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Should Disney World band trip be ok'd? Board member worries over firm's gay rights stance

■ 1998 tax rate, transfer students also on agenda

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

Pampa ISD Board members will decide tomorrow night whether to allow high school band students to go on a spring trip to Disney World after the issue was tabled last week due to concern expressed by one board member.

Pat Kennedy initiated a discussion on the controversy surrounding the Disney company's position on gay rights as expressed by decisions to produce television programming with gay characters

In addition, school board member Pat Kennedy reminded the board that the Texas Education Agency recently sold its Disney stock in protest of the company's stance on gay issues.

and open up Disney theme parks for annual "gay day" celebrations.

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The board asked Bruce Collins, the high school band director, to poll parents

on the issue before action is taken by the board.

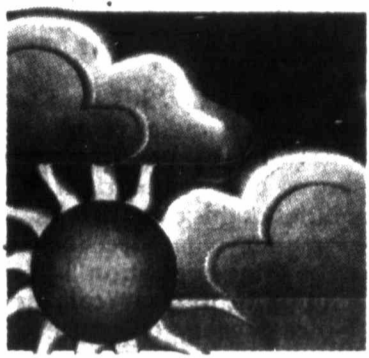
In other matters, the 1998 tax rate will be considered for adoption and action will be taken concerning a 98-99 agreement with White Deer ISD for the education of tuition-free transfer students.

Action will also be taken in considera-

tion of the sale of three school buses, and the board will be asked to approve the installation of seat belts for fourteen buses.

Parents of tennis students have requested that the board consider moving one of the portable buildings located now at Horace Mann to a suitable location to provide the tennis team with changing rooms, restrooms, coaches offices, a trophy display and a small concession room.

Discussion on the tennis program's needs, an energy management report and the district's scheduled "College Night" for Sept. 30 will be reviewed in the administrative report portion at the end of the meeting.



High today low 80s
Low tonight upper 50s
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PAMPA — PHS Class of '99 parents are scheduled to attend an organizational meeting for the after graduation ALL NIGHT PARTY! The meeting is Monday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. in the high school library. A spokesman for the meeting said it is important that parents attend.

EL PASO (AP) — Eight-year-old Seth Brown and his 5-year-old brother, Sam, don't understand all the fuss. They say returning \$23,399 that they found in a shopping mall restroom was just the right thing to do.

"We really didn't do anything special," Seth, a third-grader, said. "My brother found the bag. When we opened it and saw all the money, we took it to my dad. We returned it to its rightful owner, which is what you're supposed to do."

"It was exciting," added Sam. "There was a lot of money. We knew we couldn't keep it."

Construction contractor Narciso Hernandez had left the bag in a bathroom stall. By the time he contacted authorities, it was ready for him to identify and pick up.

Hernandez met with the family Monday night to personally thank Seth and Sam and give them an undisclosed amount as their reward.

- Ina Burnett Coker, 97, homemaker.
- Frank Jerald Hall, 86, retired mechanical engineer with Phillips Petroleum.
- LeRoy Knight, 60, father of a Pampa resident.
- Amber Nicole Lee, 6, granddaughter of Pampa residents.

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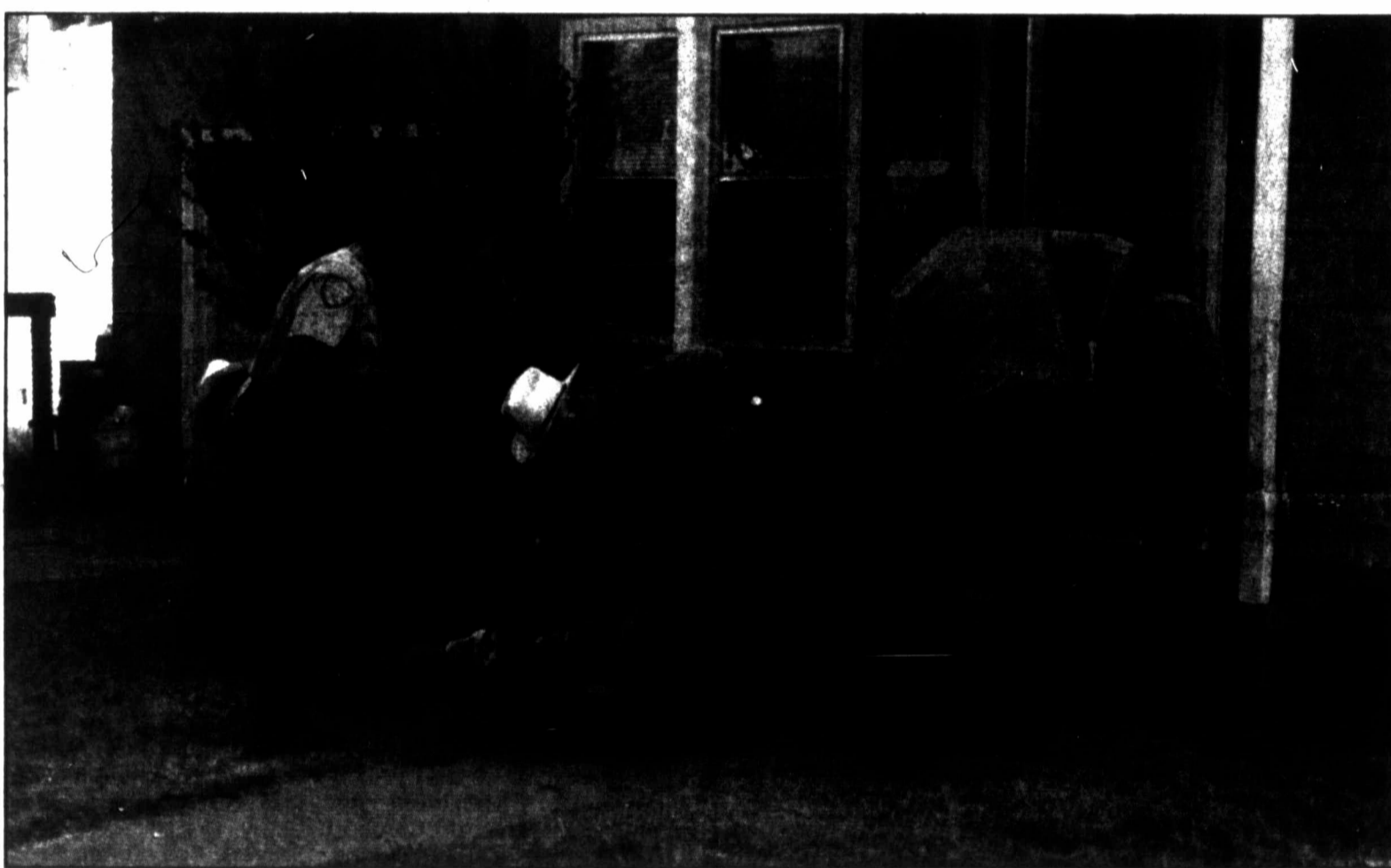
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The arrests of two burglary suspects took place this morning as suspects Mike McGavock (on ground, left) and Johnny Preston were taken into custody. Law enforcement officers (from left) Deputy Gary Noblett, Deputy Paul Ortega, Deputy Dallas Hardin, Chief Deputy J.R. Walker, Lt. Jim Scott and Deputy Sana Alexander were on the scene.

Deputies nab burglary suspects

Two Pampa men were in Gray County jail today after sheriff's deputies raided a house at 700 Lefors. A third suspect is expected to turn himself in later today.

Johnny Todd Preston, 26, and Mike McGavock, 33, both of Pampa, were arrested about 9 a.m. today charged with organized criminal activity in connection with the Sunday evening burglary of Pat Helton Well Service, Inc., 501 S. Price Road.

Gray County deputy sheriffs said about \$4,000 worth of tools and equipment were taken from the oil well service company between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday.

Officers said witnesses reported seeing at least two men at the company, throwing equipment over a fence and stowing it in a blue car. The witnesses identified three men and after consulting with the district attorney's office warrants were issued.

Early this morning the sheriff's office got a call from the third suspect, Robert Preston, 28, according to Lt. Jim Scott of the Gray County Sheriff's Office. Preston said the other two were men were at his rented house on Lefors. He also told the sheriff's office that he would turn himself in later in the day, according to Scott.

When deputies arrived at the house no one would answer the door although there were signs people were inside, Scott said. The house is owned by one person and rented by another who was not in the house. Scott said rather than damage the property, deputies called the owner and got a key to the house. When the people in the house were told that Chief Deputy J.R. Walker had a key, the suspects emerged and got on the ground.

The suspects had not been arraigned at press time.

Fire service issue not resolved

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

Gray County Commissioners are standing pat for now on the issue of fire service by the city to the county because County Judge Richard Peet says, "We have a contract and we are going to abide by it."

He said commissioners did not discuss the issue when the board met yesterday.

Last week, city commissioners, by a 3-to-1 vote, rejected a new contract proposal that included an increased county payment of \$20,000 which would bring the annual payment to \$125,000 from \$105,000.

When turning down the contract, city commissioners did so saying the county payment is inadequate and does not cover the break-even cost of the service.

"They really haven't done anything," Peet

said of the city during a telephone interview this morning. "They just voted down a new contract."

That action left the city and county operating under the existing contract which renews itself monthly, said Peet. In order to cancel that pact, 30 days written notice is required from either entity.

Last week, City Commissioner Jeff Andrews, a certified public accountant, used last year's fire department budget of \$1,234,656 as a basis for his argument the county isn't carrying its financial weight for fire service.

Based upon property tax payments and the number of fire runs in a year, Andrews said a city taxpayer with property valued at \$50,000 pays \$150 annually for fire service. That same property owner, if in the county, pays \$10 a year, or a 15-to-1 difference. The

city picks up the remainder of the cost on county calls.

Previously, city commissioners had asked the county to up its annual payment to \$250,000.

The issue will be revisited by the city council next week when it meets in city hall Tuesday at 5 p.m. for the work session and again at 6 p.m. during the regular session, said City Manager Bob Eskridge.

"We have it on the agenda for next week," Eskridge said today. "We will discuss the current contract ... but I can't tell you what is going to happen."

Eskridge was asked what will happen to fire service for the county after 30 days if the city notifies the county it is canceling the contract.

"We have to have a contract before we can run (on fire calls) in the county," he said.

Vote may be taken on youth drug unit

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

Gray County voters may have a chance to vote on a proposed juvenile drug rehabilitation facility if it is called for in a special County Commission meeting Friday.

The meeting, to be at 4:30 p.m. in the courthouse, was set after a couple of Gray County residents voiced their opposition to the lockdown facility proposed off Hobart Street next to NBC Plaza.

When resident John Triplehorn asked to speak about the facility, Gray County Judge Richard Peet said he did not wish to hold a public forum on the matter since two public meetings had already been heard. However, he allowed Triplehorn to speak.

Triplehorn said he had spoken to Randall County Judge Ted Woods about housing youthful offenders and Woods

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Bush hints he may be looking at W. House

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush says the public airing of President Clinton's personal life has him thinking twice about subjecting his family to the presidential bubble.

Bush, a possible contender for the GOP presidential nomination in 2000, told the Austin American-Statesman that Clinton's woes have put a new focus on the downside of seeking the presidency.

"It's a troubling period," Bush said Tuesday. "I think running for president is a commitment to the bubble (of public scrutiny), and I've got to make up my mind at the right time if that's what I want to do."

Mindy Tucker, a Bush spokeswoman, today said Bush's concern is the impact that public life could have on his family.

"He is concerned about the impact that the presidency would have on his family by never allowing them to be private citizens again," Ms. Tucker said. "He would never be able to go to Wal-Mart and buy a fish-

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United Way Volunteers gearing up for area fund drive

The volunteers for the Commercial Division of the 1998 United Way Campaign picked up their solicitation packets Thursday, Sept. 10. These volunteers will be calling on all the small businesses, with 10 employees or less, in Pampa. The volunteers that are working the Commercial Division, chaired by Doug Cooper, district executive for the Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America, come from the volunteer support groups and staff from each agency. They will be offering those businesses and their employees the opportunity to donate to these 20 non profit agencies that United Way supports. United Way is able to raise funds in the least amount of time with less cost than the agencies. This allows them to do what they do best, help people in our community.

Last year in Pampa, these 20 agencies touched the lives of 10,145 citizens on a one time basis. Several agencies serve their clients on a daily basis.



(Community Camera photo) Doug Cooper, district executive for the Boy Scouts, holds the remaining cards left to be picked up from the Commercial Division.

Our agencies served meals, administered to hurting families, met the needs of families that could not pay a bill, helped children through a difficult event in their life and helped our youth develop life skills through scouting programs. You probably even know someone who was touched by the dollars that United Way collect-

ed this year. Those people are our friends and neighbors. Can you say no to them when they need help? Of course not! Each of us is a part of the United Way campaign. The money you pledge will help these people. If each of us participates in some way by donating whatever we can, we will be able to say that our community is a better place

because of "The Power of U". After our packet pick-up, we still have a few packets left of commercial business to be called on. The volunteers that were not able to pick up those cards Thursday, can pick them up at the office located at 200 N. Ballard, Suite 105, next week. Through "The Power of U", we can make a difference.

Creative Artisans Network to present program by romance writer Jodi Thomas

Creative Artisans Network of Pampa will present a special program featuring award-winning author Jodi Koumalats — better known to readers as Jodi Thomas — beginning at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28 in the training room of the Gray County Sheriff's Office, 218 N. Russell. (Enter via the north door facing Francis St.) The author will share her insight and realistic approach to writing by discussing her own experiences.

Thomas knows her topic well, having written 11 novels and four short story collections. A national best-selling author, she is a two time winner of the Rita Award, the highest award in women's fiction. Her first novel "Beneath the Texas Sky," published in 1988, won both Romantic Times Reviewers' choice for Best Western Romance and the National Press Women's Novel of the Year by a woman in its category.

Her third book "The Tender Texan" put Thomas on her first national best-seller list. "Two Texas Hearts," her 10th novel, was chosen as a Double Day Book Club selection for September 1997. It went into the fourth printing within a month of the release date. Book 11 "The Texan's Touch" was released in July of 1998 and is her first USA Today Bestseller.

Thomas will be available following the program to autograph books and to talk with aspiring authors. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Texas Employer New Hire Reporting changed to comply with federal act, new guidelines

AUSTIN — The Texas Legislature has amended the Texas Employer New Hire Reporting program to comply with the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. This act is a core part of federal welfare reform. Beginning Oct. 1, 1998, Texas employers will be required to report all newly hired employees to a state database.

The Office of the Attorney General's Child Support Program, as well as other state and federal programs, will use this information to assist in the collection of child support. The information will also be used to detect and prevent fraud involving unemployment insurance, worker compensation, Medicaid and food stamps.

The Child Support Program will be working in conjunction with other state agencies to inform employers of the new requirements for this program.

Texas has had a voluntary New Hire Reporting program in place since September 1993. Currently, there are more than 16,300 employers participating. However, with over 380,000 employers in the state of Texas, there is much work yet to be done.

On Oct. 1, 1998, all Texas employers will be required to report the name, address, and social security number of every new employee within 20 days of the hiring date.

All New Hire information collected by the state will be transmitted to the National Directory of New Hires, operated government. This National Directory will make it more difficult for parents who have not taken financial responsibility for their children to avoid statewide tracking systems.

The security of New Hire information is of utmost concern to all agencies involved in the implementation of this nationwide program. All data from the State Directory will be transmitted to the National Directory on secure and dedicated lines.

The assistance that employers provide to this program is invaluable. By following the requirements and meeting reporting deadlines, Texas employers will greatly assist in the location of non-custodial parents who owe child support.

Identifying a non-custodial parents employer is essential if we are to execute a wage withholding order. Currently, our office receives more than 60 percent collected child support through this method. Also, location of non-custodial parents and collection of past due child support will allow many families to reduce or eliminate their reliance on public assistance. The Texas Employer New Hire Reporting program is good for Texas children and Texas businesses.

Over the next several months, the Office of the Attorney General will provide Texas employers with an information packet containing brochures, reporting forms, electronic reporting specifications, and answers to frequently asked question regarding the Texas Employer New Hire Reporting Program.

In addition, employers will receive an informational flyer from the Texas Comptroller's Office and the Texas Work Force Commission in their quarterly tax package mailing. The Texas Employer New Hire Reporting program has made an article available for inclusion in various newsletters and publications from the Comptroller's Office, the Texas Work Force Commission, and Chambers of Commerce throughout the state.

Employers can begin reporting their new hire information prior to the Oct. 1 start date. Those needing further information on beginning early, or on the program in general, can contact the Texas Employer New Hire Reporting Center Operation Center at Post Office Box 149224, Austin, Texas 78714-9224. The Center can be reached by phone at (888) 839-4473 or fax at 1-800-732-5015. The website address is <http://www.TexasNewHire.state.tx.us> and the e-mail address is txhires@flash.net.

IMLS announces Freedom Museum to receive award

WASHINGTON — The Institute of Museum and Library Services recently announced \$523,207 in awards to Texas museums to promote leadership, foster innovation and encourage a lifetime of learning. Freedom Museum USA of Pampa was among the recipients and was awarded \$5,290.

These awards provide critical support for core museum operations, help museums care for collections and strengthen professional standards and practices within museums of all sizes and disciplines.

IMLS provides a wide range of awards including General Operating Support, grants that can be used for ongoing institutional activities; Conservation Project Support, grants to help with the care of collections to preserve our nation's heritage for future generations; Conservation Assessment Program, grants that allow small museums to hire professional conservators to evaluate the condition of a collection; and Museum Assessment Program, grants offering technical assistance for museum operations, care of collections and museum's public dimension.

IMLS supports the full range of museums including aquariums, arboretums and botanical gardens, art museums, youth museums, general museums, historic houses and sites, history museums, nature centers, natural history and anthropology museums, planetariums, science and technology centers, specialized museums and zoological parks. Small and large museums in cities and towns across the United States use IMLS funds to strengthen public service.

Clarendon to hold cook-off in honor of pioneer plainsman

CLARENDON — A cavalcade of chuckwagons will be rolling into Clarendon Sept. 26, providing a unique opportunity for visitors to catch a glimpse of our cowboy heritage.

The Fourth Annual Colonel Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cook-off is named for, and held in honor of, pioneer plainsman Charles Goodnight who invented the chuckwagon and founded the famous JA Ranch, the first cattle ranch in the Texas Panhandle.

Over a dozen chuckwagons will begin cooking up a meal to be served at 1 p.m. A total of \$2,800 in cash prizes will be awarded for the best food, the most authentic wagon, and best overall wagon crew.

"These chuckwagons are run by people very serious about cowboy cooking," said Helen Parker, chairman of the Saints' Roost Museum Board of Directors, a non-profit organization which sponsors the cook-off each year "It isn't very difficult to take a step into the past when you're out there among the wagons."

Chuckwagon grub isn't the only attraction at the cook-off.

There will be "open mike" entertainment throughout the day. The cook-off will be augmented by a western trade show, photographic exhibits and a Texas Parks and Wildlife exhibit telling the story of the Goodnight Buffalo Herd and the ongoing efforts to save it.

At 5 p.m. there will be a concert featuring the Official Cowboy Poet of Texas, Red Stegall as well

as cowboy poet Jeremiah Johnson and the music of Duke Davis and his Swingriders.

Tickets for this all-day event sell for \$15 for everything including a chuckwagon meal and \$8 for a day pass which gives access to everything other than a meal. Gates will open at 8 a.m. and food and refreshments will be throughout the day.

A Goodnight family reunion

will also be held during the cook-off, which is held yearly to raise funds to allow the Saints' Roost Museum to remain open. Ticket prices are tax deductible.

Additional sponsors of this event include James F. Hayes & Co., Herring National Bank, Hi-Pro Animal Health, the Clarendon Economic Development Corp. and Dairy Queen. For Ticket information please call (806) 874-3723 or 874-2858.

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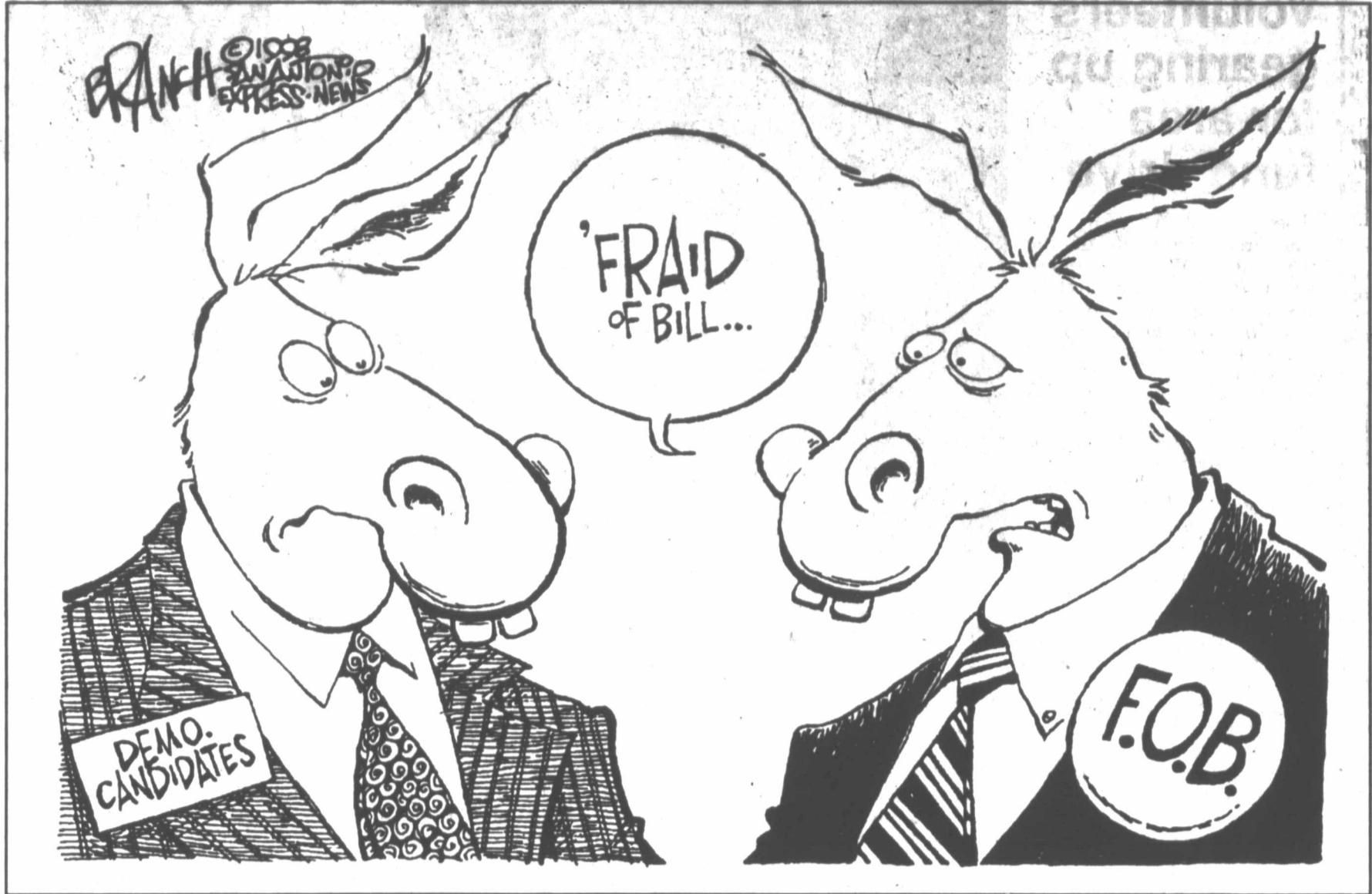
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Opinion

Appeals courts have begun reining in FDA in wake of abuses

Federal appeals courts have continued the essentially healthy process of reining in the federal Food and Drug Administration, which has reached well beyond its legitimate statutory mandate in recent years to expand its regulatory reach. Several weeks ago a court struck down rules that outlawed drug company advertising of "off-label" uses of prescription drugs.

Then a three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the FDA has no authority to regulate tobacco and struck down rules on teen-age access to tobacco the agency had promulgated in 1996.

This decision, says Henry Miller of Stanford University, who headed the FDA Office of Biotechnology from 1989 to 1994, is part of the process of correcting "the sordid legacy of David Kessler, the former FDA commissioner whose pattern was to push and stretch FDA regulations well beyond their legal bounds."

Kessler made a holy crusade against tobacco one of the centerpieces of his five-year tenure at the FDA even though Congress had never given the FDA authority to regulate tobacco and wasn't likely to do so.

That was the gist of the 4th Circuit's 2-1 decision. The two judges in the majority (one appointed by President Nixon, one by President Carter) noted that Congress has had numerous opportunities over the years to give the FDA explicit authority to regulate tobacco and had, for whatever reasons, declined to do so. For the FDA to take silence as consent, and to stretch the statutory definition of a drug subject to its jurisdiction (which is not quite the same as a scientific definition of a drug) to include tobacco was a power grab the agency had no legal authority to make.

Miller noted that former FDA commissioner Kessler's obsession with the tobacco crusade led him to many decisions that were detrimental to consumers, taxpayers and to the FDA itself. Just before the FDA announced regulations to require photo ID's from cigarette buyers and to restrict the placement of cigarette vending machines, the tobacco industry had announced a voluntary, somewhat less sweeping program to limit teenagers' access to cigarettes.

But Kessler wanted to make the rules. The upshot is that a program that could have been implemented immediately was suspended, while the mandatory program went to court, to be overturned.

Kessler, also pulled dozens of FDA employees from other duties to participate in the tobacco crusade, hurting morale and short-changing legitimate and authorized FDA functions.

Of course, it hasn't just been Kessler. The FDA as an institution — like most institutions — has shown a strong desire to increase its power and authority through mandates and regulations that push legal boundaries.

Those at the agency would do well to note the trend in the courts and decide not only to avoid overreaching in the future but to consider reforms that would make the agency less of a roadblock to innovation.

Unfortunately, the Clinton administration's decision to choose as FDA chief Dr. Jane Henney, who from 1992-94 was, as Henry Miller put it, "Mr. Kessler's trusted lieutenant in implementing some of the most intrusive and expensive FDA decisions," does not bode well for that kind of soul-searching.

—Odessa American

Clinton spin machine in action

The Clinton spin machine must be triumphant about news that Rep. Dan Burton (R-Ind.) fathered an out-of-wedlock child nearly two decades ago. What a perfect reopening of the "everybody does it" argument and reintroduction to the claim that the president is being persecuted for nothing more than private conduct.

Before turning to the question of whether Rep. Burton's case is comparable to President Clinton's, it is worth pausing to notice that this tactic — smear the critic — is part of what makes this presidency so malodorous. It was he who maligned Jennifer Flowers as a liar and gold digger in 1992, while obviously knowing that she was telling the truth. It was the president who instructed his aides to slander Paula Jones as "trailer park trash." Resolution Trust Corp. investigator Jean Lewis lost her job after noting "a concerted effort to obstruct" the probe into Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan. Billy Dale lost his White House Travel Office job and almost lost his freedom at the hands of this president, who falsely accused him of corruption.

Some of the stories of intimidation by Clinton agents sound more gangland than presidential. Dolly Kyle Browning, another Clinton girlfriend, was warned that "we will destroy you" if she talked. The state troopers who revealed that they procured women for then Gov. Clinton have been defamed and threatened.

The Internet magazine Salon, with close ties to the White House, has also hinted that no congressman's private life is safe if Congress moves ahead with impeachment.



Mona Charen

Syndicated columnist

Burton released the information about his extramarital relationship because Vanity Fair magazine (a frequent ally of this administration) was preparing an expose.

But Burton wasn't even No. 1 on the White House hit list. When the courageous and principled Scott Ritter tore the veil off the weak and deceptive U.S. policy on chemical and biological weapons in Iraq, the Pentagon leaked word that Ritter had been accused of sharing information with the Israelis — a false charge. This is the same Pentagon that illegally released information (also false, it turns out) from Linda Tripp's personnel file. No one has yet been disciplined for that breach of trust and law.

Also on the administration's hit list was Rep. Paul McHale (D-Pa.), the first Democrat to call for the president's resignation. Now this required a double dose of gall and venom — they attacked the man's war record! The draft dodger himself lets his people whisper that McHale may not have deserved all the medals he won in the Gulf War. That's like Imelda Marcos criticizing Mother Teresa's charity work. It need hardly be added that the charge

is false. But back to elementary distinctions: Rep. Burton's adultery is deplorable, but it does not vitiate the case against President Clinton.

This is a case about sex (no one should be afraid to disapprove of terrible sexual behavior) but not simply a case about adultery. If it had come to light that President Clinton had an affair 18 years ago with a woman his own age, it would not have plunged the country into talk of impeachment — which brings us to a bit of recent conventional wisdom that is dead wrong. We are told that it is now clear that the Supreme Court erred in ruling that the Jones case could go forward. "It certainly did disrupt the presidency," it is intoned. No, the civil case required only a deposition from the president. If he hadn't lied, nothing more would have followed. But this is a criminal matter now.

It concerns perjury, suborning perjury, misuse of government resources (like using federal employees to cover up his sordid sexual conduct), and obstruction of justice. It concerns arrogant and reckless use of people and power. There's a bit more to it than an extramarital affair.

Bill Clinton has succeeded to a remarkable degree in convincing large numbers of Americans that such corruption is acceptable and commonplace. That in itself is another count against him and brings us to why there must be an impeachment. As it is, Clinton will be remembered as man who corrupted many able people around him. He must not be remembered as the president who corrupted a great and good nation.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 16, the 259th day of 1998. There are 106 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: In 1810, Mexico began its revolt against Spanish rule.

On this date:

In 1638, France's King Louis the 14th was born.

In 1893, hundreds of thousands of settlers swarmed onto a section of land in Oklahoma known as the "Cherokee Strip."

In 1919, the American Legion

was incorporated by an act of Congress.

In 1940, President Roosevelt signed into law the Selective Training and Service Act, which set up the first peacetime military draft in U.S. history.

In 1940, Samuel T. Rayburn of Texas was elected Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1953, "The Robe," the first movie filmed in the widescreen process CinemaScope, had its world premiere at the Roxy Theater in New York.

In 1963, the science-fiction anthology series "The Outer Limits" premiered on ABC.

In 1966, the Metropolitan Opera opened its new opera house at New York City's Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

In 1974, President Ford announced a conditional amnesty program for Vietnam war deserters and draft-evaders.

In 1977, Maria Callas, the American-born prima donna famed for her lyric soprano and

fierce temperament, died in Paris at age 53.

In 1982, the massacre of hundreds of Palestinian men, women and children by Lebanese Christian militiamen began in west Beirut's Sabra and Chatilla refugee camps.

Ten years ago: Hurricane Gilbert slammed into the Mexico coast for the second time in three days, its center sweeping ashore north of La Pesca, 120 miles south of Brownsville, Texas.

Truman: The last great president

As an antidote to the stench in the White House, I thought you might like to hear something about the last great American president: Harry S. Truman.

When Truman left office in January 1953, to return to his home in Independence, Mo., the imperial presidency began with Dwight Eisenhower and has become more and more imperial — and corrupt — since.

Truman was the last man in the White House who was honest, who was truly educated and who was a real leader and a virtuous man. Most of all, Truman was a courageous leader who respected the Constitution but had proper contempt for polls and public relations people.

A new book, "The Wit and Wisdom of Harry S. Truman", edited by Alex Ayres, (Meridian Books), may whet your appetite for more knowledge about this extraordinary American.

In the category of women, you'll find this comment:

"Three things can ruin a man — money, power and women," Harry Truman liked to say. "I never had any money, I never wanted power and the only woman in my life is up at the house right now."

When an Army PR man offered to get him anything he wanted, including a woman, Truman cut him off sharply.

"Listen, son, I married my sweetheart. She doesn't run around on me, and I don't run around on her. I want that understood. Don't ever mention that kind of stuff to me again." He wasn't kidding either. He dearly



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

ly loved his wife and daughter.

Truman, for example, barred Clair Boothe Luce, wife of media powerhouse Henry Luce (founder of the Time and Life empire), from the executive mansion. Luce, in his day more influential than any media mogul today, went to Truman and asked why his wife was not allowed entrance.

"Mr. Luce, you've asked a fair question," Truman said, "and I'll give you a fair answer. I've been in politics 35 years, and everything that could be said about a human being has been said about me. But my wife has never been in politics. She has always conducted herself in a circumspect manner, and no one has a right to make derogatory remarks about her. Now your wife has said many unkind and untrue things about Mrs. Truman. And as long as I'm in residence here, she'll not be a guest at the White House."

That account, by a White House aide, is probably more moderate than Truman's original language.

And, unlike his successors, Truman always said exactly what he meant and meant exactly what he said.

Truman's favorite prayer, which he found during high school and repeated the rest of his life was this:

"Oh, Almighty and everlasting God, creator of heaven, earth and the universe, help me to be, to think, to act what is right because it is right; make me truthful, honest and honorable in all things; make me intellectually honest for the sake of right and honor and without thought of reward to me. Give me the ability to be charitable, forgiving and patient with my fellow men — help me to understand their motives and their shortcomings — even as thou understandest mine. Amen."

After Truman announced he was not going to seek a third term, he began to get the usual offers from corporations for profitable directorships. Congress didn't lavish in-office or after-office perks on presidents then, and Truman had always struggled financially.

Yet he turned down all offers, saying, "You don't want me. You want the office of the president, and that doesn't belong to me. It belongs to the American people, and it is not for sale."

Don't ever let the slimy apologists for slimy Bill Clinton tell you there's never been a man in the White House who didn't lie to and cheat on both his wife and the American people. Truman never did either. He was as close to a saint, God love him, as a man who plays poker, takes a social drink and cusses can ever get.

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Texas roundup...

Newspaper: Lobbyists dictated telecommunications report

DALLAS (AP) — Telephone-industry lobbyists heavily influenced a legislative report that suggests limiting the amount the companies should pay cities for using public rights-of-way. The Dallas Morning News reported in today's editions.

Critics said the recommendations, if enacted by the Legislature next year, could create a windfall for the industry at the expense of cities and their taxpayers.

Texas cities get more than \$150 million a year from right-of-way fees.

A state legislative committee spent 11 months and thousands of taxpayer dollars traveling the state to ask Texans about the issue.

But committee recommendations sent to the Legislature last month are mostly similar — and in many places, identical — to language lobbyists gave committee staff members, the newspaper said, citing documents it had obtained.

Technology helps police make arrest

AUSTIN (AP) — Police say a new DNA test may have helped them solve a 14-year-old murder.

Officers on Tuesday arrested a man in connection with the 1984 rape and murder of secretary Lauren Marie McCarty.

They believe it's the first homicide in Texas solved by an updated process that matches genetic blueprints found in human cells from tiny amounts of blood, saliva, semen, skin or hair samples.

"We never stop investigating a homicide, no matter how old it is," Lt. David Parkinson told the Austin American-Statesman in Wednesday's editions. "This is a case where technology finally caught up with a crime."

Richard Alan Woods, 42, was being held in a Travis County jail without bond Tuesday, facing charges of capital murder in Ms. McCarty's death and sexual assault.

Dole: Democrats to determine outcome of President Clinton scandal

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Democrats' response to the sex scandal surrounding President Clinton will be the key to his political future, much as Republicans determined the outcome of Watergate, former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole says.

Though Dole described Watergate as "much deeper than this," in a speech Tuesday night at Trinity University he drew parallels between the allegations against Clinton and those that brought down Richard Nixon in 1974.

"I'm not trying to compare the two," Dole said. "A lot is going to depend on the public. A lot is going to depend, in this case, on the Democrats."

When prominent Republicans warned Nixon he had insufficient support from his own party to remain in office, he resigned, Dole said.

Dole, the Republican presidential nominee

who lost to Clinton in the 1996 campaign, wouldn't say whether Clinton should step down.

Doctor could lose job over James McDougal's death in federal prison

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A prison doctor could lose his job for not checking on James McDougal the evening before the Whitewater witness suffered a heart attack and died, an official says.

The renewal of the doctor's contract with the Federal Medical Center in Fort Worth hinges on his written report to supervisors about what happened in the hours before McDougal's death, said Tom Gore, associate vice president of the University of North Texas Health Science Center.

The center provides doctors to work under contract for the prison.

McDougal died March 8 of cardiac arrest at the Federal Medical Center. He had suffered from a variety of ailments, including heart disease and blocked arteries.

At the time of his death, McDougal, 57, was serving his term for a federal fraud conviction. He was a key witness for Whitewater prosecutors when the investigation centered on a land deal in which he and President Clinton participated.

Couple accused of sexually assaulting three children over several years

FORT WORTH (AP) — A man and woman accused of sexually assaulting their three children over several years contend they were merely trying to teach sex education, police say.

The three children have been taken out of their home since the arrest of their stepfather, a 34-year-old maintenance man, last weekend. Police have issued an arrest warrant for the children's mother.

The couple's names are being withheld to protect the privacy of the children, a 17-year-old boy and girls ages 15 and 13.

"I could not believe these people actually thought what they were doing to the kids was right," police detective Fred Gilbert told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

"When we brought him in here for a statement, the stepfather said, 'What's wrong with teaching my kids about sex? It's better than having them learn it on the streets.'"

Elsewhere

TIMBER-DROUGHT: The hot, dry summer cost the East Texas timber economy about \$1.1 billion, state forestry officials expect. It takes 112 million seedlings a year to keep pace with timber harvesting. Statewide, the drought will wind up draining \$5.8 billion from the state's agricultural economy. ... **POLITICAL AD WARS:** Attorney general candidates John Cornyn and Jim Mattox are slinging mud at each other. Cornyn just launched an ad calling Mattox "the junkyard dog of Texas politics." Mattox fired back that Cornyn has run a campaign "in the gutter since day one."



(Special photo)

Michele Crowell helps dry cars at the Kids Club car wash on the National Bank of Commerce parking lot last Saturday. Kids Club held the car wash to raise funds to help with the medical expenses of Justin Cottrell, 9, who recently had open heart surgery. A fund has been set up in Justin's name at National Bank of Commerce.

Court of Criminal Appeals upholds two convictions from death row inmates

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals today rejected appeals from two death-row inmates in cases from Bexar and Dallas counties.

In the Bexar County case, the court unanimously upheld the conviction of Gabriel Gonzales for the July 20, 1994 murder of Louella Hilton.

According to court documents, Gonzales shot Ms. Hilton several times during a pawn shop robbery.

their verdicts in the case."

In a 6-3 decision in the Dallas County case, the court also upheld the conviction of George Alarick Jones. He was convicted of the April 13, 1993 abduction and murder of Forest Hall.

In his appeal, Jones argued that the state should not have been able to throw out a potential juror who indicated she would be skeptical of testimony from an accomplice.

"Our argument was that under law she never said anything that disqualified her from serving as a jury," said Jones lawyer Richard Anderson.

The decision "deprived Mr. Jones of the opportunity to have that juror hear his case," he said.

Anderson said today that though he had not read the opinion, he was disappointed by the decision.

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Clinton welcomes Czech president

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton welcomed Czech President Vaclav Havel to the White House today for talks on the former communist nation's entry next year into the NATO alliance and other European security issues.

After a pomp-and-circumstance arrival ceremony on the South Lawn, Clinton spoke glowingly of Havel's role in turning his country to democracy after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Clinton called Havel "a voice of dazzling eloquence" for freedom and democracy. He credited the Czech leader with helping the former communist nations of Eastern and Central Europe join a global move away from totalitarianism and state control.

"It owes a very great deal, in our time, to the inspiration provided by a single man, Vaclav Havel, who for years spoke when it matter and often at enormous personal cost," Clinton said.

In his remarks, Havel said his country looked forward to becoming a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which is to formally welcome Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic as new members next spring.

"There is no doubt in my mind that it was your personal leadership that made this historic development possible," Havel said, with Clinton standing at his side in bright sunshine.

Havel said NATO membership was "one of the most important guarantees of our democratic development."

After their talks in the Oval Office, the two presidents were holding an afternoon news conference at the State Department — Clinton's first since Independent Counsel

Kenneth Starr reported to Congress on Clinton's involvement with Monica Lewinsky. Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will honor Havel with a state dinner.

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Woman Shouldn't Rush To Put Untimely Death Behind Her

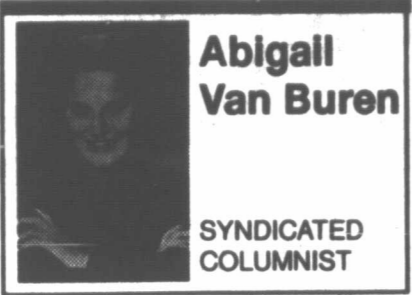
DEAR ABBY: I am 24 years old and was dating a man a few years older. "Rick" and I dated for two years, and lived together almost a year and a half. About six months ago, Rick was killed in a motorcycle accident. Had he lived, he would have been the one I married and spent the rest of my life with.

Here's my problem: Although I loved Rick with all my heart, I know that I am young and will have other relationships. I'll never forget Rick, and I'll carry him in my heart. I don't want to hurt Rick's family or give them the idea that I don't respect his memory.

I have been doing things with a male "friend" of mine, and it may get serious. Is it too soon? I know that the only one who can know that is me, but how do I handle the public relations aspect? Rick is gone, and my life must go on.

CONFUSED

DEAR CONFUSED: It's all right to begin dating, but if you're considering living with this "friend" or making any announcements, I suggest that you slow down. Do nothing in haste, including an announcement to Rick's grieving family that you now have a relationship that may get serious. You are very vulnerable right now. Not only do you need time to heal from your loss, this new relationship needs time to develop.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to share an idea with your readers. I am currently an at-home mom with a 3-year-old daughter. I encourage her to do various craft projects. I couldn't save all of them and felt guilty throwing them in the trash. So we started a monthly project of making her crafts into tray favors (cards and bookmarks) for the local Meals on Wheels program. The organization is very appreciative of the crafts that brighten the days for many seniors. My daughter is also learning how she can positively impact her community.

JOANNA VELASCO, PLACENTIA, CALIF.

DEAR JOANNA: What a charming idea! Your daughter is fortunate to have a mother as imaginative as you. At the rate she's going, your little girl will be a recognized artist by the time she is out of kindergarten.

DEAR ABBY: I'm glad that "Lucky Old Guy in Oregon" thinks he's so lucky. Personally, if my spouse "whacked" me every time I lit a cigarette (or did anything that he judged to be "unhealthy"), or yelled at me and gave me half-hour lectures if I cheated a little on my diet, I think I would find death to be a welcome escape from him.

My husband and I look out for each other's health. Our greatest wish is that we can happily, and with mutual respect, grow old together. The difference between us and "Old Guy" is that he seems to relish his wife's disciplinary tactics. His "loving" wife sounds like a major control freak to me, and he's a whipped doormat.

Abby, does this sound like a marriage of mutual respect and love? Would you want to be in "Old Guy's" shoes? Just because he has lived a long life doesn't make him "lucky." Some inmates in prison live to be very old, too!

LUCKIER STILL IN CANYON COUNTRY, CALIF.

DEAR LUCKIER: Your letter made me smile. It's difficult to argue with success, but it does make one wonder if "Lucky Old Guy" would be healthier if he had assumed the personal responsibility for disciplining himself instead of relying on his wife's orders to adhere to a diet and exercise plan.

sions over money are animated. You might not get what you want today, but be patient, and soon you will. Remain self-confident. Tonight: It's your turn to treat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** You overwhelm others with your high energy and fiery spirit. What is important to you might not be to others. Ask questions. Be diplomatic; you surprise yourself with what happens. Utilize magnetism rather than forceful words. Tonight: You call the shots.

VRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Take a deep breath if you aren't sure of your feelings or don't know which way to turn. Who says you need to solve all the world's problems? It is important not to swallow anger, but to get to the hurt that caused this feeling. Talk and share. Tonight: A favorite escape.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Do you consider a certain friend pushy? Now is a perfect occasion to tell him what you think. Of course, your diplomatic skills prevent you from burning any bridges. Clear the air, and aim for what you want. Stop letting others push you. Tonight: With your friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Take care of a difficult co-worker. You know how to handle this person; resist blowing a fuse. It won't work for you anyway. Revise the boundaries you have created here. Make a formal appointment with a relative who demands a lot. Tonight: Make a must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Take off instead of sitting there daydreaming about what could be. Consider taking a seminar and exploring a new field. You need a change of pace and scenery. Stop selling yourself short. You know what you want. The time is now. Tonight: Start plotting a new path.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** A partner lets you know his limits. You don't appreciate how he does this, but it is an important step in clearing the air. Keep your cool in discussions; consider possibilities, and avoid slamming doors. A solution remains possible. Tonight: Let someone else decide.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Others knock on your door. Think before you blurt out anything you would prefer not to. Be clear; not everyone thinks like you. An aggressive associate helps you think through a problem justly by playing devil's advocate. Tonight: Play the passive role.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Dig into work, and clear up all those little details. Because you are set on completion rather than initiation, you feel extremely good when the day is over. Consider taking tomorrow off. You deserve it. Avoid making "forever" decisions right now. Tonight: Work late.

BORN TODAY

Author Ken Kesey (1935), actor Roddy McDowall (1928), actor John Ritter (1948)

For Better or For Worse



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Peanuts



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Horoscope

THURSDAY, SEPT. 17, 1998
BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Use your vital energy to make what you need happen. Remain on top of work, but make for a preferred recreation or person. If your fuse is short, perhaps you haven't been physical enough. Take up a new sport or hobby. Tonight: Heat up the night.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Stay involved in both career and personal matters. Have you been giving a family member or pet enough attention? Whatever or whomever you might recently have slighted will let you know; take the actions as a clear indication of neglect. Be smart; make time. Tonight: Relax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Reach out for others, and start-up talks. You don't see a problem in the same light as someone else. In discussing the pros and cons, you inadvertently start an argument. Be careful; you could neglect an important detail. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** An expenditure or a recent purchase is disappointing. Instead of moping, just return it. Discus-

Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS
- 1 Moves up and down
- 5 "Monkey Trial"
- 11 Reed instrument
- 12 Canal setting
- 13 Ceremony
- 14 Needing change
- 15 Bottom line
- 16 Look over
- 17 Jacket part
- 19 Wager
- 22 Ancient Arabian nation
- 24 Life-guard's place
- 26 Misplace
- 27 Elevator man
- 28 Neighbors
- 30 Staff signs
- 31 Swabbing need
- 32 Disney dog
- 34 Easy gait
- 35 Buddy
- 38 One way to deal
- 41 China setting
- 42 Immediately
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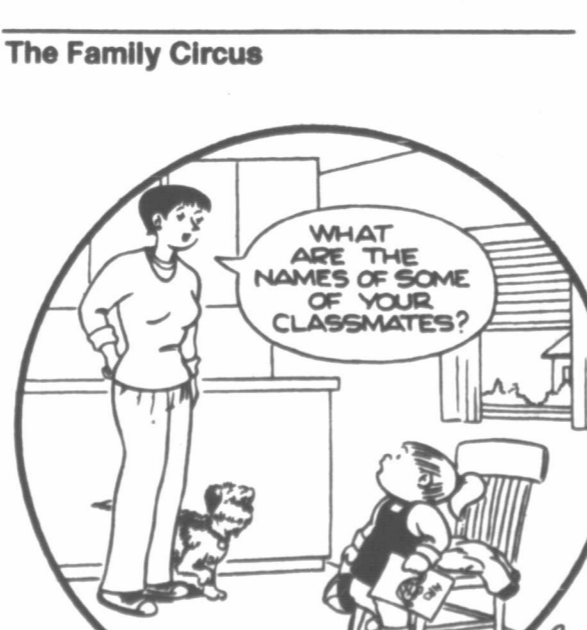
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TRACK & FIELD

PAMPA — Pampa's Wendell Palmer swept three events at the Wichita Falls Senior Games last weekend.

Palmer won the discus (160-0), shot (44-11) and javelin (118-0) events. He competed in the 65-69 age group.

BASEBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — No time to kick back and relax for the Houston Astros.

After winning their second straight NL Central title, the Astros are on to their next goal: home-field advantage for the playoffs.

For the first time, the team with the best regular-season record gets the home-field edge throughout the NL playoffs.

"I want to keep winning right on through rather than have to try to crank it up all of a sudden after we've been floundering around for a while," Astros manager Larry Dierker said.

The Astros wrapped up the title despite losing to the Mets 7-4 in 13 innings Monday night. The clinching came when San Diego rallied to eliminate second-place Chicago.

BASKETBALL

CHICAGO (AP) — How much difference Michael Jordan would have meant to a film that flopped is a question jurors must answer in a lawsuit against the Chicago Bulls star.

And they'll have to remember this is the pre-championship, pre-MVP, pre-"Space Jam" Jordan being talked about in court.

Producers of "Heaven is a Playground" contend their film would have soared like one of Jordan's high-flying dunks had he appeared in a supporting role.

"We would have today a movie that is a classic," contends Dean Dickie, a lawyer whose client is suing Jordan.

Jordan sat at the defense table Tuesday, using a back entrance to the courtroom to avoid reporters and onlookers. He is to testify next week in a case expected to last about a month.

The movie was to have been made in 1989. It was shot without Jordan in 1990 and released in 1991. With Loyola Marymount standout Bo Kimble taking Jordan's part, it made \$168,000 at the box office, Dickie said.

Lawyers for both sides presented opening statements Tuesday in Cook County Circuit Court.

Heaven Corp., maker of "Heaven is a Playground," is seeking \$16 million to \$20 million in damages, which it says represents the profit it would have made if Jordan appeared in the film.

Jordan's lawyer, Frederick Sperling, scoffed that Jordan would have made that big a difference, pointing out that the Bulls star was to appear in about 12 minutes of a 104-minute film that was widely panned by critics.

Dickie seemed reluctant to attack the man he described as "the greatest basketball player ever" in his hometown. Instead, he went after Jordan's agent, David Falk.

Dickie portrayed Falk as manipulating Jordan, whose fame was growing during the time Fried and Bank were trying to make the movie. He said the agent talked Jordan out of appearing in the film to take more lucrative offers.

Dickie said Falk threatened Fried and Bank, saying he would destroy their careers, have them thrown in jail and make sure they never worked again, except in "Outer Mongolia."

Falk was originally named as a defendant in the lawsuit but was removed by Judge Richard Neville.

Both sides told jurors they would prove a promise had been broken.

Lady Harvesters sweep Canyon in volleyball tilt

CANYON — Pampa seniors Lisa Kirkpatrick and Kimberly Clark, along with junior Tandi Morton sparked the Lady Harvesters to a 15-13, 15-6 win over Canyon in non-district volleyball action Tuesday night.

The Lady Harvesters improve to 13-4 on the season while Canyon drops to 3-14.

Kirkpatrick came away with 10 kills while Morton played outstanding defense while collecting

four solo blocks. She also had two block assists and three kills.

Clark turned in some standout serving, including six aces as Pampa served up 15 straight points in the second game. The Lady Harvesters had to rally after falling behind, 6-0.

Pampa opens District 3-4A play against Amarillo Caprock on Tuesday night.

PLAINVIEW — Former Pampa

standout Serenity King helped lead the Wayland University Baptist Lady Pioneers past Abilene Christian in collegiate volleyball action Tuesday night.

The Lady Pioneers fell two games behind before rallying for a 6-15, 12-15, 15-10, 15-6, 15-12 victory.

King posted 25 kills and 22 digs to lead the Lady Pioneer comeback. Kristee Turpin chipped in 17 kills and 18 digs.

PHS cross country girls win first meet of 1998 season

LIBERAL, Kan. — The Pampa girls' cross country team crossed state lines to win their first cross country meet of the year.

Pampa had seven runners finish in the top 14 to capture the Liberal Invitation. The Lady Harvesters were led by Jenny Fatheree's second-place performance. Others who placed were Beth Lee third, Samantha Hurst fourth, Amanda White fifth,

Marci Hansen sixth, Daisy Leal ninth and Anna Resendiz 14th.

The Pampa girls placed third at the state meet a year ago and return the same runners from that team. The Lady Harvesters won the state meet two years ago.

Pampa placed third in the boys' division at Liberal.

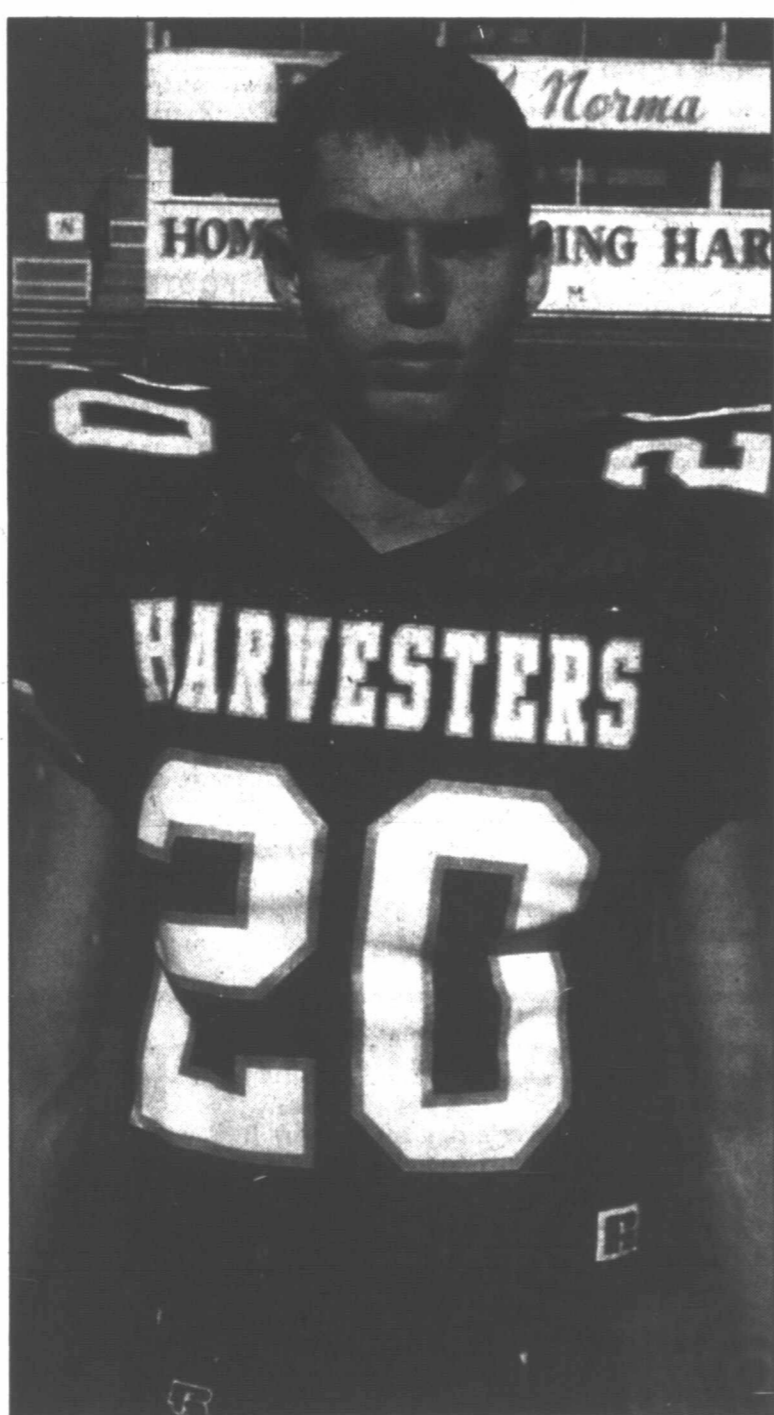
Gonzalo Salazar was seventh, followed by Kelby McClellan

eighth, Colby Hale 15th, Jeremy Silva 16th, Jesse Francis 22nd and Russell Robben 23rd.

In the girls' junior varsity division, T'Andra Holmes finished first followed by Vanessa Orr second, Rebecca Fatheree third, Jessica Burns fourth and Andrea Lee fifth.

The Pampa teams will compete in the Dumas meet next weekend. Head coach is Mark Elms.

Outstanding defender



Senior safety Joel Barker was one of the outstanding defensive players for Pampa in the 24-3 loss to Amarillo High. Barker had nine assisted tackles and two fumble recoveries.

Red Raiders test Fresno

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — After two weeks, Texas Tech hasn't allowed a touchdown, leads the Big 12 in total offensive yardage and has scored more than 30 points in each game.

But those stats were forged in victories against lightweights Texas-El Paso and North Texas. This week's matchup against Fresno State will be the team's first real test.

While not attracting much attention before the season, Fresno State has bolstered its reputation by giving No. 16 Colorado a scare last weekend, threatening to tie the game in the final seconds. Colorado hung on to win 29-21.

Tech players said they took notice of Fresno's performance and expect a tough game.

"They have a real quick defense," said offensive guard Erik Carruth. "They don't have a lot of big guys but they swarm to the ball the way our guys do. They're definitely the best team we've played this year."

Coach Spike Dykes conceded that Fresno will be a chance for the team to gauge how good it really is.

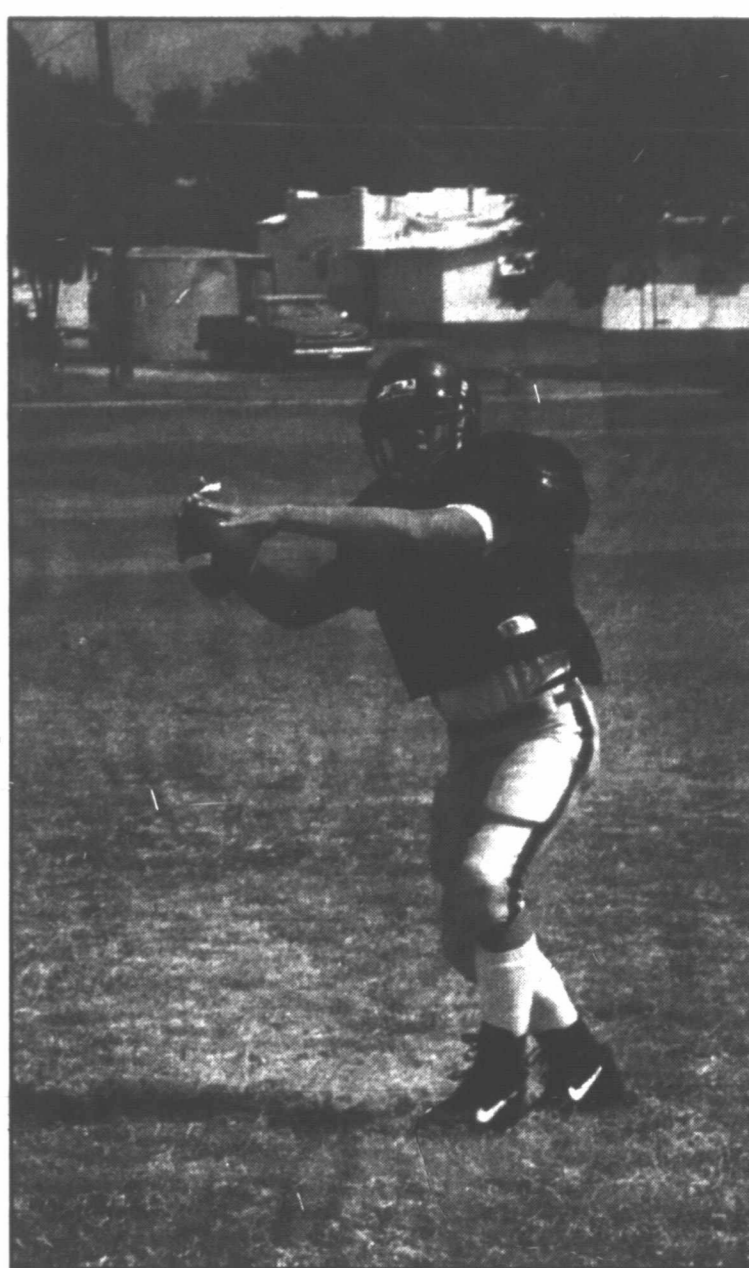
"It's nice to be 2-0, don't get me wrong," Dykes said. "But the schedule has a lot to do with that."

In Tech's first game of the season, running back Ricky Williams ran for a career-best 251 yards and two touchdowns, leading the Red Raiders to a 35-3 victory over UTEP.

The following week, Tech left North Texas with heads bowed on the bench after a 30-0 beating.

In that game, Williams ran for 170 yards and two touchdowns, and the team gained 531 yards and 30 first downs while holding the Eagles to 125 yards.

Groom signal-caller



(Pampa News photo)

Groom quarterback Josh Evenson threw for two touchdowns as the Tigers rolled up 269 yards in total offense in shutting out Samnorwood, 45-0, in a six-man contest last weekend. Groom, 2-0 for the season, goes to Silverton to play New Home on Friday night.

Honor roll highlights 400-yard rusher on losing Stafford squad

A 400-yard rusher on a losing team and seven-touchdown scorer on a winning team all in the same game highlight the notable high school football performances this past weekend.

Here's this week's Associated Press honor roll:

ALL-AROUND EFFORTS

—Roy Lewis had five of Buna's seven sacks, returned a fumble 30 yards for a touchdown and scored again from 23 yards with 29 seconds left to give Buna a 13-12 victory over Hampshire-Fannett.

—Travis Clifton ran eight times for 59 yards and a touchdown, caught four passes for 53 yards and a touchdown, returned a kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown, punted three times for a 41-yard average, threw a 17-yard pass for a first down and returned a punt 45 yards to set up a touchdown in Ranger's 21-19 victory over Hawley.

—Kelan Luker was 15-of-34 for 167 yards and two touchdowns and ran 14 times for 92 yards and two touchdowns in Stephenville's 31-12 victory over

Round Rock. —Brandon Purcell had 19 solo tackles, caused a fumble and recovered fumble, plus ran for 192 yards and four touchdowns as May beat Harper 27-0.

—Derek Keilers had two tackles, an interception, a fumble recovery and the game-winning field goal in overtime as Dublin beat Hico 11-9.

ON THE GROUND

—Tony Bostic ran 25 times for 411 yards and five touchdowns, but it wasn't enough as Anthony Chambers' 267 yards and seven touchdowns on 32 carries sent Liberty past Stafford 64-63 in overtime. The teams combined for more than 1,000 yards rushing, 524 from Liberty and 494 for Stafford.

—O.J. McClintock had 251 yards and five touchdowns as Round Rock Westwood beat Austin Bowie 33-23. He had an 81-yard touchdown run that made many television highlights because part of his uniform unraveled when grabbed from behind by a Bowie defender.

Pampa has sparkling "D", struggling offense

Pampa's home opener with Plainview on Friday night has promises of being one of those down-to-the-wire thrillers. A close contest almost always seems to be in the works when these two schools hook up on the gridiron.

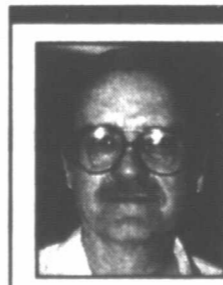
The Harvesters have won the last four meetings, but three of those games could have gone either way. Pampa came out on top, 14-7, last year and slipped away to a 9-6 win in 1996.

The only blowout came in '95 when Pampa rolled to a 29-0 win. The Harvesters won 24-19 in '94 and lost 14-8 in '93. Talk about some memorable matchups.

This season, the Harris Rating System may have given Plainview that 1-point edge over Pampa mainly because of two guys: running back Rod Ansley and linebacker Brennen Bell. Ansley, a 6-4, 206-pound junior, rushed for 195 yards on 15 carries and scored three touchdowns in Plainview's 23-12 win over Clovis, N.M. last weekend. In the same contest, Bell, a 180-pound senior, had 10 tackles and returned an interception on an extra-point play 100 yards for two points.

By the way, the Bulldogs have a 3-0 record, matching the number of wins they had all of last year.

Harvester fans shouldn't feel too bad about the 24-3 loss to Class 4A Amarillo High last weekend. The Sandies have a shot at going unbeaten during the



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regular season and could go deep into the playoffs.

The only statistic that really counts is on the scoreboard, but just for the sake of argument, let's take a look at some of the other numbers. Pampa had more first downs, 10-9, and more total yards, 164-123, than AHS.

The stat that really sticks out against the Harvesters is the six turnovers. One of those turned into a 60-yard interception return for a touchdown. The Sandies had two miscues. As in most cases — and not just in football — the team that makes the most mistakes is going to come out on the short end of the board.

Taking away the turnovers, the Harvesters did have some bright spots with their option offense. Erich Greer rushed for a game-leading 92 yards and Curtis Johnson added 52.

It was Pampa's defense that really stood out, much as it did in the 14-0 win over Lubbock Estacado in the season opener.

"I felt like our defensive effort was outstanding. Our defense shined all day long," said PHS head coach Dennis Cavalier.

Linebackers Jared White and Kris Davis, along with safety Joel Barker had the big games. White, 205-pound senior, had 14 tackles and a sack. Davis, a 150-pound senior, had nine tackles and a fumble recovery. Barker, a 160-pound senior, had nine assisted tackles and two fumble recoveries.

Keeping the mistakes to a minimum. That's the key right now.

Dallas Cowboy jokes may outnumber Aggie jokes now. What's the difference between a dollar bill and the Cowboys? A dollar is good for four quarters.

Flashback — 1954: Pampa defeated El Paso Austin, 32-13, in a high school football game. Harold Lewis scored three of the four Pampa touchdowns, one on an 85-yard run.

The Harvesters received outstanding line play from defensive guard J.R. Cross, who also recovered an El Paso fumble.

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