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Cabot takes issue with pollution claim

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Although more than 70 years old, Cabot's carbon black plant in Pampa is a work in progress.

Originally built by General Atlas in the 1920s, the carbon black plant is continually being updated and modernized to be more productive and more environmentally efficient.

Facility manager Zouhair Issa takes exception to attacks this month by an Austin group concerning the plant's environmental record.

Carbon black plants in Borger and Pampa and a Borger refinery were among a dozen plants across Texas listed by the Austin-based Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club as among plants grandfathered under the Texas Clean Air Act of 1971 allowed to emit pollutants into the air.

"These grandfathered sources are sources of air emissions which were in

existence at the time air permitting regulations were put into effect," Issa said, "and accordingly, state and federal regulatory bodies decided to specifically exempt these grandfathered sources from the permitting requirements now in effect. However, the environmental coalition failed to note that, under Title V of the Clean Air Act of 1990, the emissions from grandfathered sources were permitted."

Permitted or not, Issa said the company has lowered emissions from the plant over the years and plans on continuing the process.

"As a responsible company, Cabot recognizes the importance of reducing air emissions to the extent possible and is actively

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— Benny Williams

taking steps to reduce the air emissions at its Pampa plant," Issa said. "Cabot is reviewing various Best Available Control Technology (BACT) on the market to determine what technology would be most effective in reducing its air emissions."

Issa said the company also is working with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission on the technology issue.

One of the problems is that BACT standards are vague. That is why the company is working with the TNRCC to define the standards. The other problem is the speed with which technology is changing.

The latter is the reason the plant is con-

stantly being updated, Issa said.

Industry sources indicate new technology comes on the clean air market every six to 12 months.

Benny Williams, who oversees the plant's environmental efforts, said new standards are scheduled to be in place in Texas by the year 2003.

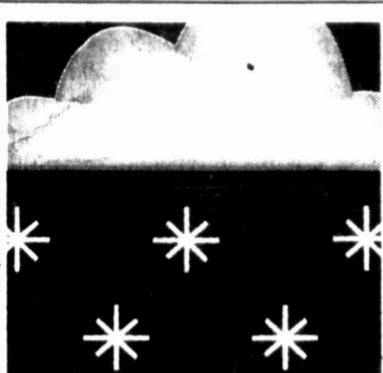
"We are in the process of installing BACT," Williams said, adding they hope to have it in place by the year 2000, three years before it's required.

"We've been working with the TNRCC and several consultants," Williams said.

"We are way ahead of state goals," Issa said.

Cabot's Pampa plant, one of 28 the company has around the world, manufactures carbon black and employs about 130 people.

"We feel we're not a health threat," Williams said. "At least, that's what our modelling studies have shown. Still, we're going to reduce what we're putting out."



Low tonight mid-teens.
High tomorrow mid-30s.
For weather details see Page 2.

QUANAH, Texas (AP) — The trial of a Boy Scout executive charged with indecency with a child is set to begin Monday, pitting uncle versus nephew in the attorneys' chairs.

Andrew McElhannon, 24, faces six indecency charges.

Defense attorney Richard Bird, uncle of prosecutor Dan Mike Bird, has asked State District Judge Tom Neely to conduct separate trials on each of the six counts.

McElhannon, himself an Eagle Scout, worked in 10 counties south and west of Wichita Falls. He has been suspended from his duties and is free on \$30,000 bond.

Richard Bird said he can't recall how often he's faced off against Dan Mike Bird, only that it's been "a number of times."

Quanah is about 60 miles northwest of Wichita Falls.

KIRBYVILLE, Texas (AP) — The owner of an exotic cat refuge has turned to some heavy metal friends when she needed money for her animals.

Motley Crue came through with \$4,190, operator Monique Jackson said Thursday.

"They are old friends of mine," said Ms. Jackson, whose Exotic Cat Refuge and Wildlife Orphanage is home for a variety of animals.

Ms. Jackson's 360-pound jaguar named "Czar" appeared in a Motley Crue video: "Without You."

So when Motley Crue was set to perform in Houston last weekend, Ms. Jackson gave them a call and said she needed help.

The group earmarked \$5 apiece from some tickets. Ms. Jackson received the money Sunday night.

It takes about \$10,000 per month to run the nonprofit refuge, according to Ms. Jackson.

For information, write the Exotic Cat Refuge, Route 3, Box 96A, Kirbyville, TX 75956 or call (409) 423-4847.

Author, illustrator pays visit to pupils

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

The school children shuffled to their seats to the sound of a clarinet playing calming, sweet sounds that seemed to mesmerize all within listening distance. It just so happened that the clarinet player was James Rice, a Texas author/illustrator of children's books, who was in town this week visiting all of Pampa's elementary schools.

A native of Hico, Texas, Rice visited with all grade levels at Austin, Lamar, Travis and Wilson elementary schools this week reading stories, discussing writing techniques and drawing for the students according to Judy Hansen, Elementary Library Coordinator.

Rice also autographed books that students bought in advance.

Rice has written and illustrated a total of 33 titles in the past 20 years. He is celebrated as the South's leading illustrator of juvenile books, and ranks among the country's top children's authors as well.

He began his talk with a sentence that got the attention of all of the Travis youngsters' in the music room.

"Someone said this was the best class in the school," he said.

Rice told the children about his background in music as a band teacher, at one point, in the Shamrock area. He then told the kids a story about a little



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

Texas author/illustrator James Rice visited with all grade levels at Pampa's elementary schools.

boy who loved to draw so much that he couldn't get enough paper to draw on.

The children caught on quickly to who the little boy was. "Pay attention," Rice said. "I'm not going to show you something you can't do. Art is a skill, it's not something you can learn instantly ... it takes practice."

Rice had several words of wisdom for the students.

"All of us like to play make-

believe ... it's making up a story — and so we're all authors and illustrators."

He reminded the students that we all have good ideas, but they're "slippery things, and the trick is to catch on to them."

Rice showed the children the involved process he uses in coming up with his books and the detailed illustrations.

"He can draw REAL good," said Wilson fourth grader Mandy Rippetoe.

First Lotto Texas winner reflects on past five years

SCHULENBURG, Texas — Janie Kallus knows what it's like to be the center of attention. On Nov. 28, 1992, she became the first Lotto Texas millionaire.

As the fifth anniversary of the Texas Lottery neared, she reflected in an interview on how a little luck and some matching numbers changed her life forever.

"I never thought something like this would happen to me," Kallus said. "It's taken some getting used to."

The adjustment to fame started the night she bought \$3 worth of tickets from Leo's Stop 'N Shop in her hometown.

Kallus had her own style for choosing the winning six.

"I opened up the Houston Chronicle that afternoon and picked the numbers from other state lotteries. Then I added number 50 since it appeared the most often."

Her method worked magic. That evening she became \$21.7 million richer. She recalls writing down the numbers as they appeared on the screen and then comparing them with her ticket.

"I was so happy just to get three numbers. Then I got four, and then five, and I had to hold my breath for number six. I was so shocked when I realized I had won that it took me a long time to come to," she recalled.

The following week felt like a dream for her. After receiving her check and talking briefly to reporters, she felt her mind racing with excitement.

But while the attention was captivating, the thrill of winning was short-lived.

The first year the retired nurse was confronted with numerous requests for money. People from all over the state wrote letters and came to her house wanting to share in her win.

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Pampa native gets nod to Fame board

OKLAHOMA CITY — The National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center in Oklahoma City has elected five new members to its Board of Directors, including a Pampa native.

The museum recently named Gerald J. Ford, Robert T. Stuart, Jr., Theodore J. Day, Jean Duriand True, and Martin C. Dickinson to the board of directors.

Gerald J. Ford, a Pampa native, earned a BS in economics from Southern Methodist University and a law degree from SMU's School of Law. He is the chairman of the board, chief executive officer and a principal shareholder of California Federal Bank. He is also chairman of the board, chief executive officer and principal shareholder of Liberté Investors Inc.

Ford, of Dallas, is president and owner of Diamond A-Ford Corporation and a director of Affiliated Computer Services, Inc., First Nationwide Mortgage Corporation. He serves as a trustee of SMU, Southwestern Medical Foundation, Children's Medical Foundation, Dallas Citizens' Council and is active in many other organizations.

Inmates praised for help in parks

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

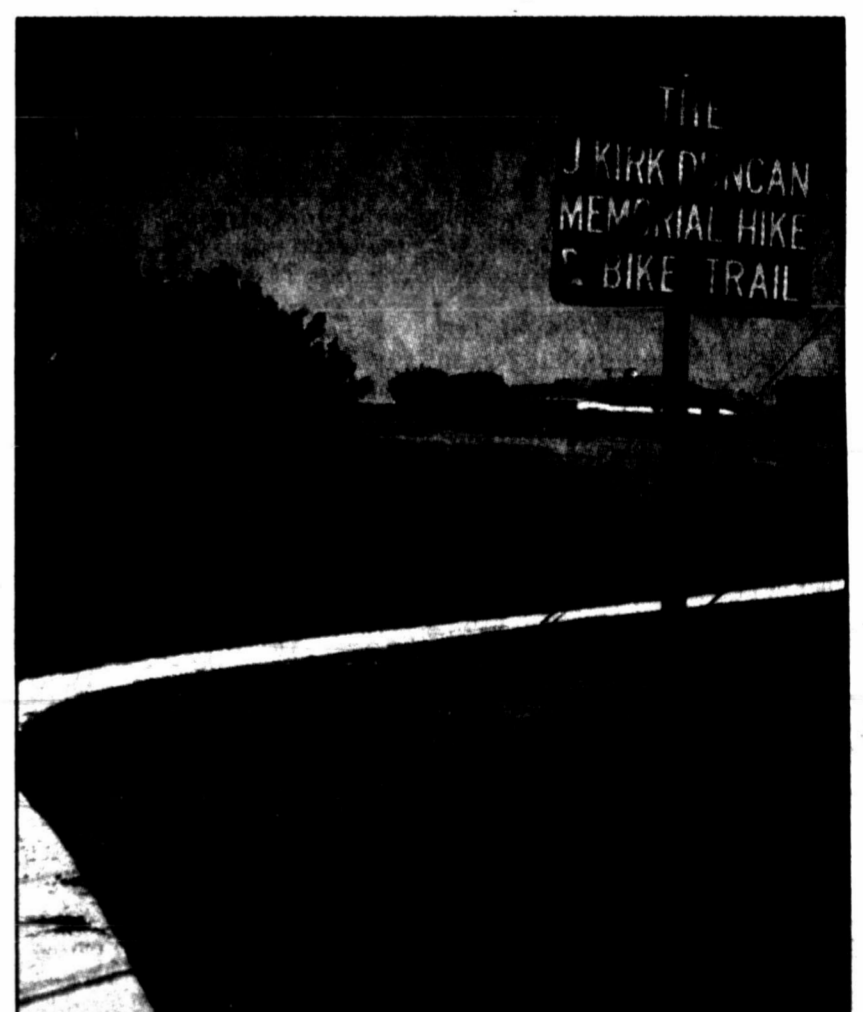
Before the rains came and the clouds of cold and winter weather surrounded the city, the Jordan Unit inmates were out and about making sure that Pampa's parks were ready for the long, wet season ahead.

Pampa Parks Director Reed Kirkpatrick explained that without the aid of the inmates, much of the needed parks work wouldn't get done.

Most recently, the inmates helped the city's Parks Department improve the drainage and stabilize Pampa's hike and bike trail.

The trail, which continues throughout many of the city's parks, will now be easier to mow and maintain because of concrete overlay work and small ditches that have been dug on either side of the trail.

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Pampa residents can wind their way through parks on the trail thanks in a large part to the labor provided by Jordan Unit inmates

- Claude Brock, 87, retired ARCO employee.
- Betty Duggan Ford, 43, employee of Republic Diversified Services, Dallas.
- Juanita M. Lemons, 88, former Pampa resident.
- Adell Nixon, 80, retired Spearman High School employee.
- Armeta Mary Underhill, 86, former Phillips resident.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BROCK, Claude — 10 a.m., Hobart Baptist Church, Pampa.
FORD, Betty Duggan — 4 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
LEMONS, Juanita M. — 2 p.m., Memorial Park Mausoleum Chapel East, Amarillo.
NIXON, Adell — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
UNDERHILL, Armeda Mary — 10 a.m., Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors Bell Avenue Chapel, Amarillo. Graveside services, 12:30 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

Obituaries

CLAUDE BROCK
 Claude Brock, 87, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1997. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Hobart Baptist Church with the Rev. J.C. Burt, pastor of Barrett Baptist Church, and the Rev. Harold Hook officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mr. Brock was born Aug. 12, 1910, at Grandfield, Okla. He married Myrtle Foster in 1940. The couple had been Pampa residents since 1944, moving from Canyon. He worked for ARCO, retiring in 1975 after 31 years of service. He was a charter member and deacon of Hobart Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by two brothers. Survivors include his wife, Myrtle, of the home; a daughter, Helen Allison of Pampa; two sons, Eugene Brock and Joe Dan Brock, both of Pampa; five sisters, Nora Clawson of Lubbock, Lou Hood, Sadie Lane, Cecile Plumblee and Alma Nelson, all of Dimmitt; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.
 The family requests memorial be to a favorite charity.

BETTY DUGGAN FORD
MYRTLE SPRINGS — Betty Duggan Ford, 43, a former Pampa resident, died Thursday, Nov. 13, 1997. Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Todd Dyess, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mrs. Duggan was born June 21, 1954, at Pampa and graduated from Pampa High School in 1972. She attended West Texas State University. She married Wesley Ford on Nov. 11, 1989, at Canyon. She had worked as a claims specialist for Republic Diversified Services in Dallas for the past 10 years. She was a Methodist.
 She was preceded in death by her parents, Don and Francine Duggan; and a brother, Jim Duggan.
 Survivors include her husband, Wesley, of the home; a son, Jessy Burgess, of the home; and two brothers, Bill Duggan of Missouri City and John Duggan of Beeville.
 The family requests memorials be to the American Heart Association.

JUANITA M. LEMONS
AMARILLO — Juanita M. Lemons, 88, a former Pampa resident, died Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Memorial Park Mausoleum Chapel East with Dr. Stan Coffey, of San Jacinto Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors of Amarillo.
 Mrs. Lemons was born at Granbury. She had been an Amarillo resident since 1922, moving from Pampa. She married L. Ray Lemons in 1972 at Amarillo. She was a homemaker and a member of San Jacinto Baptist Church, where she attended the Pastor's Sunday School Class. She was director of the Children's Building in the 1960s.
 Survivors include seven daughters, Maxine Certain of West Monroe, La., Mary Lou Stewart, Sue Arlene Bird and Ginger McCarter, all of Amarillo, Faye Nell Allton of Stroud, Okla., Judy Poe of Briggsdale, Colo., and Linda Weaver of Richmond; two sisters, Jill Sullivan of Tucson, Ariz., and Nancy Foster of Decatur; two brothers, David Goodwin of South Lake and Jerry Goodwin of Amarillo; 26 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.
 The family will be at 1610 S. Taylor or 2119 S. Hayden and requests memorials be to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center or to a favorite charity.

ADPELL NIXON
AMARILLO — Adell Nixon, 80, a former Pampa resident, died Thursday, Nov. 13, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Stan Fortenberry, pastor of First Assembly of God Church of Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mrs. Nixon was born at Throckmorton, Texas. She married W.L. "Bill" Nixon on March 8, 1947, at Borger; he died in 1990. She formerly lived in Spearman and Pampa for many years. She worked in the cafeteria at Spearman High School prior to retiring. She was a Baptist.
 Survivors include four daughters, Betty J. Clark of Amarillo, Billie Allen of Pampa, Louise Barnes of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Anna Garcia of Gainesville; two sisters, Billie Jo Jensen and Vera Ellexon, both of Phoenix, Ariz.; a brother, Sonny Wheeler of El Paso; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

ARMEDA MARY UNDERHILL
AMARILLO — Armeda Mary Underhill, 86, died Thursday, Nov. 13, 1997. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors Bell Avenue Chapel with the Rev. Paul Sneed officiating. Graveside services will be at 12:30 p.m. in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa.
 Mrs. Underhill was born at Van Buren, Ark.

She married E.J. "Jack" Underhill in 1939 at Muskogee, Okla.; he died in 1971. She had been an Amarillo resident since 1986 and was formerly a longtime resident of Phillips.
 She was a member of First Christian Church of Borger, the Disciples of Christ, Creative Arts of Borger and Golden Grandmothers Club of Borger. Survivors include a son, Bob Underhill of Amarillo; a stepdaughter, Doris Echols of Fort Smith, Ark.; and a grandchild.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department made the following calls and arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Thursday, November 13
 Charles Adam Rainey, 19, 1201 Duncan, charged with theft over \$50 and under \$500. Theft reported from 608 1/2 Gray of goods valued at \$385.
 Criminal mischief reported at the M.K. Brown parking lot.
 Harassment reported from Alco, 1200 N. Hobart.
 Forgery reported at Homeland, 2545 Perryton Parkway.
 Theft of a check was reported at Homeland, 2545 Perryton Parkway.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department made the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Thursday, November 13
 Michelle Christine Bybee, 1021 N. Frost, arrested on two counts of issuing worthless checks.
 Deborah Dee Chandler, 604 N. Wells, charged with theft of property by check.
 John Andrew Rosaler, 19, no address listed, arrested on a violation of probation on a burglary conviction.

Accidents

The following accident reports were turned in by officers of the Pampa Police Department during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Thursday, November 12
 Amanda Tylenne Mann, 20, 515 N. Frost, was cited for failure to yield the right of way at a left turn, when the 1983 white Cadillac she was driving at the intersection of Hobart and Somerville collided with a 1988 blue Ford Escort driven by Jennifer Helen Bolen, 24, 1125 Duncan.
Friday, November 13
 Heather Renee Reed, 20, 532 Powell, was cited for failure to control speed when the 1984 maroon Buick she was driving at the intersection of North Duncan and E. 20th ran into the rear of a 1991 black Chevrolet pickup stopped at a red light and driven by Rosa Garcia Resendiz, 42, 1005 E. Gordon.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Thursday, November 13
 7:57 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of W. 25th on a medical call and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center (CMC).
 9:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of N. Wells on a medical call and transported one patient to CMC.
 1:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to CMC to transport a patient to Baptist St. Anthony West.
 1:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center to transport a patient to Baptist St. Anthony West.
 4:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Hobart and Somerville on a possible trauma. No patient was transported.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department answered the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Thursday, November 13
 9:11 a.m. — Three units and five personnel responded to 1121 S. Hobart to check a gas meter.
 4:53 p.m. — Three units and four personnel responded to Hobart and Somerville on a motor vehicle accident.

Stocks

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

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| Wheat | 2.97 | |
| Milo | 4.20 | |
| Corn | 4.79 | |
| Soybeans | 6.71 | |

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

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| Occidental | 28 3/4 | up 1/16 |
| Magellan | 95.67 | |
| Puritan | 19.20 | |

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

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| Amoco | 91 15/16 | up 1/2 |
| Arco | 78 1/4 | up 1/8 |
| Cabot | 25 1/8 | up 5/8 |
| Cabot O&G | 21 7/8 | up 1/16 |

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| Chevron | 83 1/16 | up 1/16 |
| Coca-Cola | 57 1/16 | dn 3/8 |
| Columbia/HCA | 30 11/16 | up 1/8 |
| Enron | 35 7/8 | NC |
| Halliburton | 54 1/2 | up 1 |
| Ingersoll Rand | 36 13/16 | dn 9/16 |
| KNE | 45 7/8 | NC |
| Kerr McGee | 66 3/8 | up 5/8 |
| Limited | 23 15/16 | dn 3/16 |
| Marco | 33 3/16 | up 1/16 |
| McDonald's | 46 15/16 | dn 1/4 |
| Mobil | 72 1/4 | dn 1/8 |
| New Atmos | 24 3/8 | dn 1/8 |
| New Cent. Ene. | 42 7/8 | dn 1/4 |
| Penney's | 63 9/16 | up 11/16 |
| Phillips | 49 1/8 | dn 1/8 |
| Pioneer Nat. Res. | 31 | up 1/4 |
| SLB | 85 13/16 | dn 3/16 |
| Teneco | 43 5/16 | up 1/4 |
| Texaco | 55 9/16 | up 1/4 |
| Ultramar | 29 7/8 | up 9/16 |
| Wal-Mart | 39 | up 5/8 |
| New York Gold | 301.90 | |
| Silver | 5.03 | |
| West Texas Crude | 20.70 | |

Correction

Pampa High School left the following names off its Honor Roll. A honor roll — Kevin Smith, Phillip Smith, Emily Waters and Kellen Waters. AB honor roll — Andrea Abbe.

Emergency numbers

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| Ambulance | 911 |
| Crime Stoppers | 669-2222 |
| Energas | 665-5777 |

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INMATES

The work the inmates did also will help the parks department deal with some erosion that happens around the trail and alongside park bridges.
 Jordon Unit inmates were also crucial in helping with the recent landscaping and drainage improvements made in Pampa's Butterfly Park and underneath the park bridge to the left of Allison Auto Sales.
 "They've done a tremendous job for us," said Kirkpatrick.

Despite the recent controversy surrounding the use of inmate work at local schools, Kirkpatrick said that the Jordan Unit inmates help make Pampa's parks what they are.
 "We've had such a good working relationship with them," Kirkpatrick said.
 Kirkpatrick recalled and commented on the tornado disaster that brought disaster to much of this area a couple of years ago.
 "If hadn't been for assistance from the Jordan Unit, we would still be picking up debris," he said.

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LOTTO

A Houston man wanted Kallus to give him a big check, saying he wanted to buy a tombstone for his mother's grave.
 The harassment got so bad she invested in a security system and even a full-time police guard.
 At the time she won, Kallus, then 65, said she would use the money to help take care of her 94-year-old mother.
 She didn't disclose the investments of her after-tax winnings.
 It helped having a community that was protective of her safety, she said. The Schulenburg Police Department and neighbors upheld her request to help her keep a low profile.
 "I feel like I could call on them to do anything and they would be there for me," Kallus said.
 To return the generosity shown by the community, she has made donations to the organizations that have supported her the most. The Police Department received a new camera for investigations.
 The St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and school also have benefited. Kallus bought a car for the Sisters of St. Rose and a portable organ for the church. She has also donated money for the construction of a new building for the St. Rose Elementary School.
 When she went into the hospital during the summer, students sent her handmade cards.
 To thank them, Kallus treated the children to cake and ice cream last month.

"They prayed for me and were wonderful," she said.
 She has two relatives in Schulenburg — a married niece with two children. The town's on Interstate 10 about 100 miles east of San Antonio.
 While Kallus enjoys making the welfare of her native Schulenburg her first concern, she hasn't forgotten to enjoy some of her winnings. She recently traded in her 1985 Chevrolet Celebrity for something with a little more kick — a shiny new champagne-colored Cadillac.
 Her attention is divided, however, between the car and the one companion that has stood by her from the beginning, Freddy, her black labrador, has been with her 12 years.
 She says his spunk was what distinguished him from others in the litter.
 Today, that same energetic personality keeps Kallus busy.
 "He is a very picky eater. He likes baby carrots and he will eat any salad so long as it doesn't have Italian dressing," she said.
 When not spending quality time at home with Freddy, she plays bingo.
 She still buys a lotto ticket every now and then, although she says she never would claim the money if she won.
 Winning the lotto twice, however, could never compare to being the person who began it all — the first lotto millionaire.
 Kallus said: "There's no other feeling like it. It's overwhelming."

Renior painting sells for \$20.9 million

NEW YORK (AP) — A Renoir painting of a seated nude, "The Bather," sold for \$20.9 million at auction, more than twice the expected amount.
 The painting was one of 66 Impressionist and modern art works auctioned Thursday for \$92.7 million, said Alexander Apsis of Sotheby's New York.
 "The Bather," an oil on canvas work painted by Pierre-Auguste Renoir in 1888, had been valued at only \$10 million. It shows a young woman sitting against a backdrop of trees and shrubbery washing herself with a cloth.

Apsis said the painting — acquired at an auction by Sotheby's in London in 1980 for \$1.2 million — is the finest Renoir to appear at auction in several years.
 Another Renoir painting, "Dressing the Hair," sold for \$8.8 million.
 The 1888 painting shows a young woman attaching a flower to the hair of another woman in a room of rich red and yellow furnishings. It had sold in 1986 for \$3.5 million.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Tonight, cloudy and unseasonably cold with a chance of light snow. Low mid-teens. North wind 5-15 mph. Saturday, a 20 percent chance of light snow early, otherwise becoming partly cloudy. Continued unseasonably cold with a high of about 35. North wind 5 to 15 mph, becoming variable in the afternoon.
REGIONAL FORECAST
WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, cloudy and unseasonably cold with a 70 percent chance of light snow. Additional snowfall accumulations of up to 1 inch possible. Low 10 to 15. North wind 5-15 mph. Saturday, a 20 percent chance of light snow early, otherwise becoming partly cloudy. Continued unseasonably cold with a high 30 to 35. North wind 5 to 15 mph, becoming variable in the afternoon. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, much colder with a chance of light snow. Lows in the teens. Total accumulations of a trace to 2 inches possible south plains and extreme southwest panhandle. Saturday, morning flurries, otherwise becoming partly cloudy. Highs in the 30s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, breezy and much colder. Lows in the 20s. Saturday, becoming partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, breezy and much colder. Lows 30-35. Saturday, mostly cloudy. Highs 40-45. Far West Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Saturday, partly cloudy and cooler. Highs in the mid 50s.
NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, cloudy and cold. Windy west and central. Low 29 northwest to 39 southeast. Saturday, decreasing cloudiness early. Cool with a high 44 northwest to 52 southeast.
SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, becoming cloudy windy and colder with a slight chance of drizzle or showers. Lows in the 30s hill country to 40s south central. Saturday, morning clouds and patchy drizzle, then partly cloudy and cold by afternoon. Highs near 50 south central to the 40s Hill Country. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows in the 40s inland to 50s coast. Saturday, decreasing clouds by afternoon, colder and windy. Highs in the 50s. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows near 50 coast to the upper 40s inland. Saturday, mostly cloudy and cooler. Highs in the 50s. Lows in the mid 40s coast, upper 30s inland.

BORDER STATES
NEW MEXICO — Tonight, mostly cloudy and colder north and east with a chance of snow showers, mainly, central mountains and northeast. Partly cloudy southwest. Lows single digits to near 20 mountains and northeast with 20s to mid 30s lower elevations south. Saturday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of showers, snow showers mainly along and east of the central mountains. Highs upper 20s and 30s mountains and northeast with 40s and 50s lower elevations south and west. Lows single digits to near 20 mountains and north with upper teens to near 30 lower elevations south.
OKLAHOMA — Tonight, clearing and cold. Lows mainly between 15 and 25. Saturday, clear to partly cloudy and continued cold. Highs mid 30s to the low 40s.

City briefs

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

YEAR END Close-Out, all trade-ins \$100. Frank's Lawnmower Shop, 626 S. Cuyler, 665-0510. Adv.

BRICK REPAIR - Harley Knutson, 665-4237, mobile 663-6476. Adv.

KNIGHTS OF Col. - Deep fried & smoked turkeys for the Thanksgiving or Christmas holidays. To order call Bob Banner 669-0123, or Dan McGrath 665-3569. Adv.

HOME INTERIORS Annual Sale of All Sales! Everything Must Go! Saturday 10-4. Gifts to go! Doris Adams 1924 N. Dwight. Adv.

TRALEE RESALE Shop, 308 S. Cuyler, \$2 Bag Sale on selected merchandise, this Fri., Sat., Mon. 10-3 p.m., Sun. 1-4 p.m. Adv.

CHRISTMAS OPEN House. Linda's Artworks, Etc. Hwy. 60 West, White Deer (Next to Texaco), Sat. 10-2 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m. Adv.

AUSTIN, LAMAR and Travis Elementary School Community Open House, Monday, Nov. 17th. Tours - 6:30 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Adv.

PAMPA SENIOR Citizen's Center will not have a dance tonight due to weather. Adv.

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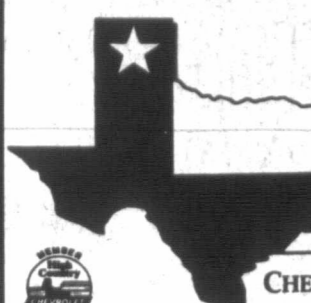
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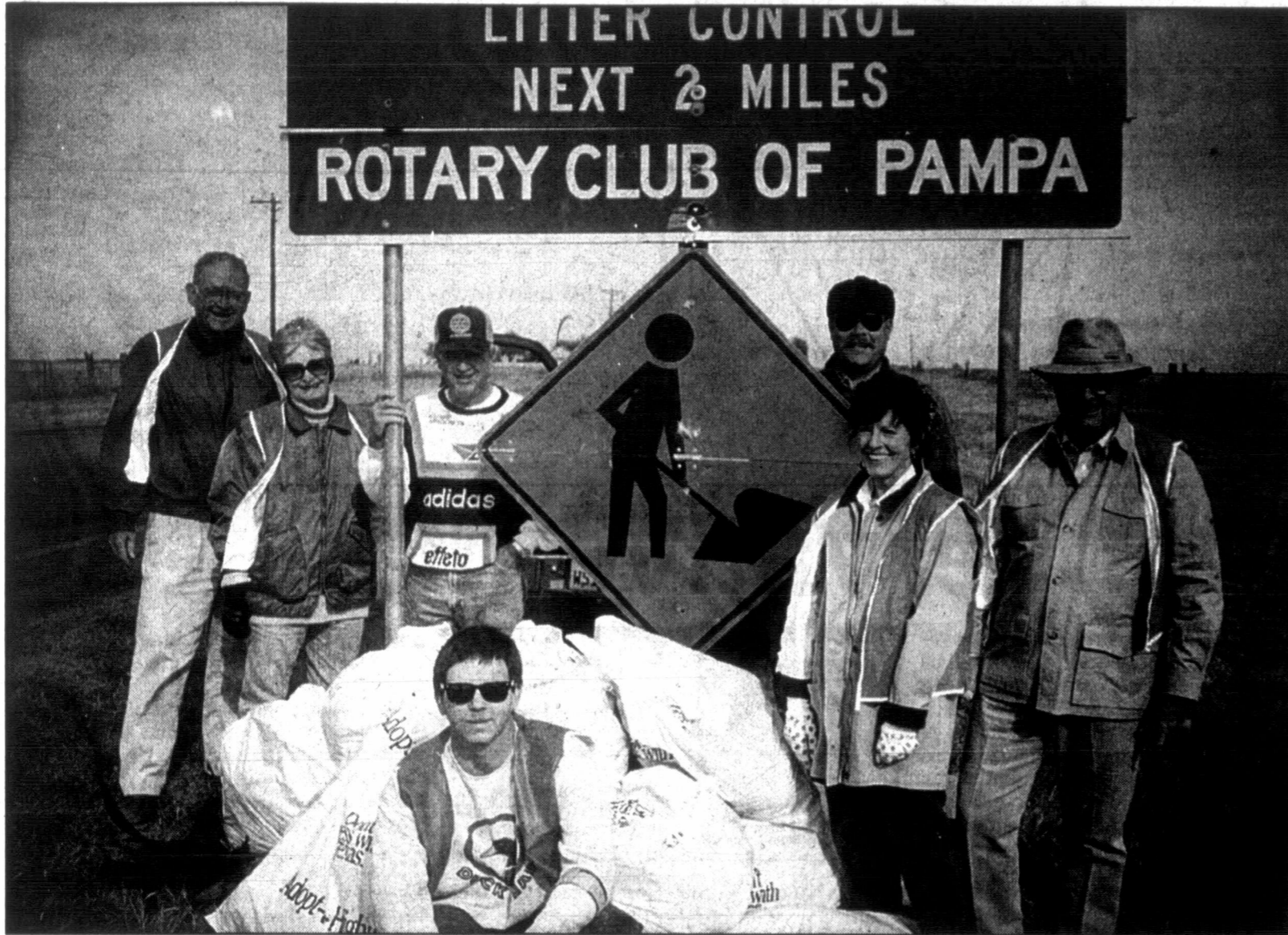
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Pampa Rotary Club participated in their Annual Trash-Out Saturday, Nov. 8. The Rotarians picked up 20 bags of trash alongside Highway 70 north of Pampa. Above (back row, left-right) are: Chuck White, Nanette Moore; Jim Honderich and Jack Albracht, (front row) Jeff Boyd, Paulette Kirksey and Benny Kirksey. Curt Beck also participated.

Zedillo, Clinton to discuss trade, drugs, immigration during official visit to U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trade, drugs, immigration, the environment and hemispheric cooperation are on the agenda of Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo during his working visit to Washington.

Both Zedillo and the Clinton administration seem eager to highlight a newly negotiated multinational convention to curb cross-border gun smuggling throughout the Western Hemisphere.

President Clinton and Zedillo were to sign the measure at a ceremony today at the headquarters of Organization of American States following mid-morning talks at the White House.

A key feature of the convention, U.S. officials said, is a provision that bars the transfer of weapons from one country to another unless they are marked or licensed.

Zedillo arrived Thursday and had a private dinner with Clinton at the White House. The two leaders — who have graduate studies at Yale University in common, Clinton in law and Zedillo in economics — have a close personal and professional relationship, said Mack McLarty, Clinton's special envoy for the Americas.

At a briefing on the visit, McLarty said Mexico had overtaken Japan to become the United States' second largest trading partner after Canada. The three nations are linked in the North American Free Trade Agreement or NAFTA.

He said Clinton and Zedillo would discuss the threats of drug trafficking, legal and illegal immigration, environmental degradation "and a host of other issues on which we are working cooperatively."

Some members of Congress contend that Mexico's performance against drug traffickers could be better. Clinton's top drug adviser, retired Gen. Barry McCaffrey, disputes this assessment.

He said the United States and Mexico were drawing up a joint drug strategy to be presented to the two presidents at the end of the year. He said they would hold a conference in El Paso, Texas, in March on how to reduce demand for drugs on both sides of the border.

Zedillo told U.S. businessmen in a speech Thursday he hopes Clinton can overcome congressional opposition to fast-track trade legislation that he expects would benefit the hemisphere.

He said he and other Latin American leaders have discussed their "tremendous expectation and hope that fast track be approved so a start can be made on negotiating" a free trade agreement for the Western Hemisphere.

Congress quits for year, leaving major issues for 1998

By JIM DRINKARD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress adjourned for the year, weary after a bruising partisan session that ranged from the highs of a budget deal and tax cut to a lackluster finish that left major issues, from foreign policy to trade, uncompleted.

"I would give this Congress a B for achievement, a D for behavior and the overall assessment of incomplete," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., as lawmakers headed home after Thursday's final session.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich,

R-Ga., claimed success, alluding only generally to an abortive coup attempt against him last summer by some of his top lieutenants.

"We ... made some mistakes and had to learn some things during the year," he said. "But in the end I think virtually every member will tell you, it has been a very successful year for House Republicans."

Even though Congress passed a budget-balancing deal and a \$152 billion, five-year tax cut this year, lawmakers left a plateful of issues to tackle when they reconvene in January.

Those include trade negotiat-

ing authority for President Clinton, which failed despite heavy lobbying in the waning days of the session; \$3.5 billion in new borrowing authority for the International Monetary Fund, needed to help stabilize Asian currency markets; and nearly \$1 billion in delinquent U.S. dues payments to the United Nations.

The latter two issues fell by the wayside in a late-session dispute over family planning aid to groups dealing with abortions overseas, which ended with each side blaming the other for the failure of the much-needed foreign policy provisions.

Gingrich, in a letter to Clinton,

charged the president gave "domestic political considerations higher priority than national security concerns." Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., shot back that Republicans had been "cynical and counterproductive" in insisting on anti-abortion provisions.

The White House complained that Republicans blocked the U.N. money just as the Clinton administration was trying to round up world support for a looming showdown with Iraq over U.N. weapons inspections.

Other unfinished business included the proposed overhaul of campaign finance laws, which House GOP leaders promised to consider early next year. Much of this year's session was dominated by congressional hearings highlighting abuses of the current system.

Most of the final day was taken up with finishing the last essen-

tial business for the year: the final three of 13 spending bills needed to run the government, which came a full six weeks after the new fiscal year started.

Those bills provided \$855 million in federal aid to the District of Columbia, \$13 billion for foreign aid and \$32 billion to run the departments of Commerce, State and Justice.

By late in the day, the fight was drained out of lawmakers. On one of the last spending bills, the most powerful argument was made by Rep. Tony Hall, D-Ohio: "Let's do our job and pass the bill. Let's go home."

But in a final act of protest, Democrats forced a roll call vote on the routine motion to adjourn, in protest of a continuing GOP investigation of the California election in which Democratic Rep. Lorreta Sanchez edged her Republican rival, former Rep.

Bob Dornan.

The final spending bill contained a contentious provision, negotiated between Clinton and Republican leaders, to let the Census Bureau prepare to use scientific sampling for the national head count in 2000: A final decision on sampling would be left until early 1999.

Sampling supporters say the technique, which uses statistical methods to estimate certain population segments, would help correct undercounting of minorities. Republicans worry it could be abused to help boost counts of minority voters, who tend to vote Democratic.

But some Democrats — partic-

Suburban man goes on killing spree near city

CHANNELVIEW, Texas (AP) — A suburban Houston man is jailed today in the killing of his ex-wife and three other people after he became enraged that the woman had sex with another man.

A fifth person was seriously wounded in the spree.

Coy Wayne Wesbrook, 39, was charged Thursday with capital murder after being arrested at the scene of the early-morning shootings, said Sgt. James Parker of the Harris County Sheriff's Department homicide division.

Wesbrook is held without bond.

The shootings occurred at the ex-wife's apartment in a converted home where the Wesbrook, his ex-wife and four others had gathered for a party.

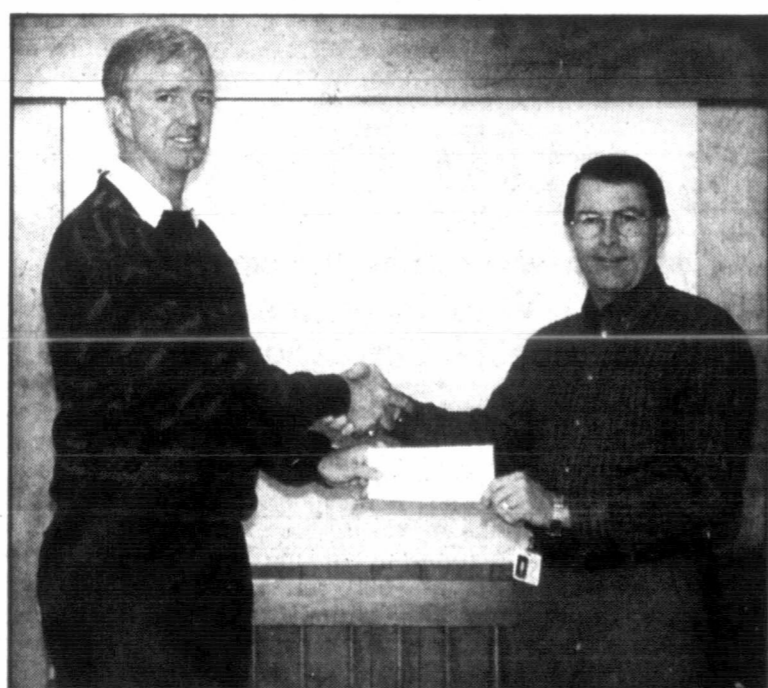
"I think the suspect envisioned them getting back together and during the party the ex-wife had a ... sexual encounter with one of the other males at the party that enraged him," Parker said.

Three of the victims were dead at the scene. Two others were taken to LBJ Hospital in Houston where one of them died.

Names of those killed were not immediately released.

The fifth person shot, Kelly Hazlip, 28, underwent surgery Thursday morning and was listed in stable but critical condition, hospital spokesman Larry Johnson said.

Celebration of Lights donation



(Pampa News photo)

Spokesperson for Celanese, Jack Peoples, left, handed Richard Stowers a check for \$3,000 for the Celebration of Lights festival this Christmas.

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KKK fliers distributed in free tabloids

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — An Odessa faction of the Ku Klux Klan has turned to classified advertising, though not exactly in the traditional sense.

Copies of the Dollar Saver and Thrifty, Nickel publications apparently were taken from their racks and re-delivered last weekend with KKK recruiting pamphlets stuffed inside.

The fliers, which publishers of both tabloids said were inserted and delivered without permission, portray the American Knights arm of the group as a "White Christian, right wing, conservative organization."

Since the publications are free, police said taking them from their racks doesn't constitute theft. Odessa police said they were investigating the matter.

"We will be working with law enforcement agencies to determine what liability exists and we will take whatever action we can," said Charles Spence, publisher of the Midland Reporter-Telegram, which owns Dollar Saver.

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by Jim Davidson

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L.W. McCall
Publisher

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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers:
The Dallas Morning News on improving the national infrastructure:

National infrastructure used to mean highways and bridges. Now it also means tangles of computer networks that zip credit card transactions around the world or listen for nuclear tests in distant lands.

That new infrastructure is dangerously vulnerable. President Clinton recognized the threat when he created the Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection last year. The commission examined five sectors: energy, including oil, gas and electrical utilities; information and telecommunications; banking and finance; transportation and physical distribution systems; and vital human services. The commission's final report, released last this week, should be particularly pertinent to Texas executives in defense, finance and telecommunications companies.

The commission found that computer networks and home computers have made it easier for pranksters, criminals and spies to nose around and tamper with sensitive information and systems.

Infrastructures have also grown increasingly intertwined. That is, electrical utilities depend on computer networks which depend on phone systems, etc. No one knows how a strike against one type of infrastructure will cascade into other areas. Efforts to protect these infrastructures - if they exist - are often fragmented and hampered by distrust, the commission reported. Among the commission's recommendations:

Create centers where public and private groups can cooperate on security. In that environment, industry could discuss infrastructure threats and compare information without fear of anti-trust complaints or exposing weaknesses to competitors or saboteurs. With more information sharing, companies and public agencies could discern orchestrated attacks on infrastructure.

Encourage all networked computer users to consistently adopt precautions such as frequent password changes. Commissioners recommend that the National Security Agency and the National Institute of Standards and Technology publish a manual of "best practices" for infrastructure security.

Last, commissioners argue - rightly - that America isn't spending enough on research to detect real-time breaches of security and effective responses. Their proposal, to double annual spending on infrastructure protection to \$500 million, is steep, but the threat is real and potentially catastrophic. Congress should amend the next budget to reflect that threat.

San Antonio Express-News on cutting auto emissions:
When President Clinton last week unveiled an anti-pollution plan to comply with a proposed international global warming treaty, it included vehicle emissions reduction.

Thus, recent announcements about new developments concerning fuel-efficient cars could not be better timed.

But, meanwhile, Americans this year are burning record amounts of gasoline, buying bigger, less-fuel-efficient vehicles and driving at higher speeds.

How soon this nation has forgotten the Arab oil embargo of the mid-1970s - the rising, fluctuating gas prices, gas stations closed at night and long lines at the pumps when they were open.

After reacting to that by building energy-efficient vehicles for a while, Americans the last 10 years have been muscling up again. Half the vehicles sold are light trucks or sport-utility vehicles.

And, reports the federal Energy Information Administration, Americans are burning a record 336 million gallons of gas a day this year, about half from imported oil.

But the new technology may save people from themselves. A Boston firm announced a breakthrough Tuesday that could lead to pollution-free, energy-efficient electric cars using a fuel cell that produces energy by combining oxygen and hydrogen from gasoline.

Chrysler said it could use the fuel-cell engine to mass produce cars by 2010.

Honda on Monday said it has developed a pollution-free engine it will start putting in its cars within three years.

Daimler-Benz and Toyota also are in the chase. The former plans to produce 100,000 Mercedes cars, using the fuel-cell technology, by 2004.

Americans have demonstrated all too clearly that they do not value conserving oil.

But the energy-wasting days, like all benders, will eventually end. And, without the brilliance of new technology, it would end in a nightmare that was previewed in the '70s.

It is vital that Detroit speed up its development and production schedule to mass produce fuel-saving, clean vehicles before Chrysler's 2010 forecast - or face losing this emerging market to the Japanese and Germans.

If tax breaks and incentives spur that, so be it. Cleaning up the environment will be an added bonus.

Thought for today

"The reason birds can fly and we can't is simply that they have perfect faith, for to have faith is to have wings."

James Matthew Barrie,
The Little White Bird



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A conservative manifesto

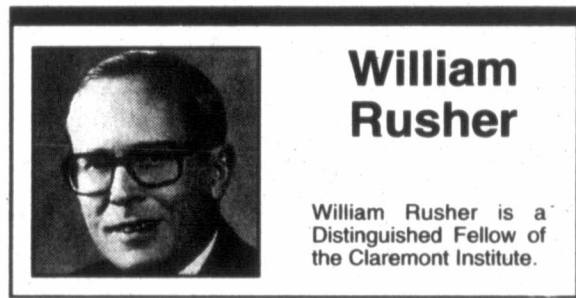
In recent months the conservative movement has been embarrassed by a sharp division of opinion on the subject of trade with China.

Important spokesmen and institutions - most notably the immensely influential Heritage Foundation have argued that using trade policy as a weapon to try to force Beijing to improve its dismal record in the field of "human rights" is at best futile and at worst counterproductive.

Other leading conservatives, such as Gary Bauer of the Family Research Council and the *Weekly Standard*, have insisted that America has no business treating as an ordinary trading partner a regime that has killed and jailed dissidents, persecuted many thousands of Christians for their religion and profited from the sweat of slave labor.

Personally I have leaned, and still lean, to the latter view. As the late President Chiang Ching-kuo of the Republic of China on Taiwan once said to me, "If America doesn't stand for freedom, what does it stand for?" I don't think "profits" is much of an answer.

But there are conservatives of unassailable integrity on both sides of the issue, so it was good news that former Attorney General Edwin Meese and others have taken the trouble to hammer out a statement that has won an impressive measure of assent from notable conservatives in both camps. Entitled "Statement of Principles on China Policy," it should make it possible for all but the most uncompromising conservatives to close ranks



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on this subject - and thereby increase their clout.

Thus, without attempting to rule out ordinary trade, the statement calls for firmly forbidding the import of goods produced by slave labor, and discouraging trade with the many firms controlled by the People's Liberation Army. On the critical issue of sharing high-tech secrets, the statement declares that "U.S. licensing requirements on export of existing supercomputers and sensitive technologies which can facilitate China's military modernization must be tightened."

In addition, the statement forthrightly demands "that Hong Kong maintain control over its own economic, social, and political order," and warns that "The U.S. must maintain the military capacity and will to resist any use of force or any other type of coercion that would jeopardize the security or social and economic system of the people of Taiwan."

What are most remarkable, however, are the names of those who (in their personal capacities) signed this statement. They include, in

addition to Edwin J. Feulner Jr., president of the Heritage Foundation, such prominent geopolitical realists as President Reagan's U.N. ambassador, Jeane Kirkpatrick, and former Ambassador to China James Lilley, as well as such strident critics of "business as usual" as the aforementioned Gary Bauer, Christian Coalition president Donald Hodel, and Free Congress Foundation president and CEO Paul Weyrich.

Altogether, 12 prominent conservatives signed the statement. Of course, those further out in both directions are unrepresented. The editors of the *Weekly Standard* apparently feel that much; and, at the other end of the spectrum, the Kissinger coterie (Scowcroft, Eagleburger, Hyland, etc.) evidently thought the statement was too tough on its friends (and clients) in Beijing.

Naturally the media, with the signal exception of the *Washington Times*, didn't even bother to report that the statement had been issued. The pronouncements of conservatives, it seems, just don't have enough heft to merit coverage.

But this, nonetheless, is a standard to which the wise and honest can repair. Waging all-out economic war against China might be exhilarating, but it would almost certainly just strengthen the hand of those in the regime who want confrontation with the United States. The time for that may come, but for the moment the firm but prudent policy outlined in this impressive statement deserves our attention and our support.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Nov. 14, the 318th day of 1997. There are 47 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 14, 1889, New York World reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) was inspired by author Jules Verne and set out to travel around the world in less than 80 days. She succeeded, making the trip in 72 days.

On this date:

In 1832, the first streetcar - a horse-drawn vehicle called the John Mason - went into operation in New York City.

In 1851, Herman Melville's novel "Moby Dick" was first published in the United States.

In 1881, Charles J. Guiteau went on trial for assassinating President Garfield. Guiteau was convicted and hanged the following year.

In 1922, the British Broadcasting Corporation began its domestic radio service.

In 1935, President Roosevelt proclaimed the Philippine Islands a free commonwealth.

In 1940, during World War II, German planes destroyed most of the English town of Coventry.

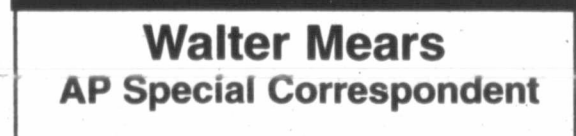
In 1944, Tommy Dorsey and Orchestra recorded "Opus No. 1" for RCA Victor.

In 1969, Apollo 12 blasted off for the moon.

In 1972, the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above 1,000 for the first time, ending the day at 1,003.16.

In 1973, Britain's Princess Anne married Capt. Mark Phillips in Westminster Abbey. However, they divorced in 1992, and Anne remarried.

Nominees still found wanting



Walter Mears
AP Special Correspondent

This time, President Clinton's nominees ran into trouble because they agree with him on affirmative action and abortion, colliding with Republicans who balked at Senate confirmation.

Disputes, delays and sometimes defeats and withdrawals have been chronic problems for Clinton nominees, beginning before the GOP took control of the Senate and the confirmation system.

Indeed, even the jobs involved in this round were at stake in earlier disputes - assistant attorney general for civil rights and surgeon general. And in each case, the issues involved now were factors then.

But there's a difference now. Republican leaders are opposing NAACP lawyer Bill Lann Lee for the civil rights post, and at least stalling the nomination of Dr. David Satcher to be surgeon general because of positions on the issues that fit those of the Democratic administration.

Disputes over philosophy and politics have been the undoing of nominees before, but not so explicitly. There was always another explanation, so that at least a pretense of the presumption that a president can make his own choices for administration jobs could be preserved.

When the last Clinton nominee for surgeon general was blocked in the Senate, opponents said the issue was credibility, although it really was abortion. And when an earlier Clinton choice for the civil rights post was threatened with a Republican filibuster in 1993 and ultimately withdrew, it was over views on

minority hiring quotas the president said he hadn't known and didn't support.

In these cases, there is no such wrapping.

Clinton's spokesman said Lee was being blocked "for no apparent reason other than a philosophical dispute between one senator and the president of the United States."

But it isn't only one, and it isn't only senators. House Speaker Newt Gingrich also is on the case, urging that Lee be rejected.

Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, leads the opposition to Lee over his affirmative action views and record. Hatch said he doesn't want the job to become "civil rights ombudsman for the political left."

Hatch pronounced the nomination dead before his committee took it up for action today, with Democrats trying to get it at least to a stalemate that would permit a Senate vote next year. The chairman opposes that.

Lee's advocacy of affirmative action programs, and his support of a court challenge to the California referendum that bars it in state contracts and hiring stirred the GOP opposition. The Clinton Justice Department joined in that failed attempt to get the courts to reverse the California law.

Satcher's nomination to be surgeon general and assistant secretary for health is on hold,

stalled by GOP opponents - under Senate rules they can do it anonymously - because he favors medical exceptions to a ban on late-term abortions. So does Clinton, who twice has vetoed bills against "partial birth abortion" because they do not permit exceptions to preserve the health of the mother.

That opposition didn't surface until after a placid confirmation hearing on Satcher, who has been director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

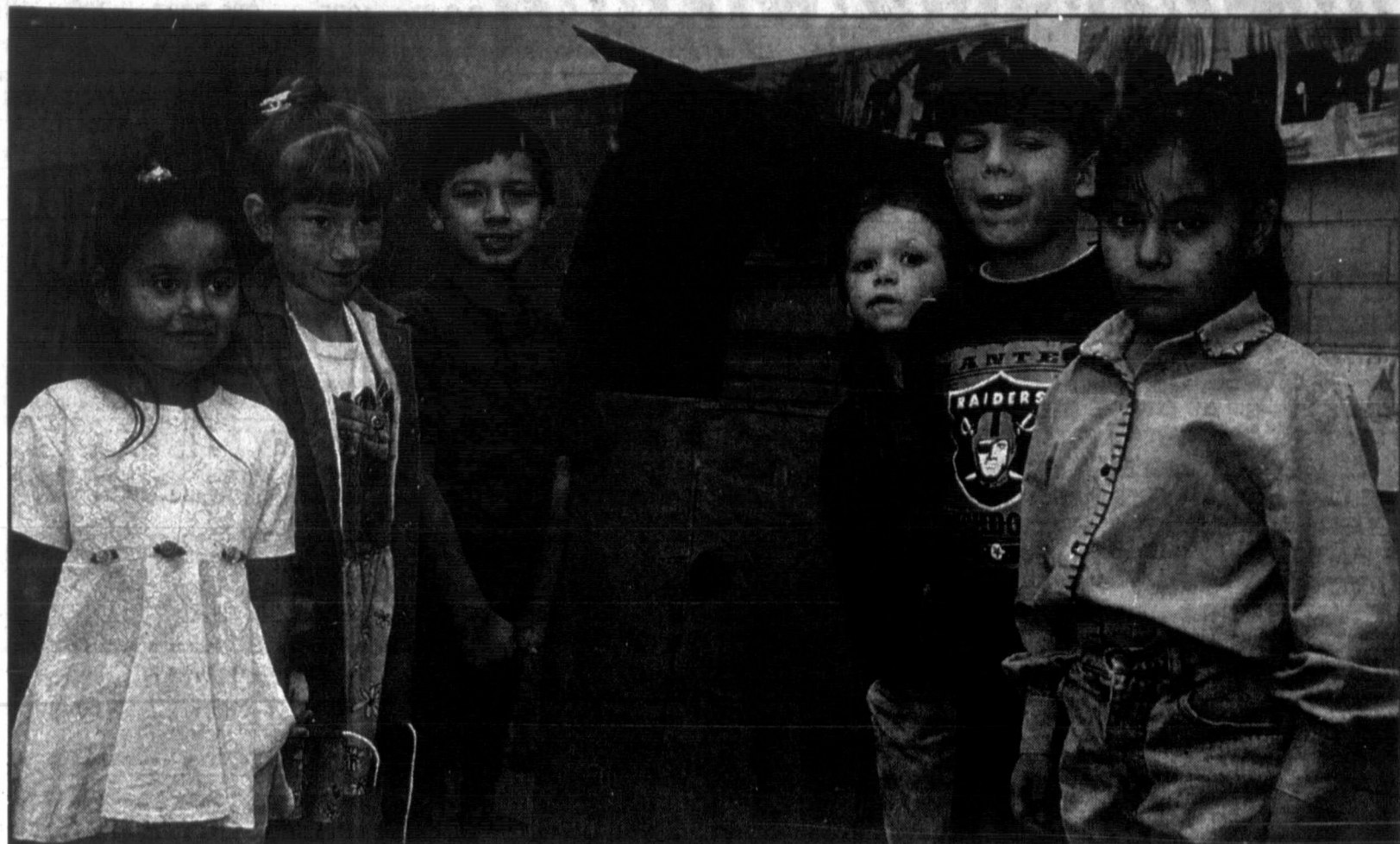
"In fact, Dr. Satcher supports a ban on late-term abortions," Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass. said. "But he shares President Clinton's view that 'if there are risks for severe health consequences for the mother, then the decision ... should not be made by the government but by the woman in conjunction with her family and physician.'"

Confirmations never have come easily to the Clinton White House. Eight high-profile nominees have been rejected or withdrawn since he took office. There hasn't been a Senate-confirmed surgeon general for nearly three years.

Questions about the household help, their taxes and their work status, were the undoing of his first two nominees for attorney general, and later, his choice for CIA director. Another CIA nominee withdrew early this year, his personal finances and performance as a White House foreign policy adviser questioned in a run-on confirmation process he said was haywire.

It isn't getting any easier.

Real estate project



Jan Cory's first grade class at Wilson Elementary had a lesson in real estate recently. The students read real estate ads from the newspaper, wrote some ads of their own and even divided into teams to build mock houses out of cardboard. From left: Stephanie Castellanos, Teddi Cowan, Gerardo Dominguez, Aaron Spotts, Randon Parks, Ana Solis.

(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

Economists fear next financial crisis will be in South Korea

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even as U.S. policy-makers are trying to calm jittery financial markets, private economists are worried that South Korea could be the next Asian nation engulfed by financial problems.

The telltale warning signs are there already. The South Korean currency has plummeted in value in recent weeks while bankruptcies of large corporations have surged this year, putting more pressure on a shaky banking system.

Similar problems already have beset a number of Asian countries, forcing the International Monetary Fund to assemble bailout packages this year for the Philippines, Thailand and, just two weeks ago, Indonesia.

The South Korean government denies that it is considering seeking IMF help. But a number of private economists told Congress on Thursday that they viewed South Korea as the next crisis candidate with ramifications that could be far more severe than those seen thus far.

"The danger is now that this smoldering crisis will flare up again in a big country such as Korea, the world's 11th largest economy," Robert Hormats, vice chairman of Goldman Sachs, told the House Banking Committee.

Several economists said further devaluation of the South Korean currency, the won, could put added pressure on Japan, the world's second biggest economy, and a nation that has struggled for most of this decade to emerge from recession.

C. Fred Bergsten, a Treasury official in the Carter administration and now head of the Institute of International Economics in Washington, told the committee that a free-fall of the South Korean currency could set off another round of currency devaluations that would further destabilize financial markets.

"It would be very difficult to stop the new spiral and global markets — including ours in the United States — would be devastated," Bergsten testified.

Economists worried that Japan would react to a slide in the South Korean currency by letting the Japanese yen decline. Such a development could set off a round of competitive devaluations as countries sought to weaken their currencies in order to lower the price of their exports on foreign markets.

Publicly, both the Clinton administration and the Federal Reserve sought to play down any serious dangers from the ongoing problems in Southeast Asia.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and Treasury Deputy Secretary Lawrence Summers both told the House panel that the adverse effects on the United States so far have been small.

The soothing words were aimed directly at investors, who have on a number of occasions dumped stocks of American banks and high-tech firms seen to be vulnerable to the Asian crisis. Financial trouble in Hong Kong two weeks ago triggered a 554-point drop in the Dow Jones industrial average, the biggest one-day decline in history.

Churches target of buglar

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Someone is violating the seventh commandment by burglarizing Corpus Christi churches with such regularity that police have been forced to step up patrols.

The seventh commandment says "Thou shalt not steal," but police here say some one isn't heeding it.

Seven churches have been burglarized so far this month, police say. They say, however, that they don't appear connected with two church arson cases on Oct. 31.

Burglars have taken two videocassette recorders, a microwave and some cash from churches. Three other churches that were burglarized didn't have anything missing.

"Think of the parishioners, the time (that) parishioners put into a house of worship. That's a big expense," said Lt. Robert MacDonald of the Corpus Christi Police Department.

Churches can be easy targets for burglars and thieves because they often do not have security systems, often are easily accessible, and it's pretty easy to guess when no one will be inside the building, MacDonald said.

"Some of the smaller churches can't afford security systems," he said. "And there is that trust there, that they would expect even a criminal would have a little respect for a house of God."

One of the latest burglaries occurred late Sunday or early Monday. Someone took a microwave and VCRs from St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church.

Fund raising investigation: Babbitt closer to decision on independent counsel

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt is closer to facing an independent counsel probe for a decision that aided Democratic donors, while a House committee is trying to win cooperation from a party fund-raiser, Johnny Chung.

Attorney General Janet Reno opened a 90-day preliminary inquiry Thursday into allegations that Babbitt's Interior Department killed a proposed Indian gambling casino in Wisconsin because of the promise of political contributions by opponents.

Tribes that opposed the casino eventually gave the Democratic Party \$286,000 — one of many fund-raising matters being looked into by the Justice Department and congressional committees.

The House Government Reform and Oversight Committee summoned Chung to a closed session today, hoping he would cooperate rather than assert his Fifth Amendment privilege and refuse to answer questions.

Chung brought six Chinese businessmen to the White House on March 9, 1995, the day he handed a \$50,000 contribution to Hillary Rodham Clinton's chief of staff. Two days later, with help from the Democratic National Committee, the visitors shook hands with President Clinton and attended his weekly radio address.

Republicans have questioned whether Chung was illegally using overseas money for his Democratic contributions — which totaled \$366,000 and were returned to donors by party officials who suspected the origin of the funds.

On Thursday, Nancy Herrnreich, Clinton's scheduler,

testified before the House panel that the president expressed concern to her that Chung brought the businessmen to the radio address.

"We shouldn't have brought them in here," Herrnreich quoted Clinton as saying, but added that

the president never explained his remark further.

Attorney General Janet Reno opened a 90-day preliminary inquiry Thursday into allegations that Babbitt's Interior Department killed a proposed Indian gambling casino ...

Nearly a month later, a National Security Council staffer, Melanie B. Darby, sent NSC officials a memo describing the businessmen as "various Chinese gurus and the POTUS (president

of the United States) wasn't sure we'd want photos of him with these people circulating around."

Ms. Darby, called to testify today, said in the memo that Herrnreich needed to know "urgently" whether to give Chung pictures of the businessmen with Clinton.

That same day, another NSC official, Robert Suettinger, responded to Ms. Darby that Chung was a "hustler" who should be "treated with a pinch of suspicion."

Ms. Herrnreich said she did not remember whether the pictures were given to Chung.

Church receives donation



Wal-Mart awarded Macedonia Church two checks recently to help with costs accrued when the roof fell in last May.

(Pampa News photo)

Parents, officials meet in wake of heroin epidemic

PLANO, Texas (AP) — Hundreds of parents, teachers and law enforcement officials packed a community center in this upscale suburb to discuss an outbreak of heroin use that has claimed the lives of 11 young people in the last 12 months.

Increasing heroin use among young, white, relatively well-off teens has been chronicled statewide in recent months.

But nowhere has the surge in use caused such panic and surprise, city officials said.

"We admit...we were blind-sided by this problem in our community," said Plano Police Chief Bruce Glasscock. "We didn't see it coming and we sure didn't know how dealers would come to our area once they knew the demand ... now is the time to react and react swiftly."

After making opening statements, a panel of city officials along with state Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, a Drug Enforcement Agency officer and a medical expert on addiction answered questions Thursday night about heroin use.

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Minister's musing...

Recently, I read the following words from a theologian's personal journey of faith: "We stand much more in need of encouragement, of positive and clear direction. We know well enough what is wrong with us, but the monotony of life sometimes makes us so dejected that we cannot seem to do anything about it. What we need above all are words that will make us love one another and advice that will strengthen us to overcome evil with good." —*The Sign of Jonas*

I am fully convinced of the truth of these words. What we need more than anything in our life is not criticism but encouragement.

By Rev. Todd Dyess,
First United Methodist Church



What I encounter more than any other problem in human suffering, many times, are people crying for someone to tell them what is right with their lives. They have lived far

too many years with the knowledge of what is wrong with them. They have been convinced by others and by themselves that they are worthless and sometimes very hopeless.

The most non-Christian approach to redemption that I know is the sin of rejecting others. It is non-Christian because it contradicts the heart of the gospel which is the resounding message: God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. (John 3:16, 17)

Nashville: Buckle of the Bible Belt

By JOE EDWARDS
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Every day, 100,000 or more people traveling on Interstate 40 see the 11-story Southern Baptist Convention tower, with its trademark cross dominating much of one side.

In a community known for guitars and grits, nothing may be more symbolic of Nashville's link with religion than the building and its huge cross.

Name the denomination, it's here. Predominant are Baptist, Methodist, Church of Christ, Presbyterian, Pentecostal and Assemblies of God.

"This is as much the buckle (of the Bible Belt) as any place," says the Rev. Bill Sherman of the 1,400-member Woodmont Baptist Church.

While most outside Nashville might believe country music is the top industry in Music City, it's actually publishing, due mainly to religious publications.

Besides the Southern Baptist Convention, the city is home to the United Methodist Publishing House, the National Baptist Convention USA, the Gospel Music Association, the Gideons International, the National Association of Free Will Baptists, the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, the National Baptist Publishing Board and Thomas

Nelson bible publishing.

It's the churches that are the most visible sign of the city's religious underpinnings.

"Everywhere you look, there's a church," says Nashville newcomer Matt Newton, who's lived in the city eight months.

And they're not just tiny neighborhood congregations.

Christ Church Pentecostal claims a membership of 6,800. Two Rivers Baptist lists 6,500 members. Several others have memberships of 3,000 or more.

There is a Baptist church across from the Grand Ole Opry House and the state Capitol — the city's most enduring landmarks.

There also is Baptist Hospital, Baptist Book Store, the Baptist World Center, Baptist Pharmacy, the Baptist Sunday School Board and Baptist Children's Homes Inc.

A Baptist minister, the Rev. Paul Durham, may run for mayor next year.

There is even a nightclub called The Church, open from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. (It doesn't serve liquor, but patrons may bring their own.)

And there's the non-denominational Cowboy Church, meeting at the Texas Troubadour nightclub, where worshippers are encouraged to wear jeans and boots. Offerings are placed in a cowboy hat.

"Nashville is such a Bible-

based, religious-based city," says Newton, a singer at Opryland USA theme park who has lived in five cities during the past five years.

"A lot more people here have had more of a church upbringing and that means more Christian living."

Even TV viewing is affected.

"Face the Nation" on CBS is delayed each Sunday until midnight so the local affiliate, WTVE, can air the syndicated religious show "In Touch" at 9:30 a.m.

Originating periodically from suburban Hendersonville is the national cable TV show "Praise the Lord" on the Trinity Broadcasting Network, featuring Paul and Jan Crouch.

Restaurants notice increased business on Wednesday evenings — church night. Shoney's Inc. of Nashville estimates the number of customers increases about 25 percent in the 23 Nashville restaurants.

"We attribute it primarily to the church crowd that's out moving around," says Bob Langford, Shoney's chief operating officer and the son of an Assembly of God minister. "They can move the tables and chairs around at Shoney's to accommodate church parties."

Robert E. Hooper, professor of history at David Lipscomb University in Nashville, says

Nashville is "without any question" the centerpiece of the Bible Belt.

"It's hard for even native Nashvillians to understand all that goes on here," he says.

Large numbers of Baptists, Methodists and others settled in Nashville in the 1800s, and denominational businesses followed through the years.

"I think it just happened," Hooper says.

Nashville, with a population of 530,000, also is a center of religious study.

Vanderbilt University has a divinity school where a young Al Gore studied briefly 25 years ago.

Belmont University is affiliated with the Southern Baptist church. Also in town are Free Will Baptist Bible College, American Baptist College and Trevecca Nazarene University.

The religious community is a strong force in the city. In referendum in 1987 and again in 1988, voters rejected pari-mutuel gambling after Baptist and Church of Christ leaders strongly opposed it.

"Of course, the influence is never what it ought to be," says Sherman, whose worship services are broadcast live on TV each week. "That's why we preachers take the pulpit every Sunday."

Religion briefs...

Gospel program at Highland Church

The congregation of Highland Church, located at 18th and Banks extends a cordial invitation to all to hear the music and word ministry of Bill and Jennifer Hackney. The Hackneys, from Horton, Kansas have been called to the ministry over five years.

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Service times for the ministry of the Hackneys will be Saturday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 16, at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Church giving away turkeys to needy

The Church of Good Shepherd, 422 N. West Street, will give away 50 turkeys to needy families for Thanksgiving. Requests will be taken at the church on Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

St. Matthew's to honor healing arts

By EDYTH JACKSON
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Sunday, Nov. 16, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 727 W. Browning, is giving special recognition to the medical community in thanksgiving for the science and art of healing.

Morning worship services are at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. A luncheon, following the 10:30 service, will be hosted by Phyllis Curtis, Marsha Darby, Gary and Mary Niccum and Jim and Sue Reddell.

The Rev. Jake Clemmens and the people of St. Matthew's wish to honor the medical profession. "We invite all members of the medical community to join us for worship and to stay for the luncheon," the Rev. Clemmens said.

According to historians, medicine men, as specialists, constituted the earliest professional class in the evolution of societies, and the Greeks are credited with the first rational or scientific medical system, evidenced by the Hippocratic Collection of medical writings put together in the 4th Century B.C.

The Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts provide a study in the practice of healing. Luke, a Greek, having Roman citizenship, practiced medicine before his missionary travels as companion to Paul in Asia Minor. His literary accomplishments and reflections from his own character reveal the triumph of the spirit of Christ in healing.



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Second Language First to Go For Some Alzheimer's Patients

DEAR ABBY: The Alzheimer's Association and other medical sources estimate that nearly 50 percent of people over the age of 85 will suffer from Alzheimer's disease. I believe that spouses of foreign-born men and women, who are part of the 50 percent, will face the added difficulty of communicating with their wives and husbands.

As Alzheimer's disease gradually erases the memory of the patient, starting with the present and going back chronologically to his or her childhood, the use of English or other second languages disappears.

It is important for caregivers who speak only the second language to learn enough of the patient's first language so they can communicate in basic words and phrases. I didn't, and am now faced with the complication of trying to understand the wants and needs of a French-speaking wife. Within the past six months she has regressed from all English to 75 percent French, and the change increases daily. Over the past 50 years, she has often complained that she has lost her French almost entirely. She is as fluent today as she has ever been.

Last week, as my wife started to wake up one morning, I put my arms around her with our heads ear to ear. She thought I was her deceased sister. For 45 minutes she talked (in French) about when they were youngsters, and she mentioned her mother, father, brothers, friends and places they had



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

been. She was feeling such joy! Finally, she drifted back to sleep. When she awakened, she bubbled over with excitement as she told me of the wonderful time she had reminiscing with her sister. Such moments may be rare, but they are unforgettable and treasured.

I deeply regret the years I rationalized that I couldn't pronounce French properly, didn't have time to learn it, didn't need it and saw no future need for it. So, start learning that foreign language now. The younger you are when you begin, the easier and more rapidly you'll become fluent in your spouse's first language.

RICHARD IN EVERETT, WASH. DEAR RICHARD: That's valuable advice, regardless of the mental condition of one's spouse. However, the problem you have raised pertaining to people with Alzheimer's disease is a serious one.

Growing numbers of foreign-born seniors in major cities

across the country have made it increasingly important that culturally appropriate services reflect changing demographics. Being able to communicate with the patient is crucial for a reliable diagnosis. For everyday care, families need to learn to rely on non-verbal communication — facial expressions, touch and body language.

How to meet the needs of a diverse and frail population that speaks limited English is an issue of concern in today's caregiving community, and it will become even more so in the future. The Alzheimer's Association can provide caregivers with suggestions to improve communication. The toll-free number is (800) 272-3900.

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope

Sunday, Nov. 16, 1997

In the year ahead, your chart shows greater recognition and remuneration in your chosen field of endeavor. You are not likely to be overlooked where perks and promotions are concerned.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A current project might be subjected to unexpected changes at this time. These developments might look bad at first, but they will work out advantageously in the end. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that will govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing \$2 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.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Before

making a major decision today, talk it over in detail with your mate, even if it pertains to an issue with which he or she is unfamiliar.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You could be extremely restless today if you're not involved in worthy endeavors. Do not amass guilt due to mismanagement of your time and efforts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today will be more pleasurable for you if everything isn't too structured. Play it by ear so that you will be free in case of spontaneous developments.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) That endeavor of yours still has the potential you had envisioned initially. You have just been driving the wrong way down a one-way street.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Making connections with individuals you've tried to reach earlier in the week could be easier today. Get out your rotary file and start dialing again.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today, you're likely to be luckier than usual in situations where there is something of

material value at stake. Share the wealth when you reap it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Significant objectives are achievable today, provided you are a good self-starter. Do not wait around for others to get their motors running.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you have some mental work to get done, try to find a secluded nook. You might surprise yourself on the quality of your accomplishments.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In social involvements today, make it a point to talk at greater length with people to whom you usually just say hello. You might make a good new friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It shouldn't be hard for you to get others to pay attention to you today. You will be noticed for everything you do: good, bad or indifferent.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your curiosity is a valuable asset today. Read current literature to bring yourself up to date on your latest interests.

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For Better or For Worse



Ario & Janis



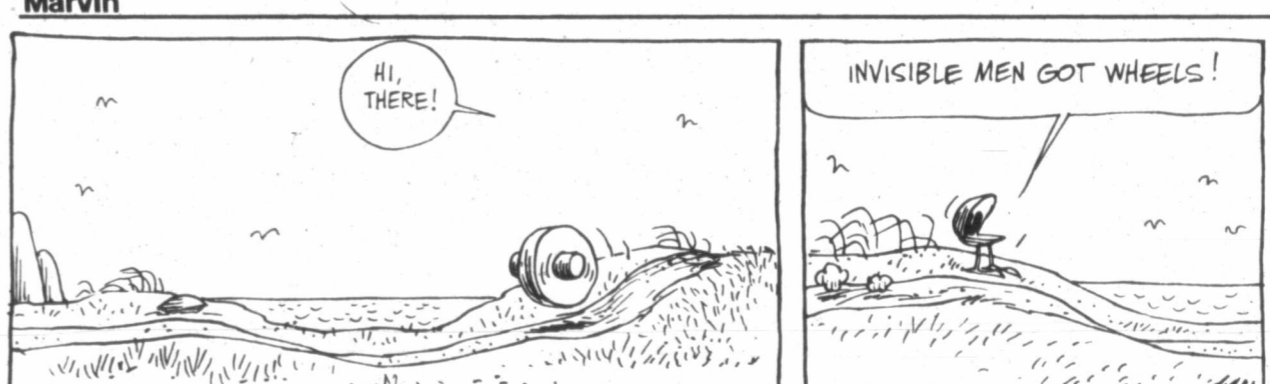
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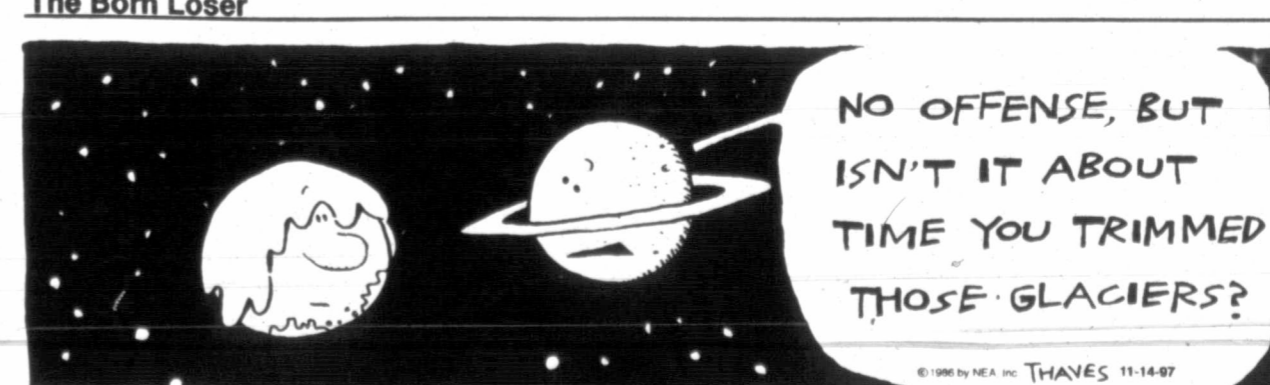
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Eek & Meek



The Born Loser



Frank And Ernest



Mallard Filmore



"Did Mary and Joseph ever get up enough nerve to send Jesus to his room?"



"That sounds like a bark, Henry...return it."

The Family Circus



Marmaduke



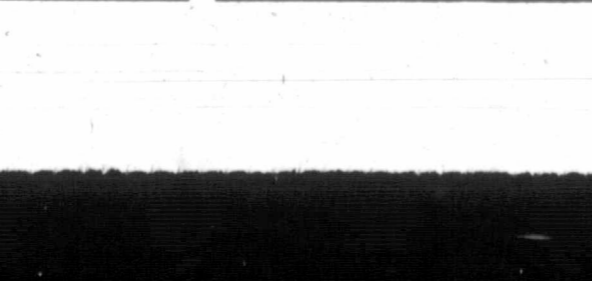
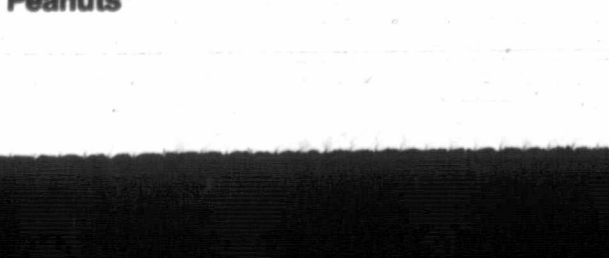
Grizzwells



Alley Oop



Peanuts



SPORTS

Notebook

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Southern Methodist's football coach refuses to brag about the winning streak that has elevated the Mustangs to the top of their Western Athletic Conference division.

"Our kids are playing pretty hard, but we're not where we want to be," Mike Cavan said. "There's a lot of work to do."

SMU won its last four games — against Utah, Wyoming, Rice and Texas-El Paso — and next takes on struggling Tulsa. Game time is 2 p.m. Saturday.

Tulsa coach Dave Rader said his team gave a disappointing performance in losing 17-10 to the Mustangs last season.

GENERAL

DALLAS (AP) — The City Council has received a plan for a new downtown arena to house pro basketball and hockey teams.

The recommendation was that a new \$230 million facility be built in the West End, on the site of a TU Electric Plant.

The 50-acre site ranked last among 13 studied three years ago, but would spare Reunion Arena, which now houses the Dallas Mavericks and Dallas Stars.

In order to hold a Jan. 17 referendum on the new arena, the Dallas council must schedule the balloting today.

PRO FOOTBALL

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The NFL is looking into what happened along the sidelines when Saints coach Mike Ditka handed his defensive coordinator a \$50 bill after the Oakland Raiders game.

It was all in fun, Ditka says. But the commissioner and members of his staff are reviewing the incident, said NFL spokesman Greg Aiello.

"The greatest fear of any sport league is gambling," Aiello said Wednesday.

Aiello said no announcement on the situation was expected today.

The league called Saints general manager Bill Kuharich after Ditka was seen on television paying off a \$20 bet to assistant coach Zavin Yarialian. Ditka had bet Yarialian that the Saints defense would not stop Oakland Raiders receiver Tim Brown on the crossing route he runs.

The money changed hands on the sideline after New Orleans limited Brown to five catches for 43 yards.

Ditka handed Yarialian a \$50, Yarialian gave him \$25 in change and promised him the other \$5 later.

The call from the league was just an inquiry to find out what transpired, Kuharich said. Kuharich did not mention a bet being paid off when he spoke to the league, however.

"I told them that what I saw from upstairs in the press box was the transfer of money," Kuharich said.

Kuharich said he in turn spoke to Ditka and expressed his concern about the incident and Ditka's judgment.

"It was the most innocent thing in the world, but it doesn't look good," Ditka said on Wednesday. "Let's face it. It's not the thing you want to have happen. It's stupid on my part. Of course, I didn't realize that every camera west of the Mississippi was on me."

Ditka described the wager as simply one made in fun, but said that if the league thought it looked bad, he regretted it.

"I respect this league tremendously and what it stands for," Ditka said. "There's things you expect to see and things you don't expect to see when you look at a sideline. Certainly you don't expect to see an exchange of money. I'm dead wrong. Those are the things you just wish, good dog, if you could just undo that. But you can't do it."

No fine had been levied against Ditka or Yarialian on Wednesday.

Pampa's Wells grabs MVP Award

PAMPA — Pampa junior Mandy Wells was named District 1-4A's Most Valuable Player in the girls' division this fall.

Wells helped lead Pampa to its first team tennis championship in school history.

Canyon's Cliff Martin was named Most Valuable Player in the boys' division.

Pampa's Larry Wheeler was named the district's Coach of the Year.

All-District 1-4A Team (fall season)

First Team

Boys

Singles

1. Cliff Martin, Canyon;
2. Ross Jones, Dumas;
3. Russ DuBose, Pampa;
4. Bounleuth Manhkong, Canyon;
5. Jason Vickery, Pampa;
6. Will Manhkong, Canyon.

Doubles

1. Cliff Martin-Eric Marable, Canyon;
2. Luke Dill-Nathan Milner, Borger;
3. Jason Vickery-Brandon Coffee, Pampa.

Second Team

Singles

1. Bo Ames, Dumas;
2. James Hyde, Caprock;
3. Matt Coggins, Dumas;
4. Matt Rains, Pampa;
5. Aaron Kozak, Dumas;
6. Michael Cornelison, Pampa.

Doubles

1. Bo Ames-Ross Jones, Dumas;
2. Russ DuBose-Brian Sprinkle, Pampa;
3. Matt Coggins-Ryan

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Tebeest, Dumas.

First Team

Girls

Singles

1. Jennifer Carlile, Borger;
2. Mandy Wells, Pampa;
3. Angie Martindale, Dumas;
4. Kristin Smith, Dumas;
5. (tie) Kellen Waters, Pampa;
- Adrienne Pendergrass, Dumas;
- Laura Schrib, Canyon;
6. Emily Curtis, Pampa.

Doubles

1. Emily Waters-McKinley Quarles, Pampa;
2. Mandy Wells-Emily Curtis, Pampa;
3. Valerie Lee-Kellen Waters, Pampa.

Second Team

Singles

1. Jennifer Cade, Dumas;
2. Lily Cordero, Dumas;
3. Elizabeth Carlile, Borger;
4. Valerie Lee, Pampa;
5. None listed;
6. Stephanie Lechner, Dumas.

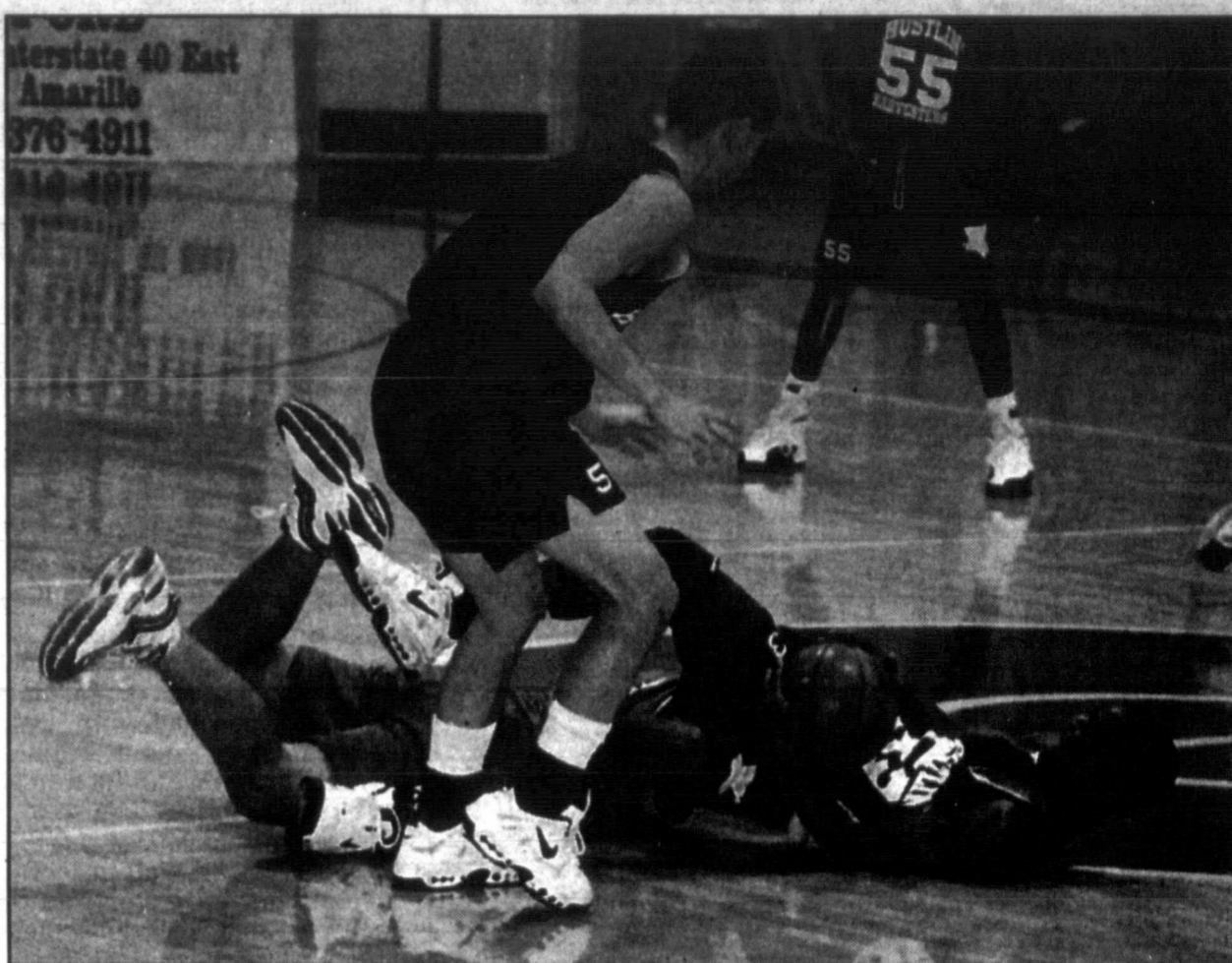
Doubles

1. Jennifer Carlile-Maggie Green, Borger;
2. Kristin Smith-Adrienne Pendergrass, Dumas;
3. Laura Schrib-Emily Whorter, Canyon.

Girls MVP: Mandy Wells, Pampa.

Boys MVP: Cliff Martin, Canyon.

Coach of the Year: Larry Wheeler, Pampa.



(Pampa News photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa's Lynn Brown goes to the floor for a loose ball while teammate Jesse Francis looks on during a scrimmage with Dimmitt and Plainview. The Harvesters open the basketball season at 7:30 Tuesday night against Sanford-Fritch in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Pampa hosts Sanford-Fritch to open new basketball season

PAMPA — The Pampa Harvesters tuned up for the basketball season with a three-way scrimmage against Dimmitt and Plainview this week in Canyon.

The Harvesters looked good in their first outing, according to PHS head coach Robert Hale.

"We had a lot of kids who saw a lot of playing time, both

varsity and junior varsity," Hale said. "It went well for us. The scrimmages were entirely officiated, so that made it nice."

The Harvesters open the season Tuesday night against Sanford-Fritch with the game starting at 7:30 in McNeely Fieldhouse. Pampa and Sanford-Fritch girls tip off at 6.

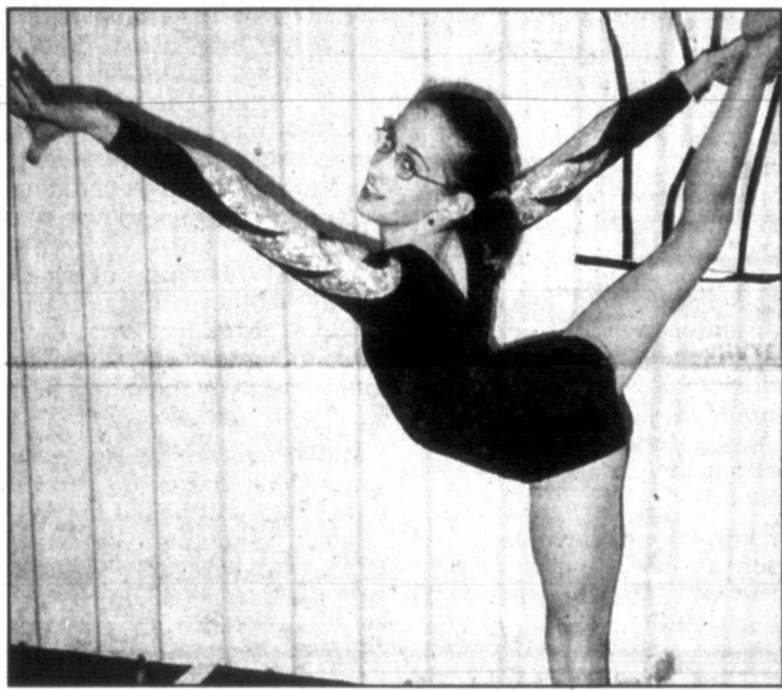
The Harvesters have one final scrimmage, Saturday at Elk

City, Okla., starting at 11:15 a.m.

The Harvesters won't have much height this season and only two players return (Lynn Brown and Shawn Young), who started a majority of the games a year ago.

"They're not real big, but they play big," Hale added. "I think this is a few biggest-hearted bunch I've ever coached. They're a great group of kids."

District qualifier



(Special photo)

Alyssa Bromwell, 11-year-old daughter of James and Christy Bromwell, has qualified as Level 5 District champion for the North State Semi-Finals. She is a member of the Gymnastics of Pampa Team.

49ers ready to wrap up NFC's West title

By The Associated Press

It's not even Thanksgiving, and the San Francisco 49ers are on the verge of winning their division again after a one-year hiatus.

Should the 49ers beat the Carolina Panthers on Sunday, they will take their 13th NFC West crown in 17 years. A victory also would give San Francisco an 8-0 divisional record and mark just the second time since the 16-game schedule began in 1978 that a team locked up a division title by its 11th game. Chicago did so in 1985.

"You always want to have something to fight for week in, week out," 49ers fullback William Floyd said. "This week, we can fight to clinch the division and a playoff spot, and every week after that, we can fight to have homefield advantage."

The Niners probably should look at the Denver Broncos — the only other team with a 9-1 record this season. But not the 1997 Broncos.

Last season, Denver clinched its division and AFC homefield advantage so early that it lost its edge and was beaten in the first round of the playoffs.

San Francisco claims that won't happen. This is an experienced team, even though coach Steve Mariucci is in his first year at the helm.

The 49ers have added incentive for Sunday. Last year, they lost the division title to the Panthers, and Carolina quarterback Kerry Collins claimed it was the begin-

ning of a dynasty.

Some dynasty: the Panthers are 5-5.

"I don't know how you can build a dynasty in one year," 49ers safety Tim McDonald said. "I think they're all pretty much aware of that. Maybe if he had a chance to take those words back, he might. It takes a lot of work to build that sort of thing, and to proclaim that after one good season was a pretty bold statement."

Also Sunday, it's Arizona at the New York Giants, Atlanta at St. Louis, Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, Denver at Kansas City, Green Bay at Indianapolis, Tennessee at Jacksonville, Minnesota at Detroit, New England at Tampa Bay, Philadelphia at Baltimore, Seattle at New Orleans, Washington at Dallas, the New York Jets at Chicago, and Oakland at San Diego.

Monday night, it's Buffalo at Miami.

The Broncos could just about salt away the AFC West by winning at Kansas City in the only other division race that isn't tied. Denver leads the Chiefs (7-3) by two games and Seattle (6-4) by three.

"Every game is important, but there is no denying this is more important than most. This is a big game," Chiefs guard Dave Szott said. "If we don't win this week, it's going to be awfully tough."

It will be awfully tough to win, too. Quarterback Elvis Grbac is out, and the Broncos rediscovered their potency in a 34-0 blitzing of Carolina last weekend.

Tracking deer on foot is lost art

By DOUG PIKE
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Box blinds, towers and high-rack pickups are proven vantages, but serious deer hunters owe it to themselves, at least occasionally, to test and improve their skills by pursuing the animals on foot.

In many parts of the country, Texas included, still-hunting is becoming a lost art. To slip within reasonable distance of a trophy-class whitetail commands measures of time, patience and aptitude that most hunters cannot or will not invest. The ritual of the hunt has been distilled instead to abbreviated a.m. and p.m. sessions within the confines of a stand or blind. Often as not, the hunter is secured from the elements by roof and walls, sometimes even with a gas heater and in a few instances such deer-hunting absurdities as portable televisions.

Our social and professional pace is such now that sitting still and alone for more than a few hours generates anxiety. If a good deer happens to materialize at first light, bang. Otherwise, the average deer hunter would prefer to be retrieved from the stand and ferried back to camp for a meal and a nap.

The efficacy of smartly positioned deer stands is a given. Prime watchtowers — especially those that overlook oat patches or corn-sweetened roads — are great places to hunt whitetails and always will be. The careful observer who refuses to be distracted by chee-chee birds and such will see plenty of deer. A decent buck eventually will expose itself, and the hunt will be done.

Something in the way I'm wired, however, also makes me want to climb down the ladder and take a walk. From the moment I settle into a deer stand, I'm convinced not only that the biggest buck in the pasture is "over there," but that it isn't coming "over here."

The odds say I'm right. Bucks that hang out around feeders and don't shy from stands seldom reach the rank of patriarch. In Texas, the average age of bucks killed by hunters is 1.5 years, and the average hunter is sitting in a stand about 100 yards from a feeder when the shot is fired. Range, time and rack are fairly predictable, actually, on a quality ranch that has a healthy deer herd.

"Book" deer don't reach that benchmark with bad decisions.

"Big, old bucks know every nail in that blind," said Bill Carter, whose Sombrero Ranch in South Texas has produced some exceptional whitetails, not the least of which was a 9.5-year old, 24-inch, 16-point beast that won last year's Muey Grande contest.

One school says to cover ground, yet a single misstep will spook nearby deer. The other teaches advance at barely a snail's pace, but that may mean never catching up to a moving animal.

Carter took that deer on foot, while "hunting" his way back to camp from an interior pasture.

This is not to say that still-hunting is a shortcut to bigger bucks. Wandering the woods without purpose and resolve would probably hurt most hunters' chances. Nonetheless, stalking heightens the experience with introduction of a dozen new factors to the equation.

One school says to cover ground, yet a single misstep will spook nearby deer. The other teaches advance at barely a snail's pace, but that may mean never catching up to a moving animal. Common sense says to strike a compromise, letting weather and wildlife dictate your movement.

"You can't move too slowly," insists Carter, who I'd rate as one of the most knowledgeable deer hunters in the state if not the nation.

His strategy involves a combination of tactics. Between moves, Carter said he takes frequent pauses to scan the brush.

"You've got to go to the trouble to use binoculars to look for big bucks laying in tall grass," he said. "You won't see them with the naked eye."

With binoculars, hunters also can peer into the deepest recesses of thick tangles. There, back in the shadows, you come across a leg. Or a nose, or an ear. There's no way you'll pick up those subtleties in heavy shade, without high-quality optics.

Also, Carter said he likes to stop in likely areas, snuggle into some cover and blow a grunt call once or twice. If nothing happens

in 10 minutes or so, he's back on his feet.

Before taking even a single step into the woods alone, inform anyone and everyone on the lease of the plan — safety first, particularly on ranches where business partners suddenly find themselves hunting partners. You can't base someone's judgment in the field on their ability to close a deal or win a case.

I like the middle of the day for still-hunting, mostly because other hunters are usually back in camp then. Deer are slightly less cautious, too, on a full stomach. Not unlike hunters, whitetails often will settle into thick cover and catch a few winks under the midday sun. And when they're down, after the last pickup has rumbled down the road to gather the last hunter, their defenses are down.

"They've got us patterned just like we think we've got them patterned," Carter said, "especially the older bucks."

It's a simple premise, really. They move when we stop and stop when we move.

For most outdoorsmen, that first foothold off the beaten path — during hunting season, toting a loaded rifle — opens a new world. Immediately, you notice an intricate network of bare-earth trails that parallel the edges of thick cover but never stray quite close enough to expose the animal. You realize in an instant how many deer probably slither, unnoticed past your stand in the corner of the pasture.

You've entered their turf, and to beat them, you must play by their rules.

Silence is a definite ally, but noise — if it's managed — isn't a fatal flaw.

It is physically impossible to move more than a step or two through mesquite thickets or hardwood forests without a sound, even in fuzzy slippers after a gentle rain. Forget that notion, or you will only compound one mistake by making another. Instead, focus on making your own motions and movements — and the noises they naturally create — mimic those of wildlife.

More than once, after becoming restless in tree stands while several does and young bucks milled in the immediate vicinity, I've closed my eyes and just listened. Doing so enhanced my hearing, which familiarized me with the sounds that content whitetails make.

Scoreboard

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Thursday's Scores
By The Associated Press

Texas HS Football Playoff Scores

Class 5A

South Grand Prairie 35, Hurst Bell 17

Class 3A

Aledo 45, Hillsboro 12

Class 2A

Colina 59, Bells 6

Holliday 34, Paradise 6

Lindsay 30, Haskell 14

Six-man

Silverton 31, Jayton 6

PRO BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
At A Glance

All Times EST
By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

| Team | W | L | Pct | GB |
|--------------|---|---|------|-------|
| Miami | 5 | 2 | .714 | — |
| New Jersey | 4 | 2 | .667 | 1/2 |
| New York | 5 | 3 | .625 | 1/2 |
| Washington | 4 | 4 | .500 | 1 1/2 |
| Orlando | 3 | 4 | .429 | 2 |
| Boston | 2 | 5 | .286 | 3 |
| Philadelphia | 2 | 5 | .286 | 3 |

Central Division

| Team | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-----------|---|---|-------|-------|
| Atlanta | 8 | 0 | 1.000 | — |
| Milwaukee | 5 | 2 | .714 | 2 1/2 |
| Charlotte | 4 | 2 | .667 | 3 |
| Cleveland | 3 | 3 | .500 | 3 1/2 |
| Chicago | 4 | 4 | .500 | 4 |
| Detroit | 3 | 6 | .333 | 5 1/2 |
| Indiana | 2 | 5 | .286 | 6 1/2 |
| Toronto | 1 | 6 | .143 | 7 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

| Team | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|---|---|------|-------|
| San Antonio | 6 | 2 | .750 | — |
| Minnesota | 4 | 3 | .571 | 1 1/2 |
| Houston | 3 | 3 | .500 | 2 |
| Dallas | 3 | 4 | .429 | 2 1/2 |
| Utah | 3 | 4 | .429 | 2 1/2 |
| Vancouver | 3 | 5 | .375 | 3 |
| Denver | 0 | 6 | .000 | 5 |

Pacific Division

| Team | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---------------|---|---|-------|-------|
| L.A. Lakers | 6 | 0 | 1.000 | — |
| Portland | 5 | 1 | .833 | 1 |
| Phoenix | 1 | 2 | .333 | 1 1/2 |
| Seattle | 2 | 2 | .500 | 1 |
| Sacramento | 2 | 5 | .286 | 4 1/2 |
| L.A. Clippers | 1 | 6 | .143 | 5 |
| Golden State | 0 | 7 | .000 | 6 1/2 |

Wednesday's Games

Boston 96, Denver 86
Atlanta 89, Indiana 86
Sacramento 115, Orlando 89
New York 93, Toronto 70
Washington 90, Chicago 83
Philadelphia 114, Houston 100
Utah 96, Vancouver 80
Phoenix 103, Milwaukee 95
Detroit 102, Golden State 71

Thursday's Games

Cleveland 85, New Jersey 74
Washington 91, Minnesota 88, OT
Philadelphia 99, Dallas 96
L.A. Lakers 109, San Antonio 100, OT
Seattle 95, Detroit 89
Milwaukee 102, L.A. Clippers 94

Friday's Games

Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.
Miami at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Denver at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Utah, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Portland, 10 p.m. Saturday's Games

Sunday's Games

Indiana at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.

BASEBALL

L.A. Clippers at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Houston at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

National League Most Valuable Players

By The Associated Press

- 1981 — Frank Frisch, St. Louis
- 1982 — Chuck Klein, Philadelphia
- 1983 — Carl Hubbell, New York
- 1984 — Dizzy Dean, St. Louis
- 1985 — Gabby Hartnett, Chicago
- 1986 — Carl Hubbell, New York
- 1987 — Joe Mauer, St. Louis
- 1988 — Ernie Lombardi, Cincinnati
- 1989 — Bucky Walters, Cincinnati
- 1990 — Frank McCormick, Cincinnati
- 1991 — Dolph Camilli, Brooklyn
- 1992 — Mort Cooper, St. Louis
- 1993 — Stan Musial, St. Louis
- 1994 — Marty Marion, St. Louis
- 1995 — Phil Cavaretta, Chicago
- 1996 — Stan Musial, St. Louis
- 1997 — Bob Elliott, Boston
- 1998 — Stan Musial, St. Louis
- 1999 — Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn
- 2000 — Jim Konstanty, Philadelphia
- 2001 — Roy Campanella, Brooklyn
- 2002 — Hank Sauer, Chicago
- 2003 — Roy Campanella, Brooklyn
- 2004 — Willie Mays, New York
- 2005 — Roy Campanella, Brooklyn
- 2006 — Dan Newcombe, Brooklyn
- 2007 — Hank Aaron, Milwaukee
- 2008 — Ernie Banks, Chicago
- 2009 — Ernie Banks, Chicago
- 2010 — Dick Groat, Pittsburgh
- 2011 — Frank Robinson, Cincinnati
- 2012 — Maury Wills, Los Angeles
- 2013 — Sandy Koufax, Los Angeles
- 2014 — Ken Boyer, St. Louis
- 2015 — Willie Mays, San Francisco
- 2016 — Roberto Clemente, Pittsburgh
- 2017 — Orlando Cepeda, St. Louis
- 2018 — Bob Gibson, St. Louis
- 2019 — Willie McCovey, San Francisco
- 2020 — Johnny Bench, Cincinnati
- 2021 — Joe Torre, St. Louis
- 2022 — Johnny Bench, Cincinnati
- 2023 — Pete Rose, Cincinnati
- 2024 — Steve Garvey, Los Angeles
- 2025 — Joe Morgan, Cincinnati
- 2026 — Joe Morgan, Cincinnati
- 2027 — George Foster, Cincinnati
- 2028 — Dave Parker, Pittsburgh
- 2029 — Willie Stargell, Pittsburgh, and Keith Hernandez, St. Louis
- 2030 — Mike Schmidt, Philadelphia
- 2031 — Dale Murphy, Atlanta
- 2032 — Dale Murphy, Atlanta
- 2033 — Ryne Sandberg, Chicago
- 2034 — Willie McGee, St. Louis
- 2035 — Mike Schmidt, Philadelphia
- 2036 — Mike Schmidt, Philadelphia
- 2037 — Andre Dawson, Chicago
- 2038 — Kirk Gibson, Los Angeles
- 2039 — Kevin Mitchell, San Francisco
- 2040 — Barry Bonds, Pittsburgh
- 2041 — Terry Pendleton, Atlanta
- 2042 — Barry Bonds, Pittsburgh
- 2043 — Barry Bonds, Pittsburgh
- 2044 — x-Jeff Bagwell, Houston
- 2045 — x-Jeff Bagwell, Houston
- 2046 — x-Ken Caminiti, San Diego
- 2047 — Larry Walker, Colorado
- 2048 — unanimous selection.

PRO FOOTBALL

LUCKY MONKEY PICKS

N.Y. Giants over Arizona
Atlanta over St. Louis
Carolina over San Francisco
Cincinnati over Pittsburgh
Kansas City over Denver
Green Bay over Indianapolis
Detroit over Minnesota
Tampa Bay over San Diego
N.Y. Jets over Chicago
Baltimore over Philadelphia
Seattle over New Orleans
Jacksonville over Tennessee
Washington over Dallas
Oakland over San Diego
Miami over Buffalo

Cowboys, Red Raiders hope to finish strong

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — No. 24 Oklahoma State knows it's going to a bowl game and now is jockeying for position while battling for the Big 12 South title.

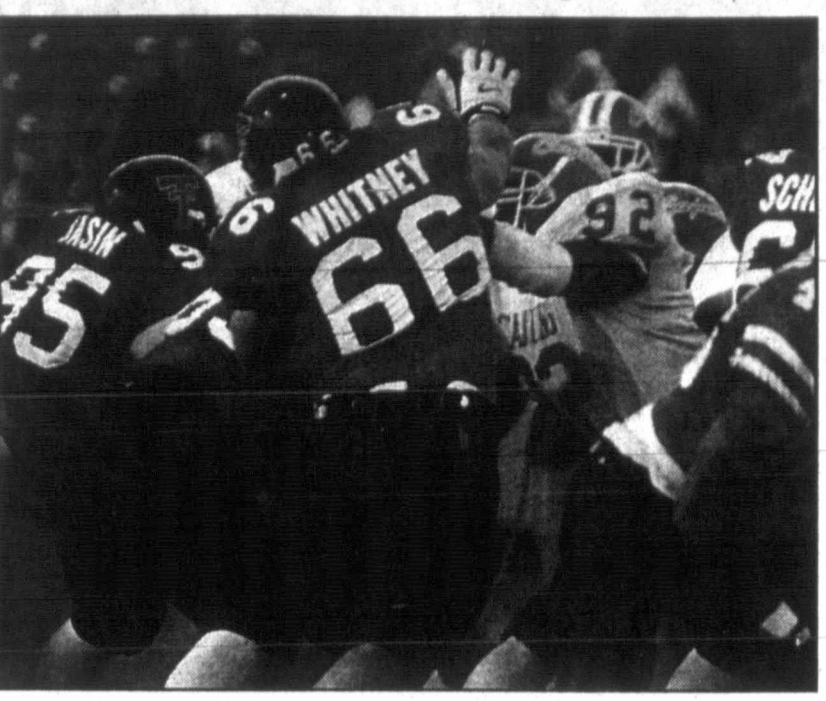
Texas Tech also has a shot at the South Division title and could wind up qualifying for a bowl. But the Red Raiders, in the midst of an NCAA investigation, have already said they won't play in the postseason.

So who has more to play for when the teams meet at 2 p.m. Saturday? Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes doesn't think it's necessarily Oklahoma State.

"The significance of all of them is quite large when you're in a position that we're in," he said.

"I don't think you have to have a carrot dangling at the end of the string to play good football. You sign on to play football. You play your best every time you go out, I think, regardless of what the lure is to be successful."

The Red Raiders (5-4, 4-2 Big 12) have played well in recent weeks. They have won four of their past six games, with their losses coming against then-No. 1 Nebraska and Kansas State. Both of those games were competitive — 29-0 against Nebraska, 13-2 against Kansas State.



(Special photo) Pampa native Chris Whitney (66) and the Red Raiders have a shot at the South Division title with a win over Oklahoma State. Whitney plays in the offensive line for Texas Tech.

Texas Tech ranks No. 4 in the conference against the rush and No. 5 in total defense. Last week in a victory over Texas, the Red Raiders gave up 465 yards but stopped Ricky Williams' streak of four consecutive 200-yard rushing games. He had just 80 on 21 carries.

"The Tech defense plays lights out. They just play hard

all the time," Oklahoma State coach Bob Simmons said. "I think other than the Tennessee game where they just got outmanned, and maybe North Texas, their defense has been consistent during the majority of the season."

The Red Raiders, breaking in several young players on offense, lost both those games during a 1-2 start. But the

offense has matured and the Red Raiders have done a good job of protecting the ball.

They also have a dangerous quarterback in Zebbie Letheridge, who has thrown for more than 1,300 yards and is a threat as a scrambler.

"The early part of the year they were floundering a little bit because of what was going on in that program," Simmons said. "But he's regrouped them where they're playing solid football right now."

So is Oklahoma State (7-2, 4-2). The Cowboys ended a two-game losing streak last week by beating Oklahoma, 30-7. Tony Lindsay played another solid game at quarterback and Jamaal Fobbs ran for 122 yards. The difference was the defense, which came up with six turnovers and held Oklahoma to 198 total yards.

In order to win the South title, the Cowboys need to win their final two games and have Texas A&M lose one.

Simmons wants his team to remain focused and not get caught looking ahead to the school's first bowl trip in nine years. He said a review of the Oklahoma game film showed plenty of areas where the Cowboys could have played better.

"The challenge for us is not to be satisfied," Simmons said.

Walker ends Coors Field bias with MVP award

DENVER (AP) — Well aware of previous snubs of Colorado sluggers, Larry Walker finally quashed the Coors Field bias.

In hitting .366 with 49 homers and 130 RBIs for the Rockies this season, Walker did much of his damage outside the mile-high atmosphere and was rewarded Thursday with the National League Most Valuable Player award.

"I never really got too excited," Walker said of predictions he would win the award. "I wasn't going to be let down if it didn't happen. We've seen what happened in the past with Dante Bichette and Ellis Burks."

Bichette finished second in the NL MVP voting two years ago, while Burks was a distant third in 1996. Walker had no such trouble, gaining 22 of 28 first-place votes, three seconds and three thirds to outdistance Los Angeles Dodgers catcher Mike Piazza and Houston Astros first baseman Jeff Bagwell. Walker became the first

Canadian to win the award. He followed a sweep by Canadian teams in Cy Young voting, with Montreal's Pedro Martinez winning the NL award and Toronto's Roger Clemens winning the AL honor.

"I've done something good for me personally, and even better, I've done something good for my country," Walker said. "I hope kids can look at me and say one day, 'I want to play as good as Larry Walker did.' Hopefully kids look up to me and it will push them to reach for their goals."

Walker prevented voters from using hitter-friendly Coors Field as a crutch, hitting .346 on the road with 29 homers and 62 RBIs — up from a .142 average with six homers and 13 RBIs on the road in his injury-shortened 1996 season.

"I knew I was having a good season as I was going along," Walker said. "Just day after day, I

shocked at myself with some things I was doing. I'd go home at night or to the hotel room and say, 'I did that again? I can't believe this. This is fun!'"

Walker's remarkable year was in sharp contrast to 1996, when he missed 79 games after breaking his collarbone crashing into the center field fence. A month after the season, Walker slipped while fishing in Vancouver, British Columbia, and needed surgery on his right shoulder.

Forget MVP, Walker could have been the comeback player of the year.

"Larry Walker just put together a year that they could not deny," Rockies manager Don Baylor said. "Coming off a shoulder injury, just to do the things he did was pretty incredible."

Walker became the first person since Hank Aaron to have 400 total bases, and he led the NL in homers, slugging percentage (.720), extra-base hits (99) and on-base percentage (.452).

His 143 runs trailed only Houston's Craig Biggio, and his RBI total was No. 3 in the league. Defensively, he won his third consecutive Gold Glove in the outfield.

"As far as numbers, the overall season was so much fun, it's tough to pinpoint one thing," Walker said. "To be in the same sentence with Hank Aaron is a great honor for me. Not so much the numbers themselves, but the names that are involved in some of things I did really hit home."

Walker put his name in the MVP race from the season's first week, when he hit six homers in a four-game span and built an average that didn't drop below .400 for good until July 19.

"I believe it started one day in Montreal when Larry hit the three home runs," Baylor said. "He had such a confident look about him that it continued not only throughout that entire month of April but for an entire season."

Cavs' win drops Bulls to fifth

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Basketball Writer

The Chicago Bulls can't catch a break — even on their night off.

The Bulls dropped to fifth place in the Central Division and a tie for eighth place in the Eastern Conference when the Cleveland Cavaliers defeated the injury-depleted New Jersey Nets 85-74 Thursday night.

The win moved the Cavs (4-3) a game above .500 and a half-game ahead of the idle Bulls. Cleveland and Chicago will play at the United Center on Saturday night. "Nobody like to see a team short-handed the way they were. The minutes build up and they didn't get a breather," Cavs coach Mike Fratello said of the Nets, who were down to nine healthy players before losing Chris Gatling to a strained right ankle in the third quarter. He'll be out at least a week.

In other NBA games, the Los Angeles Lakers edged San Antonio 109-100 in overtime, Washington nipped Minnesota 91-88 in overtime, Seattle defeated Detroit 95-89, Milwaukee beat the Los Angeles Clippers 102-94 and Philadelphia edged Dallas 99-98.

Wesley Person scored 20 points, including eight during a 10-0 burst to close the third quarter, and center Zydrunas Ilgauskas also scored 20.

The Cavs overcame Sam Cassell's 32 points and Jayson Williams' career-high 26 rebounds. New Jersey lost its second in a row following four straight wins to open the season.

"A couple guys gave us great efforts, but a couple of people let us down," Calipari said. "That can't happen when you're struggling to survive."

Lakers 109, Spurs 100
Shaquille O'Neal scored 34 points, and Los Angeles outscored the Spurs 22-6 down the stretch, including 13-4 in overtime, to win their San Antonio and extend its season-opening winning streak to six games.

"We were more aggressive offensively in the last half of the fourth quarter," Lakers coach Del Harris said. "The guys just totally committed themselves. Once we got that momentum going that was some of the best defense

we've played."

The Lakers erased a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter and tied the game at 96 with 7.1 seconds left on Nick Van Exel's jumper from just inside the 3-point line.

San Antonio struggled to get off a good shot in overtime. "It's tough loss because it's a game we had and let get away," said David Robinson, who led the Spurs with 27 points and 14 rebounds.

Wizards 91, Timberwolves 88
Rod Strickland scored six of his 21 points in overtime, redeeming himself for two missed shots at the end of regulation, as Washington won its fourth road game.

"We've won all our road games (Washington actually is 4-2 on the road) and lost all our home games. Go figure," said Strickland, who missed a layup with just under 10 seconds remaining in regulation and a fallaway jumper at the buzzer. "We've got to solve the home-game situation."

Chris Webber added 22 points and 17 rebounds for Washington, whose reserves outscored Minnesota's 23-6.

Tom Gugliotta had his worst shooting night of the season, going 4-of-23 from the field with a season-low 13 points. The Wolves shot a season-low 37.6 percent from the field.

SuperSonics 95, Pistons 89
Gary Payton just missed a triple-double with 25 points, nine assists and nine rebounds and spent much of the night hounding Grant Hill into 6-for-17 shooting and eight turnovers.

"We're 6-2, so we're doing pretty good closing teams out. But we can do better," Payton said. "Our focus was keeping (Hill) away from the basket and out of his comfort zone."

Vin Baker added 24 points, 12 rebounds and three blocked shots. Seattle never trailed against the Pistons, who went 1-3 on their four-game road trip.

Bucks 102, Clippers 94
Glenn Robinson scored 32 points — his third straight game with 30 or more — and Ray Allen added 23 for Milwaukee at Los Angeles.

The Bucks opened a 21-point lead in the first half behind the solid shooting of Robinson and Allen.

Diamondbacks win coin toss

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — It took 28 years for Phoenix sports executive Jerry Colangelo to get another chance to pick first in an expansion draft. He had better luck this time.

As former major league star Frank Robinson, the commissioner of the Arizona Fall League, flipped a commemorative Jackie Robinson silver dollar, Colangelo called heads.

Heads is what Robinson declared, and the Arizona Diamondbacks got the choice of picking first in the expansion draft. Instead, they gave the first and fourth picks to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, opting to choose second, third and fifth and have the first choice in each succeeding round of the draft Tuesday.

Each team will draft 35 players and fill out most of its initial 40-man roster from other team's leavings or through trades.

"Drafting two, three, five in the first five picks gave us much more flexibility," said Colangelo, the Diamondbacks CEO. "And then proceeding down into the draft in subsequent rounds, we have the flexibility of making trades before the selection."

"We did a pretty good shopping job to see whether that first pick would bring a major deal, and we'd already gone past that."

Tampa Bay CEO Vince Naimoli would have preferred to let the Diamondbacks choose first, but said the No. 1 choice could be turned to the Devil Rays' benefit. "What the first pick allows us to do is work on a blockbuster trade," Naimoli said.

In 1969, the circumstances were much different for Colangelo.

As general manager of the Phoenix Suns, he lost a coin flip to the Milwaukee Bucks, who selected Lew Alcindor with the No. 1 choice. He became a Hall of Fame center now known as Kareem Abdul Jabbar.

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Immigration legislation:

Congress eases portions of '96 immigration law ...

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress has softened sections of the 1996 immigration law, agreeing to allow hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants and one-time refugees to remain in this country as they seek legal residence.

As Congress raced Thursday toward adjournment for the rest of the year, lawmakers gave final approval to measures that minimize some effects of last year's law, often denounced as unduly harsh in immigrant quarters.

Immigrant advocacy groups applauded Congress' actions, which they attribute largely to Republican leaders anxious to blunt the party's anti-immigrant image.

Others accused lawmakers of abandoning their earlier resolve to crack down on illegal immigration, bowing instead to a drumbeat of individual hard-luck stories and intense lobbying from business, religious and immigrant organizations.

The easing of immigration provisions occurred on two fronts:

—Congress on Thursday night approved and sent to President Clinton a measure that would allow illegal immigrants with green-card applications filed as of Jan. 14, 1998, to remain here while the government processes their paperwork in exchange for paying a \$1,000 fine. More than 1 million people could take advantage of the provision, which replaces a 1994 law that expires at midnight Friday. The deal marks a compromise between the Senate, which favored permanent extension of the 1994 law, and House GOP leaders eager to terminate a program they view as a magnet for illegal immigration.

By allowing applicants to remain here pending completion of their paperwork, Congress is sparing them from a key sanction in the 1996 immigration law. Under that law, people found to have lived here illegally can be barred from re-entering the country for up to 10 years. Illegal immigrants wanting to apply for legal permanent residence after Jan. 14 will have to return to their homelands to do so.

—Earlier Thursday, the Senate gave final approval to a relief measure for hundreds of thousands of Central Americans who sought safe harbor here in the 1980s from civil wars in their countries. The House passed the same legislation Wednesday, and it now goes to the president for his expected signature.

Nicaraguan and Cuban refugees become automatically eligible for legal permanent residence. Those from El Salvador, Guatemala and Eastern Europe can apply for suspension of deportation under pre-1996 rules, which are less stringent. But they still must prove to the government that it would be a hardship to leave.

Advocates for immigrants accused Republicans of playing favorites with certain Latino groups. Others fumed that Haitian refugees were granted no protection despite a strong push by the Congressional Black Caucus.

Disparate treatment aside, immigrant-rights groups welcomed what they view as a major retreat by Congress from the tough positions staked out a year ago.

"I think there is a recognition that they overreached" in the 1996 overhaul, said Frank Sharry, executive director of the National Immigration Forum.

Said Abby Price of the U.S. Catholic Conference's Migration and Refugee Services: "We've made improvements. We've still got a long way to go."

Others deplored Congress' bending from the strict posture it adopted a year ago.

"Last year, Congress made a show of being tough on illegal immigration because there was an election coming up," said Mark Krikorian of the Center for Immigration Studies, which contends current immigration levels are too high. "This year, the election having passed and the special-interest groups concerned having mounted a very large and very effective lobbying campaign, Congress pulled back."

Nation briefs

Lawyer: Kevorkian helps in suicide at church, delivers body to hospital

DETROIT (AP) — Dr. Jack Kevorkian, whose assisted suicide campaign is condemned by Roman Catholic officials, helped a woman with liver cancer die in a church, then took her body to a hospital, his lawyer said.

Nadia Foldes, 74, of New York, inhaled carbon monoxide Thursday at a church in the Archdiocese of Detroit where "there is a sympathetic priest," Kevorkian attorney Geoffrey Fieger said.

He did not name the church, but said in today's editions of the Detroit Free Press that Ms. Foldes was an Eastern Orthodox Christian and asked Kevorkian to help her die at a Catholic church.

Kevorkian delivered the body to the emergency room of POH Medical Center, formerly known as Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital, at about 7:30 p.m., spokeswoman Sharon Lucik said.

Police detectives in Pontiac, 25 miles north of Detroit, were investigating, Sgt. Terry Morris said.

It was the first time since Oct. 23, 1996, that Kevorkian had personally delivered a body to a hospital. Since March, at least 17 bodies were discovered in suburban Detroit motels along with notes instructing authorities to contact Fieger, a practice that

angered hotel operators and authorities.

James Laughlin, poet and publisher, dead at 83

NORFOLK, Conn. (AP) — James Laughlin, a poet and pioneering publisher who introduced American readers to some of the best-known writers of this century, died Wednesday of complications following a stroke. He was 83.

Laughlin died at his home, his family said.

He was still an undergraduate at Harvard University in 1936 when he founded New Directions with money from his father and issued the first of the anthologies that he said were a place "where experimentalists could test their inventions by publication."

His first book, *New Directions in Prose & Poetry*, included writings from Henry Miller, Gertrude Stein, Ezra Pound, Wallace

Stevens and William Carlos Williams.

For more than 50 years, his anthologies showcased writers he considered originals, among them Vladimir Nabokov, William Saroyan, Dylan Thomas, Thomas Merton, James Agee, Delmore Schwartz, Lawrence Ferlinghetti and John Hawkes and a host of others.

Laughlin's company became New Directions Publishing Corp., one of the world's most influential book publishers.

He brought the translated works of authors such as Jorge Luis Borges and Garcia Lorca to the United States, and was Nabokov's first American publisher.

A native of Pittsburgh, where his great-grandfather founded a family steel business, Laughlin was still a teen-ager when he began getting his short stories and poems published in small magazines.

El Nino being talked up in hotel sales pitch

EUREKA, Calif. (AP) — Even El Nino has a silver lining.

The famed weather phenomenon, which is expected to bring storms and flooding to California this winter, is being pitched as a boon for travelers.

Some Humboldt County hotels are even offering an El Nino Sale. Here's the deal: If the weather gets REALLY bad, the hotel bill is free.

It applies only if El Nino whacks the state's northern coast with heavy storms, closing highways out of town. Seven hotels and inns have signed up to offer the deal so far.

"All these national weathermen are saying, 'Don't come to California! El Nino's going to blow it away.' But we don't think it'll be that bad up here," Kathleen Gordon-Burke of the Eureka Humboldt Visitors Bureau said Thursday in the *San Francisco Examiner*.

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Coming and going

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| | Rate | Number |
|-------------------|------|--------|
| Births | 14.7 | 3,899 |
| | 14.8 | 3,892 |
| Deaths | 8.7 | 2,311 |
| | 8.8 | 2,309 |
| Natural increase | 6.0 | 1,588 |
| | 6.0 | 1,583 |
| Marriages | 8.8 | 2,344 |
| | 8.9 | 2,336 |
| Divorces | 4.3 | 1,150 |
| | 4.4 | 1,169 |
| Marital increase* | 4.5 | 1,194 |
| | 4.4 | 1,167 |

*Note: refers to net gain of marriages minus divorces
Source: Vital Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics; population projections, American Demographics

In 1996, there were just under 15 births per 1,000 population compared to just under nine deaths per 1,000 for the same year.

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