

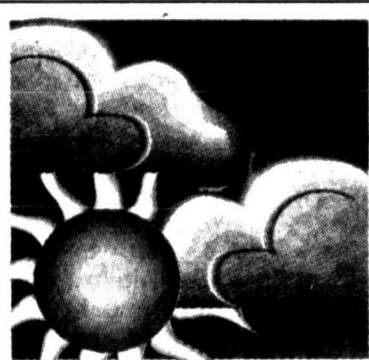
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PAMPA — It'll be time to get in costume and party Friday starting at 5 p.m. when the Pampa Recreation Department hosts a Halloween Party at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. Fifty dollar savings bonds will be awarded for costumes in the following categories: ugliest, funniest, spookiest, most original and prettiest.

WESLACO, Texas (AP) — It's the case of the purloined pants.

About 12,000 pairs of pants were stolen from a Dickie's plant before dawn Monday, police said.

Thieves cut the chains to the main gate and drove off with a trailer containing the clothing, police said. The trailer and pants are worth more than \$30,000.

Detective Raul Vallejo said the crooks had their own truck.

"They brought their own tractor to haul the trailer with. These guys are really organized and seem to really know what they are doing," Vallejo said.

In past thefts at other plants, the suspects dumped the trailers and tried to slip the merchandise into Mexico, according to Vallejo.

There were no arrests.

- Joe "Cad" Bowerman, 78, former motel owner.
- Christine A. Davis, 73, homemaker.
- Eva Mae Hartley, 81, cook at the Highway Cafe for 22 years.
- Margaret Couch "Tience" Martin, 91, retired teacher.

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U.S. Bus gets more city financial aid

Loan guaranty renewed; more lending possible

By Laura Haley
Staff Writer

A \$350,000 loan guaranty was renewed for six months and an additional \$610,000 in possible loans to U.S. Bus was approved by city commissioners last

night.

The loan guaranty was originally approved by commissioners for a 90-day period in June. However, Pampa Economic Development Corporation's Executive Director Lew Mollenkamp asked commissioners during their workshop session to extend the guaranty for another six months. This guaranty was offered to U.S. Bus to give the company much-needed capital to get production costs on-line.

And, although this past guaranty afforded the bus manufacturer enough to get production start-up costs on-line through a bank loan, it did not account for

other problems.

"I would have to say it [the project] was under capitalized," said Mayor Bob Neslage during the workshop discussion. "It was miscalculated."

Commissioner Jeff Andrews agreed. "It was funded enough for everything to work out perfectly up front," he said. "It didn't work perfectly — shock of shocks — as usually is the case."

Mollenkamp told commissioners that despite the previous loan guaranty, there were still cash flow problems related to capital costs at U.S. Bus.

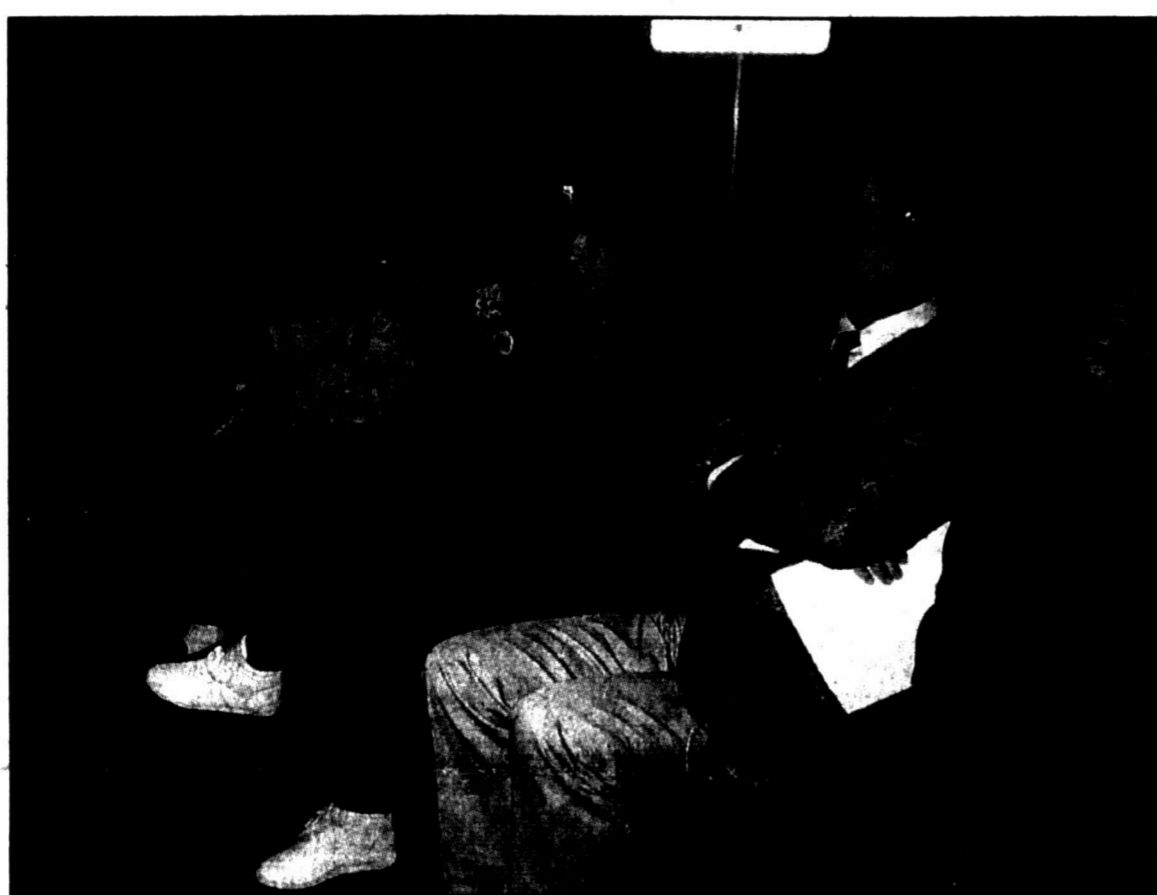
"There have been some developments that need our attention," he said.

So, in addition to renewing the \$350,000 loan guaranty, Mollenkamp asked commissioners to also approve a budget amendment for an additional \$610,000.

U.S. Bus needs "more working capital to make sure it can stand on its own," he said.

Mollenkamp is hoping the additional \$610,000 will be made available through loan guaranties as well. However, he asked commissioners to approve the budget amendment allowing for the event that the money will actually be loaned to U.S. Bus from the PEDC rather than guaranteed.

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(Pampa News photo by Laura Haley)

Whitney Davis, administrative assistant with Tralee Crisis Center, pins a corsage onto Lisa Busby, daughter of Twila Busby. Busby and her two sons were murdered in Pampa during a domestic violence dispute Dec. 31, 1993. Busby's boyfriend at the time, Hank Skinner, was convicted and sentenced to death for the slayings. Also recognized at the gathering was Busby's mother, Beverly Clark, and sister, LaDonna Alderman. Also pictured is Mayor Bob Neslage and Sheriff Don Copeland, who both spoke at the rally.

Rally honors victims of domestic violence

By Laura Haley
Staff Writer

About 60 residents lined the sidewalks in front of city hall last night in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Mayor Bob Neslage's proclamation of Domestic Violence Awareness Week in Pampa.

The ceremony began about 7:30 p.m. with a continuing prayer offered by Pastor Carol Peet, Rev. Todd Dice, Pastor Jim Prock and Rev. I.L. Patrick. Linda Town, executive direc-

tor for the Tralee Crisis Center then gave a speech about the purpose of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

"Thirty-eight percent of all murdered women in Texas are killed by their intimate partners," said Town, adding that the purpose of Domestic Violence Awareness Month is not only to mourn those who have died, but to honor the women who have survived.

Pausing throughout the speech to hold back tears, Town finally turned to recognize three

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Sausage festival set in White Deer Nov. 2 at Sacred Heart

WHITE DEER — Sacred Heart Parish of White Deer has scheduled its annual Polish Sausage Festival from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 2 at the Parish Hall, one block east of Main Street, White Deer, according to Carolyn Rapstine, publicity chairman. Tickets are \$6. for adults and \$3.50 for children.

The 1997 festival notes its 59th anniversary. This annual affair dates back to the summer of 1938, when the Rev. J.A. Zienta, a Polish priest, was pastor. The first



Nelson Britten and Dean Wyatt are among cooks who'll be preparing sausage for the 59th festival.

Execution tonight for mass murderer

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Even one of the men convicted of participating in one of Houston's worst single mass murders refers to the killing scene as grisly.

"I know that people hate me," Kenneth Ray Ransom says. "I understand that. I've had to deal with that for the past 14 years. There's nothing I can do about it."

Ransom was set to die this evening for what became known as the Malibu Grand Prix killings. An accomplice, Richard Wilkerson, was executed four years ago. A third participant, James Randall, is serving a life prison sentence.

Ransom, now 34, was a 20-year-old parolee the night of July 1, 1983 when he, Wilkerson and Randall walked into the Malibu Grand Prix amusement center in southwest Houston just before closing. They robbed the place of about \$1,300 and killed four young men who worked there, stabbing each victim repeatedly.

"Every time I drive by that location, I think about what that scene looked like," J.C. Mosier, a former Houston homicide detective who worked the case, recalled Monday. "In that rest room, there was at least 2 inches of blood on that floor. It was like they had a water leak. I'll never forget that. It's the most blood I'd ever seen at one location."



"No, it celebrates Satan."
— Valorey Foreman



"No, because of my faith."
— Rachel Ledford



"No I don't because I feel that it promotes fear, death and things that are evil. It wasn't always that way, but it has become a day that cults worship Satan..."
— Darlene Paramore-Bell



"Yes, it's a holiday, I have three kids ... I have to!"
— Sylvia Givens



"Yea, a lot of people say it's for worshipping the devil, but it's for the kids to eat junk and dress up."
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Pampa United Way agency profile: Southside Senior Citizens Center

Anyone involved with Pampa United Way becomes familiar with its many agencies and their work. Each volunteer seems to have his or her favorite, but we all become enthusiastic supporters of Southside Senior Citizens Center the minute we meet the wonderful people working there. The Center is a model of what a vital, caring, influential civic organization can and should be, and it is difficult to overestimate its importance in our community. Anyone wishing to make a positive difference in the world around them should take a close look at the Center - and be ready to learn.

Here at the close of the twentieth century, in the midst of society's turmoil, it is all too easy to allow apathy or resignation or stress to change us all for the worse. Truths that should stand eternal grow dim and people wince at the old clichés - charity begins at home, home is where the heart is, the Golden Rule. Well, it doesn't have to be that way, and it is not that way at the Southside Senior Citizens Center. Here, good people walk the talk and it is not difficult to measure the fruits of their labor.

But as you read on, turn your mind's eye away from the Center for a moment and concentrate instead on the people the Center serves. Put faces on their extended family members and imagine what an enormous, heart-touching difference the Center makes in their lives every day, what the Center means to them as individuals. What would the following activities mean to you as a senior citizen who had steadfastly served his family and community throughout the years and now sought to live out your days with dignity and compassion and enjoyment of life's simple pleasures?

The Center serves as a social hub for its extended neighborhood, a gathering place for interaction so essential in combatting loneliness and maintaining vitality and self-



(Special photo)

esteem. People gather there with friends and families for anniversaries, birthday parties, Church dinners and daily fellowship. Warm, patient hands that have wiped away babies' tears and nursed sick ones and hugged loved ones and fed families and toiled the years away in honest labor now find pleasure and purpose in crafts classes and recreation conducted at the Center. These hands are still creating, clapping, cooking, cleaning, crafting and reaching out to help every day.

The Center conducts blood pressure clinics on a regular basis and provides medical transportation for those who could not otherwise leave their homes. Every weekend, Southside cooks hot, wholesome meals for shut-in seniors and delivers them throughout the community - for about 1,500 people so far this year. The Center provides financial assistance to pay utilities for those who might otherwise have to do without. In short,

Southside is a lifeline for those it serves. Without it, our community - and the world - would unquestionably be a sadder, poorer place.

Southside Senior Citizens Center relies heavily on Pampa United Way funds for its operation. Without your support, it cannot exist. Many people are hard at work to ensure that your contribution is put to work making lives better right here at home. It's a powerful thing, and through Pampa United Way and the Southside Center, you have the power to make a difference.

The Center is located at 438 West Crawford here in Pampa (665-4765). Bea Wortham is the Administrator and she'll be happy to answer your questions, show you around - and maybe put you to work if you're able and willing. Stop by for a visit, and be prepared to feel good about Pampa United Way, your community and yourself.

When a United Way volunteer

calls, say yes - to those who need you most, to the power of you. If you have not been contacted, you can get in touch at 669-1001 or stop by the Pampa United Way office in the Pampa Community Building at 200 N. Ballard.

Republic of Texas leaders go on trial, defend philosophies

ALPINE, Texas (AP) - The trial of two Republic of Texas separatists has proved to be every bit as unorthodox as their political philosophies.

Republic leader Richard McLaren and Robert Otto, his top lieutenant, spent the opening day of the trial Monday shuttling in and out of the courtroom as they were each ordered removed eight times.

The men are on trial for their part in a weeklong armed standoff with authorities in the Davis Mountains last spring.

Remaining as defiant as they were during the siege, the two refused to follow legal procedures and interrupted proceedings with rambling political statements. Both emphasized their belief that the state courts have no jurisdiction over them because they are foreign nationals.

"I'm not proceeding forward. We will proceed forward in Washington, D.C., the U.S. Congress and the United Nations," said McLaren, the self-styled ambassador for the Republic.

Members of the movement believe Texas was illegally annexed by the United States and remains an independent nation.

Prosecutor Albert Valadez and state District Judge Kenneth DeHart tried to work around the interruptions. DeHart kept bringing the defendants back into the courtroom because, he said, he wants them to participate in the case.

Valadez, who frequently had to talk over McLaren's objections, said he knew all along the case would be unorthodox.

"I expected him to be disruptive," Valadez said outside court.

Both McLaren, 44, and Otto, 46, have court-appointed attorneys who were in court, but they have decided to represent themselves. The case is expected to wrap up Thursday.

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

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

L.W. McCall
Publisher

Kate B. Dickson
Associate Publisher/Editor

Opinion

Legislation would put reins on IRS

Innocent until proven guilty - that's an ancient principle in our legal system, dating back to the origins of common law in Anglo-Saxon times in England. In America, it's enshrined in the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees that "No person shall ... be deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of law."

But the Internal Revenue Service doesn't follow that guarantee. If it takes a taxpayer to civil court for tax-code violations, it is the taxpayer who must prove that he is innocent.

Finally, something might be done. Rep. Bill Archer of Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, has introduced legislation that would restore every taxpayer's right to presumption of innocence until proven guilty in a civil-court proceeding.

"In tax controversies," Archer announced recently, "the IRS position is assumed to be correct and taxpayers bear the burden of proving themselves innocent. It's time to shift the burden proof so the IRS has to demonstrate the taxpayer was wrong ... Criminals have more rights than taxpayers. It's high time we changed that."

Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, expressed similar sentiments. "It's extremely important to say that O.J. Simpson is not treated more kindly than an honest taxpayer, in the sense that the government presumes O.J. is innocent, but presumes you're guilty," Norquist said.

Just recently, congressional hearings publicized the extent and malevolence of IRS abuses of taxpayers. A catalogue of similar tales of woe appeared in a cover story in a recent issue of *Newsweek*, "Inside the IRS: Lawless, Abusive and Out of Control." And a new book, *Unbridled Power: Inside the Secret Culture of the IRS*, by Shelley L. Davis, details even more abuses. She was the IRS's only official historian.

The Archer bill will expand the rights of taxpayers by allowing, among other things, the taxpayer to sue the IRS for wrongdoing and by requiring the IRS to inform taxpayers of the precise reason they are being audited.

The Clinton administration initially opposed Archer's plan. "A wholesale shift in the burden of proof could risk placing excessive burdens on honest taxpayers by making it harder for the IRS to rely on voluntary compliance and by forcing the IRS into more burdensome audits and investigations," Lawrence Summers, deputy secretary of the treasury, told *The New York Times*. Clinton later reversed course and announced support for the Archer bill.

But Norquist pointed out that the White House sicced the IRS on the employees fired from the White House Travel Office; and that the National Rifle Association, the Heritage Foundation, and other conservative groups have been audited over the past two years.

These groups allege that they have been singled out for audits because of their political beliefs.

After so many years of operating outside constitutional boundaries, it's time the IRS was reined in. Archer's legislation is long overdue and should be passed by Congress.

-Odessa American

Thought for today

"Is chiefly by private, not by public, effort that your city must be adorned."

John Ruskin,

Lectures on Architecture and Painting

Berry's World

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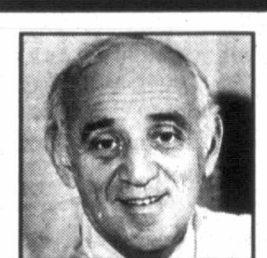
In praise of bigger numbers

It is better to fly anywhere nonstop than to Akron with a stop in Pittsburgh. It is better and safer to fly anywhere nonstop than to Salt Lake City with a stop in Denver. It is better, with less hassle, to fly anywhere nonstop than to Vienna with a stop in Frankfurt. Get on a plane, settle in, and - zoom! - get off at your destination. If it is bumpy, take a drink. If you're not a drinker, take a tranquilizer. If it's very bumpy, take two.

I have been in Japan twice before. Each time, I have departed from Washington, D.C., and then changed planes (once in San Francisco, the other time in New York). Leave home, wait for plane, take first flight, get to second flight (in New York, change airports), wait for second flight, take second flight, clear customs, get to hotel. Door to door, it took about 24 hours - and for a day or two after arrival, you felt like the inside of an old gash.

Now I am in Tokyo again. This time I flew nonstop from Washington-Dulles Airport to Tokyo-Narita Airport - flying time a little over 13 hours, the whole deal about 17 hours. What a difference! Seventeen hours, after all, roughly makes up a normal waking day. It's true, I awoke at 5 a.m. Tokyo time the first morning here, but sometimes I get up at 6 a.m. at home.

To what do I owe this blessing? Technology, certainly. Hats off to the folks who make and fly the planes. Affluence, certainly. There is enough money around to pay the costs of my



Ben Wattenberg

Ben Wattenberg is the author of *Values Matter Most*.

public television program. I am here with colleagues to tape three episodes of *Think Tank* as part of a PBS television special.

But there is another force at work to which we rarely pay homage: big numbers. These days, the enviros make the case that less is more. It's more likely, I say, that more is more.

There used to be no nonstop flights from Washington, D.C., to Tokyo. Then there were flights a couple of times a week, always inconvenient. Now it's up to four times a week. In large part, that's because the greater Washington, D.C., area has grown in population from about three million in 1970 to about 4.5 million today. There are now enough passengers to make the flight economically worthwhile. So I get to fly nonstop.

Big numbers do that kind of thing. Drug companies can spend many billions for research because there are enough people with a given malady to make its cure or treatment economically profitable. If you're going

to have heart disease, it's better to have it in an era when lots and lots of other people have it too. It's great for ballplayers. Some of those guys wouldn't be making their \$5 million a year if there weren't enough eyeballs on the TV screen to charge the advertisers big bucks to peddle their products. There wouldn't be Marlins in the World Series if South Florida hadn't grown.

What's happening is called "economies of scale," and it runs through most every nook and cranny of commerce. It costs a bundle to design and tool up for that first new car, but once the first one comes off the line, the price gets cheaper as the run gets larger. In theory, too, more people spend more time writing more and better books because there are more people and more stores to buy them and sell them. (In theory only; don't get me started on that screwy business.)

There was a story in the *New York Times* about people moving out beyond the suburbs and beyond the exurbs to get where crime, race and crowding aren't. But it's unlikely for that to happen unless a bunch of people do it, to share the costs of roads, sewer lines, and schools - and that's just the beginning of a long list which ultimately includes orthodontists and ophthalmologists. I do not get weepy when I am told that Sleepy Acres used to be a beautiful meadow with cows in it. I am more pro-people than pro-cow or pro-meadow. Growth is good.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 28, the 301st day of 1997. There are 64 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 28, 1886, the Statue of Liberty, a gift from the people of France, was dedicated in New York Harbor by President Cleveland.

On this date: In 1636, Harvard College was founded in Massachusetts.

In 1793, Eli Whitney applied for a patent for his cotton gin (the

patent was granted the following March).

In 1919, Congress enacted the Volstead Act, which provided for enforcement of Prohibition, over President Wilson's veto.

In 1922, fascism came to Italy as Benito Mussolini took control of the government.

In 1936, President Roosevelt rededicated the Statue of Liberty on its 50th anniversary.

In 1940, Italy invaded Greece during World War II.

In 1582, the Roman Catholic patriarch of Venice, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, was elected Pope, taking the name John XXIII.

In 1962, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev informed the United States that he had ordered the dismantling of Soviet missile bases in Cuba.

In 1976, former Nixon aide John D. Ehrlichman entered a federal prison camp in Safford, Ariz., to begin serving his sentence for Watergate-related convictions.

Ten years ago: During a debate in Houston that included the six Republican presidential contenders, Vice President George Bush argued that as President Reagan's "co-pilot," he knew how to "land the plane in a storm."

Five years ago: Less than a week before Election Day, President Bush continued to emphasize that voters could not trust Bill Clinton in the White House; for his part, Clinton accused Bush of abusing the powers of the presidency.

Media execs are without a clue

For years, members of the extreme right have been trying to project their homophobia on the American people. They have proclaimed that most Americans are categorically opposed to homosexuality - that they shrink in horror at the mere suggestion of same-sex intimacy.

Many media executives have apparently made a similar assessment. At ABC recently, network executives slapped an extra warning on an episode of *Ellen* that featured a jokey kiss between a straight woman and a lesbian.

"Due to adult content, parental discretion is advised," said the warning, which appeared in addition to the show's TV-14 rating.

The warning outraged Ellen DeGeneres, the show's openly gay star. DeGeneres and her TV persona, Ellen Morgan, came out last season in a much-publicized episode, and she felt that ABC's warning undermined that groundbreaking effort.

"What I am trying to say is, 'Who I am is OK.' It's a bit hard to feel OK, let alone portray OK, when the network is warning folks that you might be a danger to their kids," she said.

If the network put a parental advisory on every ABC show that featured a kiss or any other form of sexual innuendo, that would be one thing. But the top brass at ABC don't think we need to be cautioned against *The Drew Carey Show* or *Spin City*. In fact, the only other show that gets the TV-14 rating is *NYPD Blue*, which has both nudity and graphic violence.

It's strange that ABC should be so skittish about *Ellen*. After all, by bringing Ellen Morgan out of the closet last season, they had already asked the American people if they could handle



Sara Eckel

an openly gay lead character. And the American people overwhelmingly said yes. In fact, *Ellen's* coming out was one of the best things that has happened to the network. The episode was a hit with both the critics and the public, and it helped propel the show, which previously had unremarkable ratings, into one of TV's most popular nighttime comedies.

Americans were similarly underestimated shortly after the release of *In and Out*, a movie about a small-town teacher who is outed by a former student. The press made much ado about the fact that the film features a long same-sex kiss between actors Kevin Kline and Tom Selleck. "At the press junket it was ludicrous," Kline told *USA Today*. "Ninety percent of the interviewers were going 'Tell us about the kiss.' 'Did you have to get a note from your wife?' How many takes did it take to get it right?' It was so insane."

For its part, *USA Today* predicted that despite the movie's gentle tone, "It still might be too much for middle America."

It wasn't. At this writing *In and Out* is the highest-grossing movie currently in theaters and analysts predict that it will be the most suc-

cessful movie of the fall. And the numbers aren't being skewed by the crowds in New York and Los Angeles.

At the Mall of America in Minneapolis recently, a *New York Times* reporter found that *In and Out* was the most popular movie at the mall's 14-screen theater.

"Coming out is a big yawn," one moviegoer told the reporter. "W at made this film interesting wasn't that two men were making out on screen but that it was actually a pretty funny movie."

When the same reporter went to a small town in Indiana, he found a similar reaction. Claire C. Wishard, coordinator of the Indianapolis-based Heartland Film Festival, which honors uplifting family-values films, admitted that she was at first taken aback by the kiss, but that overall she thought the movie was "cute."

Hopefully, the success of shows like *Ellen* and movies like *In and Out* will convince media executives that, when it comes to comedies at least, the quality of the jokes is a lot more important than the sexual orientation of the characters.

Indeed, if the pen is mightier than the sword, then the laugh might be mightiest of all. Although Ellen DeGeneres wasn't able to prevent the network from airing the extra warning, she did succeed in preventing the network from cutting a suggestive scene from a future episode. In it, Ellen and her new girlfriend head toward the bedroom, implying that they will be having sex.

Once again, network executives will brace themselves for an outcry. And once again, the public will just laugh.

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Pampa High School Class of '47 donates \$4,000 to high school

After a year's worth of fund raising work, the Class of 1957 recently donated a check for \$4,000 to the high school to build a case for the Harvester Hall of Fame.

"The gift was given specifically to build a cabinet for the Harvester Hall of Fame memorabilia in honor of our classmate, Dr. R. Malcolm Brown Jr., one of the first inductees," said Class of '57 member Nancy Brown.

The school will use the money to build the case which will display the names and pictures of all of the members of the Harvester Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame was created last year, when the first four men and one woman were inducted.

"They wanted to do something in honor of their class but also something that would be beneficial to the school," Kendall said.

Representatives from the class of '57 presented the check to Principal John Kendall. These representatives included John Radcliff, Judy Taylor, Nancy Brown, Don Jonas, Estelle Malone, Marilyn Trollinger, Cynthia West and Jim Eakin.

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Wilson Elementary School honor roll

Wilson Elementary has announced its honor roll for the first six weeks grading period of the 1997-98 school year.

Second Grade

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Crystal Blanco, Jacob Phillips, Stephen Barrett, Andy Dunn, Dakota Gowan, Justin Lamb, Sage Neffendorf, Keith Young, Brittany Balay, Samantha Sutterfield, Ashlie Cox, Chelsea Ma, Nicholas Day, Adriana Saldierna, Devin Henderson.

Tara Crow, Jillri Simpson, Ariel Parry, Erica Delgado, Trevor Collins, Ryan Davis, Anna Hillman, Ashley Bowers, Carrie Angel, Kristopher Boyd, Ryne Hutcherson and Anthony Galaviz.

Third Grade

Shaunna Gray, Abby Weaver, Alicia Laycock, Chito Holguin, Cassie Tice, Francisco Conde, Ashley Martinez, Stephen McCarley, Donna Solis.

Matthew Trusty, Geneva Wildcat, Franky Ortega, Kaly Maddox, Alex Torres, Jenea Edie, Isset Solis, Justin Odey.

John Uloa, Johnny Carver, Bobby Fowler, Colby Stephens, Samantha Wilson, Chris Keough, Kenzi Nickell and Ashton Ray.

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Nicole Bryan, Amy Freeman, Cassie Newton, Kristen Boyd, Jamie Resendiz, Beth Joiner, Jackie Cooper, Mary Bennett, Ricky

Altrusa Club to hold annual flea market

BORGER — The Altrusa Club of Borger will host its annual November Flea Market from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 8 and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Dome located off State 136 in Borger. More than 70 vendors will be on hand selling everything from clothing to furniture. Admission will be free to the public.

The Annual Flea Markets — held in September, November and March — are the club's primary fund-raisers and help finance other service projects. Altrusa of Borger is responsible for the creation of Buttercup House Day Care Center, Inc., as well as the Annual Senior Citizens' Bazaar. The club is active in many other community projects.

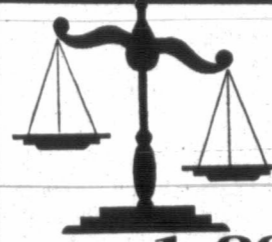
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Kids' Halloween Candy Haul Is Shared With Great Pumpkin

DEAR ABBY: For several years I have wanted to share this little trick for parents whose small children consume too much candy at Halloween. Finally, I've found the time to write, and it's actually before Halloween.

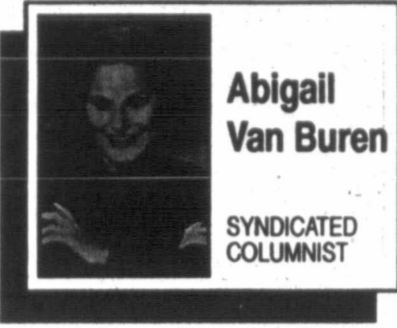
I have always told my children, thanks to Linus in the "Peanuts" comic strip by Charles M. Schulz, that the Great Pumpkin comes on Halloween night and brings a gift for the children who leave him candy. The more of their candy they leave, the bigger the gift is. To make this work — and my children have never kept more than five pieces of candy — you must begin when the children are very young, and keep reminding them that the more candy they leave, the bigger the gift. When my children keep only five pieces and turn the rest over to the Great Pumpkin, they get a substantial gift that they really want.

It's worth it to me. My kids have never had a cavity. And my husband and his co-workers are more than happy to eat what the Great Pumpkin reaps. I hope this works for other families.

NO SUGAR IN SEATTLE

DEAR NO SUGAR: What a "sweet" idea for parents who try to limit their children's sugar intake. It's a suggestion I'm sure many parents will welcome this Halloween.

And while I'm on the subject of Halloween, may I add a few



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

familiar homes where the outside lights are on. Young children should always be accompanied by an adult.

6. Map out a safe route to familiar homes for older trick-or-treaters, and make sure the children have flashlights, and that they stay on well-lighted streets.

DEAR ABBY: When a person receives a box of chocolates as a bread and butter gift, some people expect it to be opened and passed around. At a large party, it can be finished off, and the host or hostess might not even get to taste it.

I feel that a gift of chocolates should be opened when and where the recipient wants, and shared (or not) as the recipient wishes. What do you think, Abby?

CHOCOLATE LOVER IN LOMP, CALIF.

DEAR CHOCOLATE LOVER: I'm a chocolate lover, too. However, a gracious host does not put the box of chocolates aside, but shares the wealth.

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more tips from the National Citizens' Crime Prevention Campaign, which is substantially funded by the U.S. Department of Justice:

1. Instruct children not to eat any treats until they get home. Feed them a meal or snack before they go out to keep them from digging in while they're out. Parents should inspect all the treats.

2. Allow children to eat only those treats that are in unopened and original wrappers. Carefully inspect fruits and homemade goodies.

3. Make sure children wear light colors or put reflective tape on their flame-retardant costumes, which should be

short to prevent trips and falls.

4. Try makeup instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.

5. Children should trick-or-treat in groups, and stop only at

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today, it is important to properly acknowledge people who have helped you recently. Sights will prompt an evaporation of their support.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) All eyes will be upon you today, so conduct yourself in a manner that will attract and sustain admirers. Do not tarnish your image severely.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Even though you might be better informed than your peers about certain situations, don't flaunt your knowledge in order to appear superior.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Take nothing for granted in your business dealings today, because you might be lulled into a false sense of security and end up with the short straw.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Propositions brought to you by others today should be studied very carefully, or you might agree to something that benefits the promoter but not you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Keep your priorities in order today and give equal

and adequate attention to all duties. Anything you neglect could come back to haunt you later.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Friends and co-workers might want to do something today that you'll reject automatically. Do not be the lone dissenter disrupting everyone's plans.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do not buckle under pressure or setbacks today. Assume and maintain a positive attitude that can turn defeat into victory.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be kind and compassionate to others today, but also be careful not to do anything foolish that might cause you to have giver's remorse later.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Alliances that are based upon material concerns could get complicated today if you become selfish. Do not set a bad example.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you are assertive enough, there is no doubt that you can have your way today. However, it may not be worth the price you'll have to pay.

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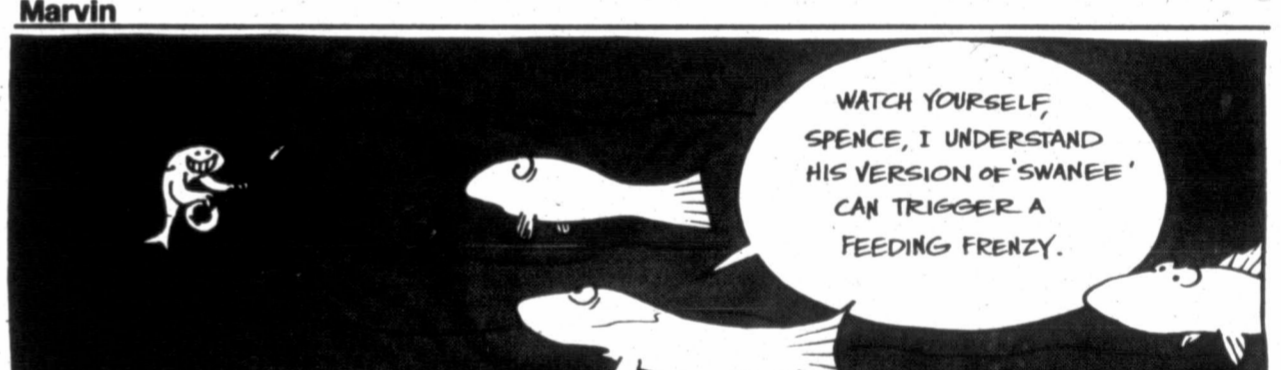
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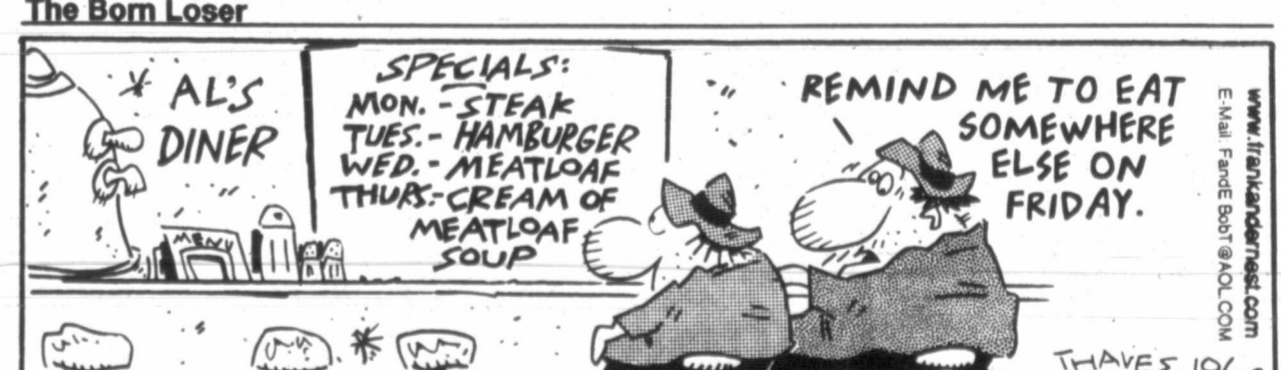
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Wednesday, Oct. 29, 1997

Do not be hesitant or fearful of pioneering fresh fields in the year ahead. New possibilities could develop for you in ways you'd least expect.

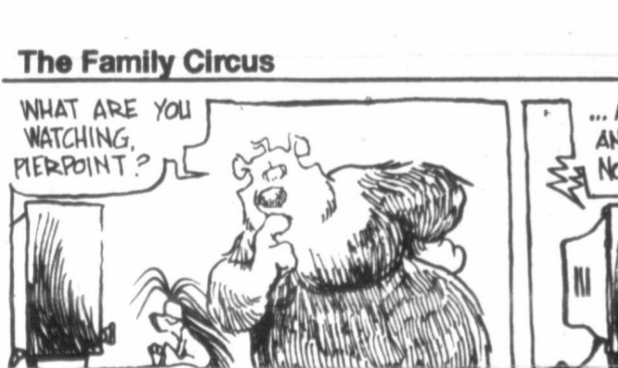
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Situations that are running smoothly shouldn't be interfered with today. Unwarranted changes might create problems where none existed previously. Scorpio, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.



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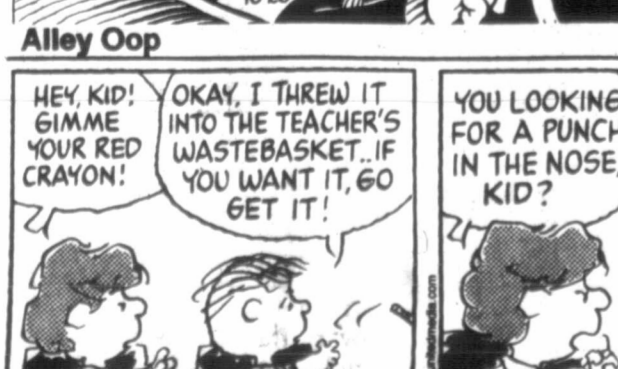
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BASKETBALL

DALLAS (AP) — Raef LaFrentz of Kansas and Alicia Thompson of Texas Tech were voted the preseason players of the year by Big 12 coaches on Monday, and their teams were picked to be the league champions.

Coaches selected Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas to the top three men's spots. LaFrentz and Kansas teammate Paul Pierce made the all-league team along with Texas Tech's Cory Carr, Nebraska's Tyrone Lue and Baylor's Brian Skinner.

Oklahoma true freshman Ryan Humphrey was picked to become the top freshman and Albert White, a Missouri sophomore and Michigan transfer, was tabbed newcomer of the year.

BASEBALL

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers have agreed to terms on a minor-league contract with outfielder Alex Diaz and invited him to spring training.

Diaz spent most of last season with Class AAA Oklahoma, batting .288 with 12 homers and 49 RBIs in 104 games.

He hit .222 with two homers and 12 RBIs in 28 games with the Rangers.

He will again be assigned to the Rangers' Pacific Coast League affiliate next season.

Diaz has a career major-league average of .250 in stints with Milwaukee, Seattle and Texas. He became a free agent after refusing outright minor-league assignment after the season.

The Rangers also said Monday that pitchers Terry Clark and Bryan Eversgard, catcher Henry Mercedes and outfielder Mike Simms have refused minor-league assignments and been granted free agency.

AUTO RACING

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. (AP) — Bobby Hamilton gave team-owner Richard Petty an early going-away present Monday, winning the rain-delayed AC Delco 400 at North Carolina Motor Speedway.

It was only the second career victory for Hamilton, but it came exactly a year to the day after his first win for Petty at Phoenix.

Hamilton, who will leave the Petty Enterprises team and the renowned No. 43 Pontiac to replace Sterling Marlin at Morgan-McClure Racing in 1998, said, "I'm happy for these guys. They get bonuses for this stuff and I didn't want to be labeled as a guy who would just give up."

The 40-year-old driver from Nashville, Tenn., also gave Pontiac its first victory since his win last Oct. 27.

The race, which had been scheduled to be run Sunday, was a wide-open affair, with 20 lead changes among nine drivers, including Dale Jarrett and Jeff Gordon, two of the three men involved in the tight Winston Cup championship battle.

In fact, it was Jarrett who was leading when the green flag came out 22 laps from the end of the 393-lap race, following the last of five caution periods.

Hamilton, who had led twice up to that time, was third, trailing Ricky Craven on the restart.

FOOTBALL

SUWANEE, Ga. (AP) — The flag outside the Atlanta Falcons offices is flying at half-staff. Inside, coach Dan Reeves detached himself from the period of mourning long enough to make a couple of business decisions.

After a loss to Carolina dropped the Falcons to 1-7, Reeves announced Monday he was waiving quarterback Billy Joe Tolliver and receiver Freddie Scott so he could sign quarterback Jim Miller and receiver Mercury Hayes.

The moves came while the team finalized plans for today's memorial service for Falcons owner Rankin Smith, who died Sunday of heart failure.

"We're going to get the job done and make this a franchise that everybody can be happy about," Reeves said.

49ers up next for struggling Cowboys

Aikman says he'll be ready to play

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys got a quarterback and a strong safety back for the San Francisco game but lost an outside linebacker. That's life in Dallas these days.

Troy Aikman had a stiff neck and headache Monday but vowed he'll start against the 49ers.

Strong safety Darren Woodson said he will shake off his knee injury and play.

But outside linebacker Vinson Smith broke his jaw against Philadelphia and won't

be able to compete on Sunday against San Francisco.

Aikman suffered the fifth concussion of his NFL career in the first period of the Dallas Cowboys' 13-12 loss to Philadelphia.

"I have no doubt I'll be fine," Aikman said Monday. "I felt I could have played in the second half yesterday. I felt I had gained my senses and could go back in but the doctors wouldn't let me."

As far as concussions go, Aikman said Sunday's wasn't the worst.

"I think the worst one I had was in the 1994 NFC championship game but I practiced

and played in the Super Bowl next week," Aikman said.

Aikman, who has had a total of seven concussions counting high school and college, said his helmet-to-helmet collision with Jimmie Jones of the Eagles was legal.

"Jimmie and I have been friends a long time and I don't think it was intentional," Aikman said of the former Cowboy.

It was Aikman's first concussion since Oct. 24, 1994 at Arizona. He said it was the first he has had with a new style of helmet he has been wearing.

"I really don't wear a special helmet because it's limited

what I can do because of the communication device we have in there," Aikman said. "I guess I could start wearing one of those helmet liners on the outside but don't look for me to do that."

Midway through the season the Dallas Cowboys are off to their worst start since 1990.

"Between the 20-yard lines we're the best team in the NFL," said Dallas running back Emmitt Smith, referring to the fact that the Cowboys are the worst at scoring touchdown after they get inside the 20.

The Cowboys are 4-4, with all four losses coming on the road against NFC East foes. Dallas has won five consecutive NFC East titles and have made the playoffs six consecutive years.

Aikman said if the Cowboys can beat the 49ers (7-1) on Sunday they can put the bad game in Philadelphia behind them.

"We need to win all of them now," Aikman said. "We've left no room for error."

Dallas also will have one of its best defensive backs for San Francisco.

Woodson, who missed the Eagles game because of a bone bruise on the knee, said "I will definitely play Sunday."

Woodson was missed against the Eagles because rookie Omar Stoutmire, his replacement, gave up the eight-yard winning touchdown pass to tight end Chad Lewis with less than a minute to play.

Bears shock Miami in OT

MIAMI (AP) — When the game ended, 33 hours after the scheduled kickoff, the Chicago Bears finally had something to celebrate.

Coach Dave Wannstedt's beleaguered Bears earned their first victory of the season Monday, overcoming a 15-point deficit in the final 5:48 of regulation to beat the stunned Miami Dolphins 36-33 in overtime.

The game was postponed Sunday so Game 7 of the World Series could be played at Pro Player Stadium. For the Bears (1-7), the victory was worth the wait.

"I can't tell you what a relief it is," said Erik Kramer, who threw for 150 yards and two touchdowns in the final 7 1/2 minutes of regulation. Jeff Jaeger clinched the victory by kicking his fourth field goal, a 35-yarder, with 5:35 left in overtime.

"I never went through anything like this in my life," Kramer said. "I think the entire team breathed a collective sigh of relief when we hit that field goal."

The Bears averted the first 0-8 start in the 78-year history of the franchise. They began 0-7 in 1969, won the next game and finished 1-13.

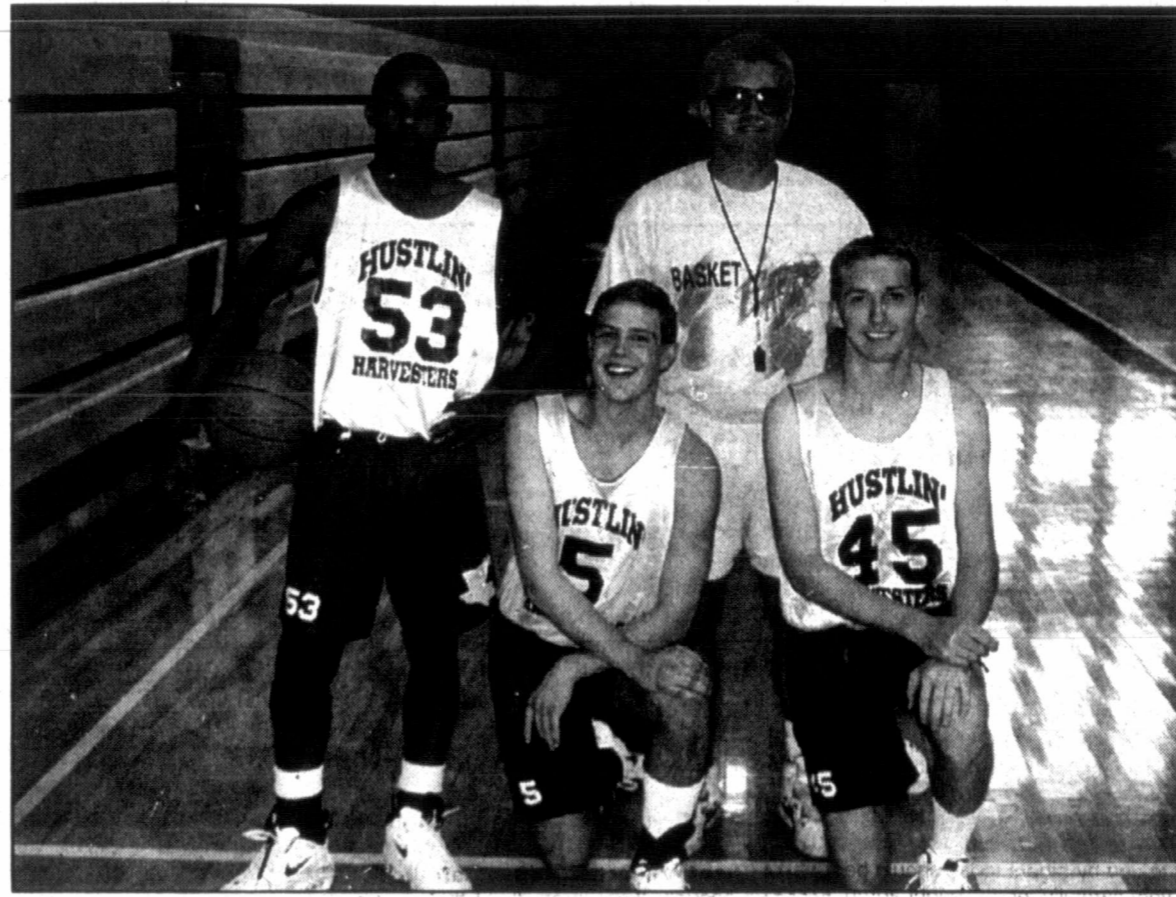
"If anyone had any questions about our character, tonight we provided some answers," said Wannstedt, who has been under fire from Bears fans and the media.

Barry Minter set up the winning score when he sacked Dan Marino to force a fumble that Carl Reeves recovered at the Miami 17-yard line. Two fumbles by Marino in the first half led to nine Chicago points.

"We pretty much gave them the game with the turnovers," Marino said. "They blitzed and came after us, and it worked a lot of the time."

The loss left the Dolphins (5-3) tied with New England and the New York Jets for first place in the AFC East.

Harvester seniors



(Pampa News photo)

Three seniors are on this year's Pampa Harvesters' basketball team. Pictured with assistant coach Jay Lamb are (front left), Lynn Brown, Sam Ledford and Tyson Alexander. The seniors and the entire team are getting ready for Midnight Madness, which tips off at 8 Thursday night in McNeely Fieldhouse. Several \$100 worth of prizes will be given away to the fans in attendance and there will be entertainment from the pep band, choir and cheerleaders. The Harvesters, including the freshmen, will scrimmage and also run through a variety of drills. Fans will also have a chance to win a free family trip during a drawing. Pampa opens the 1997-98 season Nov. 18 on the homecourt against Sanford-Fritch.

Astros' Kile may become a free agent

HOUSTON (AP) — The agent for Houston pitcher Darryl Kile says the Astros ace plans to file for free agency, although he didn't do so on the first day possible.

Players eligible to file for free agency could begin filing on Monday.

"We didn't file (Monday) for no other reason than Darryl is on the road and I haven't been able

to talk to him," agent Barry Axelrod said. "That's the plan (to file)."

"We don't have an offer from the Astros at this point, so there is no reason not to—once you get this close—file and see who calls."

Kile had a 19-7 record and 2.57 ERA last season. He earned \$1.7 million last season but will earn

much more with his next contract.

Kile has expressed a desire to return to the Astros and Axelrod said that's still in the plans.

"I hope it's clear that if Darryl files, it doesn't necessarily mean he's leaving the Astros," Axelrod said. "I've handled a lot of high-profile free agents, and all but one has returned to their team."

Hereford downs Dumas in first of three-team 1-4A volleyball playoff

AMARILLO — Hereford defeated Dumas, 18-16, 15-10, Monday in the first match of a three-team playoff to determine the District 1-4A volleyball seeding.

The Lady Whitefaces are the defending state 4A champions. Hereford (22-6) will next play Randall (18-8) for the top seed in the district at 6:30 tonight.

If Hereford wins, then Randall would play Dumas (19-9) one hour later for the No. 2 seed in the district.

The three teams shared the district title with 10-2 league records.

If Randall wins, then Hereford is the No. 2 seed and Dumas is No. 3.

The playoff matches are being held at the Caprock Activity Center.

Pampa finished fourth in the final district standings with a 5-7 record. Canyon was fifth at 4-8, followed by

Borger (3-9) and Caprock (0-12).

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WICHITA FALLS — The fifth-ranked West Texas A&M Lady Buffs posted their third sweep of a Lone Star Conference South Division opponent in four days with a 15-7, 15-4, 15-7 win Monday against Midwestern State.

The Lady Buffs improved to 9-0 in LSC South Division play and 26-3 overall. WT has won seven straight matches.

Sophomore Sarah Butler's match-high 19 kills led the Lady Buff attack. Butler hit .515 for the match, adding seven digs and a block assist defensively.

Senior Amanda Sweatt added nine kills, while Lisa Thomason and Tatum Wales chipped in seven apiece. Deena Victor recorded 43 set assists.

WT plays at Texas A&M-Kingsville at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Amy Youree competed in the 9-year-old Level 5 Division. She finished fifth in All-Around with a 29.25.

She was fifth on floor exercise 8.35 fifth on vault 7.5, fifth on bars 6.85 and sixth on beam 6.55.

Also competing for Team Pampa in the Level 4 Division were Lacie Long, Amy Freeman, Brittany Warminski and Becky Diggs. All four girls are first-year competitors. Long earned a red ribbon for her floor exercise routine, 8.95 and finished with a 30.3 All-Around.

Freeman earned a red ribbon in floor exercise 8.65 and had a 28.50 All-Around.

Warminski received a white ribbon on floor exercise 7.5 and had a 28.4 All-Around. Diggs earned a white ribbon for her floor exercise 7.8. Her All-Around was 28.2.

The District Championships will be the final meet of the season for all Level 4 gymnasts.

The lower level gymnasts are not allowed to go on to state level meets.

The Level 5 gymnasts will be competing at the District Championships to try and earn places to go on to the North State Semi-Finals, which will be held in Tyler.

From there, gymnasts will try to qualify for the State Championships in Spring, Tex. in December.

"We are very excited about the District Championships. I don't think we need to feel any pressure for this meet. We have been consistently on top all season and the girls are working very hard," said coach Kristi Fatheree. "We are looking toward the Semi-Finals and State right now. I think the girls will have a good meet in Lubbock."



(Pampa News photo)

Sophomore Tandi Morton (above) helped lead Pampa past Caprock, 16-14, 15-9, in the final volleyball match of the year for the Lady Harvesters on Saturday. Morton led Pampa in kills with 7 and blocks with 6. She was also 10 of 10 in passing and 9 of 9 in digs. The Lady Harvesters finished the season in fourth place in the District 1-4A standings with a 5-7 record. Overall, they had a 14-11 record.

Judging team



(Special photo)

The forensic judging team of South Plains College in Levelland recently judged a CX Lincoln-Douglas Debate Tournament held at Brownfield. Ryan Witt of Pampa (top row, sixth from left) was a member of the South Plains judging team.

Travis Elementary honor roll

Travis Elementary School has announced its honor roll for the first six weeks grading period of the 1997-98 school year.

Second Grade

A Honor roll

Vivek Sant, Megan Barnett, Chelsea Cain, Ally Garner, K'Lyn Holmes, Shealyn McGahen, Kayla Mendoza, Valerie Rushing, Courtney Elliott, Kristen Hagerman, Ryne Malone, Landon Moreland, JaCee Villarreal, Adam Anguiano, Chris Bledsoe, Michael Ferniuk.

Joshua Humphrey, Rachel Bartel, Meagan Crawford, Kristen Dunn, Krishna Henderson, Ashton Coffman, Kalyann Jones, Candace Parks, Andy Akins, Russell Carter, Julie Crossman, Jimmy Craig, Stephanie Jasso, Kayla Kidd, Morgan Reagan, Brody Russell and Chris Russell.

AB Honor roll

Ryan Carnagey, Brendon Carpenter, Johnny Ellen, Dakota Gilleland, Kyle Hargus, Briawna Richards, Mistie Cano, James Irvin, Ashley Owen, Emily Woodruff, Alyson Brooks, Garrett Eggleston, Jordan Bynum, Stephanie Dinges, Larri Golleher and Lydia Heare.

Third Grade

A Honor roll

Andrea Burkhalter, Meredith Couts, Kinsey Guynes, Kristen Roye, Lauren Bowen, Jacklyn

Cargill, Brandon Crook, Russell Dougless, Richard Leal, Alexandra Long, Ryan Olson, Meagan Patterson, Jade Skinner.

Andrew VanHouten, Ben Gibson, Logan Howard, Bradley Johnson, Alisha Jones, Whitney Morris, Jake Russell, Heather Sampson, Brittany Taylor, Amber Williams, Nikki Brandt and Whytnee Shattuck.

AB Honor roll

Alicia Kirkwood, Courtney Meyer, Eliza Mungia, Amber Fisher, Garrett Jonas, Tanner Ray, Toria Rodriguez, Justin Mears, Kelsie Wyatt, Erica Arreola, Levi Cave, Ryan Goldsmith, Christopher Graves, Lori Presson, Brittany Reagan, Lisa Rodriguez and Luz Villagrana.

Fourth Grade

A Honor roll

Krissie Alexander, Hannah Brooks, Wendy Clark, Morgan Meharg, Seth Peerson, Tamara Woodward, Amy Yoree, Brydon Barker, Nicole Ferniuk, Marissa Hudson, Jordan Hugg, Taren Johnson, Lacie Long, Chadd Malone, Destinee Manhart, Lexton Rabel.

Cheryl Alexander, Brooke Colton, Jake Craig, Brian Haddock, Laura Haley, Ashlee Lucas, Ashley Orr, Reid Schindler, Shanon Smith, Miranda Woodruff, Sarah Johnson, Amber Qualls, Felicia Urban, Cortnee White, Logan Baker, Zachary Edens and Michael Grajeda.

AB Honor roll

Kenna Davis, Kaysha Lee, Matthew Parks, David Tatum, Heather Wills, Cama Niccum and Aaron Anguiano.

Fifth Grade

A Honor roll

Ashlyn Brandt, Levi Nunn, Ruth Ann Schlewitz, Missy Brown, Jennifer Jackson, Erin Winegeart, Jake Heare, Chris Moody, Drew Morrison, Jacob Stillwagon and Suzanne Parks.

AB Honor roll

Michelle Evans, Jacob Potter, Sarah Schwartz, Kendall Stokes, Krissa Galloway, Justin Lane, Meagan Coffey, Kara Kidd, Cameron Seger, Levi Watts, Danielle Tucker, Nathan Carnagey, Cody Hukill, Skye Niccum and Jennie Rogers.

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Trustees vote to rescind book policy

BURLESON, Texas (AP) — A policy that had banned books that contained profanity from being used as required reading for younger grades has been rescinded by school trustees.

The trustees voted unanimously Monday night to reverse the policy.

In its place, they passed a policy that will require teachers to send parents detailed lists of reading materials at the start of each semester.

Two of the seven trustees were not present for the meeting.

School Superintendent Fred Rauschuber called the unanimous vote a compromise that he believes will please conservative Christian parents who supported the ban, and teachers and parents who criticized it.

"The process worked," Rauschuber said. "We had two passionate sides, and we were able to get them together and work out a happy medium that satisfied both of them."

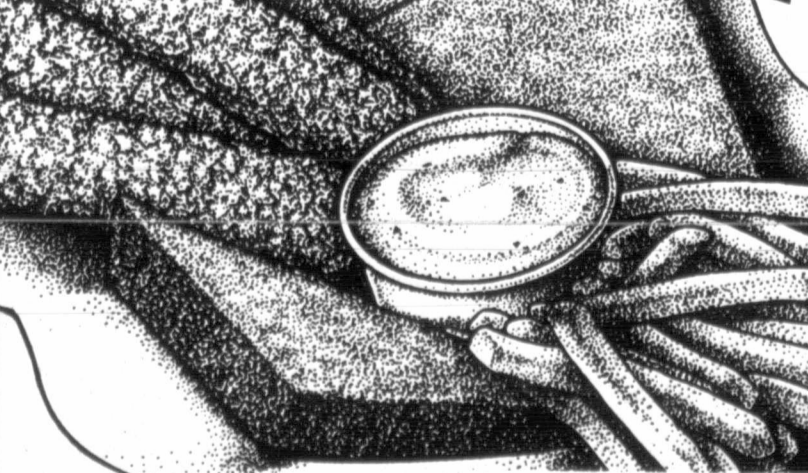
The old policy did not define profanity, but school officials said after it passed that childhood classics such as Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" and Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning "To Kill a Mockingbird" would have been pulled from reading lists.

Parents and teachers were critical of the ban. Most trustees said earlier this month that they supported a move to rescind the ban.

The old policy required high school teachers to alert parents about books containing any profanity within the first two weeks of each semester.

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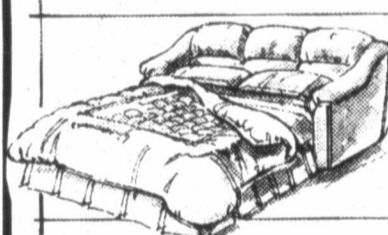
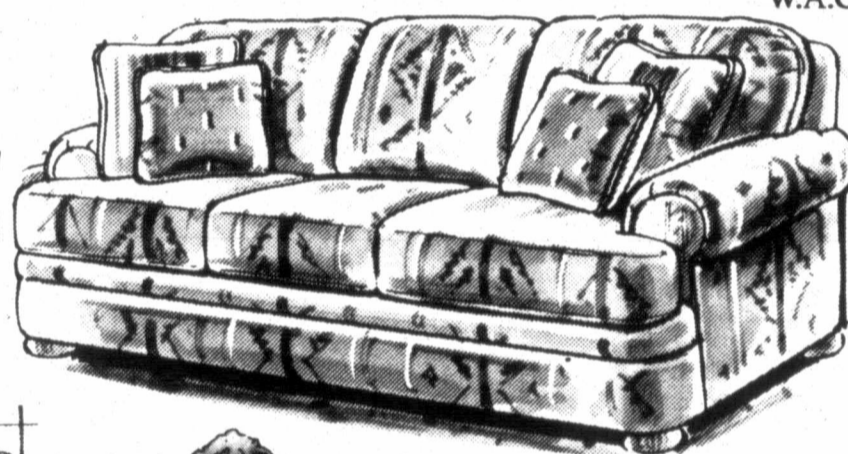
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