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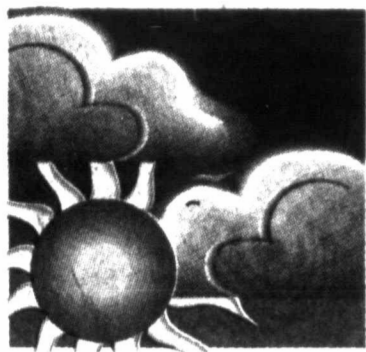
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BORGER — Cowboys on horseback made a grizzly discovery Saturday when they found a body in the Canadian River bed in Hutchinson County.

Hutchinson County Sheriff Mickey Blackmon said the call came into his office about 10:30 Saturday night.

The body was decomposed enough deputies estimated it had been there several days. A rifle was found nearby and Blackmon said he believed the man was hunting and tripped and died from injuries suffered in the fall.

Justice of the Peace Faye Blanks had the body sent to Lubbock for autopsy. Preliminary reports do not indicate foul play. The body was that of a white male but no other identification has been made yet, according to Blackmon.

AUSTIN (AP) — A Texas death row inmate facing execution next month has been blocked by prison officials from donating his organs.

Convicted killer Jonathan Nobles is scheduled to die Oct. 7 for stabbing and killing two Austin women, Kelly Joan Farquhar, 24, and Mitzi Johnson Nalley, 21, after breaking into their North Austin home in 1986.

- Virgil Ludden, 82, retired employee of Phillips Petroleum.
- Clella Nichols Parrish, 83, lifelong Pampa resident.
- James Waldrop, 73, retired Cabot Corporation employee, writer.
- Hallie F. Whiddon, 93, homemaker.
- Lenora Young, 80, retired nurse.

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Chautauqua fun...



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)
Chautauqua went to the dogs Monday as people brought their four-footed friends to the park to celebrate Labor Day in Pampa. Ryan Barnes, 12, plays with Taz after the Columbia Medical Center 5K Run, while his mother, DeDe Barnes watches. The dog, decked out in the appropriate tee shirt, did well in the run, Mrs. Barnes said. Taz finished it in 40 minutes.

City eligible for \$6,881 grant Money's to fight juvenile crime

The state of Texas is giving grants to more than 250 state entities and Pampa can get its share.

Pampa City Manager Bob Eskridge said the city has not yet received official notification but he will soon consult with law enforcement personnel and the city commission about the grant.

The federal grants vary in size from \$5,000 to \$1,000,000. The amounts were determined using a formula based on size and amount of juvenile crime. Pampa is eligible for a grant of \$6,881 according to the governor's office. A spokeswoman

also said the grant will be awarded automatically if the city puts in an application.

After the grant is awarded, a mayor, or in some cases, a county judge is to put together a "juvenile crime enforcement coalition" to determine how to best use the money to fight juvenile crime.

In announcing the grants, Governor George W. Bush said, "Children must learn respect for the law, for their peers, and for the adults in their lives if they are to become well-adjusted productive citizens."

No tax hike in 98-99 city budget plan

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

No tax increases are included in the proposed 1998-99 City of Pampa budget which is on tonight's commission agenda for a public hearing at 6 followed by a first-reading vote on the document.

City Manager Bob Eskridge said today there was "no talk" of tax increases during any of the work sessions leading up to the final plan. However, a \$50-cent-per-month increase in sanitation fees are planned. (See related story this page).

"We have the same tax rate as before and there's not a whole lot of change to the overall budget with the exception of adding one person in the sewer department," he said.

The additional person will be responsible for the rehab of man-holes and for helping conduct a study of how much rainfall infiltrates the city's sewer pipes, the city manager said. The infiltration report is required by the state.

It's anticipated general fund revenues will total \$7,512,797 during the next fiscal year which, if predictions are on target, amounts to a 1.4 percent increase over the current year.

The general fund, which will have a carryover balance of about \$1 million, covers all city operations with the exception of the water/wastewater department, landfill, M.K. Brown, library and golf course.

General fund expenditures planned in the upcoming fiscal year total \$8,091,495, according to a budget summary given commissioners. This amounts to increased spending over last year of 3.4 percent.

Sanitation fee likely to go up by 50¢ a month

Residents will pay more for sanitation services next month if a proposed increase passes today as expected when the Pampa City Commission meets in regular session at 6 p.m. at city hall.

A 50-cent-per-month increase will bring the residential charge up to \$12.50 and proceeds will fund an ongoing dumpster replacement and maintenance program, said City Manager Bob Eskridge.

"We'll only use the money for dumpster reserve funds," Eskridge said this morning. "The money will be put into a separate account. We don't want to end up with the same situation we had a couple of years ago."

The city manager was making reference to the recently-completed major dumpster replacement and maintenance program that had to be funded with borrowed money.

Certificates of obligation total-

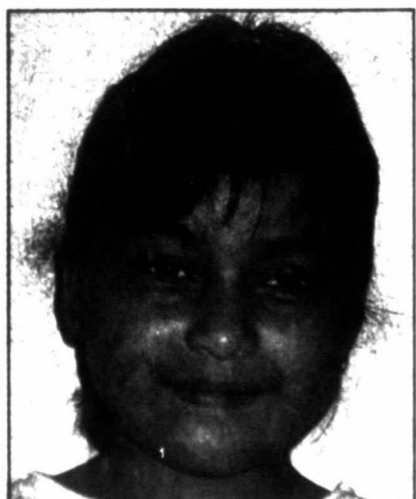
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ing \$500,000 funded the dumpster program which is bringing inventory back to acceptable standards.

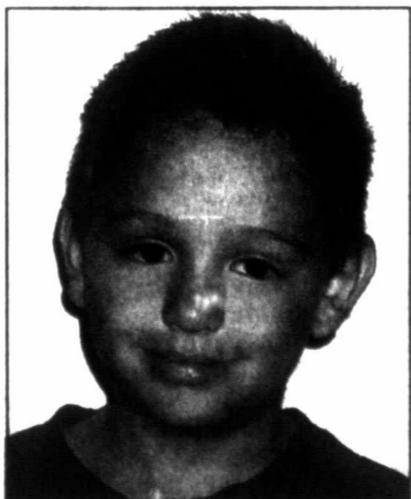
Eskridge says to avoid the dumpster inventory from declining again, the city must fund adequate dollars to perform routine maintenance and replacement each year.

The proposed 4.2 percent rate increase will fund about \$50,000 per year, he said. The reserve fund should insure the city does not have to fund such a massive replacement program in the future.

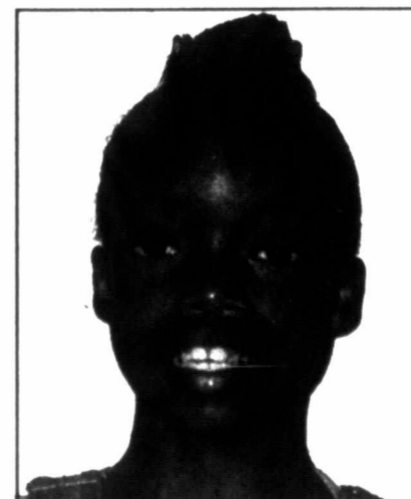
Quite frankly... What's your favorite kind of book to read?



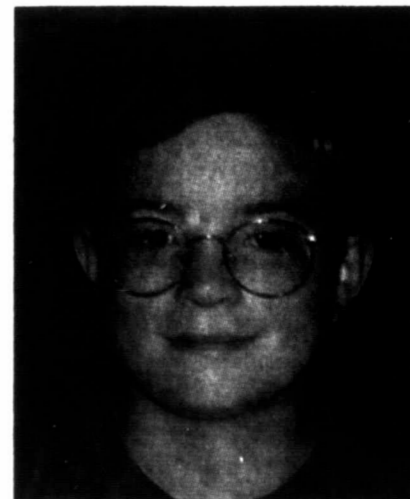
"The Berenstain Bears."
Yesenia Torres — 4th grade



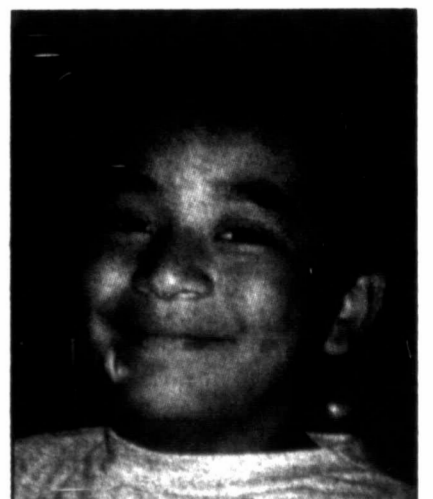
"Dr. Seuss."
Rusty York — 3rd grade



"Goosebumps."
Shandale Young — 4th grade



"Thick books. I'm on page 163 of 'Where the Red Fern Grows'."
Cody Snow — 4th grade



"Anything by Judy Blume."
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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

HUBBART, Evelyn B. — Mass, 10 a.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Groom.
WALDROP, James — Graveside services, 4 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.
WHIDDON, Hallie F. — 2 p.m., Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors Bell Avenue Chapel.

Obituaries

VIRGIL LUDDEN

Virgil Ludden, 82, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Aug. 8, 1998, at Norman, Okla. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Ludden was born Aug. 17, 1916, at Canadian. He had lived in Pampa and Canadian most of his life prior to moving to Harrah, Okla., 10 months ago. He married Dorothy Noblett in 1990; she died June 2, 1998. He worked for Phillips Petroleum, retiring after 32 years of service.

He was a Methodist and a U.S. Air Force veteran, serving during World War II.

Survivors include a son, Byron Rollison of Harrah; and a brother, Melvin Ludden of Fritch.

CLELLA NICHOLS PARRISH

Clella Nichols Parrish, 83, of Pampa, died Sunday, Sept. 6, 1998, at Brookshire, Texas. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Fairview Cemetery with Tom Russell, minister of Central Church of Christ, officiating.

Mrs. Parrish was born Dec. 21, 1914, at Sayre, Okla. She married Ray Parrish on June 5, 1932, at Sayre; he died in May of 1979. She was a lifelong Pampa resident.

Survivors include a son, Jim Parrish of Plano; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Alzheimers Disease and Related Disorders Association, Box 2234, Pampa, TX 79066-2234.

JAMES WALDROP

ABILENE — James Waldrop, 73, died Sunday, Sept. 6, 1998, at a hospital in Abilene. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa with Bishop Roger Roundy officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home of Abilene.

Mr. Waldrop was born at Brice, where he attended school. He married Camilla Stinnett on Dec. 17, 1950; she died March 29, 1998. He had been an Abilene resident since June 28, 1998, moving from San Antonio. He was a machinist for Cabot Corporation of Pampa, retiring after 30 years of service. He authored a book entitled "Spatanga Flat" which chronicled his experiences growing up during the Depression. He also wrote poems, short stories and various articles.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include three daughters, Marilyn Sherrill of Azle, Cookie Smith of Abilene and Ann Ewing of San Antonio; two sisters, Ruby Duncan of Ennis and Della Kite of Amarillo; a brother, Leonard Waldrop of Borger; and seven grandchildren.

HALLIE F. WHIDDON

AMARILLO — Hallie F. Whiddon, 93, a former Pampa resident, died Monday, Sept. 7, 1998. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors Bell Avenue Chapel with Shawn Smith, of Olsen Park Church of Christ, and Jeff Asher, of Dumas Drive Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Whiddon was born at Rule. She married Lawrence Whiddon in 1924 at Shamrock; he died in 1972. She had been an Amarillo resident since 1938, moving from Pampa. She was a homemaker and a member of Olsen Park Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Royal and Charlotte Meyer, both of Amarillo; a son, L.N. Whiddon of Amarillo; a brother, Floyd Crofford of Amarillo; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

LENORA YOUNG

Lenora Young, 80, of Pampa, died Monday, Sept. 7, 1998. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Burkburnett Cemetery at Burkburnett. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Young was born May 27, 1918, at Oilton, Okla. She lived in Burkburnett from 1928 until moving to Pampa in 1996. She was a nurse at Kermit, Texas, and at Truth or Consequences, N.M.

Survivors include a brother, Leon Greene of Pampa.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.30
Milo	3.05
Corn	3.54
Soybeans	4.54

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

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The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation.

Magellan	93.85
Puritan	17.55

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

Amoco	50 1/8	up 2 3/16
Arco	61 5/8	up 1 5/16
Cabot	23	up 11/16
Cabot O&G	14 3/4	up 1/4

Chevron	79 5/16	up 1 7/16
Coca-Cola	64 1/4	up 3 1/8
Columbia/HCA	22 13/16	up 1/4
Enron	45 3/8	up 1 15/16
Halliburton	30 1/2	up 1 1/4
IRI	5 3/8	up 1/8
KNE	43 1/8	up 1/8
Kerr-McGee	43 1/8	up 1/8
Limited	23 1/2	up 3/16
McDonald's	61 7/8	up 3 3/4
Mobil	73 3/8	up 13/16
New Atmos	27 3/8	up 1/2
NCE	45 15/16	up 3/16
Penney's	52 15/16	up 5/8
Phillips	44 7/16	up 3/4
Pioneer Nat. Res.	15	up 3/8
SLB	50 7/8	up 7/8
Tenneco	33 3/16	up 3/16
Texaco	50 15/16	dn 6 1/8
Ultramar	25 7/8	up 5/8
Wal-Mart	65 3/8	up 2 7/8
Williams	24 13/16	up 5/8
New York Gold		284.70
Silver		4.81
West Texas Crude		14.62

Police report

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

Monday, September 7

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of N. Hobart.
 Hit and run was reported in the 1000 block of S. Faulkner.

Sheriff's Office

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

Monday, September 7

James Michael Allen, 47, no address given, was arrested on charges of theft by check.
 Troyce Glen Brewer, 30, 2108 Sumner, was arrested on charges of theft.

Tuesday, September 8

Tim Lee Brian Payne, 17, Higgins, Texas, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana.
 Michael Ray Carter, 27, Canadian, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Ambulance

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

Monday, September 7

10:03 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

11:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

12:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

2:31 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of N. Dwight and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

2:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo and transported one to the 800 block of W. 25th.

3:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Hobart and Somerville. No one was transported.

Tuesday, September 8

12:08 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of N. Russell and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

12:36 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of S. Reid and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

12:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Ballard and Browning and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

2:50 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Twiford. No one was transported.

3:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

4:01 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

6:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Calendar of events

PAMPA CHESS CLUB

The Pampa Chess Club meets every Tuesday night at the Coronado Inn at 7 p.m. We offer casual but competitive games against players of all ages and strengths, free instruction by expert chess players, and a free chess club newsletter. Nonmembers and novices are very welcome! For more information contact James A. Shook at 669-0227.

TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Furr's Cafeteria.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER FOR WOMEN

Tralee Crisis Center for Women is offering an in-house support group for victims of family violence. Meetings will be Tuesday's from 11 a.m.-12 noon and on Thursday's from 7-8 p.m. For more information call (806) 669-1131. All calls are kept confidential.

Fires

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

Monday, September 7

12:46 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to a smoke scare in the 2100 block of Charles.

3:23 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to Hobart and Somerville on an automobile accident.

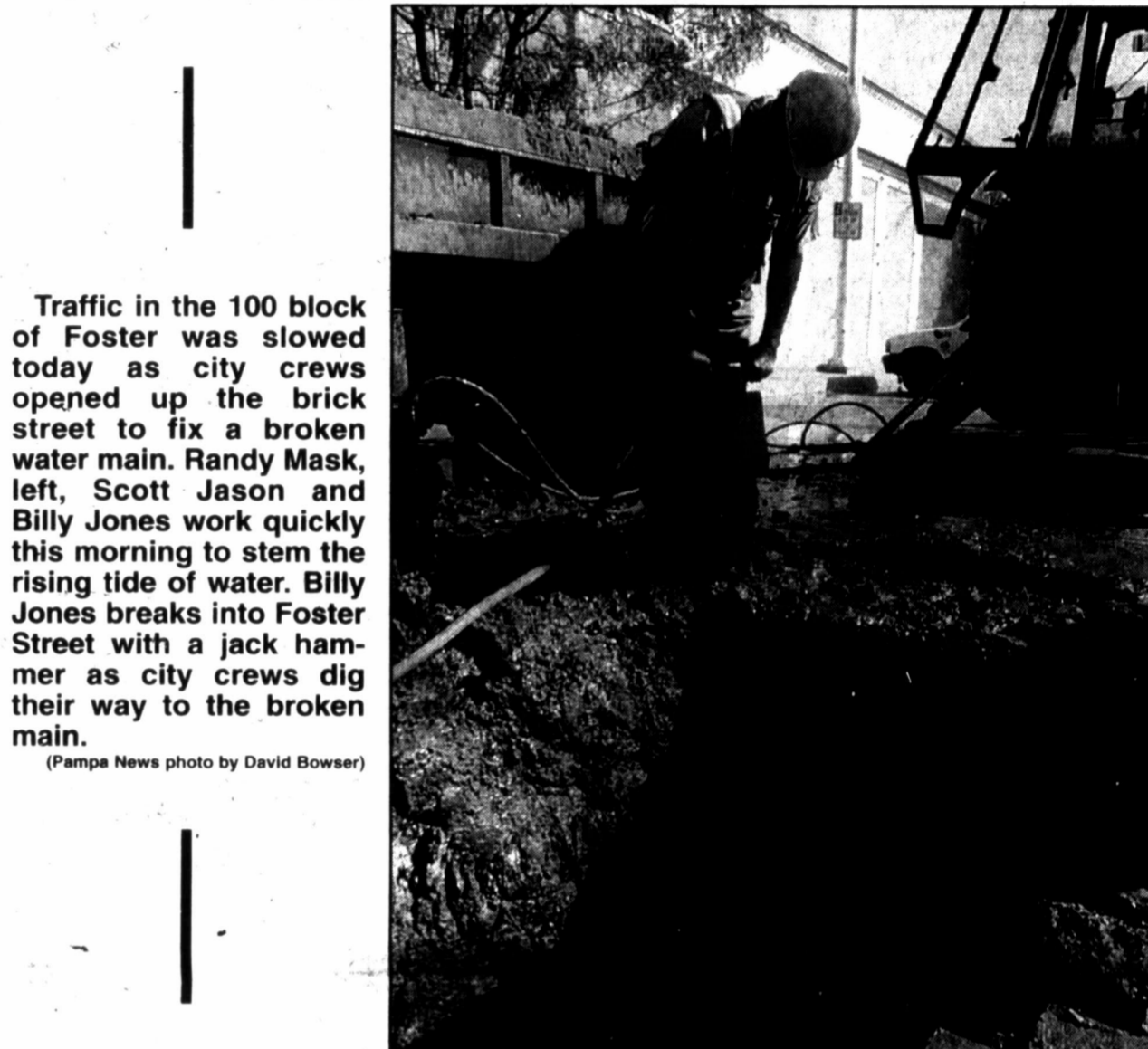
4:56 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to Ballard and Duncan on a grass fire.

Tuesday, September 8

12:48 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 400 block of N. Ballard on a medical assist.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energy	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	1-800-750-2520
Water	669-5830



Traffic in the 100 block of Foster was slowed today as city crews opened up the brick street to fix a broken water main. Randy Mask, left, Scott Jason and Billy Jones work quickly this morning to stem the rising tide of water. Billy Jones breaks into Foster Street with a jack hammer as city crews dig their way to the broken main.

(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Noon market numbers up 307 points

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dow industrials soared as much as 307 points today in a global stock rally sparked by hints the Federal Reserve might lower interest rates to counteract the drag of economic crises abroad.

At noon on Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 228.63 at 7,868.88 after retreating from an early foray

above this year's starting level of 7,908.25.

While the Dow is still nearly 1,400 points, or 16 percent, below the July 17 record of 9,337.97, the blue-chip average has posted a sizable recovery since early last week, when it tumbled 512 points on Monday and sank as low as 7,400 the next day.

Broad-market indexes were also joining in a global rally that began overseas on Monday as U.S. markets remained closed for Labor Day.

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Accidents

The Pampa Police Department turned in the following accidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, September 5

No charges were issued when a 1989 Ford Taurus driven by Wade L. Gardner, 33, 708 E. 14th, collided Saturday with a 1994 Chevrolet pickup driven by William Basil Wood, 75, who stopped in the 700 block of N. Nelson to avoid a third vehicle which was turning into a parking lot. No injuries were reported.

Sunday, September 6

Mark Edwin Trevathan, 35, 805 Lefors, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated when the 1998 Dodge pickup he was driving struck the 1996 Plymouth Van driven by Anthony George Frogge, 42, 1921 Dogwood, on Sunday. The van was accelerating when a traffic light in the 1300 block of N. Duncan turned green. According to police reports Trevathan left 74 feet of skid marks. No injuries were reported.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Partly sunny today with a high in the mid 90s with light and variable winds. Mostly clear tonight with a low in the mid 60s. Tomorrow will be mostly sunny with a high in the mid 90s and southeast winds at 5-15 mph. Sunday's high was 98; the overnight low was 67.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, mostly clear. Low around 60. Light and variable wind. Wednesday, mostly sunny with a high in the lower 90s. South wind 10-20 mph. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, fair. Lows mid to upper 60s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs around 90. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, fair. Lows around 65. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs around 90. Far West Texas — Tonight, fair.

Lows lower 60s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs around 90. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, fair. Lows 50s mountains and 60s along the river. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs 80s and 90s.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of mainly evening showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 70s, 60s Hill Country. Wednesday, mostly cloudy and warm with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs near 90. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Coastal flood watch in effect, Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows near 70 inland to near 80 coast. Wednesday, mostly cloudy and breezy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Warm with highs near 90. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Coastal flood watch in effect, Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the 70s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy and windy with showers or

thunderstorms likely. Warm with highs in the 80s coast to 90s inland.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms southeast. Low 68 west to 74 central. Wednesday, mostly cloudy south and east. Partly cloudy elsewhere. A slight chance of thunderstorms east and south central. High 93 southeast to 97 central.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Tonight, fair east and partly cloudy west, isolated thunderstorms southwest. Lows upper 30s to mid 50s mountains with mid 50s to mid 60s elsewhere. Wednesday, partly cloudy with widely scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms south central and west. Highs upper 60s to mid 80s mountains with mid 80s to lower 90s elsewhere. Lows 40s and 50s mountains, upper 50s and 60s lower elevations.

OKLAHOMA — Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Low in the 60s north, 70s south. Wednesday, mostly sunny. High in the 90s.

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Clarendon College—Pampa Center



(Special photo) Planning classroom details for the new college building for Clarendon College-Pampa Center with representatives from BGR Architects-Engineers, Inc. of Lubbock are, top, left to right, Steven Afill and Mike Briggs, both of BGR, Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins interim president of Clarendon College, and Joe Kyle Reeve, dean of Clarendon College-Pampa Center. Standing in back is Don Lane, chairman of the Pampa Center Foundation Board. Lane, bottom, left, accepts a check for \$36,000 from Les Howard, vice-president of Human Resource Management for IRI International Corp. IRI employees gave \$8,000, matched by \$8,000 from IRI, which was added to the company donation of \$20,000. This helps boost the total collected over \$750,000 toward the goal for the new Clarendon College-Pampa Center building.

First worldwide telethon sets \$52 million pledge record

LOS ANGELES — The Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Association Labor Day Telethon raised a record \$51,577,023 in pledges and contributions for the fight against neuromuscular diseases during its Labor Day weekend broadcast.

The funds raised by the telethon support MDA's service and research programs to benefit people with any of 40 muscle-wasting disorders.

The 21 1/2-hour entertainment extravaganza was broadcast live from CBS Television City in Hollywood Sunday and Monday and was carried by some 200 "Love Network" television stations to an estimated audience of some 75 million in the United States and Canada. The show was also viewed live on-line by individuals and families in 60 foreign countries.

Satellite feeds and taped segments from such cities as New York, Chicago, Las Vegas, Nashville, Puerto Rico and Denver brought a wide spectrum of entertainment including Celine Dion, Leann Rimes, Enrique Iglesias, Pam Tillis, Billy Joel, Gloria Estefan, Hanson, Yasmine Bleeth and much more.

The show's Los Angeles stage was graced with many notable performances including songs by Patti Page, Ray Charles, Chuck Mangione, Mindy McCready, six-year-old piano protege Wesley Chu and symphonic music by the Young Musicians' Foundation conducted by MDA's number one volunteer. Laughs were provided by top comedians including Bill Maher, Max Alexander, Kevin Meaney, Daine Ford, Jeffrey Ross, Bob Zany, Carrot Top and Jerry Lewis, MDA national chairman.

A special tribute to comedian Henny Youngman stopped the show as Lewis, Norm Crosby and Schecky Greene delivered more than a dozen jokes popularized by the legendary comedian who passed away shortly after his 1997 telethon appearance.

MDA is the world's leading voluntary nonprofit organizational sponsor of research on neuromuscular conditions as well as the nation's primary provider of direct medical services to adults and children affected by them.

During the past 12 months, MDA has:

- Begun preparation for human trials of gene therapy for Duchenne and limb-girdle muscular dystrophies;
- Successfully inserted the protein utrophin into mice indicating increased utrophin might be able to replace dystrophin, the protein missing in the muscle cells of youngsters with Duchenne and Becker muscular dystrophy;
- Uncovered vital information about the genetic causes of several other neuromuscular disorders;
- Expanded promising clinical trials of potential new drug therapies for neuromuscular disorders including Duchenne MD, facioscapulo-humeral muscular dystrophy and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease).

In its comprehensive services program, MDA has assisted adults and children affected by neuromuscular diseases through summer camps, a nationwide network for some 230 hospital-affiliated clinics, flu vaccinations, support groups and assistance with the purchase and repair of wheelchairs and leg braces.

MDA annually funds some 400 scientific teams worldwide. These investigators have made significant advances toward cures for several muscle-wasting diseases. They've pioneered breakthroughs that may well lead to therapies for heart disease, cancer, AIDS, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Huntington's and cystic fibrosis.

For more information about MDA and/or referrals to MDA clinics, call 1-800-572-1717 or visit MDA's website at www.mdausa.org.

Texas Farmers Union supports legislation

WACO — The Texas Farmers Union praised Senate passage recently of legislation to require labeling of imported lamb and beef products. The Meat Labeling Act was adopted by unanimous consent as an amendment to the fiscal year 1999 agriculture appropriations bill. The legislation will require identifying labels on imported, U.S.-produced and blended

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Inside the Beltway

with

Rep. Mac Thornberry

War against terrorism will wage far into the future

A lot of folks thought that when the Soviet Union collapsed, we could relax our defense efforts a while and not worry as much about those who might want to hurt us. The events of the past few weeks remind us that we can't afford to relax at all — in fact, in some ways the world is more dangerous than ever.

One of the reasons we have to have a strong defense is terrorism. There are a number of groups around the world which have essentially declared war against the United States. They look for ways to attack us here at home and around the world. They want to cause the maximum amount of terror and damage. They don't distinguish between military and civilian targets. They just try to kill Americans and all that America stands for.

Many of these groups are willing to sacrifice their own lives to hurt us. They are actively seeking ever more dangerous weapons — including weapons of mass destruction, like chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons. If they continue to gain strength, many more Americans will die in the months and years to come. We must hit back, and we must hit back hard.

The war against terrorism will not be won in a month or a year. It will require a constant effort to gather information about terrorists, to prevent their attacks where possible, and to retaliate against them when necessary.

But the war against terrorism will be a fact of life for some time to come and is one of the reasons we must make sure that our military and intelligence capability is the best in the world.

America needs shield, time for missile defense long overdue

Fifteen years ago, Ronald Reagan first proposed developing a shield that could protect our nation from incoming ballistic missiles.

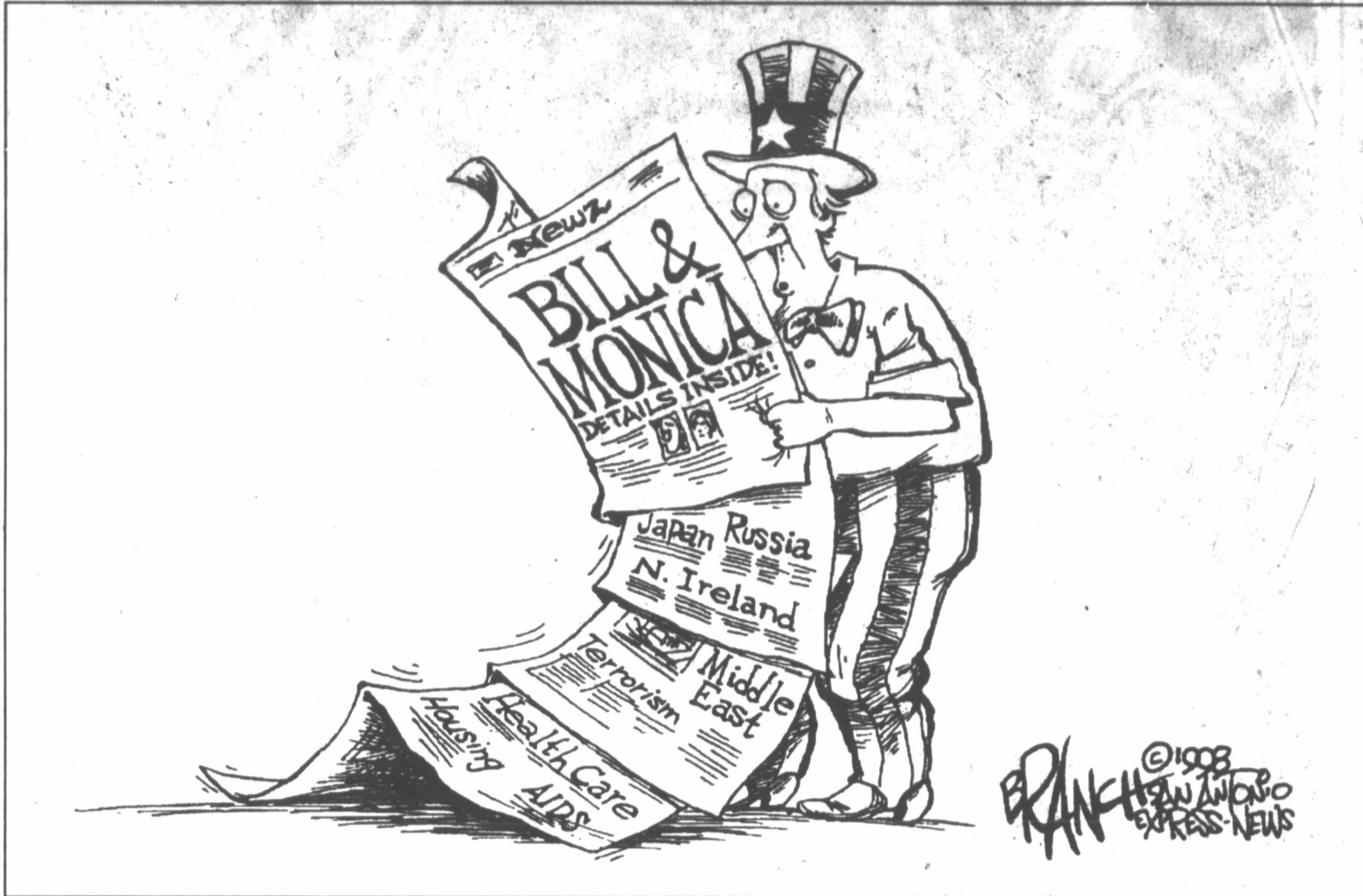
A lot has changed since then. One thing that hasn't changed is that the world is still a dangerous place. In many ways, it's even more dangerous than before. For although the Soviet Empire has fallen, there are still many countries who have missiles that could reach our shores today.

Russia has a superpower arsenal with a very unstable government and economy. We know for a fact that China has a number of missiles aimed our way. We also know that North Korea and Iran are improving the range of their missiles. Other nations — and terrorist groups — are also in the hunt.

In the face of this threat, it's more important now than ever to follow through on President Reagan's vision and build a national missile defense system.

Now, some critics say we should move slowly in this area, while others say we shouldn't build such a system at all. But the fact remains that we are currently defenseless against a threat to our own people at home. And the number one responsibility of the federal government is to keep our nation secure. We not only have an obligation to build a missile defense system. It is our duty.

That's why I'm pushing a plan that would make it the official policy of our government to do just that, and why I believe that building a missile defense system is something that's not just in our national interest, but also something that just can't wait.



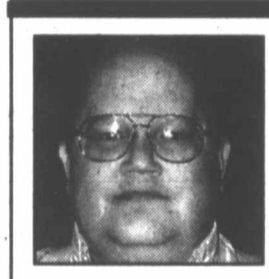
Being different is the point

I've just read about the current controversy at Pampa High School and all I've got to say is I'm getting too old for this stuff.

I don't mean the gothic look. That's just something different that teenagers do. Every generation has to express itself in a different way. Having entered school in 1960 and then seeing various nieces, nephews, cousins and kin go through school, I've seen more different fashions than you can shake a stick at. (Yes, I know you can't shake a stick in school).

I've seen fashion police ban long hair, short skirts, long skirts, T-shirts, T-shirts on girls, T-shirts with expressions on them, mustaches, beards, (or what passed for a beard when you're 17), gum chewing, holding hands, kissing, hair styles of every description, and loitering in the hallway (which I always thought was a strange rule since the kids are only there because they have to be). I even remember a year when the style was for guys to buy jeans way too long and fold them inside out. The cuffs were very long, and different, and therefore bad. So the rulers that were used to check boy's hair and girl's skirts were whipped out to check cuff lengths.

Now there's the gothic look. Black is in, eye makeup is in, except it's not in at PHS apparently. And that's why I'm feeling too old. I've seen hundreds of fashion statements banned and not once have I seen that any part of the educational process was improved. Of course



Jeff West

Pampa News staff

gothic is stupid looking. Probably not as bad as Nehru jackets, Afros on white guys or love beads but it certainly looks stupid to me, and apparently to the principal vice at PHS.

The difference is I learned a long time ago that being different was the point. Because it is something different. When you are 16, the process of finding out who you are is as important as remembering when Columbus sailed the ocean blue. Sure, the kids today will look back on some of the fashions and will laugh, or groan or hide the pictures. Why shouldn't they? I'd nearly bet that the school administrators do now.

But at 16, you don't know this, which is part of why every generation has to have their own "thing." The part I don't understand is, aren't you supposed to have learned some of this by the time you become an administrator?

I thought the idea of school is to emphasize "reading, writing and 'rithmetic" not worry

about fashion, fads and follies.

The other part that you think administrators would learn is it's a losing battle. Long hair, short skirts, baggy jeans, tight jeans, gum, they are all a part of school now. Stopping change is a very hard thing to do. Especially when your job is supposed to be preparing people for it.

Disruptive? I've never figured out how long hair, girls wearing pants (which was banned before) or even an expressive T-shirt was disruptive, I sure can't make the jump to make-up. I'll tell you what was disruptive in the classroom to me in High School. A window with a nice view of a pretty day, that was disruptive, a cute teacher under 30, or a boring teacher who droned on and on in a monotone — now that was disruptive. Fashion stuff is disruptive for about two minutes a day the first week, after that, who cares?

When I heard the Governor speak on education recently, he emphasized reading, he emphasized responsibility, he didn't, to the best of my recollection, have a single fashion tip. He did stress that in order to make education better teachers have to reach the students. I don't think he was talking about ticking them off over trivialities.

Stress learning, stress character, don't stress fashion.

Be good to one another, and be good to yourselves.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 8, the 251st day of 1998. There are 114 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 8, 1935, Sen. Huey P. Long, "The Kingfish" of Louisiana politics, was shot and mortally wounded; he died two days later.

On this date:

In 1565, a Spanish expedition established the first permanent European settlement in North America at present-day St. Augustine, Fla.

In 1664, the Dutch surrendered New Amsterdam to the British, who renamed it New York.

In 1892, an early version of "The

Pledge of Allegiance" appeared in "The Youth's Companion."

In 1900, Galveston, Texas, was struck by a hurricane that killed about 6,000 people.

In 1921, Margaret Gorman of Washington, D.C., was crowned the first Miss America in Atlantic City, N.J.

In 1934, 134 people lost their lives in a fire aboard the liner Morro Castle off the New Jersey coast.

In 1951, a peace treaty with Japan was signed by 48 other nations in San Francisco.

In 1974, President Ford granted an unconditional pardon to former President Nixon.

In 1975, Boston's public schools

began their court-ordered citywide busing program amid scattered incidents of violence.

In 1994, a USAir Boeing 737 crashed as it was approaching Pittsburgh International Airport, killing all 132 people on board.

Ten years ago: Two nuclear-missile rocket motors were destroyed at an army ammunition plant in Karnack, Texas; they were the first U.S. weapons to be eliminated under an arms reduction treaty with the Soviet Union. National League president A. Bartlett Giamatti was named to succeed Peter Ueberroth as baseball commissioner.

Five years ago: German tourist Uwe-Wilhelm Rakebrand was

killed by a woman firing from a van as he and his wife drove away from the Miami airport. The gunman and an accomplice received life prison sentences; the van's driver received 87 years. Black gunmen in South Africa launched a series of attacks on black commuters, claiming two dozen lives.

One year ago: Monday commuters in and around San Francisco faced huge traffic jams a day after workers for the Bay Area's commuter rail system went on strike. An agreement ending the walkout was reached five days later. A Haitian ferry, the Pride of Gonave, capsized, killing about three-quarters of the 200 people aboard.

Try taking an information vacation

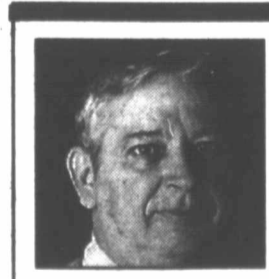
Here's a tip for your mental health, but don't tell my boss where it came from: If you find yourself getting antsy and anxious, take an information vacation.

How can you not be anxious if you have to worry about floods and locusts in China; hurricanes in the Atlantic; the Asian economic collapse; the widening war in the Congo; the collapse of the Russian ruble and probably its government; economic flu in Latin America, Mexico and Canada; our own nervous economy; the worldwide AIDS epidemic; the development of medicine-resistant bacteria; mad cow disease; the explosive situation in the Middle East; the president's new war on terrorism; the decay of public education; child murderers; the Brazilian rain forests; and Al Gore's political future?

Wow. Too much. Our brains aren't made to cope with so much bad news. The Information Age turns out to be a bummer. Millions of bits of information are aimed at us in newspapers, magazines, on TV, cable, satellites, radios, billboards, point-of-sale displays, outdoor signs, sky writers, junk mail and the Internet 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

And most of that information is useless, depressing, confusing, annoying or just plain false.

So take an information vacation. For a few days, don't watch, don't listen and don't read. Concentrate on the people around you, on the



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

beauty around you, on your own personal affairs. It may make you nervous the first day to be disconnected from a wired world, but pretty soon things will start to look normal and pleasant unless you live in certain big ugly cities.

Andrew Lytle, a novelist I met once, said he subscribed to no publications, had no radio and no television set. If anything important happened, he said, he would be sure to hear about it by rumor.

Truth is not much really important happens on a daily basis, and most of the bad stuff in the news is stuff you can't do anything about anyway. So why worry about it? Why even be conscious of it?

In the pre-computer days, reporters used to take a lot of information over the phone. In one place I worked, the weather man would call us and give us all the weather statistics such as the time of sunrise and sunset, tides and so forth.

One day, he got a rookie kid reporter on the phone. He started his spiel. "Sunrise, 6:05, sun ..."

And the kid interrupted him. "Sir, is that a.m. or p.m.?"

There was a long silence, and then the old weatherman said, "Well, son, if ain't a.m., you're going to have one heck of a big story."

That's true. If the sun doesn't rise one morning, that would be important, but it would also be something you wouldn't need to read about in a newspaper or hear about on TV. You would experience it yourself.

When Benjamin Franklin was publishing a newspaper, he had a rule: If the information wasn't either useful or entertaining, it didn't get in his newspaper. Editors don't use that rule anymore, but you can. Just ask yourself, is this information going to help me, inspire me, make me feel better or make me chuckle? If the answer is no, dump it.

You might even try a little game of self-discipline that I play. When I drive to work, I discipline myself to look at trees, shrubs, flowers and the sky instead of the buildings and the signs (traffic signs excepted). Work at it until you can give directions by natural landmarks, for example, turn left at the three cedars, go south until you see the tall pine on the left, then turn right and proceed to the large oak that leans to the left.

Remember, just because the world is going crazy, we don't have to go with it.

Around Texas...



Five-year-old Matthew Green blows bubbles to combat breast cancer during Pampa's annual Chautauqua celebration. The 25 cents for a cup of soap and a chance to fill the air with bubbles went to Avon's Breast Cancer Awareness Crusade. The soapy bubbles were available at the Avon booth during Monday's celebration along with Avon representatives reminding women to get an annual mammogram beginning at age 40, have an annual clinical breast exam and a monthly breast self-examination. Avon's Breast Cancer Awareness Crusade has donated over \$22 million for breast health programs nationwide.

Study: Irregular heartbeats risk factor in heart patients

DALLAS (AP) — No matter what other health problems a person has, the irregular heartbeat called atrial fibrillation increases the risk of death, especially for women, a study has confirmed.

People who have atrial fibrillation often have additional heart problems, plus risk factors like smoking, diabetes and high blood pressure. But until now, scientists had not known whether atrial fibrillation independently increases risk of death.

Researchers found that women with the heart-rhythm disturbance had a 90 percent higher risk of death than those without it. Men with the condition were 50 percent more likely to die.

An estimated 2 million Americans suffer from atrial fibrillation, the most common heart irregularity. It increases the risk of a blood clot breaking free and moving to the brain, causing a stroke, although blood thinners can significantly reduce that risk.

The study was published in today's edition of the American Heart Association journal *Circulation*. The lead author was Dr. Emelia J. Benjamin, Boston University School of Medicine associate professor of medicine and echocardiology director of the Framingham Heart Study.

In 40 years of follow-up to the Framingham study of 5,209 patients, atrial fibrillation developed in 325 women and 296 men. After 10 years, 57.8 percent of women ages 55 to 74 years with atrial fibrillation had died compared with 20.9 percent of women who did not have it. In men, 61.5 percent of those with the condition died, compared with 30 percent without it. The researchers then adjusted their figures for other risk factors.

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Suspected drug money found in vehicle

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — A husband and wife said they have no idea how \$167,210 in suspected drug money ended up in their vehicle, so police let them go on their way — without the money.

Authorities told the Abilene Reporter-News in Tuesday's editions the discovery could be the largest in Erath County history.

Department of Public Safety trooper Ken Bratton stopped a 1985 GMC Suburban Saturday afternoon for a suspected traffic violation three miles west of Stephenville on Highway 377.

Bratton said when he questioned the driver, 35-year-old Marcos E. Garcia of Del Rio, and his wife, he received conflicting information about where they had come from and how long they had been away.

"Because I was getting conflicting information, I had a reasonable suspicion and asked the driver for permission to search the vehicle," which he gave, Bratton said.

Teens face murder charges

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — Two teen-aged boys face murder charges after the death of a man they are accused of severely beating.

Fredrick O'Neill Young never recovered after he was attacked early in the morning of April 26.

The 44-year-old Young was in a coma until he died around Sunday night at Hospice of Wichita Falls, a police detective told the Wichita Falls Times Record News in Tuesday's editions.

William Matteson, 16, and a 15-year-old boy had been charged with attempted murder, aggravated robbery and aggravated assault. Matteson was certified in July to stand trial as an adult, while the 15-year-old's case was sent to juvenile court.

Now that the victim has died, both teens likely will be charged with murder today, said the detective, whom the newspaper did not name.

Activist who warned about danger of drugs found dead of apparent overdose

DALLAS (AP) — A 24-year-old who counseled others about the dangers of drugs apparently fell victim to them himself.

Elliot "Eli" Lizauckas was found dead in his North Dallas apartment Saturday night, apparently of a heroin overdose, The Dallas Morning News reported in Tuesday's editions. Police reported finding syringes and drug capsules in the apartment.

Lizauckas' death shocked relatives and friends who watched him battle back from a drug problem that began several years ago and take his "don't start" message to young people in his hometown of

Allen.

Lizauckas finished a drug-treatment program in Dallas last spring, lived in an apartment, worked part-time and took classes at Richland College for a career in computers.

He also worked with parents and teens who had drug problems. He spoke recently at a town-hall meeting sponsored by a local television station and gave a eulogy a friend who died from heroin, said his stepfather, David Liles of Allen. That made his death even more stunning to those who knew him.

Death row inmate can't donate organs

AUSTIN (AP) — A Texas death row inmate facing execution next month has been blocked by prison officials from donating his organs.

Convicted killer Jonathan Nobles is scheduled to die Oct. 7 for stabbing and killing two Austin women, Kelly Joan Farquhar, 24, and Mitzi Johnson Nalley, 21, after breaking into their North Austin home in 1986.

Nobles told the Austin American-Statesman he is prepared to die for what he did but also wants to do something positive after "bringing so much darkness into this world." He insisted the donation attempt is not a ploy to have his death sentence commuted.

"People out there who need organs are more than willing to accept inmate organs," Nobles said. "There are sins of commission as well as sins of omission, and for me not to attempt to do whatever I can that's good is wrong of me."

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice has an organ donation policy for inmates that says the state will pay for transportation to a Galveston hospital for the surgery and cover the costs of guarding a prisoner.

Classes resume after Del Rio flood

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — For the past two weeks, Del Rio school officials have been trying to overcome a logistical nightmare: getting kids back in school.

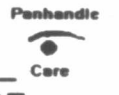
All 15 public schools in the border city have been closed since the remnants of Tropical Storm Charley dumped more than a foot of rain in Del Rio on Aug. 23.

Flooding claimed at least nine lives and left hundreds homeless.

Now the district is trying to make sure its 10,000 pupils can resume classes interrupted by the natural disaster.

"Our buses are going to all the locations where the displaced children are," Mayor Robert Chavira told the San Antonio Express-News.

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VOLLEYBALL

SEMINOLE — The Pampa Lady Harvesters finished fourth out of 15 teams at the Seminole Volleyball Invitational last weekend.

"I felt like we finished real good," said Pampa head coach Carmen Pennick. "It was tough tournament."

Pampa senior Kimberly Clark was named to the all-tournament team.

After pool-play competition, the Lady Harvesters were seeded No. 8 in the tournament.

Pampa opened the tournament with a 15-6, 15-12 win over Seminole. Clark had 5 kills, 5 blocks and 9 digs while Lori Lindsey had 22 digs and 23 assists; Lisa Kirkpatrick had 11 kills.

The Lady Harvesters then lost to Class 5A Lubbock Coronado, 15-3, 15-8, and Midland High, 15-8, 16-14. Pampa's Lisa Dwight had 8 kills against Midland High.

Pampa hosts Canyon tonight in McNeely Fieldhouse. Matches start at 6 with the junior varsity playing first followed by the varsity.

FOOTBALL

Tyler John Tyler was pretty impressive last weekend in his 51-12 victory over Fort Worth Wyatt, at the time the 10th-ranked team in Class 4A.

But voters in The Associated Press high school football poll were even more awed by Arlington Lamar's last-second 24-21 victory over Springfield (Fla.) Rutherford in a game played at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Fla.

In the AP poll released Monday, Lamar overtook Tyler for second in Class 5A. Killeen Ellison remained No. 1 by defeating Aldine Eisenhower 23-20. Eisenhower remained No. 8 despite the loss.

Duncanville held No. 4 by beating Plano East 25-21. The loss sent Plano East to 10th from fifth.

HOUSTON (AP) — Place-kicker Cindy Wright has made it into the record books again.

Wright, the first girl to join Westbury High School's football team, last Thursday became the first girl in the Houston Independent School District to score in a football game.

"It's pretty cool. It's something to be proud of," Wright said.

The senior kicked an extra point in Westbury's 28-8 win over Jones High School.

Other girls have played football in HISD, but none has scored.

For the past 10 years, soccer has been Wright's game. Then last spring her soccer coach asked her to try kicking for the football coach, after the Rebels' only kicker graduated.

She tried out with other soccer players, hitting field goals from 25, 30, 35 and 40 yards.

"She hit it from 40 yards dead center," coach George Campbell said. "I told her if she wants to play, I have a uniform for her."

DENVER (AP) — John Elway made plays that 38-year-old quarterbacks aren't supposed to be able to make.

He rolled out and threw a 44-yard completion on the first play from scrimmage. He made a head-first dive at the end of a 13-yard gain to keep a scoring drive alive. He repeatedly scrambled out of harm's way to complete passes downfield.

Defying the ravages of age, Elway completed 22 of 34 passes for 257 yards and a touchdown as the Denver Broncos began defense of their Super Bowl title with a 27-21 win over the New England Patriots on Monday night.

While the Patriots were shutting down Denver's running game and Super Bowl MVP Terrell Davis with seven- and eight-man fronts, the Broncos countered through the air.

Davis scored twice, but finished with just 75 yards on 22 carries, well below his average of 117 yards last season.

Pampa's Everson wins Top Of Texas title

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

PAMPA — Hometown product Phil Everson used a sizzling round of 62 to pave the way to the Hart Warren Top of Texas Tournament title Monday at Pampa Country Club.

Everson — who trailed tournament leader Jason Jeter of Cameron University by five strokes at the end of the first two rounds — birdied half the holes and parred the rest in Monday's third round to set the stage for the final 18. Everson's nine-under par 62 is believed to be the best competitive score ever shot at the PCC course. Everson's one-over par 72 in the final round gave the University of North Texas collegian the one-shot win, 275-276, over Nick Hughes of Oklahoma City University.

"That 62 in the morning round got me fired up. The shot of the day for me was

the 4-iron I hit on 16," Everson said. "It rolled five feet from the cup and with the birdie I went from one-down to one-up."

Everson held a two-stroke lead after 54 holes, but the match was far from over. Hughes, who had a third-round 64, shot a 70 in the final round. Everson had a 72, but his birdie on No. 18 was the difference. Jeter had 69-72 the last two rounds to place third, two shots behind Everson at 277.

"The last four or five holes were pretty rough. I really wanted to win in front of the home crowd," Everson said. "That was the longest one-foot putt I've ever had on No. 18. It feels so good now. Maybe the next time it'll be a little easier."

During Sunday's round, Mike Hargus of Pampa had a hole-in-one on No. 12. He used a 6-iron on the 203-yard, par 3 hole. Witnesses were Tim Whipkey, Ralph Baker

and Leo White.

Hart Warren Top Of Texas Tournament at Pampa Country Club Final Results

Championship Flight

1. Phil Everson, Pampa (University of North Texas) 71-70-62-72-275;
2. Nick Hughes, Oklahoma City University, 72-70-64-70-276;
3. Jason Jeter, Lawton, Okla. (Cameron University) 70-66-69-72-277;
4. David Studebaker, Oklahoma City, 67-70-73-69-279;
5. Les Phillips, Borger (University of North Texas) 66-71-73-70-280;
6. Michael Lofdahl, Cameron University, 73-67-74-67-281;
7. Eddie Morrisey, Amarillo, 72-71-69-70-282;
8. James Bischof, Amarillo, 71-71-68-75-285;
9. Gareth Payne, Oklahoma City University, 71-70-75-70-286;
10. Bobby Barber, Borger, 71-75-73-69-288;
11. Clint Deeds, Amarillo, 73-69-74-74-290;
12. Freddy Espericueta, Woodward, Okla., 76-71-73-71-291;
13. (tie) Dan Nicolet, Pampa, 73-71-76-72-292;
14. Michael Bartley, Idalu, 75-72-68-77-292;
15. (tie) Mike Smith, Amarillo, 73-74-73-73-293;
16. Spike Seals, Pampa, 78-67-79-69-293;
17. Codie Scott, Amarillo, 76-71-78-73-298;
18. Brady Scott, Cameron University, 74-72-73-82-301.

President's Flight

1. (tie) Merlin Rose, 71-72-71-214; David Fatheree, 71-70-73-214;
3. (tie) Dario Garza, Stratford, 73-72-73-218; Brian Bim, 71-75-72-218;
5. (tie) Roy Don Stephens, 75-76-68-219; Frank McCullough, 72-73-74-219;
7. Tom Rowe, 74-70-77-221;
8. Eddie Duenkel, 75-75-73-223;
9. (tie) Chuck Ray, 78-74-72-224; Jeremy Dockery, 79-73-72-224;
- Clif Baker, 76-73-75-224; John Champlin, 71-76-77-224;
13. Craig Davis, 74-76-76-226;
14. Ben Saied, Amarillo, 79-73-78-230;
15. Monte Dalton, 79-74-78-231;
16. Keith Teague, 78-72-82-232.

First Flight

- Winners: 1. Scott Perry 76; 2. Brian Manz 78; 3. Ed Dudley 78; 4. Brian McKee 80; Consolation: 1. Kelly Everson 72; 2. Roger David 74; 3. Chuck Morgan 77; 4. James Thompson 82.



(Pampa News photo)

Former Pampa Country Club pro Hart Warren presents Phil Everson (left) with his championship trophy.

Second Flight

- Winners: 1. Bryan Rose 70; 2. Butch Buck 76; 3. John Allen 77; Consolation: 1. Derek Bigham 74; 2. Randy Holt 75; 3. Jerry Walling 80; 4. A.G. Sherwood 83.

Third Flight

- Winners: 1. Mike Warner 76; 2. Jackie Curtis 77; Consolation: 1. David McGill 75; 2. Greg Trollinger 75; 3. Don Bigham 80.

Fourth Flight

- Winners: 1. Johnny Earp 80; 2. Joe Cree 81; 3. John East 82; 4. Joe Deschaine 86; Consolation: 1. Randy Webb 78; 2. Gary Eardman 80; 3. (tie) Bill Bristow 87; Martin Stevens 87.

Fifth Flight

- Winners: 1. Sam White 74; 2. Tim Whipkey 78; 3. Mike Hargus 81; Jimmy Dodson 86; Consolation: 1. Gary Rinker 76; 2. Larry Schneider 84; 3. Neal Hoelting 85; 4. Jeff Pike 89.

Sixth Flight

- Winners: 1. Kevin Reinhart 80; 2. Nam Lee 83; 3. Rhett Daugherty 84; 4. Robert

- Bolton 85; Consolation: 1. J.C. Beyer 80; 2. Greg Allen 84; 3. Gary Dalton 87.

Seventh Flight

- Winners: 1. Scott Daugherty 86; 2. Larry Freeman 87; 3. Bob Neslage 87; 4. Alan Leach 89; Consolation: 1. Glynn Lusk 84; 2. Durward Dunlap 85; 3. James Cunningham 89; 4. Chris Comer 90.

Eighth Flight

- Winners: 1. Tyler Collins 84; 2. Chuck Thompson 87; 3. Don Russell 92; 4. Roger Gibson 96; Consolation: 1. Gard Gersmel 79; 2. Perry Tice 85; 3. Jerry Stephens 89; 4. Ron Garney 92.

Ninth Flight

- Winners: 1. Winslow Ellis 81; 2. Jayme Farina 88; 3. Jim Honderich 90; 4. Pat Montoya 95; Consolation: 1. Fred Flowers 86; 2. Russell Brown 92; 3. Bebo Terry 93; 4. Jerry Wilson 97.

Tenth Flight

- Winners: 1. Bill Buck 86; 2. Chris Wilson 92; 3. Calvin Lacy 98; Consolation: 1. Mike Tice 87; 2. Jim Bob Husley 88; 3. Bob Johnson 94; 4. Randy Hall 100.



(Pampa News photo)

Oklahoma City University golfer Nick Hughes launches a tee shot while Jason Jeter of Cameron University looks on. Hughes and Jeter finished second and third, respectively, in the championship flight.

PHS tennis players took on top-ranked schools at Texas Team Championships

WICHITA FALLS — The Pampa Harvester tennis team competed in Wichita Falls at the Texas Team Championships this past weekend.

Pampa lost in the first round to No. 4 ranked Wichita Falls Rider (16-2). In the second round, Pampa lost to Bryan High School, a Class 5A team (11-7). In the third round, Pampa lost to another 5A school, Carrollton Newman-Smith (10-5). In the fourth round, Pampa lost to Lubbock Monterey (13-5).

Coach Carolyn Quarles said she felt good about the weekend even though the Harvesters were not victorious.

"I saw great improvement in most spots because of the high level of competition. We competed hard even though temperatures were well over 100 degrees," coach Quarles said.

Pampa was entered in the top division this year, which included the best 4A and 5A teams in the state. Quarles feels this extremely tough non-district schedule will

prepare the Harvesters in district play, which starts at 4 p.m. today against Hereford. Pampa faces No. 9 ranked Dumas Saturday in Dumas.

The Harvesters had many outstanding individual efforts at Wichita Falls.

Junior Emily Waters won four matches at No. 2 singles and two matches at No. 1 doubles. Senior Mandy Wells won two matches at No. 1 singles and three matches at No. 2 doubles.

Valerie Lee, a senior, won one match at No. 3 singles and three matches at No. 2 doubles. Kellen Waters and Helen Orr each won three matches. Brittany Kindle and Stacie Carter each won one match. Seniors Russ Dubose and Blake Hurst each won two doubles matches. Michael Cornelison, a sophomore, Matt Rains, a junior, Bryce Hudson, a senior, and Ryan Mills, a junior, all won one doubles match.

Pampa won the District Team Championship last fall.

Cougars have successful return to football program

BRISCOE — The Fort Elliott Cougars didn't look like a team that gone a year without playing football.

The Cougars opened the 1998 season with a 69-20 win over Lefors in area six-man action.

Quarterback Curt Smith had an outstanding game, throwing for seven touchdowns and 336 yards. Tanner Smith caught three touchdown passes while Clay Zybach had two. C.J. Bryant

and Nathan Hefley each had a TD catch.

Curtis Smith also caught a TD pass from Bryant. Monty Hand scored for Fort Elliott on a 34-yard interception return.

Lefors was led Michael Steele, who ran for three touchdowns.

Both Fort Elliott and Lefors dropped football last year because of a shortage of players.

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1998 Fall Softball League Standings

Men's Open Division One *

Team	Won	Lost
B.D.C.I.	11	1
Celenece L.T.D.	8	4
Sid Brass Stars	7	5
Brogan's Stars	6	6
Giles	5	7
Big Country Tire	3	9
Rohrbacher Enterprises	2	10

Division Two *

Team	Won	Lost
Robert's Bands	8	2
Sadie Hawkins	7	3
Panhandle Mechanical	5	5
Parker Boats	4	6
Team Celenece	4	6
Easy's Inc.	2	8

Division Three *

Team	Won	Lost
Jerry's Remodeling	7	1
A.S.S.I.	5	3
Dr. DaSilva's	4	4
West Texas Landscaping	3	5
Pampa Bulls	1	7

Mixed Open Division One

Team	Won	Lost
Pampa Cyber Net	5	0
Eubank's Rental	5	1
Rick's Body Shop	4	1
Sunset Bar & Grill	3	2
Roberts' Place	3	2
Texas Candle Co.	1	4
Subway	0	5
Mannatech	0	6

Division Two *

Team	Won	Lost
Pampa Machine	7	0
Douthett Wreckers	6	1
Sirion Stockade	5	2
L.M. Detail	4	3
Trinity Fellowship	3	4
Pampa Realty	2	5
Peggy's Place	1	6
Star's Hot Shots	1	7

Standings as of Sept. 4

*Final division standings

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New York	80	64	.556	12
Philadelphia	67	76	.469	24 1/2
Montreal	55	89	.382	37
Florida	48	96	.333	44

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	91	53	.632	—
Chicago	80	64	.556	11
St. Louis	70	73	.490	20 1/2
Milwaukee	69	75	.479	22
Cincinnati	66	78	.458	25
Pittsburgh	65	77	.458	25

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San Diego	91	53	.632	—
San Francisco	78	66	.542	13
Los Angeles	72	72	.500	19
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Arizona	58	87	.400	33 1/2

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Pittsburgh 4, Chicago Cubs 3, 10 innings
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Colorado 15, Florida 10
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Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	79	64	.552	—
Chicago	67	76	.469	12
Minnesota City	65	77	.458	13 1/2
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IRA dissidents declare 'complete' cease-fire

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — Without offering any apology, the Irish Republican Army dissidents responsible for Northern Ireland's worst terrorist attack called a "complete" cease-fire today.

In a statement issued to the Irish state broadcasters RTE, the dissidents dubbed the Real IRA said they had decided on a "complete cessation of all military activity."

Church leader admits affair; seeks forgiveness

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The president of the one of the nation's largest black denominations admitted having an affair with a church employee charged with him in a multimillion-dollar fraud case.

Both Henry J. Lyons and Brenda Harris asked for forgiveness from the National Baptist Convention U.S.A.'s board Monday after he admitted the lengthy, "improper" relationship.

Harris also apologized to Lyons' wife, who has been accused of setting fire to a \$700,000 Florida home Lyons owned with another woman.

The board granted Lyons and Harris their wish and forgave them, said the Rev. E.V. Hill, a board member.

But other ministers were not so quick to follow suit.

"At this point, if Dr. Lyons had any love left for himself and the National Baptist Convention, he would step down," said the Rev. Charles Kenyotta of New York. "To drag millions of people through all this mud is a shame. In the 118 years of our

existence, we've never had a president this dumb."

Lyons, Harris and Bernice Edwards, a former convention public relations director, were indicted in July in Florida and charged with money laundering, wire and bank fraud and extorting money from corporations that thought they were doing business with the convention. Lyons and Edwards also are charged with tax evasion.

During a news conference to start off the convention's annual meeting Monday, Lyons conceded that he had not given "all the sterling leadership" he could have, but he said the convention made progress, and he planned to run for another five-year term as president. He has one year left in his current term.

Last month they had declared a "suspension" of what they called their "military operations," a step short of a formal cease-fire.

The Real IRA, which had previously rejected the Irish Republican Army's July 1997 cease-fire, has admitted responsibility for the Aug. 15 car bombing that killed 29 civilians and wounded 330 in the Northern Ireland town of Omagh. The last victim was buried Monday.

British and Irish leaders welcomed the cease-fire announcement but said it did not diminish the tragedy of the Omagh bombing.

"I am glad that these people have come to their senses and realized the futility of their actions," said David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionist party and the new Northern Ireland Assembly. "That doesn't change the enormity of what they have done and their culpability for it."

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern called the cease-fire "an important and a positive development," if it is fully implemented and final.

"It will not, unfortunately, bring the dead of Omagh back to life, heal the injured or comfort their families," he said.

Ireland's President Mary McAleese, in Australia on a diplomatic visit, said she was heartened by the announcement.

"I simply hope that those who were slain in Omagh will be the last to be added to the grim roll call of victims of violence," she said.

The British government's Northern Ireland Office issued its own statement emphasizing that "the Real IRA needs not just to talk but to convince the Irish people that their violence is at an end for good."

The cease-fire brings the group into line with the mainstream IRA and several other paramilitary groups. The IRA's main anti-British rival, the Irish National Liberation Army, called a truce Aug. 22, and Northern Ireland's two major outlawed pro-British factions, the Ulster Defense Association and Ulster Volunteer Force, called a joint cease-fire in 1994.

In response to the Omagh atrocity, the British and Irish governments passed anti-terrorist legislation that would give police greater power to secure conviction of suspected Real IRA members.

So far, however, police in Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic have yet to use those extra powers to round up suspects.

Ahern said the cease-fire declaration would "not affect the unrelenting determination of the two governments to pursue the perpetrators of this and other crimes, and bring them to justice."

British and Irish security forces say the Real IRA has recruited 50 to 100 members since October. Most supporters are believed to live south of the border that has divided Ireland since 1920.

Real IRA members and supporters claimed last week that senior IRA figures had visited their homes and threatened that "direct action" would be taken against them if they committed any more car bombings in Northern Ireland.

The Omagh attack was at least the seventh car bomb the dissidents had planted in a Northern Ireland town. The others had either been defused or exploded after police evacuated the immediate area, causing severe commercial damage and many injuries but no deaths.

The Real IRA's announcement came hours after the Ulster Unionists, Northern Ireland's major Protestant party, ended its ban on direct communication with the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, another symbolic step down the road to reconciliation.



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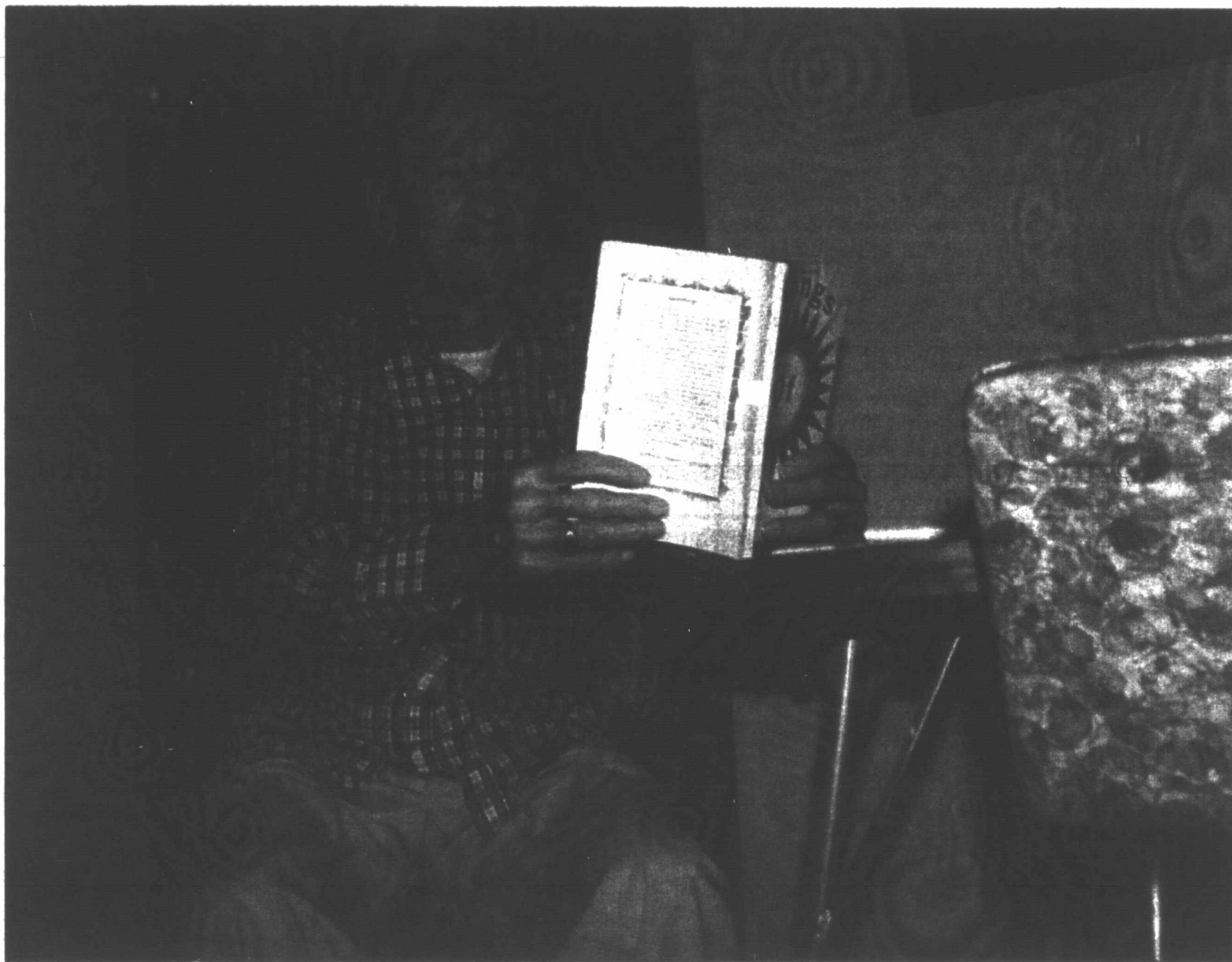
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George Keeton, 98, who still sings in church, looks over a songbook that he and his daughters used to sing from in earlier years.

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Local Alzheimer's Unit meets specific needs of patient group

Nursing homes have changed. Today's facilities provide specialized care for patients with dementia including Alzheimers. Activities and therapies are designed especially for the Alzheimer's patient.

Pampa's local Alzheimer's Unit, located at the Pampa Nursing Center, offers a specialized program which includes music therapy, pet therapy and activities. Even daily tasks such as grooming are done in a cheerful and adaptive style.

Because many residents enjoy moving from place to place and constantly exploring their environment, the physical design of an Alzheimer's unit should provide that freedom. Cooking areas and cleaning supplies are kept in locked cabinets. This allows the residents to explore in safety.

The design of Pampa Nursing Center's unit allows residents access to an outdoor courtyard and re-entry into the building through a different door. There are no alarms or buzzers on the doors. "Our residents can go in and out of the building a dozen times a day, and some do," says Administrator Tim Miller.

"Medications are administered in a manner that allows them the maximum amount of independence and participation in activities of daily living," according to Medical Director Robert Philips.

According to Texas law, a disclosure statement must be provided by all nursing facilities that advertise, market or otherwise promote that they provide specialized services to residents with Alzheimer's disease. If you are considering

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Alzheimer's care, be sure to ask for that disclosure statement.

For more information regarding long-term care settings for Alzheimer's residents, contact Terri Witt at Pampa Nursing Center at 669-2551. Group support for families struggling with Alzheimer's can be obtained through Pampa's Alzheimer's Support Group at 665-0356. Information on Texas Nursing Homes can be obtained at Texas Department of Human Services, 1-800-458-9858.



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At 98, Keeton still going strong

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

You don't have to be around George Keeton long to find out he loves to tell jokes and he loves to sing.

He'll quickly tell you that he's 98 and going to be 99 in December. "I'll be 101 when I have to get my license renewed," he said.

One of his first memories involves singing, shortly after the turn of the century, when he was 8, he said he met Henry Ford.

Keeton said there were several grown-ups around but with the boldness that seems to come with youth he walked right up to the automobile builder. What's more, he said Ford looked down and spoke, asking Keeton his name.

"George Keeton, sir."

Ford then asked what the little boy liked to do and was told he liked to sing. Ford asked him to sing Ol' Time Religion. Keeton said he belted out the tune and Ford gave him a bag of candy and told the boy, "I'd take you along with me but there's not room in this car."

"I couldn't go anyway, we have to get back and pick cotton," Keeton said.

Cotton and farming were all Keeton knew to do back then.

He was born in 1899 in Red River County, Texas near Paris. He spent most of his early life in that area. He met his wife, Nellie, in Hill County Texas in 1921. They were together until

He said he doesn't really know what it takes to live to be a healthy 98-year-old, but he has a couple of ideas.

"I've never smoked a cigarette and I've been a Christian since before I was married," he said.

her death in 1992. He was a cotton farmer mostly, leasing his land. Sometime after the birth of two daughters, Violet in 1922 and Letha Bell the following year in 1923, and then a son, J.R., born in 1926, he moved to some land near McLean. He moved into Gray County from Hillsboro driving a Model T, bringing a wife, three kids, and all their possessions.

After Doyle, who born in 1930 and Helen who came along

in 1933, Keeton decided finally that he couldn't make a living on the farm. He started working at Cabot Corporation and moved to Pampa in 1941. He worked for Cabot for over three years before falling for the lure of "big money" working at the Puget Sound Shipyard near Washington D.C. during the last part of World War II.

He worked up there a couple of months before he could bring his family up. He said the money really wasn't any better there and he came back home to Pampa and started working at the Pampa Machine Shop in 1946. The business and the building are no longer here, he said.

During much of this time he and his daughter would tour area churches to sing, and he said he would often get requests for them to come to various places.

He was one of the workers who built the Celanese Plant starting in 1951 then worked in the oil field until a heart attack

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Senior living... Getting insurance help from the Internet

(NU) — Seniors are one of the fastest growing age groups on the Internet. Many seniors are participating in chat rooms, investing on-line and communicating through e-mail with family and friends. However, many seniors don't realize that the Internet can help them with time consuming and onerous tasks, such as finding the best value and price for auto insurance.

The Internet provides seniors the ability to comparison shop and select insurance free of sales pressure, and without spending hours on the phone seeking quotes from several insurance companies. Seniors without a home computer can often find free Internet access at local senior centers, libraries,

community centers and churches.

One on-line source for consumers seeking auto insurance is InsWeb — a free, unbiased website located at www.insweb.com. InsWeb is the leading on-line insurance marketplace, helping consumers make smart and well researched insurance decisions. They can shop and select insurance coverage on their own schedule and without any pressure — 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

InsWeb offers comparative quotes from well recognized insurance companies such as State Farm, Nationwide, The Hartford and AIG. By filling out one form, consumers can get multiple quotes. In addition to auto insurance,

Auto Insurance Tips

(NU) — The insurance experts at InsWeb offer these tips on auto insurance for seniors:

- **Look at the overall value of the policy, not just the price.** Choose an insurance company that provides good service and has a reputation of renewing your insurance as you get older. Some carriers won't renew seniors after the age of 74.

- **Re-evaluate the level of bodily injury coverage.** Seniors should look at carrying more coverage than someone who is 30-years-old. The older you are, the less time there is to recover from a substantial financial loss.

- **Take a mature defensive driving course.** Many insurance companies will offer seniors a discount on their policy if they participate in a defensive driving course.

- **Look at joining an affinity group.** Some carriers will provide a larger variety of value-added services if you belong to an organization like the AARP. The Hartford PLIC, for example, offers AARP members many perks such as lifetime renewable, 12-month policies instead of the normal six-month policy, and flexible payment options.

InsWeb offers term life, individual medical, fixed annuities, disability income as well as some specialty coverage. Seniors also can use the website's research and analysis tools to help determine the appropriate level of coverage based on their

individual insurance needs.

According to a survey by Yankelovich, eight in 10 people renew their auto insurance automatically — primarily because it's too difficult to shop around — yet many believe they could get a better

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in 1956. Treatment was much different in those days and Keeton spent eight months recovering. He then worked for the hospital for a short time before going to work for the new hotel in town, the Coronado Inn. He worked there until he retired.

His wife passed away in

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1992 and he has lost two of his daughters this decade. About three years ago he moved into the Pam Apartments but he is quick to point out he still has his car.

He said he doesn't really know what it takes to live to be a healthy 98-year-old, but he has a couple of ideas.

"I've never smoked a cigarette and I've been a Christian since before I was married," he said.

He likes to visit with his friends at NationsBank, and has been a customer since before the First National Bank moved into that building and he loves to go to

the local Pentecostal Church. He still sings at the church and he loves to make people laugh.

He tells the story of a man who fell asleep at church. "The preacher pointed to a man sitting in the seat and said, would you wake that fellow up. The man looked at the preacher and said, You wake him up, you're the one who put him to sleep."

Then he laughs a real hearty laugh.

Aging gets a bad rap...

HOUSTON—America's population is aging at an unprecedented pace. Every eighty seconds, another baby boom turns 50, and by the year 2011, the number of Americans over the age of 65 will double.

What do these senior-citizens-in-the-making have to look forward to?

"Plenty," said Dr. Robert Luchi, director of the Huffington Center on Aging at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"We can enjoy tremendous growth as we age. It's not physical growth but it's growth of the spirit and learning to accept these

changes can help us enjoy life as we grow older."

The key is to focus on living instead of aging.

"The people who mature and who appreciate the fact that the process of forming ourselves is a lifetime effort are the ones who grow old successfully," he said.

And moving up in years does not always mean a move to the rocking chair. In fact, nearly 90 percent of people ages 65 through 74 have no disability that prevents them from leading a full life.

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New treatments give new hope for sufferers of rheumatoid arthritis

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elizabeth Petersen fought the pain of crippling rheumatoid arthritis for 35 years. Some of her fingers and toes were swollen stiff. Waking each morning was like "breaking out of a mold" as she struggled to unfreeze her joints and climb out of bed. One severe attack so paralyzed her leg with pain that she could only crawl, dragging the leg behind her, for days.

Then she was injected with an experimental drug called Enbrel — and the next morning, "I was skipping down the alley to prove to my husband how good I felt," the 64-year-old Chicago woman recalled. "There were times I prayed for death, but now I'm enjoying life."

For the first time in over a decade, the nation's 2 million sufferers of rheumatoid arthritis are about to get a surge of new help. Both the biologically engineered Enbrel and a competing drug are expected to win Food and Drug Administration approval by year's end. A third medicine is completing final testing, and the FDA also is considering a blood-filtering therapy.

In addition to drugs designed to attack the root of rheumatoid arthritis — the immune system — companies are poised to seek FDA approval this fall for a new class of arthritis painkillers known as "super-aspirin."

"The next 12 months will be as exciting as we've had for therapies in 10 years," said Dr. Michael Weinblatt of Harvard

University, a medical adviser to the Arthritis Foundation.

None of the potential treatments is a cure — and nobody knows just how many people they'll help.

But they've been long awaited by thousands of rheumatoid arthritis sufferers who have failed today's standard treatment, called methotrexate, or can't tolerate its side effects. "There's little else they can take now," said Dr. Marc Hochberg of the University of Maryland.

This is not the kind of arthritis common in the elderly because of the wear-and-tear of aging. Instead, rheumatoid arthritis is an autoimmune disease. Patients' own immune systems go awry and attack their joints, causing inflammation and stiffness as rogue immune cells eat away cartilage and eventually erode bone.

The disease mostly strikes women, usually between ages 25 and 50. Within 10 years, about half of patients are too disabled to work.

Drug companies are testing 28 possible new therapies. First out of the pipeline:

—Immunex Corp.'s Enbrel, the drug that helped Petersen. It targets tumor necrosis factor, or TNF, a bloodstream protein that causes much of rheumatoid arthritis' inflammation. Enbrel is a biologically engineered copy of a cell "receptor," the spot where TNF hooks onto cells. It sops up excess TNF before it can damage patients' joints. In a study of 234 severe rheumatoid patients who have failed standard therapy, 62 percent who tried Enbrel

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Healthy vision...

By Dr. John Klein



Glaucoma is an important cause of blindness in the United States and it is the most frequent cause of blindness in black Americans. Approximately 80,000 Americans are legally blind due to glaucoma and each year 5,500 people are added to that total. Almost 900,000 people in the United States are visually impaired secondarily to glaucoma. At least two million Americans have glaucoma and approximately half of these people are not aware of it.

Glaucoma is a disorder of the optic nerve and as the disease worsens so does the appearance of the optic nerve head. The etiology or cause of damage is secondary to having an intraocular pressure that is too elevated for the eye and there is a large range of acceptable pressures. The type of glaucoma that is most common is Primary Open Angle Glaucoma.

POAG is defined by elevated eye pressure, optic nerve cupping and/or associated Visual Field changes. Most patients have no symptoms when first diagnosed but in its late stages there are major visual field reductions. POAG occurs primarily in patients over 50 years of age, but can occur in younger patients as well. Major risk factors are:

increased age, positive family history, being nearsighted, history of vascular eye problems, diabetes mellitus and cardiovascular disease.

Only rarely can glaucoma be cured so the goal of therapy is to control the disease and stabilize vision. Good glaucoma management consists of monitoring eye pressure and optic nerve changes every three to four months and checking visual fields and the eye drainage angle yearly.

Treatment comes in three different forms: medicines, laser surgery or incisional surgery. The first two options are a good starting point and incisional surgery is usually used in patients whose disease is progressing after other therapies have been tried.

With careful exams and good patient cooperation the outlook is bright for almost all patients with this disease. The most important thing to remember is to make routine eye appointments because once the optic nerve is damaged there is no known medical or surgical therapy to restore it. The way to limit the damage is early detection and therapy.

(Dr. John Klein is a practicing ophthalmologist in Pampa. His column will appear monthly in Senior Scenes)

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significantly improved, vs. just 23 percent who took a placebo. An FDA advisory committee will consider next month whether Enbrel should be approved for general sale. Weinblatt said side effects appear restricted to minor injection site reactions.

—FDA advisers have recommended approval of a competing drug, Arava. Unlike its biotech competitor, Arava is a chemical that blocks the overproduction of immune cells that also inflame joints, similar to how the standard treatment, methotrexate, works. In a study of 480 moderately ill people, Arava helped about 41 percent, compared with 19 percent who took a placebo. But animal studies show it can cause numerous birth defects, and unlike most drugs that clear out of the body soon after patients' last dose, Arava can linger six months. So if the FDA approves Arava this fall as expected, women will have to use effective birth control until tests show Arava has cleared out of their bloodstream.

—Centocor Inc. is completing final testing of Remicade. It's a monoclonal antibody, a drug biologically engineered to track down and neutralize TNF in the bloodstream. Early testing suggested Remicade could help some 60 percent of patients, and that combining it with low-dose methotrexate worked better. Centocor will seek FDA approval to market Remicade for rheumatoid arthritis later this year. But Remicade won FDA approval this week to treat another problem, Crohn's disease, so doctors could begin prescribing it for arthritis patients without waiting for the FDA's separate decision on that disease.

Drugs aren't the only option. The FDA also is evaluating a blood-filtering machine called ProSORBA. It works much like dialysis, except the filter removes from patients' blood a small amount of immune cells called antibodies.

In healthy people, antibodies fight off bacteria and viruses. In rheumatoid arthritis, some antibodies are believed to go out of control. Just how ProSORBA works is unclear, because scientists do not know which antibodies it removes from blood. But a study showed almost half of test patients who had failed all drug therapy got some relief after 12 weekly ProSORBA treatments, with improvement lasting about 10 months, said Jay Kranzler, chief executive of manufacturer Cypress Bioscience.

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