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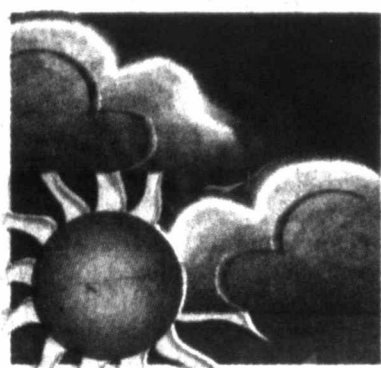
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PAMPA — The choirs of Pampa High School and Pampa Middle School will present their Fall Concert a half hour later than originally planned Monday at 8 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

A variety of music will be performed by choirs that include the seventh-grade girls, eighth-grade girls, the seventh-and-eighth-grade boys, the seventh-and-eighth-grade mixed choir, the high school mixed choir, high school women and the high school show choir.

The middle school choirs are under the direction of Fred Mays and Susie Wilson and the high school choirs are directed by Suzanne Wood and Jennifer Scoggin.

HOUSTON (AP) — A man who was selected as a juror in a robbery case and then asked off the jury because he feared the stress would be harmful to him because of his blood pressure is going to be at the trial anyway.

Elwood Wise is not a juror, but District Judge Debbie Mantooth Stricklin ordered him to sit in the courtroom and watch the entire trial.

Wise was selected for the home invasion robbery case. The judge had asked prospective jurors several times to speak up if there was any reason they could not serve.

Wise didn't say anything and was selected with 11 others and told to return Wednesday.

The juror then told the judge about his high blood pressure just before the trial was to begin. He told her he could not sit in judgment of another person, a statement that would have disqualified him from service the day before.

The judge said that the week before, two jurors who already had been sworn in suddenly came up with reasons they couldn't serve. She decided it was time to set an example.

"If everyone did this, it would be a disaster," Stricklin said of Wise's last-minute withdrawal. "He had a million opportunities to speak up."

- Ronnie Dale Barton, 40, instrument technician for Exxon.
- Lewis Wayne Bybee, 62, former owner of B&B Turbine Engineering and Manufacturing.
- Gene Mitchell, 42, rancher, member South Wheeler Hospital Board.
- Dewey M. "Mack" Underwood, 79, retired trucker for Cabot Corporation/Ingersoll-Rand.

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Land picked for proposed youth facility

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

A 120-acre site of state land, across from the Jordan Unit, has been selected as part of Pampa's proposal to house a 660-bed state school, according to Lew Mollenkamp, executive director of Pampa's Economic Development Corporation.

The area is slightly offset and not within sight of the adult prison, he said. With the placement of the state school selected, the youth facility task force, comprised of several city and county leaders, can concentrate on other needs.

Specifically, the task force must now concentrate on engineering and utility placement at the sight.

In an effort to get all aspects of the bid request together before the Oct. 3 deadline, Mollenkamp said the committee is tying "loose ends and getting everyone's commitments together."

A consulting firm, Arter and Hadden of San Antonio, was hired last week to help with the youth state school bid. At a cost of \$50,000, the consulting firm will be on retainer for the next six months.

"This is great insurance for us," he said. "It would be a shame to do a massive amount of community mobilization and fail because of a minor ... or major ... issue."

Even though a decision about the placement of the 660-bed youth facility should come from the state within the next three months,

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Heart Walk, picnic seeks participants

Organizers are getting ready to welcome hundreds of walkers to Central Park on Oct. 4 for the 1997 American Heart Walk to benefit the American Heart Association.

Registration is from 9:30-10:15 a.m. followed by the two-mile walk at 10:30 a.m. and a picnic at 11 a.m.

"Heart disease is America's leading killer, and stroke is the leading cause of serious disability," said Chrys Smith, walk chairman and president of the Tri-County Area Heart Association. "Through the American Heart Walk we not only educate people about how to prevent these diseases, but also raise funds to support life-saving research."

Each walker, as part of a team or as an individual participant, has friends, family and co-workers sponsor them. Walkers win prizes based upon the amount of donations raised. This year's honorary chairman is John Kendall, principal at Pampa High School.

Participants of all ages are expected to join the walk. Many local businesses are promoting employee health and wellness by organizing company walking teams. And don't be surprised if you see red — heart disease, stroke and heart surgery survivors who will be honored with special red caps to show that they're fighting back against these deadly diseases.

And for those who like their "walking" on wheels, skaters, skateboarders, roller bladers, bicyclists, and youngsters in strollers are invited to be part of the event.

The Tri-County American Heart walk is one of over 1,000 such events being held nationwide. It's sponsored by Pampa Heart Imaging, Columbia Medical Center, The Pampa News, Dobson Cellular Systems, Enerpipe Corp., American Home Patient, Yummies Pizza, Marcus Cable and Shepard Crook Nursing Agency.

For information, call Smith or Debby Dancel at 665-0356.

At the wheel...



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

April Green, a student at Pampa Middle School, concentrates on making a masterpiece from her portion of pottery clay. Green and several other students had the opportunity to learn about pottery in Barbara Bigham's art class.

Rotary Club plans to aid super playground project

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

There's help on the horizon — in the form of the Pampa Rotary Club — when it comes to getting a super playground built in one of the city's parks.

That was the word Thursday afternoon when members of the

A super playground is a large modular play area that has connected units. Though built of different materials, the one under consideration now by park officials is primarily constructed of wood.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met at city hall where they heard from Bill Hildebrandt, director of community service.

Hildebrandt told board members the Rotary Club is willing to take the super playground on as a project and are willing to contribute some funds toward the endeavor.

"That's exciting," said Judy Elliott, board chairman, who said the "pivotal part" of getting a super playground planned and built is having a "general coordinator."

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modular play area that has connected units. Though built of different materials, the one under consideration now by park officials is primarily constructed of wood.

In an interview, Shane Stokes, events coordinator for the city, said super playgrounds have proven to be popular in cities where they've been built. A side benefit, he said, is that park vandalism is often reduced. That, he said, is because of the volunteer community effort involved resulting in citizens taking

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Coronado signs violate city law, official says

Three portable signs in front of the Coronado Inn are actually on the city's right of way and should be removed.

Danny Winborne, city building official, said today he has called and stopped by the Coronado Inn to talk about the problem but has received "basically nothing" in terms of a response.

The signs appeared after a large pole sign was damaged

and taken down.

"I've asked them to move them," Winborne said. "I have a letter drafted now and it's on my desk."

Winborne says he'll send the letter Monday if the signs don't come down or if he doesn't get response from his requests for management to contact him.

The letter will give the Coronado Inn 10 days in which to remove the signs.



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

The Celanese, formerly Hoescht Celanese, Pampa plant is celebrating its 45th anniversary by offering an open house for the general public on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. And, just in time for the anniversary celebration, Celanese has reverted to its original name even though it is still part of the Hoescht Group. Residents will have the opportunity to tour the plant, look at exhibits and attend presentations. Food and babysitting will also be provided throughout the day to visitors. Those wishing to attend the open house should go to the administration building atrium.

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Bealls grand opening



(Pampa News photo by L.W. McCall)

Photo at top: Gold Coats from the Pampa Chamber of Commerce joined Bealls employees at the Thursday grand opening of Bealls in Coronado Shopping Center. Among those on hand were Heather Fisher, Jerry Forrest, Kathryn Phillips, Renee Hopson, Kathy Smiles, Linda Frost, Jody Barker, Cupid Proby, Hary Harrison and Becky Huffines. Photo at bottom: Employees had everything ready for first-day customers Thursday morning moments before the doors opened at Bealls in Coronado Shopping Center. The relocated store is marking its grand opening this week. (Front row, from left) Jody Barker, Mary Harrison, Jimmy Coch, Heather Fisher and Kathryn Phillips. (Back row, from left) Kathy Smiles, Yvonne Phillips, Renee Hopson, Linda Frost, Julie Morse and Patricia Parks.

Whitewater:

Special prosecutor Kenneth Starr subpoenaing more records from White House officials

WASHINGTON (AP) — Moving aggressively following a favorable court ruling, Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr is pursuing a probe of possible obstruction by subpoenaing White House records of some 50 people, including the president and first lady, lawyers familiar with the matter say.

At the heart of the latest demands from Starr are records of every White House lawyer who spoke to Whitewater witnesses or their private legal counsel, according to the attorneys and other knowledgeable sources.

Starr's investigators are moving on another front, too — appearing before a newly empaneled grand jury in Washington. Deputy Whitewater prosecutor Jackie Bennett declined comment Thursday on the new grand jury.

A recently expired grand jury heard testimony from first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton about the still-unexplained reappearance of her law firm billing records outlining work for the failed Arkansas savings and loan at the center of the investigation.

The subpoenas to the White House were from the Whitewater grand jury in Little Rock, Ark., that is investigating possible obstruction of justice of the Starr probe by Clinton loyalists.

A federal appeals court ruled this summer that White House lawyers' notes of Whitewater conversations with Mrs. Clinton

were not protected by attorney-client privilege and must be turned over to Whitewater investigators.

Taking advantage of that ruling, Starr is demanding "all records of communications or conversations or meetings" that White House lawyers and other presidential aides may have had with a long list of Clinton friends

and associates and their attorneys, the lawyers said.

"Before the court ruling, the White House had negotiated with Starr that prosecutors would not make the White House produce notes of its lawyers' communications," said one person familiar with the matter. "After the court decision, they became emboldened."

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by Jim Davidson

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Let Peace Begin With Me

This newspaper is dedicated to furnishing information to our readers so that they can better promote and preserve their own freedom and encourage others to see its blessings. Only when man understands freedom and is free to control himself and all he possesses can he develop to his utmost capabilities.

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 coveyng commandment.

L.W. McCall
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Associate Publisher/Editor

Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers:
The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal on AIDS on prisons:
At a time when the nation is recording a drop in the number of new AIDS cases, the number of AIDS cases reported among Texas prison inmates is rising.

Texas Board of Criminal Justice chairman Allan Polunsky has asked for a review of AIDS policies in the prison system. Two state senators addressed the problem of AIDS in prison last week by calling for hearings.

The situation is getting worse, and it justifiably needs attention. And the prison system needs some new policies that are laced with a heavy dose of common sense.

For example, the TDCJ does not currently mandate HIV testing of its prison inmates. Inmates can take the tests voluntarily, but they are not required to do so.

Given the obvious HIV risks of prison inmates through homosexual activity and drug use, prison officials should be testing inmates for the virus at least once a year. Each incoming inmate should be tested for HIV.

Also, TDCJ officials say current rules prohibit the segregation of HIV-infected inmates because of confidentiality laws. Such rules are illogical when dealing with a contagious and deadly disease. They have no doubt been a factor in the spread of the disease thus far.

Inmates who are infected with the AIDS virus should quite obviously be quartered apart from inmates who do not have it. No more time should be wasted before a comprehensive review is made of prison AIDS policies and a serious effort is made to reduce health risks.

Prison inmates may deserve to be locked away from society for a time, but they are still human beings who should live in an environment that is as safe as possible.

San Antonio Express-News on problems with Mir:

The latest close call for the Russian space station Mir highlights the never-ending problems for the 11-year-old space station.

A U.S. satellite recently passed within 500 yards of the space station. Rather than attempt to maneuver Mir out of the path of danger, the Russian-American crew huddled in an escape capsule.

Mir already has been involved in one collision, during a June docking with a cargo craft. That led to long-running electrical and computer problems.

At times, the crew, which includes an American, has had oxygen-supply problems.

The Associated Press reported that the crew had just finished repairs on Mir's main computer when it was warned of the oncoming satellite.

The Russians do not attempt to get Mir out of the way of approaching objects, partly because distance estimates are not exact.

U.S. officials say a planned international space station will use thrusters to try to dodge objects.

After the satellite passed, the crew left the escape capsule and resumed operations, but the incident is the latest example of Mir's dangers.

The aging space craft is no longer safe enough to justify having an American on board.

Waco Tribune-Herald on probation loopholes:

Nearly every Texas judge and prosecutor improperly using plea bargains and deferred adjudication to cut their workload, they also are wiping criminal records clean for probationers who fail to meet the terms of their probation.

The Texas Legislature again needs to tighten the loopholes that allow Texas judges and prosecutors to reward criminals who break the law.

An investigation by the *Houston Chronicle* reported that many criminal defendants convicted of a crime and sentenced to deferred adjudication and probation are walking around with criminal records due to a corner-cutting practice by Texas judges and prosecutors that rewards probation violators.

The newspaper found that many judges, particularly in Harris County, reward absconders (probationers who disappear without fulfilling their probation terms) by terminating their probationary sentences early due to "unsatisfactory performance."

Rather than getting their probation revoked, and being arrested and punished fully for their original crimes and violation of their probation and deferred adjudication sentences, they instead are given an "unsatisfactory termination," which reduces work for prosecutors and judges and gives a free walk to criminal defendants.

Some legal scholars, according to the newspaper, say judges lack the authority to order "unsatisfactory terminations" because the Code of Criminal Procedure requires a defendant's "satisfactory fulfillment" of probation before a judge may change the original sentence.

The prosecutors who recommend and judges who accept "unsats" defend giving early release to absconders by saying the practice is permitted by the Code of Criminal Procedure under the authority of judicial discretion.

Judges and prosecutors who use early termination of felony probation may have found a technicality to give a walk to probation scofflaws, but this practice clearly is not wanted by law-abiding taxpayers or lawmakers who have been tightening laws to prohibit early terminations of probation.

One judge quoted by the *Houston Chronicle* defended his acceptance of recommendations to give early release to probation violators. "When the state of Texas tells me they don't want to pursue a case, I'm not going to second-guess their judgment," said 228th state District Judge Ted Poe.

Most Texans assumed judges were paid to exercise their own judgment.

The Texas Legislature must close this loophole that allows judges and prosecutors to reward people who violate the terms of their probationary sentences.

Let's be realistic, shall we?

I don't vote.

Call me unpatriotic, uncaring, a loafer, etc. I've heard it all before. After all, I am a member of Generation X, and those have been the "calling cards" of my generation. Or, so I've been told.

But, I would disagree. I am not unpatriotic, uncaring nor a loafer. I am a realist.

Voting for my generation is pointless. Let me explain ...

A few months ago U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry held a town meeting in Pampa. He spoke about Medicare and Social Security. The solutions being offered by Congress are, in my opinion, short-term.

"The Medicare system is being overhauled so that it will be available in the long-term," he said. Social Security, he said, was next.

Fine and dandy. The older generation of residents were happy with that answer. They will see their Social Security checks and will most likely be covered by Medicare.

But, when I asked if those benefits will be available when it comes time for me to collect, the answer was, "If the system is overhauled to provide longevity."

Now, let me say right here that I have nothing against Mr. Thornberry. He is doing the



Laura Haley
Pampa News staff writer

best he can. And, there are hundreds of other politicians to contend with on these issues. But the key word in that sentence is "if."

I pay Social Security and Medicare taxes from every paycheck. I have no choice. There is nothing that can be done about that. But, I don't agree with paying for things I may never get in return. After all, that money could go into an Individual Retirement Account and then I wouldn't have to worry about what the government can and will provide.

This is merely an example of why I refuse to vote for any politician.

Most politicians are too concerned with pleasing their constituents rather than with real solutions. And, for the moment, the largest group of constituents are the baby boomers. My point ... even if my generation

did vote and voice our opinions in most cases it would make no difference. We're simply outnumbered.

There's no hard feelings, no ambiguity ... that's just the facts. So, when politicians cast their votes for legislation they think about the majority of their constituents. They look for the quick fix to help those in immediate need.

And, of course, you can't stitch a gaping wound with Band-Aids.

I say, rid the country of politicians. Let's stop having hundreds of new laws every session. Get experts in various fields to take office. Limit the amount of new legislation that can be passed (who knows it may actually become more efficient and encompass a wider variety of possibilities; wouldn't that be a shock!).

So what if I miss out on some future government benefits. After all, it is my responsibility to plan for my future without having to pay money for someone else's. And, just maybe, the elected officials will spend more time doing their job — running a government rather than catering to special interest groups.

I realize many may disagree with this column. Politicians, after all, are supposed to listen to their constituents. But, after generations of fixing the short-term solutions of previous generations, let's just say "enough" and begin repairing instead of altering the problems.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today in History
Today is Friday, Sept. 26, the 269th day of 1997. There are 96 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 26, 1789, Thomas Jefferson was appointed America's first Secretary of State; John Jay the first chief justice of the United States; Samuel Osgood the first Postmaster-General; and Edmund Jennings Randolph the first Attorney General.

On this date:

In 1777, British troops occupied Philadelphia during the American Revolution.

In 1914, the Federal Trade Commission was established.

In 1950, United Nations troops recaptured the South Korean capital of Seoul from the North Koreans.

In 1957, the musical "West Side Story" opened on Broadway.

In 1960, the first televised debate between presidential candidates Richard M. Nixon and John F. Kennedy took place in Chicago.

In 1980, the Cuban government abruptly closed Mariel Harbor, ending the freedom flotilla of Cuban refugees that began the previous April.

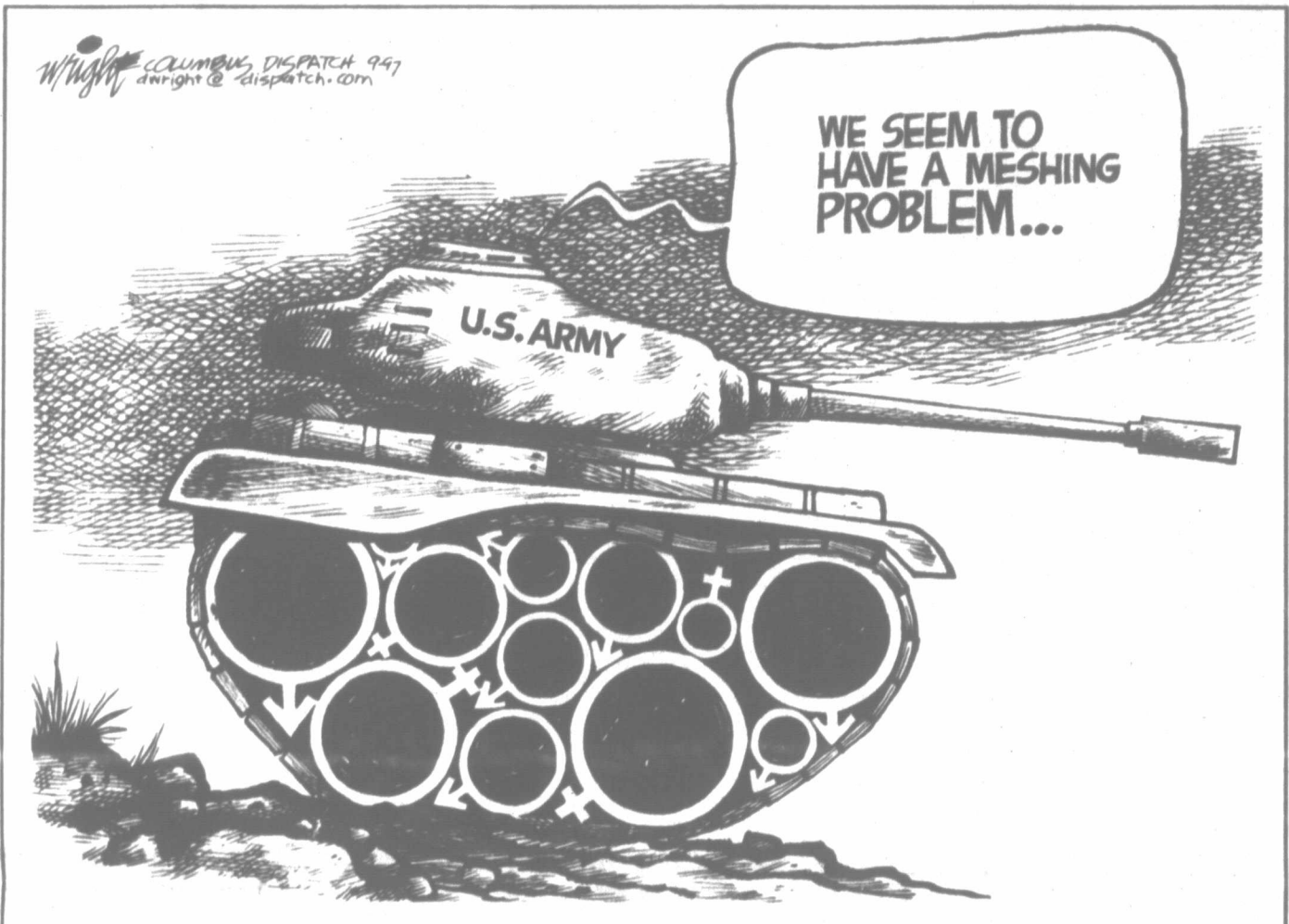
In 1981, the twin-engine Boeing 767 made its maiden flight in Everett, Wash.

In 1986, William H. Rehnquist was sworn in as the 16th chief justice of the United States, while Antonin Scalia joined the Supreme Court as its 103rd member.

In 1991, four men and four women began a two-year stay inside a sealed-off structure known as Biosphere 2 in Oracle, Ariz.

Ten years ago: In his Saturday radio address, President Reagan said he was reluctantly signing legislation restoring the automatic deficit-reducing provisions of the Gramm-Rudman Act.

Five years ago: South African President F.W. de Klerk and African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela held their first meeting in three months, during which they agreed on the urgent need for an interim government. A Nigerian military transport plane crashed shortly after takeoff, killing all 163 people aboard.



Congress is getting greedy again

Congress has been trying to figure out how to raise its pay without political punishment since the first increase in history prompted a voter revolt. It's been 181 years, but the quandary persists.

Witness the latest attempt at an increase, a 2.3 percent cost-of-living raise hustled through the House as part of an appropriations bill that does not mention a congressional pay raise.

The \$3,072.80 annual increase takes effect unless Congress acts to forgo it, as the Senate did earlier and as the House had for the past five years. House critics of the pay boost say they plan to contest it now, although nobody did when the bill was passed last week without any discussion of congressional pay.

Leaders in both parties worked it out that way, avoiding a direct vote on pay. House Speaker Newt Gingrich favored the increase. "But I think it has to be done out in the open, in public, and people have to see the vote if it's going to happen," he said in an ABC interview just days before arranging to have it done quickly and quietly.

The Senate put a congressional pay freeze into its version of the bill, and the issue will have to be settled when the House and Senate negotiate and vote on final terms.

That means debates, attempts to undo the raise and campaign fodder for candidates readying 1998 challenges for House and Senate seats. For an outsider, a congressional pay raise is a ready-made issue.

Hence the repeated efforts to keep it low-pro-

file, which haven't worked. Too many whistle blowers are inside Congress, often with campaign agendas of their own.

More than a few House Republicans got there by running against the ways of Congress, including its past pay-raise maneuvers. Having used that trap, they are wary of falling into it, in campaigns for re-election or for other offices.

Rep. Linda Smith, a leader of House efforts to repeal the raise, is seeking the Republican nomination for Senate in Washington. Sen. Sam Brownback, an ardent GOP opponent of the increase, is running for his first full term in Kansas next year, after two years in the Senate as successor to former Sen. Bob Dole. Brownback advocates a 10 percent congressional pay cut and returns that share of his own salary to the government.

The pay issue dates from the beginning. The first Congress, in 1789, approved a constitutional amendment providing that there would have to be congressional elections between the time a raise was voted and the date it took effect. The amendment wasn't ratified until 1992, after a belated campaign prompted by a giant raise Congress didn't dare to take.

But the U.S. Court of Appeals ruled that the amendment does not apply to cost-of-living increases, so this one could boost salaries to

\$136,672.80 a year, effective Jan. 1, should it survive the rollback attempts.

Salary snarls led to a pay commission system that was supposed to take Congress out of the line of fire by making increases automatic — no need to vote on them. That worked for 22 years, until a commission got too generous for political safety.

In 1989, President Bush endorsed 51 percent raises that a government salary commission had recommended for Congress, federal judges and senior executive branch officials. Under the system then in effect, the raises were automatic unless vetoed by Congress, which they were, for fear of voter retribution.

That scuttled the automatic salary system. Later in 1989, Congress did approve smaller increases, the House voting itself a bigger raise than the Senate, which didn't catch up for nearly two years. That pay bill installed the cost-of-living increase system, automatic unless Congress votes to forgo them. It has forgone them, since 1992.

Now the dilemma is back, as risky as when Congress voted in 1816 to raise its pay from \$6 a day to \$1,500 a year, and incumbents suffered at the polls. The survivors and successors went back to the day rate and made it \$8.

The backlash never lapses. Backing an 1873 pay raise, a senator said his constituents didn't want him starving in an attic and thought he should have the brains and the salary of a banker or an insurance executive.

Apparently they didn't; he lost the next election.

Walter Mears
AP Special Correspondent

Food drive



(Community Camera Photo)

Employees of the Gray County Farm Service Agency hosted a food drive Sept. 8 through Sept. 19 in conjunction with Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman's efforts to feed the hungry in the United States. Stephen Marszal, 3, son of Charles and Ofelia Marszal of White Deer, brought the largest donation of food to the Gray County office. The young man went door-to-door with his mother to collect the three boxes of food. Most of the donations will remain local, going to the Good Samaritan Food Bank, Tralee Crisis Center and the churches' food bank in McLean for motorists stranded on I-40. Other organizations making donations were the employees of Cabot and IRI Credit Union, Robert Knowles Oldsmobile & Cadillac and Davis Electric.

Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau to hold annual convention

The Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau 36th Annual County Convention will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 27 at the Sportsman Club on South Barnes, Pampa.

This year's entertaining guests will feature, Mike Darsey, a cowboy poet and Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau Board Member from McLean. We will also have a 13 year old 8th grader, Katie Shipp from Wheeler to sing some popular songs for us.

The Shriners will be serving a Bar-B-Que meal. Tickets to attend the meal and convention will be \$6 per person. All proceeds will benefit the Shriners Organization.

We will also have special guests attending to talk about a few of the many beneficial programs that Farm Bureau offers. Clifford McDonald will inform us about what he has learned by attending our volunteer Fireman School at Texas A & M University at college station in June. Then three students, Lori Hefley, from McLean, and Lorrie Phillips and Kelby McLellan, from Pampa, would like to share what they did while

attending out Texas Farm Bureau Citizenship seminar at San Angelo State University. Also, Melissa Couts and David Fuller will say a few words about our Ronald Maul Memorial Scholarship and the Raymond Maddox Scholarship that they received in June.

We will have many door prizes to give away for the men, women and children who are present at the time

of the drawing. All door prizes have been given by local businesses of the Gray-Roberts County area. We would like to thank all of these businesses for their generous donations.

A business session for members will be held after the speakers. President, Joe Varzandt, has asked if anyone has any suggestions for any local, state, or national resolutions, please write these down and

bring them along with you to present at the convention.

We are voting on and electing five new directors to serve on our board of directors.

Tickets for the Farm Bureau Convention are available at the Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau office, 1132 S. Hobart, in Pampa. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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Sharp: Enrollment for Tomorrow Fund to begin in October

AUSTIN — State Comptroller John Sharp announced that the Texas Tomorrow Fund's next enrollment period will begin Oct. 14.

The Texas Tomorrow Fund proposed by Sharp and approved by state lawmakers during the 1995 legislative session, allows families to lock in the costs of their children's future college tuition and required fees for about what they would pay today.

The Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board, which Sharp chairs, determined that a prepaid tuition contract paid in a lump sum during the upcoming enrollment period for a Class of 2020 graduate will cost \$10,904. The new rate, which is about 12 percent higher than last year's, reflects the rising costs of tuition and required fees at the state's public four-year universities. The Texas Tomorrow Fund covers up to 128 academic hours of tuition.

The Texas Tomorrow Fund's third sign-up period will run through April 1, 1998. During the program's first two enrollment periods, more than 65,000 families took advantage of the pay-now, learn-later program.

The seven-member board that oversees the Texas Tomorrow Fund also approved an expanded marketing program with the Texas Association of Life Underwriters. For the first time, life insurance agents will be able to sell prepaid tuition contracts during this enrollment period.

Member Michael Gollob of Tyler said the program is such a good deal he bought a four-year public university tuition contract for his grandson during the program's debut two years ago.

"My grandson is a senior in high school this year, and the Texas Tomorrow Fund contract is an incentive for him to go to

college. Now if he could only decide which one," Gollob said.

The current semester marks the second year that some 500 college freshman and sophomores are using their Texas Tomorrow Fund contracts at Texas universities and community colleges. Their top three public university choices are the University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M University's main campus in College Station and Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Sharp said nearly 83 percent of the prepaid contracts purchased during the two enrollment periods were for the senior college plan, which covers tuition and required fees for up to 128 credit hours at any public senior college or university in Texas. Another 10 percent were for the junior-senior college plan, covering two years at a public junior or technical college, plus two years at a public senior college or university.

Sharp added that five percent of the contracts purchased were for the junior college plan, which pays for up to 6.4 credit hours of tuition and required fees at a public junior or technical college, and two percent were for the private college plan, covering up to four years at any of the state's private colleges and universities.

Families interested in learning more about the Texas Tomorrow Fund can request information by calling toll-free 1-800-445-GRAD (4723).

Texasans with a computer and modem can find out more about the Texas Tomorrow Fund on his electronic bulletin board by dialing 1-800-227-8392 toll-free or by accessing the Comptroller's Window on State Government on the World Wide Web at <kttp://www.window.cpa.state.tx.us>.

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PERHAPS HANANIAH HAD THE LAST LAUGH, OUT OF THE GRAVE -- FOR IT WAS HIS GRANDSON, IRIJAH, CAPTAIN OF THE WARD, WHO ARRESTED JEREMIAH AT THE GATE OF BENJAMIN, ON THE CHARGE OF DESERTING TO THE BABYLONIANS! (JER. 37:13) THIS EPISODE, OUT OF THE LIFE OF JEREMIAH, THROWS INTERESTING LIGHT UPON THE JEWISH POLITICS OF THAT TIME AND THE DIVISION OF THE PARTIES THAT WERE FOR BABYLON ON THE ONE HAND, AND EGYPT ON THE OTHER -- ALMOST LIKE IT IS TODAY!!

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Minister's musings...

As a pastor, I wanted to speak for pastors who are faithfully ministering to their congregations and the city of Pampa. It has been a joy for me to personally get to know some of these men as we have labored together and prayed together. Many of them are men of integrity and faithful to the church and people they serve daily and would never ask for any public appreciation. You could just give him or her a word of encouragement.

To better help you understand that we as ministers are real people, let me say some things that most pastors would like for you to know, but may be afraid to say:

1. **A pastor has more than a job.** It is a calling. Your pastor loves and appreciates you, not as a member, but as a valued child of God.

2. **We can be drained emotionally and spiritually.** We are called to help people, but constant criticisms, unrealistic expectations and squabbling over trivial issues compound



By
Rev. Lonny Robbins
Trinity Fellowship Church

the drain.

3. **What keeps us going?** We love to see people mature and grow in their spiritual life as a result of our preaching and teaching.

4. **Our families are priority to us.** We need to have family time because it is precious to us. We must work at making our home life as normal as possible. Our workdays are different because we do not get off on weekends.

Thank you for allowing our spouses the freedom to choose where they serve instead

of assuming where they should serve. Thank you also for letting our children be kids.

5. **We struggle to spend time alone with God.** Encourage us to spend a block of time daily to refuel our own spiritual life. We need to know our job is to pray, read the Word and hear from the Lord, not only for the church but for ourselves.

6. **Volunteers are priceless.** Recruiting volunteers is time consuming and mentally exhaustive. You will never know how you bless us when you volunteer for a task and complete it with excellence.

7. **We need friends.** Ministers need genuine, trustworthy friends within their local church. We need people we can be ourselves around and just be real people.

8. **More than anything we need people to pray for us daily.** Let your pastor know you are committed to pray for him daily. This will be a great blessing and encouragement to him and to his family.

Local men will attend D.C. rally

On Oct. 2-4, Calvary Baptist Church will be represented in Washington D.C. at the "Stand in the Gap: A Sacred Assembly of Men"

The name Stand in the Gap is derived from Ezekiel 22:30: "I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before Me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none."

The goal of "Stand in the Gap" is to gather a diverse multitude of men in the name of Jesus Christ, to confess personal and collective sin so that we may present to the Lord, godly men on their knees in humanity, then on their feet in unity, reconciled and poised for revivals and spiritual awakening. PROMISE KEEPERS desires to see a revival of the Church of Jesus Christ in America.

The event is being held in Washington, D.C. because it is the emotional heart of America, the place where we celebrate our victories, mourn or departed heroes, protest our deepest concerns and debate our national future.



(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

Checks totaling \$1,610 were presented to J.R. Schuneman, a member of the local emergency planning committee, by Jay Thomas. Zion Lutheran Church raised \$910 at Chautauqua selling lemonade and cookies. Additionally, \$700 was received through the Lutherans matching funds program. The local A.A.L. Branch 4049 sponsored this event Labor Day to help fund the new tornado sirens.

Annual arts, crafts fair scheduled Dec. 6

Wesley United Methodist Church will host its 17th Annual Festival of Arts and Crafts, Dec. 6 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Community Center. Applications for \$10 booths are available by writing or calling (806-364-0774) Ellen Collins, 801 Miles Street, Hereford, TX 79045.

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Mom's prayer group meets Tuesday

Moms in Touch International is a group of mothers and grandmothers who meet one hour each week to pray for their children, their schools, their teachers and administrators.

Women interested in joining together for this purpose are invited to a Fellowship Coffee at Bible Church of Pampa, 300 W. Browning, Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

A video about the ministry will be shown and there will be a time for questions. Moms In Touch has a booklet for each person who participates giving guidelines and a format for prayer time.

The goal is to establish a prayer group for each school. For more information prior to the meeting, contact Pat Kennedy at 669-3006.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 15-year-old girl who read your column about "Winning Against the Odds." I was surprised to see the names of only five women included, so I decided to add to your list of names.

You once printed a list of African Americans who were born into a society filled with heavy prejudice. Well, that same prejudice was once practiced against women. Women who wanted careers or the same rights as men were shunned. I offer a list of 10 more women who overcame various hardships:

— Rejected by medical schools in London because of her gender, Elizabeth Garrett Anderson became the first female member of the British Medical Association.

— Born into poverty was author Louisa May Alcott.

— Struck with Marfan's syndrome was Flo Hyman, who won a silver medal in Olympic volleyball. She is the namesake of the Flo Hyman Award.

— Orphaned at age 10 was former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

— Raised as a slave was evangelist and reformer Sojourner Truth.

— Ridiculed, shunned and arrested for standing up for their beliefs were suffragettes Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

— Orphaned at 13 was Oksana Baiul, Olympic figure skating champion.

— Denied admission to most medical schools and blind in one eye was Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman in the United States to earn a medical degree.

— Incapacitated for a decade as a

Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

result of a spinal injury and a lung ailment was Elizabeth Barrett Browning, poet and feminist.

ALISON IN FLORIDA

DEAR ALISON: My column titled "Winning Against the Odds" inspired many responses. Read on for another:

DEAR ABBY: One need not go back to Abe Lincoln or Albert Einstein to find someone who succeeded despite adversity. One need only go to the family next door, or perhaps one down the street.

There are millions of us who were born into abject poverty during the Depression, who lived on bread and potatoes, whose parents couldn't afford to send us to the dentist, who never owned a suit until we were adults, who attended a one-room country grade school with no electricity or indoor plumbing, but who still managed to learn a skill or work and complete our education. Now we live in the 'burbs and have sent our kids through college.

I've been there and done that. And it can still be done. All it takes is hard work, perseverance, and foregoing instant gratification. You have to figure out where you are going and how you are going to get there — and stop whining and using the excuse that you are a victim.

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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Sunday, Sept. 28, 1997

Considerable opportunities could be in the offing for you in the year ahead. Most of these developments will come from situations which you yourself seeded in the past.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Usually you're rather optimistic, but today if you're around negative individuals, they might alter your attitude to one of self-doubt.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Common objectives cannot be achieved today unless you and your mate work in harmony. Each must pull together, not in different directions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your ideas will have merit today, but you might not

present them to others with enough clarity to generate their enthusiasm and participation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you'll have to use all your business smarts in order to get value received. If you're indifferent, you might be put upon.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It will be poor judgment today to say or do something in front of others that presents your mate in an unfavorable light. Know his or her sensitivities.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You will be a good self-starter today, but if you run into impediments, you may use this as an excuse to leave what needs doing until tomorrow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today, it is best not to become too deeply involved with or loan money to a person you only recently met. Get to know this individual better.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today, be willing to share what you have with a friend who treated you generously in the past. You will regret it later if you could have helped but didn't.

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"Don't lift Jeffy over your head when he's been finger-painting."



"Do you have to criticize everything he does?"

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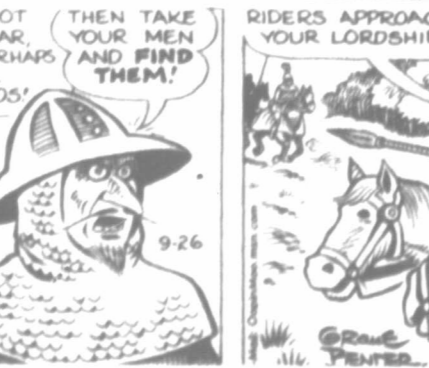
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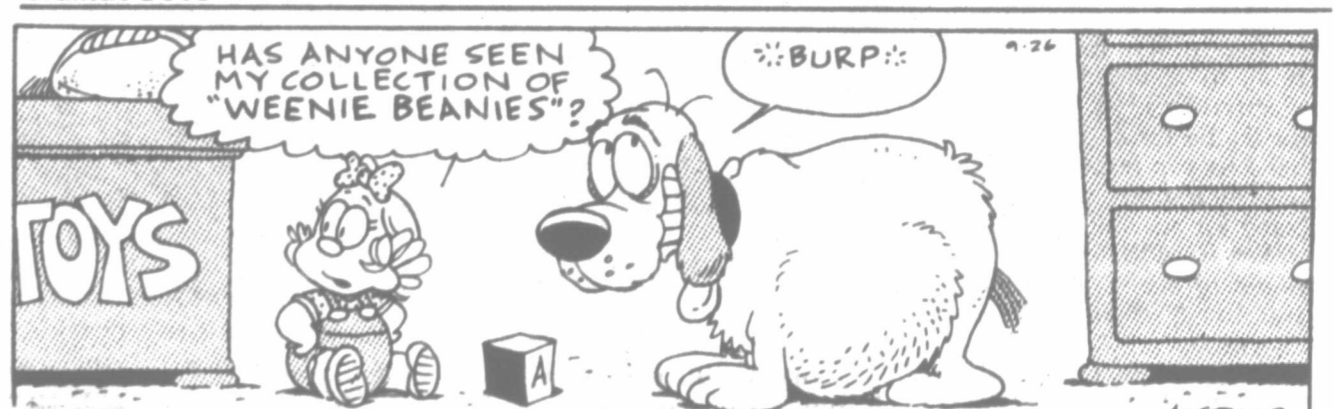
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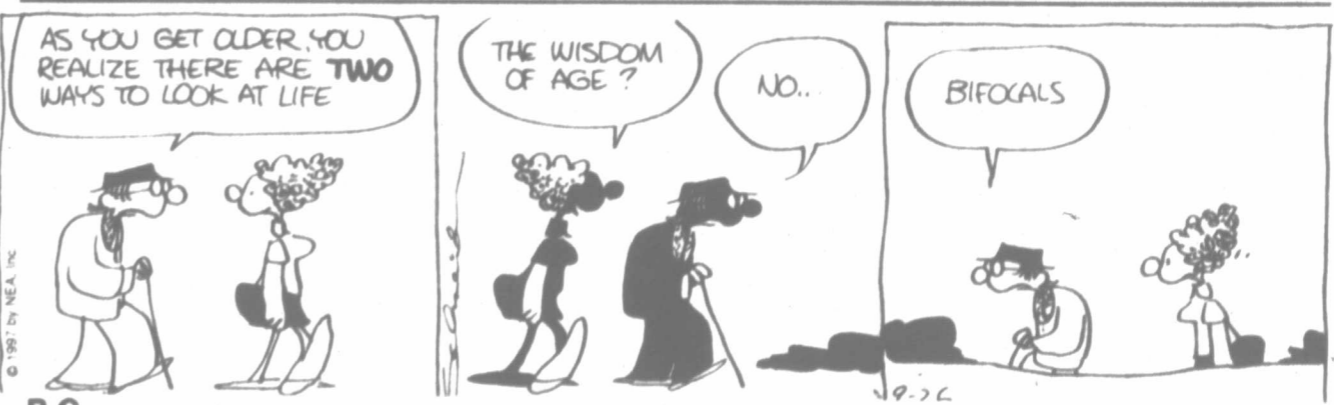
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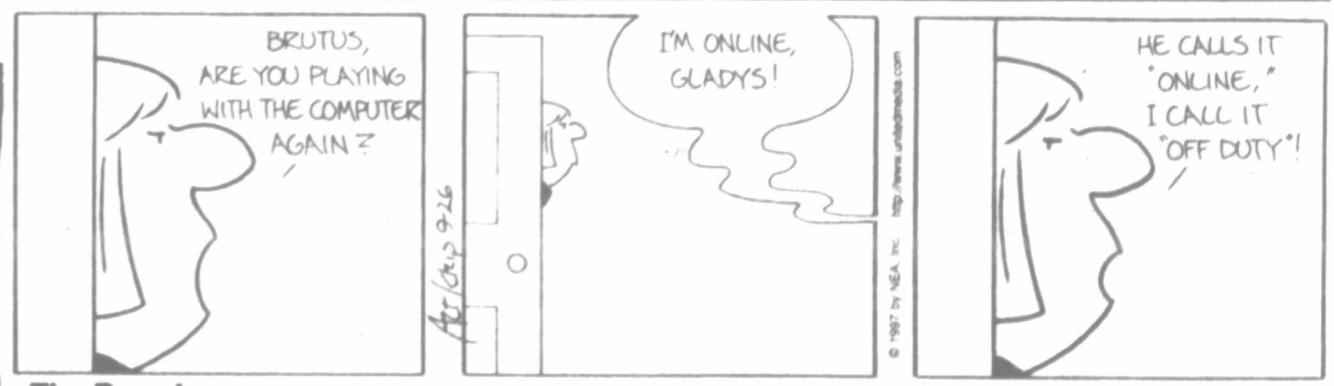
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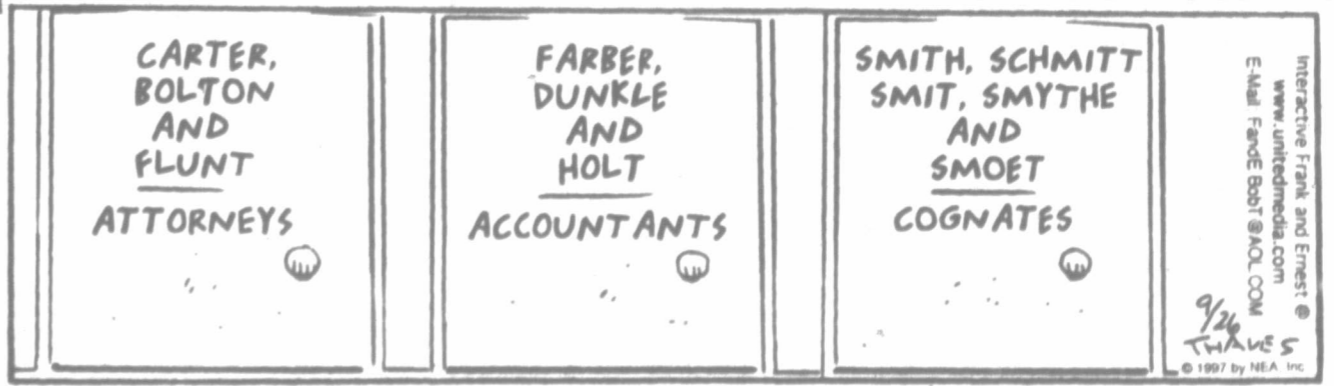
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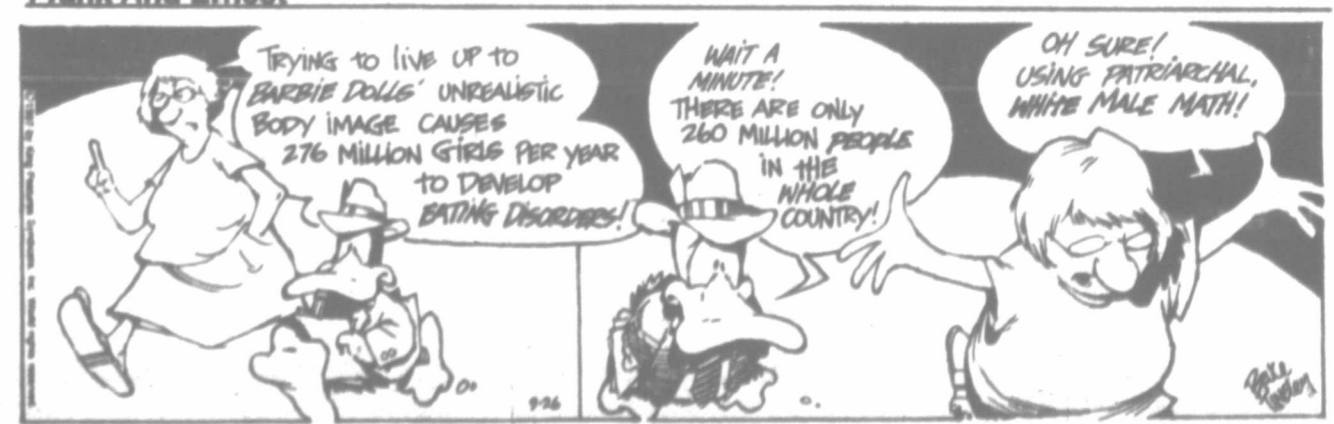
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Country music rules?

American airwaves

Most popular formats of commercial radio stations in the United States, 1996

Format	Stations
Country	2,558
Adult contemporary	1,592
News	1,262
Religion	996
Rock	868
Oldies	725

Country music continues to be the most popular radio-station format in the United States. There are over 100 more country music stations than there were in 1990. The number of stations broadcasting news, talk, business and sports has jumped by more than 300 percent over the same time.

Models West to present Fall Wedding Faire '97

AMARILLO — Fall Wedding Faire '97 will be presented by Models West from 1-4 p.m. Sept. 28 in the Civic Center Grand Plaza in Amarillo. The Wedding Faire will benefit Area 16 Special Olympics Texas.

The event will also include a silent auction with items donated by supporting merchants and businesses.

Models West will be presenting wedding fashions continuously throughout the day with John Mousch and Hollye Day describing the designs. Gowns will be on sale from 2-4 p.m.

The Fall Wedding Faire '97 is

being sponsored by Models West, FOX 14, KAMR-TV, KFDA TV, KVII TV, KMML Radio, KNSY Radio and UPN 65.

Money raised from the event will benefit more than 650 Special Olympians in the Panhandle who participate in Special Olympics. Special Olympics Texas is a privately funded non-profit organization which provides year round training and competition to adults and children with mental retardation or closely related development disabilities.

For more information, call Carol Henderson or Hollye Day, Models West, (806) 352-1943.

Drug agents: Caribbean new drug trafficking route

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — Colombian drug lords are sending larger narcotics loads through the Caribbean because of rising fees charged by Mexican traffickers, U.S. drug agents said.

Mexican traffickers now demand between 40 percent and 50 percent of the cocaine shipment — up from 20 percent five years ago — in exchange for smuggling the drug into the United States, said Special Agent Bill Mitchell of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. Fees charged for smuggling other drugs also have risen, he said.

Mitchell spoke at the start of a three-day money laundering conference in Bahamas, which ended Thursday. The event drew narcotics and fraud experts from 14 Caribbean countries.

"We're getting a lot of information that the Colombians are tiring of working with the Mexicans and are now going to shift their efforts into the Caribbean," said Mitchell, who heads the DEA's Miami field office.

DEA officials estimate about 70 percent of the illegal drugs

reaching the U.S. mainland pass through Mexico, with the rest going through the Caribbean.

But Mitchell and other Caribbean drug experts now say the share passing through the region could actually be much higher.

They point to the rising cost of employing Mexican smugglers as opposed to Dominicans, who still charge a 20 percent smuggling fee, according to Felix Jimenez, DEA special agent in San Juan.

He attributed the rise to increased presence of DEA and other narcotics agents along the U.S.-Mexican border, which has made trafficking there riskier and more expensive, he said. "They've had to become more sophisticated and to hire more people," he said.

As a result, "we are seeing a significant increase in the availability of cocaine in the Caribbean," he said, adding that street prices for all illegal drugs have plummeted over the past year.

Heroin, for example, has dropped from \$10,000 an ounce in 1993 to \$2,900 an ounce now, he said.

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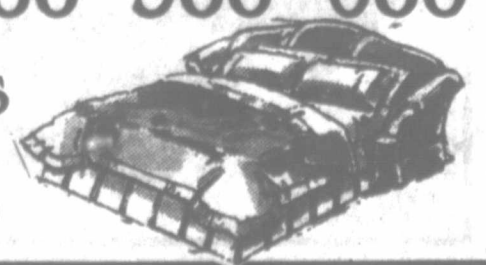
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