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## Engineers assist in death probe

By LAURA HALEY  
Staff Writer

An engineering firm in Dallas has been hired to aid in the ongoing investigation of the death of former resident Richard Johnson, who was found 11 miles north of Pampa lying in the middle of Highway 70 on Labor Day.

John Mann, 31st and 223rd district attorney, reports that no conclusions have been made in the investigation yet but said the possibility remains that Johnson's death could be a homicide. Johnson died Sept. 26, almost a month after being found in a comatose state in the roadway.

"I have no concrete opinions that have been given me by investigators," said Mann.

Since his death, Johnson's body has been examined by a

forensic pathologist in Lubbock who, according to Mann, indicated the death could be ruled as a homicide rather than a simple traffic accident.

But, that does not rule out the possibility that Johnson was run over by a vehicle, said Mann. Although the pathologist has previously reported to Mann that some injuries do not indicate Johnson was run over, other evidence could suggest that he was, said Mann.

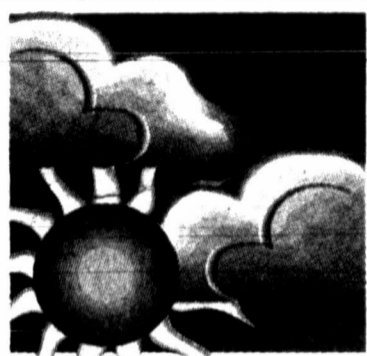
Specifically, clothing and jewelry on Johnson at the time of the event leading to his death are being reviewed for any clues. The Dallas engineering firm will look at this evidence to determine the most likely scenario of events that damaged belongings on Johnson's person.

In particular, Mann is hoping a ring being worn by Johnson at the time will lead to some answers. The ring,

said Mann, was crushed.

"This was not damaged in a normal fist fight," he said. The engineering firm, said Mann, can determine the amount of pressure needed to crush the ring, which would give an approximate weight or size of an object that could have caused such damage.

On Labor Day, Johnson and a friend, Bernard Keener of Pampa, had gone hunting. On the way home, the two began arguing and Keener decided to leave Johnson on the side of the road and return for him later, according to state highway troopers investigating the incident. However, Johnson was later discovered lying in the middle of the road by two other hunters with injuries to his head and upper body. He was taken to an Amarillo hospital, where he remained until his death.



High today 55-60.  
Low tonight 40-45.  
For weather details see  
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**PAMPA** — As of Oct. 31, the city's curbside grass pickup program will end for the year. After that, anyone who still has bags of grass should bring them to the landfill. Do not place them in the alley.

**PAMPA** — The Salvation Army at 701 S. Cuyler will take applications requesting help for Christmas Nov. 3-7 from 10 a.m. until noon and from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. In order to receive help, each applicant must have a valid ID for every person in the household.

**PANHANDLE** — A public meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28, at the Hazelwood Building concerning plans for the state to be divided into 14 water planning regions. The Texas Water Development Board's initial draft calls for Region A to cover the entire Ogallala Aquifer. This would encompass 25 million acres, 40 counties, in excess of 100 cities and communities and contain seven groundwater districts. Region A would be larger than 13 of our nation's states. The initial delineation and proposed regional planning rules are up for public review and comment until Oct. 31. Another meeting is Oct. 30 at the Plainview Country Club in Plainview. Other hearings are being held around the state with the final hearing Nov. 3 in Austin at the SFA building, room 118, also at 6:30 p.m.

- Alma Jean Ash, sales clerk at Behrman's for over 20 years.
- Lee Chumbley, 77, helped establish Veterans Memorial in Canadian.

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(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)  
Nick Williams is the second generation to operate Williams Signs, a locally owned business that was started 35 years ago by Nick's parents.

## Sign, sign Family tradition continues

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY  
Staff Writer

You've seen his work, even if you haven't seen him.

But stop and take a look around Pampa at some of the local businesses and pay close attention to their signs: Top O' Texas Ice, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Herbs Etc., Dale Ann Co., the Derrick Club — all of these and many more hail Williams Signs.

Most of us don't think about the work it really takes, but Nick Williams is a reminder that painting signs is an art unto itself.

Nick is the second generation to work at Williams Signs, a small and locally owned business that's been painting signs around town for 35 years. Nick's father, Pay Williams, started the business and now Nick, along with his mother Barbara Williams Calloway, his step-father, Bill Calloway and an employee, Elizabeth Roberts work together to keep the

family enterprise going.

"People think a sign is a sign, but it's not," Nick said.

Although born and reared in Pampa, Nick most recently came back to Pampa from Dallas, where he gained experience working for others as well as for himself.

"When you work for somebody else, you work from 8 to 5 and go home," he said.

But working for himself requires a little more.

Yes, it's more flexible, he says, but there are many days when he puts in 12 hours finishing a sign.

Nick said that he generally gets a sign done within a six day turn-around period, though he says he will always try to work with the time frame his clients give him.

"I'm trying to make them happy," he added.

The 17 sign jobs that await his attention verify that he works hard to produce quality signs

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## Clerk beaten; gets 64 stitches Surprises store burglar

A Pampa woman was beaten by a would-be burglar today as she opened up the store where she works.

The woman apparently surprised a burglar about 6 a.m. today as she unlocked the front door of the Minute Mart at 1106 Alcock. Authorities said someone was already inside the building when she unlocked the door and went in. Officials said the woman was savagely beaten.

Authorities said the woman was rushed to Columbia Medical Center with severe injuries. The woman reportedly suffered gashes and a broken arm. Authorities said it took 64 stitches to close the wounds and a metal plate would have to be inserted to repair one arm.

Pampa Police Department had no comment at noon today about their investigation into the attack.

## Woman running on 1-40 leads to drug arrests

An Arkansas man was in Wheeler County jail today after being arrested on drug charges near Shamrock. A female companion was free on bond.

Authorities said Department of Public Safety Trooper Richard Barton was asked to check on a report of a woman running on foot down Interstate 40 amid the traffic about 5 p.m. Friday. Officers said Andrea Thayer, 21, had gotten out of a car parked alongside the highway and was running down the road, screaming and apparently hallucinating.

Officers searched the car and found what appeared to be a variety of drugs. A man at the car, identified as Michael Thayer, 28, was arrested and taken to the Wheeler County jail.

The woman was taken to Shamrock General Hospital where she was restrained. Andrea Thayer was charged with one misdemeanor count of possession of a controlled substance. Michael Thayer was charged with possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

Officers said Andrea Thayer chewed through her restraints and escaped from the hospital about 9:45 p.m. She was found shortly after her escape at a house near the hospital. Officers said she apparently broke in and was talking to the people who lived there when one of them slipped away and called law enforcement officers.

Andrea Thayer was released on a personal recognizance bond. Michael Thayer was in Wheeler County jail at noon today in lieu of a \$50,000 bond. The red Toyota Celica the couple were driving was seized by law enforcement officers.

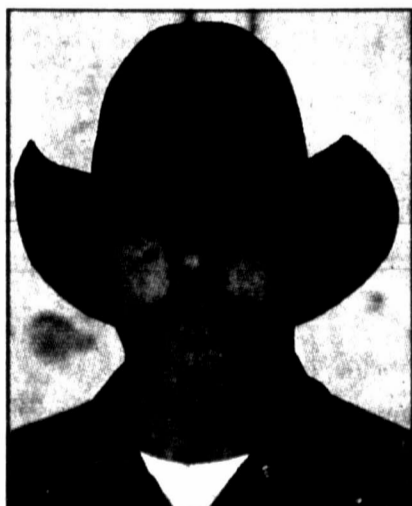
## Quite frankly...

When officials first proposed bringing a prison to Pampa, some citizens complained it would attract a criminal element to the area and the town would suffer. Others praised the economic boon that a prison would bring. The question we asked people on the street today is 'Have you noticed any changes in our community since the prison has been located at Pampa?'



"I have noticed a change. There are a few more businesses. I think it's helped the economy. I think the economic climate here is better."

--Doris Taylor



"I haven't really noticed any changes. I don't think it's affected us that much."

-- David Tice



"Not that I can think of."

-- Robert Botello



"Not really."

-- Rodney Scott



"No, I haven't noticed any changes. There may have been some, but I don't think they're readily apparent."

-- Nachole Doss

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# Daily Record

## Obituaries

**ALMA JEAN ASH**  
PAMPA - Alma Jean Ash died Friday, October 17, 1997, in Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Ash was born at Olinger, Va. She married Denzil C. "Jack" Ash on Nov. 28, 1933, at Guymon, Okla. He passed away in 1980. She worked as a sales clerk at Behrman's for over 20 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and Business and Professional Women's Sunday School Class.

She leaves two nieces, Lillian LaBerge of Longview, Wash., and Ellen Couch of Madras, Ore.

**LEE CHUMBLEY**  
CANADIAN - Lee Chumbley, 77, died Sunday, Oct. 19, 1997. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in First Christian Church with Roger Smelser, senior minister, officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mr. Chumbley was born Dec. 1, 1919, to Elias and Lizzie Chumbley. He had been a Canadian resident since 1927, moving from Kentucky. He graduated from high school at Canadian. He married Gloria Jean Snider on June 21, 1952, at Clayton, N.M. He was a carpenter.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving on the island of Saipan in the Pacific theater of World War II. He was instrumental in establishing the Veterans Memorial at Canadian. He was a member of First Christian Church, was a 32nd degree Mason and was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sarah Louise Chumbley, in 1962.

Survivors include his wife, Jean, of Canadian; two daughters, Farnes Sullivan of Ovilia and Janis Northcott of Amarillo; a son, Lee Chumbley of Canadian; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hemphill County Hospice, 1020 4th Street, Canadian, TX 79014.

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## Calendar of events

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

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

**PAMPA CHESS CLUB**  
The Pampa Chess Club will hold their Speed Chess Club Championship Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m.; nonmember and beginners are very welcome to participate. For more information contact James A. Shook, 669-0227.

## Stocks

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

Wheat	3.23	Chevron	86	dn 1
Milo	4.38	Coca-Cola	58 15/16	up 1/8
Corn	4.97	Columbia/HCA	29 3/4	NC
Soybeans	6.26	Enron	40 9/16	dn 3/16
		Halliburton	58 1/2	up 5/16
		Ingersoll Rand	43 5/8	up 5/16
		KNE	46 1/16	dn 7/16
		Kerr McGee	70 7/8	dn 1/4
		Limited	23 5/16	up 1/8
		Mapco	33 13/16	up 1/8
		McDonald's	47 3/4	NC
		Mobil	73 1/8	dn 7/8
		New Atmos	25 1/2	NC
		New Cent. Ene.	41 7/16	dn 1/16
		Penney's	56 7/16	up 3/4
		Phillips	49 15/16	up 1/16
		Pioneer Nat. Res.	41 9/16	up 1/8
		SLB	90 1/16	up 9/16
		Tenneco	51 3/8	dn 1/8
		Texasco	61	dn 5/8
		Ultramar	32	up 5/16
		Wal-Mart	35 1/2	up 1/16
		New York Gold	323.30	
		Silver	4.89	
		West Texas Crude	20.62	

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

Occidental	28 15/16	NC
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The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation.

Magellan	100.55
Puritan	19.63

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

Amoco	95 1/2	NC
Arco	82 13/16	dn 1/16
Cabot	25 7/16	up 1/16
Cabot O&G	24	up 5/16

## Whatever

**For the week ending July 31 COUNTY COURT Criminal**

The following individuals were released from misdemeanor probation: James Wesley Reagh, Jack Leroy Robinson, Christopher Gene Morris, Jeffery Scott Lucas and Richard Eugene Brookshire.

An instantan warrant was issued for George Reeves.

A motion was entered dismissing charges of evading arrest against Danetta Michelle Pennington.

A motion was entered dismissing charges of assault-appeal against Byron Devoll Laury because he was convicted in another case.

A motion was entered dismissing charges of theft of property by check against Shawn Bradley Blanton because restitution has been made.

A motion was entered dismissing a motion to revoke the probation of Shana Greenhouse because the terms have been fulfilled.

The probation of Bobby Gene Armstrong was extended to November 1997.

An affidavit of surrender of principal was entered on behalf of Patric Lee Herr.

A motion was entered dismissing charges of evading arrest/detention with an automobile against Charlie Edward Broadbent because he was convicted in another case.

A motion was entered dismissing charges of criminal trespass against Joe Ray Richardson due to insufficient evidence.

## Police report

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

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 20**  
A hit and run was reported at 325 N. Christy.

Theft of a \$7,000 1987 Chevrolet pick-up truck was reported at Doug Boyd Motor Co., 821 W. Wilks.

An abandoned bicycle was discovered at 504 S. Henry.

**Arrest**  
Kathleen Angton Holmes, 39, 1156 Varnon, was arrested on four warrants for expired registration, expired motor vehicle insurance, no insurance and no driver's license on person.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21**  
**Arrest**  
Guadalupe Campos, 34, 1101 Juniper, was arrested on charges of failure to identify and violation of a protective order.

## Sheriff's Office

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

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 20**  
Wanda Jean Nash, 41, 1133 Prairie, was arrested on charges of probation violations for possession of a controlled substance.

Loria McGrew, 33, 1149 Varnon, was arrested on charges of simple assault.

Tammy Ryals, 25, 914 S. Nelson, was arrested on charges of failure to report to a correctional facility.

## Accidents

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

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 20**  
A 1996 white freight truck driven by James L. Miller, 55, Okaumpka, Fla., backed into a fence in the alley next to a business at 420 E. Foster. No citations were issued.

## Ambulance

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

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 20**  
1:10 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Highway 273 and Loop 171 on a motor vehicle accident. One person was taken to Columbia Medical Center.

3:04 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of South Hobart on a medical call, and one person was taken to Columbia Medical Center.

5:54 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center to transport a patient to a local nursing center.

9:20 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 200 block of Canadian on a fire assist. No injuries were reported.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21**  
12:20 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of East Frederic on a medical emergency. One person was taken to Columbia Medical Center Emergency Room.

3:57 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1600 block of West Alcock on a trauma. One person was taken to Columbia Medical Center.

## Fires

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

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 20**  
1:08 p.m. - Three units and six personnel responded to a motor vehicle wreck at Highway 273 and Loop 171.

9:16 p.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to a structure fire in a mobile home at 233 Canadian.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21**  
12:18 a.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to a medical assist at 1324 E. Frederic.

**Marriage Licenses**  
John Paul Harris and Deidre Michelle Dukes  
District Court  
Civil

The state of Texas vs. Diana Clark, Habeas Corpus  
The state of Texas vs. Stephanie Coley, Habeas Corpus  
Billy Scribner Welding Inc. vs. Halliburton Energy Services, damages

Is your school, church, civic or other group holding a special event? Why not share it with your neighbors.

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## Signs

as fast as he can for the same price as other out of town companies.

"I try and make my pricing more realistic or competitive than other places," Nick said. But without sacrificing the quality needed to create longer lasting signs, he added.

He explains that the wood, the paint, the vinyl and all of the materials he uses to make his signs are top of the line and can make the difference in whether a sign lasts a couple of years, or several.

But there's more to sign making than just the

materials and man-power. Creativity and talent can also be instrumental to a good sign ... and Nick possesses some of both.

"Yea, I can paint signs, although I mostly do vinyl - but I do a lot of design, too," Nick admits.

He said that screen printing, which leaves more room for creativity, is something he plans to eventually go into with his sign making.

But for all the success he is having with his work, he gives much of the glory to his father, who started the business.

"Everyone knew my dad, and I try to put out as good of work as my dad if not better," he said.

# Man jailed; awaiting drug charge extradition

A 31-year-old man was in Wheeler County jail today on drug charges awaiting extradition to Alabama to face assault charges.

Timothy Lanier, 31, is in Wheeler County jail today in lieu of \$40,000 bond on drug charges. A \$25,000 bond was set for Lanier on a charge of possession of a controlled substance and a \$15,000 bond was set on a controlled substance tax violation.

Lanier was one of four people arrested Aug. 22, after the rented Chrysler Intrepid they were in was stopped by Department of Public Safety Trooper Chad Estes on Interstate 40.

Three of the four, one woman and two men, have been released on bond in connection with drug

charges. Germaine Morris, 24; Latana Morris, 24, and Murray Harper, 46, all of Birmingham, were released on bond in September.

Authorities claim they found more than 50 pounds but less than 200 pounds of marijuana in the car when it was stopped.

Lanier initially identified himself as Jerome Atkins, officers said. Wheeler County law enforcement authorities later identified him as Timothy Lanier and found that he was wanted in Birmingham on two counts of assault with intent to commit murder.

Birmingham police officers declined to comment on the charges saying that a warrant in Alabama is not public information.

# Suggestive phrases on hats at Texas A&M sets off tempest

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M officials say students involved in the annual bonfire should voluntarily leave at home any hard hats bearing lewd or sexually suggestive phrases.

J. Malon Southerland, Vice President for Student Affairs, said Monday the obscene slogans are inappropriate.

Student workers are scheduled to begin stacking logs on campus early next week.

The issue surfaced last week after the Battalion, Texas A&M's student newspaper, published photographs of Bonfire workers wearing their hard hats.

Battalion Editor-in-Chief Helen Clancy said Friday's photographs and story were intended to shed light on an important issue.

Students devote weeks to cutting the trees at a local farm and hauling the trees to campus, where they are stacked near the Polo Field.

The event typically draws up to 70,000 students, alumni, community members and others, according to A&M's office of university relations. This year's Bonfire is scheduled for Nov. 27, the day before the Texas-Texas A&M game in College Station.

Kevin Jackson, a Bonfire adviser and senior associate director of the Memorial Student Center, said free speech issues may make it difficult to end the practice.

"What we're trying to do is appeal to people's common sense, that with the right of expression comes the right of decency and respect," Jackson said.

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## Weather focus

Tonight, cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain. Low around 40 to 45. Southeast wind around 10 mph. Wednesday, cloudy in the morning, becoming partly sunny in the afternoon. A high in the lower 60s. Southeast wind 10-20 mph with higher gusts. Yesterday's high was 60; the overnight low 42.

**WEST TEXAS** — Panhandle — Tonight, cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain. Low around 40. Southeast wind around 10 mph. Wednesday, cloudy in the morning, becoming partly sunny in the afternoon. A high in the lower 60s. South wind 10-20 mph with higher gusts. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, cloudy. A slight chance of light rain. Lows 40-45. Wednesday, mostly cloudy. A slight chance of light rain. Highs 60-65. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, cloudy. A slight chance of rain. Lows mid 40s to mid 50s. Wednesday, cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms or rain. Highs near 60 to near 70. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, cloudy. A slight chance of rain. Lows 45-50. Wednesday, mostly cloudy. A slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs 65-70. Wednesday night, slight chance of rain. Lows mid 40s to lower 50s. Far West Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy, becoming

mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers toward morning. Lows in the mid 40s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance for showers or thunderstorms. Highs around 70. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, mostly cloudy. A slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows near 40 mountains to mid 50s near the Rio Grande. Wednesday, mostly cloudy. A slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs mid 60s mountains to near 80 Rio Grande.

**NORTH TEXAS** — Tonight, decreasing clouds northwest half. Mostly cloudy elsewhere with a chance of showers. Lows 45 northwest to 54 southeast. Wednesday, mostly cloudy southeast early with a slight chance of morning showers. Otherwise, partly cloudy areawide. Highs 67 to 73.

**SOUTH TEXAS** — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows near 60, lower 50s Hill Country, mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Highs in the mid 70s, near 70 Hill Country. Lows near 60, mid 50s hill country. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s inland to near 60 coast. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain. Highs in the mid 70s inland to near 80 coast.

**NEW MEXICO** — Tonight, scattered showers starting southwest corner around midnight, with showers spreading northeast to the western mountains, central highlands, and southcentral mountains towards sunrise. Variable cloudiness otherwise. Lows from the mid 20s to 30s northern mountains to the 40s and lower 50s southern lowlands. Wednesday, scattered showers and thunderstorms south. Variable cloudiness with a few showers and thunderstorms north. Warmer northeast and cooler southwest Wednesday. Highs 50s to lower 60s mountains, upper 50s to near 70 at lower elevations. Lows 20s and 30s mountains and north, 40s and lower 50s elsewhere.

**OKLAHOMA** — Tonight, showers and thunderstorms ending extreme southeast early this evening, otherwise partly cloudy. Lows mid 30s to low 40s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs upper 50s to mid 60s.

## City briefs

**EMERGENCY JAIL** Release, 24 hrs. Jack Ward, 669-9911. Adv.

**LOST 2 Schnauzers**-Pepper & Sassy. Please call 669-3614. Adv.

**PIZZA HUT** Delivery-Trick or Treat Coupon books-\$5, \$25 value. Supplies limited. Adv.

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**CHANEY'S CAFE** - Tuesday, 5-8 p.m. pork chops, baked chicken, chicken gizzards, chicken fried steak. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

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**HAPPY 50th Birthday** - Pastor Mike Moss with love from your Congregation! First Assembly of God. Adv.

**SALVATION ARMY**, 701 S. Cuyler, will be taking applications requesting help for Christmas, Nov. 3rd - 7th 10 am - 12 noon & 2-5 pm. Must have valid ID for every person in the household.

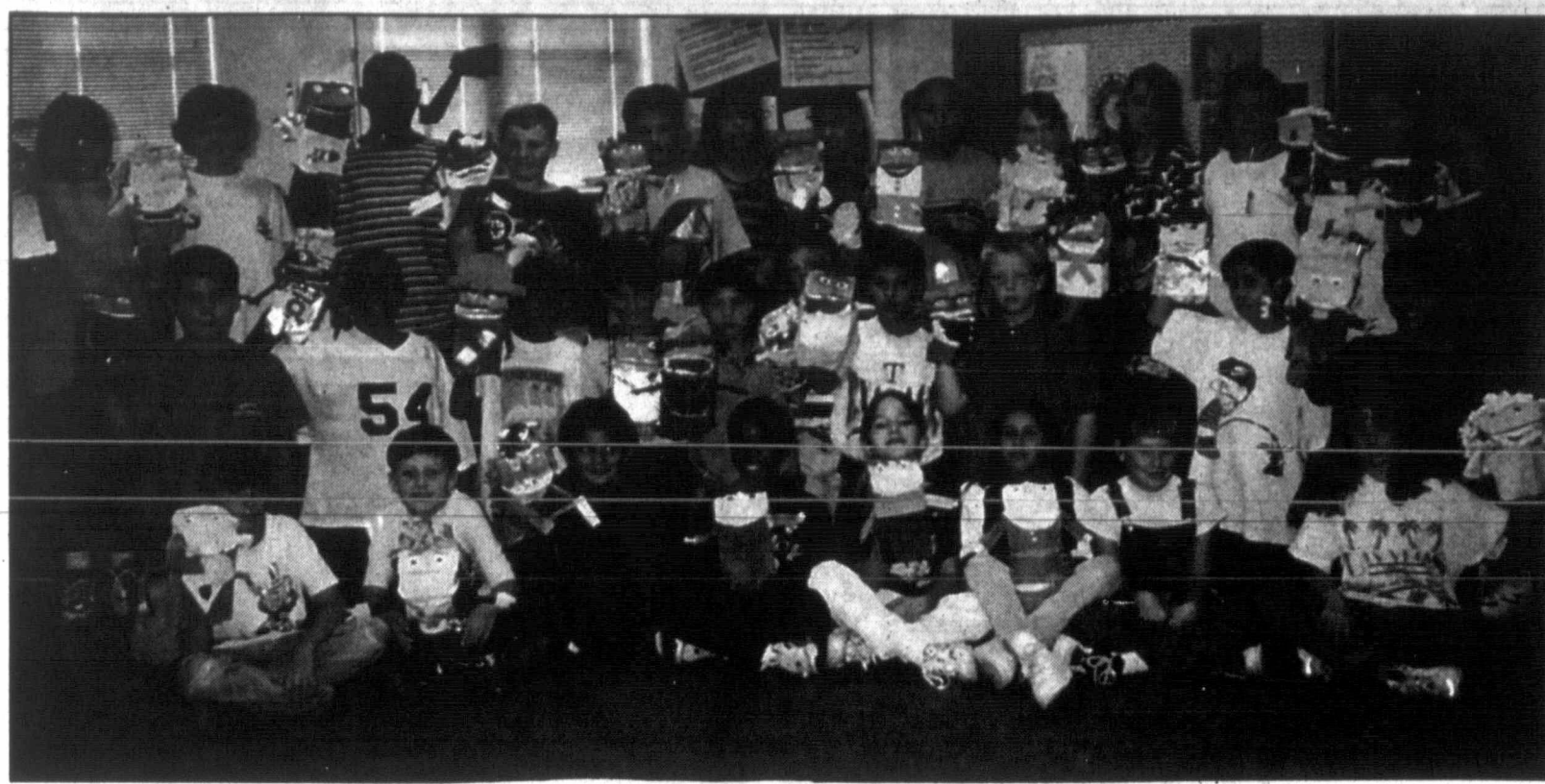
**\$250 REWARD** for info. leading to the arrest & conviction of person or persons involved with theft of a 1987 black Chevy Shortbed truck from Doug Boyd Motor Co. between Sat. 18th 6 p.m. and Sun., 19th, 6 p.m. If you have info. please call 669-6062 or Pampa Police Dept. Adv.

**CALF FRIES** - Moose Lodge, members & guests, Thursday Oct. 23, 7 p.m. Adv.

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## Puppet show



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

Stacey King and Marsha Richardson's fifth grade classes at Lamar Elementary put on a puppet show as a result of The Artist-in-Residence Program. The students are as follows: (bottom row from left) Joshua Ennis, Tad Coombs, Michael Rodriguez, Kaydrian Grays, Jacklyn Keener, Sheila Puentes, Heather Wilhite, Bridget Drinnon; (second row) Mandel Garcia, Shawn Carey, Isaac Boones, Abraham D'Jesus, Juan Caldera, Ivan Eblin, Ulises Soria, Samuel Gamble, Mateo Campos, Uriel Pena, Felipe Portillo; (third row) Lucy Hernandez, Darby Snow, Mark Williams, Michael Wilkinson, Daniel Resendiz, Marina Cuellar, D'Ann Vela, Britnee Kemp, Karra Longo, Stephanie Cross, Sasha Garcia, Amanda Mero, Krista Peevy.

## Christie was mysterious businessman linked with Wilson, paper reports

DALLAS (AP) — A former state senator is the mysterious "Texas businessman C" suspected of splitting millions of dollars in kickbacks with former congressman Charles Wilson on Afghan arms deals in the 1980s, according to The Dallas Morning News' copyright report today.

An investigation into whether Wilson profited from his efforts to arm mujahedeen rebels was revealed recently when Switzerland's highest court rejected ex-Sen. Joe Christie's attempt to block U.S. investigators from examining his Swiss bank records.

The Swiss court said the Justice Department was investigating whether "Congressman W" and "Texas businessman C" were paid \$3.5 million to \$4 million in "commissions" for getting Congress to buy 20mm anti-aircraft guns made by "Firm X Ltd" for Afghan rebels.

A Swiss source confirmed that the "C" in the court's ruling stands for "Christie" and that "X Ltd." is a division of Oerlikon-Buhrle Holding AG, a conglomerate based in Zurich, the newspaper said. U.S. sources said "Congressman W" is Wilson.

A Justice Department spokesman said he could neither confirm nor deny the existence of the investigation, the newspaper said.

Wilson, 64, a Lufkin Democrat who retired from the U.S. House last year, has "categorically and emphatically" denied the allegation.

Christie, 64, of Austin and his Austin attorney, Charles Burton, did not return repeated phone calls or reply to written questions from the newspaper. An intermediary said Christie feels he has "nothing to gain" by responding to questions about the matter.

Wilson remained in Washington after he left Congress and is a lobbyist for the Pakistani government under a contract that pays his firm \$30,000 a month.

Christie, a close friend of Wilson's since the 1970s and the chief shareholder of a company in which Wilson owned stock in the 1980s, has owned numerous businesses over the years.

He also made millions brokering arms deals in the 1980s, according to testimony in U.S. court documents. The documents do not describe the nature of those arms deals or whether they were connected with the Afghan rebels' war against the Soviet-backed government.

Wilson's involvement in the Afghan issue drew widespread publicity in the 1980s.

Ignoring State Department warnings and pleas, he donned Afghan garb and sneaked into the war zone. He decorated his office with photos of the "muj" and their weapons. He named his pet cat "Khyber," after the famous pass that leads from Pakistan into Afghanistan.

Numerous articles and books have documented the extraordinary role Wilson played in persuading Congress to earmark \$40 million for the CIA to give Swiss-made Oerlikon 20mm anti-aircraft guns to the Afghan rebels in 1983.

Wilson lobbied his colleagues in secret sessions of the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee and the House and Senate Intelligence committees. Those who saw him in action said they were mystified by his ardor for the Oerlikon gun.

Using his power as a member of the House Appropriations Committee's subcommittees on defense and foreign operations, Wilson was able to overwhelm the CIA's objections to the Oerlikon gun, partly by trading votes with his colleagues on other matters.

## New firefighters



(Pampa News photo by Laura Healey)

Aaron Kager and Jim Montgomery have recently joined the crew of firefighters at the Pampa Fire Department. Kager and Montgomery are graduates of Amarillo College's Fire Training Academy. Kager has also worked with the Osage Volunteer Fire Department.

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# Immigration: What Congress took from immigrants, states are giving back ...

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress was hard on immigrants when it restructured the nation's welfare system last year, but the mood in state capitals has been strikingly different.

While the federal law cut nearly all benefits for legal immigrants, almost every state has decided, sometimes using its own money, to keep immigrant benefits intact.

"The federal government is shirking its responsibility," Texas' Republican governor, George W. Bush, said recently as he announced state aid for elderly and disabled immigrants who lost food stamps. "Texans are compassionate people who will help those who truly cannot help themselves."

Last year's massive welfare overhaul cut immigrants from federally funded food stamps and disability rolls, although disability benefits were partly restored later.

The law also gave states the power to decide whether to cut immigrants from cash assistance and Medicaid, programs financed with a combination of federal and state dollars.

In almost every case, the law made it easier for immigrants in the country when the bill was signed in August 1996 to get benefits than those arriving later.

A state gets its allotted amount of federal cash no matter what it does for immigrants. So if it denies immigrants who were here when the law took effect. And almost every state also will provide cash help and Medicaid for immigrants arriving after that, once they have been in the country five years.

Many states are going further. It's illegal under the new law for a state to use federal money for future immigrants during their first five years here. More than a third of states are using state dollars to make sure immigrants are covered from the day they arrive.

That includes California and New York, where half the country's legal immigrants live. Florida and Texas, the third and fourth largest immigrant states, are helping replace cuts in food stamps, using state money to pay aid once paid solely from the federal treasury.

Such state actions are in striking comparison to the mood in Washington, where congressional Republicans argued that immi-

grants abused welfare, which anyway should be reserved for Americans.

"The American dream is not coming here and going on welfare," Rep. Clay Shaw, R-Fla., said in the midst of a debate over disability benefits this summer. "I guess they can go home if they don't like what they have here."

Advocates say states were much more hospitable.

"The states are closer to the reality of the fact that immigrants are there. They're part of the community," surmised Josh Bernstein of the National Immigration Law Center.

In California, for instance, Speaker Cruz Bustamante, the first Latino to head the Assembly, vowed to fight for immigrant aid.

"It's because of maybe who I am and where I come from. It's about my background and how I got here," Bustamante said during a budget fight this summer.

Nearly half the \$55 billion saved in the welfare reform law came from cuts to legal immigrants. The law made exceptions for refugees, and illegal immigrants never have been eligible for welfare.

But given the chance to reap similar savings, states generally declined, according to reports by advocacy groups and interviews by The Associated Press in almost every state capital.

Specifically: —Twelve states are compensating immigrants welfare with their own money, particularly for children, elderly and disabled immigrants.

—Every state but Alabama is allowing immigrant residents as of August 1996 to remain eligible for cash payments. Alabama also is the only state to bar new immigrants from cash help once they've been in the country five years.

—On Medicaid, new arrivals qualify after five years everywhere but Virginia, Wyoming and Louisiana. And immigrants already in the country remain eligible everywhere except Wyoming and Louisiana.

"It sort of seemed unfair to change the rules on a group of people who are already in the system," said Steve Mullins of West Virginia's welfare department.

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L.W. McCall  
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Opinion

Our undervalued national treasure

The value of a United States citizenship is something that most residents of this country take for granted.

Because some of our ancestors went to the trouble of coming to this continent (let's face it, all "Americans" have some immigrant blood in their family history), we became American citizens when we drew our first breath out of the womb.

But for many, citizenship isn't that simple. Almost any time a federal judge assembles scores of people so they can be sworn in as U.S. citizens, compelling stories emerge.

Take, for instance, one recent ceremony at Odessa College's Sports Center where one woman realized a dream. Manuela Fernandez has spent 82 of her 83 years in the United States. She has been, in effect, a de facto citizen. But at the urging of her son, Jose Francisco Gonzales of Robert Lee, Fernandez decided to make it official after all these years.

As she put it, "My children are American citizens and it was just time I became an American."

Fernandez was only one of the 137 stories that emerged from that particular ceremony. Similar events are acted out constantly across the nation.

And we can't help but notice the pride with which most new citizens carry themselves. For all its political and bureaucratic kinks, the U.S. still has the most freedom of any country in the world.

The privilege of citizens being able to speak up — and even criticize the very government that allows them that luxury — is not to be taken lightly. In many places, ideas and opinions must be hidden behind stoic faces to ensure safety and freedom from oppression.

Many of the new U.S. citizens are all too familiar with conditions in their native countries, and that's exactly why they can truly appreciate the opportunity to become Americans.

For instance, that one ceremony in Odessa welcomed new citizens who ranged in age from 18 to 84 and who came from 11 different countries. Among the countries represented were China and Iraq, two nations well known for their iron-fisted repression of the populace. How happy those former residents of dictatorships must have been to learn that they now have the privilege of voting for their leaders.

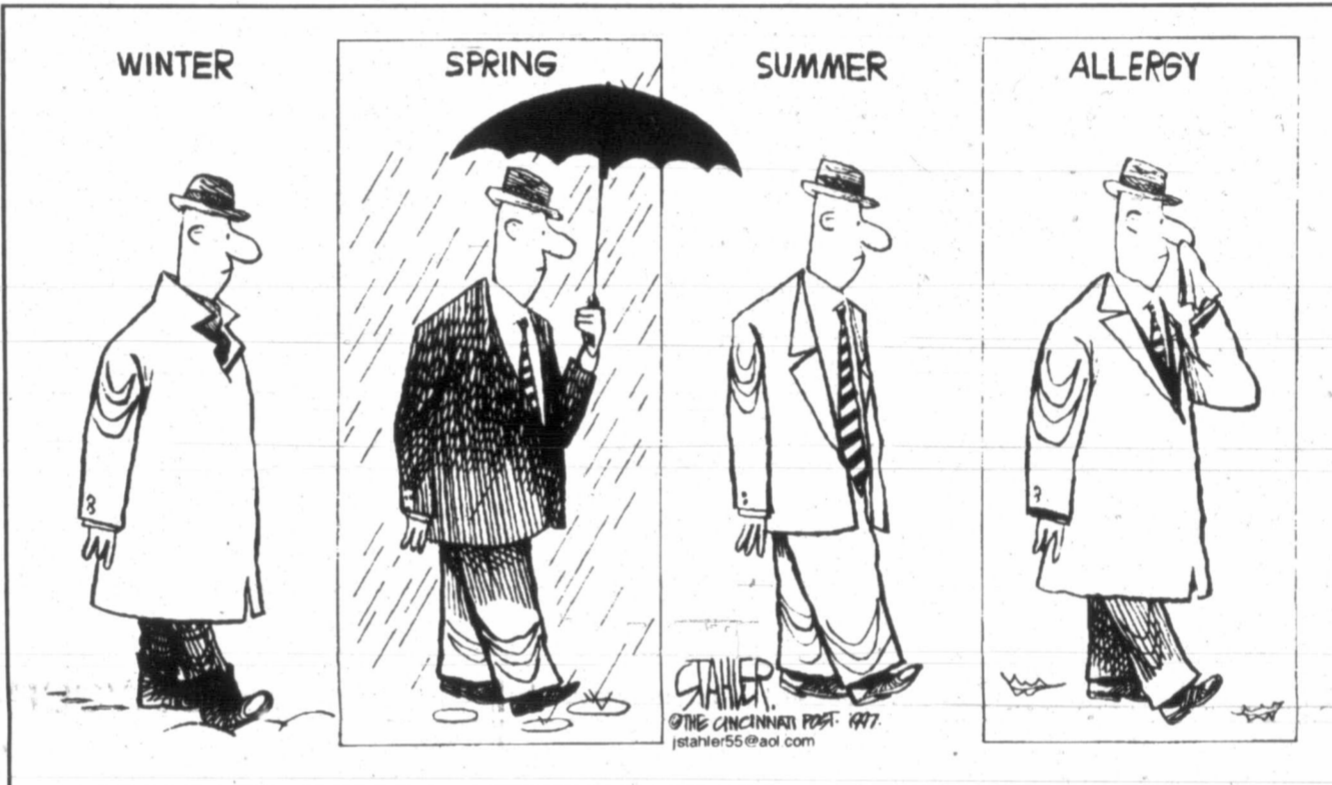
Again, there can be no perfect arrangement. No doubt some of the new citizens start paying attention to the state of politics in the United States and wonder what they've gotten themselves into.

But the positive aspects of American citizenship far outweigh any of the negatives that emerge from the human zoo that is on display in Washington, D.C.

We think the new American citizens realize their good fortune. But that is not the case with many of those who gained the same status without "earning it."

If all of these unappreciative Americans would come around to the same line of thinking held by those who have had to jump through bureaucratic hoops and hold up their right hands and swear to be good American citizens, then perhaps the greatest country in the world might become just a little greater.

—Odessa American



Today in history

By The Associated Press  
Today is Tuesday, Oct. 21, the 294th day of 1997. There are 71 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
On Oct. 21, 1797, the U.S. Navy frigate Constitution, also known as Old Ironsides, was launched in Boston's harbor.

On this date:  
In 1805, a British fleet commanded by Adm. Horatio Nelson defeated a French-Spanish fleet in the Battle of Trafalgar; Nelson, however, was killed.

In 1879, Thomas Edison invented a workable electric light at his laboratory in Menlo Park, N.J.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. troops captured the German city of Aachen.

In 1960, Democrat John F. Kennedy and Republican Richard M. Nixon clashed in their fourth and final presidential debate.

Keeping competition vital

Luis Wilmot  
Executive director of  
Partnership for a  
Competitive Texas

There's a lawsuit going on in the quiet North Texas city of Wichita Falls that has serious implications not only for local phone competition in Texas and across the nation, but also for the electronic publishing business.

In an aggressive action aimed at Congress, Southwestern Bell seeks to overturn all restrictions in the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 against the company's market entry into not only the long distance business, but also into electronic publishing alarm services and manufacturing.

Bell's renewed interest in electronic publishing may surprise many folks in that business, because Southwestern Bell and the other regional Bells have negotiated an entry restriction settlement with the electronic publishing industry. The agreement protects the on-line publishing industry from Bell entry until the year 2001. Some of the same restrictions were enacted into state law. However, now Southwestern Bell claims in its suit that the provision infringes on its constitutional right to free speech.

But that's not all. The suit also alleges the Federal Telecommunications Act discriminates against Southwestern Bell and other regional Bell companies by imposing extra requirements before they can offer long distance service. The requirements include a checklist covering interconnection and service relationships between the Bells and new local service competitors.

In Austin, the Texas Public Utility Commission is deciding how to separate the Southwestern Bell and GTE networks into parts and how to let new competitors purchase those parts at cost plus a reasonable

profit. This decision is vital to bringing Texans local phone competition, which means lower prices improved service and advanced technology. It also will help new competitors provide different services by selecting the network elements they want.

Southwestern Bell in January filed a lawsuit against the PUC for an earlier decision allowing new competitors to resell Southwestern Bell's services. And in still another lawsuit, Southwestern Bell in August filed suit against the PUC for granting AT&T a certificate to provide local service in Texas.

Congress got it right last year when it insisted that the Bell companies yield to competitive entry first before being allowed to sell long distance and other services, such as electronic publishing. Hopefully, Southwestern Bell's lawsuits will be dismissed, allowing the federal law to stand. And the PUC will finish the work it began last year by allowing new competitors to select the network elements they need to provide local service.

Line-item veto making waves

Walter R. Mears  
AP Special correspondent

According to the White House, the bottom-line item in President Clinton's selective spending vetoes isn't dollars or pet projects — it is an effort to change the future behavior of Congress. That is the real power of itemized vetoes.

In use or in reserve, the line-item veto vastly strengthens the hand of the president in dealing with Congress on the appropriations that add up to budgets, and on issues that go beyond money.

Indeed, the fact that the president has the authority to pick and choose and say no to specific projects dear to the voters back home can affect the way House members or senators deal with measures the administration wants.

A congressman with a spending item to propose or protect may be wary of opposing the administration on other measures — trade, for example. It is not a matter of overt pressure, but a concern about the possible impact of a vote on a future item veto.

That does work in both directions: Clinton's latest item veto list spared defense projects in the states of Republican leaders he needs as allies on his trade legislation. He used the veto sparingly on the defense bill, on only 13 of 750 items Congress added to the measure.

That didn't placate the losers, but it limited the impact.

Those are among the unspoken tradeoffs.

More directly, Clinton said the item veto power he is the first president to gain — his predecessors had sought it since the time of Ulysses S. Grant — will change the workings of

Washington and the way spending decisions are made.

Before, Congress could put projects and money into appropriations bills and presidents had to sign the whole thing or block it all with a veto, the standard kind, which can be overridden only with two-thirds votes in both House and Senate.

Now, Clinton can veto specific spending items, subject to reversal by congressional majorities, but in bills then subject to constitutional veto.

"I'm hoping that in the years ahead, I won't be using it as much, and future presidents won't use it as much because it will lead to a different kind of negotiation in the budgeting process," Clinton said.

With the power to say no after the fact, administration negotiators can tell congressional committees before they act that a project or an item is doomed to be vetoed and shouldn't be put into an appropriations bill. That works directly on the down side, to block items an administration opposes.

Still, foes of the item veto said before it was passed in 1996 that a future administration could use the power to demand added spending on its priorities with the leverage of

threats against congressional favorites.

The item veto Clinton has used to block provisions in a tax bill and two appropriations measures is a power he wouldn't have but for Republicans, some of whom are now second-guessing themselves.

"I know that a lot of members who voted for the line-item veto in Congress now wonder whether they did the right thing, now that I'm exercising it," Clinton said.

There have been threats to attempt repeal, empty ones, since Clinton would veto that. Presidents will have the item veto at least until 2005, unless the Supreme Court rules it an unconstitutional transfer of power when it is — as it will be — appealed.

"The president has emphasized that he thinks the most important aspect of the line-item veto is how it will affect future behavior," budget director Franklin Raines said, "not necessarily the items in the bills that he's dealing with now."

That's not what Republican sponsors thought they were campaigning for; they advertised the line-item veto as a budget-cutting tool. Democratic opponents warned them it was a power shift they would regret. Some are conceding as much.

"I feel, like I need to eat a little crow," Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah, said earlier this month. And Congress probably will be swallowing more item vetoes, since Clinton has dealt only with defense spending and 11 appropriations bills are still pending, each with potential veto targets.

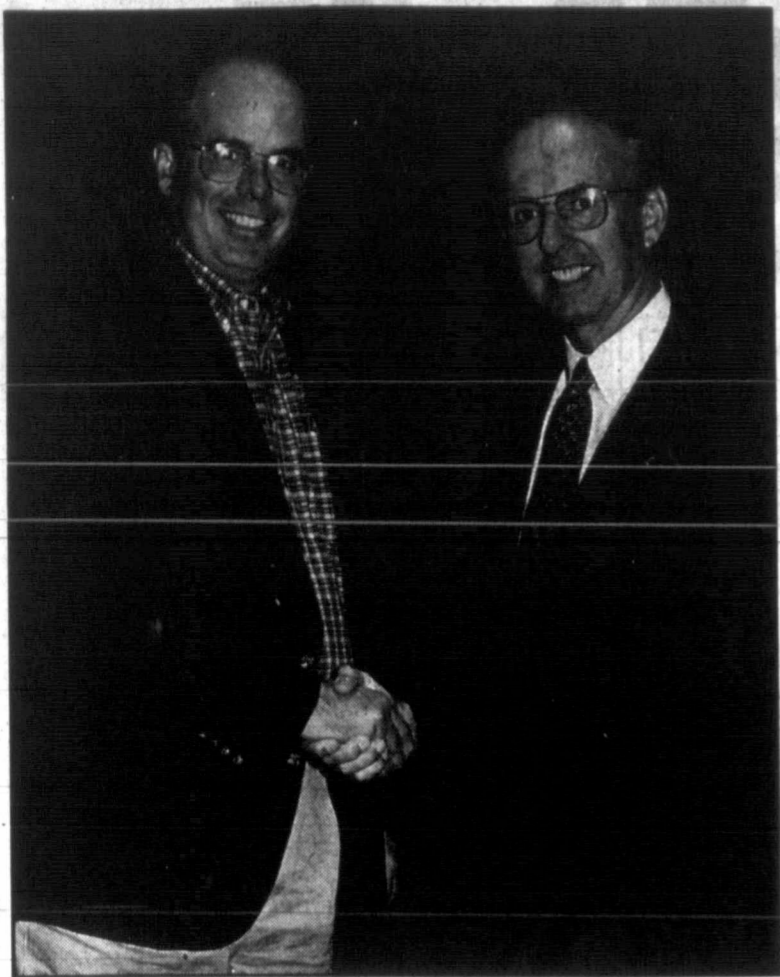
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## Cream of the crop



(Special photo)

Roger David, left, Pampa investment representative for financial services firm Edward Jones, meets with Lon Smith, vice chairman, president and CEO of Hartford Life, Inc., at Jones' Managing Partners Conference in St. Louis, Mo., recently. Each year, the firm invites the top five percent of its representatives to the conference. David was among only 215 — out of more than 37,000 investment representatives nationwide — invited to attend the meeting. Smith was the guest presenter at the event.

## SPS names new manager for Pampa district, eastern, and northeastern Panhandle

Jim Fuller has been named manager for construction, operations and maintenance for SPS's Pampa district, which includes Pampa and the SPS communities in the eastern and northeastern Texas Panhandle.

In his new position, Fuller's time is completely devoted to ensuring reliable, safe and inexpensive electric service. He oversees all operations functions for SPS in the Pampa area, including the construction and maintenance of distribution lines within the cities of White Deer, Groom, McLean, Wheeler, Canadian, Miami and Follett. He is assisted by field service representatives in each of those cities. Fuller also oversees operations in Perryton, which includes Booker, Darrouzett and Higgins. He is assisted in Perryton by supervisor Brian Elliott.

"Based on feedback from our customers, we have restructured our operations to be more responsive to our customers' needs," said Joe Augustine, SPS general manager for Panhandle operations. "By devoting Jim entirely to service functions, we will continue to improve reliability and service while keeping costs down."

Fuller earned two associate's degrees from Amarillo College, one in management development and another in electric utilities technology. He worked for Gate City Rural Electric Cooperative in Childress for one year before joining SPS in May 1974 as a lineman apprentice in Amarillo. He became a lineman journeyman in 1977, and in 1980, he was named line working foreman. He was promoted to line general foreman at Amarillo's Northeast Service Center in 1993.

Fuller serves on the advisory board for Amarillo College's electric utilities technology degree plan, he is a member of the Pampa Rotary Club and he has served as a coach in the Panhandle Soccer Association and for Kid's Inc. softball. He was named the SPS outstanding trainee in 1978, and he earned awards for safety for 13 consecutive years as a line working foreman. Fuller also served as president of SPS's Employees' Club.

He and his wife, Beverly, have two children: Jennifer, a senior at Texas A&M University, and Dustin, a junior at Pampa High School.

## Bishops oppose death penalty

AUSTIN (AP) — The Catholic bishops of Texas — the state that leads the nation in executing convicted murderers — are urging a public outcry to change the ultimate penalty.

"As religious leaders, we are deeply concerned that the state of Texas is usurping the sovereign dominion of God over human life by employing capital punishment for heinous crimes," the bishops said Monday in a statement reiterating their opposition to capital punishment.

"We implore all citizens to call on our elected officials to reject the violence of the death penalty and replace it with non-lethal means of punishment, which are sufficient to protect society from violent offenders of human life and public order."

The bishops' plea came even as they said that "a large majority of Americans, including Catholics, support capital punishment as a means of dealing with crime, even in light of strong evidence of its ineffectiveness, its racially biased application, and its staggering costs, both materially and emotionally."

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### Altrusa

Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa met Oct. 14 at Pampa Country Club with President Jeanne Mitchell presiding. Thirty-one members and two guests, Pat Daughtery and Cathy Scribner, were present.

The accent was given by Marian Jameson on Christopher Columbus' discovery of America in honor of Columbus Day.

Among other business, Geneva Tidwell was welcomed back after a leave of absence and the resignation of Sherry Diggs was regretfully accepted pending her move to Colorado.

The following announcements were made:

—First Vice Governor Mary Osentowski will be present at the program meeting Oct. 28.

—A make-up meeting will be at 7 p.m. Oct. 20 at Tralee Crisis Center, 310 Cuyler.

—The Sheltered Workshop reception will be at 7 p.m. Oct. 23.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Oct. 28 at Pampa Country Club.

### El Progreso Club

El Progreso Club met Oct. 14 in the home of Maxine Hawkins.

## Well water proves highly flammable

CLUTE, Texas (AP) — Southeast Texas officials are testing well water and issuing warnings after a resident demonstrated that water from his well is flammable.

"You can light my hose. Physically light it," Jerry McCullough told The Brazosport Facts on Monday.

Earlier tests confirmed the presence of methane, ethane and propane in the ground water from McCullough's well.

Based on those results, the Galveston County Health District issued a warning to 150 property owners in the area. The letter advises those in the area to consider the use of bottled water for drinking and cooking if their

well water appears milky or ignites like McCullough's water.

Possible sources for the contamination include a large oil field just south of McCullough's house, a gas pipeline in the area and a nearby landfill. He lives outside Alvin on FM 517, about a mile into Galveston County. Alvin is about 24 miles south of Houston.

Eunice Ashford presented a program entitled "Riding the Tiger," a video dealing with the difficulties and awesome responsibilities of serving as president of the United States beginning with George Washington and continuing through the Johnson administration. The video featured indepth interviews and other interesting footage.

The next meeting will be Oct. 28.

### Time Treasures Quilt Guild

Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild will hold its last meeting of the 1997 year beginning at 10 a.m. Oct. 25 in the Family Enrichment Center at Sixth and Quinn in Guymon. Registration will be at 9:30 a.m. All participants must provide a sack lunch. Breads and other foods will be furnished by the Gruver women for breakfast and drinks will also be offered. Dues will be \$20 for the year.

Sue Roy from Newkirk, Okla., will be the guest speaker. Roy has exhibited quilts at state and county fairs in both Oklahoma and Kansas and at National Quilters Association meetings in Paducah and in Washington, D.C. She is a teacher, lecturer and past president of Oklahoma Quilters State Organization. She will speak at 11 a.m. and will offer a miniature paper piecing workshop at 1 p.m. The workshop will be limited to 25 participants. Cost will be \$15 per person. Each participant must furnish their own supplies.

The fee for the workshop will be due the 25th. To pre-register, call Darlene Hambleton at (405) 338-3880 or at 338-4360; or Ellen Grice at (405) 349-2516.

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## Door Prizes



# Mom Makes Too Much Room For Boy Close To Girl's Heart

**DEAR ABBY:** My 18-year-old son, "Josh," has been dating a 20-year-old girl, "Jessica," for about 10 months. Josh graduated from high school in June and left for the Army three weeks later. Just before he left, Jessica's mother gave him the family engagement ring, in case he "wanted to use it" before he went.

Josh's father and I were very upset. We talked and talked, and finally convinced our son that he doesn't know Jessica well enough to marry her, and he has no idea where his commitment to the Army will lead him. Besides, he is simply too young to marry. Finally, after four days of emotional turmoil, Josh returned the ring to Jessica's mother.

My son now informs us that Jessica and her mother are fixing up the basement of their home for him when he comes home on leave.

There is no end to this woman's presumptuousness. The extent to which she is going in order to snag my son for her daughter is making me ill. I have written to Josh expressing my feelings, but it hasn't helped. He plans to stay at their home when he returns. My husband says to let him go, but I am hurt and frightened. What can I do?

ILL IN PA.

**DEAR ILL:** Remind Josh that marriage is far too serious a commitment for a fellow his age. Most young men that age are in no great rush to get mar-



**Abigail Van Buren**  
 SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

ried, although they do get involved in some romantic encounters. Trying to come between the two will only drive them into each other's arms.

Let Josh know that true love is patient and can wait, and help him recognize the mother's actions for what they are — manipulation.

**DEAR ABBY:** Our next-door neighbors moved in a little over a year ago, and we've developed a friendship with them. A few weeks ago, Mr. Next-Door-Neighbor invited us to a surprise 40th birthday dinner party for Mrs. Next-Door-Neighbor at a nice restaurant. We accepted.

The party was scheduled for a Saturday night. On the Thursday before the party, we were given four tickets to a preseason football game for the same Saturday night. We don't get to attend many games, and we are big fans of the team.

The tickets are very hard to come by and are quite expensive.

We decided to go to the game and forgo the party. I called Mr. Next-Door-Neighbor explaining our situation and apologized. My husband also apologized. After the party and game, I sent Mrs. Next-Door-Neighbor a nice plant and some jewelry for her birthday, and apologized to her.

They still seem to be upset by our dinner cancellation. What should we have done?

NEIGHBORS IN SPARTANBURG, S.C.

**DEAR NEIGHBORS:** Would you have been forgiving had your husband planned a surprise birthday party at a nice restaurant, and one of the couples canceled two days before the party?

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breaks you should be getting, don't be petty. Your turn will come.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** An impressive idea with which you've been toying will remain at ground zero until you stop fantasizing and start taking positive measures.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Your aptitude for spotting bargains might be a bit off today. Examine merchandise thoroughly so you don't buy illusion instead of quality.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Today, strive to be totally candid with a close friend or co-worker. Incomplete disclosures could create havoc down the line.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Analyze your motives carefully today if you intend to help someone. Do not do it for purposes of manipulation or to make this person feel indebted to you.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Budget your time wisely today. Poor scheduling of activities you thought were unimportant could reduce your productivity and put you in a bind.

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## Horoscope



**Your Birthday**  
 Wednesday, Oct. 22, 1997

Something interesting might develop for you in the year ahead that may cause you to consider a change of occupation. The new position could be more glamorous and have better benefits.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Your reputation may be a trifle fragile today, so watch your step. Everyone will be noticing it and how you honor your commitments. Libra, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY



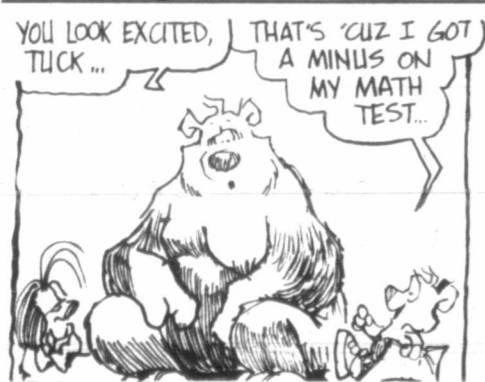
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"Mommy, they don't have school stuff in Heaven, do they?"



"First we chased a bakery truck, then we chased a meat truck, then we chased an ice cream truck, then..."

### The Family Circus



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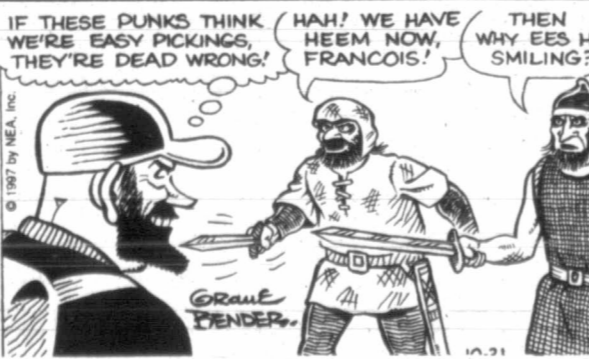
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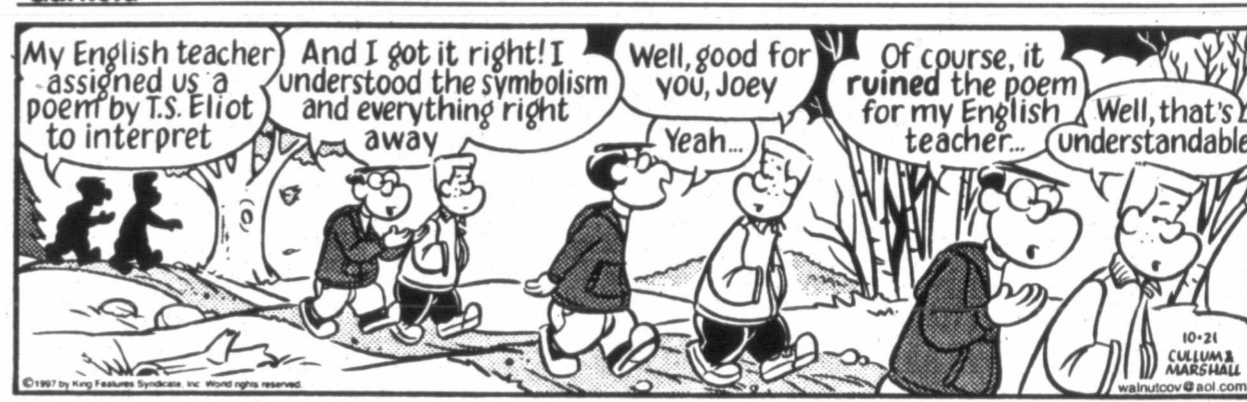
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# SPORTS

## Notebook

### FOOTBALL

**McLEAN** — McLean outlasted Vernon Northside, 62-40, in a District 2-1A six-man football game last Friday night.

Ike Hales led the McLean offense with six touchdowns. Aaron Rice scored three times for the Tigers. Rice also kicked one two-point conversion and Anthony Albus kicked two.

Jacob O'Neil scored three times for Northside.

McLean led 40-32 at halftime.

The Tigers finished with 409 yards in total offense while Northside had 315.

McLean improved to 2-0 and 4-3 overall. McLean, Chillicothe and Samnorwood are all tied for first in the district standings. Northside is 0-2 and 1-6.

The Tigers welcome Harrold at 7:30 Friday night.

### GOLF

**DUMAS** — The Pampa High boys' and girls' teams competed in the Dumas Fall Golf Triangular last weekend at Pheasant Trails.

Pampa shot a 331 to win the girls' division. Amarillo High was second at 359 and Plainview third at 384.

Pampa scores were Melissa Gindorf 76, Shelby Allison 81, Alison Piersall 81, Cortnie Allison 93 and Maggie Cowan 102.

Ashley Ware of Wheeler shot a 93 in individual competition.

Pampa shot a 312 to take second behind Borger's 306 in the boys' division. Hereford was third at 322.

Pampa scores were Nathan Banner 76, Barry Brauchi 78, Jordan Fruge 78, Grady Locknane 80 and Matt Heasley 82.

Nick Ware of Wheeler shot a 74 in individual competition.

### CROSS COUNTRY

**FRITCH** — The Pampa Lady Harvesters took second place in the Lake Meredith Invitational last weekend.

Amarillo was first with 19 points, followed by Pampa with 47.

Beth Lee was Pampa's top individual, placing fifth with a time of 12:20. Right behind her were teammates Jenny Fatheree, sixth (12:22) and Michelle Courtney, seventh (12:23).

Also placing for Pampa were Anna Resendiz, 11th (12:52), Samantha Hurst, 12th (12:56), Amanda White, 15th, 13:09 and Daisy Leal, 24th, (13:50).

### FOOTBALL

**LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)** — Last season, he was regarded as a turnover, a homegrown sensation who left the state and returned, yet failed to deliver the national championship Nebraska fans expected.

Now Scott Frost is the leader of the nation's No. 1 team, the fans are behind him and hopes are high for a third national title in four years.

He said the pressure he felt from fans last year — many called for his removal — prepared him well for the challenge.

"Anytime you go through tough periods, it strengthens you when you get through it," Frost said. "I think when you're in that situation later, you're a stronger person."

Only two of the Huskers' remaining regular season opponents — Kansas and Missouri — have winning records. None are ranked.

"I think this year I fought through the roller coaster a bit, and it seems to be clear sailing now," he said.

Frost has rushed 87 times for 524 yards and three touchdowns and has completed 40 of 75 passes for 518 yards in Nebraska's six victories.

But it wasn't Frost's modest stats that warmed Nebraska fans: It was his leadership in the Huskers' 27-14 win over then-No. 3 Washington on Sept. 20, when he rushed for two touchdowns in the first quarter.

It was the pivotal point of Nebraska's season because the Huskers were underdogs to the Huskies.

## Bills use late field goal to slip by Colts

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — Thurman Thomas gave the winless Indianapolis Colts plenty of respect, but no sympathy.

And why should he? The Buffalo Bills have their own problems.

"I don't feel sorry for them, because we have had some battles with them over the years. They've come out on top before," Thomas said after Buffalo's 9-6 victory Monday night, only the second game in NFL history played without a touchdown or turnover.

"We were lucky to get this one from them. They never really quit."

Thomas, who left the game briefly with a sore knee, had 42 yards on 10 carries and became the 10th NFL running back with 11,000 career yards.

"It will be something nice to tell

my grandkids about, but I'm going to keep on going," the 10-year veteran said. "I still feel like I have some time left in this league. I'm still having fun."

It was no fun at all for the Colts (0-7), who have lost five games by a total of 17 points this season. They blew a 26-0 lead over the Bills last month, and last week they couldn't hold a 10-0 lead over Pittsburgh.

But Buffalo (4-3), blown out 33-6 at New England in its previous game, has had to fight for every victory.

"Obviously, if we lost here tonight, it would put us back. At least we're up in the right column there," said kicker Steve Christie, whose third field goal, a 27-yarder as time expired, gave the Bills their winning points. "It was a big win for us to get things rolling. We've

got Denver next week, so hopefully we can play off this win."

The only other game to be played without a touchdown or a turnover was New England's 6-3 victory over Miami in 1988.

Rookie Antowain Smith, Thomas' heir apparent and the Bills' leading rusher this season, set up Christie's winning field goal with an 11-yard run to the Indianapolis 9 in the closing minutes. He ran twice more for 2 yards, then quarterback Todd Collins took a knee and let the clock run down to three seconds before calling a timeout.

Christie, who kicked earlier field goals of 22 and 47 yards, then lofted the game-winner, leaving the Colts and the Chicago Bears as the only winless teams in the NFL.

"It was do or die time," Smith said. "We wanted to put a couple

first downs together and score a touchdown. If not, most definitely get in field goal range. Quinn Early made some great catches and it was a tremendous victory for us."

"I was just trying to keep loose and focus and pay attention, really. From there, it's just all technique," he said. "You just wait for it. If it comes, it comes. If it doesn't, it doesn't. But if it does come, you'd better be ready."

Early, who had only one reception for 7 yards in the first half, caught passes of 20 and 16 yards on the final drive.

"It's hard when you don't put the touchdowns in, but we got the points we needed. Hey, we'll take it any way we can," Early said. "We were trying to take what they gave us. We came in at halftime and talked about it and then went

more to the middle routes. It paid off for us. It was a great job of coaching."

The only Colts points came on two field goals by Cary Blanchard.

With quarterback Jim Harbaugh sidelined by a sprained ankle, backup Paul Justin took the Colts to the Buffalo 15 before Blanchard's 32-yard field goal tied the game 6-6 with 6:12 to go.

"It's sore and it's beginning to swell," Harbaugh said. "I feel like I can walk straight ahead, but I don't know if I could run or even plant on it."

"When I had a chance to look the routes over and make the throws, I felt that I was doing it," Harbaugh said.

But, as usual, he didn't have many chances.

Harbaugh was sacked five times, twice by Bruce Smith.

## Cowboys rekindle the spirit

**IRVING, Texas (AP)** — The Dallas Cowboys proved they aren't just one-week wonders.

They hadn't been able to repeat the perfection of their season-opening 37-7 win over Pittsburgh until Sunday. Then they beat one of the top teams in the AFC, the Jacksonville Jaguars, 26-22.

Just when it looks like the Cowboys are headed for the last roundup, they play with the kind of precision that won them Super Bowls in 1992, 1993, and 1995.

Dallas had no turnovers, held penalties to only 40 yards — none in critical situations — and got big plays from backup for injured stars. The Cowboys also scored a rushing touchdown for the first time this season and scored touchdowns on four forays inside the 20-yard line after entering the game four for their last 20.

"We're not as dominating a team as we once were," quarterback Troy Aikman said on Monday. "Each game for us is going to be a struggle. That's something the media is not used to. But the players know how hard it is to win."

Aikman's 64-yard touchdown pass to 35-year-old Herschel Walker late in the fourth period may have saved the Cowboys' season. Instead of going to 3-4, the Cowboys moved to 4-3 — just a half game behind the New York Giants in the NFC East.

Dallas has won five consecutive NFC East titles. But all three of their losses are in the division — to Arizona, the Giants, and Washington — a figure that could come back to haunt them in playoff tiebreakers.

It took big plays by Walker and rookie Omar Stoutmire to turn the game around while Daryl Johnston and Darren Woodson watched from the sidelines with injuries. Stoutmire's interception killed Jacksonville's final drive.

Walker said he plays for the NFL minimum of \$275,000 because he loves the game.

"I love to compete," he said. "I don't know how long I'll play this game. When it gets to the point of not being able to get up to work out at 5 a.m. then it's time to hand it up. All I want to do is play football. I just want to work hard to get a Super Bowl ring."

completing just 15 for 149 yards.

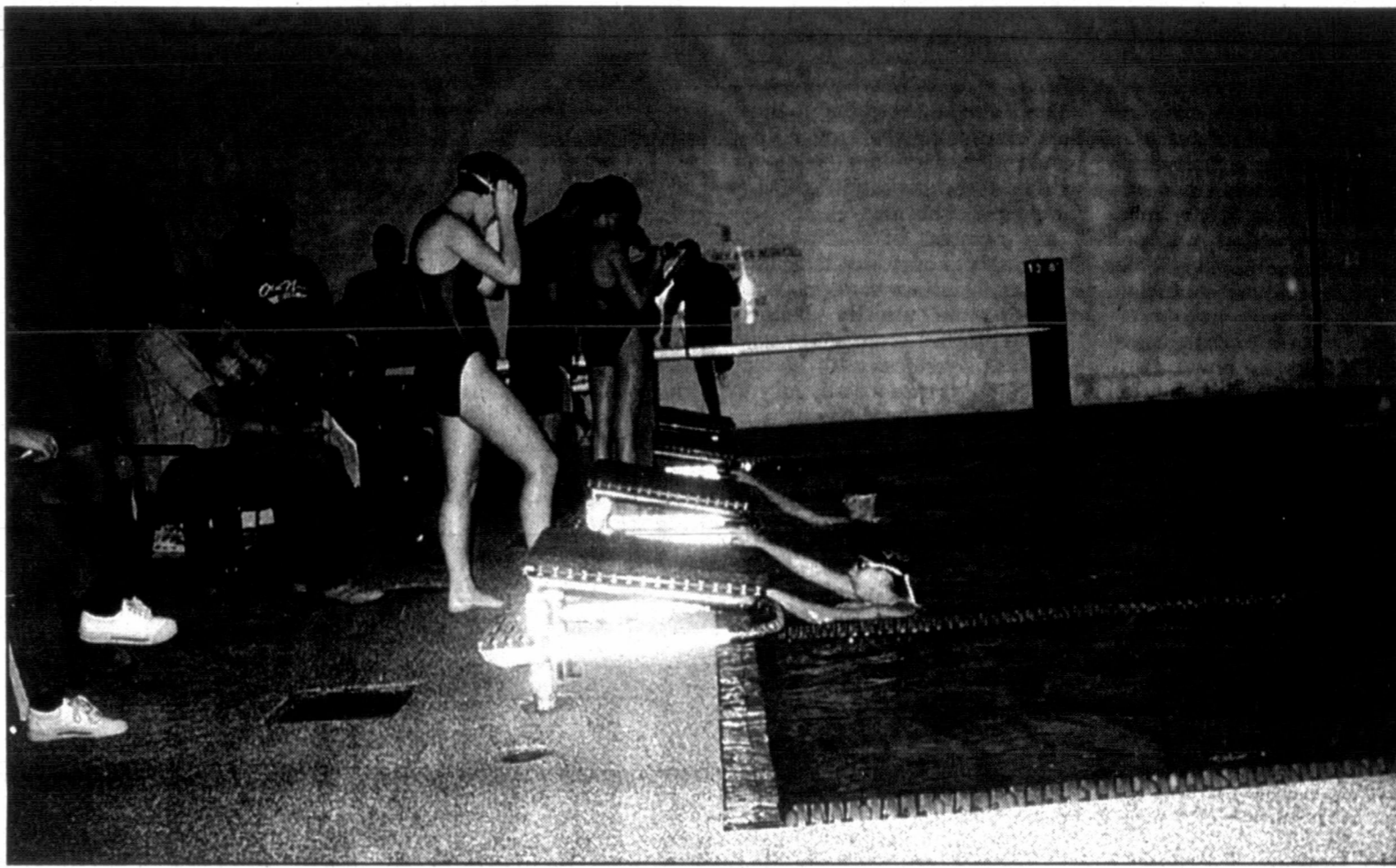
Last week, Williams, the nation's second-leading rusher (162.8 yards per game), ran 40 times for 223 yards in a 27-24 victory over Oklahoma.

"When we fell behind and had to throw the ball, we threw a lot more passes. A lot of those passes were called trying to make something happen at the very end of the game. But I thought Ricky had the ball a good amount of the time," Mackovic said.

Six games into the season, the Longhorns say they still have no idea why they have stumbled to a 3-3 start.

After the Longhorns' first loss to Missouri in 10 meetings — dating to 1916 — fans in Columbia, Mo., took just a few minutes to rip

## Swim meet



The Pampa High swim team is preparing for the Abilene Invitational Swim Meet Oct. 25. Stacy Hueston and Matt Withers (above) are participating in the 100 butterfly during an intrasquad meet last weekend at the Pampa Youth and Community Center pool.

## Former PHS athlete proving his worth as Texas Tech football player

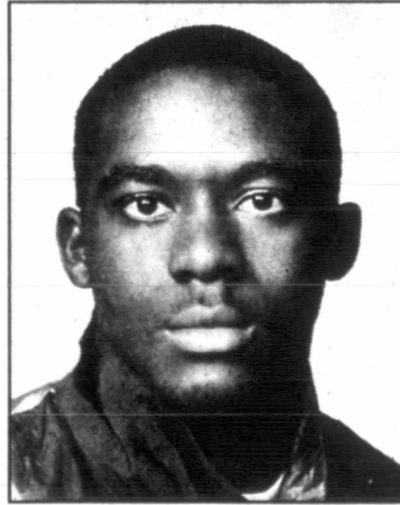
By **BRANDY HOWARD**  
Sports Information Office  
Texas Tech University

Former Pampa High School athlete Devin Lemons is proving his worth in his first year as a Texas Tech football player.

As a right defensive end, Lemons has played in all the games this season and has 18 total tackles to date. Most impressive is the fact that he recorded almost half of that total at his very first collegiate level game, in front of 106,000 people, against national powerhouse Tennessee.

"I like playing with talented players in front of big crowds," Lemons said. "It doesn't intimidate me."

His numbers prove he's right. Aside from seven against Tennessee, Lemons recorded four tackles against Southwest Louisiana, four against North Texas, and two against Baylor. Lemons receives considerable



**Devin Lemons**

playing time behind starter Taurus Rucker, but hopes for more.

"I am honored by all the playing time I get," Lemons said. "But I hope to get the chance to start by next year."

His hopes may not be far-

fetched according to his position coach. Defensive ends coach Doyle Parker said there is a good chance Lemons will start next year and his playing time should increase greatly this year.

"We have been really impressed with Devin's progress, he has far exceeded our expectations," Parker said. "He is a hard-worker with a great attitude."

Lemons attributes these qualities to his mother, Cynthia Lemons, who he says had the greatest influence on him.

"My Mother taught me that I can have and do anything, as long as I work hard," he said.

Hard work isn't the only thing that helps Lemons to excel at football. He says he considers his speed and endurance to be the basis of his talent.

Football talent must run in Lemons' family. Both his father, Billie Lemons, and his uncle, Frankie Lemons, played football for Texas A&M. His father also

played professionally for the Cleveland Browns.

Despite the obvious family ties to A&M, Lemons said he never considered playing there.

"I wanted to make a name for myself," Lemons said.

"Sometimes in Pampa, I was known as 'little Billie' and I wanted to break away from that."

He has done a good job so far, but he says he has so much left to learn. This is a helpful assessment coming from someone who says the strongest part of his personality is his ability to learn from others.

"I like getting the chance to go up against someone as good or better than me and seeing what I can do and how I compare," he said.

As yet, Lemons has not declared a major. He says he is considering communications, but is unsure. He ultimately hopes to further his football career in the NFL.

## Texas still searching for answers after another loss

**AUSTIN, Texas (AP)** — Texas coach John Mackovic, tired of being asked why he didn't call more plays for Big 12 rushing leader Ricky Williams in the Longhorns' 37-29 loss to Missouri, says his play calling shouldn't be questioned.

"If you're asking a question about calling plays, just save all of your time," Mackovic told his weekly news conference on Monday.

"Don't question the play calling. Play callers call plays. I think Ricky had a generous number of runs based upon the number of plays we had."

Williams ran 23 times for 235 yards against Missouri, an average of 10.2 yards per carry. The Longhorns threw the ball 40 times,

down their goal posts.

"We've got to change attitudes, wills and desires," said Texas quarterback James Brown, who took blame for the team's recent troubles.

"As I go, so goes the team," Brown said. "Completing 15 of 40 passes is just awful."

The Longhorns, 1-2 in the Big 12, face Colorado (3-3, 1-2) at home Saturday.

Last year, Texas opened 3-3 and then lost to Colorado before winning five straight games and going on to defeat Nebraska for the Big 12 championship.

This year, players say the team's confidence isn't the same.

"Last year, we would play a great game and maybe lose by a field goal," tight end Steve Bradley

said. "This year, we're not playing well in our losses. There's just not much fire in us. It seems like we're just trying to get through the games."

On Saturday, kicker Phil Dawson, perhaps the team's most dependable player, missed a point after touchdown, had another PAT blocked and failed on field goal attempts of 43 and 48 yards.

Dawson, who has been nagged by hamstring, groin and hip flexor injuries, blamed his misses on a poorly sodded field. Mackovic said Dawson would undergo an evaluation to see if the injuries have worsened.

Players say they haven't given up on the season and hope to turn things around.

"We could go 8-3 and still end

up in San Antonio (for the Big 12 title game)," center Ryan Fiebigger said. "We know some people are unhappy, but we're not giving up."

Before the season, many had projected the Texas-Colorado game to impact the Big 12 title race and possibly the national championship.

"Now it's a battle for improvement and trying to get seasons turned around," Mackovic said.

Texas fans have expressed outrage about the Longhorns' season and many have called for Mackovic's job in letters to the editor and in calls to radio shows. The Colorado game will mark the team's first home appearance since a 66-3 drubbing by UCLA on Sept. 13.



# Mustangs pile up more than 600 yards in win over Claude

WHEELER — Two Wheeler backs rushed for over 200 yards apiece as the Mustangs piled up 666 yards in total offense in defeating Claude, 42-7, last Friday night.

Bryan Judd had 249 yards on 14 carries and three touchdowns. Jeremy Davis had 201 yards on 17 carries.

Aaron Dunnam added 176 yards on 17 carries. Defensively, Josh Lee had five tackles, two assists and a fumble recovery.

Wheeler improved to 2-0 in the District 1-1A race. Claude is 1-1.

Wheeler, 4-3 overall, travels to Shamrock for a 7:30 game Friday night. Shamrock is still seeking its first win after six losses.

The Mustangs are tied with Gruver for first in the 1-1A standings.

Wheeler High School is planning a reunion of former Mustang football players for the weekend of Nov. 7-8.

## FOOTBALL

Call 806-826-5505 for more information.

PAMPA — The undefeated Pampa Storm won two games in the Area Little League Football Tournament held last weekend at Harvester Stadium.

The Storm beat White Deer, 8-6, and Shamrock, 42-0, to improve to 5-0 for the year.

Charad Young scored four touchdowns in the two games for the Storm while quarterback Chris Moncrief was 6 of 9 in pass attempts in the win over Shamrock.

Among the outstanding defenders were Taylor Cline, Taylor Fatheree, Matthew Parks, Jaret Kotara and Kenny Smith. Kotara had a fumble recovery.

In a regular-season game prior to the tournament, the Storm defeated White Deer, 14-8. Young scored two TDs for Pampa.

## Jury decides against player's bid

AUSTIN (AP) — Sure, college football players have shoulder pads, helmets and mouthpieces.

But Kent Waldrep, paralyzed in a 1974 Texas Christian University football game, says they're missing some protection afforded coaches, trainers and every other university employee: sufficient medical and disability insurance.

Waldrep's quest to change that has failed, at least for now.

The 43-year-old lost his bid Monday to be classified an

employee of TCU when he was injured on an Alabama football field nearly 23 years ago. That would have made him eligible for worker's compensation benefits for the rest of his life.

Ten members of a 12-member state district court jury took little more than an hour to decide what most people already believe: College athletes aren't employees of their universities.

"It's a hard case for any jury to decide," Waldrep said.

### Scoreboard

BOWLING			Tennessee 28, Washington 14			2. Commerce(1)7-0 173 2			Colorado 2, Dallas 0		
HARVESTER LAMBS — PAMPA			Oakland 28, Denver 25			3. Crockett(3)7-0 168 3			Colorado 1, Dallas 0		
Harvester Women's League			Miami 24, Baltimore 13			4. Breckenridge7-0 132 4			Colorado 2, Dallas 1		
Team	Won	Lost	New York Giants 26, Detroit 20, OT			5. Friona7-0 103 6			CHAMPIONSHIP		
DBR H20 Vending	24	8	Pittsburgh 28, Cincinnati 10			6. Vernon7-0 94 7			Sunday, Oct. 28		
O'Brien Enterprises	22	10	Open date: Chicago, Green Bay, Minnesota, Tampa Bay			7. Alamo7-0 88 9			Colorado at D.C., 3:30 p.m.		
Davis Mini Mart	19	13	Monday's Game			8. Hitchcock7-0 48 10					
Schiffman Machine	16	18	Buffalo 9, Indianapolis 6			9. Llano7-0 26 x					
Graham Furniture	15	17	Sunday, Oct. 28			10. Cuero5-2 15 x					
Peggy's Place	14	18	Baltimore at Washington, 1 p.m.			FELL OUT: George West (No. 5), Winooski (No. 8)					
H & H Sporting	13	19	Cincinnati at New York Giants, 1 p.m.			Also receiving votes: Eustace 13, Rockdale 13, Lorena 9, George West 7, Denver City 6, Iowa Park 5, Bishop 4, Corrigan-Camden 4, Devine 4, Tatum 4, Van 4, Lake Worth 3, Cameron 2, Linden-Kildare 1, Winooski 1.					
Week's High Scores			Dallas at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.			Class 2A			BASEBALL		
High game: Peggy Smith 215, High series: Peggy Smith 545; High handicap game: Beverly Bryant 257; High Handicap series: Rose Johnson 660.			Denver at Buffalo, 1 p.m.			1. ElysianFields(14)7-0 187 1			Postseason Baseball		
Ladies Trio League			Atlanta at Carolina, 8 p.m.			2. Alto(5)7-0 181 2			At A Glance		
Team	Won	Lost	San Francisco at New Orleans, 1 p.m.			3. Italy(1)7-0 148 3			By The Associated Press		
Engine Parts & Supply	23	9	Chicago at Miami, 4 p.m.			4. Ganado7-0 119 4			All Times EDT		
Chaney's Cafe	15	17	Tennessee at Arizona, 4 p.m.			5. Garrison7-0 94 5			WORLD SERIES		
Ward's Tree Service	15	17	Indianapolis at San Diego, 4 p.m.			6. Stanton7-0 81 6			(NBC)		
Team One	14	18	Jacksonville at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.			7. Lexington7-0 69 7			Saturday, Oct. 18		
Schiffman Machine Co.	14	18	Oakland at Seattle, 4 p.m.			8. Quannah7-0 59 8			Florida 7, Cleveland 4		
Team Six	14	18	Atlanta at Cincinnati, 10 p.m.			9. Industrial7-0 54 9			Sunday, Oct. 19		
Week's High Scores			Open date: Detroit, New York Jets			10. Crawford7-0 21 10			Cleveland 6, Florida 1, series tied 1-1		
High game: Barbara Huffman 211, High series: Barbara Huffman 565; High handicap game: Barbara Huffman 241; High handicap series: Sandra Pairsh 679.			Monday, Oct. 27			Also receiving votes: Eldorado 14, Lockney 13, Hico 11, Celina 8, White Deer 8, Stamford 7, Godley 6, Iola 5, East Bernard 4, Holliday 3, Winters 3, Iraan 2, Kerens 2, Rogers 1.			Tuesday, Oct. 21		

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Washington	4	3	0	.571	125	117	New Orleans	2	6	0	.250	118	175	Atlanta	1	6	0	.143	133	188
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Jacksonville	5	2	0	.714	181	135	Detroit	4	4	0	.500	180	155	San Francisco 35, Atlanta 28	Seattle 17, St. Louis 9					
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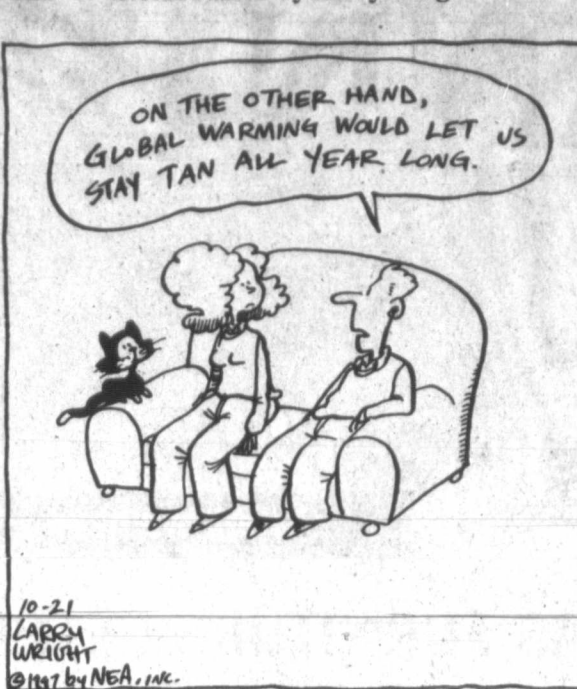
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# Horror fans give murder thriller warm welcome

By DARA AKIKO TOM  
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) - *I Know What You Did Last Summer* is doing quite well this autumn. The thriller about four teenagers stalked after trying to cover up a hit-and-run accident beat out the devil at the weekend box office.

The screamfest scared up an estimated \$16.1 million in debut ticket sales, while *Devil's Advocate*, starring Al Pacino and Keanu Reeves, was No. 2 with \$12.2 million in its first weekend of wide release, according to estimates from Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc.

The same audience that turned out for *I Know What You Did* made hits out of last year's *Scream* and *Romeo and Juliet*, said Robert Bucksbaum, a spokesman for Reel Source Inc., an industry newsletter.

"We're witnessing the awakening of the sleeping giant, the 15- to 22-year-old date-crowd market," he said. "And because this is the only film specifically targeted for this audience, that's why we believe it did so well."

*I Know What You Did* had the second biggest October opening ever, behind the \$16.7 million earned by *Stargate* in 1994.

Another murder-thriller, *Kiss the Girls*, starring Morgan Freeman and Ashley Judd, held its own, coming in at No. 3 after three weeks. It earned \$7 million for a total of \$39.2 million.

The slew of pre-Halloween thrillers hurt *Devil's Advocate* despite its heavyweight cast, Bucksbaum said. Brad Pitt's *Seven Years in Tibet*, dropped to No. 4 in its second week with \$6.57 million.

Playing God, with *The X-Files* TV star David Duchovny playing a doctor for bad guys, had a paltry \$2 million. It failed to open in the Top 10, edged out by the British comedy *Bean*, released only in Canada and overseas.

*Bean*, which stars Rowan Atkinson as a down-and-out museum employee who ends up saving the day, grossed \$2.25 million. It is scheduled to open in the United States in November.

Overall, it was another big weekend for movies, said Art

BOX OFFICE		
Top weekend movies		
Weekend of Oct. 17-19, 1997		
All dollar figures in millions		
	Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
1	<i>I Know What You Did Last Summer</i> \$15.8	\$15.8, one week, 2,524 screens
2	<i>Devil's Advocate</i> \$12.2	\$12.2, one week, 2,161 screens
3	<i>Kiss the Girls</i> \$7.0	\$39.2, three weeks, 2,385 screens
4	<i>Seven Years in Tibet</i> \$6.4	\$19.8, two weeks, 2,103 screens
5	<i>In &amp; Out</i> \$3.7	\$53.1, five weeks, 2,315 screens
6	<i>Soul Food</i> \$3.3	\$35.2, four weeks, 1,213 screens
7	<i>Rocketman</i> \$3.0	\$8.7, two weeks, 1,839 screens
8	<i>The Peacemaker</i> \$2.7	\$35.7, four weeks, 1,983 screens
9	<i>L.A. Confidential</i> \$2.5	\$26.9, five weeks, 1,345 screens
10	<i>Bean</i> \$2.2	\$2.2, one week (Canada only), 242 screens

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc. AP

Rockwell, an analyst with Yeager Capital Markets. Every weekend since July 20 has had higher sales than comparable weekends a year ago, Rockwell said.

In 1996, ticket sales were up six percent over 1995. By comparison, in the first nine months of this year, sales are up nine percent.

"Clearly this is going to be a record year by far. Looks to be better than 10 percent a year ago," Rockwell said.

The final weekend box office figures were to be released today.

Here are estimates for Friday through Sunday for movies released in North America:

1. *I Know What You Did Last Summer*, \$16.1 million.
2. *Devil's Advocate*, \$12.2 million.
3. *Kiss the Girls*, \$7 million.
4. *Seven Years in Tibet*, \$6.5 million.
5. *In & Out*, \$3.9 million.
6. *Soul Food*, \$3.5 million.
7. *Rocket Man*, \$3 million.
8. *The Peacemaker*, \$2.8 million.
9. *L.A. Confidential*, \$2.7 million.
10. *Bean*, \$2.3 million.

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## Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer orders cuts

HOUSTON (AP) - The state is ordering insurance companies to cut rates by \$610 million next year in an attempt to give consumers some benefit from lawsuit reform.

Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer said Monday that he was ordering cuts of an estimated \$436 million for 1996 and \$441 million for 1997.

Altogether, the cuts for the three years bring the insurance impact of tort reform to \$1.5 billion in savings, Bomer said in a joint appearance with Gov. George W. Bush.

The rollbacks stem from 1995 legislation, authored by Rep. Mark Stiles, D-Beaumont, mandating that insurance companies pass on to their customers the savings triggered by civil justice reforms.

The legislative changes included a cap on civil damages and was intended to limit frivolous lawsuits in Texas.

The biggest cuts announced Monday will be made in auto insurance, with \$268 million in cuts, and businesses' general liability insurance, with \$144 million in cuts.

Bodily injury liability insurance for private automobile passengers will be 9.2 percent lower in 1998 than it would have been.

For example, a typical driver in Houston with minimum coverage allowed by law will pay \$432 in insurance for a year with the new cuts, Bomer said. Without the cuts, the driver would pay about \$459 a year.

Monday's announcement was made in a warehouse belonging to OLS Maintenance Supply, a 15-person business that saved \$2,000 in insurance in one year due to the cuts. Owner Joe Ols said the extra money was put to good use - benefiting employees.

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