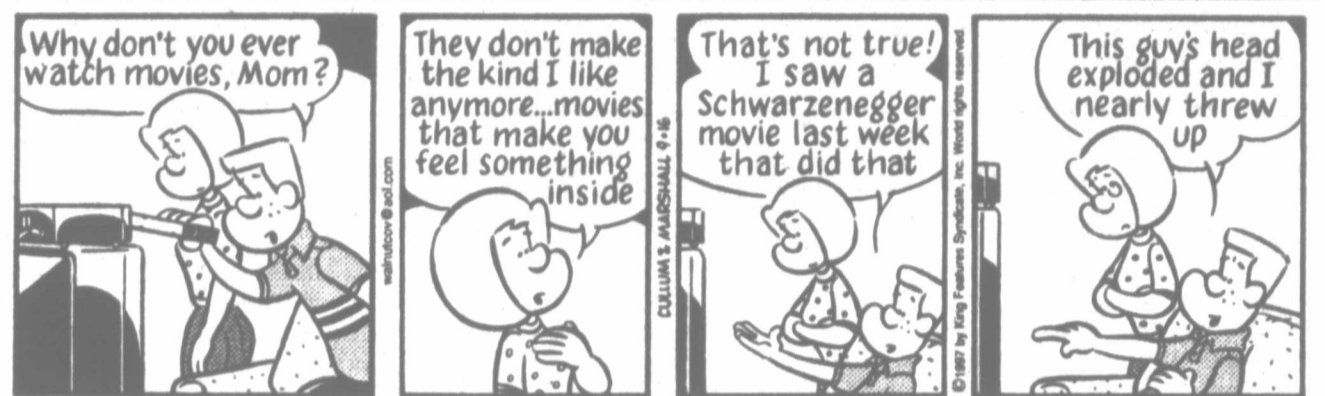
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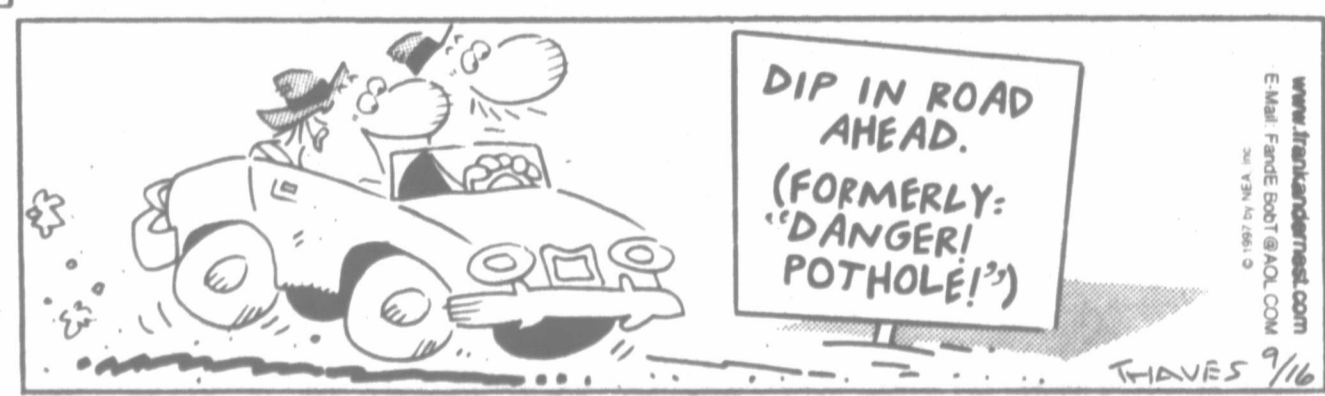
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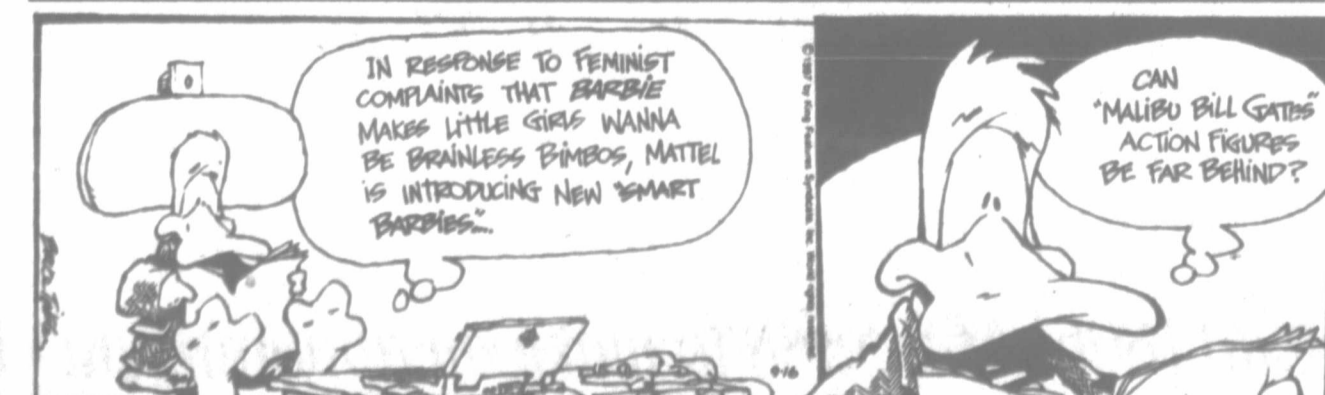
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SPORTS

Cowboys win 'wild one' from Eagles

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FOOTBALL

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Herschel Walker became the fourth player in NFL history to break the 17,000-yard mark in all-purpose yardage. He had 129 return yards to push him over the barrier, joining Walter Payton, Jerry Rice and Marcus Allen. Walker has 8,205 yards rushing, 4,710 receiving and 4,127 on returns to give him 17,042 career yards. ... Irving Fryar taught one pass, giving him 663 to break a 10th-place tie with Ozzie Newsome on the NFL's career list. ... Richie Cunningham's five field goals were reminiscent of Chris Boniol's NFL record-tying seven field goals on a Monday night game against Green Bay last season. Boniol signed with Philadelphia in the offseason.

FOOTBALL

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Lonnie Marts sees teaching some of the younger Tennessee Oilers the right way to cover kickoffs and punts as an honor. "That's the way I got into this league, playing special teams," said the linebacker who was an undrafted free agent when he broke in with Kansas City eight years ago. "If I can't play special teams now, I've lost it."

Coach Jeff Fisher is turning to Marts and his fellow starting linebackers Joe Bowden and Barron Wortham to help boost the Oilers' kick coverage, which was scorched by both Oakland and Miami to start the season.

The Oilers gave up 154 yards on kickoff returns to the Raiders and 171 yards in kickoff and punt returns to the Dolphins, and Fisher announced he would do whatever necessary to fix his special teams. He said Monday that means he probably will rotate his linebackers against the Ravens Sunday.

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — New York Giants rookie receiver Ike Hilliard will miss the remainder of the season due to a neck injury sustained in the loss to Jacksonville on Sept. 7.

The injury has made Hilliard's spine unstable and forced doctors to plan surgery, the team and medical experts said. It is not considered career-threatening, but he will have a three-to-six month rehabilitation period. Coach Jim Fassel said he expected Hilliard will be able to return in time for next season.

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — The Chicago Bears named Rick Mirer starting quarterback for Sunday's game at New England, replacing Erik Kramer, as the Chicago Bears desperately try to salvage their season after an 0-3 start.

Mirer, the lowest-ranked passer in the NFL last season, was acquired in February from Seattle for a first-round draft pick and was signed to a three-year, \$10 million contract.

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — Utah State running back Demario Brown will be sentenced Thursday for assaulting a student who was arguing with another football player. Brown was convicted Aug. 20 of misdemeanor assault. He faces up to six months in jail and a fine of up to \$2,500.

BASEBALL

BALTIMORE (AP) — Baltimore outfielder Eric Davis played five innings in the opening game of a day-night doubleheader against the Cleveland Indians, his first game since colon cancer surgery in June.

He had a cancerous tumor and one-third of his colon removed, and underwent energy-sapping chemotherapy treatments for several weeks. Davis was hitless in three at bats as the Orioles became the first team in the majors to clinch a playoff spot with a 6-5 victory.

ATLANTA (AP) — Denny Neagle, the NL's only 20-game winner and a top candidate for the Cy Young award, has a partially torn rotator cuff in his non-pitching shoulder. The Atlanta Braves left-hander said he may miss a start, but he has no intention of missing the postseason.

IRVING, Texas (AP) — A horrific mishap on the NFL's most automatic play allowed the Dallas Cowboys to avoid retracing their sorry September of a year ago.

Not wishing to start 1-3 like they did in 1996, when the Cowboys struggled to make in the playoffs, Barry Switzer declared Monday night's meeting with Philadelphia a "must" game.

Then, after being outplayed for 59 minutes, they got not one, but two gifts from the football gods in an improbable 21-20 victory over the dumbstruck Eagles.

First, Anthony Miller made a circus catch on a 14-yard pass from Troy Aikman for a touchdown with 51 seconds left.

This was the same Miller who decided last week after two plays

that his hamstring was on the verge of giving him trouble and took the rest of the day off.

Then came miracle No. 2: The Eagles (1-2) botched a 22-yard field-goal attempt as time expired.

Punter Tom Hutton, holding for former Cowboys kicker Chris Boniol, fumbled the snap, tried to run with it and was tackled by Deion Sanders, giving a bizarre game a bizarre finish.

"When Chris came out, I thought it was only appropriate that he be the one to beat us after all he did for us last season," Dallas special teams captain Bill Bates said. "But I've played a lot of games in high school, college and 15 years in the NFL, and the game isn't over until the last second ticks off the clock."

The Cowboys (2-1), as does Philadelphia, have a bye next week, and they're going to need it to give over the shock of winning this one after trailing by two touchdowns. Dallas blew a 15-point lead last week to lose to Arizona.

"I couldn't believe what happened," Dallas coach Barry Switzer said. "Somebody up there likes us. For the first 59 minutes, I wasn't sure. That was just a chip-shot field goal. I thought it was over. I'm worn out."

Ty Detmer hit Freddie Solomon with a 46-yard pass to the Dallas 5 with four seconds to play. The Eagles, who started from their own 16, called their final timeout for Boniol.

It was going to be a sure game-winner. Understand that Boniol

had made 46 consecutive field goals from inside the 35-yard line. It looked like a second upset win in a row for the Eagles, who beat the Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers 10-9 last week.

"The snap was fine," Hutton said. "I just dropped it. I take all the blame for it. I should catch every ball. It's my mistake. I took off and ran, that's all I could do."

Boniol was shocked to see the ball on the ground.

"I'm really disappointed because this was against the Cowboys," Boniol said. "I know how the fans in Philly feel about them. It was important to me because it was my old team. For me, it was money in the bank from there. I'm still in shock."

Aikman took the Cowboys 62 yards in seven plays for the winning touchdown. A fourth-down pass-interference call on Charles Dimry set Dallas up at the Philadelphia 45.

Then Aikman connected with tight end Eric Bjornson to the Philadelphia 17. Two plays later, Miller, grabbed the ball away from safety Tim Watson in the back of the end zone.

"I was lucky I came down with it," Miller said. "I saw Troy scrambling and just went to an open spot. I thought the ball was going to be intercepted. I was just fortunate."

Aikman said the ball slipped coming out of his hands.

"I was late with the ball and just decided to take a chance," Aikman said.

Texas looking for answers

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Monday morning had rolled around, and John Mackovic still didn't know what to do.

Two days after Texas were humiliated 66-3 by UCLA, the Longhorns coach didn't know what to do with his game film.

"There are times you want to show the players and say, 'Here are your mistakes,'" Mackovic said Monday. "Other times you just want to throw the film in the wastebasket and say, 'We can't learn anything from this.'"

One thing's for sure, all the teams left on Texas' schedule will want the film of the second-worst overall loss and worst home defeat in the 105-year history of Texas football, and Mackovic said he would send it out.

"We'll continue to trade films with teams as we always do," he said.

What else could you do with a game that's being called "Rout 66" and the "Massacre at Royal-Memorial Stadium."

Answering critics who are blaming Mackovic for failing to motivate the team for Saturday's game, the coach said, "I try to share as much, when we win, with other people, but the bottom line is the buck stops here. That final responsibility always rests on the shoulders of the head coach."

Fumbled football



(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

Pampa's Josh Franklin (89) and Ronnie Proby (43), along with several AHS players try to locate the fumbled football during last Friday's game at Harvester Stadium. Pampa meets Plainview at 7:30 Friday night in Plainview.

Pampa girls host River Road in VB tonight in McNeely

PAMPA — Pampa welcomes River Road at 6 tonight in a non-district volleyball match. Junior varsity matches will be played first.

Pampa is 8-6 overall and 0-2 in district play. River Road is 4-9.

The Lady Harvesters met Randall last weekend at McNeely Fieldhouse and fell to the Lady Raiders, 8-15, 15-11, 9-15.

For Pampa, Lisa Dwight was 22 of 27 in hitting and had 14 kills while Lisa Kirkpatrick was 26 of 27 with 7 kills.

"This was one of Lisa Kirkpatrick's best games," said Pampa head coach Sandra Thornton. "She did a good job reading the defense."

Kelsey Yowell and Tiffany McCullough, Pampa's two middle blockers, probably had their best match of the season, said Thornton.

Yowell was 8 of 9 hitting with 5 kills. McCullough had 5 blocks and 6 assists.

Pampa defeated Randall in the junior varsity match, 15-8, 11-15, 15-9, and is either tied or

in sole possession of first in the junior varsity standings.

In middle school matches with Borger Monday night, Pampa split with Valleyview and Westover Park.

Pampa won both the A and B 8th grade matches with Valleyview.

In the A match the score was 16-4, 15-5, as Misti Northcutt led Pampa's service attack with 13 points.

In the B match, Pampa's Samantha Ford had 10 service points in a 15-13, 15-10 win.

Against Westover Park, Pampa lost by the score of 7-15, 16-14, 11-15, in the A match. Lindsay Ledbetter had 9 points to lead Pampa.

Jill Crawford had 4 points in a 1-15, 7-15 Pampa loss in the B match.

Pampa's 8th grade teams are entered in a tournament Saturday in Borger.

Padres cut Astros' lead to 3 1/2 in National League Central

HOUSTON (AP) — Manager Larry Dierker found no reason to be distressed, even after his Houston Astros lost 4-3 to the San Diego Padres on Monday night.

Reliever Jim Bruske escaped a seventh-inning jam and the Padres held off Houston, cutting the Astros' lead in the NL Central to 3 1/2 games.

The Astros have 13 games left, including five against second-place Pittsburgh.

Houston trailed 4-1 entering the seventh, but loaded the bases on two

singles and a walk. After an infield single by pinch-hitter Tony Eusebio scored a run, Bruske relieved.

Pinch-hitter Bill Spiers hit a single that made it 4-3 and kept the bases loaded. Bruske, however, retired pinch-hitter Thomas Howard on a popup and struck out Ricky Gutierrez.

"It came down to getting a clutch hit," Dierker said.

Trevor Hoffman closed for his 34th save.

Pete Smith (6-5) was the winner, giving up three runs and five hits

in 6 1-3 innings. He walked six and struck out one.

"Pete Smith did a very nice job," San Diego manager Bruce Bochy said. "He's actually been throwing well for us lately. He has had some tough luck but tonight he did an outstanding job. He was making four runs when he had to."

Smith had two no-decisions and a loss in his last three outings and had not won since Aug. 24.

"I felt very good," Smith said. "My breaking ball was breaking a lot and I threw some good pitches

when I had to.

I don't know if I've had hard luck or not, I just do the best I can and if I get a win, OK. But if the team can get a win, that's the most important thing," he said.

Mike Hampton (13-10) allowed four runs and nine hits in four innings.

San Diego took a 1-0 lead in the first when Chris Gomez walked and Ken Caminiti and Greg Vaughn singled. The Padres added a run in the second when Derek Lee led off with a double and scored on a single by

Ruben Rivera.

Jeff Bagwell singled, stole second and scored on a single by Luis Gonzalez in the Houston third.

Jones opened the Padres fourth with his seventh home run of the season. In the fifth, Vaughn scored on a wild pitch by reliever John Hudek for a 4-1 lead. Notes: Houston's Craig Biggio has not grounded into a double play this season. ... Hampton's 13 victories are the most by a Houston left-hander since Bob Knepper won 17 in 1986.

McLean cowboy wins all-around honors at Pampa Tri-State Rodeo

PAMPA — Monty Eakin of McLean won all-around cowboy honors at the Tri-State High School Rodeo held at the Top O' Texas Arena.

All-around cowgirl honors went to Randus London of Freedom, Okla.

Results from last weekend are as follows:

Bareback: 1. Matthew Burrow, Boys Ranch, 64 points; 2. Thomas Wieger, Randall, 62; 3. Luke Pitts, Swisher, 61.

Calf roping: 1. J.D. Kibbe, Lazbuddie, 11,960 seconds; 2. Rodey Wilson, Hereford, 12,010; 3. Ryan Nuckols, Canyon, 12,790.

Ribbon roping: 1. Monty Lewis, Hereford, 6,940 seconds; 2. Zeb Reed, Canyon, 7,180; 3. Monty Eakin, McLean, 8,878.

Bull riding: 1. Zane Waggoner, South Plains, 80 points; 2. John Bowen, Childress, 74; 3. Dan Henricks, Canadian, 71.

Steer wrestling: 1. Roper Slaviv, Canadian, 12,560 seconds.

Team roping: 1. Kip Kendrick, Hereford-Pecos Alford, Hereford, 7,170 seconds; 2. Monty Eakin, McLean-Derrick Elliott, Dumas, 8,550.

Barrel racing: 1. Randus London, Freedom, Okla., 16,588 seconds; 2. Amanda Schumacher, Hereford, 16,615; 3. Lindsey Tidwell, 16,777.

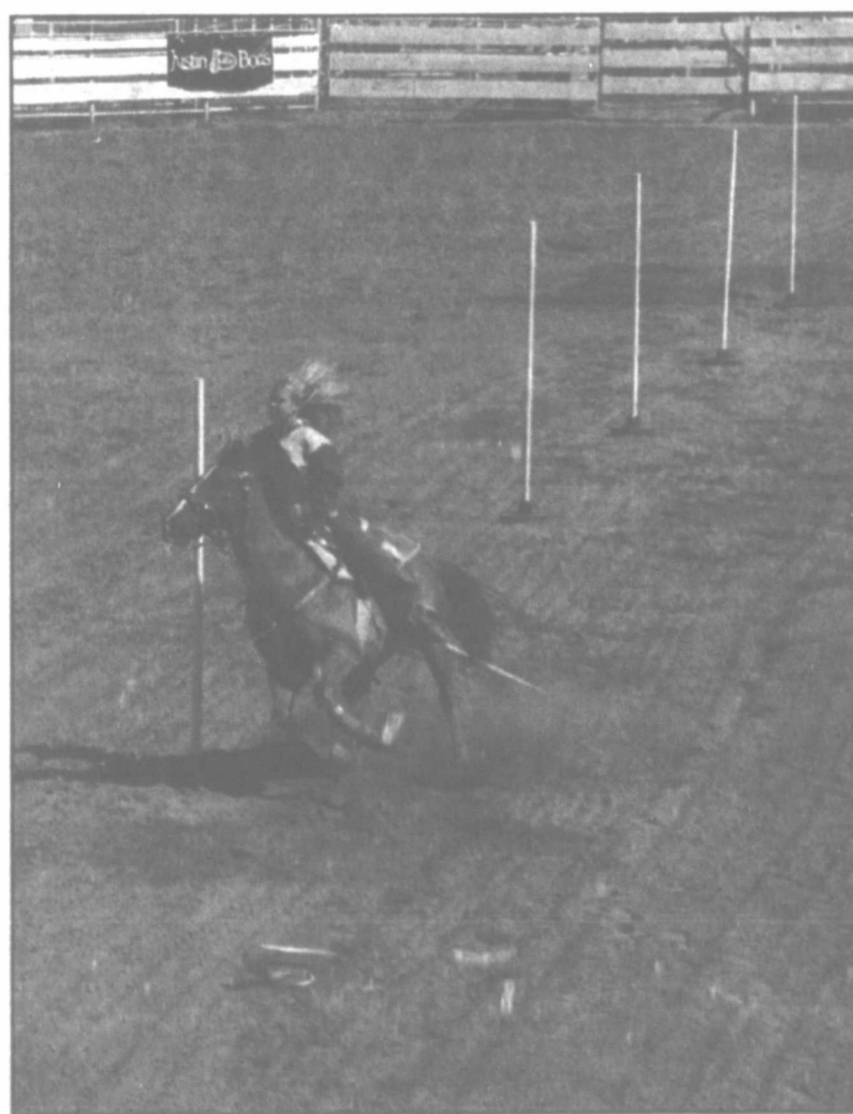
Goat tying: 1. Kori Merrick, Wheeler, 9,200 seconds; 2. Jera Harris, Lazbuddie, 9,340; 3. Amanda Stehr, Wheeler, 9,530.

Pole bending: 1. Johnna Garcia, Gruver, 20,297 seconds; 2. Randus London, Freedom, Okla., 20,935; 3. Nickie Leggett, Pampa, 21,104.

Breakaway roping: 1. Randus London, Freedom, Okla., 2,910 seconds; 2. Jennifer Riemer, Gruver, 3,200; 3. Lisa White, Dumas, 3,570.

All-around cowboy: Monty Eakin, McLean, 24 points.

All-around cowgirl: Randus London, Freedom, Okla., 30 points.



(Pampa News photo)

Andrea Whaley of Wheeler competes in pole bending at the Tri-State High School Rodeo in Pampa.

Canadian passes by Panhandle

CANADIAN — There's Air Canada, the airlines. Now there's Air Canadian, the football team.

The Wildcats continue taking to the airways as quarterback John Ashley threw three touchdown passes in a 42-7 win over Panhandle last Friday night. Canadian receiver Luke Farrar made five catches for 143 yards and two touchdowns. Jose Morales caught two passes for 57 yards and a touchdown and he also scored on a 42-yard run.

Chad Carr scored on a 20-yard fumble recovery run and Kevin McCasland added the game's final TD on a 16-yard run for the Wildcats.

Canadian is 2-0 on the season. Panhandle drops to 0-2.

Ashley threw four touchdowns in Canadian's 49-15 win over Gruver in the season opener. Ashley, a senior, has now thrown for 467 yards in two games.

Canadian hosts Dimmitt at 8 p.m. Friday in the annual football homecoming game.

PHS girls win Liberal cross country title

LIBERAL, Kan. — The defending Class 4A state champions still have that championship form.

The Pampa girls grabbed first place in the Liberal Cross Country Invitational last weekend as six Lady Harvesters finished in the top 15 in the individual standings.

Jenny Fatheree led Pampa with a second-place finish, followed by Beth Lee, fifth;

Samantha Hurst, sixth; Amanda White, eighth; Anna Resendiz, 12th, and Marci Hansen, 15th.

"The difference between the Berger and Liberal meets is that we were able to practice a week longer. That Liberal course is a tough course. You have to run through a lot of sand and go down through a line of trees," said Pampa head coach Mark Elms. "It was a fun meet." Pampa is entered in the

Dumas Invitational on Saturday. "There's going to be a lot of stiff competition for us. We hope to improve some more this week and then see what we can do at Dumas," Elms said.

In the junior varsity girls' division at Liberal, 8th grader Rebecca Fatheree of Pampa came in first. Teammates Andrea Rodriguez and Kimberly Porter were 14th and 15th, respectively. Pampa placed fourth in the

varsity boys' division. John Resendiz was sixth, followed by Juan Silva, 12th; Kelby McCullough, 13th; Kyle McCullough, 25th; Matt Cook, 28th, and Erich Crosswhite, 30th.

Competing for Pampa in the junior varsity division were Shaun Davis, Ryan Chambers and Charles Martinez. Seventh-graders Zach Windhorst and Stephen Nelson also competed.

Realignment : Growing doubts continue

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Faced with a possible lawsuit by the San Francisco Giants, baseball owners might not take a realignment vote at their meetings this week.

Acting commissioner Bud Selig hoped to call for a vote Thursday, the final day of the owners' three-day quarterly meetings, which start with an executive council session tonight. Selig is in favor of radical realignment, in which 15 teams would switch leagues.

Less radical plans have been formulated, with most including the shift of the three AL West Coast teams to the NL. But the Giants have threatened to sue, arguing they can't be forced to accept the Oakland Athletics in their market.

Ranking officials on two other NL teams, speaking on the condition they not be identified, said they intended to support San Francisco.

"When you buy a team, you buy assets, which include exclusive monopoly rights to promoting games within your own league in your area on an exclusive basis," Giants owner Peter Magowan said Monday. "We would be asked to give that up. That's exactly why the Mets and Cubs resisted."

The radical plan that Selig and realignment committee chairman John Harrington have advocated would put all Western teams in the NL and all Eastern teams in the AL. It would put the Mets and Yankees in the same division, pair the Cubs and White Sox, the Dodgers and Angels and the Giants and A's.

Since no team can be forced to switch leagues or divisions without its approval, the Mets threatened to veto the plan, as did the Pirates, Reds and Braves. Harrington's group then formulated a less radical plan, but it still would have the six Pacific Coast teams in the NL along with the Arizona Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies.

"Bud Selig mollified the Mets and Cubs by allowing them to stay in their separate divisions. What is the logic behind not allowing us the same thing?" Magowan said from Atlanta, where the Giants were playing the Braves.

Baseball's lawyers have said the Giants do not have veto power because they are not being asked to change divisions. Some teams have argued that the resolution approved in January, which created the realignment committee, overrides the provision in the NL Constitution that

protects a team from having its territory encroached.

"Each member shall have the exclusive right ... to play baseball games as the home club within the limits of the city in which the member's club is located and an area within 10 miles in all directions from the city limits of such city," the NL Constitution says.

San Francisco's city limits adjoin Oakland's, and the Athletics' ballpark falls within the 10-mile limit. If the A's move to the NL, the Giants say they probably would sue.

"The last thing baseball needs is another legal mess," Magowan said.

Selig did not want to respond to Magowan's threat, and wouldn't predict whether a vote would be taken this week.

"I'm trying to be sensitive to every club's needs," Selig said. "I expect ongoing discussions. Everybody understands we need to do something. The schedule is our No. 1 marketing tool. We cannot live with the status quo."

Baseball's realignment debate began in January, when the 1998 expansion teams were assigned to leagues — Tampa Bay to the AL and Arizona to the NL.

While Arizona was a natural fit in the NL West, putting Tampa Bay in the AL East required shift-

ing the original plan was to move Detroit from the East to the Central and Kansas City from the Central to the West, but the Royals balked, claiming they didn't want additional West Coast games that would result in late television times for fans back home.

With no realignment, Tampa Bay would be forced to play in the AL West. Also, January's meeting left each league with 15 teams, necessitating an inter-league game nearly every day. Plans to have 16 teams in one league and 14 in the other appear to have gained support since January.

In the only other major business at the meeting, owners are expected to approve a rules change that would allow teams to become publicly listed companies on stock exchanges.

Currently, each team is a private partnership or corporation, although four teams have parent companies that are public: Anaheim (The Walt Disney Co.), Atlanta (Time Warner Inc.), the Chicago Cubs (Tribune Co.) and Toronto (Interbrew SA).

In addition, the Los Angeles Dodgers have reached an agreement to be sold to a division of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. That deal is not expected to be approved until January.

Carr hopes Michigan has learned its lesson

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Michigan coach Lloyd Carr knows his team has had a history of following big wins with lackluster performances. The fans won't let him forget.

"We've had some lessons," Carr said Monday at his weekly media luncheon. "Hopefully we've got enough guys that learned that lesson a year ago. We came off a great win and went down to Purdue and were not ready to play."

Michigan last season followed a 45-29 win over Michigan State with a 9-3 loss at Purdue. This time the No. 8 Wolverines are coming off a dominating 27-3 win over Colorado, which fell to No. 15 following the loss. Michigan hosts Baylor on Saturday.

The Wolverines dominated Colorado in every way imaginable, particularly on defense.

New defensive coordinator Jim Herrmann had his unit

blitzing from different positions on practically every play. The resulting pressure limited the Buffaloes to just 224 total yards and a lone field goal.

All-American cornerback Charles Woodson had the first of Michigan's four interceptions off Colorado quarterback John Hessler. But Carr was just as pleased with the play of Andre Weathers and true freshman James Whitley at the other corner, particularly when blitzes left them in man coverage.

"I think (the other corner is) going to be picked on no matter who's there because (opponents are) going to find out that in most cases if you throw to Woodson's side, there's not much margin for error," Carr said. "I think Andre lined up on a good wide receiver and I thought he acquitted himself very well."

"I think he knows he's in a

competitive situation (with Whitley), but Andre Weathers is a guy that can run. What he has proven this fall is that he's a good tackler and he will hit you. He's taken that challenge and has competed very well and has been a very pleasant surprise for us."

Carr cautioned against expecting the same kind of domination against Baylor's two-back sets.

"Colorado was a one-back team, and once we stopped, the run they got into a passing game and it's a lot easier, because they couldn't control the clock," Carr said. "When you play good two-back teams, they have an ability to play-action and run the ball more effectively with a lead blocker."

Pats doing OK without Parcels

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — Bill Parcells is gone, and now the New England Patriots can prepare for an opponent without the distractions of facing their former coach.

"I'm just glad it's out of the way," wide receiver Shawn Jefferson said Monday. "It's just good to get back to talking about football instead of individuals."

Still unbeaten after Sunday night's 27-24 overtime win over Parcels and his current team, the New York Jets, the Patriots can

improve to 4-0 next Sunday by beating the winless Chicago Bears.

"I asked the team, 'does everybody know who we're playing this week?' They all said 'Chicago,' so that was good," current coach Pete Carroll said with a laugh.

But linebacker Chris Slade, who had three of the Patriots' seven sacks against the Jets, figures it's just a temporary break from the hype.

"All the hoopla's over with," he said. "I'm sure when we go back to New York, it'll start all over again."

That game is scheduled for Oct. 19. Meanwhile, quarterback Drew Bledsoe should come down from the emotional spark of playing against the hard-to-please coach whose departure he welcomed.

"I don't know if we ever could have controlled Drew's emotions going into this week. I just think it was that big of a deal," Carroll said.

The Patriots won Sunday night despite 11 penalties, substitution problems and many other mistakes.

"We were very fortunate to win that game ... under the most difficult of circumstances that we created for ourselves," Carroll said.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL

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East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	82	67	.517	—
Florida	82	67	.517	5 1/2
New York	82	68	.547	10 1/2
Montreal	74	76	.497	18
Philadelphia	60	89	.403	32

Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Houston	75	74	.503	—
Pittsburgh	72	78	.480	3 1/2
Cincinnati	69	80	.463	6
St. Louis	69	80	.463	6
Chicago	63	87	.420	12 1/2

West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Los Angeles	83	67	.553	—
San Francisco	82	68	.547	1
Colorado	78	72	.520	5
San Diego	71	79	.473	12

Football

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East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
New England	3	0	0	1.000	97	37
Miami	2	1	0	.667	60	48
Buffalo	1	2	0	.333	57	78
N.Y. Jets	1	2	0	.333	67	58
Indianapolis	0	3	0	.000	19	78

Central

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	
Jacksonville	2	0	0	1.000	68	48
Baltimore	2	1	0	.667	74	61
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	34	44
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	21	50
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	37	37

West

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	
Denver	3	0	1.000	89	31	
Kansas City	2	1	0	.667	53	62
Oakland	1	2	0	.333	64	83
San Diego	1	2	0	.333	34	73
Seattle	1	2	0	.333	48	79

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	
Dallas	2	1	0	.667	80	52
Washington	2	1	0	.667	56	37
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	59	66
N.Y. Giants	1	2	0	.333	67	81
Philadelphia	1	2	0	.333	47	61

Central

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	
Tampa Bay	3	0	1.000	65	37	
Detroit	2	1	0	.667	77	48
Green Bay	2	1	0	.667	70	52
Minnesota	2	1	0	.667	75	65
Chicago	0	3	0	.000	55	97

West

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	
Carolina	2	1	0	.667	45	37
San Francisco	2	1	0	.667	54	32
St. Louis	1	2	0	.333	64	74
Atlanta	0	3	0	.000	54	73
San Diego	0	3	0	.000	37	91

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Washington 19, Arizona 13, OT
Baltimore 24, New York Jets 23
Kansas City 22, Buffalo 16
Detroit 32, Chicago 7
Green Bay 23, Minnesota 18
Oakland 35, Atlanta 31
Tampa Bay 28, Minnesota 14
Carolina 26, San Diego 7
San Francisco 33, New Orleans 7
Denver 35, St. Louis 14
Seattle 31, Indianapolis 3
Now England 27, New York Jets 24, OT
Open date: Cincinnati, Tennessee, Jacksonville, Pittsburgh
Monday's Game
Dallas 21, Philadelphia 20
Sunday, Sept. 21
Baltimore at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Chicago at New England, 1 p.m.
Detroit at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Oakland at New York Jets, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
Cincinnati at Denver, 4 p.m.
Indianapolis at Buffalo, 4 p.m.
New York Giants at St. Louis, 4 p.m.
San Diego at Seattle, 4 p.m.
Miami at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
Open date: Arizona, Dallas, Philadelphia, Washington
Monday, Sept. 22
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 9 p.m.

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Eastern Conference	W	L	SOW	Pts	GF	GA
x-D.C.	19	9	3	51	61	45
Tampa Bay	15	13	3	39	49	52
Columbus	13	16	2	35	39	38
N.Y. NJ	12	16	1	32	38	47
New England	13	16	4	31	33	48

Western Conference

W	L	SOW	Pts	GF	GA	
x-Kansas City	20	10	7	48	52	47
x-Dallas	15	13	3	39	52	45
Los Angeles	3	16	2	35	48	41
Colorado	13	16	2	35	44	51
San Jose	11	18	3	27	50	52

x-clinched playoff spot
NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for shootout win and zero points for loss.

Monday's Games

No games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
New England at Washington D.C., 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at New York-New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday's Game
San Jose at Colorado, 9 p.m.

Royals outlast Rangers, 11-9

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Johnny Oates knows the Texas Rangers' playoff hopes are now officially gone, but he hopes his players haven't already declared the season over.

Oates was upset with the Rangers after they overcame an early deficit to the Kansas City Royals on Monday night, then let the game slip away in the ninth inning of an ugly 11-9 loss.

"Maybe there are some people around here who are ready to go home, but I'm not ready yet," he said. "I hope some people are getting upset, because this is unacceptable."

Jose Offerman had four hits and four RBIs, and Jeff King's two-run double in the ninth gave the Royals the victory.

Offerman led off the ninth with a single against Danny Patterson (9-6). Johnny Damon popped up a bunt attempt, but Jay Bell singled and King followed with his double into the left-field corner.

Hipolito Pichardo (3-5) was the winner, and Jeff Montgomery worked the ninth for his 13th save. Early in the game, it didn't look

Scoreboard

BASEBALL

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East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	82	67	.517	—
Florida	82	67	.517	5 1/2
New York	82	68	.547	10 1/2
Montreal	74	76	.497	18
Philadelphia	60	89	.403	32

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W	L	Pct.	GB	
Houston	75	74	.503	—
Pittsburgh	72	78	.480	3 1/2
Cincinnati	69	80	.463	6
St. Louis	69	80	.463	6
Chicago	63	87	.420	12 1/2

West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Los Angeles	83	67	.553	—
San Francisco	82	68	.547	1
Colorado	78	72	.520	5
San Diego	71	79	.473	12

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East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
New England	3	0	0	1.000	97	37
Miami	2	1	0	.667	60	48
Buffalo	1	2	0	.333	57	78
N.Y. Jets	1	2	0	.333	67	58
Indianapolis	0	3	0	.000	19	78

Central

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	
Jacksonville	2	0	0	1.000	68	48
Baltimore	2	1	0	.667	74	61
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	34	44
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.5		

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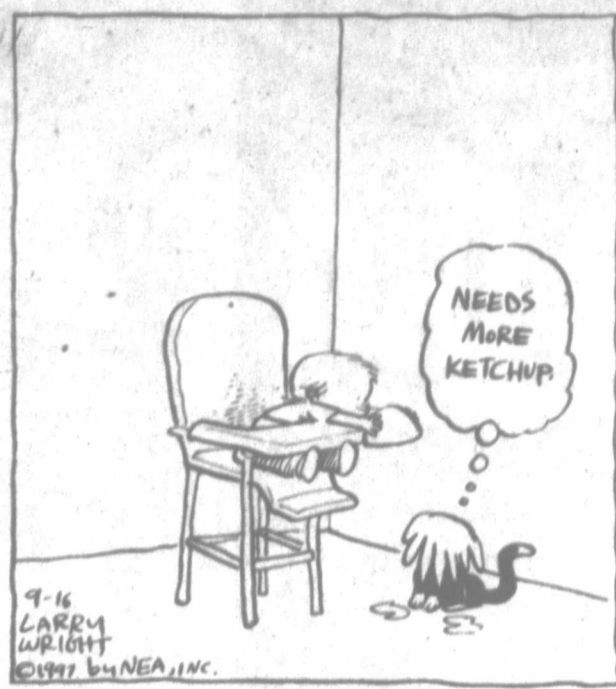
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AUSTIN - The Texas Renewable Energy Education Campaign, a statewide effort to educate Texans about the benefits of renewable energy - solar, wind and biomass - has selected the theme "The Infinite Power of Texas" to illustrate the potential of these energy sources.

The campaign has also announced Dan Rather, anchor of the CBS Evening News and a native Texan, will be providing narration for a 15-minute educational video currently in production. The video is to premier in conjunction with Texas Renewables '97, an annual conference and exhibition, in Dallas Nov. 21. It will be distributed widely throughout the state of Texas and the United States.

In addition, a website (<http://www.infinitepower.com>) has been established with information about renewable energy resources and projects in Texas. The website will also include information packets that can be downloaded and interactive programming to engage users in finding out how traditional means of generating electricity impact the environment.

"Texans currently rely on nuclear power, natural gas, and coal for generating electricity," says Karl Rabago of the Environmental Defense Fund and former member of the Texas Public Utility Commission. "People in communities across Texas are telling us that they want their utilities to begin investing in renewable resources as a way of shifting to a sustainable economy and lessening environmental impacts. Renewables create jobs for Texans and strengthens our economy."

The campaign is also making an effort to influence leadership in Texas to make investments toward shifting to a future economy based on renewable energy. Planergy, one of the largest independent energy services in the industry, is managing the campaign in cooperation with Virtus Energy Research Associates, The Texas Solar Energy Society, the Environmental Defense Fund, HIXO and GTT Communications.

The Texas Renewable Energy Education Campaign is an initiative of the General Service Commission's Texas State Energy Conservation Office. The program is funded by Exxon oil overcharge funds. These funds resulted from federal court settlements of alleged violations of price controls in effect for crude oil and refined petroleum products between 1973 and 1981. The courts ruled that these dollars should provide indirect restitution to the aggrieved consumers by the price violations. Restitution is achieved by promoting and supporting energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, according to state and federal guidelines.

Officials say cats endangered by border operation

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) - A Border Patrol operation fortifying the Rio Grande with agents and floodlights has impeded illegal immigration but also is obstructing the movement of endangered animals, wildlife officials say.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service contends Operation Rio Grande, and in particular more than two dozen lights installed along the banks of the river, is threatening the endangered, nocturnal ocelot and jaguarundi cats.

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