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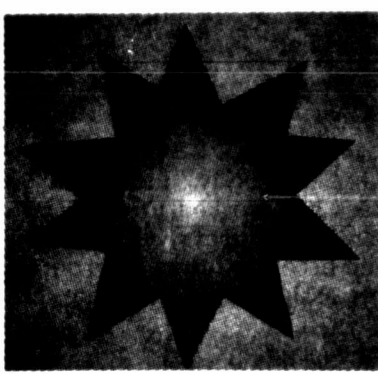
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PAMPA — Members of Pampa Retired Teachers Association will take a tour of the new additions at three elementary schools and then attend a luncheon at Austin Elementary School Monday, Oct. 20. Reservations should be made by Friday by calling 669-4700.

The tour will leave the Austin Elementary School parking lot at 11:15 a.m., departing for Lamar Elementary, followed by Travis Elementary and then Austin Elementary. Principals Pat Farmer at Lamar, Doug Rapstine at Travis and Ron Warren at Austin will conduct the tours.

GARLAND (AP) — A 19-year-old student who recently helped organize a service for friend who committed suicide has died after shooting himself in a high school restroom.

Armando Montiel died Tuesday afternoon, about nine hours after shooting himself in the restroom at Lakeview Centennial High School, said police spokesman Joel Bettes.

Police said it was the first such shooting at a campus in this Dallas suburb.

Officials say Montiel asked a teacher for a hall pass, then went into the men's room and shot himself.

"People heard the shot," said Bettes. "The students are understandably upset and beside themselves over this."

Montiel left no note, school officials said.

A .22-caliber revolver was recovered, Bettes said.

The self-inflicted shooting was the second in a month involving a Lakeview student. Leslie Enfield, 16, described as a friend of Montiel's, shot himself at home Sept. 16. His death has been ruled a suicide.

Montiel helped organize an informal memorial for his friend.

But school officials and some friends of Montiel's said they didn't think the two deaths were related.

"The last time I saw Armando he was all right. We didn't suspect anything," said Lakeview senior John Newhouse. "But I have been concerned since the last one."

- Callie Lorena Bailey, 91, retired McLean schools employee.
- R.T. Dyess, 84, retired Methodist minister.
- Weldon C. Terry, 78, retired route salesman for Meades Bakery

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Seven times the 'fun'



(Special photo by Keith Hart)

The Harts pose for a family portrait. (Back, left) Judy, Judah and Keith; (Middle, left) Joy and Kendra with Caleb in front.

Never a dull moment in busy Hart household

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

He's a free lance photographer. She's the district sales manager for Avon. And between the two of them working, they have managed to raise and home school seven children. Keith and Judy Hart have their hands full, to say the very least.

"We planned on three, but there's no fool-proof system after the age of 39," Judy said about her children and the nature of her more-than-average size family.

What's the hardest thing about living in a large family?

"One bathroom," Keith and Judy explained.

"The kids have been raised sharing one bathroom," Judy said. "And there's always one who thinks they can take a bath for an hour."

Keith brought up the fact that finding a vehicle to fit the whole family can be a problem, even with a mini-van.

And they learned long ago not to buy drinks when they took a family excursion to someplace like McDonalds.

"Add it up! That's \$10 alone for all of us to get a Coke!" Keith exclaimed.

"And we don't eat out at friends houses much," Judy added. "If someone invited us over, I would say, 'You know how many of us there are don't you?'"

Although only four of the seven children still live at home, it doesn't mean their family life is that much less complicated. Because on top of the daily struggle involved with getting four kids to school while two parents work, there is the added challenge of schooling the children at home.

Despite all the controversy through the years, the Harts have continued to teach their children at home for the last 15 years. And they still maintain that home schooling has been the right option for them.

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The major criticism received in response to home schooling is the argument the youngsters are not in a "social" environment.

Education officials defend test required to graduate

AUSTIN (AP) — The state test required to get a high school diploma was defended Tuesday by state education officials after a federal lawsuit challenged the exam on behalf of minority students who failed it.

The lawsuit, filed in San Antonio by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, calls the exit-level Texas Assessment of Academic Skills invalid and discriminatory. Students have their first chance to take the test as sophomores.

According to Texas Education

Agency figures, 84.7 percent of the 1996 graduating class passed the TAAS statewide by graduation. That included 76 percent of blacks, 76.2 percent of Hispanics and 91.7 percent of whites.

MALDEF contends the overall passing rate is much lower — under 69 percent overall for the class of 1996. It says the passing rate was 77.9 percent for whites, 59.6 percent for Hispanics and 54 percent for blacks.

Among its claims, the lawsuit says the state unconstitutionally denies black and Mexican-American students educational

and career opportunities equal to those available to white students.

The lawsuit asks that the state be barred from requiring the TAAS for students to graduate.

State Education Commissioner Mike Moses said the test, which is required by state law, was demanded by Texans who want to ensure students who graduate have reading, writing and math skills.

"It is my sense that the public has said it that it wants a high school diploma to mean something," Moses said.

Women stabbed, burned to death

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Two women were stabbed to death, then burned when an apartment was set ablaze early this morning, police said. The 4-year-old son of one of the women also was burned.

Firefighters responding to the blaze arrived at the complex around 1:30 a.m. and found one of the women outside the apartment. She was pulled out by neighbors and was already dead, Lt. Mark Krey

said. "She had multiple stab wounds and a ligature around her neck," he said. "We're not going to discuss what that particular item was."

Inside the apartment, firefighters found the second woman, who also had been stabbed repeatedly and burned. She died after being transported to a local hospital. She did not have a ligature around her neck, Krey said.

Bright holiday in the works for downtown

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

With the Yuletide season almost upon us, city commissioners took the opportunity this week to discuss holiday decorations during their workshop session.

Ronnie Holmes, president of the Downtown Business Association, told commissioners Monday the businesses would fund materials to light trees in downtown Pampa.

"We will pay for any materials if the city will provide the labor to do it," said Holmes.

The businesses would be responsible for the conduit needed to run the wiring to the trees and purchasing, placing and taking down the lights every year. The city would provide electricity, from an underground source and the labor. For this year, the Downtown Business Association is hoping to have lights in place by the holiday season on both sides of the 100 block of North Cuyler and on the west side of the 200 block of Cuyler Street.

Because of the double-curb, explained Bill Hildebrandt, the city liaison officer, conduit can be run alongside the crevice of the step without being a "tripping hazard."

Eventually, Holmes said the business association would like eight downtown blocks lighted during the Christmas holidays. They chose the 100 block of Cuyler Street and the west side of the 200 block of Cuyler because of the ease of getting the preparations finished.

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United Way gifts total over \$40,000 Drive goal is \$325,000

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

A total of \$40,184 is in the bank as gifts from participating United Way fund drive supporters, according to a report given at the Genesis House during a luncheon for the 1997 "The Power of U" campaign.

The Pampa Boy and Girl Scouts and volunteers from the Genesis House provided the buffet lunch of "Mexican Pile-On" for 35 local volunteers who ate and exchanged their fund-raising experiences from the past week.

Sharon Strickland, a Loaned Executive from FirstBank Southwest, reported that Wal-Mart's campaign resulted in a 10 percent increase over 1996, and the Wal-Mart associates pledges are matched by the corporation.

Pat Bagley presented the pledges for the Gray County Appraisal District showing 100 percent participation by the group.

"And while many of the contri-

butions result from groups of people working together, just as many individuals participate independently," United Way Chairman David Gantz said.

"We had one gentleman, who I'll call LeRoy, walk into the United Way office and hand me a \$50 bill — LeRoy said, 'I want to do my part,'" Gantz said.

The Loaned Executives have been very busy generating schedules for campaign kickoff across the city. This week alone there will be presentations at: National Bank of Commerce by Jerry Foote, Columbia Medical Center by Betty Scarbrough, Southwestern Bell Telephone by Gary Stevens, Gray County Personnel by Pat Bagley and Cabot R & D by Liza Harrison and Tony Carbone both of Cabot Corporation.

"With 12 percent of the \$325,000 already in hand, the scheduled November celebration for announcing 100 percent success looks very realistic," said Katrina Bigham, United Way Executive Administrator.

Separatist leader's trial gets moved Case going to Alpine

FORT DAVIS, Texas (AP) — Republic of Texas leader Richard McLaren will be tried in Alpine on charges stemming from the separatist group's mountain standoff with authorities.

Judge Kenneth DeHart said Tuesday that he has entered a change of venue order for the trial of McLaren and fellow group member Robert Otto. The trial originally was scheduled to take place 20 miles north in Fort Davis.

DeHart said that either McLaren and Otto, who also goes by "White Eagle," or two other group members, Gregg and Karen Paulson, will go on trial Oct. 27.

"At that time, whichever one is ready to go, that's what we'll try," DeHart said.

The other trial will be set sometime later in the year, he said. McLaren and the other three are charged with engaging in organized criminal activity for allegedly scheming to kidnap two neighbors, Joe and M.A. Rowe, in retaliation for the arrest of a Republic member on weapons charges.

The April 27 abduction sparked the standoff with 300 Department of Public Safety troopers and Texas Rangers. It ended May 3 after McLaren and the others agreed to lay down their weapons.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BAILEY, Callie Lorena - 4 p.m., First United Methodist Church, McLean.
CULISON, Lucille Kennedy - Graveside services, 2 p.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, McLean.
DYESS, R.T. - Graveside services, 10:30 a.m., Stratford Cemetery, Stratford. Memorial services, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Stratford.
TERRY, Weldon C. - 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

CALLIE LORENA BAILEY
 McLEAN - Callie Lorena Bailey, 91, died Tuesday, Oct. 14, 1997. Services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.
 Mrs. Bailey was born at Bridgeport in Wise County, Texas. She had been a McLean resident since 1908, moving from Wise County. She married Jack Bailey in 1921 at McLean; he died in 1983 - the couple were married a total of 62 years before his death. She had worked for McLean schools, retiring after 18 years of service. She was active for many years in McLean and Heald Methodist churches.
 She was preceded in death by two sons, Melvin Bailey, in 1983, and Charles Bailey, in 1995.
 Survivors include three daughters, Jeanne Bailey, Mary Ann Bailey and Jan Haynes, all of Pampa; two sons, Vestal Bailey and Jack Bailey of McLean; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to McLean Museum or to McLean Methodist Church.

R.T. DYESS
 STRATFORD - R.T. Dyess, 84, father of a Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Oct. 14, 1997, at Dalhart. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Stratford Cemetery. Burial will be under the direction of Morrison Funeral Directors of Dumas. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. in First United Methodist Church with Dr. Clifford Trotter, retired Methodist minister officiating assisted by the Rev. Everett Statler, pastor of Central United Methodist Church of Dalhart.
 Mr. Dyess was born Feb. 3, 1913, at Vernon, Texas. He married Lola Todd on Jan. 8, 1937, at Clareton; she died Aug. 9, 1995. He had been a Stratford resident from 1959 until 1968 and from 1978 until 1995, moving to Dalhart in April of 1995. He was a retired Methodist minister.
 Survivors include three sons, Jerry Dyess of Dalhart, Todd Dyess of Pampa and Sam Dyess of Seattle, Wash.; a brother, Tony Dyess of Tampa, Fla.; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.
 The family will be at 313 Avenue A in Dalhart.

WELDON C. TERRY
 Weldon C. Terry, 78, of Pampa, died Monday, Oct. 13, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with Tom Russell, minister of Central Church of Christ, and Frank Morrison officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mr. Terry was born Jan. 10, 1919, at Berlin, Okla. He had been a Pampa resident since 1947 at Erick, Okla. He married Ruby Merrell in 1954. He worked from Meades Bakery as a route salesman for over 25 years, retiring in 1972. He also farmed and ranched in Missouri for several years. He was a member of the Central Church of Christ.
 Survivors include his wife, Ruby, of the home; a daughter, Delois Bradmont of Pampa; four sons, Rayford Terry of Edmond, Okla., Eddie Terry of Shamrock, Clyde Terry of Mooreland, Okla., and Geoffrey Terry of Pampa; two stepdaughters, Marcelle Batson of Bosque Farms, N.M., and Sally Bradford of Denver City; three sisters, Juanita McCarthy and Vestalee Hicks, both of Pampa, and Ida Mae Berry of Clinton, Okla.; three brothers, Foy Terry of Clinton, W.O. Terry of Amarillo and Leon Terry of Orange; 18 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to Hospice of the Panhandle, P.O. Box 2795, Pampa, TX 79066-2795.

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Calendar of events

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

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

PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD
 Wednesday, October 15 is a work day for members only from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Lovett Memorial Library. And the Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild regular meeting this month will be Thursday, October 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston. For more information call 669-0568 or 665-4718.

Police report

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

Tuesday, October 14
 A burglary was reported at 1128 Juniper in which \$1,700 worth of jewelry, cash and CDs were stolen.
 A bicycle was recovered from the alley behind 2228 Charles.

Wednesday, October 15
 Rietta Michelle Johnson, 19, 201 N. Nelson, arrested on a warrant for a charge of theft by check.
 William Zane Roe, 31, 201 N. Nelson, arrested on charges of criminal non support and evading in a vehicle.
 An arrest for evading arrest in a vehicle was made at Gray County Rd. No. 12 at 11 p.m. following a short pursuit.

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

Tuesday, October 14
 Clark William Dane, 33, Lefors, was arrested on a Carson County warrant for driving while license suspended.
 Charles Wayne Jones, 1100 Kingsmill, 24, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

Accidents

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14
 An accident was reported at the intersection of Somerville and Cook when a 1974 tan Plymouth Satellite driven by Ruby Pearson Moore, 2117 N. Hamilton, collided with a 1990 blue Cadillac Deville driven by Ola Durrow Nunn, 1616 N. Nelson. No citations were issued.

Fires

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

Tuesday, October 14
 12:28 p.m. - Two units and six personnel responded to a gas leak at 420 N. Russell.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	3.15	
Milo	4.42	
Corn	5.01	
Soybeans	6.41	

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

Chevron	85 5/8	up 1/4
Coca-Cola	60 5/16	dn 7/16
Columbia/HCA	28 3/4	up 1/4
Enron	40 3/8	up 3/4
Halliburton	55 3/8	dn 3/16
Ingersoll Rand	45 1/4	dn 3/8
KNE	46 7/8	NC
Kerr-McGee	69 1/16	dn 3/4
Limited	23 7/8	up 1/8
Mapco	33 3/4	NC
McDonald's	45 13/16	dn 5/16
Mobil	74 5/8	dn 1/8
New Atmos	25 11/16	up 1/8
New Cent. Eac.	41 1/2	dn 1/8
Phillips	57	up 3/16
Pioneer Nat. Res.	40 15/16	dn 1/4
SLB	34 3/4	dn 3/8
Tenneco	49 15/16	dn 1/16
Texasco	62 1/8	dn 7/16
Ultramar	32	dn 5/16
Wal-Mart	36 5/16	up 5/16
Amoco	94 1/2	dn 1/8
Arco	81 5/8	dn 3/4
Cabot	25 15/16	up 1/16
Cabot O&G	24 1/8	dn 1/16

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

Amoco	94 1/2	dn 1/8
Arco	81 5/8	dn 3/4
Cabot	25 15/16	up 1/16
Cabot O&G	24 1/8	dn 1/16

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, October 14
 1:45 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Somerville on a motor vehicle accident. No patients were transported.
 5:04 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Henry on a medical call. No patient was transported.
 6:57 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Russell on a medical call. One patient was transported to the Columbia Medical Center emergency room.
 7:43 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center emergency room and transported one patient to Baptist St. Anthony in Amarillo.

8:43 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Henry on a Medical emergency. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center emergency room.
 10:07 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing home to transport one patient to Columbia Medical Center emergency room.

Wednesday, October 15
 1:16 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded nine miles west of Pampa on a medical call and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.
 2:03 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center emergency room and transported one patient to Baptist St. Anthony in Amarillo.

Emergency numbers

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

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LIGHTS

ished this year. Other downtown blocks do not have a double curb and could pose a problem, he said.

Hildebrandt explained that without a double curb, the city would be liable for anyone injured if they trip over the conduit. There is no place to effectively place the conduit that would prevent the hazard, said Hildebrandt.

So, in order to light the remaining blocks, a 2-foot strip of concrete would have to be removed down each block to place the conduit underneath the sidewalk. Building and grounds codes require that any hidden dangers, such as buried wiring, must be at least 24 inches below the surface, said Hildebrandt.

This could be expensive, but Holmes said the business association is willing to commit to the project.

"This could be a five-to-six year project and we don't mind," he said. "We've got money earmarked each year to put into the project."

Other more cost-effective methods have been researched, said Hildebrandt, but they were deemed unsafe. Originally, he explained, it was thought electricity could be provided by electrical poles along the street. But, because of the difference in voltage, that option was unsafe.

In addition to the lighted trees downtown, commissioners also heard an update on the Celebration of Lights project.

Susan Winborne with Celebration of Lights told commissioners to expect an even grander display of lights this year at Recreation Park. About 20 new lighted displays and music have been added to the display, said Winborne.

Antique nativity scenes owned by the city have also been cleaned, repaired and will be on display at this year's event. Celebration of Lights will open to the public Nov. 21 and end Dec. 31.

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HARTS

The major criticism they have received in response to home schooling is the argument that the youngsters are not in a "social" environment. Many feel that children of home schooling do not gain enough "social skills," according to the Harts.

"That is a total red herring," Keith remarked. The Hart children are actively involved within the community - they participate in church activities, dance, boy and girl scouts, as well as play daily with their neighborhood friends. The children have plenty of social outlets, the parents say.

But although the home schooling has worked out well for them, and their children, both Judy and Keith confirmed that home schooling isn't neces-

sarily for everyone.

"No, it may not be for everybody," Judy said. However, the process has worked to the Hart's benefit. Both Keith and Judy must travel with their current jobs, and when necessary, they incorporate trips and out-of-town assignments into the children's curriculum.

"It all works out," they said. The Harts were nominated to be interviewed by local resident Debra Casey, who wrote, "Judy and her husband Keith, are raising seven children, home schooling them, have a wonderful Christian family with the most polite and caring children you will ever meet."

Being married with seven children is not impossible. If anything, it's seven times as much fun. Just ask the Harts.

People in the news...

NEW YORK (AP) - Weekly "Ellen" update: No parental advisory this time.

After star **Ellen DeGeneres** raised a stink about ABC's decision to warn viewers about "adult content" in last week's episode, this week's show has no such warning.

There's no flip-flop, network spokesman Kevin Brockman said Tuesday.

Parental advisories are determined on a case-by-case basis and it wasn't needed for this week's show, which features DeGeneres' character, Ellen Morgan, hiring a handyman from the "gay yellow pages," he said.

ABC is taking a wait-and-see attitude about a planned episode that has Ellen and a new girlfriend heading to a bedroom.

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) - He's still got the right stuff.

Chuck Yeager, the test pilot who first broke the sound barrier, punched through again Tuesday on the 50th anniversary of his historic flight.

Piloting an F-15 jet fighter, the 74-year-old Yeager sent a sonic boom thundering across the Mojave Desert during ceremonies to commemorate the first supersonic flight.

The pilot who put his personal stamp on the phrase "The Right

Stuff" will continue to fly, but Yeager said Tuesday's flight was to be his last in an Air Force plane.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Don't even think of throwing sand in **Alexandra Paul's** face.

The former "Baywatch" star is muscling her way onto a new project - Saturday's Ironman Triathlon in Hawaii.

"I decided to do the Ironman because I've been acting for 15 years and I feel very blessed with all the work that I've done," the 34-year-old actress said Monday. "When I'm 80, I don't want to look back on my life and just be able to recite the films and the movies and the series that I did," she said.

"I'd like to be able to say that I did other things, and I think that it will make me a richer person spiritually."

The triathlon competition includes cycling, running and swimming.

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. (AP) - Actor **Tom Arnold** is striding out from under the shadow of his ex-wife Roseanne.

The star of WB Television Network's "The Tom Show" was introduced Tuesday as grand marshal of the 66th Annual Hollywood Christmas Parade, a star-studded 3.2 miles

spectacular that winds along Sunset and Hollywood boulevards on Nov. 30.

The 38-year-old Arnold, who also starred in the movies "True Lies," "Nine Months" and "McHale's Navy," was co-grand marshal with Roseanne in the 1992 Hollywood parade.

The couple divorced in 1994. Both have remarried.

CLEVELAND (AP) - Another sports broadcaster is tangling with the law.

ESPN broadcaster **Gary Miller**, a host for the cable network's "Baseball Tonight," was in court Tuesday to face charges that he urinated onto off-duty police officers from a dance club's second-story window.

Miller, 40, pleaded innocent to misdemeanors charges of public indecency, aggravated disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

ESPN said Miller will not work the rest of the American League championship series between the Cleveland Indians and Baltimore Orioles. Future assignments have not been discussed.

Miller was arrested early Saturday at The Basement, a popular nightclub. It is the same club where Charles Barkley scuffled with a patron, who lost his lawsuit against the NBA star.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Tonight, mostly clear with a low of 42. Variable wind at 5-15 mph. Thursday, sunny with a high of 72 and variable winds at 5-15 mph. The overnight low was 44.

REGIONAL FORECAST
WEST TEXAS - Panhandle - Tonight, mostly clear with a low around 40. North to northeast wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, partly sunny with a high in the upper 60s, low 70s. North wind 10-20 mph, becoming northeast in the afternoon, and diminishing late. Low Rolling Plains - Tonight, mostly clear. Lows 35-44. Thursday, mostly sunny and a little cooler. Highs 63-75.

Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos - Tonight, clear. Lows 40-45. Thursday, sunny. Highs in the lower to mid 70s. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau -

Tonight, clear. Lows 40-45. Thursday, sunny. Highs 70-75. Far West Texas - Tonight, clear. Lows around 40. Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs 70-75.

BORDER STATES
NEW MEXICO - Tonight, becoming partly cloudy northeast. Fair skies west and south. Lows 20s and 30s mountains, 30s to lower 40s at lower elevations. Thursday and Thursday night, partly cloudy east. Fair skies west. Cooler east Thursday afternoon. Highs mid 50s to 60s central mountains and northeast corner to the upper 70s to lower 80s southern deserts. Lows 20s and 30s mountains, mid 30s and 40s elsewhere.

OKLAHOMA - Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s northwest to lower 50s southeast. Thursday, partly to mostly cloudy. A chance of rain central and east. Cooler with highs in the lower 60s to lower 70s.

City briefs

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EMERGENCY JAIL Release. 24 hrs. Jack Ward, 669-9911. Adv. **PHS CLASS 1963** - Planning meeting for 35th Reunion, Tues., Oct. 21, 7 p.m. 1319 N. Hobart. Adv.

PAMPA HIGH School Choir Annual Mexican Fiesta Dinner, Fri. Oct. 17, 5-7:30 p.m. High School cafeteria. Purchase tickets from choir students or at door - \$5 adults, \$3 elementary students. Adv.

ALTERATIONS & Sewing - Reasonable prices. Sherri Burkhalter, 665-5816. Adv. **FREE DELIVERY \$5 min.** Hamburger Station 665-9131. Adv.

CHANEY'S CAFE - Wed. 5-8 p.m. meat loaf, fried chicken, spaghetti & meatballs, chicken fried steak. 716 W. Foster. Adv. **CREATURE COMFORT** Birthday Sale - Tropical fish, buy 1 get a Danio for \$1. 115 N. West. Adv.

WORLD'S OF Pumpkins - most \$1.50 to \$2, other Halloween items. Epperson Garden Market, east of Pampa & N. Hobart. Adv.

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Pampa United Way Agency Profile: Genesis House

This article is one in a series of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information is being provided by Pampa United Way as part of its 1997 "The Power of U" fundraising campaign.

Jane was dealing her mother's misery. While her mother, a single parent, worked two jobs to support them, Jane began sneaking out of the house, lying and experimenting with drugs and alcohol with new "friends." Jane resented authority from adults, lost respect for her mother and often had temper outbursts which developed into verbal abuse.

In desperation, Jane's mother sought help through the Genesis House outpatient program called the Pampa Counseling Service. While her mother learned parenting skills in monthly counseling sessions, Jane moved into the Genesis House residential program, where she remained for eight months. There she learned to control anger, respect authority, take responsibility for her actions and deal with the consequences of her actions. Counseling taught her about the dangers of alcohol, drugs, HIV/AIDS and STDs.

Jane was assigned home chores, had supervised attendance at school and took part in a varied recreational program. Her school grades improved and so did her self-esteem. After completing the program, Jane returned home with the good feeling that she and her mother could resolve issues openly, honestly and calmly.

Genesis House, entering its 25th year of operation, is designed to reverse such inappropriate and destructive behavior as dropping out of school, running away, violating laws and taking part in inappropriate sexual activity and other behavior that can be destructive to both the physical and mental health of adolescents. The program provides a strong structure to help the client develop good decision making skills and study and work skills. Wage earning opportunities teach them about budgeting, wise shopping and good work habits. A sliding scale fee means no one is turned away for inability to pay.

Jane is currently doing well and is on her way to becoming a productive member of society thanks to Genesis House, a United Way agency.

Questions? Contact Sharon Braddock at 665-7123.

Fund-raising scandal: White House turns over more videotapes of donor events

WASHINGTON (AP) — The latest round of White House fund-raising tapes shows President Clinton thanking a controversial Democratic moneyman and provides a glimpse into another event that investigators allege involved foreign money.

The White House late Tuesday turned over to House and Senate investigators the video and audio tapes for more than 100 fund-raising events, including some of the most controversial of Clinton's first term.

More were expected to be released today.

Individuals familiar with the list of tapes told The Associated Press they included:

- A February 1996 Asian-American dinner at a hotel that Clinton attended and which netted \$1 million. Republican investigators believe foreign money was used to illegally reimburse donors at that event.
- A June 1996 luncheon with a campaign consultant now convicted in a conspiracy to illegally divert Teamsters union money into the re-election campaign of Teamsters President Ron Carey.
- A 1994 event inside the White House involving a controversial Thai business consultant whose donations have been returned.

The individuals spoke only on condition they not be named.

The majority of the tapes, the individuals said, were from events Clinton attended in traditional hotel ballroom settings away from the executive mansion.

But one thing they showed was that Clinton wasted little time in using the White House to aid Democrats. One of the first events listed on the roster of newly surrendered tapes was a March 15, 1993, breakfast for Democrats in the state dining room at the White House, the sources said.

The tapes included dozens of hours of footage certain to keep investigators busy for days.

But within hours of their release, the tapes provided early political ammunition. ABC-TV's *Nightline* program obtained and aired footage showing Clinton praising John Huang, the fund-raiser responsible for about half the \$3 million in donations the Democratic Party has returned because of suspicions about its origins.

"I have known John Huang for a very long time. ... And when he told me that this was going to come off, I doubted him. But I should have known, he has never told me anything that didn't happen," the president was shown saying at a July 1996 hotel fund-raiser.

In another aired by *Nightline*, Clinton could be seen in June 1996 giving a tour of the White House Blue Room to a group of donors that included Martin Davis, the political consultant convicted in the Teamsters election controversy.

Davis and two other men convicted with him implicated AFL-CIO and Democratic National Committee officials. The AFL-CIO and DNC have denied any involvement, and Carey has not been directly implicated.

Museum to hold slide show on Old Mobeetie, Fort Elliott

By DARLENE BIRKES

Old Mobeetie and Fort Elliott will be the topic of a narrated slide show by Bobby Hill of Wheeler at 2:30 p.m. Oct. 19 at White Deer Land Museum. The program will be sponsored by the Gray County Historical Commission and is open to the public.

A native of Wheeler County, Hill's Panhandle roots are deep as her grandfather came in 1905. However, it was only after taking Bob Izzard's bus tours that she has become involved in local history and realized the importance of preserving the history in this historical area. While volunteering at the Mobeetie Museum, she has helped assemble photographs on the early history of the area from private collections, the Panhandle Plains Museum in Canyon and the National Archives in Washington, D.C. She also made slides and prints, some of which are displayed in her Wheeler home.

Hidetown was the first settlement in the area and was located at Sweetwater Creek. It was a collection of dugouts, shacks made of pickets or lean-tos covered with buffalo hides which served the buffalo hunter. After the founding of Fort Elliott in 1875, the businesses at Hidetown packed up and moved one mile northwest to be closer to the Fort and established Sweetwater. Because of a name duplication, Sweetwater was renamed Mobeetie, reportedly the Indian name for sweet water, when application was made for a post office.

Hill will review some of the turbulent history of Mobeetie and the Fort established to protect the buffalo hunter and early cowboy from Indian raids. A former teacher, Hill had worked toward an masters of arts degree in history. Then she became an attorney and has practiced the last 10 years in Wheeler. She and her husband Jim, a rancher, are both in real estate sales, also. The Hills have three grown children and seven grandchildren.

Date set for school admission case

HOUSTON (AP) — A group of parents who disagree with the district's policy for admitting children to gifted and magnet schools have not been able to reach a settlement of their lawsuit.

And that doesn't sit well with U.S. District Judge David Hittner, who Tuesday set trial for Oct. 27.

Hittner had postponed the case last July to give the parties more time to negotiate a settlement.

"I'm disappointed the case is not settled at this point," he said. "The case is going to trial."

The lawsuit was filed by more than a dozen mostly white and Asian-American parents who wanted their children admitted to select programs at T.H. Rogers School, Herod Elementary School, Lanier Middle School or Bellaire High School.

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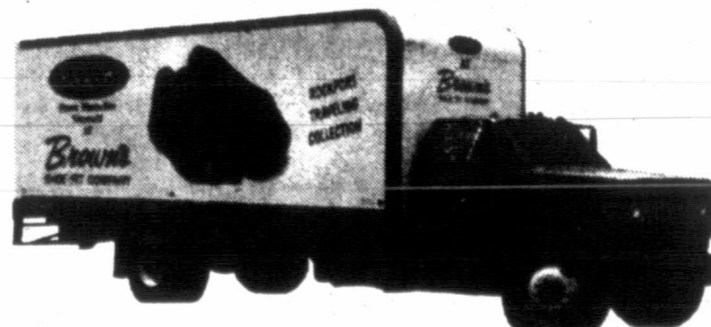
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This newspaper is dedicated to furnishing information to our readers so that they can better promote and preserve their own freedom and encourage others to see its blessings. Only when man understands freedom and is free to control himself and all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

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Inside the
Beltway
with
Sen. Hutchison

The testing question ...

The American dream is as much about the future as it is about the past. Universal education is a pillar of the American success story. All of us are aware that without a first-class education system, that dream can rapidly become a nightmare.

Our national debate over how best to realize the dream has focused recently on the issue of academic standard setting — establishing educational goals and tracking the progress of students toward achieving them. There are two schools of thought surrounding this question: 1) That the federal government, through the Department of Education, should develop and administer national tests. 2) That states and individual school districts should be responsible for this tracking.

The administration favors the first method. My philosophy falls squarely on the second. I believe that parents, teachers and local school officials are better qualified to pass judgment on how children are learning than a bureaucrat sitting in an office in the Department of Education in Washington, D.C.

In addition, the administration has proposed a testing program based on the "whole math" approach. This controversial teaching method, which encourages students to rely on calculators and discourages basic math skills, has resulted in declines in math performance.

For example, median scores on the Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills taken by more than 37,000 Department of Defense students one year after the Defense Department introduced whole math dropped nine points for third graders, 12 points for fourth graders, 11 points for fifth graders, 10 points for sixth graders, 10 points for seventh graders and four points for eighth graders.

This debate recently came to a head in the Senate. I voted for legislation that prevents the administration from allowing the federal government to develop and administer national tests. This bill, which passed 88-12, carries deliberative instructions and prohibitions: 1) Any future national test must be developed by an independent board comprised of individuals from states and local communities; 2) These tests must be administered on a purely voluntary basis, and may not be imposed on any state, school or student; 3) Nor may testing be tied to any federal funding.

With this legislation we are reminding the administration that the private sector already is doing a good job, without Uncle Sam's "help." Two examples of this are the advanced placement tests and the Scholastic Aptitude Tests, a series of privately administered exams taken by most high school students. The SATs function, in effect, as a national standard measurement. They are not, however, mandated, paid for nor administered under the auspices of the federal government.

So the debate is not over standard-setting. Everyone favors the establishment of ways to measure competence in the basics. Testing at an earlier age, along the lines of the SATs, may well enhance efforts to provide all children with a superior education. We want all children to learn at the highest possible levels.

It is proven that when parents take an interest in schools and participate in their children's education, achievement scores are higher. Federal intervention has never been as successful.

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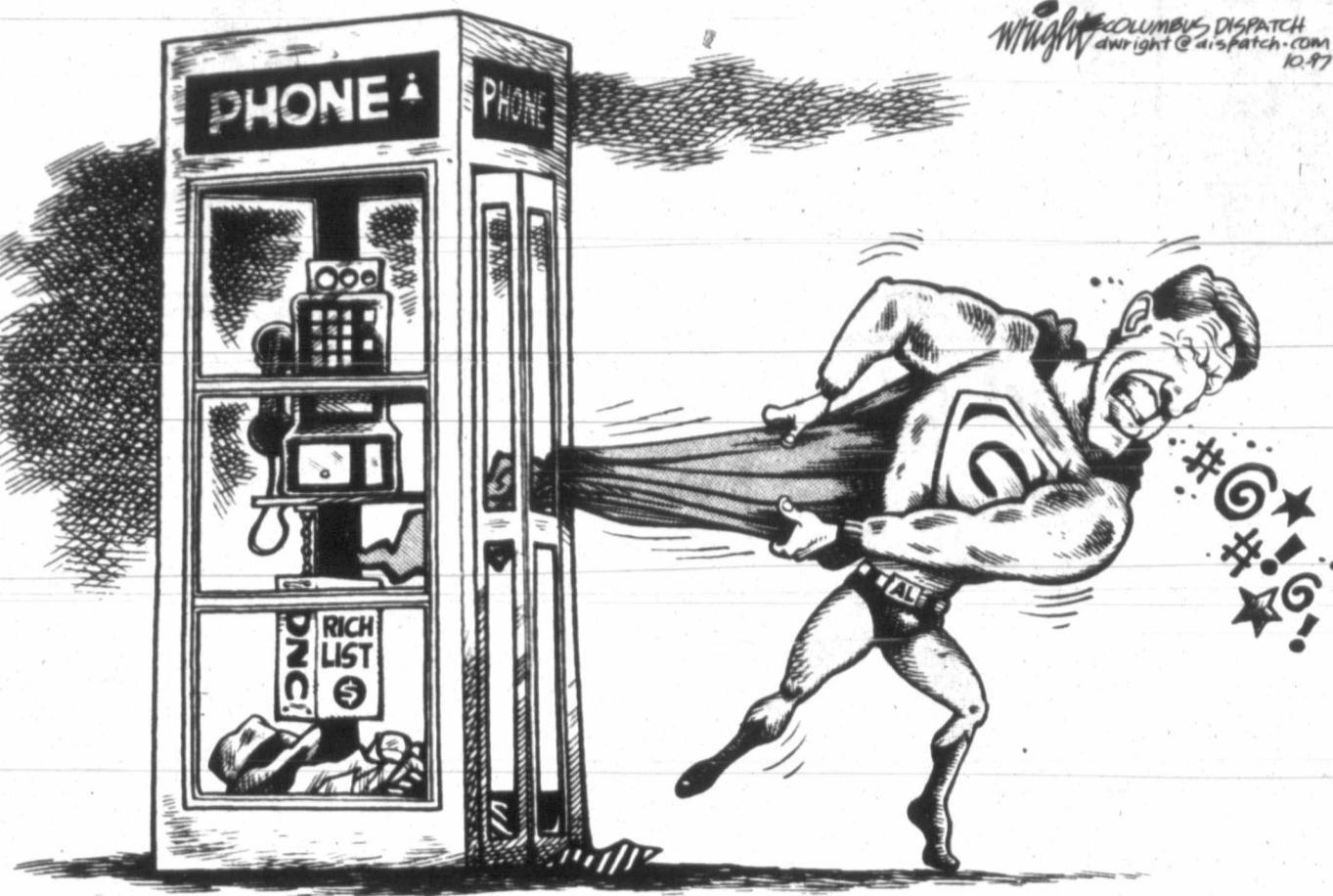
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Teachers need proper training

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If you took your child to a medical doctor who had been represented to you as a specialist in an area your child needed treatment for and you later found that the doctor had not received the education, training and certification in that specialized area, how would you feel? A bit unhappy perhaps? Angry? Would you complain to the board regulating the profession? As a parent I certainly would.

Yet, every day in the state of Texas, parents take their children to school to be taught by teachers they assume are specialists in their field.

During the 1995-96 school year, 97 percent of the 241,440 teachers in Texas public schools were certified. However, at least 50 percent taught at least one subject outside of the field in which they were certified.

During the 1996-97 school year, the most striking examples of this apparently widespread practice were in the areas of science, in which 49 percent of the teachers were not certified; mathematics, with 50 percent not certified; and bilingual/English as a second language instruction, with 42 percent not certified to teach in that specific area of instruction.

This is not to say these teachers have not been trained in how to teach. But, it is to say they have not had the specialized training and education which would qualify them to be

certified in all of the areas they are currently assigned to teach. Research on student learning shows that the two teacher factors that improve student learning are: 1) a teacher's knowledge of the subject they are teaching; and 2) the ability of the teacher to teach that specific subject.

A person may be an excellent math teacher, but it does not follow that the same person would be an excellent English teacher.

As parents, taxpayers and employers it is your right to expect that public school instruction be given by fully qualified and appropriately certified educators. To achieve this goal, school districts in Texas should make every effort to recruit qualified and appropriately certified individuals to teach in their schools. Additionally, school districts should provide on-going support for teachers currently teaching classes outside their area of certification. School districts should ensure that these

teachers receive the proper education and training that will enable them to obtain the proper certification for all the classes they are assigned to teach.

The State Board for Educator Certification is committed to its mission to, "Ensure the highest level of educator preparation and practice to achieve student excellence." It is the position of the SBEC that all teachers in the public schools of Texas should be fully certified in all areas that they are assigned to teach.

The proposed *Framework for Educator Preparation and Certification* currently being considered by the SBEC is based on the guiding principle that only appropriately certified teachers would be employed in each position requiring specific subject area certification in Texas public schools.

This fall, the SBEC has scheduled 40 forums throughout the state of Texas to provide information and seek input on the proposed *Framework for Educator Preparation and Certification*. We welcome the opportunity to share the framework with the public and the chance to hear your views regarding this proposal.

We are just beginning this process. It will not happen overnight and it will not happen without your input. Please join us as we move this process forward for the educators and school children of Texas.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 15, the 288th day of 1997. There are 77 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 15, 1964, it was announced that Soviet leader Nikita S. Khrushchev had been removed from office. He was succeeded as premier by Alexei N. Kosygin and as Communist Party secretary by Leonid I. Brezhnev.

On this date:

In 1917, Mata Hari, a Dutch

dancer who had spied for the Germans, was executed by a firing squad outside Paris.

In 1928, the German dirigible Graf Zeppelin landed in Lakehurst, N.J., on its first commercial flight across the Atlantic.

In 1937, the Ernest Hemingway novel *To Have and Have Not* was first published.

In 1939, New York Municipal Airport, later re-named LaGuardia Airport, was dedicated.

In 1945, the former premier of

Vichy France, Pierre Laval, was executed. In 1946, Nazi war criminal Hermann Goering poisoned himself hours before he was to have been executed.

In 1951, the situation comedy *I Love Lucy* premiered on CBS.

In 1969, peace demonstrators staged activities across the country, including a candlelight march around the White House, as part of a moratorium against the Vietnam War.

In 1976, in the first debate of its

kind between vice-presidential nominees, Democrat Walter F. Mondale and Republican Bob Dole faced off in Houston.

In 1990, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev was named the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1991, despite sexual harassment allegations by Anita Hill, the Senate narrowly confirmed the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court, 52 to 48.

Janet Reno is stuck in the middle

Walter R. Mears
AP Special correspondent

So Janet Reno got mad at the White House and Republicans got madder at her in the long, angry dispute over a special prosecutor to deal with campaign fund-raising cases involving President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore.

For the attorney general, it's a no-win case with no easy way out.

She said as much herself earlier in the dispute — that she'd be damned by one side or the other whatever she decided.

Reno has taken preliminary steps that could lead to the appointment of an independent counsel, and must decide by today whether there will be an extended inquiry into what Clinton did to raise campaign money.

That ruffles the White House, where Clinton's people insist that neither he nor Gore did anything wrong.

The attorney general isn't judging, saying only that so far, she has no evidence that they broke the law. She said nothing has been foreclosed, and nobody has been exonerated.

Reno said Sunday she will question anyone who has information about the case, including Clinton if needed. For his part, the president told reporters Monday he is willing to do whatever is necessary "even if she wishes to interview me."

Clinton also said the "Republican attacks on her have been completely unwarranted."

"It would be hard to make the case that she was reluctant to follow the law," Clinton added. "There are all kinds of procedures set up about how this law is supposed to operate. And she ought to be left alone to implement it."

The Republicans say Reno shouldn't be deciding whether the law has been broken. They're insisting, as they have all year, that she should move immediately to a special prosecu-

tor because there's a conflict of interest. She says not, and points to her prior appointments of outside prosecutors to deal with administration cases.

"I'm damned if I do and damned if I don't," she said six months ago. "So the best thing I can do is ignore the politics, ignore the pressure."

It has intensified, with GOP demands that she resign and an impeachment threat from House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

"She looks like a fool," Gingrich said Saturday.

Reno retorted that she doesn't pay much attention to him, and doesn't heed political pressure or name-calling.

"No one can shout loud enough or write a headline big enough or use words shrill enough to keep me from doing what I think is the right thing on this investigation," she says now.

And she insists that the right thing is to continue a Justice Department investigation that has more than 120 agents, attorneys and aides at work on the case. To date, she said, there is no evidence of high-level crimes that would trigger the independent counsel law, in which a panel of federal judges would appoint an outside prosecutor.

She could turn it all over to an outside prosecutor now, as her Republican critics are demanding. That would take the political pressure off Reno, but she won't do it.

Her situation wasn't eased by the disclosure

that there were videotapes of 44 White House coffees for Democratic campaign donors, and that the Justice Department wasn't told about them immediately.

"I was mad," she said. But she also said nothing found on the tapes so far warrants a special prosecutor. There are more to come.

Republicans were mad, too, at the White House over the tapes tardily delivered to their congressional investigators, and at Reno because she won't yield on an outside prosecutor.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, renewed his long-standing demand that she step aside, "given the obvious conflict of interest."

She is just as insistent that she is on the legal correct course.

Ironically, that is the kind of stubbornness Republicans once applauded. Reno has had four special prosecutors appointed in administration cases, too many for the taste of some Clinton allies, who didn't want her around for his second term.

They floated suggestions that he'd just as soon have a new attorney general, but if that was a hint, she didn't take it. Reno said she would be honored to stay.

Clinton couldn't have replaced her at that point without stirring a political uproar, given her reputation for independence.

Now she's in the middle, and points to the record that has made some people in the administration uncomfortable in the past. "I have prosecuted Republicans and I have prosecuted Democrats," she said.

"I don't think anybody can look back on these last 4 1/2 years and suggest that I haven't done my duty."

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Rehearsals for ACT I's first season production 'The Man Who Came to Dinner' begin

ACT (Area Community Theatre, Inc.) has begun rehearsals for their first production of the 1997-98 season. The *Man Who Came to Dinner* is a comedy by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman. Performances will be two weekends, November 7 and 8 and November 14 and 15. In true cooperative spirit, the show cast and crews are composed of both adults from the community and students from the PHS drama department. Act I director for this show is Rochelle Lacy, one of the founding members of the community theatre. "We are delighted at the response from both adults and students to this cooperative venture."

PHS drama director is Matthew Gantz, who encourages the students to be involved with every opportunity to participate in drama events, whether it is school or community sponsored.

The story revolves a popular celebrity, Sheridan Whiteside, who comes to dinner at the Ohio Home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley. Whiteside slips on a piece of ice and breaks a hip. He then proceeds to take over the house, causing mayhem with his constant influx of strange Christmas gifts and eccentric visitors, from convicts to celebrities. Matters go from bad to worse as he tries to break up his secretary's budding romance with a local journalist and encourages the Stanley's adult children to defy their parents.

CAST

Sheridan Whiteside — Bud Behannan
Maggie Cutler (Whiteside's secretary)—Valerie Bruner
Bert Jefferson (local newspaperman)—Sean Boales
Lorraine Sheldon (a glamorous actress)—Windy Wagner
Mrs. Ernest W. Stanley — Charlene Morriss
Mr. Stanley — Greg Sims
June Stanley (double cast) — Christi Lee and Crystal Gatlin
Richard Stanley — Geoffrey Gatlin
Harriet Stanley — Brenda Turcotte
John (Double Cast) — Jeremy Halvaei and Luis Solis
Sarah — Laura Clark
Miss Preen — Debra Hartman
Dr. Bradley — John McKeon
Professor Metz — Coleman Bruner



Photo at top: Windy Wagner, as Lorraine Sheldon, and Bud Behannan, as Sheridan Whiteside, during Act I of *The Man Who Came to Dinner*. Photo at bottom: Geoffrey Gatlin, as Richard Stanley, and Bud Behannan, as Sheridan Whiteside, during rehearsal.

Beverly Carlton — P. J. Reed
Banjo — Ace Acevedo
Sandy — Patrick Hutchison
Mrs. Dexter (a neighbor) — Dianne Chase
Mrs. McCutcheon (a neighbor) — Carolyn Smith
Lucheon Guests — Patrick Hutchison and Jonathan Kilhoffer
Mr. Baker — Jimmy Lindsay
Wescott — Davey Anderson
Radio technician — Jonathon Kilhoffer
Deputy — Jimmy Lindsay
A Plainclothes man — Jimmy D. Collier
There are still openings for men in walk-on parts with few or no lines.
CREW ASSIGNMENTS
(italics indicate crew head)
Director: Rochelle Lacy
Assistant Director: Brandy Ketchum
Stage Manager: Berinda Turcotte
Assistant Stage Manager: Crystal Gatlin
Set Construction: *Jimmy Lindsay*; Brooke Pope; cast member,
Lights and Sound: *Sandra Keeton*; Doc Welch
Costumes & Make-up: *Diane Chase*, Sandra Keeton, Christi Lee, Windy Wagner & cast members
Props: *Carolyn Smith*, Valerie Bruner, Crystal Gatlin, Laura Clark, Kristina Hartman

DAR to sponsor genealogy workshop at Lovett Library

By DARLENE BIRKES

Four workshop leaders experienced in several phases of genealogy will present a genealogy workshop for the eastern Panhandle beginning at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 1 at Lovett Library Auditorium in Pampa. The pre-registration fee of \$15 may be made out and mailed to Willie Mae Mangold, Lovett Library, 111 N. Houston, Pampa, 79065, before Oct. 28. Registration at the door will be \$17. The fee includes a reference book and workshop consultant costs.

Sponsors are the Pampa Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Gray County Historical Commission and Pampa Lovett Memorial Library with Friends of the Library. Resource leaders are Ellen Lovett and Sylvia Murray of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Family History Center in Amarillo; Ruth Mary Maples, DAR, Amarillo; and Joe Stodghill, Perryton.

The two morning sessions will be for beginners and for intermediates. Lovett will direct the beginner course which will include an overview of resources available, basic researching and compiling information and organizing sources for beginning research. Lovett began researching in genealogy 35 years ago and has been volunteering at the LDS Family History Center for four years. She is a retired school teacher.

Murray, a professional genealogist, has taught genealogy at Amarillo College for 17 years. She studied genealogy at Brigham Young University and has done extensive field work. She is currently director of the LDS Family History Center and writes a genealogy column. She and husband Clyde do lecture seminars in a four-state area. She also assists with the annual Amarillo Genealogy Workshop held in March for the last 10 years. In the intermediate session, Murray will give techniques for using traditional records, including land records, probates, military records, census and what the class members desire. "My specialty is solving dead ends," she said.

The two sessions at 1 p.m., following a brown bag lunch, will include a computer course and a DAR workshop. Joe Stodghill of Perryton will demonstrate the Personal Ancestral File Computer program 3.0, which includes the Research Data filer, and will show the difference between 3.0 and 2.31. He will also demonstrate the Ancestral Quest, an LDS program. Stodghill has been working with the computer since 1980, and he and his sister have researched genealogy with the computer. He currently works with the genealogy society in Perryton and teaches a computer course.

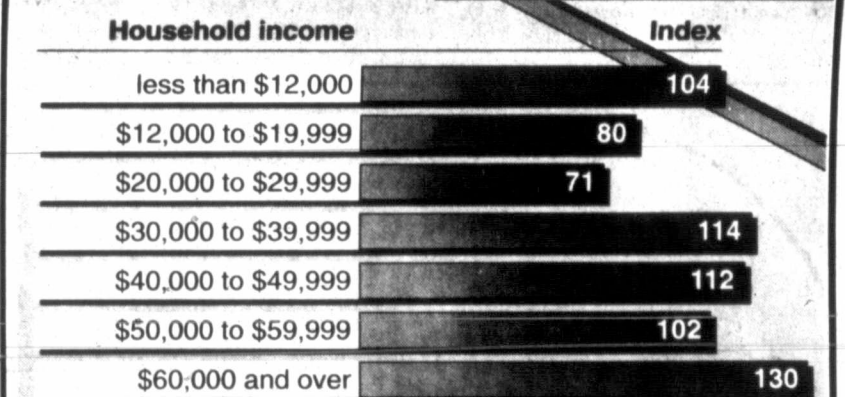
Also available at 1 p.m. will be a DAR workshop with application-membership forms led by Maples. Maples has participated in DAR and genealogy workshops for many years.

The workshop is open to anyone interested in learning how to trace their ancestors and learning more about their heritage, said Mangold. For additional information, contact Mangold at (806) 669-7259 or Darlene Birkes, (806) 665-2913.

What's for breakfast?

Instant breakfast

Index of U.S. households who purchased instant breakfast drinks in the past 12 months, by household income, 1995.



Note: An index of 100 means households' propensity to purchase a product is equal to their share of the U.S. population
Source: American Demographics, NEA Graphs

Instant breakfast drinks seem to be luxury foods to some extent; as income rises, a household is generally more likely to purchase these products. However, those at the lowest end of the income spectrum also buy instant breakfast drinks more than the usual household does.

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Nation briefs

Former Rep. Rostenkowski released from federal custody

CHICAGO (AP) — Former Rep. Dan Rostenkowski signed out of a Salvation Army halfway house shortly after midnight today, dodging reporters as he screeched off in a gray Oldsmobile with two burly men to begin his life of freedom.

Rostenkowski, 69, completed 451 days in the custody of the federal Bureau of Prisons, most at a medium-security prison camp in Oxford, Wis., where he had been until Aug. 19. He will still be on probation for the next two years.

The once-powerful head of the House Ways and Means Committee pleaded guilty in April 1996 to two counts of misusing federal funds. He admitted that he had converted office funds to his own use for gifts to friends and cronies such as Lenox china and armchairs. He also admitted hiring people on the congressional payroll who took care of personal jobs like doing his lawn but did little or no official work.

Rostenkowski lost his seat in 1994 to a Republican who became Chicago's first GOP congressman in more than 30 years.

Friends say the once-paunchy politician, who underwent

surgery last year for prostate cancer, has lost as much as 60 pounds.

"Physically and emotionally and spiritually, he's in great shape," said Howard Pearl, one of his lawyers.

Harold Robbins's life, tumultuous as his novels, over after 81 years

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — Harold Robbins's life was as lively as one of his novels: An uneducated orphan becomes a youthful millionaire, goes broke, works as a warehouse clerk and — on a bet — writes a book that becomes an instant best-seller.

He went on to write more than 20 novels and was hardly humbled by the success, calling himself the "best novelist alive. ... You can find my books anywhere in the world, in any language."

Robbins died Tuesday of respiratory heart failure with his sixth wife, Jan, at his bedside, said publicist Dick Delson. He was 81. Born Francis Kane on May 21, 1916, Robbins was abandoned in New York City and never knew his parents. He left his foster family when he was 15, working as a grocery clerk, cook, cashier and bookmakers' runner before finding fame as a novelist.

His fortunes soared and crashed in the earlier years: During the

Depression he bought up crops and sold options to canning companies, and the canning contracts to wholesale grocers. He was a millionaire by the time he was 20, but speculation in sugar cost him his fortune almost as quickly.

In 1940, he landed a job as a \$27-a-week shipping clerk at the New York warehouse of Universal Pictures, where his discovery of a severe overcharge put him on track to eventually become executive director of budget and planning.

While there, Robbins saw a novel that Universal had bought the film rights to, and bet \$100 that he could do better. The result was *Never Love a Stranger*, published in 1948, a steamy tale of a tough orphan coming of age. It became an instant bestseller.

Avis accused of discriminating against minority renters

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Avis, already facing racial discrimination lawsuits in North Carolina and Florida, has been accused of allowing two Pennsylvania franchises to use illegal tactics to prevent minorities from renting cars.

The state filed a discrimination complaint Tuesday against Avis and its Harrisburg franchise, Barbush Rentals, citing a "clear

pattern of abuse," Attorney General Michael Fisher said. Avis, based in Garden City, N.Y., is accused of knowing about the discriminatory practices and not stopping them.

Avis officials denied "the allegations of intentional discrimination."

During a three-year investigation, Pennsylvania found black customers were treated differently from whites at the Avis Rent-A-Car Systems Inc. branches in Harrisburg and Harrisburg International Airport from January 1994 to April of this year, Fisher said.

Among the allegations: —White customers were given cars after black undercover agents were told no vehicles were available.

—Black customers were not allowed to pay with a debit card, while white renters could.

—Black customers were told they had to rent a car for a minimum of three days, while white customers could rent for one day.

The complaint also cited a "local renter's policy," which applied more stringent credit rules to customers living within 25 miles of Avis branches. The complaint said the rules were only enforced at Avis outlets in black neighborhoods.

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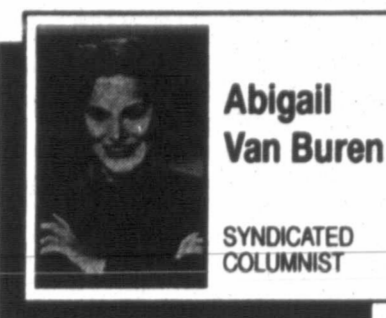
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Would-Be Older Parents Ask If It's Fair To Have More Kids

DEAR ABBY: Four years ago, I met a man who fulfilled all my hopes and needs for a lifetime companion. We married a year later and have been happy in a new home and community. He's 48 and I am 40.



Abigail Van Buren
 SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

We've discussed starting a family. I have no children, but he has a 24-year-old son. We are both in excellent health and have discussed it with my ob-gyn, who sees us as capable of having a normal child. We are financially sound and would make loving parents.

My dilemma lies with the negative comments we are getting from our families. My mother says we'd be selfish to have children at such an advanced age. His mother says there would be only heartache for our children because we will be "elderly" by the time they reach 20.

My husband says the decision is ours, and we should be influenced only by what's in our hearts — not what others say.

I have read about older couples who started families and had no regrets. I would like to hear from the children of older couples, children who were in high school when their parents were 60 and 70 years old. Do the children have any regrets? I don't want our children to feel cheated because we are older, or because we might not be able to do things with them that younger parents could do. If you would print this, it would help us make our decision to have a family or remain

childless.
TO BE OR NOT TO BE PARENTS IN TEXAS

DEAR "TO BE OR NOT TO BE": You have posed an interesting question, which can best be answered by children who have grown up in families with older parents. It's something that's becoming more commonplace with advances in the field of infertility medicine.

Although I'd be surprised if many of the offspring of older parents would bite the hands of the parents who birthed them, I'd be very interested in what they have to say. Readers?

DEAR ABBY: Marilyn Bozeman's letter regarding adopted children was so far off base it's almost laughable. I agree that labels are cruel, but adoptees don't search for their "real" parents because society has labeled them adoptees, or

because their adoptive parents didn't raise them well or love them enough.

We search to find a genetic connection from our roots to the rest of the universe. Adoptive parents should educate themselves about the emotional impact adoption has on their child and be prepared to deal with those issues when they arise. Many excellent books are available, written by adoptees, birth mothers and adoptive parents.

Attitudes about adoption and the laws surrounding it have changed considerably from the '50s and '60s, but much more is needed. Human beings are the only species on Earth that willingly give away their offspring. It is a barbaric practice, equally as evil as abortion.

The bottom line: Men should do a better job of guarding their sperm because conception should never be an accident.

STILL WOUNDED BY ADOPTION: DEAR WOUNDED: Although conception should never be an accident, it often is.

However, I cannot agree with your statement that adoption is a barbaric practice. I see adoption as an ideal solution to an urgent problem in which all of the involved individuals have an equal need for one another.

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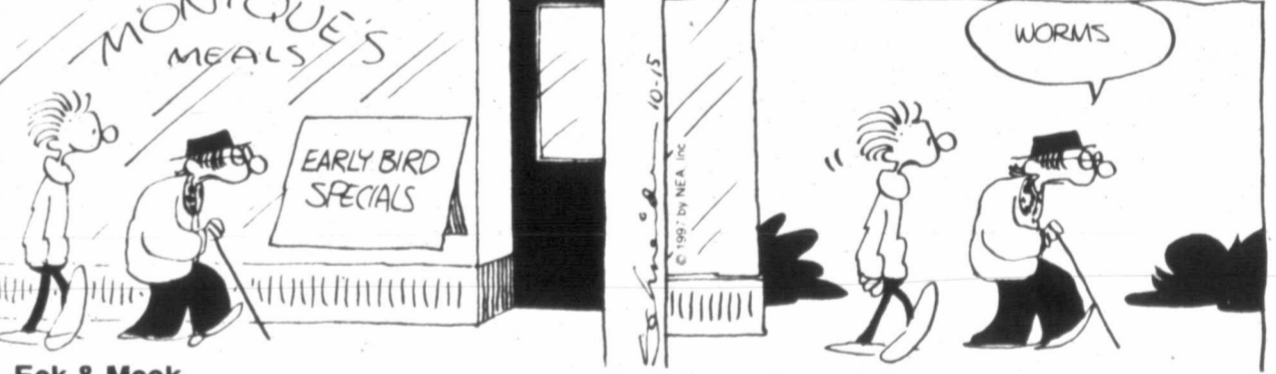
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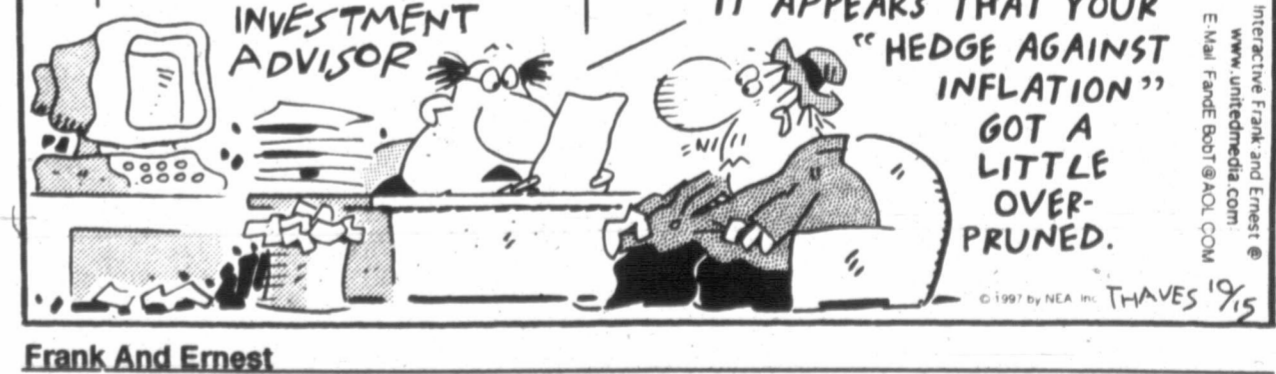
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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Thursday, Oct. 16, 1997

In the year ahead, you might become deeply involved in some unique endeavors. They will have good probabilities and could represent a change of direction in your life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Wishful thinking mustn't be allowed to replace reality today. Do not treat something that is yet to happen as though it is fait accompli. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You could disrupt the tranquility in your office today if you make changes that affect others without discussing your moves with them first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be careful that you don't get involved in trying to promote something the world neither wants nor needs. Learn what appeases the masses.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It won't take much to arouse your extravagant inclinations today. Keep this in mind if you go out shopping, and leave the credit cards at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Family affairs might not run like a well-oiled clock today. Be prepared to deal with the unexpected, and you won't get rattled if a mishap occurs.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your hunches might be misleading today, so guard against impulsiveness. Take ample time to reason through important moves.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be careful in dealings with friends today if money is an issue. A misunderstanding could arise

over something rather strange.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Where your career is concerned today, don't give any associates reasons to suspect you are erratic or flighty. It could tarnish your image.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Have someone serve as a backstop today and recheck any mental work. If not, a peculiar mistake might slip through that won't surface until later.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do not let someone who owes you off the hook today just because you're too embarrassed to broach the subject. You don't want to be manipulated.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today you might be saddled with an ally who did not produce as promised in a previous arrangement. Do not bank too heavily on this person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Strive to be methodical and orderly in your work habits today. If your procedures lack focus, the end results might not be too nifty.

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SPORTS

Notebook FOOTBALL

WHEELER — Wheeler welcomes Claude in a key District 1-1A game Friday night. Both teams are coming off district-opening wins. Wheeler downed Vega, 38-7, and Claude won over Shamrock, 40-6. Wheeler is 3-3 for the season while Claude is 4-2.

Against Vega, the Mustangs rolled up 470 yards in total offense while holding Vega to 176.

Jeremy Davis led Wheeler's rushing attack with 179 yards on 24 carries while scoring two touchdowns. Aaron Dunnam also scored twice for the Mustangs while Bryan Judd ran across a TD.

Ben Dollar kicked two extra points for the Mustangs, who built a 26-0 lead at halftime.

MIAMI — Miami will try to stay at the top of the District 1-1A standings when the Warriors host Higgins at 7:30 Friday night.

Miami opened the district six-man season last Friday night with a 39-13 win over Groom.

Running back Marshall Flowers turned in quite an offensive shot for the Warriors as he rushed for 248 yards and five touchdowns. He also threw a touchdown pass.

Miami, 5-1 for the season, is tied with Follett (1-0, 6-0) for the lead in 1-1A. Higgins is 0-1 and 2-3.

Groom (0-1, 4-2) has the week off. The Tigers have Higgins scheduled next Oct. 31 at Groom.

BOWLING

Harvester Lanes - Pampa Ladies Trio League

Team	Won	Lost
Engine Parts & Supply	19	9
Schiffman Machine Co.	14	14
Ward's Tree Service	14	14
Team One	13	15
Chaney's Cafe	12	16
Team Six	11	17

Week's High Scores
High game: Jody McClendon 186, High series: Lucy Arebalo 525, High handicap game: Jody McClendon 230, High handicap series: O'Neil Robinson 660.

AUTO RACING

GERLACH, Nev. (AP) — The British Thrust SSC team hopes a cool morning, calm winds and a re-tuned car will give it a supersonic land speed record.

The jet-powered car broke the sound barrier twice on Monday, but missed the record by being about 50 seconds slow getting back on course.

The team considered making the big run on Tuesday, the 50th anniversary of Chuck Yeager's rip through the sound barrier in a rocket-powered plane, but opted for the more favorable conditions of early morning today in the desert 125 miles north of Reno.

Project boss Richard Noble said Thrust's engines are more efficient and the speed of sound is lower when temperatures are cooler and the humidity is higher.

"It's a very complex equation," Noble said. "The speed of sound comes down relative to the ground speed. By running early in the morning, we get more power from our engines. The car doesn't have to go so fast."

Mach 1 varies between 750 mph and 765 mph, depending on the weather.

The car, propelled by two jet engines, streaked across the Black Rock Desert at 764.168 mph on Monday, then made a return trip at 760.125 mph, accompanied both times by a soft sonic boom muffled by the porous hardpan.

But a drag parachute failed to deploy on the first run and the car overshot the end of the 13-mile course by 1 1/2 miles. It took 61 minutes to turn the car around and position it for the second sprint.

The rules require two runs in opposite directions within one hour.

Noble, 51, set the speed record here on Oct. 4, 1983, at 633.46 mph.

Marlins advance to World Series

ATLANTA (AP) — Jim Leyland had just finished watching his Florida Marlins win the NL pennant when he issued a warning. "I hope nobody cheapens this," he said Tuesday night, "because we beat the Atlanta Braves eight times during the regular season and we beat them fair and square this time."

This much is sure: No one will say anything is cheap about the Marlins.

Boosted by a spending spree of nearly \$100 million in the offseason, the 5-year-old Marlins became the youngest expansion team to reach the World Series, defeating the Braves 7-4 to win the NL Championship Series 4-2.

Not even in existence when Atlanta began its record run of six straight postseason appearances in 1991, the wild-card Marlins won the clincher behind Kevin Brown's complete game and Bobby Bonilla's three RBIs.

"They talk about the money we spent, that we bought a championship," said Brown, who threw 140 pitches in his first appearance since missing a start with a viral infection. "The money is not what won this series. The heart, the determination, the pursuit of the right goal got us there."

Brown, backed by a four-run first inning against Tom Glavine, won for the second time in the series. He retired 14 straight batters in the late innings and, after the Braves scored once in the ninth, got Chipper Jones on a

grounder with two on to end it.

Now, it's back to Pro Player Stadium in Miami for the World Series, with Game 1 on Saturday night against either Cleveland or Baltimore. The baseball season, which traditionally starts in the warm climate of Florida in the spring, will see its first Fall Classic.

For the Braves, it was yet another disappointing end. The two-time NL champions had been to four of the last five World Series, but their win in 1995 remains their only championship.

"We've had a great year," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "These things are craphshoots. You hope you get hot."

For Leyland, it will mark his first trip to the World Series in a pro career spanning 34 seasons. His first year as manager of the Marlins has been a rousing success, and his left him in line to be this October's version of Joe Torre.

Leyland's teams in Pittsburgh lost Game 7 of the NLCS to the Braves in 1991 and 1992, but there was no need to worry this time because of Bonilla's hitting and Brown's second win of the series.

"I felt all along we were going to win this series," Leyland said. "This isn't about me. I'm just glad I got the opportunity to come here."

The Marlins' win came five years ago to the day that the Braves rallied with three runs in the ninth inning to stun Leyland and his Pirates on Francisco Cabrera's single in Game 7.

Home of The Big Bucks

Wheeler coach Jim Verden referred to the opponents as "The Big Bucks." And that was before his Mustangs lost, 28-0, to them two weeks ago.

Verden was talking about the White Deer Bucks and have they got a streak going! White Deer had won all five of its games by shutout going into last Friday night's District 2-2A opener with Memphis.

Many thought the Bucks' unscored-upon streak would come to an end. White Deer was favored to win against 2-3 Memphis, but the Cyclones were averaging almost three touchdowns per game and this was a team that had won a share of the district title a year ago. Surely, they could sneak someone across the goaline or perhaps get close enough to chip in a field goal.

It didn't happen. Memphis could rustle up only 99 measly yards as the Bucks won going way, 35-0.

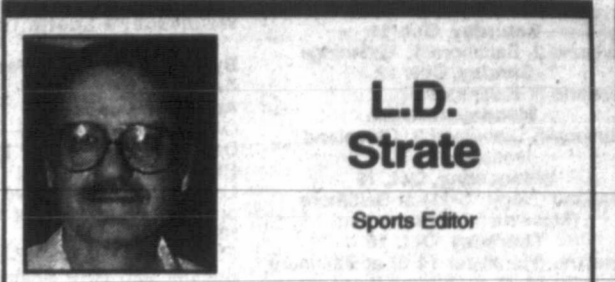
Six consecutive games without giving up a point is an incredible accomplishment, regardless of the quality of the opposition. One would expect a breakdown somewhere, a missed tackle, a blown assignment — especially when the second-teamers get into the game.

"We've got quite a few good reserves. We have six players who rotate at the tackle positions and that keeps them fresh. Of course, at this level you've got kids who play both offense and defense," says White Deer head coach Ralph Samaniego.

Leading the defensive unit are twin brothers Dale and Donnie Adams at the end spots. Dale leads the Bucks in tackles and Donnie is right behind him.

The other starters are Aaron West and T. Dale Fulton at the corners, Jimmy Medley and Dery Bosley at tackles, Andy Phillips at strongside linebacker, Jeremy Crook at middle linebacker, Keith Larkin at weakside linebacker, Nick Knocke at strong safety and Jay Easley at free safety. Phillips is listed at the biggest starter at 193.

"Our coaching staff felt going into the season



L.D. Strate

Sports Editor

that one of our strengths would be team speed," Samaniego said. "If fact, our pursuit was too fast. We had to teach them to stay within the pursuit, but it's been easier to teach them to control their speed than it is to teach them how to get faster."

White Deer's offense hasn't exactly been standing around watching the defense pitch shutouts. The Bucks are averaging a hefty 32.8 points per game and Samaniego is looking for his offense to do even better.

"They have some good stats and as long as they keep putting more points on the board than the opponent, I'm not going to worry about it. The offense still needs some fine-tuning, but we're getting there," Samaniego said.

Running back Craig Urbanczyk broke the 1,000-yard mark with his 243-yard performance against Memphis. Urbanczyk, who also plays some at defensive safety, has 1,029 yards and 15 touchdowns for the season.

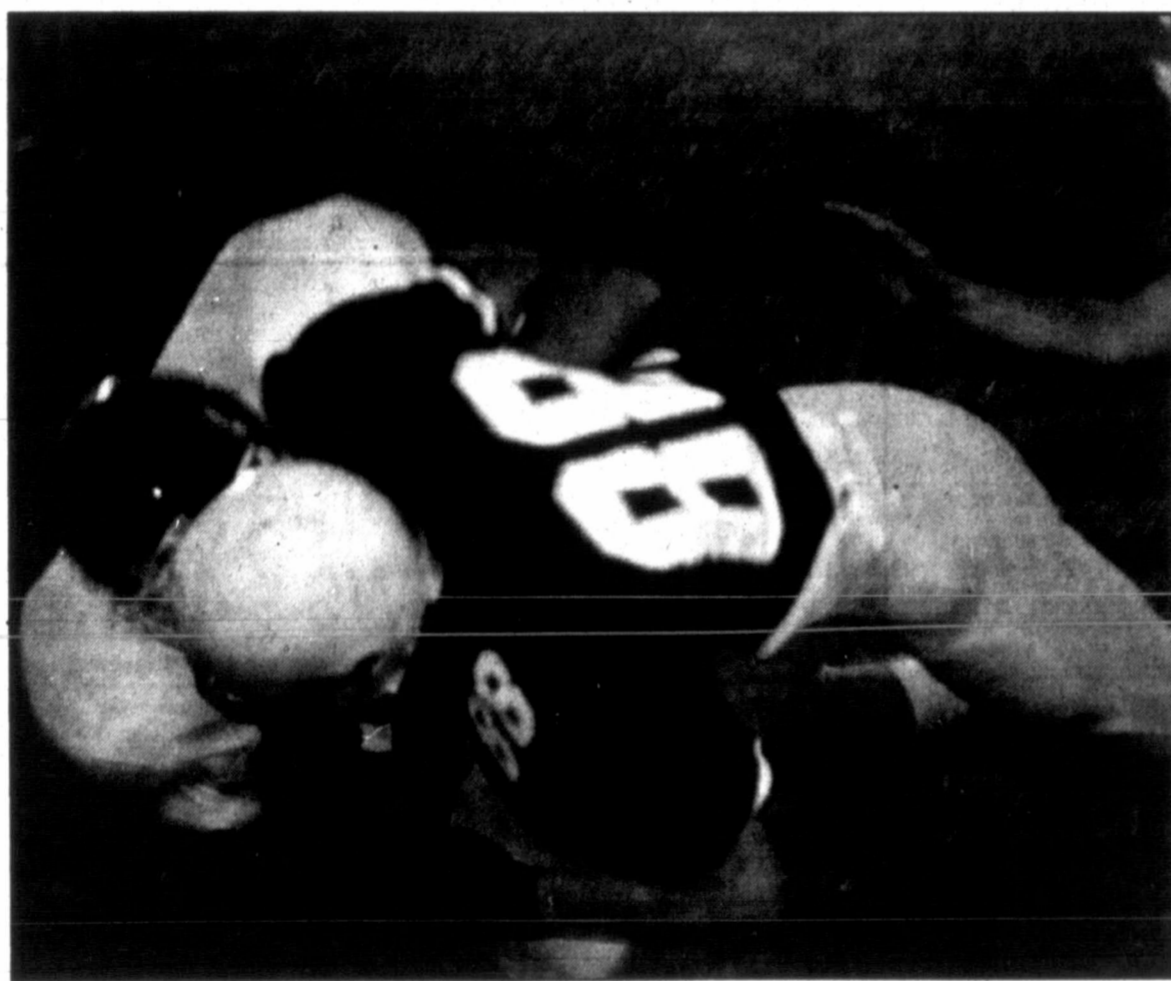
Quarterback Jeremy Crook has thrown for 506 yards and 8 touchdowns and wide receiver Nick Knocke has caught 6 of those TD passes.

Next on White Deer's schedule is traditionally-tough Panhandle. Although the Panthers are an uncharacteristic 2-4, Samaniego isn't taking any team for granted at this stage of the season. Right after Panhandle comes unbeaten Quanah.

"We've got a couple of big ones coming up. All the games are important, but they get more important each week," Samaniego said.

Can the White Deer defense throw a lucky seven Friday night? Stay tuned.

JV action



(Pampa News photo)

Pampa's Greg Lindsey (88) makes a tackle during a junior varsity game with Canyon last week at Harvester Stadium. Pampa hosts Borger at 7 Thursday night in a junior varsity game.

KC, Brewers plan to join NL

BALTIMORE (AP) — Kansas City has first choice to join the National League next season after baseball owners finally take their realignment vote.

The Milwaukee Brewers plan to switch leagues if the Royals decline, baseball owners and officials said Tuesday.

Detroit would move from the American League East to the AL Central and the expansion Tampa Bay Devil Rays would take the Tigers' place in the East under the plan, scheduled for a vote today during a telephone conference call. This would create a 16-team NL and a 14-team AL next season.

While the resolution also would allow the possibility of a move by the Minnesota Twins, the owners and officials described this as only a remote possibility.

The Royals, who have been in the AL since they joined the major leagues in 1969, will have until about the end of the month to decide if they want to move to the NL Central. The Brewers have said they would move to the NL Central if the Royals decline, the owners and officials said, all on the condition they not be identified.

"There has been some sentiment on the board to move to the

National League, but it's not clear cut," said Joe McGuff, one of the Royals' seven directors.

Kansas City has always been an AL city, with the Athletics moving there from Philadelphia before the 1955 season and staying until their move to Oakland following the 1967 season.

Milwaukee was an NL town from 1953, the first season after the Braves moved there from Boston, until 1965, the last year before the franchise moved on to Atlanta.

The Brewers moved to Milwaukee before the 1970 season, having started their existence the previous year as the Seattle Pilots. Bud Selig, baseball's acting commissioner, led a group that purchased the Pilots in bankruptcy court and is still the Brewers' president.

"We said all along that we'll do what's in the best interests of baseball," Selig said of the Brewers.

Owners say these moves are only the first step, and that additional realignment may occur in 1999 and beyond. However, difficult issues in baseball have a tendency of dragging on for years, so this set of moves may determine

baseball's setup for the foreseeable future.

Under the plan set to be approved, the AL will maintain a balanced schedule next season, with teams playing each opponent in their division 12 times and teams in other divisions of its league 11 times.

In the NL, teams will play 12 games against divisional opponents and nine games against teams in the other divisions.

Stats are on Borger's side going into 1-4A showdown with Pampa

PAMPA — The Pampa Harvesters may have a little revenge on their minds when they meet the Borger Bulldogs Friday night at Harvester Stadium.

Last season, the Harvesters were riding a four-game winning streak and had the outright District 1-4A title in their sights. Borger dashed those Harvesters hopes with a narrow 17-14 win halfway into the district season. Pampa ended up sharing the district championship with Dumas.

Borger stayed home, surrendering the third playoff spot to Canyon, but the Bulldogs still played somewhat of a spoiler role.

Now at the halfway mark in the 1997 district season, Pampa has a chance to return the favor. PHS head coach Dennis Cavalier, however, suspects Borger may be even tougher than last year.

"Borger had an excellent team last year and they had a large number of seniors. Our pre-season evaluation was that they wouldn't be as good as last year. I'm not so sure now that they might not be even better," Cavalier added. "Their coaches have done an excellent job of re-tooling and replacing those seniors."

Borger is 2-0 in district action and 4-1 for the season. Pampa stands 2-1 in district and 3-3 overall.

Borger has defeated Canyon, 11-6, and Hereford, 35-18, in district play. The Bulldogs' only loss came against Class 5A Tascosa, 21-17.

After a 13-0 loss in the district opener to Dumas, Pampa has bounced back with wins over

Hereford, 27-20, and Canyon, 20-16.

Statistically, Borger has the edge on Pampa going into Friday night's showdown.

The Bulldogs are averaging 34.2 points per game while allowing 16.4 points an outing. The Harvesters are averaging 11.8 points while giving up 14.8.

Borger's offense leads the district, averaging 418.2 yards per game.

Pampa's offense, ranked fifth, is averaging 244.5 yards.

Borger's defense is giving up 204 yards while Pampa is allowing 236 yards per game.

Borger's rushing attack is led by tailback Kevin Massey (165-pound senior), who has rushed for 8 touchdowns and is averaging 6.6 yards per carry. Fullback Michael Cano (180-pound junior) is averaging 8.3 yards and has rushed for four TDs.

Pampa can counter with fullback Erich Greer (180-pound junior), who is averaging 3.4 yards and has rushed for one score.

Tailback Ronnie Proby (275-pound senior) didn't play in the backfield last week against Canyon, but started at defensive tackle. Proby, slowed by a knee injury, has rushed for three touchdowns and is averaging 4.6 yards per carry.

Borger quarterback Victor Escobar (170-pound junior) is approaching the 1,000-yard mark in passing. He's thrown for 902 yards and six touchdowns.

Justin Roark (160-pound junior), who has started the last two games at quarterback for the Harvesters, has passed for 388 yards and three touchdowns.

JV tennis squad captures five championships at Amarillo quad

AMARILLO — The Pampa High School junior varsity tennis squad went to Amarillo this past week and came away with five of the seven flight championships in a quad match with Caprock, Dumas and Plainview at the Amarillo Tennis Center.

In boys' doubles, Ryan Mills and Jeremy Nichols won the first flight, Jeff Sublett and Kerry Turner won the second flight and Lance Burton and Shawn Stone claimed the third-flight title. Jeff Adkins and Josh Harrison finished

second in the third flight.

In girls' doubles, Katy McComas and Helen Orr finished first in the first flight while Meredith Hendricks and Katy McEwen took home the fourth-flight title. Jennifer Muns and Celeste Stowers took second in the second flight with Ashley Laycock and Rebekah Warner taking second in the third flight.

For the fall season, the junior varsity is 1-0 in dual matches and won eleven of the sixteen flights in three quad matches. The girls'

squad went 18-7 in singles and 20-11 in doubles while the boys' squad was 19-6 in singles and 25-11 in doubles for the season.

On Saturday, starting at 1 p.m., the Pampa varsity team hosts Randall in the final district match of the season.

Pampa is 5-0 in district play and has already clinched the No. 1 District 1-4A seed.

Oct. 31-Nov. 1 at the Regional 1-4A Tournament in Lubbock.

The Harvesters are ranked No. 9 in Class 4A.

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Cleveland 8, Baltimore 7
Monday, Oct. 13
Baltimore 4, Cleveland 2, Cleveland leads series 3-2
Wednesday, Oct. 15
Cleveland (Nagy 15-11) at Baltimore (Mussina 15-8), 4:15 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 16
Cleveland (Hershiser 14-6) at Baltimore (Erickson 16-7), 8:15 p.m., if necessary

National League (NL)
Tuesday, Oct. 7
Florida 5, Atlanta 3
Wednesday, Oct. 8
Atlanta 7, Florida 1
Friday, Oct. 10
Florida 5, Atlanta 2
Saturday, Oct. 11
Atlanta 4, Florida 0
Sunday, Oct. 12
Florida 2, Atlanta 1
Tuesday, Oct. 14
Florida 7, Atlanta 4, Florida wins series 4-2

WORLD SERIES (WS)
Saturday, Oct. 18
American League champion at Florida, 8:05 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 19
AL at Florida, 7:35 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 21
Florida at AL, 8:20 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 22
Florida at AL, 8:20 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 23
Florida at AL, 8:20 p.m., if necessary
Saturday, Oct. 25
AL at Florida, 8 p.m., if necessary
Sunday, Oct. 26
AL at Florida, 7:35 p.m. EST, if necessary

Tuesday's Playoff Linescore

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WESTERN CONFERENCE

Colorado vs. Dallas
Sunday, Oct. 12
Colorado 1, Dallas 0, Colorado leads series 1-0
Wednesday, Oct. 15
Dallas at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 19
Colorado at Dallas, TBA, if necessary

TRANSACTIONS

Wednesday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press
BASEBALL
American League
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Sent OF Damon Mashore, RHP Dave Telgheder, RHP Carlos Reyes, LHP Andrew Lorraine and LHP Steve Wojcickowski outright to Edmonton of the PCL.
National League
FLORIDA MARLINS—Sent RHP Rob Stanifer and RHP Antonio Alfonseca to the team's instructional league. Sent LHP Kirt Ojala and INF Russ Morman outright to Charlotte of the International League. Announced RHP Bill Hurst was reinstated from the emergency disabled list and claimed off waivers by the Detroit Tigers. Announced LHP Bryan Ward was claimed off waivers by the Chicago White Sox.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Waived K Kevin Butler. Signed K Joe Nedney and DB Kevin Minifeid.
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Suspended DB Larry Brown indefinitely for conduct detrimental to the team.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL—Named Patrick Flatley director of alumni relations.
COLORADO AVALANCHE—Assigned G David Aebischer to Chesapeake of the ECHL.
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Recalled G Kevin Weekes from Fort Wayne of the IHL.
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Sent D Jan Vopat to Utah of the IHL.
VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Suspended G Corey Hirsch for refusing to report to Syracuse of the AHL.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

New England 33, Buffalo 6
Tennessee 30, Cincinnati 7
Detroit 27, Tampa Bay 9
Green Bay 24, Chicago 23
Miami 31, New York Jets 20
Jacksonville 38, Philadelphia 21
Minnesota 21, Carolina 14
New York Giants 27, Arizona 13
San Francisco 30, St. Louis 10
Pittsburgh 24, Indianapolis 22
Open date: Baltimore, Denver, Kansas City, Oakland, San Diego, Seattle
Monday's Game
Washington 21, Dallas 16
Thursday, Oct. 16
San Diego at Kansas City, 8 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 19
Arizona at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Carolina at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Dallas, 1 p.m.
New England at New York Jets, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Seattle at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Washington at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Denver at Oakland, 4 p.m.
Miami at Baltimore, 4 p.m.
New York Giants at Detroit, 4 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 4 p.m.
Open date: Chicago, Green Bay, Minnesota, Tampa Bay
Monday, Oct. 20
Buffalo at Indianapolis, 9 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	5	1	0	10	25	13
Philadelphia	5	2	0	10	22	15
Boston	3	2	0	6	13	12
New Jersey	1	4	4	6	14	12
Tampa Bay	2	2	1	5	12	11
N.Y. Islanders	1	2	2	4	11	13
Florida	1	2	1	3	11	13

Northeast Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Pittsburgh	3	3	0	7	16	18
Boston	3	3	0	6	17	19
Ottawa	2	2	2	6	14	17
Montreal	2	1	1	5	11	9
Buffalo	2	3	1	5	15	17
Carolina	1	5	1	3	14	22

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Detroit	5	0	1	11	24	10
St. Louis	5	1	0	10	21	12
Dallas	3	2	1	7	20	13
Phoenix	3	2	1	7	17	17
Toronto	1	4	1	3	8	15
Chicago	0	5	0	0	6	22

Pacific Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Colorado	4	0	2	10	16	10
Vancouver	2	2	1	5	13	13
Edmonton	2	3	1	5	12	21
Los Angeles	1	2	3	5	22	21
San Jose	2	4	0	4	15	16
Anaheim	1	2	1	3	6	9
Calgary	0	4	2	2	12	19

Monday's Games
Vancouver 3, Edmonton 0
N.Y. Islanders 2, Florida 2, tie
St. Louis 3, Carolina 1
Phoenix 2, Chicago 1
Boston 3, Anaheim 0
Philadelphia 3, San Jose 2, OT

Tuesday's Games
Detroit 3, Toronto 2
Pittsburgh 1, N.Y. Rangers 0
Dallas 5, Calgary 4, OT

Wednesday's Games
Buffalo at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Boston at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Florida at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

No more football in July under NFL owners' plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — NFL owners want no more regular-season games in August or preseason games in July.

In fact, the entire season — except for the Super Bowl — would be pushed back one week under a proposal discussed Tuesday.

Exhibition games would start in August. The regular season would begin in September — it began on Aug. 31 this year — and end between Christmas and New Year's Day. The open week between the conference championship games and the Super Bowl would be eliminated.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said the move would ease stadium conflicts with baseball, help avoid hot-weather games early in the season and — with an eye on the all-important television contract negotiations — improve ratings.

"TV viewing grows later in the fall and winter," Tagliabue said.

The owners are also thinking about cutting one exhibition game or having the league, rather than the teams, schedule some exhibition games to make the matchups more competitive financially.

Such changes wouldn't be approved until the next major owners' meeting in March, but could take effect as early as next season.

In fact, no major decisions were expected from the current set of meetings, which conclude today. If anything, the move to bring pro football back to Los Angeles appeared to take a step backward.

For the second time this year, Los Angeles Kings owner Edward Roski Jr. and city councilman Mark Ridley-Thomas, co-chairmen of the New Coliseum Partners, championed their \$500 million plan to purchase a team and overhaul the Los Angeles Coliseum in time to start play in the 2001 season.

After the presentation, Roski said he felt his group made progress, but the owners' reaction was hardly overwhelming.

"We've seen that LA presentation on and off," Denver Broncos owner Pat Bowlen said. "I don't know that there's a great deal of support within the league for the old Coliseum as being the site for a new stadium, but that could change. They're out there campaigning. I don't know if they're getting a lot of attention."

The league has been talking with Roski's group since May about returning to the nation's second-largest television market. But with some owners wary about the unsavory reputation of the neighborhood surrounding the Coliseum, Tagliabue said it might be time to look for other suitors.

"We discussed whether that's something we should look at on an exclusive basis or whether we should look at alternatives," Tagliabue said.

The Los Angeles area has been without an NFL team since the Anaheim-based Rams and the Coliseum-based Raiders both moved following the 1994 season.

The owners also talked about the attendance problem in Memphis, where only 17,000 people have showed up for the past two Oilers games. That problem is expected to fix itself in two years when a new stadium is completed at the team's permanent home, Nashville.

"I don't think the other owners are in a lot of distress over what's going on," Bowlen said. "If they were moving into the new stadium in Nashville and they were getting the kind of problems they are, then we'd all be a little distressed."

Oilers owner Bud Adams, who moved the team from Houston last year, said he was committed to playing two seasons at Memphis' Liberty Bowl. He even predicted a sellout.

"We'll fill it up," Adams said. "If we get into that last (regular season) game, and we're fighting Pittsburgh for the division, it'll be full."

Adams also defended his decision not to change his team's nickname, much to the chagrin of some Tennesseans.

"There have been no NFL teams that have moved that have changed their names," Adams said, forgetting about the Cleveland Browns-Baltimore Ravens. "I'm doing some focus studies, some polls. I want to hear what they say about it."

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
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Phyllis Jeffers
City Secretary
Oct. 8, 15, 1997
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Study says middle-aged women have more aches and pains than expected

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Middle-aged women feel more aches and pains and are physically weaker than commonly believed, according to preliminary findings of a nationwide study of women's health.

In a preliminary "snapshot" of 10,000 women ages 40 to 55 who were studied over the past 2 1/2 years, 8 percent reported significant difficulty completing simple tasks such as climbing a flight of stairs, carrying groceries or walking around the block. Twenty percent reported some difficulty completing such tasks.

Investigator MaryFran Sowers of the University of Michigan's School of Public Health said Monday that such physical weakness traditionally has been expected of much older women.

"We have been surprised at the number of women who report they have substantial difficulty doing these tasks," she said.

Fifty-five percent of the women said they had felt soreness or stiffness in their necks, backs or shoulders in the last two weeks.

Women who are overweight, sedentary or report

difficulty paying for basics such as food and shelter report the highest rates of physical weakness and aches and pains, although researchers don't know why, Sowers said.

The women were part of the federally funded Study of Women Across America, which will continue to examine about 3,200 women over the next three years to detect "cause and effect" midlife changes. The women are in seven regions of the country.

The study will examine changes including their family roles — as children leave home and parents need care — and their roles in the workplace, as well as physical and emotional changes experienced in midlife.

The study is important, Sowers said, because while there have been many studies on the health issues of elderly women, women in their child-bearing years and specific medical issues during the menopausal years, no studies have taken a comprehensive, nationwide look at the "whole factor of what's going on with the midlife transitions."

"A lot of the responses we get are, 'Should I be concerned or not?'" Sowers said. "What should I be worried about? I've spent the last 20 to 30 years in a nurturing role, and now am facing nurturing myself through old age — What's right? What's wrong?"

William Haskell, an expert on physical fitness and aging at Stanford University Medical School, said most tests and studies on women focus on physical ability, not pain or discomfort.

"In prior studies, the focus has been more on 'Are you disabled, can you not perform these things well?' versus, 'Do you have pain or discomfort when you do these things?'" Haskell said, adding that information from the new study could help public health authorities design activity programs and exercise regimens to help relieve pain and discomfort for middle-aged women.

Researchers were also surprised by responses about the passage through menopause.

Women who agreed that menopause is a natural transition not needing medical attention were significantly less likely to have had hysterectomies,

regardless of other health factors.

Twenty-five percent of white women undergo hormone replacement during menopause compared to 15 percent of blacks, 13 percent of Asians and 10 percent of Hispanics.

About one-third of black women, 40 percent of Asians and nearly half of Hispanics agreed that women with little free time hardly notice menopause, but only 25 percent of white women said so. The finding seems to indicate that attitudes about menopausal ailments can influence the likelihood of women taking hormones.

Women who get regular exercise have fewer menopausal symptoms, from hot flashes to achy joints. Despite the presumption that higher estrogen levels among heavy women would protect them from menopausal symptoms, study responses also indicate that overweight women experience more negative symptoms than those who are not overweight.

Women in the study are from Oakland, Los Angeles, Chicago, southeast Michigan, Pittsburgh, Newark, N.J., and Boston.

Pneumonia vaccine good for some groups

The Texas Department of Health has reminded the public, physicians and nursing home personnel that the elderly, the very young and others with weakened immune systems are at risk of potentially life-threatening infection, if they have not been vaccinated against Streptococcal pneumoniae bacterial infections.

Also called pneumococcal disease, the illness can be entirely prevented, in most cases by a one-shot immunization. However, lack of public awareness about the vaccine and its effectiveness contributes to serious illness and death each year in Texas.

Beverly Ray, in TDH's Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance Division, said that although outbreaks of pneumococcal disease are uncommon, they can be devastating, spreading rapidly among unimmunized people. Such might have been the case last year when an outbreak occurred in an East Texas nursing home, where two patients died of pneumococcal pneumonia and another was critically ill but survived. None of the other residents became ill, since Ray and a team of TDH experts intervened with testing and preventive treatment to halt the spread of pneumococcal disease throughout the home.

"If it hadn't been for quick action by the nursing home personnel, who called TDH for expertise and vaccines early in that outbreak, the number of fatalities might have been much higher," Ray said. "It is tragic, though, that anyone suffered at all, since the vaccine for pneumococcal disease is safe, fast-acting and permanent protection in most people."

She explained that some high-risk patients, especially those who have had their spleens removed or damaged by disease, may need vaccine booster shots.

Ray explained that S. pneumoniae is a common

type of bacteria, causing about 25 percent of respiratory illnesses in North America. The disease causes about half a million cases of pneumonia, some 3,000 cases of meningitis and about seven million ear infections yearly in the U. S. About 40,000 Americans die each year from the disease and its complications.

Most people's immune systems are ample protection against severe infections of the microorganism. However, the elderly — especially those already weakened by illness — very young children whose immunities may not be fully developed and people with weakening chronic diseases, such as diabetes, AIDS, tuberculosis, heart disease and emphysema are at highest risk of developing infection.

Other factors which increase the risk of serious infections and outbreaks include close living quarters — such as in nursing homes, jails and prisons, homeless shelters, even hospitals and some day care centers — especially during winter months when residents may breathe the same air.

Ray said that although the vaccine against pneumococcal disease has been available for about 20 years, only about 20 percent of the people who need that protection have been vaccinated. "Many patients wrongly believe that the vaccine does not work, and many physicians fail to underscore the importance of this simple means of disease prevention."

Recent research shows that nearly half of the most dangerous strains of S. pneumoniae have developed resistance to penicillin and related antibiotics. Researchers also have found that treating penicillin-resistant pneumococcal disease is costlier and includes longer hospital stays than illnesses from non-drug-resistant strains.

Gene defect could lead to petit mal epilepsy test

HOUSTON — A gene defect responsible for petit mal epilepsy in mice may lead to a DNA test for petit mal epilepsy.

The findings, made by researchers in the Blue Bird Circle Developmental Neurogenetics Laboratory at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, appeared in a recent issue of the journal *Cell*.

The mice had common petit mal characteristics of brief periods of staring and abnormal brain wave patterns called "three-per-second spike-wave" seizures.

"This brain wave pattern is identical to that seen in children with this common type of inherited epilepsy," said Dr. Jeffrey L. Noebels, professor of neurology at Baylor and director of the lab at The Methodist Hospital. "Now that we know the defect in the mouse gene it will be easier to find it in

humans."

Noebels feels the gene discovery will lead to improved therapies for patients and to the development of a DNA test to determine whether or not someone has inherited the gene.

The gene, one of a group called "housekeeping genes" found in all cells, controls the regulation of pH in brain cells.

"This may help scientists understand why some seizures are brought on during hyperventilation," Noebels said.

During rapid breathing, pH levels in the brain are altered. In mice with the gene defect, the brain cells take longer to recover to a normal pH level.

"When the pH level is out of balance, the brain is more prone to have the petit mal seizures," Noebels said. "We don't yet know why this happens."

No assurance medical records are private

BALTIMORE (AP) — Most people don't want strangers to have access to their health records. But if they are on vacation and have to go to an emergency room, they want a doctor they've never seen before to have all the information

he needs. A panel of security experts agreed there are many such conflicts between privacy and treatment that will make it difficult to come up with standards for protecting medical records from

unauthorized access.

The Clinton administration has proposed broad new privacy protections for medical records with exceptions only for law enforcement, public health and medical research.

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