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Gov. Bush makes fund-raising visit

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

Governor George W. Bush told Pampa citizens that he enjoys his job and will continue to address Texas education, welfare and crime concerns when he hits the reelection campaign trail two months from now.

"I appreciate so much your leadership and turning out such a significant crowd," he said to community members Tuesday at a Pampa Country Club fund-raiser luncheon. "And I hope it's apparent that I love my job so much that I want to do it again," Bush said.

Senator Teel Bivens of Amarillo and local Pampa Representative Warren Chisum were among the many guests at the governor's standing-room-only luncheon.

"It's good to be with Teel Bivens and Warren Chisum - I believe they are handling the panhandle very well," said Bush.

The governor announced that he has scheduled an aggressive reelection campaign that will take him to many Texas communities as he uncovers his platform for the 1998 election.

"I really, really do love my job as governor," he said, "And I promise you as governor that your money will be well spent and you won't get a dime back," he jokingly said to the crowd.

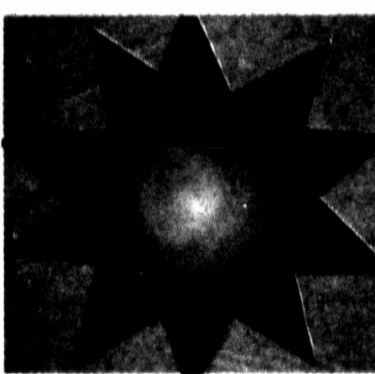
Bush's visit to Pampa was one of several fund-raising stops that he is currently taking to make his point to Texans:

"I'm going to make it clear ... I love Texas," he said.

"And of all the reasons you should elect me the most valid is to keep Laura as your first lady," Bush said as he commended the work his wife has done in breast cancer awareness, literacy education and Texas arts.

After giving an update on his wife, his two teenage daughters and his life in the Governor's Mansion, Bush began to discuss his future campaign plans.

He chose not to reveal all of the details in the upcoming issues of his approaching campaign, but instead informed Pampans that as in the past, education, welfare reform and crime fighting strategies will continue to be part of that agenda.



Low tonight 35-40.
High tomorrow low 70s.
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PAMPA — The NAACP Pampa Branch will have a bake sale starting at 8 a.m. Saturday at M.K. Brown Auditorium in the Heritage Room. The public is invited to bring a sweet tooth and indulge.

PAMPA — Fire Marshall G.R. Stevens reminds citizens that the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and the halogen lamp industry are cooperatively recalling for in-home customer repair some 40 million halogen torchiere floor lamps because the bulbs can cause fires. The CPSC is aware of at least 189 fires and 11 deaths since 1992 involving these lamps. If you own a halogen torchiere floor lamp without a glass or wire bulb shield you can get one free at many stores including Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Lowes, Office Depot and Target. Or you may call 800-985-2220.

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A two-time convict on parole for auto theft when he was sent to death row was executed Tuesday for participating in a stabbing frenzy that left four young men dead at a Houston amusement center 14 years ago.

Kenneth Ray Ransom, 34, was pronounced dead at 6:20 p.m. CST, six minutes after a lethal dose of drugs was released into his arms.

Ransom's mother, Pearl, watched through a witness room window five feet from her son and collapsed hysterically to the death chamber floor as the lethal drugs began taking effect and her son gasped.

She had to be lifted, screaming uncontrollably, into a wheelchair and removed from the room before her son was pronounced dead.

Ransom's last statement included a lengthy Muslim chant. He insisted he was innocent of the killings and said his death would be "an instrument to abolishing the death penalty."

"First and foremost, I'd like to tell the victims' families I'm sorry," he said. "I'm not sorry because I feel I'm guilty. I am sorry because of the pain all of them are going through each holiday, each birthday that they're without their loved ones."

- **Ollie Lake Arrington, 96**, former teacher, lived on the Rocking Chair Ranch for 43 years.
- **Ina B. Reading, 91**, Pampa resident since 1942.
- **Ivan L. Walraven, 92**, farmer, auto mechanic.

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(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

Governor George W. Bush (left) with Harold Courson stand and chat a minute outside the Pampa Country Club following the fund-raising luncheon that brought the governor to town yesterday afternoon.

Man dies in county jail

The death in the Gray County Jail of a 27-year-old Pampa man who was locked up on a driving while intoxicated charge is under investigation today by the Texas Rangers.

Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland identified the man, who was found dead about 11:50 last night, as James G. Hooker of 111 S. Starkweather. His body has been sent to Lubbock for autopsy.

Records show Hooker was booked at the jail at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday shortly after he was arrested

when he fled the scene of a one-car accident in which he backed his car into a fence at 945 E. Scott.

Copeland would not discuss the circumstances of the death pending outcome of the investigation by Texas Ranger Alvin Schmidt who was not available for comment this morning.

Wednesday's arrest was not the first for Hooker who Copeland said has been arrested "12 times this year on alcohol-related charges."

Water concerns aired in region planning meet

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

PANHANDLE — The major concern of panhandle residents have about the Texas water plan is the size of the region they'll be in and who pays for the planning.

Some 80 people packed the Grady Hazelwood Building of the Square House Museum complex Tuesday night for a public meeting hosted by the Texas Water Development Board concerning regional water planning.

Dr. Tommy Knowles, deputy executive administrator for planning for the TWDB, opened the meeting here, one of 16 such meetings around the state, with an explanation of the process the agency expects to follow to establish regional planning areas and water planning guidelines as dictated by Senate Bill 1. The bill was passed into law during the last session of the state legislature.

The initial draft of the plan required by SB1 is the first step in establishing a 50-year statewide water plan that is sup-

Senate Bill 1 requires cities, counties, water districts and other local entities to state how they will conserve water supplies and respond to future droughts in their planning areas and requires regional water planning groups.

posed to be adopted by the TWDB by the year 2001 and reviewed every five year afterwards.

According to Knowles, the state is to be broken up into water planning regions under local officials representing different local interests.

SB1 requires the TWDB to designate regional water planning areas and approve regional water plans which will be incorporated into the state water plan. SB1 requires cities, counties, water districts and other local entities to state how they will conserve water supplies and respond to future droughts in their planning areas and requires regional water planning groups,

comprised of representatives of the various interests in each area, to plan how the area will meet future water supply needs.

Planning areas are required to submit regional water plans to the TWDB for approval every five years beginning September, 2000. The TWDB will incorporate approved regional water plans into the next comprehensive state water plan, which is due Sept. 1, 2001.

The development of rules and water planning areas are supposed to be the result of local effort, driven from the bottom up, according to the legislation proposed and passed by the legislature.

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"I feel really blessed..."



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

Marilyn Shepherd, standing with some of her art works, had one of her oil paintings chosen to be in the prestigious "Best of the Southwest Art" show in Amarillo.

Artist chosen to display work in prestigious show

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

Pampa artist Marilyn Shepherd had one of her oil paintings chosen for the "Best of the Southwest Art" show in Amarillo this week.

The art show, which covers five state areas, is limited to 200 paintings and Shepherd's "Grampa & Me" was selected as one of the pieces to be displayed for the show at Boatman's First National in Amarillo through Friday.

"I feel really blessed,"

Shepherd said. "This is the second year for me to have one of my paintings chosen."

Shepherd was commissioned to paint "Grampa & Me" for the birthday of the gentleman in the portrait.

"When he saw it, tears came to his eyes," she said.

Although her painting career has taken off,

Marilyn Shepherd has only been seriously painting for three years, after a career as a manager at a local credit union.

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Oops! Quarter hours add up for police

AMARILLO (AP) — Punctuality is about to cost the Dumas Police Department plenty.

A rule requiring officers to arrive at work 15 minutes early was scrutinized when a fired cop asked City Manager Larry A. Smith for the accumulated overtime from those early arrivals.

Smith said he didn't know about the policy until former officer Brice Herring made the request.

"They were all required to do it, but most officers weren't putting it down on their time cards,"

Smith said. "I guess they didn't think it was a big deal, but it is a big deal."

It's \$40,000 big, Smith said. Nineteen current and former officers in this Panhandle city of 13,500 each will be paid the equivalent of 53 hours overtime per year for the last two years.

Some officers could take comp time in exchange for money.

Last week, a budget crunch forced city commissioners to raise taxes and gas rates and lay off 15 employees.



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Pampa United Way supports Boy Scouts

This article is one in a series of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way.



(Special photo)

The Pampa Boy Scouts program is administered by the Golden Spread Council, Boy Scouts of America...

The Boy Scout program is designed to prepare young people to make ethical life choices...

The program begins in the first grade when a boy and his adult partner may join Tiger Cubs...

The high school age program is co-ed, with emphasis on careers and special interests as young adults prepare themselves for responsibilities in the world of work and adult life.

maintains a Scout service center in Amarillo, with the administrative office and Scout supply shop...

The program provides a variety of scouting services for the organizations in the area. There is a full-time professional staff...

The Council owns and maintains two camps - Camp Don Harrington, 12 miles south of Amarillo, and Camp M.K. Brown, located near Wheeler.

Scouts, Webelos and Boy Scouts participated in the various summer camping operations.

The Golden Spread Council is a member agency of 10 United Ways (including the Pampa United Way) which provide finances for nearly 30 percent of scouting support service needs.

With the success of the current year's campaign, the Pampa United Way will provide funds to help continued support of scouting in the Pampa area.

United Way agency profile: The American Red Cross

This article is one in a series of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way.



When ten-year-old Annabel attended the CPR training at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School...

When William went to work one morning, he never dreamed he would get a phone call telling him his house was on fire.

Serving Pampa since 1918, the Red Cross is dedicated to easing human suffering.

people in disaster areas through the Disaster Welfare Inquiry and they track down military personnel to deliver urgent messages.

Prevention of potential problems is a primary goal. Annabel's heroic actions were prompted by free educational programs offered in the schools.

- Home Alone Program, FACT - First Aid for Children Today Disaster Education Programs, Blood Borne Pathogens, BAT - Basic Aid Training, CPR for Adults, Children and Infants, Financial Counseling (free), Water Safety Classes.

Drop by the Gray County Red Cross office any Friday and join your friends and neighbors taking part in free blood pressure and blood sugar testing.

The American Red Cross is a vital part of our community. Its many services are available to us because of the Pampa United Way.

Questions? Contact Linda Duncan at 669-7121.

Miami Fire Department benefits from FEPP program

MIAMI - Miami Volunteer Fire Department recently took advantage of equipment aid available from the Texas Forest Service.

Miami Fire Safe program. Fire Safe sales to date exceed \$3.7 million, according to the state forestry agency.

Fire Safe programs is available from the Rural Fire Defense Section, Texas Forest Service, Fire Control Department, P.O. Box 310, Lufkin, TX 75902-0310, phone (409) 639-8130.

Under the FEPP program, equipment acquired through the military is transferred to qualifying fire departments at no cost.

The passage of legislation minimizing liability to industrial companies that donate used firefighting equipment for volunteer fire department use has made additional equipment available and more donations are likely.

Volunteer fire departments may save money in another way. A self-insurance vehicle liability insurance pool also administered by the Texas Forest Service offers liability coverage for \$250 per vehicle, ambulances excluded.

Volunteer fire departments can also purchase firefighter clothing, hand tools and water handling accessories at discount prices through the Fire

Ochiltree County Family and Consumer Education Clubs to kick-off Christmas in November program

PERRYTON - Ochiltree County Family and Consumer Education Clubs are busy making preparations for their annual Christmas in November program.

During the day there will be demonstrations for holiday decorations and gift ideas.

and pair of sweat pants.

Angie Huff, Extension agent from Hemphill County, will show several ideas for ornaments made from small clay flower pots.

During the day there will be demonstrations for holiday decorations and gift ideas.

FCE Club will show how to make a strip quilt that could be a good winter project using scrap fabrics, and Cynthia Shatt's, Ochiltree County Extension Agent, will share recipes for healthy party foods and snacks.

There is no charge for the program. The FCE Clubs will offer a salad lunch for \$4, with tickets available at the door.

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

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Opinion

Attorney General changes her tune

"I believe that this investigation could not have been conducted under the supervision of the attorney general and concluded with any public confidence in its thoroughness and impartiality."

So said Attorney General Janet Reno in 1993. She was explaining why, during the Iran-Contra scandal, a special prosecutor, rather than Justice Department officials, had been tasked with the inquiry into the Reagan administration's misdeeds. "There is an inherent conflict whenever senior Executive Branch officials are to be investigated by the (Justice) Department and its appointed head, the attorney general," Reno explained. "... It is absolutely essential for the public to have confidence in the system and you cannot do that when there is conflict or an appearance of conflict in the person who is, in effect, the chief prosecutor."

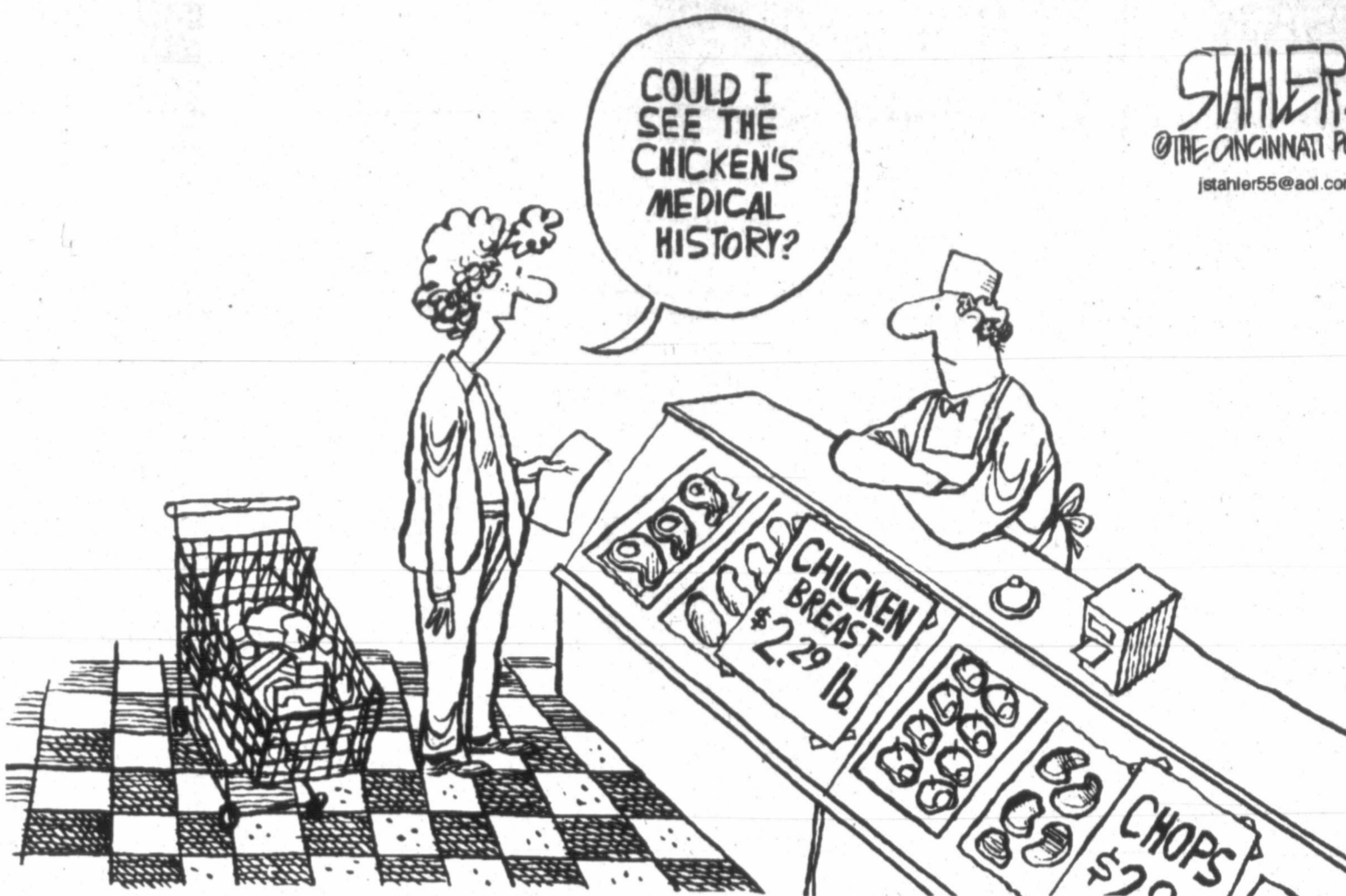
Reno's reasoning applies in spades to the fund-raising scandals of the Clinton administration. For her department to conduct the inquiry looks too much like the administration investigating itself. Indeed, public confidence can only have been further eroded in recent weeks, as Reno offered an exoneration of Bill Clinton based, the public was told, on all the evidence; yet two days later it was revealed that there were scores of videotapes of the president's questionable meetings with donors — tapes that the Justice Department is supposed to have known nothing about.

Yet, in a recent appearance before the House Judiciary Committee, Reno didn't budge: She claimed to see no need for an independent prosecutor.

Even if campaign-finance restrictions can be tortured by Reno to permit the use of the executive mansion for partisan political fund-raising, there are larger transgressions at issue. They relate to massive violation of laws against taking political money from foreigners; and the very real question of whether American policy was sold to high bidders. On several different occasions, there are circumstances to indicate the Clinton administration was more than happy to cater to foreign sources that presented the opportunity to generate money for campaign coffers. Enough smoke has been raised to consider the possibility that flames might have been evident.

But Reno has shown that she cannot provide even the appearance of detachment needed for a credible investigation. The longer she delays in calling for a special counsel, the more she invites suspicion about her motives and agenda.

—Odessa American



Reno has all the right stuff

The rule of thumb at Washington soirées these days is don't stand too near a Republican, lest you end up with spittle all over your clothing. They are not difficult to spot, even if they have recently wiped the foam from their mouths. Just look for the folks with the florid faces and throbbing temples.

Their problem is that after five years of trying, they can't nail Slick Willie with a scandal that will stick, and they've gotten right rabid about it. They think the Democratic campaign finance mess might be the stake that slays the vampire, and they want an independent counsel to make the case.

They won't get their wish without Attorney General Janet Reno's cooperation, of course, and they have focused their hostilities on her with an intensity that would long ago have buckled the knees of a weaker person. Several have threatened to impeach her. Newt Gingrich, an expert on the subject of fools, said Reno looked like one for ignoring Republican entreaties.

You might have noticed the savagery during the House Judiciary Committee's recent interrogation of the attorney general. The Republicans growled like a pack of wild pit bulls as they tried their damndest to force Reno's complicity in their political games. My guess is the clean-up crews were up on the dais all night swabbing up froth and drool.

They had no idea how silly they looked as they ganged up on this solitary woman who coolly fended off their attacks while exhibiting more integrity



Joseph Spear

than the lot of them taken together.

Bob Barr of Georgia, for example, who bangs to mind a cuckoo clock that has been wound a few ticks too tight. He was a prosecutor himself, he reminded us, and he knows a crime when he sees one. Or James Sensenbrenner of Wisconsin, who claimed he detected a conspiracy in the videos of Clinton schmoozing donors and asked what Reno would do about it. There was no apparent illegality, she said. Well, that's just the kind of response that dilutes your credibility, he said, leaving the viewer to wonder what parallel universe he just beamed in from.

She would do what she feels is right, she kept repeating, and hang the consequences. She would not be coached by Clinton. She would not be instructed by the gentlemen glaring down at her at that moment. If they impeached her, she added with Trumanesque flair, well, she would just "go back to Miami."

Few things on earth are more pleasurable than watching a bunch of bellowing, oily, self-righteous politicians getting their comeup-

pance, and I enjoyed her performance immensely.

Now I challenge Attorney General Reno to go a step further: Petition the courts for two independent counsels, one to probe the Democrats, the other to probe the Republicans. Then let's sit back and watch the scoundrels squirm.

In addition to Bill Clinton's coffees and Al Gore's temple talks, let's take a look at former Republican chairman Haley Barbour's Hong Kong connection. Let's examine Newt Gingrich's contributions from California Sikhs, and Rep. Dan Burton's alleged strong-arming of a lobbyist for Pakistan.

Let's see if we can find some videos of those meetings between Republicans and the lobbyists who helped them write legislation. Let's see if there's some old C-SPAN videotape of Rep. John Boehner distributing Brown & Williamson contributions to his fellow Republicans — on the floor of the House.

Speaking of video, let's examine that exquisite piece of tape that recently turned up of GOP demigod Ronald Reagan delivering a 1987 pep talk to the party's biggest donors — in the East Room of the White House.

"Can I count on you to help?" Reagan asked the party faithful. He wanted to keep the White House and take back the Senate, Reagan said, "and I know we've got a lot of people here today who'll help lead the charge."

Give your Republican agitators what they want, Ms. Reno.

Heck, give them twice as much.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 29, the 302nd day of 1997. There are 63 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 29, 1929, Black Tuesday descended upon the New York Stock Exchange. Prices collapsed amid panic selling and thousands of investors were wiped out as America's Great Depression began.

On this date:

In 1682, the founder of Pennsylvania, William Penn, land-

ed at what is now Chester, Pa.

In 1901, President McKinley's assassin, Leon Czolgosz, was electrocuted.

In 1911, American newspaperman Joseph Pulitzer died in Charleston, S.C.

In 1923, the Republic of Turkey was proclaimed.

In 1940, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson drew the first number — 158 — in America's first peacetime military draft.

In 1947, former first lady Frances

Cleveland Preston died in Baltimore at age 83.

In 1956, during the Suez Canal crisis, Israel launched an invasion of Egypt's Sinai Peninsula.

In 1956, "The Huntley-Brinkley Report" premiered as NBC's nightly television newscast, replacing *The Camel News Caravan*.

In 1964, thieves made off with the Star of India and other gems from the American Museum of Natural History in New York. (The Star and most of the other

gems were recovered; three men were convicted of stealing them.)

Ten years ago: Following the confirmation defeat of Robert H. Bork to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, President Reagan announced his choice of Douglas H. Ginsburg, a nomination that fell apart over revelations of Ginsburg's past marijuana use. Jazz great Woody Herman died in Los Angeles at age 74.

Republicans revise tax message

Walter R. Mears
AP Special correspondent

Republicans have been making issues of debt and taxes since Ronald Reagan showed them how. Now President Clinton claims Democratic credit for plunging deficits. And in the odd-year election campaign in New Jersey, GOP tax cuts don't seem to be selling the way they once did.

So the arguments of past campaigns are being revised as they are readied for the 1998 congressional election season.

First, the Republicans are pushing their bill to overhaul the unpopular Internal Revenue Service, which Clinton endorsed after first opposing it. Then, their congressional leaders say, they'll settle on a flat tax or a form of national sales tax and propose it to supplant the current income tax system.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich said they will have a consensus by April or May, and "we will be able to move toward bold tax reform after that." Rep. Bill Archer, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, said that will be their focus in the 1998 campaign.

The Reagan script was an across-the-board income tax cut, which he got enacted in 1981. He also promised to rein in the deficit — and early on, to balance the budget within one term. Instead, deficits soared during his eight years in the White House.

That mix already has changed. This year's tax cuts, the biggest since Reagan's, were not rate reductions but selective tax breaks, for families with children and to help with college tuition and retirement savings.

It was a compromise, a bargain between the Democratic White House and congres-

sional Republicans. So Clinton gained a share of the political proceeds in the \$152 billion, five-year tax cut.

On Monday, he announced the lowest budget deficit in 23 years, \$22.6 billion, and said the Democrats did it, beginning with his tax-raising economic program in 1993, enacted without a Republican vote in Congress.

"Well, it's time for the naysayers to admit they were wrong," he told the Democratic Leadership Council. "It worked, and America is better for it."

There'll be no such concessions, of course. The Republicans say the declining deficits are a product of economic expansion dating from their White House days.

But Clinton has the numbers to boast. He said the deficit has fallen \$267 billion — 90 percent — since the day he took office. "The Democratic Party gave that to America," Clinton said.

There are signs of the eroding impact of the Reagan-style tax issue as Gov. Christie Whitman contests a closer than expected challenge for a second term in New Jersey. She won her first with a campaign pledge to cut state income taxes by 30 percent, and delivered as promised. But those cuts are not the prime issue now; her challenger claims they've pushed up other taxes and pension

fund debt, and is concentrating his attack on the high price of automobile insurance.

Republican Bob Dole tried the tax cut script in an attempt to jolt his presidential campaign out of the doldrums in 1996, but it was no help. He said at the time that he wanted to do for the nation what Whitman had done for New Jersey.

Adroitly framed, and aimed, taxes are a potent issue. Witness the other campaign for governor in the Nov. 4 elections, in which Republican Jim Gilmore of Virginia has made a compelling centerpiece of his proposal to eliminate the unpopular tax levied on cars and trucks.

The Republican aim is to make compelling 1998 issues of the IRS overhaul and of their promises to scrap the complex, burdensome income tax code they helped write.

That's a considerable undertaking, unlikely to be attainable on anything like the 2001 timetable GOP leaders have endorsed. The incentives built into the tax code to favor things like home ownership, with mortgage interest deductions, and higher education, with the tuition tax breaks enacted this year, affect the way Americans spend and invest their money.

So Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said the tax code can't be scrapped, that any major changes would have to be phased in gradually, with time to avoid economic disruptions.

Rubin said there ought to be a grand national debate about the system.

The Republicans will see to that.

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Berry's World



"Scalpel."

Pampa High School Class of '57 makes \$4,000 contribution

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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'Last Summer' remains in first at box office; three new films open modestly

By JOHN HORN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The teen thriller *I Know What You Did Last Summer* topped the box office for the second weekend as three new films opened to lackluster business.

Of the new releases, the futuristic drama *Gattaca* performed the best, opening in fifth. The children's film *Fairytale: A True Story* was sixth and the offbeat romantic comedy *A Life Less Ordinary* was a weak ninth.

Boogie Nights, a movie about the pornography industry starring Mark Wahlberg and Burt Reynolds, successfully added several new cities to its limited run. The R-rated adult film story moves into wide release Friday.

I Know What You Did Last Summer took in \$12.5 million in its second weekend at No. 1.

Also in its second week of release, the David Duchovny film *Playing God* fell sharply, to 17th.

The top 20 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.:

The top four films did not change order from last weekend.

1. *I Know What You Did Last Summer*, Sony-Columbia, \$12.5

BOX OFFICE	
Top weekend movies	
Weekend of Oct. 24-26, 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> \$12.5 \$32.8, two weeks, 2,524 screens	\$12.5
2 <i>Devil's Advocate</i> \$10.2 \$26.6, two weeks, 2,351 screens	\$10.2
3 <i>Kiss the Girls</i> \$5.1 \$46.4, four weeks, 2,406 screens	\$5.1
4 <i>Seven Years in Tibet</i> \$4.7 \$26.3, three weeks, 2,103 screens	\$4.7
5 <i>Gattaca</i> \$4.3 \$4.3, one week, 1,279 screens	\$4.3
6 <i>Fairytale: A True Story</i> \$3.5 \$3.5, one week, 1,058 screens	\$3.5
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million, 2,524 locations, \$4,956 average, \$32.8 million, two weeks.

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3. *Kiss the Girls*, Paramount, \$5.1 million, 2,406 locations, \$2,135 average, \$46.4 million, four weeks.

4. *Seven Years in Tibet*, Sony, \$4.7 million, 2,103 locations, \$2,242 average, \$26.3 million, three weeks.

5. *Gattaca*, Sony, \$4.3 million, 1,279 locations, \$3,378 average, \$4.3 million, one week.

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7. *In & Out*, Paramount, \$2.8 million, 2,069 locations, \$1,370 average, \$56.9 million, six weeks.

8. *Rocketman*, Disney, \$2.1 million, 1,867 locations, \$1,111 average, \$11.2 million, three weeks.

9. *A Life Less Ordinary*, Fox, \$2,007 million, 1,207 locations, \$1,663 average, \$2,007 million, one week.

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Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District is now accepting orders for tree seedlings. The conservation tree program is designed to offer tree seedlings at a nominal cost with the aim being to protect cropland, feedlots and buildings, and to control erosion and enhance wildlife.

Several species will be available this year. GCSWD will be offering potted conifers including Austrian Pine, Ponderosa Pine, Eastern Red Cedar, Rocky Mountain Juniper, Colorado Blue Spruce, Scotch Pine, White Pine and Pinon Pine.

Several species of bareroot hardwoods will also be available including American Plum, Aromatic Sumac, Bur Oak, Caragana, Catalpa, Cotoneaster, Desert Willow, European Sage, Golden Willow, Green Ash, Hackberry, Honeylocust, Honeysuckle, Hybrid Cottonwood, Lacebark Elm, Lilac, Lombardy Poplar, Nanking Cherry, Native Plum, Russian Olive, Shumard Oak, Siberian Elm and Skunkbush Sumac.

Wildlife Packets will also be available. These packets include 25 seedlings each of four different species and are designed to enhance quail and pheasant, turkey, deer and squirrel populations.

The trees will arrive at the District Office around the 18th of March. The District suggests that tree orders be placed early as many species sell out very quickly. Anyone interested may obtain an order form at the SWCD Office located in the Gray County Courthouse Annex on East Frederic (Highway 60 East), or by calling the District Office at 665-1751.

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Study: Managing stress a key to reducing heart attack risk

CHICAGO (AP) — While dieting right and giving up smoking are keys in reducing the risk of heart attacks, a new study says patients can't ignore the importance of managing stress.

A stress-management program helped heart patients reduce their risk of heart attacks or the need for surgery by 74 percent, researchers reported in the Oct. 27 issue of the American Medical Association's Archives of Internal Medicine.

"In addition to diet, quitting smoking and controlling blood pressure, you need to think about managing stress" to avert potentially fatal heart problems, said James Blumenthal, a professor of medical psychology at Duke University Medical Center and the lead researcher.

All 107 patients studied showed impaired blood flow to the heart during mental stress tests or dur-

ing normal daily activities when they wore heart monitors. Such impaired blood flow, called ischemia, is known to worsen the outlook for heart patients, Blumenthal said.

Among the estimated 11 million Americans with heart disease, 50 percent to 60 percent are believed to develop ischemia under mental stress, he said, and 40 percent to 50 percent during normal daily activities.

All of the patients studied belonged to one of those categories, as documented by medical tests, and were broken into three groups. One group took a four-month stress management program, another a four-month exercise program and the third received usual heart care from their personal physicians.

In the next three years, only three of the 33 people

in the stress-management group suffered "cardiac events," defined as a fatal or nonfatal heart attack or a surgical procedure such as bypass or angioplasty. In the same period, seven of the 34 people in the exercise group and 12 out of the 40 patients in usual care suffered such events.

There was a 74 percent reduction in risk in the stress-management group compared to routine medical care, Blumenthal said Friday.

The risk was calculated after controlling for differences in other traits that can affect heart risk, such as age, sex and the severity of initial heart disease.

The risk reduction in patients in the exercise program, which consisted of brisk walking or jogging for 35 minute periods three times weekly, was not statistically significant, researchers said.

The stress-management program involved weekly

sessions lasting 1 1/2 hours. It included instruction on heart disease and stress; training in stress-reduction skills, such as avoiding stressful situations or responding to them differently; and group support, Blumenthal said.

An expert on stress and the heart who did not participate in the study said it was a good step toward justifying a larger test of stress management and exercise training.

"It's a very provocative finding, if replicated," said Richard Sloan, coordinator of the behavioral medical program at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York.

Though many studies have linked emotional stress with an increased risk of heart attacks, he said, this is one of the first to report that stress reduction can actually reduce the risk.

Many ulcer sufferers don't know about cure

The good news is that most stomach ulcers now can be cured. The bad news is that many ulcer sufferers have not heard the good news.

Since 1982, when the bacterium *Helicobacter pylori* was revealed as the main cause of ulcers of the stomachs and small intestines in people, physicians routinely have been able to treat — and cure — about 90 percent of all stomach ulcers with antibiotics.

However, before the discovery of *H. pylori*, the major causes of stomach ulcers were believed to be spicy foods, stomach acid, stress, alcohol and a variety of lifestyle factors. And many people have not learned the newest information. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has launched a nationwide public information effort, in partnership with other government agencies, educators and private industry, to teach the public about *H. pylori*, its diagnosis, treatment and cure. The Texas Department of Health is among the agencies participating in the campaign.

Dr. Kate Hendricks, director of the TDH Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance Division, said that even some physicians and health care per-

sonnel have been slow in urging patients who might have *H. pylori* infections to be tested for the bacteria. There are several kinds of tests that can confirm such an infection, ranging from a simple breath test to more extensive exams.

If the tests confirm *H. pylori* infection, the physician can prescribe antibiotics and an accompanying antacid medicine which usually can cure the infection, including any stomach or upper intestinal ulcers in one to two weeks.

Hendricks said, "The U.S. public is accustomed to treating conditions described as acid indigestion, sour stomach and other discomforts by taking over-the-counter antacid pills and liquids. A person with ulcers may have burning pain in the upper abdomen, frequently when the stomach is empty between meals and before breakfast."

The pain may last from minutes to hours and may be relieved by antacid pills or snacks. In severe cases, the patient may suffer nausea, loss of appetite and internal bleeding. Unless their symptoms are severe or long-lasting, many patients fail to tell their physicians. Many — perhaps most — of

these people may unknowingly be infected with *H. pylori*, Hendricks explained. She said that researchers are still looking for the common sources of *H. pylori* infections, and have yet to recommend ways to avoid infection.

"Beyond urging people always to eat properly prepared and handled foods and always to drink water that is known to be safe, we have no steadfast advice on prevention," Hendricks said.

About two-thirds of the world's population is infected with the bacteria, although the majority of those infected seldom feel symptoms. In the U.S., the microbes are most often found among older adults, blacks, Hispanics and low-income groups.

The long-term consequences of *H. pylori* infections are still being studied. Beyond chronic pains, ulcers and stomach inflammation, there is some evidence that stomach cancer may be linked to long-term *H. pylori* infection. Stomach cancer is the second most common cancer worldwide, and is most common in countries such as Colombia and China, where the bacterium infects more than half of the population in early childhood.

Kid's health...

Q: How do I get my child to eat more fruits and vegetables?

A: Remember "five-a-day." It's important to teach kids to eat five servings of fruits and vegetables. Make these nutritious treats accessible to kids. Reserve a low shelf in the refrigerator for fruits and vegetables so they can open the door and easily grab them. Also, you can prepare some special tasty treats with fruits and vegetables that kids will be excited about eating.

Keep in mind, kids may also like a tasty dip for fruits and vegetables. Yogurt, cottage cheese, cream cheese and peanut butter are all healthy offerings.

If you have time, plant a garden with your child. Let them help care for the plants, harvest the vegetables, wash and prepare them. They may be more willing to eat fruits and vegetables if they get their hands dirty helping them grow.

Teaching children the importance of eating fruits and vegetables will help them to become healthy, strong adults.

Q: I have heard that breastfeeding is healthy for both the baby and the mother. Is this true, or just a myth?

A: It is true. Mothers who breast-feed benefit in many ways. If a woman breastfeeds, her risk of pre-menopausal breast cancer is reduced, and her risk of bone fracture from osteoporosis later

in life may be reduced as well. Hormones released during breastfeeding help mothers relax and focus on their infants. This can be a valuable aid in bonding. Many mothers report a certain closeness with their babies when they are breastfeeding.

In addition to these benefits, breastfeeding mothers can rest easy knowing they are providing their infant with the best possible nutrition, protecting their babies from disease, maximizing their chance for optimal neurological development, and reducing infant health care costs.

Q: How much is too much when giving children fruit juice?

A: Fruit juice is healthy for kids. It provides calories, while being low in fat, and high in vitamin C and some important minerals. However, studies have shown that consuming large amounts of fruit juice may not be good for children.

One study of 2- and 5-year-olds showed that children who consumed 12 ounces or more of juice per day were more likely to be shorter and heavier than children consuming less. High consumption of fruit juice can also result in gastrointestinal problems such as diarrhea. Also, fruit juice does not offer the benefits of fruits and vegetables and does not offer as much fiber as whole foods.

Most children like fruit juice, so it's imperative that parents keep an eye on how much they consume.

Violence and learning

HOUSTON — Exposure to violence in the community or the home can impact a child's ability to learn.

"Children living with some chronic threat — domestic or community violence or physical abuse — continue to act fearful even when they are in school," said Dr. Bruce D. Perry, director of the CIVITAS ChildTrauma Programs at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Chronic threat at home programs a child's brain to function in a persisting low-level state of fear. This happens, Perry says, because the brain organizes in a "use-dependent" way.

Constant exposure to an unpredictable, threatening environment causes the brain to repeatedly activate the brain systems that respond to threat or stress. Over time, fear becomes so ingrained that it becomes the child's normal state.

The result is disastrous for children trying to learn. "No matter how hard they try to pay attention and do their work, this constant fear state impairs their ability to function and learn well," said Perry, who is chief of child psychiatry at Texas Children's Hospital.

Even though school is a structured environment, these children's brains are anticipating some potential threat.

"You can't learn if you are constantly expecting a threat," Perry said.

Boys experiencing this low-level fear state are often fidgety, easily distracted and jump at unexpected noises. Other characteristics can range from aggressiveness to apparent learning disabilities. Young girls in the fear state often appear to be in a daze or daydreaming.

"Schools can help these students by providing an environment that is predictable, consistent, safe and nurturing," he said.

For schools with students who have been exposed to chronic threat, Perry recommends:

—Limiting unexpected transitions and letting children anticipate impending changes by saying "in five minutes we will be ..."

—Giving choices so that children feel a sense of control.

—Increasing a sense of belonging by encouraging membership in school or community groups or sports teams.

"Do things to give these kids some control over even the tiniest part of their lives," he said. "Being part of a school or community group helps define their identity. These children feel safer when they 'belong' to a group."

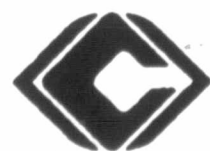


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Jurors to deliberate fate of au pair from Britain

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — In a trial that has sparked attention on both sides of the Atlantic, jurors have been asked to decide whether a 19-year-old British au pair killed an 8-month-old boy in her care.

A jury of nine women and three men deliberated for about five hours Tuesday without reaching a verdict in the trial of Louise Woodward, who is charged with first-degree murder for the February death of Matthew Eappen.

Deliberations resumed this morning.

Granting a request from Ms. Woodward herself, a judge told jurors to consider only a first- or second-degree murder charge and not manslaughter. First-degree murder carries an automatic life sentence, while second-degree means a life sentence with the chance of parole in 15 years.

In closing arguments Tuesday, Woodward's lawyers argued that prosecutors failed to prove that she shook the baby and slammed his head against a hard surface.

"She's going to go home. She's going to go back to school. And if you do your job, someday she'll get married and she'll be somebody's mother," defense attorney Andrew Good said. "And she'll be a wonderful mother."

Prosecutors say she killed the baby out of frustration with the child's fussing and the demands of her job, which stymied her social life.

Prosecutor Gerard Leone Jr. called the defense a "high-priced theatrical production" and said Woodward was a "little aspiring actress" who told half-truths.

The baby's injuries, which included a 2 1/2-inch crack in his skull, could have been caused only by Woodward, Leone said.

November month for Alzheimer's awareness, education

AMARILLO — The Alzheimer's Association Panhandle Chapter kicks off its National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month activities with a proclamation signed by Mayor Kel Seliger and City Commissioners designating November as National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month.

Congress first established this November declaration in 1983 in order to raise awareness of Alzheimer's Disease, the stories of people with the disease and their families and the importance of finding treatments, preventions and a cure.

The Panhandle Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association is sponsoring a special Family Caregiver Education Conference, "Facing The Challenge." This conference, scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Nov. 5, 1997, at the Amarillo College Business and Industry Center, 1314 S. Polk, is co-sponsored by Baptist St. Anthony's Health System, Burdett, Morgan and Thomas L.L.P. and Pfizer Inc.

Speakers for the conference include Loralu Raburn, M.D.; Gerald Morgan, attorney; Ameka Mobley, RMT-BC; and Sheila West, B.S. executive director, Panhandle Chapter.

Numerous representatives from community agencies and organizations will also be present to display their products and services and answer questions. A \$5 registration fee will include the program, tote bag, brunch and educational programs. Fee may be paid at the door. Please call (806) 372-8693 or outside Amarillo 1-800-687-8693 to make advance reservations.

The Alzheimer's Association, Panhandle Chapter, is dedicated to improving the quality of life for some 10,000 families in the Texas Panhandle coping with the effects of Alzheimer's Disease through a broad range of services and programs including family support, education, advocacy and research.

For more information, call 372-8693 or 1-800-687-8693.

Thompson seeks extension of fund-raising investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) — As senators argue over extending a campaign fund-raising investigation and fight about secret bank records for the probe, a witness is ready to give a first-hand account of President Clinton dialing for dollars.

Investment banker Richard Jenrette was testifying today about the \$50,000 he and his companies donated to the Democrats after Clinton called him in October 1994. The top White House lawyer also was to testify, and was certain to feel the wrath of Republicans who have been fuming over delayed production of subpoenaed documents.

Convinced the delays were a plot to stall the investigation until it hit its Dec. 31 expiration, the chief fund-raising investigator has formally sought an extension.

Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., chairman of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, wrote Majority Leader Trent Lott asking for more time, his aides confirmed Tuesday.

While Lott did not respond immediately, Thompson's proposal was quickly slapped down by Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., the assistant majority leader and also a member of the committee.

"That committee is a pain" to serve on, Nickles said. "My personal hope is the investigation won't be extended unless there are significant things that have been uncovered that still need to be addressed when the deadline arrives."

Nickles said the committee's jurisdiction was "overly broad" and added, "You can investigate everything for five years and you still won't touch" all the campaign fund-raising abuses. "You go after the most visible, most egregious facts and then close down."

Thompson also was upset that committee Democrats obtained secret bank records that show a wealthy conservative businessman gave \$1.8 million last year to a network of

nonprofit groups. The organizations aired massive advertising campaigns on behalf of Republican congressional candidates.

The records contained names of dozens of donors to Triad Management and related non-profit organizations. Triad is a political consulting firm that matches wealthy donors with conservative campaigns.

Republican staff investigators said the names were supposed to be blacked out, since non-profits are not legally required to disclose their donors.

A House investigation, meanwhile, ran into a dispute with the son of the late Commerce Secretary Ron Brown. Michael A. Brown, already convicted of making illegal donations, refused to provide subpoenaed documents, citing among other reasons his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.


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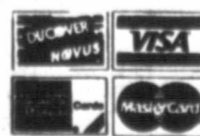
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This isn't the first time I've had this happen with a cash sale. What in the world are businesses thinking of? If I pay cash for something, why should I be obliged to give them this information? I strongly object to this practice. It is an invasion of privacy.

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Consider the fun of attending a puppet show and taking home books and videos, or bringing the children to an evening story-time and browsing through magazines and tapes after the program. Mom or Dad can drop by the

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you have a beneficial idea, it's best not to discuss it prematurely with others today. Someone might try to walk off with your concept.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today, steer clear of shops that are promoting exotic merchandise. You might end up buying gadgets or items for which you'll have no need.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today, you might forsake your usual tenacity and wind up taking yourself out of the running just when the goal is within sight.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Before springing into action on a flash of inspiration today, put your thoughts down on paper so that they can be studied further.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you're working on a new endeavor, be practical and patient. If you try to accomplish all objectives in one leap, you could misfire.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Usually, you're not influenced by companions.

Today, however, you may yield to peer pressure and comply with their thoughts instead of your own.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be tolerant with co-workers today, especially those who don't grasp ideas as rapidly as you do. It won't hurt you to repeat information.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It is best not to borrow money from a friend today if you're uncertain about when you'll be able to repay it. Do not jeopardize the relationship.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today, if you're indecisive about an issue that affects everyone, wipe it from your mind for awhile. You can come back later when you have a fresh perspective.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It might be wise today to shelve temporarily any assignments that are very exacting. Your concentration might not be up to par.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) An easy-going attitude today could cause you to lose an opportunity. Indifference might let something important slip through your fingers.

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Horoscope



Your Birthday

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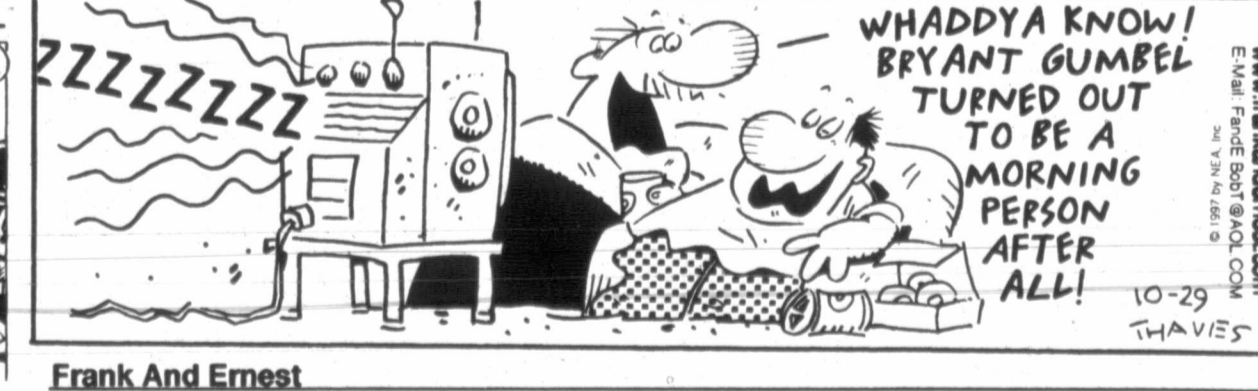
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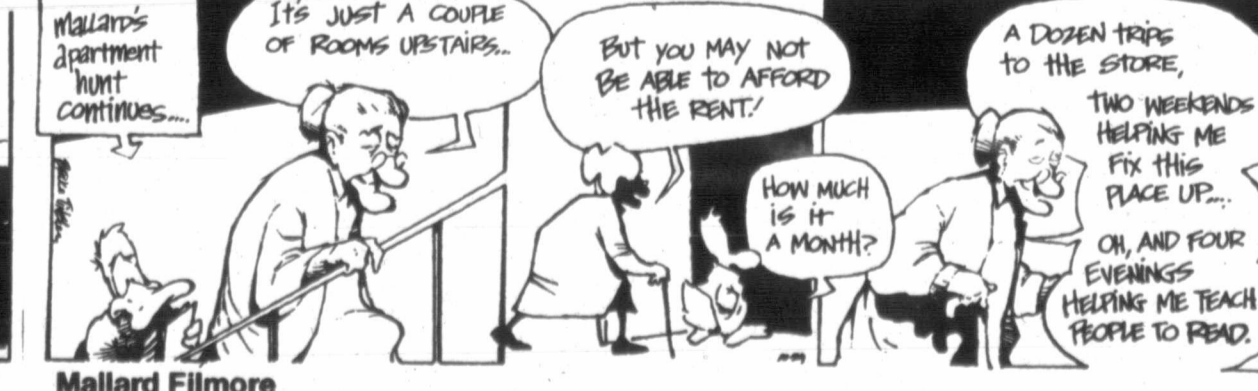
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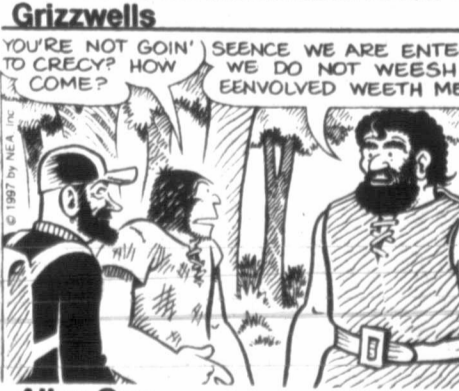
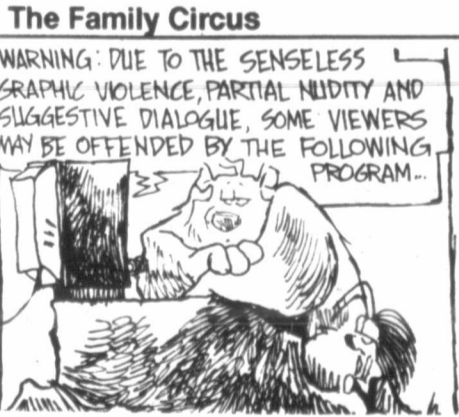
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HOCKEY

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Rangers rewarded Wayne Gretzky with a golden hockey stick to commemorate his latest milestone, then presented the Dallas Stars with a 3-0 first-period lead.

So, the home team turned pregame cheers into a chorus of boos from the throng at Madison Square Garden. And the Rangers never caught up, absorbing a 3-2 defeat that spoiled Gretzky's party Tuesday night.

"Being ready to play is part of the game," said Gretzky, whose 1,851st assist two nights earlier gave him more of those than any other NHL player's career point total. "It's wrong to be in your building and fall behind 1-0, 2-0 like that."

They found themselves in that position because Richard Matvichuk stunned them with of goals 1:12 apart early in the first period. Both came with the teams skating 4-on-4.

BASEBALL

BALTIMORE (AP) — Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos is considering firing team manager Davey Johnson without a settlement for the remaining season on his contract.

Angelos is angry that Johnson directed second baseman Roberto Alomar to pay a \$10,500 fine to a charity in which Johnson's wife is involved, The (Baltimore) Sun and The Washington Post reported.

The fine was imposed by Johnson in July because Alomar missed an Orioles' Triple-A exhibition game during the All-Star break and a team banquet in April.

Johnson directed Alomar to pay the fine to a scholarship fund run by a doctor at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Johnson's wife, Susan, is involved in fund-raising for the foundation.

"Peter doesn't like the amount and he doesn't like the charity," Davey Johnson told the Post. "I really don't want to get into this. It seems like any time there's a problem, I could have prevented it or it's my fault."

"I want to stay there .. but obviously I haven't pleased the one guy I wanted to please," Johnson said from his home in Winter Park, Fla. "If (Angelos) wants to call off the fine, I'm sure he has the power to do it. He has the power to change managers as well."

BASKETBALL

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indiana Pacers weren't about to let the shy, blond country boy get away a second time.

When the NBA season begins Friday night, Larry Bird will be sitting on the Pacers bench, back in basketball after five years in virtual limbo, coaching the home-state team that let him slip through its fingers 19 years ago.

When Larry Brown decided to move on to Philadelphia last spring, Bird was only man the Pacers wanted. Luckily for them, they were the only team he wanted to coach.

"I think we recruited each other," Pacers president Donnie Walsh recalled of his efforts to bring the native Hoosier back home. "Once he made up his mind to coach and wanted to come to Indiana, I didn't go after anybody else."

It's safe to say that without having coached a regular-season game, Bird already is the most popular Pacers coach since Slick Leonard left the bench in 1980. Two years before that, Leonard passed up a chance to draft Bird out of Indiana State.

Bird never held a grudge. "I wanted to be the Pacers coach in the worst way. ... This is my home state. Every kid from Indiana watched the team. You get caught up with it. I felt if I didn't take the opportunity now, this might be my last opportunity," Bird said.

Switzer: Don't blame Cowboys' defense

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AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Most teams in the NFL can win with a great defense.

Not the Dallas Cowboys. Coach Barry Switzer said the 4-4 Cowboys should be undefeated because of the defense.

"We played good enough defense to be 8-0 and our special teams were great," Switzer said Tuesday.

"But we haven't been able to score inside the green zone and that's what's wrong with this damn football team. Our players know it, our coaches know

it, our opponents know it and the media knows it."

The "green zone," in Switzer's lexicon, is known elsewhere in the NFL as the "red zone."

Dallas is next to last in the NFL, ahead of San Diego, in scoring touchdowns from inside the 20-yard line. Dallas placekicker Richie Cunningham leads the NFL in scoring with 86 points on 25 of 27 field goal attempts.

Dallas' defense is rated second in the NFL.

"We've been inside the 20-yard line 30 times like Green Bay and San Francisco," Switzer said. "We just have to

put the damn thing (football) into the end zone."

The Cowboys were seven-point underdogs traveling to San Francisco Sunday and another loss could severely endanger Dallas' streak of five consecutive NFC East titles.

"We have to worry about the mental aspect of this team because success breeds confidence and self-esteem," Switzer said. "Good things can happen when you least expect them like they did to (Chicago coach) Dave Wannstedt last night."

The previously winless Bears upset Miami 36-33 on Monday night.

Switzer said San Francisco

has a solid defense and, offensively, "Steve Young looks like he has never been hurt. He looks like a rookie out there scrambling around and making plays. He's still the most dangerous quarterback playing the game today."

A stronger running game makes the 49ers a better team, Switzer said.

"They have a running game now," Switzer said. "They can line up in the I-formation with William Floyd at fullback and Garrison Hearst at tailback and they have a fine rushing team. They can dissect people in a hurry like they did New Orleans last week."

Two years ago, the 49ers came to Texas Stadium with a 5-4 record and knocked off the 8-1 Cowboys 38-20.

Last year, Dallas beat San Francisco 20-17 in overtime at 3Com Park on a Chris Boniol field goal.

San Francisco holds a 13-12-1 series advantage but Dallas is 5-1 in NFC championship games against the 49ers.

Switzer said 7-1 San Francisco hasn't been seriously tested yet.

"They (the 49ers) will find out something this weekend," Switzer said. "I think we're the best team they've played. They'll find out some things."

Senior player



(Pampa News photo)

Brian Sprinkle is one of six seniors on the Pampa High tennis team who will be making the trip to the Class 4A regional tournament in Lubbock this weekend. Pampa won the District 1-4A Team Tennis Tournament championship for the first time in PHS history. Sprinkle has a 10-5 record in doubles.

Florida Marlins go on a championship ride

MIAMI (AP) — The Florida Marlins rode convertibles in downtown Miami, trolleys in Little Havana, speedboats in Fort Lauderdale and waves of applause everywhere they went.

Tens of thousands of fans

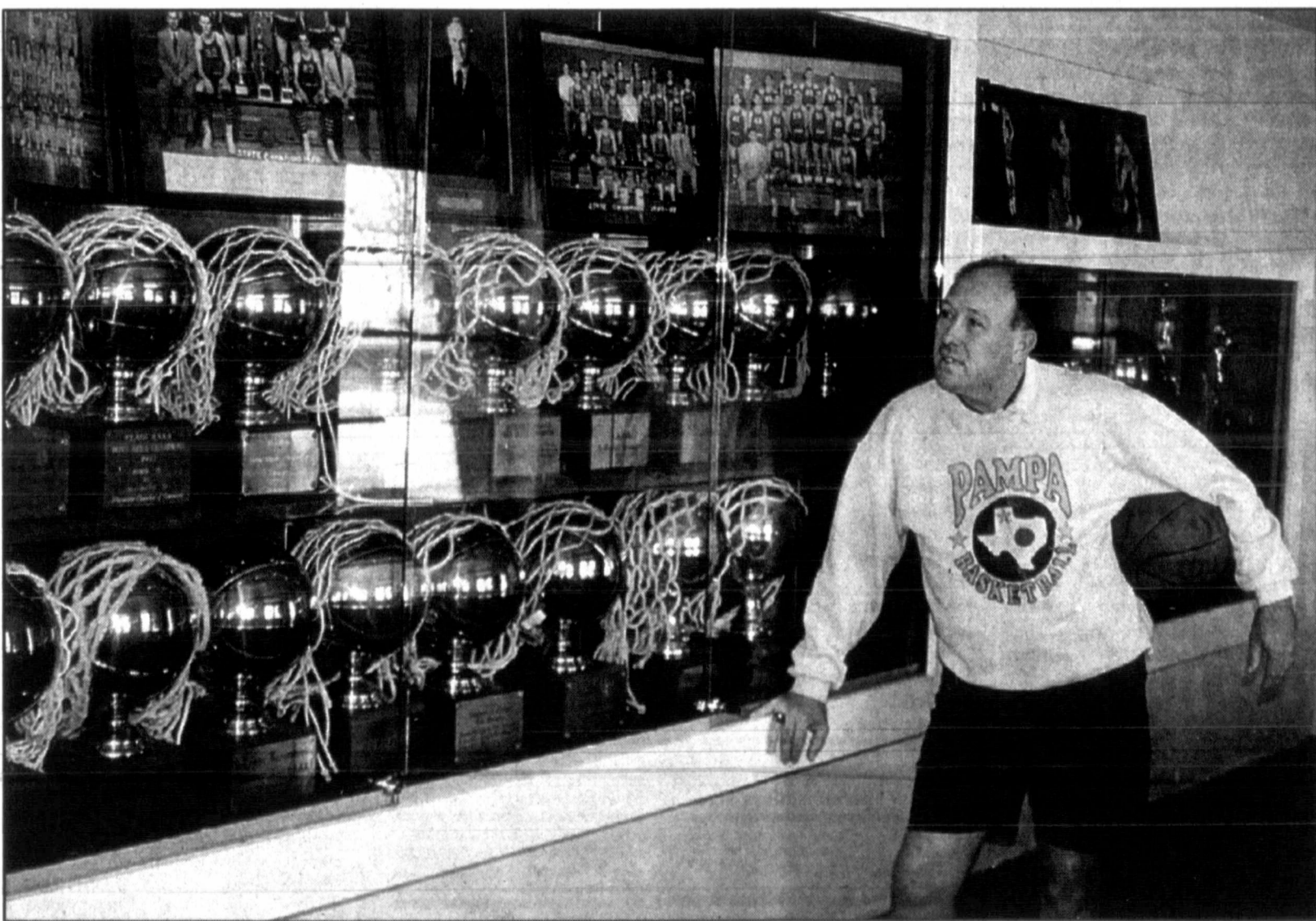
cheered and chanted Tuesday in an all-day salute to the World Series champions.

South Florida's ethnic friction was put aside as Latin, black and white fans joined in the area's largest, most festive gathering

since at least 1987, when Pope John Paul II visited Miami.

"This community has come together in a way I haven't seen for many, many years," said Dade County mayor Alex Penelas wearing a Marlins jersey.

New trophy case



(Pampa News photo)

Harvester fans attending Midnight Madness at McNeely Fieldhouse will be able to see the new trophy case that was built to hold the huge number of basketball championship trophies and momentos Pampa High has collected over the years. PHS head coach Robert Hale looks over the new trophy case, which contains both past and present trophies. Midnight Madness is set to start at 8 p.m. Thursday night and the public will be eligible to win a number of prizes, ranging from a family trip to a Harvester T-shirt. Pampa band and choir members will also perform as well as the cheerleaders. The Pampa basketball team will hold a scrimmage and also go through a variety of drills they use in practice. Pampa opens the season Nov. 18 at home against Sanford-Fritch.

Saturday afternoon game pits Pampa against Caprock

PAMPA — Pampa had a solid shot at a playoff spot. Caprock has not won a game in five District 1-4A outings. Yet, the two teams won't be that far apart in statistics when they meet at 2 p.m. Saturday at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.

Caprock's offense is averaging 312.1 yards per game, ranking the Longhorns' ahead of Pampa's 234.1. Pampa has the upper hand on defense, allowing 247.1 yards per game. Caprock is giving up 337.1 yards.

Caprock is averaging almost 19 points per game, Pampa 13.

The main reason for Caprock's good offensive numbers is the play of senior quarterback Michael Soria, who is ranked among Class 4A's top 10 in passing numbers. The 6-3 Soria has completed 106 of 192 pass attempts for 1,429 yards and 11 touchdowns. He threw for 261 yards and two touchdowns in Caprock's 37-20 loss to Borger last week.

Pampa, 2-2 in district and 3-4 overall, needs a win Saturday to set up a possible showdown with Randall on Nov. 7 for the third-place playoff spot. Pampa is in fourth-place in the district standings, a game behind third-place Randall, which takes on Borger Friday night. Dumas, which plays Canyon, clinched one of the three playoff spots with its 11-6 win over Hereford last week.

Caprock, 3-5 for the season, has wins over Levelland (21-0), Sanford-Fritch (27-3) and River Road (28-16).

Pampa had an open date last week after coming off a 30-20 loss to Borger on Oct. 17.

Pampa's offense is paced by junior quarterback Justin Roark, who has thrown for 512 yards and four touchdowns in the three games he's started. Junior split end Joel Barker leads the Pampa receivers with 8 catches for 121 yards. Senior ends Bryan Waldrip and J.D. Woelfle had snared 7 passes apiece.

Pampa's defense is led by junior linebacker Jared White and senior noseguard Aaron Hayden. White has 87 tackles and Hayden 57 with 7 quarterback hurries.

District 1-4A Individual Leaders

- Rushing (All-Yards)**
Astolfo Venzor, Dumas, 205-1,335
Kevin Massey, Borger, 147-1,098
Jesse Hunnicutt, Randall, 92-650
James Terry, Caprock, 135-646
Jeremy Miller, Hereford, 102-495
- Passing (CP-All-Int-Yds)**
Michael Soria, Caprock, 106-192-11-1,429
Victor Escobar, Borger, 74-141-7-1,315
Brian Evans, Randall, 46-104-4-722
Cody Kidd, Canyon, 37-115-5-638
Luke Evenson, Dumas, 34-76-2-551
- Receiving (No-Yards)**
Trent Teague, Caprock, 30-359
Micah Ladd, Randall, 23-446
Benny Mitchell, Caprock, 23-375
James Nix, Borger, 19-423
Willie Lucero, Caprock, 17-205
- Pass-Rushing (Total yards)**
Michael Soria, Caprock, 1,450
Victor Escobar, Borger, 1,355
Astolfo Venzor, Dumas, 1,335
Kevin Massey, Borger, 1,086
Brian Evans, 846

Groom set to play after two-week layoff

GROOM — Groom, which has gone two weeks without playing a football game, returns to the field Friday night against Higgins in a District 1-1A six-man contest.

The Tigers had Lefors and Fort Elliott on their schedule, but those two schools had to drop their football programs this year because of a shortage of players.

"We're hoping that break was to our benefit. "I don't like going two weeks without playing, but we're going to be a little healthier than we were, so maybe it was for the best," said Groom head coach Jim Reid.

Groom's lone district game was a 39-13 loss to Miami, which gave the Tigers a 4-2 record for the season.

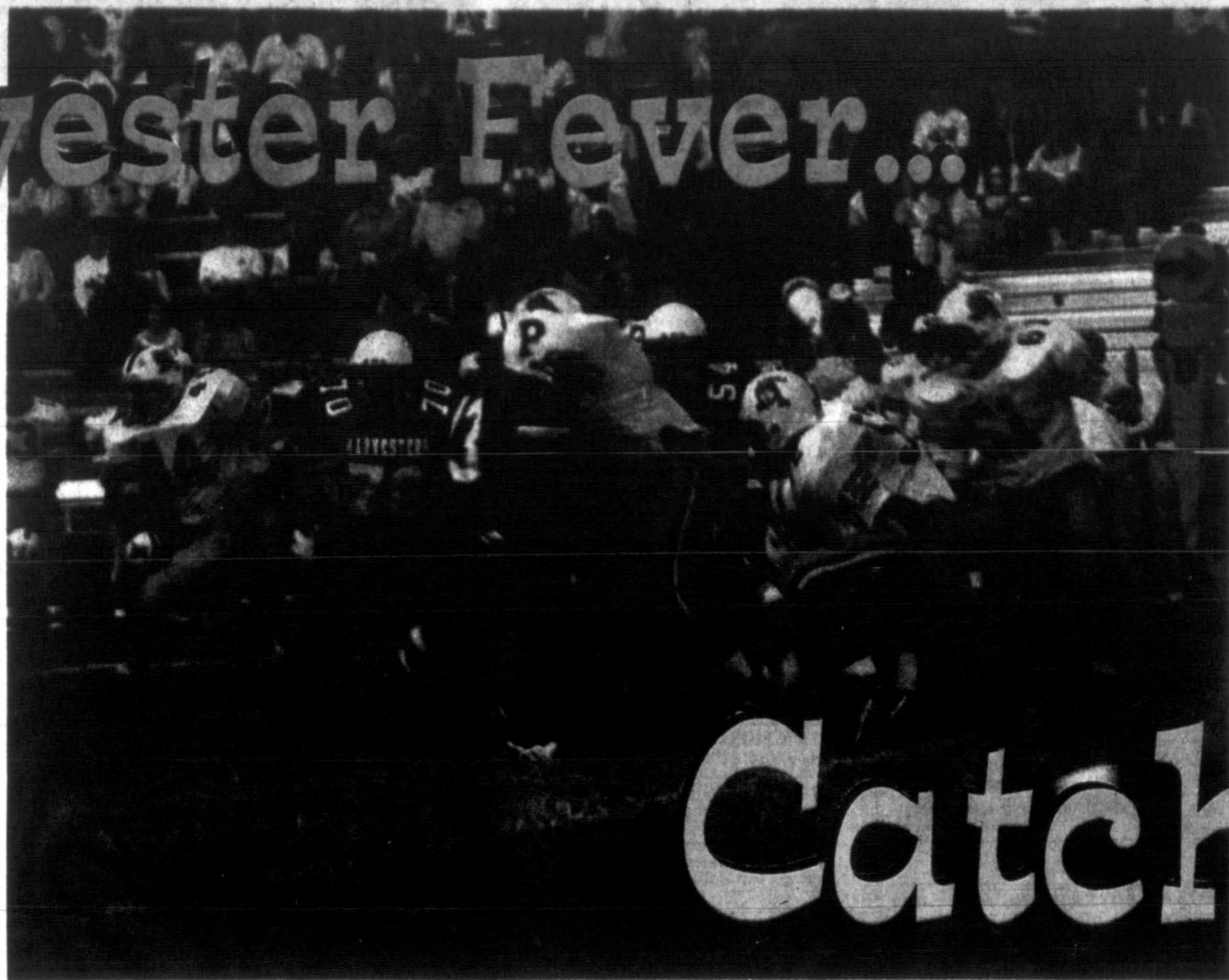
"We have to win our last two games and that would put us in a three-way tie for first," Reid said. "Right now, however, we're just looking at one game down the line and that's Higgins."

Higgins is 0-2 in district play and 2-4 for the season.

"Higgins started a lot of freshmen last year and they're basically starting the same kids this year," Reid said. "They've got a pretty good ballclub, but their schedule hurt has them. They had to play Miami once and Follett twice to start off the season."

Miami has a 2-1 district mark while Follett is 2-0. The Tigers meet Follett on Nov. 7 in their final regular-season game.

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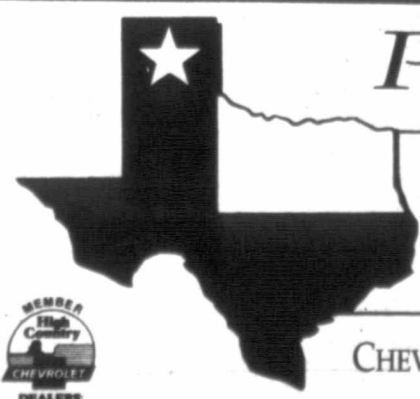
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