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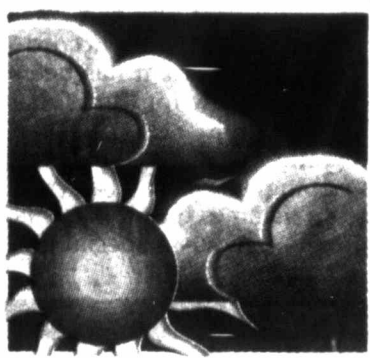
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High tomorrow 85.

PAMPA — Parents of PHS seniors are being invited to come to an informational meeting for the after graduation "All Night Party" on Monday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. in the high school library. For more info call Sue Fatheree at 669-2608.

PAMPA — PHS is hosting a "College Night" on Wednesday, Sept. 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the M.K. Brown Heritage Room. High school juniors and seniors and their parents are invited to attend the come and go event. Area colleges, universities, technicals schools and armed services representatives will be on hand to provide info to parents and students. Call 669-4800 for more information.

PAMPA movie-goers are being urged to stay up late next weekend for the chance to get free popcorn and win a new Digital Theater Sound system for Cinema 4 at the Coronado Shopping Center.

Friday and Saturday night the theater is offering midnight showings of "Halloween H2O" and "The Negotiator" for a \$1 cheaper than the normal ticket prices in an effort to raise \$5,000 in sales before the Borger movie theater does.

If the goal is completed, Pampa's theater will get a new DTS system. According to theater officials, the system uses six channels instead of two to improve the sound.

"It's like comparing a tape's sound to that of a CD's sound," according to one spokesman for Cinema Four.

- Alice Gordon Atchley, 86, Groom homemaker.
- Jean Ormson, 75, former bank teller.

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Employees out of work: IRI reduces its work force

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

IRI International Vice-President Tom Etheridge has confirmed that approximately 20 employees were laid off Friday from the Pampa plant due to a continuing decrease in the price of oil affecting the need for oil rig construction.

"We did have a small reduction in forces," Etheridge said late Friday afternoon. "I think you are aware that the price of oil has gone down from \$28 to \$15 (a barrel), and a little below that at times."

He said decreasing oil prices definitely impacts IRI's industry. The cuts were made across the board, he said. And in response to a question about what criteria determined who was laid off, Etheridge said that "a lot of criteria" was considered, but that it was ultimately a "management decision."

When asked if he could predict any further lay offs anytime soon he said: "I wish I had a crystal ball ... but we're at the mercy of forces beyond our control. If oil is down, rigs aren't being sold. None of us knows what the future holds."

Etheridge continued to express personal concern regarding the lay offs. "This has been very hard and troublesome," he said. But the company must maintain a cost-effective industry to stay in a competitive position, he said.

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Voters will decide juvenile facility's fate

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

After impassioned pleas from both sides, the Gray County Commissioners Court decided to give voters the opportunity to say whether or not they want a juvenile drug and alcohol treatment center in Pampa.

The vote, a non-binding resolution, will be on the ballot Nov. 3, which is the regular election day.

County Judge Richard Peet told the large crowd in the courtroom that he appreciated their coming to the meeting, but he said the meeting was not a public forum, and the debate would be between the members of the court. He then went over the history of the county action involving the facility, saying the public had opportunity to express its concern.

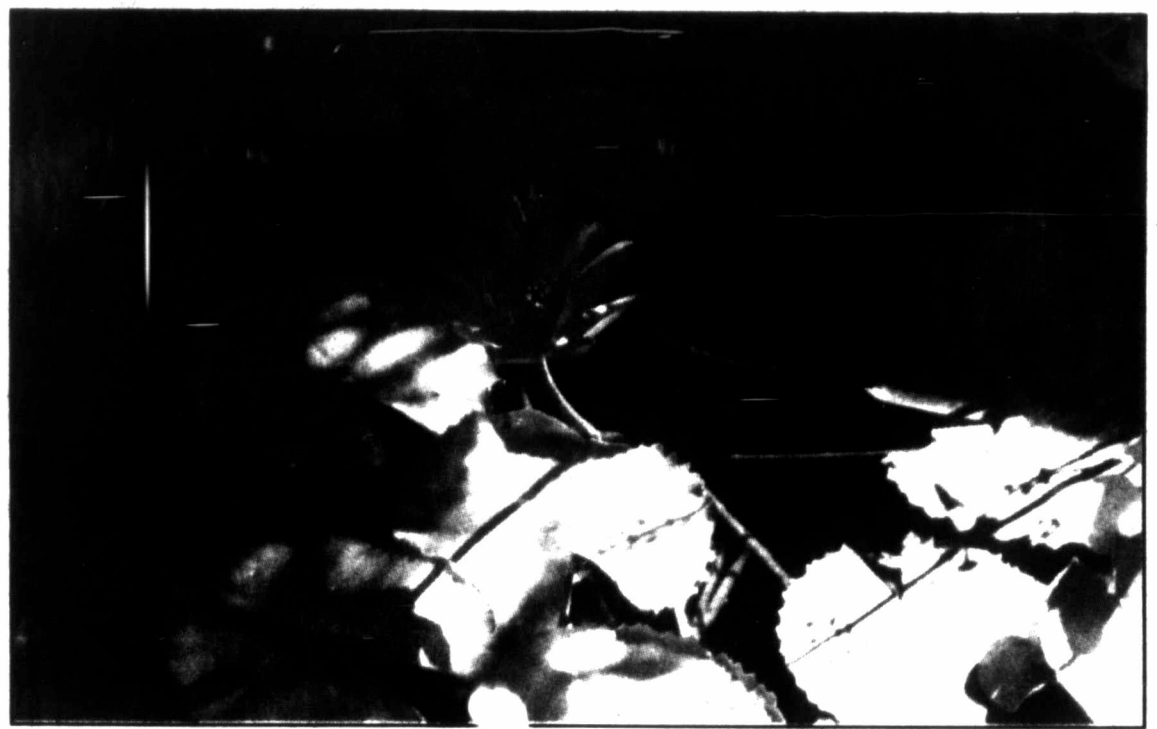
"This project was initiated for no other reason than need," Peet said.

"Albert Nichols says there's a need, Judge Waters and myself, who handle juvenile cases, say there's a need. Doctors, teachers and parents say there's a need. I believe we, as a decision making body have a responsibility to this need.

It would be wonderful if we could build a multi-million facility in an ideal secluded location. But we are a small community and we are limited in our resources.

Therefore, we must do what every family must do, work within our means and make work for us what we have available to us. Isn't there risk to any major project a city, school, business or county takes on? Gentlemen our need is great, please don't underestimate our need," said Peet.

Commissioner Joe Wheeley responded by saying, "I don't think See VOTERS, Page 2



Watergardening involves several factors, including learning how to grow exotic plants and fish. This lily belongs to watergardener Paul Coronis, 1917 Mary Ellen.

Watergarden society hosts Pampa pond tour

By JAY BAKER
For The News

The Las Pampas Koi and Watergarden Society is proud to invite the public to its first fall tour to view members' watergardens one week from today on Sunday, September 27, from 2 to 5 p.m.

The watergardens will offer the public a chance to view a variety of aquatic plants, colorful imported Koi fish from Japan, fancy goldfish, as well as the beautiful gardens that surround the ponds.

The pond tour is informal and can be started from any pond location. Maps and information will be provided at each location. In addition, there will be signs in front of each house.

The cost is \$2 per family

and tickets can be purchased at any address on the tour. The Watergarden Society membership is open to anyone and society officers encourage anyone with an interest in watergardening or



ponding to join.

The society meets once a month, the second Monday of each month, at a members home. Information on joining the society will also be avail-

able at each tour location.

Those unable to attend the tour but who have an interest in joining, can contact Lance DeFever, president of the society at 665-0205.

The following is a list of members addresses and ponds that will be on the tour; however, additional ponds may be added and information will be available at these locations:

- Mr. & Mrs. Paul Coronis, 1917 Mary Ellen St., Pampa
- Mr. & Mrs. Lance DeFever, 2415 Evergreen St., Pampa
- Mr. & Mrs. Kerry Ammons, 2428 Christine St., Pampa
- Dr. & Mrs. Nam Lee, Walnut Driv, Walnut Creek Estates, Pampa
- Mr. & Mrs. Jay Baker, 1608 Christine St., Pampa.

High school students can now register to take PSAT

The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) will be given by PHS counselors Karla Howell and Starla Kindle on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1998.

The test will be administered during the morning at M.K. Brown in the Heritage Room. PHS students who register for the test will be transported to and from the test sight via school bus.

Freshmen and sophomores may register for the test, but preference will be given to juniors. Middle school students may register, but these students must make their own transportation arrangement. Students outside PHS may contact

their school counselor, who can contact PHS counselors at 669-4800.

Registration began Monday, Sept. 14 in the PHS counselor's office and is running through Friday, Sept. 25. Cost is \$10 payable at registration. A study guide and bulletin will be given to each registrant.

The PSAT/NMSQT is a short form of the SAT and measures verbal and mathematical reasoning abilities with other college-bound juniors to compete for National Merit scholarships; and, taking the PSAT during a student's junior year is a qualifying requirement for the PISD Superintendent's Scholar Program.

Sunday Snapshot



Name: Stephanie Guest
Occupation/Activities: Director of

American Red Cross.
Birth date and place: March 25, Santa Barbara, CA.
Family: husband, Norman.
If I had a different job, I'd be: a farm appraiser.
My personal hero: Mr. Dean, a high school teacher.
The best advice I ever got was: don't sweat the small stuff.
People who knew me in high school thought: I was very picky.
The best word or words to describe me: caring and understanding.
My epitaph should read: 3/25/1971 - 9/16/2122
The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: George Strait, Tom Cruise, Jesus and Winnie the Pooh.
My hobbies are: crafts.
My favorite sports team is: OSU Cowboys.

My favorite author is: Danielle Steele.
The last book I read was: "Zoya" by Danielle Steele.
My favorite possession is: a necklace my aunt gave me.
The biggest honor I've ever received is: graduating from OSU.
My favorite performer is: George Strait.
I wish I knew how to: play the piano.
My trademark cliché or expression is: "Look at the bright side."
My worst habit is: demanding perfection.
The last good movie I saw was: "The Horse Whisperer."
I stay home to watch: "ER."
Nobody knows: how much trouble I got my brothers in when we were little.
I drive a: Saturn.
My favorite junk food is: candy.
My favorite beverage: Diet Pepsi.
My favorite restaurant is: Olive Garden.
My favorite pet is: my cat Scooter.

For my last meal, I would choose: something Italian.
I wish I could sing like: Reba McEntire.
I'm happiest when I'm: spending time with my hu band.
I regret: leaving Canada.
I'm tired of: Bill Clinton.
My biggest fear is: is getting in a car accident.
The electrical device I couldn't live without is: my hair dryer.
The biggest waste of time is: standing in line.
If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: travel the world.
If I had three wishes they would be: to travel the world, peace on earth and to eat a lot of junk food and not gain weight from it.
If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: I would give it more trees and hills.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

ATCHLEY, Alice Gordon — 2 p.m., Groom Church of Christ, Groom.

Obituaries

ALICE GORDON ATCHLEY
GROOM — Alice Gordon Atchley, 86, died Friday, Sept. 18, 1998. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Groom Church of Christ. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery at Memphis under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

Mrs. Atchley was born in Fannin County. She married E.M. Atchley in 1936 at Estelline; he died in 1987. She was a homemaker and a member of Groom Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Shirley Burgin of Groom; a sister, Ella Mae Hunter of Memphis; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

JEAN ORMSON

BORGER — Jean Ormson, 75, a former Pampa resident, died Thursday, Sept. 17, 1998. Services were Saturday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Gregg Simmons and the Rev. Ronald Rhoads of Euleus officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Brown's Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ormson was born at Perryville, Ark. She had been a Pampa resident for 14 years, graduating from Pampa High School. She married Don Ormson in 1943 at Pampa. She had been a Borger resident for 46 years. She worked for Panhandle Bank and Trust in bookkeeping, new accounts and as a teller for 18 years and co-owned Ormson Office Supply.

She was a member of First Baptist Church and Gideons of Borger Auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, Don; a daughter, Judy Springfield of Irving; a son, Dr. Kerry Ormson of Amarillo; a brother, Julian C. Harrison of Dallas; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Gideons International, Box 5800, Borger, TX 79007.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19.

Saturday, Sept. 19

3:21 a.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to an unauthorized burn at 724 N. Christy.

Emergency numbers

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

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls and arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19.

Friday, Sept. 18

Lee Alvin Williams, 48, 1721 West 19th St., was arrested for charges of possession of cocaine, under one ounce.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19.

Friday, Sept. 18

7:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing home and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

Saturday, Sept. 19

1:57 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to 1800 N. Dwight and one patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

Calendar of events

T.O.P.S. #149

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

T.O.P.S. #41

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-0407.

VFW CHARITY BINGO

The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at Warren Chisum's Office, 100 N. Price Road. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Clarendon College. For a partner, or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

SOUTHSIDE SENIOR CITIZENS

Brunswick Stew, Spinach, Bread & Dessert
RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
The first meeting of Pampa Retired Teachers Association will be Monday, Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at Pampa Senior Citizens Building. This is our covered dish dinner honoring teachers who retired this past year. Pampa Retired Teachers include all retired persons who have retired from Pampa Independent School District and surrounding areas. Please come join us. Members, bring your favorite dish! Meat will be furnished.

PAMPA AREA SINGLES DANCE

Pampa Area Singles Dance will be at the M.K. Brown Auditorium. Karaoke Kountry, Dee O'Kelley, on Sept. 26 at 7:30-11:00 p.m. Please bring finger food.

Two spiritual leaders honored

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
For The News

Two Pampans, one with a "special gift for making people feel good" and the other characterized as a "gentle giant" received special recognition at Lake Brownwood Christian Conference Center this weekend.

In ceremonies Saturday at the Christian Men's Fellowship Regional Retreat, Jack Hood received Layman of the Year and Rev. Barry Loving earned the honor of Minister of the Year for the High Plains Area, which encompasses 48 Disciples of Christ churches. Both are associated with First Christian Church of Pampa.

Hood and Loving were among six lay persons and six ministers singled out for these awards from 25,000 people, said Rev. Darrell Evans, senior minister of First Christian Church.

Thirteen men from the local church traveled to Lake Brownwood to see the awards presented, Evans said.

Barry Loving, youth minister of the local church, was nominated for his leadership and problem-solving skills, Evans said.

"I've never had the privilege of working with a man as spiritually mature as Barry," he added. "He is truly a gentle giant in my opinion."

Hood's nomination centered on an outreach program he began years ago in his pharmacy. His Saturday morning "Biscuit

Ministry" now flourished in the Fellowship Hall of First Christian Church here.

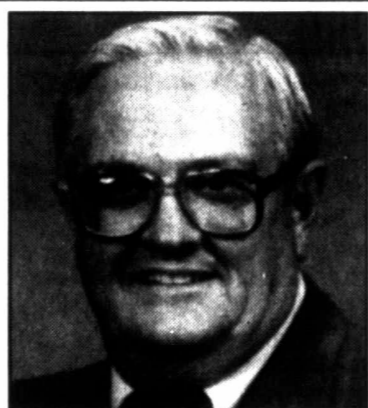
Loving, a native of Dumas, holds a degree in biology/education from West Texas State University. His interest in young people developed while working as youth director of First Christian Church of Canyon while attending college.

He and his wife Mary moved to Boys Ranch in 1987 where Loving ran the horse program and supervised the rodeo team and honor patrol. The couple also ran a group home for boys in Colorado Springs, Colo.

In addition, to his responsibilities as youth minister, Loving is a member of the youth minister team for the high plains area and is a member of the camping conference committee which develops youth retreats and special events at Ceta Glen Camp near Canyon. He also serves on the Genesis House board of directors.

Loving was installed at First Christian Church approximately a year ago. He is presently taking part in the Disciples of Christ licensed ministry program.

Evans said working with Loving has been a pleasure for him. They share many of the same beliefs and interests — including fly fishing. He is also impressed by Loving's commitment to his wife of 15 years and their eight-year-old daughter Lacy, a sometimes difficult task for those in helping professions such as the ministry.



Jack Hood



Barry Loving

"His priorities are definitely his wife and his daughter," Evans said.

"When he was younger he felt a calling to the ministry but he never pursued it," Mary Loving said. "Then he went on a walk to Emmaus and he felt the call again. This time he followed it. It's where he needs to be."

Jack Hood started what has been named the "Biscuit Ministry" many years ago to comfort a friend who had lost his wife.

Hood, a pharmacist here for 40 years, owned Hood Pharmacy on Alcock Street. The son and grandson of Eric, Okla., pharmacists, he followed in the family tradition by earning a pharmacy degree from Oklahoma University in 1952.

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"He had a close friend whose wife had left him," explained Hood, Hood's wife of 17 years. "He was lonely and kinda lost and Jack felt sorry for him. So he told him to come down to the pharmacy and have breakfast with him on Saturday morning."

"The next thing you know the mail man came and then other people started to come," she said.

"Before long, a group of men began to meet regularly at Hood's Pharmacy. They'd drink coffee, eat breakfast, and pray for people who needed a little extra help.

After retiring in 1992, Hood missed this weekly fellowship, he asked if he could do a breakfast on Saturday mornings in the church's Fellowship Hall.

In the beginning, seven or eight men attended the breakfast.

Six years later, Hood is assisted by several local residents in preparing scrambled eggs, hot yeast biscuits from an old family recipe, sausage, bacon, coffee and juice for 75 to more than 100 people who come every week for breakfast, a prayer and fellowship.

Men attend who have no church affiliation and men from as many as 26 different churches can be there, accord to Rev. Evans. Local firefighters often drive fire trucks to the church for breakfast and so do many of the members of Pampa's two Masonic Lodges.

Although it's mostly men, anyone is welcome. The \$1 charge pays for the cost of the meal. Any leftover funds are used for charitable purposes, Evans said. They help financially-strapped families and have updated the appliances in the church kitchen. Recently, the group raised \$500

for Homeland Ministries Mission Center.

For the past decade, Hood has served as the church treasurer, managing an annual budget of more than \$200,000. He has also been an elder, Sunday school teacher and "Take the Name of Jesus" leader.

As if this weren't enough to keep a retired man busy, Hood also takes care of the church's 10 air conditioning units and flower beds.

He and his wife Charlene share three sons, Carl, Dan and the late Jim Hood. They also have four grandchildren.

The "Biscuit Ministry" has not only helped others, according to Hood's wife, it has been the best medicine for him, too.

"It's given him a real purpose in his retirement to keep everything going, she said. "I always loved to listen to him talk to his customers. He has a special gift

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Employees

A Pampa resident who called The News with initial information about the lay offs on Friday afternoon said he was told by one source that IRI had recently lost a \$50 million contract with Russia because IRI had messed up the paperwork.

"I would certainly be interested to know where they got that information," Etheridge first responded when asked about the Russian contract.

He confirmed that IRI has ceased to continue pursuing a sizable contract from Russia because of problems associated with the Russian economy. When something like this hap-

pens, said Etheridge, everyone grasps at straws. The effects of the decreasing price of oil has hit a lot of Pampans, he said.

"I understand people's reasons — that they're looking for some explanation. Certainly, I would much rather be discussing a new, big contract with you, but we've all got to try to survive this," he said.

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Voters

- you can find a person in this courtroom that doesn't feel that same way. It is hard for me to understand the difference between category one, category two, category three juveniles. It is hard for me to know the difference in a juvenile facility and a drug and alcohol treatment center, they are all different terminologies. Until I am confident in what we are doing I do not feel good about giving a yes vote and that's why I would choose to let people decide."

He said that when the county was considering building a jail, the commission went to several jails and had an expert in to discuss their needs. He also said he was afraid of the building, afraid the 40 year-old plumbing could go bad.

"It's not just a problem of everyone knowing that we need to take care of our children, it's knowing how to go about it, and having all of our leaders in this community behind it," he said.

"We've had public hearings, we've had two of them, one very well attended," Peet said. "I don't know how many public hearings we can have. The election is another public hearing, we've already had that."

After some discussion a motion to put the approval of the facility on the ballot read, "For or against: a project to establish a 30 bed juvenile drug and alcohol treatment center in a county-owned, existing building at Pennsylvania and Hobart."

The motion passed 4-1 with only Peet voting against putting the item up for vote.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Partly cloudy today with a high somewhere between 85 and 95 degrees. Tomorrow, again partly cloudy, with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms and a high of 85; with a low in the mid-50s.

REGIONAL FORECAST
WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Sunday, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. High around 85. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph, becoming southeast late Monday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. High in the upper 50s. High 80 to 85. Low Rolling Plains — Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Sunday night, fair. Lows 55-65. Extended forecast, Monday, partly cloudy. Highs near 90. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Sunday night, fair. Lows 60-65. Extended forecast, Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Sunday night, fair. Lows mid 60s to lower 70s. Extended forecast, Monday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of

thunderstorms. Highs from the upper 80s to mid 90s. Far West Texas — Sunday, sunny. Highs in the middle 90s. Sunday night, fair. Lows 60-65. Extended forecast, Monday, partly cloudy. Highs near 90. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs mid 80s mountains to upper 90s along the Rio Grande. Sunday night, fair. Lows in the 50s and 60s. Extended forecast, Monday, partly cloudy. Highs from the mid 80s mountains to upper 90s rio grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Sunday, partly cloudy, a slight chance of thunderstorms central and east. Highs 91 to 96. Extended forecast, Sunday night, mostly clear with lows from the middle 60s to the lower 70s. Monday, partly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s to lower 90s.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Sunday, some early morning fog Hill Country, becoming partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon showers or thunderstorms. High in the 90s. Sunday night, mostly fair skies. Low in the 60s Hill Country, 70s south central. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Sunday, partly cloudy with a chance of

showers or thunderstorms. High in the 90s inland, 80s coast. Sunday night, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Low in the 70s. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Sunday, partly cloudy. High in the 90s inland, 80s coast. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Low in the 70s. Deep South Texas — Tonight through Sunday night, partly cloudy. Low in the 70s. High in the 90s inland, 80s coast. Extended forecast, Monday, partly cloudy with isolated showers or thunderstorms. High in the 90s inland, 80s coast.

BORDER STATES
NEW MEXICO — TSunday and Sunday night, mostly fair skies except partly cloudy northern border in the afternoon. A little cooler northeast. Continued warm elsewhere. Highs upper 60s to lower 80s mountains and northeast, 80s and 90s lower elevations west and south. Lows 30s and 40s mountains, upper 40s to lower 60s at lower elevations.

OKLAHOMA — Sunday, partly to mostly sunny. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms mainly north. Highs in the lower and mid 90s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the 60s. Extended forecast, Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s to lower 90s.

City briefs

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THE SUMMER of '98 has taken a heavy toll on our lawns, come to Watson's Garden Center for Fertilome Winterizer Fertilizer, 665-4189. Adv.

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APPLES ARE ready at Gething Ranch, Tues. 22nd. Please call before you come, 669-3925. Adv.

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(Special photo)

O.L. and Shirley Tucker of Lefors were recognized 4-H Distinguished Leaders for volunteer efforts.

Annual Panhandle 4-H Fall Forum drew 125 youth, 4-H volunteers

The annual Panhandle 4-H Fall Forum was held recently at the Amarillo College, Business and Industry Center in Amarillo. Over 125 4-H youth and adult volunteers attended business meetings and workshops which included: Meteorology, Character Counts, Nutrition, Quiz Bowl, Community Service, Etiquette and Leadership and Opportunities in 4-H.

Representing Gray County were Barry Brauchi, Alan Parker, Jessica Fish, J. D. and Becky Fish, Joe Coutts, Donna Crawford, Shonda Rucker and Danny Nusser.

The highlight of the day was recognition of 32 Distinguished 4-H Leaders in the Panhandle. These volunteers were honored for their commitment and service to local and county 4-H programs. Honored from Gray County were Lee Cox of Pampa and O.L. and Shirley Tucker of Lefors.

The Panhandle 4-H program reaches nearly 12,000 youth each year. For more information about the 4-H and Youth Program, contact the local Extension Office at 669-8033.



(Special photo)

Lee Cox of Pampa is seen here receiving a plaque in recognition of his service as a Distinguished 4-H Leader volunteer.

Draft assessment under scrutiny

FRITCH — The National Park Service is seeking comments on the draft environmental assessment for the fire management program at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area.

The draft environmental assessment explores the various ways in which wildland fire policies could be carried out and analyzes the impacts associated with the variety of management options.

Until recently, the policy of the National Park Service was to suppress all wildfires at Lake Meredith. Exclusion of wildfire and overgrazing has led to an invasion of saltcedar and mesquite thickets that have increased the risk of catastrophic fire. The National Park Service determined that there is a need to reestablish the historic fire occurrences that will allow native vegetation to return while protecting visitors, facilities and resources.

The Park's Resource Management Plan recommends a comprehensive fire management program in which prescribed fire would be used to stimulate wild-fire's historic role in the ecosystem. Mechanical removal of hazardous fuels would be used to protect developed areas and park boundaries. All unplanned wildfires would be suppressed in order to protect human life and facilities in such a way as to ensure adequate protection of natural and cultural resources.

Copies of the draft Environmental Assessment are available for the public review at Perk Headquarters between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, at 419 E. Broadway or by writing: Superintendent, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, P.O. Box 1460, Fritch, TX 79039.

Comments on the draft Environment Assessment will be accepted through Oct. 16, 1998. For more information, contact the park at (806) 857-3151.

Breast cancer support group to meet

AMARILLO — The Women's Center at the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will present "Women in Touch," a monthly support group for women living with breast cancer. The "Women in Touch" support group will meet from 5:30-7 p.m. Sept. 21 in the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Amphitheater, 1500 Wallace Blvd.

The program in September will feature Lois Hjeltnstad, breast cancer survivor and author of the book, "Fine Black Lines."

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Reflections on Facing Cancer, Fear and Loneliness." The presentation is entitled, "Road to Renewal, Reality and Risk."

For more information, call Kathryn Hughes at the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, (806) 359-4673, ext. 283 or 1-800-274-4673.

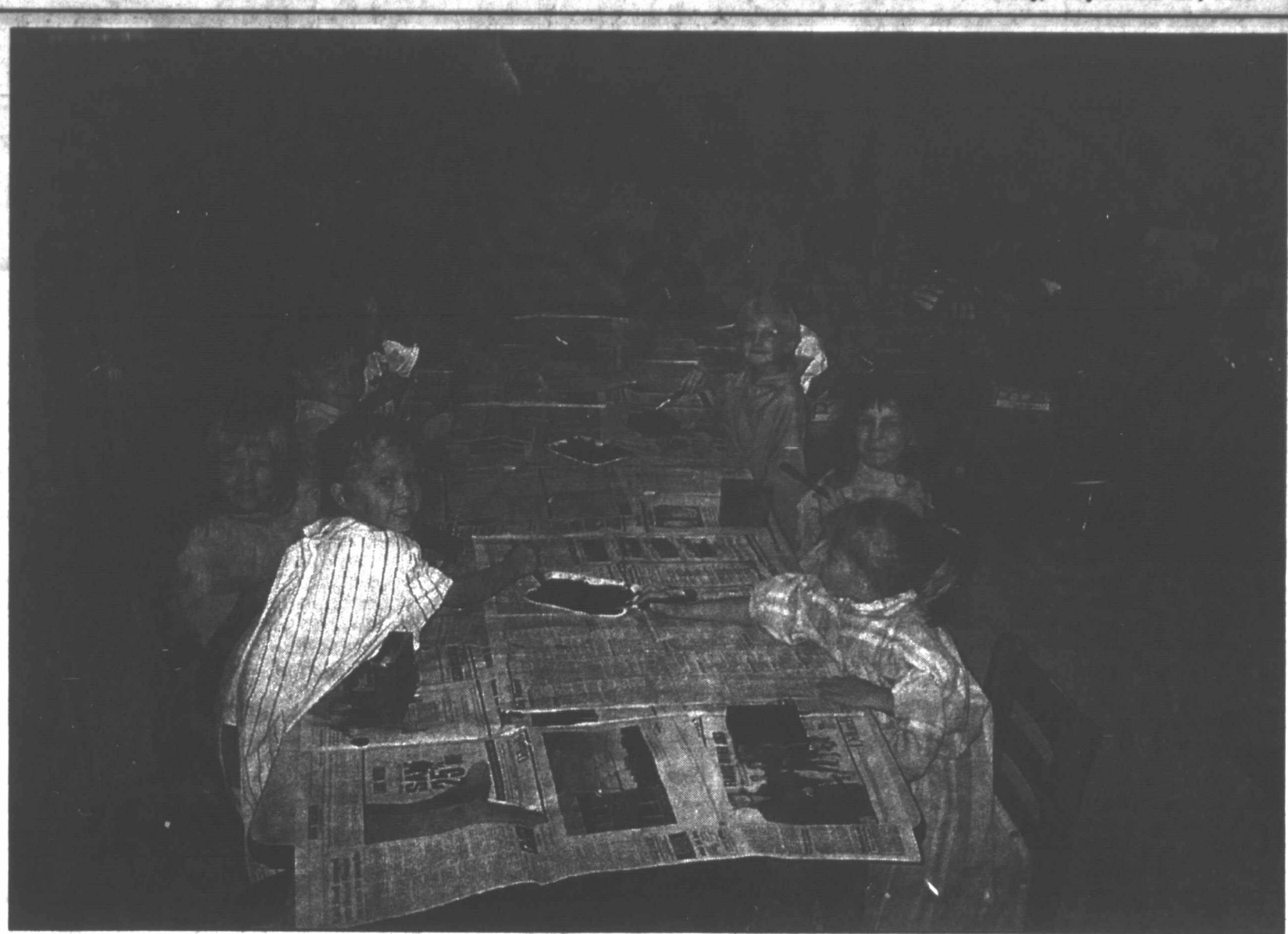
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(Special photo)

The Pre-Kindergarten class of Treasa Houston, teacher, and Angel Briggs, aide at St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School includes, Libby Aler, Jordain Bass, Madison Cochran, Jacob Frost, Landon Karbo, Logan Karbo, Ryan Pearson, Darlan Laubhan, Celby Snapp, McKinlee Stokes, Ann Touchstone, Christian Williams and Hillary Zedlitz.

St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School to dedicate building

In November of 1954, St. Matthew's Episcopal School opened its doors to 10 students who began first grade in the church basement. The teacher was Mrs. John Hessey. Her salary was \$150 a month and the student's tuition was \$20 a month.

The school moved from the church basement into a new building adjacent to Parish Hall in 1964 with 195 students attending Kindergarten through fifth grade. Since then, many students have started their early education at St. Matthew's Day School. Enrollment has been high as 156 students and classes have been offered for Kindergarten through sixth grade.

Currently, 100 students are enrolled in classes for three-year-old through Kindergarten.

In December 1997, after 43 years, the school kicked off a Building Renovation Campaign. Pledges and donations were received to cover the project. "We are very grateful to everyone who has made this possible and especially to the M.K. Brown Foundation whose assistance was significant to the success of the campaign," said Lori Boyd, school administrator.

Work done through the summer is now complete. The project included the addition of central air conditioning and upgrading the heating system; completely renovated

and enlarged restroom facilities; new flooring, ceilings, lighting and storm windows; new wall covering, classroom doors and trim; and new built in storage cabinets.

At 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 24, the "new" building will be dedicated and blessed by the Rt. Rev. Wallis Ohl, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas. The Parent Support Group will be hosting a reception following the service. "We invite anyone who has ever been associated with the school to come and celebrate with us. We have a beautiful new facility and we want to show it off," said Natalie Reeve, School Secretary.

Foundation seeking to meet needs of special children

AMARILLO — Amarillo Area Foundation is looking to award approximately \$10,000 to meet some very special and unique needs for area children. The foundation is now accepting applications for mini-grants from the Children's Fund. The fund will distribute individual grants from the charitable contributions raised during the 1997 Children's Fund campaign held last holiday season. Each mini-grant will range from \$500 to \$1,000.

Any 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization operating in the 26 northernmost counties of the Texas Panhandle and offering services to children is eligible to apply for the one time grant. Interested agencies should call the AAF to request an application form. Completed applications must be returned to AAF on or before Friday, Oct. 2, 1998.

Instead of token seasonal gift-giving, Children's Fund provides local citizens a way to acknowledge business associates and special

friends through a special charitable gift in their name. Since 1993, the Children's Fund has awarded more than \$40,000 from charitable gifts with an additional \$10,000 to be awarded in November.

The Downtown Women's Center is working to create a hand-crafted gift item again this year which will be mailed to each honored recipient as a symbol of the gift made to area children.

The Children's Fund helps agencies meet those "special" needs of children and youth which are not met through normal funding channels. Grants from the foundation have made possible:

- a car seat designed to safely restrain a child with cerebral palsy (expensive and not covered by Medicaid);
- matinee "Nutcracker" ballet tickets for low-income children;
- scouting and Camp Fire scholarships for low-income children with disabilities;
- a theme park outing for children of homeless families;
- stockings for youth in detention;
- basketball shoes for Special Olympics athletes.

The Children's Fund was established in 1993 to raise additional monies to enhance the quality of life for underprivileged children. The AAF, a community foundation, is a public charity which both accepts funds from individuals, families, businesses and other groups that want to help panhandle communities and distributes funds through carefully considered grants to charitable organizations for the enrichment of the quality of life of the people in the 26 northernmost counties of the Texas Panhandle.

Quartet gearing up for new season

AMARILLO — The Harrington String Quartet will present its first subscription performance of the 1998-99 season at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3 in Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2525 Wimberly Road. The quartet will perform three works — Haydn's String Quartet in B-flat Major, Opus 1, No. 1, "La Chasse," and two works by Beethoven, his Quartet in B-flat Major, Opus 130 and the Grosse Fuge, Opus 133. The other dates in this series are Feb. 13, 1999, and May 1, 1999.

KACV-TV will air a documentary about the Harrington String Quartet called "A Sound Collaboration: The Harrington String Quartet" at 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 18 at 5 p.m. and at 10:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 19. The television show includes interviews with the quartet members, a performance of part of Bartok's Second String Quartet and examples of the quartet teaching.

The Harrington String Quartet was formed in fall of 1981. In late 1980, the Don Sybil Harrington Foundation made two grants — one to West Texas State University and one to the Amarillo Symphony to jointly organize a quartet. The current members of the Harrington String Quartet are violinists Corinne Stilwell and Annie Chalex, violinist Joanna Mendoza and cellist Emmanuel Lopez. Individual biographies for each member are attached.

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NSBM Club not popular

If we lived in a perfect world all teenagers (adults, too, for that matter) would be card-carrying members of The No Sex Before Marriage Club.

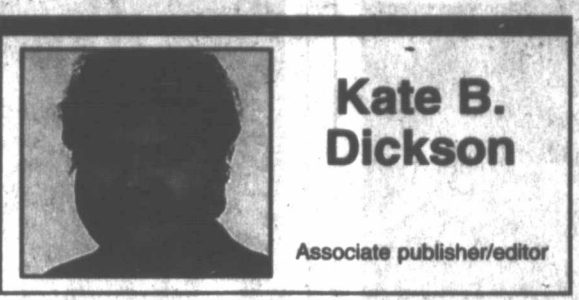
Unfortunately, the world in which we live is a rather imperfect place filled with imperfect people.

Starting next month, students in Pampa's middle and high schools will take part in a sex education course ... or rather, a half course.

It's half, in my opinion, because it only looks at abstinence. It doesn't take into consideration the fact that many of our young people are having sex now. And, chances are once started they aren't going to quit.

Now, please don't give me that line about how sex education encourages teens to have sex. To steal a line from the late Lewis Grizzard, "...they don't need any encouragement!"

Certainly abstinence is preferred over pre-



Kate B. Dickson
 Associate publisher/editor

marital and multi-partnered sex. I'm not arguing that. But what I am saying is — Hello? Let's face reality and deal with it.

Last spring when the abstinence program was first announced I had the opportunity to talk with several PHS students. Without exception, all said "real" sex education should be taught, too.

It used to be the worst thing that could happen to a young couple having sex is

pregnancy. Now, they can die from AIDS. Think about it.

Also, like it or not, times have changed. The advent of the birth control pill and the sexual revolution of the 60s, television shows, etc., etc., have all worked to make premarital sex more acceptable ... at least to the majority who have it.

And history has played a part, too. It used to be that 13, 14, 15-year-olds routinely married. And that took care of what to do with raging hormones. But now, while the societal norm is for later age marriages, nothing has happened to slow hormones. If anything, puberty is reached at younger and younger ages.

Hopefully, the Pampa School Board will take the initiative to revisit the issue of teenage sexual practices and look at it from a realistic point of view.

If they will, "real" sex education can become a part of the course, too.

Opinion

Hat's off to Pampa ISD Board

Hat's off to the Pampa ISD Board of Education for its decision to allow the PHS band to make a trip to Disney World.

Despite the earlier objections of board member Pat Kennedy, who did not attend the decision-making meeting, the board was unanimous in its approval of the trip to Florida.

The objection was based upon the dislike for some Disney programming, including R-rated movies, and because the company maintains a so-called gay friendly stance. This includes domestic partner health insurance coverage as well as hosting special gay days at its parks.

It's good to see that our school board did not get caught up in the same gay-bashing rhetoric and attitudes that have been exercised by some other extremist school and religious groups.

That type of behavior was exhibited recently in Texas when the Texas State Board of Education voted to divest itself of Disney stock. Because the stock was one of the better money-makers for the school textbook fund, the children of Texas will suffer while the religious right-wingers on the board beat their chests.

It's good to see the Pampa board took a different tack and put the children first.

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Choicest little white lies

I'm sure the president isn't the only person who says things he doesn't mean, or means things he doesn't say. I've found that the rest of us say plenty of things that were simply not meant to be. Maybe we're lying. But, really I think it's nothing more than a habit to say what some people call "little white lies." Whatever you call them, here are ten of a few of my personal favorites:

- 1. Just a second.**
 Well, there goes your second. Now what? It's never just a second. It's more like a minute and a half, and calculated into "waiting time," that second feels like four hours.
- 2. How are you? I'm fine.**
 Rare is the moment when you're asked how you're doing, and you proceed to spill off highlights, detail-for-detail, on your terrible, horrible, no good, very, bad day. It's so much easier to roll an apathetic "fine," off the tongue. Although I have met those people who will tell you exactly how the day is going ...
- 3. Honey, you look great.**
 What else could you say? If you tell them they look like a dead-beat, it will only be about a beat until you're dead.
- 4. Forget it.**
 When this is said, usually the last thing on the speaker's mind is forgetting. This two-word response is a lame excuse for rebuttal when nothing more intelligent can be used to verbally inflct.
- 5. Don't mind me.**
 Translated into its real meaning: "HELLO! I'M HERE!!! GIVE ME ATTENTION!!!!!!"
- 6. Whatever you want.**
 What a crock! I know, because I use this one all the time. In theory, it would seem one who said this was being genuine and agreeable. In reality, this little phrase is generally power-packed with a tone of annoyance and dismissiveness. "Whatever you want" in my experience most often comes with a snap! — rather than a long gaze of innocence.
- 7. I'll do that this weekend.**
 If I added up all the things that were supposed to get done on the weekends around my house, and all the times I've said this ... well ... I don't know! Never mind. But the point is that this is a petty excuse for procrastination. I've accepted it. Can you?
- 8. We'll have to get together sometime.**
 Go away, leave me alone, I hope I never see



Random Revelations
Miranda G. Bailey
 Pampa News staff writer

you again in this lifetime — those are a few of the thoughts that might be going through the mind of the person who says this. If they really wanted to get together with you, it would have already happened. This also can be used as a clue to end a conversation.

9. No. It's okay.
 The "it's okay" line rarely fulfills its intended purpose. It's what I call a "subdue pitch." Why? Well, let's say someone spills a glass of water all over you and that cute, little, dry-clean-only number you're wearing. Naturally, you're soaking wet. And yet the "spiller" looks like they're going to take a butter knife from the table and stab themselves in the leg over the situation ... what else can you say?

10. I love you.
 Though sometimes said with the utmost sense of truth and emotion, this line is totally overused. It seems that most of the time it's said only as a means to an end. Like, "Could you go get my clothes out of the dryer? I love you." And what about, "I love you. (pause, grin) I'm sorry I forgot your birthday." As far as I'm concerned, we're better off showing love and using these three words sparingly, because nine times out of ten, we don't really mean what we say.

From the looks of things, we say something mean when we don't meaningful say things in the way they were meant to be said.

Say, do you see what I mean?

Organ donor system unfair

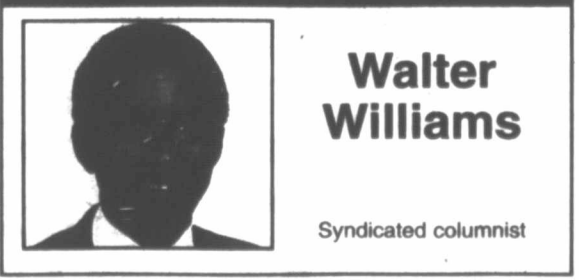
Early this year, the Clinton administration came out with new rules for organ transplant allocation: sickest patients go to the top of the waiting list.

That sounds like a caring and fair solution to the organ shortage problem, but is it really? Charles Carlstrom and Christy Rollow examine organ transplant questions in their article, "The Rationing of Transplantable Organs," appearing in the Fall 1997 Cato Journal.

During 1996, the number of people waiting for transplants versus the number of transplants supplied, respectively, were: kidneys 36,013 vs. 11,949; livers 7,467 vs. 4,058; pancreas 1,786 vs. 1,022; hearts 3,935 vs. 2,381; and lungs 2,546 vs. 844. These shortages persist despite public and private efforts to make potential organ donors and their families aware of donation options.

Transplantable organ shortages would disappear overnight if people were permitted to sell organs. You say, "Williams, people shouldn't make money selling organs!" I say, "Why not? Everybody else is making money on the deal."

Organ procurement organizations get \$25,000 for just retrieving kidneys from cadavers. Transplant surgeons, hospitals and nurses profit mightily: liver transplant operations go for an average of \$300,000, and that doesn't include the money earned from follow-up care.



Walter Williams
 Syndicated columnist

Kidney transplant operations are \$100,000, plus \$12,000 per year follow-up care.

If you think donation is such a great idea, how about also requiring that everybody having anything to do with organ transplantation donate their services and supplies? You say, "Williams, if we did that there'd be shortage of doctors and nurses to do transplants!" How come people can't apply that same reasoning to organs?

The fact of life is that there must be some way to decide which sick person gets an organ. One way to decide is to have a government mandate whereby the most critically ill gets first priority. That could result in waste because a not-so-critically-ill person has a greater chance of survival and a smaller chance of needing another transplant. Another way to decide is to allow the medical elite to put the rich and famous at the top of the list, as they

did with Mickey Mantle, who received a liver transplant and died two months later.

Allowing the medical elite to decide who gets transplants has already created despicable arrogance. I was watching one show where a doctor refused to give a patient who smoked cigarettes a heart transplant. While it's popular right now to dump on cigarette smokers, tomorrow that same physician might refuse to give a transplant to an overweight person, a low-IQ person, a divorcee or whatever suits the whims of a particular hospital physician staff.

We shouldn't allow America's elite to decide who gets what in health and other areas of our lives. We wouldn't begin to tolerate somebody deciding that housing, food, cars and clothing be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis or on a who-needs-them-the-most basis? If we did, there'd be desperate shortages in housing, food, cars and clothing just as there are shortages in organs available for transplant.

There are other benefits from allowing people to sell their organs. For example, I smoke cigarettes and cigars. If I knew that my heart and lungs could become a part of my estate, I would take better care of them. But since my heirs can't monetarily gain, it makes sense for me to die with completely used up organs just like I'd try to die with a zero bank balance if Congress wouldn't allow me to bequeath money to my heirs.

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Letters to the editor

Why Isn't any good news ever printed?

To the editor,
We wonder why our town is "dying" and our children want to leave here to work and live elsewhere? This is a perfect example of one of the reasons.
My son has had some problems with the "law" over the last several years but recently has been trying to make a new life for himself; however, he finally had to leave this town in order to do so. His is not an isolated case as I know of quite a few others that have had the same problem. You see, once our children have been in trouble, they are then subject to great scrutiny (harassment, if you will) by our local law enforcement. They don't stand a chance once this happens!
On June 4, my son went to DeVry Institute of Technology in Irving to take his college placement tests with resulting scores being outstanding. He was then scheduled to return to Irving for registration on July 10.

On July 6, this headline appeared on your front page: "Two Men With Charges Of Assault Free On Bond Today." You guessed it, the story was about my son, Rick Brown, and one of his best friends, John Sullins.

The story stated that they had been charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in connection with a fight. The "fight" did not involve any physical contact at all; the "fight" was a verbal one which my son and his friend believed might have escalated into a physical one. The "deadly weapon" referred to as clubs was actually tree limbs they were leaning on in the middle of the street and that they had only in the event the other four people started physically threatening them.

The tree limbs were never drawn back as a threat nor was any physical contact made at any time during this entire incident. Does this sound like a fight to you, especially one that warranted these young men being arrested and then charged with a second degree felony? Also, the newspaper stated "the two men were brandishing clubs and threatening each other"; these two men are friends and were helping defend each other.

Well, after a cost of \$1,100 and my getting a second job, this major case has now been dismissed, allowing my son to finally go on with his life. Of course, he had to get out of this town to do it! Also, have any of you read about the dismissal of this case? Was it on the front

page? Of course not! When something good happens, it never makes the front page. By the way, since I have noticed at least two times in the Daily Record, under Police Report, on the second page, where someone else was charged with the same offense! Wonder why it didn't make the front page!

Since we can't seem to get any good news voluntarily printed by this newspaper, I'll give you an update on this story. As I stated above, my son was scheduled to register at DeVry in Irving July 10, just five days after this incident. Despite everything that seemed to be against him in this town, he did in fact register that date and is now attending classes at DeVry in Irving to become an electronics technician, carrying a 3.5 grade point average. He is working a job and attending classes, doing very well in all respects, no thanks to this town!
Janice E. Brown
Pampa

Administration is just far too corrupt!

To the editor,
I saw a bumper sticker recently that gave me a new lease on life. It said "Impeach Clinton Now! Call-1-800-888-Leave D.C." so I did, and was sent a petition to Congress urging the commencement of impeachment proceedings against the President Clinton believing that sufficient evidence of gross misconduct exists, pointing specifically to the mounting evidence of multiple acts of bribery, a constitutionally impeachable offense. This petition, I notice, has been developed by the National Impeach Clinton A.C.T.I.O.N. Committee, an affiliate of the John Birch Society headquartered in Appleton, Wis.

I certainly wish to congratulate the John Birch society for this effort in view of the virtual criminal negligence exhibited by Congress in falling to initiate impeachment proceedings against the president long ago when media reports indicated that agents of communist China (one of our most dedicated enemies) were pouring money into the Democratic National Committee with the apparent effect of gaining presidential favors and influence our national elections. One such agent reportedly raised \$3,000,000 for the Democratic National Committee, then received top secret security clearance, attended 109 security briefings and then frequently contacted communist Chinese agents and officials and visited the Chinese embassy.

The list seems endless; however,

I think the most blatant quotation reported comes from one who reportedly gave \$36,000 of illegal funds from China to the DNC and then stated, "I see the White House is like a subway you have to put coins in to open up the gates." After Hubbellgate, Filegate, Chinagate and now Floozygate, I for one have had enough of a president and administration that make the Watergate perpetrators of bygone era look like choir boys by comparison.

Let's sing the petition and regain control of our great republic once again as courageous Americans worthy of our heritage purchased with the fortunes, blood and sacred honor of those who have come before us on the myriad battlefields of history. Their heroism, faded in the mists of time, must now be remembered, for we are the inheritors of their great commission to preserve the greatest republic the world has ever known, we must act now!
Ed Nemechek
Adelanto, Calif.

Let's separate the wheat from the chaff

To the editor,
I want to speak directly and briefly about significant issues that currently are being inappropriately overlapped in the city of Pampa.

I have tried to keep informed on the recent discussions related to a jail, "detention center," to be built in Pampa for male juveniles. But, two recent Pampa news articles, taken together, confuse me considering the discussion related to rehabilitation of juveniles involved in drug and alcohol abuse.

Prior to reading the news articles, I had attended a public meeting convened by the mayor to discuss converting a building on Hobart Street into a jail, "detention center." Then, I read in the Wednesday Pampa News (Sept. 16) headlines saying, "Vote may be taken on youth drug unit." I also recently read where the Pampa Economic Development Corp. approved \$55,000 for a "juvenile rehab unit."

Confusion. Are we building a jail, a youth drug unit or are we

trying to provide a drug rehabilitation facility?

Let's separate the wheat from the chaff.
The wheat will be the rehab facility.

The chaff will be the jail.
To speak of a juvenile jail that provides rehabilitation is misleading. Available studies prove that rehabilitation efforts and incarceration should be kept separate.

Rehabilitation does work. It is economically effective. Studies have proven that rehabilitation is 15-times more effective than other efforts dealing with the issue of drug dependency and abuse. Supporting the statement that rehabilitation works is a study in the mayor's office for the Office of National Drug Control and the U.S. Army, Santa Monica, Calif., prepared by Rydell, C.P. and Everingham, S.S., RAND (1994). This study, summarized, says that drug and alcohol rehabilitation is 15-times more effective than source control, interdiction and law enforcement. These facts are not new. Rehabilitation works.

But, there should be no suggestion that incarceration (jails, detention centers) be linked to drug and alcohol rehabilitation. Granted, incarceration is a necessary and effective method of removing some abusers from the general public. But, to imply that incarceration and rehabilitation can be combined is misleading. Drug and alcohol rehabilitation does not effectively take place in a jail. The same study clearly establishes this fact. Even the adult detoxification unit in Amarillo, which is funded by TACADA, is not a lock-up unit. Rehabilitation combined with incarceration is not the way to go.

Now, let's separate the wheat from the chaff. Keep the two apart. Don't debate the need for jails and rehabilitation for youth in the same forum. They should not be combined. The above facts

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isolate rehabilitation from incarceration.

If we are to talk of jails, let's look at some facts pertaining to the implied need for a new youth detention center.

—How many juveniles are currently on probation in Gray County? Answer: 102 (Meeting minutes, May 1, 1998, Gray County Commissioners Court)

—How many youths have been arrested by the Pampa city police with drug and alcohol abuse implications for the period September 1997 to September 1998 school year? Answer: 16 (Police records.) How many are boys?

Now, how many of these juveniles should be in jail?

Where will all the male juvenile drug/alcohol abuse offenders come from?

What cost will Gray County property owners share for this benevolent venture?

What will be the cost to the Pampa ISD responsible for educating some 30 young boys brought in from across the state? Which agency of the state of Texas will give oversight to the operation of this facility?

There are 20 employment positions reported in the grant request to the Office of the Governor of Texas. Besides the two positions identified as part-time (four hours per day), what are the remaining 18 positions assigned to do?

The PEDC has granted \$55,000 for rehabilitation to this point.

Is rehabilitation directed to juveniles or brick and mortar? Can one "rehabilitate" a building? See LETTERS, Page 18

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SPORTS

Notebook

BASEBALL

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Pinch-hitter David Segui doubled home the go-ahead run in the 12th inning as the Seattle Mariners beat Anaheim 5-3 Friday night, dropping the slumping Angels two games back in the AL West.

Anaheim has lost seven of eight, while Texas has won four straight and taken over the division lead. The Rangers start a three-game series at Anaheim on Monday.

Five Angels relievers retired 22 straight batters before Rich DeLucia (2-6) walked Raoul Ibanez on four pitches opening the 12th.

Dan Wilson sacrificed, DeLucia walked Russ Davis and Segui doubled down the right-field line off Shigetoshi Hasegawa. One out later, Alex Rodriguez added an RBI double, his 200th hit of the season.

WRESTLING

PAMPA — The Pampa Takedown Club is getting ready to kick off the 1998-99 wrestling season. The club will host a parent's meeting on Sept. 24, starting at 7 p.m. at 320 S. Ballard.

The meeting will be an opportunity for the parents and youngsters to find out more about amateur wrestling in Texas.

The club had an outstanding season last year, thanks to the support of individuals and business organizations. The club is looking for the community's help once again.

If you have an old wrestling singlet, wrestling shoes or head gear, the club would appreciate any donation.

Persons interested in helping out the wrestlers, please contact Jennifer Harrison at 669-7157 or Brandi Urquhart at 665-8321.

BOXING

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Oscar De La Hoya wanted a knockout. He had to settle for a mere beating.

De La Hoya battered a game but overmatched Julio Cesar Chavez into a bloody mess for the second time in two years Friday night, with Chavez's cornermen refusing to allow their fighter to come out for the ninth round.

The knockout didn't come, but the respect finally did after a bruising eight rounds that saw Chavez take some major punishment while still staying on his feet.

"It was even more satisfying that he quit on me," De La Hoya said. "I didn't get the knockout, but he didn't want any more of me."

Pampa captures home opener, 12-9

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

PAMPA — Pampa put together a lot of defense to go with just enough offense to win its home opener Friday night.

Pampa's defense put down two Plainview threats in the fourth quarter and the Harvesters came away with a 12-9 win in Harvester Stadium.

With a 12-7 lead, Pampa coughed up the ball on its own 15 with 7:28 to go when Plainview linebacker Brennen Bell recovered a fumble. But a Pampa defense, led by linebacker Kris Davis and end Brandon Hill, pushed Plainview back to the 18 on the next two plays. On fourth and 14, Plainview quarterback Brandon Brotherton threw up a desperation pass to the end zone corner, but cornerback Randy Burklow batted the ball away from intended receiver Reggie Brooks.

Plainview put up a defensive stand of its own on Pampa's next possession when the Harvesters were pushed back to their own one. On fourth down, the Harvesters purposely took a safety so they could kick off from their own 20 instead of the end zone.

The Bulldogs took over on their own 46 after the Justin Barnes kickoff, but the Pampa defense stiffened once again and Plainview could get only to the Harvester 45 in the next six plays. End Andy Schroeder sacked

Brotherton for a seven-yard loss and tackle Tyson Curtis wrapped up Peter Gonzales for no gain in leading Pampa's defensive charge in the series.

Plainview's only touchdown came from its defense when lineman Zach Pelphrey plunked a Harvester fumble right out of the air and rambled 48 yards for the score at the 4:57 mark of the first quarter. Bryan Benson's PAT made it 7-0.

Both Pampa touchdowns came at the end of long drives. Tailback Curtis Johnson scored on a six-yard run at the end of a 9-play 72-yard drive in the first quarter. Trailing 7-6, the Harvesters drove 68 yards in 11 plays in the closing minutes of the second quarter. Erich Greer's six-yard TD run with 2:20 to go in the first half gave Pampa a 12-7 lead.

Pampa's defense put the finishing touches on Plainview in the waning seconds when Jarred Bowles intercepted a Brotherton pass. Bowles' 20-yard return to the Bulldog 20 ended the game.

Pampa's offense had its best output of the season, finishing with 244 yards and 14 first downs. Johnson led all rushers with 92 yards on 18 carries while Greer added 65 yards on 20 tries.

Pampa is now 2-1 for the season while Plainview suffered its first loss in four outings.

Kory Nickell, who starts at offensive guard for the Harvesters, thought the game might go right down to the wire. "Plainview has a pretty big line



(Pampa News photo by Bonner Green)

Pampa linebacker Kris Davis (30) puts down a Plainview ballcarrier while teammate Joel Barker comes up from behind.

and we hadn't been doing so great on offense," Nickell said.

Pampa's 24-3 loss to Amarillo High last weekend didn't seem to hurt team morale, according to

Nickell. "It wasn't a downer for us. We just wanted to learn from our mistakes and keep on going," he said.

Pampa	6	6	0	0	-12
Plainview	7	0	0	2	-9

Pampa 12, Plainview 9
 P1 - Zach Pelphrey 48 fumble return (Brian Benson kick)
 P2 - Curtis Johnson 6 run (kick failed)
 P3 - Erich Greer 6 run (pass failed)
 P4 - Safety

Home, sweet home for Buccaneers

By BARRY WILNER
AP Football Writer

Home at last, even if the Tampa Bay Buccaneers never have played there.

The place is Raymond James Stadium, a state-of-the-art facility featuring everything from luxurious club seats to a \$3 million pirate ship with cannons that will be fired whenever the home team scores.

The Bucs hope that is often Sunday when they play the Chicago Bears in a matchup of 0-2 teams.

While the finishing touches were being put on the stadium, the Bucs played all five exhibition games and their first two regular-season games on the road. That can tire a club, and it didn't help that Tampa Bay opened at Minnesota and Green Bay, two top rivals in the NFC Central.

Coach Tony Dungy has played down the effect of all the travel, but others haven't.

"Seven weeks is a lot of traveling, and I think it's worn on all of us," quarterback Trent Dilfer said. "It's not an excuse. It's not why we've played poorly. But you know it wears on you, and I think it'll be refreshing to be at home."

It also should be refreshing to see the struggling Bears on the other side of the ball, although Chicago was competitive in losses to Jacksonville and Pittsburgh. The Bears fell by a total of six points.

"It's still an L," linebacker Rico McDonald said. "For us, we've got to look at it and say, 'How can we improve? How can we get better?'"

"We can't harp on, 'Well, we were close.' Close isn't good enough. We get paid to win football games, and we haven't done that in the first two games."

Nor have nine other teams. Something will give at the Meadowlands, where the Colts

and Jets meet. Same thing in Buffalo, where the Bills play host to the Rams. And in Arizona, where the Cardinals face the Eagles.

Also Sunday, it's Detroit at Minnesota, Pittsburgh at Miami, San Diego at Kansas City, Tennessee at New England, Washington at Seattle, Baltimore at Jacksonville, Denver at Oakland, and Green Bay at Cincinnati.

Floor routine



(Special photo)

Level 5 gymnast Ashlee Ferguson practices her gold-medal winning floor routine for the upcoming District One Qualifier to be held at Gymnastics of Pampa on Sept. 26. Competitions will begin at 9:30 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Area victories claimed by Canadian, Groom and White Deer teams

CANADIAN — Friday night, the Canadian Wildcats faced the Childress Bobcats for both team's third game of the season. The Canadian Wildcats came away with a 18-7 victory over the Childress Bobcats. This was the second time of a seven game span since 1984 for Canadian to defeat Childress.

Canadian quarterback Derek Maupin had a largely successful game, throwing for 128 yards and two touchdowns and finishing 7-for-11 overall. Canadian defense also played very well, holding Childress' rushing yards per game average of 212 down to only 85 yards on the ground and 172 yards overall.

Luke Farrar and Daniel Pesch each caught a TD pass for the Wildcats. Eric Hall also scored on a one-yard plunge. Canadian's record now stands at 3-0 and Childress' at 1-2.

SILVERTON — Groom defeated New Home 56-6. Alberto Vega rushed for 114 yards, scoring four touchdowns, and quar-

terback Josh Evenson threw for 141 yards and two touchdowns. Evenson's passing game was 6-for-7. The game was ended by implementation of the mercy rule. Groom is now 3-0 and New Home is 0-3.

Wyatt Weinheimer and Wade Ritter each caught TD passes for the Tigers.

SUNRAY — White Deer defeated Sunray in non district play 42-21 Friday night.

White Deer had 488 yards of offense, all of which were off running plays. This included an 85 yard carry by Craig Urbanczyk, and an 89 yard carry by Keith Larkin. Urbanczyk finished the night with four touchdowns. J.J. White added a touchdown for the Bucks.

The Bucks were 0-for-2 on their passing game. Sunray finished with 375 offensive yards, of which 295 of were on the ground. White Deer is now 2-1 and Sunray is now 0-3.

Going against the grain

By MARK McDONALD
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — Wardens don't look too kindly on dove bait. Right from the start, Son Won felt misgivings about the fellow in full camouflage lurking around the dove field.

Had he, too, been invited to hunt earlier this month in Howard County, north of Big Spring? Was the stranger one of the landowner's friends? A golf buddy?

First of Two said he hailed the fellow and was told he was "hunting this field." Still, something did not quite mesh, so Son Won took his curiosity to the landowner, who dispatched his caretaker to check it out.

The caretaker returned — just ahead of the stranger, a field agent with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

In seconds, the agent, wired with an ear plug and microphone, summoned a second vehicle with three Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game wardens.

Son Won and the other hunters were told to unload their guns, to keep their birds separate. One-by-one, the hunters were taken aside, interviewed and informed they were being charged with hunting over a baited field.

Just lovely. The oldest offspring of Flatlander here gets a hunting citation. Next, the sheriff's kid will get caught joy-riding on the town square.

"Did you know there was bait in the

area?" "No, I did not," replied the young man, who comes from a home where a poacher shares the same station as a lying president.

Confused and slightly irritated, Son Won asked the landowner for an explanation. It seems the presence of a slightly irritated, 6-foot-4, 275-pound former all-Southwest Conference lineman can be a truth serum, for it brought a quick confession:

Two weeks prior to the North Zone Opening Day, the embarrassed landowner had asked his foreman to take sacks full of oil sunflowers, a yummy for doves, and scatter them along the dam of a livestock tank.

Son Won and the rest of the party were unaware of this chicanery, but no matter. TPWD and federal guidelines are clear on baiting, and with the South Zone season and all those business hunts opening Friday, it's time to review.

Key points in the regs: "Baiting" is the act of placing corn, wheat, salt or other feed to lure migratory game birds.

Once feed is grown in a field, it may not be taken from that field and brought back — nor may it be used in any other field where hunting is conducted.

If somebody corns a field, and you hunt it, you could get nailed even if you don't know it's baited. You could be found guilty by association. In Son Won's case, the landowner stepped up to pay the judge in Coahoma \$196.25 each for his guest offenders.

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Rangers go 2-up on Anaheim in AL West Division race

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — John Burkett saw the way Todd Stottlemyre handled the Anaheim Angels by starting batters with low fastballs on the first pitch. So he tried the same thing against the Oakland Athletics.

Using the strategy to get ahead in counts, Burkett threw his best game in two months as Texas beat Oakland 3-1 on Friday night. The Rangers' fourth-straight win helped them go two games ahead of Anaheim in the AL West as the Angels fell to Seattle 5-3 in 12 innings.

"Before Stottlemyre's game the other night he was talking about establishing the fastball, just concentrating on keeping it down and being aggressive," Burkett said. "I watched him execute that and I thought to myself, 'That's my kind of game plan. I should be able to do the same thing.'"

After watching tapes of himself successfully using that strategy the last two years, Burkett decided to give it a shot.

"It was funny because when I came in tonight Pudge said 'Hey, let's throw some more fastballs and establish it early,'" Burkett said.

Burkett did more than regain a lost touch. He might have saved his spot in the rotation.

Texas manager Johnny Oates was considering sending Burkett to the bullpen going with four starters beginning Wednesday with the final game of the pivotal Anaheim series.

Now Burkett may get to keep his turn.

"By him pitching this way, I can justify staying with a five-man (rotation) and not having to pitch four guys out of a role they haven't been used to," Oates said.

Oates said he was already thinking about giving Burkett another try because his other starters haven't pitched on short rest very much in their careers. He's especially afraid of asking 19-game winner Rick Helling and 18-game winner Aaron Sele to take on extra work because

they've already thrown the most innings of their careers.

Burkett is anxious for the opportunity. "I've been used to getting the ball in big games," said Burkett, a 10-year veteran. "But I totally understand Johnny's side of it. It's hard to have confidence in a guy who is 8-13 with a (5.87) ERA."

Burkett allowed a season-low four hits in a season-high eight innings, striking out one and walking none. He threw just 89 pitches, 60 of them strikes.

"When he's pitching 0-1 and they're putting second pitch in play, that's a plus for him," Oates said.

John Wetteland, who set the Rangers' save record Thursday night, allowed two hits to start the ninth before getting three straight outs for his 42nd save. It was Texas' 46th save of the year, setting another team record.

Mike Oquist (7-11) allowed just two hits over the first four innings. But Lee Stevens opened the fifth with a single and Todd Zeile followed with a homer, his second in as many nights after going 30 games without one.

Stevens, who had been 3-for-20 before singling in the fifth, added a solo homer in the sixth.

Oquist, who entered the game with a league-worst 8.32 ERA on the road, gave up three runs and six hits in six innings. He struck out six and walked three.

"He did his job," Oakland manager Art Howe said. "We just ran into a starter that did a little better."

Notes: Sele will try joining Helling as a 19-game winner tonight. He faces Jimmy Haynes (10-8). ... Texas' four-game winning streak is its longest since winning six straight Aug. 1-7. The Rangers have won five in a row at The Ballpark and their 48 wins at home are second-best in the AL behind the Yankees, who have 55. ... Jason Giambi has an 11-game hitting streak and has reached base in his last 33 games.

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Stepchildren Saw Only Rain On Stepmom's Sunny Vacation

DEAR ABBY: This summer my husband's four children by a previous marriage spent their vacation with us. They are 16, 15, 13 and 11. I have a 13-year-old daughter.

Abby, I spent months planning their holiday so that everything would go well. I did all the shopping, cooking, cleaning and laundry for them during their visit. I bought tickets for all of us to do interesting things while they were here. We had just put in a new pool, and they could swim every day if they wanted to. We hosted two picnics so they could see everyone in the family. There wasn't a day that they didn't have something to do, and they seemed to have a good time. There were a few arguments between the kids, but nothing major.

After they left, my husband called to make sure they had made it home OK. He was told his children had a terrible time. I'm so angry with my husband I'm seeing red. What should I do?

FURIOUS WIFE AND STEP-MOTHER

DEAR FURIOUS: First, calm down; then forgive your husband. He's not the villain.

Accept the fact that the children told their mother what they thought she wanted to



Abigail Van Buren
 SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

hear. They lied because they were afraid she'd feel hurt to hear they enjoyed themselves while they were with their father and you. Forgive them; they are caught in the middle and are attempting to protect their mother.

DEAR ABBY: I am now 54 years old and have been a widow for almost 10 years. There's a gentleman in our small town of 7,000 who lost his wife four years ago. He's very eligible, and to my knowledge, has never dated since her death.

I called him about four months ago to ask if he'd be interested in going to dinner with me sometime. He was a business, and he said he was very busy, but he had thought about calling me.

About a month ago, he had a new grandson, so just to make contact, I sent a congratulatory card, adding if he ever needed any company, I'd enjoy going to a movie with him sometime. I gave him both my home and work numbers. I have still not heard from him.

Abby, I think about him every day. He's a good, hard-working man and seems like a good catch. It took me 10 years to really become interested in dating again, and I'm disappointed that I haven't heard from him.

Should I make any further attempts to let him know I'm interested, or just wait it out?

POISED TO POUNCE
 DEAR POISED: He has your number(s); now it's up to him to pick up the phone and take you up on your offer. You've done as much as you can without boldly chasing him. The good news is that you now know you're ready to consider another man in your life. If he doesn't respond, keep looking. Good luck.

INSPIRATION FOR TODAY:
 Do more than exist; live. Do more than touch; feel. Do more than look; observe. Do more than read; absorb. Do more than hear; listen. Do more than listen; understand. Do more than think; ponder. Do more than talk; say something. (John H. Rhoades)

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Horoscope

MONDAY, SEPT. 21, 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)

Let others take the ball and run with it. The truth is that you have very little control over them anyway. Dynamic thinking and understanding open doors for you. By admitting that you barked up the wrong tree, you'll find unexpected success. Tonight: Accept an unusual invitation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Work demands cooperation, direction and a willingness to revise ideas. You might find it particularly challenging to deal with a boss. View this person's changeability as an asset rather than as a liability. Does this allow you more creativity? Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Your imagination goes haywire as you attempt to deal with a wild-card situation. Proceed with an idea you have been contemplating. A partner changes his stand, allowing you greater freedom. A flirtation could build into more; go with the flow. Tonight: Say "yes."

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Take another approach to your workload. A change of environ-

ment is possible. Allow a partner or trusted friend to give you long-overdue feedback. You know your limits; explain them, but be open to different ideas. Tonight: Put the answering machine on and your feet up!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Talk, brainstorm, formulate a new plan. Listen to someone who is full of ideas. On some level, you feel unsteady with this person because of his unpredictability. Your feelings are important. The intensity in a relationship could overwhelm you; take it easy. Tonight: Out and about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Target your spending and expenses. Input from a family member about personal matters sheds a different light on what could be. Consider a change in your work schedule or procedures. Create greater freedom and independence in your life. Tonight: Pay those bills.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Your smile has a way of breaking down boundaries. Use that ability, but be willing to revise your thinking about an emotional matter. It could relate to children or a love affair. A partner continues to surprise you. Tonight: You get what you ask for!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

It is wise to take a back seat. Review your assets, both materially and emotionally. Not everything is counted in terms of money. Recognize how much you offer. Be willing to shed what feels like an albatross. No longer settle for less than what

you want. Tonight: Take a night off. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Listen to feedback that others offer you. Make time for a group meeting or get-together. Not everything is as you see it. Your ability to adjust and make profound changes affects your professional life. Stay centered. Tonight: Aim for what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Take the lead at work. You have an innovative realization. Understand your limits and that your thinking could be stopping you from getting what you want. Consider the role of money in your life. Does it rule you, or can you direct it? It might be time for a change in attitude. Tonight: It could be a late one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Figure out what is going on with you and around you. Think through a decision by trying out different alternatives. Be innovative and open. You might change your point of view, if you're flexible. Determine what you want. Tonight: Rent a movie on the way home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Look closely at what is going on between you and someone else. You might not have the whole picture. Creativity and money mix. You could suddenly understand where someone is coming from. Work demands constant adaptability. Tonight: Make time for a special friend.

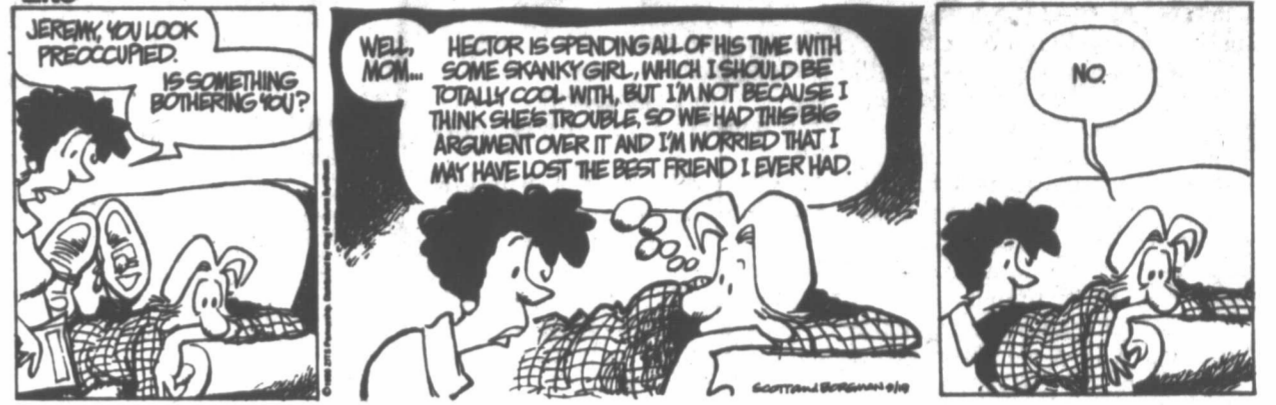
BORN TODAY

Author Stephen King (1947), talk show host Ricki Lake (1968), actor Rob Morrow (1962)

For Better or For Worse



Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



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Hagar The Horrible



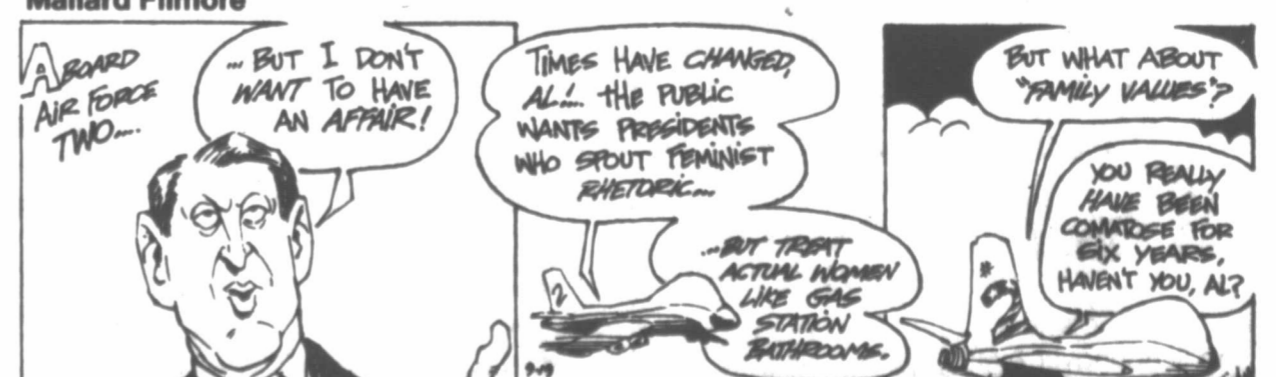
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Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 14 Seer's deck
- 15 Candle base
- 17 Mimic
- 18 Rink
- 19 Crystal buyer, perhaps
- 22 Smidgen
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- 24 Fundamental
- 25 Sink sight
- 27 Ball VIP
- 30 Easily broken
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10 Artist Max		
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Marmaduke



"Notice how fast he obeyed when I threatened a week of no trips to Sam's Deli."

The Family Circus



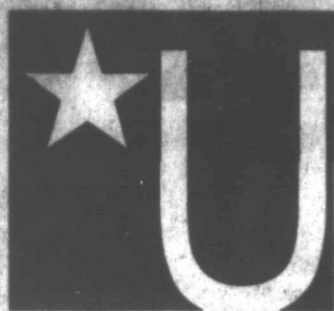
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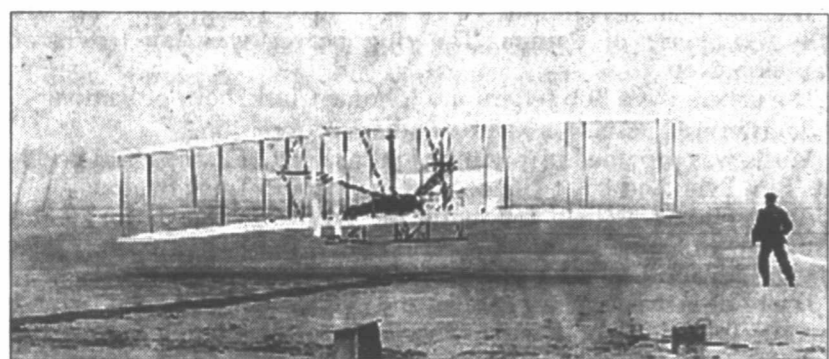
ACT I opens season with reader's theater view of turn of the century



September 24-25



Heritage Room
M.K. Brown Auditorium



The Wright brothers plane 1903

Today's news headlines reflect scandal, war, anarchy. After hearing John Dos Passos' version of America in the early 1900s you'll wonder about the truth in the adage — the more things change the more they stay the same.

ACT I, an acronym for Area Community Theater, Inc., is proud to present "U.S.A." by Paul Shyre and John Dos Passos, Sept. 24 and 25, in the Heritage Room at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Kayla Pursley, a founding member of ACT I, is the director. Curtain will go up at 7 p.m.

The play is a striking panorama of an era, a masterful use of biography, news, music and fiction to entertain and amuse while telling the story of J. Ward Moorehouse, an American with an American dream.

Three men and three women play a variety of characters - some historical, some fictional - weaving a tale about life in another time in America's history. Loralee Cooley tells the story of the early century through playing the music of the day.

The headlines from the New York Times in 1901 are broadcast from street corners by young boys trying to make a life. Can you hear it?

- "Officials Know Nothing of Vice,"
- "Gaiety Girls Mobbed in New Jersey"
- "Used Flag As Rag Bag."

Interwoven in the story of Moorehouse, the audience will learn about The Wright brothers telegraph home on Dec. 17, 1903: Success. Four flights Thursday morning all against 21 mile wind. Average speed through air 31 miles. Longest 57 seconds. Inform press. Home Christmas!

The first thirty years of the last turn of the century witnessed miracles of science and aerodynamics, the horrors of war and the right to vote for the ladies. Eugene Debs and Emma Goldman were voices for anarchy. Rudolph Valentino made hearts throb. Remember Henry Ford, WWI, Isadora Duncan, the Suffragettes?

Headlines of the era told the story. Change a word here or there and you have the headlines of today:

- "Wilson Will Force Draft,"
- "Woman Traps Husband with Girl in Hotel,"
- "Debs Denounces War,"
- "Traitors Beware."

Reader's Theater requires no sets or props - relying on the actor alone to tell the story.

Season tickets are still available by calling 665-8848. Individual show tickets are also on sale now. Hear for yourself about America at the turn of the last century. The more things change, the more they stay the same.

IT'S OPENING NIGHT!

Meet the cast



Isadora Duncan 1910

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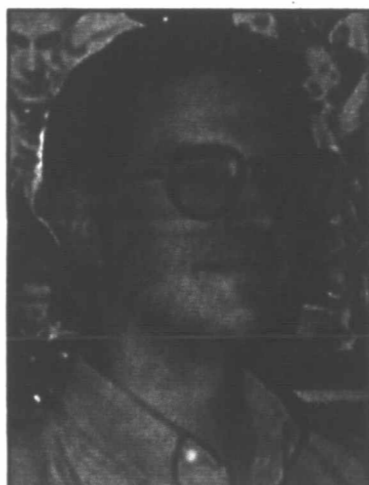
The remains of the unknown soldier coming back to America - 1918.



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Henry Ford's Tin Lizzies



Tim Andorfer is capital projects coordinator for Cabot Corporation. U.S.A. is Tim's third ACT I production. He was in *Curious Savage* and *Love Letters*. Tim plays a variety of characters in the production showing his very versatile talents. From the voice of Eugene Debs, early American anarchist, we move to meet Joe Williams then Colonel Edgecombe, E.R. Bingham, Dr. Gleason and Reggie Talbot - all characters

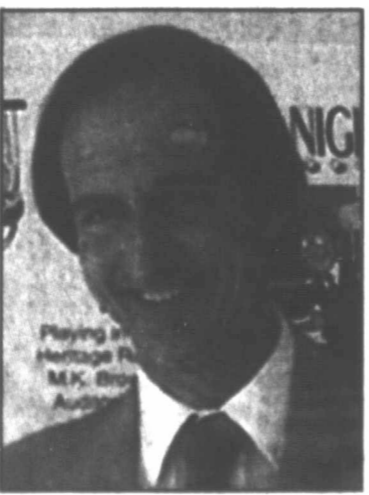
weaving a story of life in early America.

Tim is serving his first term as an ACT I board member. He and his wife, Michelle, have two daughters, Rachel and Molly. He writes on his cast bio that he enjoys woodworking, reading, and "playing with my children."

His favorite quote: "We are all self made. It's only the rich who admit it."



Howard Andrew Hayden makes his ACT I debut in U.S.A. He describes himself as an educated rebel. "Sort of a James Dean with long hair." His recreates for the audience some poignant historical moments while being the voice of youth in early America. He plays Alec McPherson, The Man Without a Country, the unknown soldier and Dick Savage. His interests include music, pro wrestling, movies and poetry.



Bill Hildebrandt is the veteran of cast. He's been actively involved with ACT I since 1986, coming to the rescue to play James Thurber in *A Thurber Carnival* over 12 years ago.

He's managed to be in at least one play a season ever since and sometimes two or three. Bill won Best Actor for his role in last season's *The Gin Game*.

Bill plays J. W. Moorehouse, the American dream, a man who strives for success and makes good during the first 30 years of this century. He is also the voice of President Harding and the drill sergeant.

Some of Bill's hobbies include singing in First Presbyterian choir and playing some of those old favorite tunes by Aerosmith, Deep Purple, and ZZ Top. Bill says, "Acting is easy. It's reality that gets weird."



Gina Kane is office manager for Electric Service Co. Her passion outside her three children, two dogs and fish: "I love to sew costumes - the make believe, going to another place in time - the becoming of someone else - that thrills me." Gina makes her second ACT I onstage appearance. She plays Gertrude Staple, Mommer, a 1900s suffragette and brings to life Isadora Duncan's last words. Her community interest includes working with the young woman in her church.

Gina also brings her love of theater to her role on the ACT I board of directors.

Her favorite quote: "If it is just us in the universe it's an awful waste of space."



Charlene Morriss works as a bookkeeper for Etheridge Claims Service. This is her second ACT I performance having played Mrs. Stanley in *The Man Who Came To Dinner*. Charlene is a Chamber of Commerce Gold Coat. She plays Eleanor Stoddard, Moorehouse's "girl friend," Mrs. Robinson, head of secretarial school and Miss Simpson, the governess.

She is president of Preceptor Chi of Beta Sigma Phi, a member of Altrusa, and serves on the board of Pampa Fine Arts Association. She is also a strong supporter of the Pampa Sheltered Workshop and Tralee Crisis Center.



Terri Witt is admissions coordinator for Pampa Nursing Center. She is making her ACT I debut. Terri is the voice for Janey Williams, Moorehouse's faithful secretary and she brings to life the headlines of a different era showcasing her own talent when she plays the church lady then the burlesque girl. Pat Doolittle is another of her characters.

Her interests include anything Mary Englebright, travel, step aerobics and she is an avid reader. Community interests include Meals on Wheels, Community Outreach through FCC, Merit Badge Counselor with Boy Scouts. Her favorite quote: "Marriage is a series of waves and troughs" from "The Four Seasons."



Tonya D'Ann Mayes and Brock Allen Mayberry

Mayes-Mayberry

Tonya D'Ann Mayes of Childress and Brock Allen Mayberry of Miami were wed Aug. 15 in Childress Church of Christ at Childress with Bill Mayes, of the church, officiating.

The maid of honor was Bonnie Mayes of Childress. The bridesmaids were Misty Newcomb and Christy Newcomb, both of Noble, Okla. The flower girl was Kaitlan Wilmore of Littleton, Colo.

The best man was Trent Mayberry of Miami. The groomsmen were Wally Harmon and Trey Potts, both of Oklahoma City, Okla. The ring bearer was Caleb Wilmore of Littleton, Colo.

The candlelighters were Christy Newcomb and Misty Newcomb. Registering guests was Candance Mayes of Lawton, Okla.

Music was provided by "His Image" singers, a recorded vocal group.

A reception was held following the service in fellowship hall of the church with Crystal Mayes and Jana Ward, both of Lawton, and Jeanie Jacks of Altus, Okla., serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Beverly Mayes of Childress. She is a graduate of Oklahoma Christian University and is currently employed at Sea Breeze Travel Agency in Edmond, Okla.

The groom is the son of Leslie and Linda Mayberry of Miami. He is a graduate of Oklahoma Christian University and is currently employed at Play It Again Sports in Edmond.

The couple planned a honeymoon cruise to Cancun, Mexico, and intend to make their home in Edmond.



Stormy Morgan and Mark McCullar

Morgan-McCullar

Stormy Morgan and Mark McCullar, both of Pampa, were wed Aug. 22 at Mis Macks House north of Pampa with Lonnie Robinson officiating.

The maid of honor was Shelley McCullar of Pampa. The bridesmaids were Podie Long of Fulsom, N.M., Carla Morgan of Fort Worth and Jessica of Pampa. The flower girls were Kelsey McCullar of Pampa, Kaliegh Long of Fulsom and Malessa Martinez.

The best man was Scott LaRue of Pampa. The groomsmen were Brian McCullar of Big Bare, Calif., Billy Morgan of Fort Worth and Odis Whitley of Pampa.

The ushers were Michael Lucero and Luke Lucero, both of Fritch, and Clint Hinds of Pampa.

Registering guests was Susie Hinds of Pampa. Music was provided by Tommy and Tressa Hinson of Pampa.

A reception was held following the service at the Chamber of Commerce with Robin Lucero and Leslie Duran, both of Fritch, and Barbara Fisher, Pheobe Spence and Jessica Preston, all of Pampa, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Barbara and Carl Shepard of Pampa. She is currently employed at Pampa Pawn.

The groom is the son of Evelyn McCullar. He is currently employed at IRI.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Oklahoma City, Okla., and intend to make their home in Pampa.



Amanda Nicole Tucker and Jason David Clark

Tucker-Clark

Amanda Nicole Tucker of Pampa and Jason David Clark of Canyon were wed Aug. 15 in First Baptist Church of Pampa with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, of Briarwood Church of Pampa, officiating.

The maid of honor was Kimberly Clark of Pampa. The bridesmaid was Tracy Bruton of Abilene. The flower girl was Natalie Tucker of Lawrenceville, N.J.

The best man was Jimmie Clark of Pampa. The groomsmen were Billy Waggoner of Pampa. The ring bearer was Jay Jeffers of Papillion, Neb.

The ushers were Bob Jeffers and Johnnie Clark, both of Pampa. Registering guests was Talitha Latham of Amarillo.

Music was provided by organist Johnny Platt of Pampa and vocalists Rev. Lynn and Janet Hancock of Pampa and Tracy Bruton.

A reception was held following the service in the parlor of the church with Dawn Shannon, Carrie Prater, Robi Thompson, Alicia Snelgrooves and Loyce Wright, all of Pampa, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Leigh Ann Crain and Dan and Brenda Tucker, all of Pampa. She is currently attending Amarillo College.

The groom is the son of Jimmie and Carol Clark of Pampa. He is a graduate of West Texas A&M University, receiving a bachelor of science degree in biology in 1997. He is currently employed as a laboratory technician at Cerestar in Dimmitt.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Cozumel, Mexico, and intend to make their home in Canyon.

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Newsmakers

NORFOLK, Va. — Navy Seaman Apprentice **W. Matthew Toten**, son of William and Susan Toten of Pampa, recently graduated from Gas Turbine Systems Technician Mechanical Course.

During the course at Navy Service School Command, Great Lakes, Ill., Toten received training in the operation and maintenance of gas turbine engines and support systems.

As a gas turbine systems technician in the Navy, Toten will operate and repair the jet engines used to propel a ship through the water. Toten also will work on main propulsion machinery, electrical and electronic circuitry and is now trained to perform administrative tasks related to gas turbine propulsion system operation and maintenance. Gas turbine systems are key players aboard today's high-tech ships.

Toten joined the Navy in January 1998.

NORMAN, Okla. — Following a series of get-acquainted parties and meetings, 73 men from 16 states pledged social fraternities at the University of Oklahoma. Among the Lambda Chi Alpha pledges was **Clint Curtis** of Pampa.

As fraternity pledges, the men will learn the traditions and history of their fraternities, meet and become brothers with other pledges and fraternity members and complete a training period that enables them to become members.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jim Taylor

Taylor anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Taylor celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 17, 1998. Gail and Linda Everson and Joyce Roberts, all of Pampa, hosted the reception.

Jim Taylor and Rudell Everson were married Sept. 17, 1948, at Pampa. The couple have been Pampa residents for the past 50 years.

Mr. Taylor was a pipe fitter for various contractors, retiring in January 1989 after 48 years of service. He is a member of the local 196 Union.

Mrs. Taylor is a homemaker. Children of the couple are Larry and Debra Taylor of Wichita, Kan. They have two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Harvey

Harvey anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Harvey will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary from 2-4 p.m. today at their home in Pampa. Children of the couple will host the reception.

Lloyd Harvey and Virginia Nelson were married Sept. 24, 1938, at the bride's parents home east of Pampa. The couple have been Pampa residents since 1940 and are members of First Methodist Church of Miami and Child Study Club of Miami.

The Harveys farmed and ranched until Mr. Harvey retired in 1981. Mrs. Harvey has been active in Gray County Home Demonstration Club.

Children of the couple are Jeannine Johnson of Houston, Mary Ann McIlvain of Victoria, Drew Harvey of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Lloyd E. Harvey of Pampa. They have seven grandchildren.

Club News

Club news is published strictly on a first come first serve basis due to limited space. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. though this deadline does not guarantee publication. Thank you.

El Progreso

El Progreso Club met Sept. 9 at the Hughey House Bed and Breakfast with President Carolyn Smith presiding. Fourteen members were present.

Pat Youngblood previewed programs for 1998-99 and announced the course of study is "It's a Woman's World!"

The next meeting will be a tour of 6th Street in Amarillo on Sept. 22.

Pampa Garden Club

Pampa Garden Club met recently in the home of Mary Ann Bailey with President Thelma Bray presiding. Thirteen members were present. Tina Holt was welcomed as a new member.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Plans for the coming club year were discussed;

—The "Garden Club for Children" committee was formed with Clara Quarry, Holt and Bonnie Woods serving as delegates;

—New Year Books by Chris Griffin were distributed;

—Ruth Barrett reported on various topics;

—Bailey presented "Craft Ideas" to sale at Festival of Trees;

—Members voted to make a donation to the Clarendon College-Pampa Center fund;

The next meeting will be Oct. 12 at the home of Leny Howard.

Pampa Art Club

Pampa Art Club met Sept. 15 at the Hughey House Bed and Breakfast.

Yearbooks for the coming club year were given to members and names were drawn for Christmas Exchange.

The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 6 at the home of Betty Fletcher, 1727 Evergreen.

Magic Plains ABWA

Magic Plains Chapter of the American Businesswomen's Association met Sept. 14 with President Eltha Hensley presiding. Donna Swindle gave the invocation and reports were read and approved.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

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Julie Ann Ruff and Terry Donlee Alexander

Ruff-Alexander

Julie Ann Ruff of Pampa and Terry Donlee Alexander of Lubbock were wed Aug. 22 in First Presbyterian Church of Pampa with Dr. Edwin Cooley, of the church, officiating.

The matron of honor was Caryn Martinez, sister of the bride of Lewisville. The maid of honor was Amie Sorrells of Lubbock. The bridesmaids were Jennifer Loupus, cousin of the bride of Lafayette, La., Shannon Brown of Garland and Courtney Smith of Dallas.

The best man was John Alexander, brother of the groom of Lubbock. The groomsmen were Michael Alexander, brother of the groom of Amarillo, Bobby Martinez, brother-in-law of the bride of Lewisville, and Virgel Merriott and Tod Delay, both of Lubbock. The ring bearer was Austin Alexander, son of the groom of Lubbock.

The groomsmen also served as ushers. Registering guests was Corrie Siron of Lubbock. Music was provided by pianist Loreale Cooley, flutist Katrina Hildebrandt and violinist Dorothy King, all of Pampa.

A reception was held following the service at Pampa Country Club. The bride is the daughter of Mike and Nancy Ruff of Pampa. She is a 1994 Pampa High School graduate and received a degree cum laude from Texas Tech University in 1998.

The groom is the son of Joe and Deana Alexander of Lubbock. He graduated from Coronado High School in Lubbock and is currently self-employed.

The couple intend to make their home in Lubbock.



Bambi Messina Wade and Edward Barrett III

Wade-Barrett

Bambi Messina Wade and Edward Leon Christopher Barrett III were wed Sept. 19 in Ceta Canyon at Happy with Judge Hale officiating.

The matron of honor was Sabre McLean, sister of the bride of Amarillo. The bridal attendants were Maranda Nichols, Becca Wade, Taylor McLean, all nieces of the bride, Alicia Wade, sister-in-law of the bride, Stacy Quackenbush, Sarabeth Key, Susan Polster and Buffy Dungan, all of Amarillo, Kari Delgado, cousin of the bride, and Veronica James, both of Canyon, Heather Madis of North Richland Hills, Chana Miller of Tulia, Lynsey Barrett and Revenna Barrett, both sisters of the groom, and Darla McClendon, all of White Deer. The flower girls were Emily Barrett and Teresa Barrett, both nieces of the groom of Lubbock.

The best man was Terry Sargent of White Deer. The ring bearer was Bryan Delgado, cousin of the bride of Canyon.

The ushers were David Wade and Brad Wade, both brothers of the bride of Amarillo.

Music was provided by Grace King of Amarillo.

A reception was held following the service with an outdoor theme. The bride is the daughter of Samuel and Carolyn Wade of Amarillo and is the granddaughter of Ben and Ruth Boston of Happy, Mary Wade of Amarillo and the late Monroe Wade of Amarillo.

She is a 1992 graduate of Amarillo High School and received a bachelor of science degree in occupational therapy from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Amarillo campus, in December 1997. She is currently employed as an occupational therapist for Progressive Step Rehab.

The groom is the son of Randy and Marsha Barrett of White Deer and is the grandson of Genevieve Barrett, the late Ed Barrett, the late Mayme Tibbs of Pampa and the late Owen White of Bullhead City, Ariz.

He is a 1992 graduate of White Deer High School and received a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from West Texas A&M University in May 1997. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in political science at WTAMU and is employed as a Criminal Justice/Solid Waste Program specialist at Panhandle Regional Planning Commission. He is involved in Big Brothers/Big Sisters program as a volunteer Big Brother.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Kansas City, Mo., and St. Louis, Mo., and intend to make their home in Amarillo.

4-H Futures & Features

Dates

21 - 4-H Horse Project, 6:30 p.m., Rodeo Arena; 4-H Foods and Nutrition planning meeting, 7 p.m., Annex

22 - Stock Show Board meeting, 7 p.m., Co-Ag Building, Pampa High School

25 - Steer Weigh-in, 10 a.m., Tri State Fair

Foods/Nutrition Project Meeting

The 4-H Foods-Nutrition project will be getting underway this month with an organization meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21 at the Gray County Annex. Joan Gray, assisted by Danny Nusser, will be conducting the meeting.

All foods project leaders, club managers from Prime Time 4-H Club and any interested persons need to attend this meeting. Your ideas in planning the food show and related activities are needed.

4-Hers who are interested in the foods project should contact our foods leader, club manager or the Extension office at 669-8033 to let us know you are interested.

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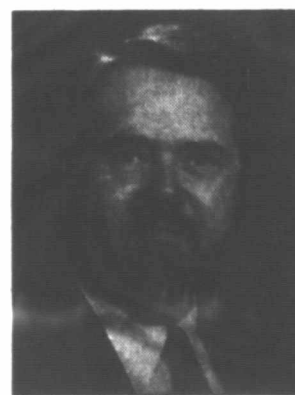
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Mr. and Mrs. Gary Potter

Potter anniversary

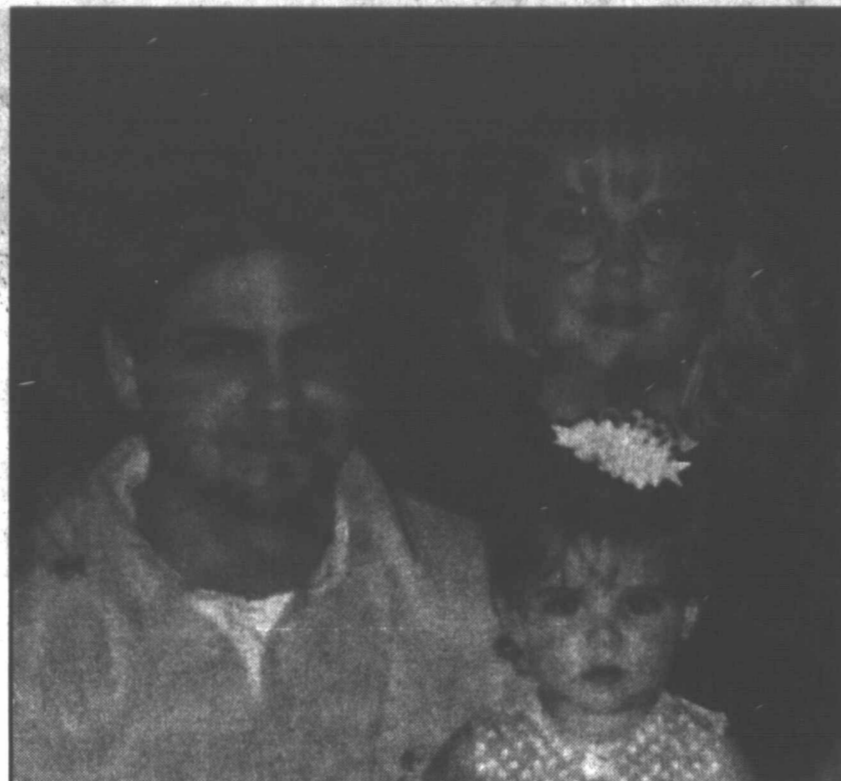
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Potter celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sept. 12, 1998, in Priest Park Church of God. Children of the couple hosted the reception along with Chris and Wendy Poole of Pampa, Mike and Dawna Poole of Amarillo and Rhonda and Mark Fletcher of Childress.

Gary Potter and Becky Poole were married Sept. 15, 1973, at Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ in Pampa. The couple have been lifelong Pampa residents and are members of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

Mr. Potter worked for Panhandle Industrial for 17 years and Cabot for seven years. He has been disabled for the past two years. He is a former Optimist Club coach and soccer coach.

Mrs. Potter worked for Texas State Optical for eight years, for Dr. Simmons and Simmons for seven years and for Dunlaps Department Store for two years. She is currently employed at Regional Eye Care Center.

Children of the couple are Amanda Potter and David and Amber Potter, all of Pampa.



Vangie Parsley and Clint Hancox

Parsley-Hancox

Vangie Parsley and Clint Hancox, both of Pampa, plan to wed Sept. 25 in Fellowship Baptist Church of Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Ronnie and Betty Parsley of Pampa. She is a 1995 Pampa High School graduate and is currently employed at Wal-Mart.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Rhea Hancox of Pampa. He is a 1998 Pampa High School graduate and is currently employed with United Parcel Service.

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4-H

Achievement Banquet - All 4-Hers, parents and leaders

who plan to attend the Achievement Banquet Oct. 5, remember to send in your registration forms to the Extension office by 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28. We need an accurate count so the McLean 4-Clover 4-H Club can finalize the plans and let the caterer know a count.

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NEWSMAKERS

ARLINGTON — Alecia Taylor Edwards of Keller, daughter of Kenneth Taylor of Tyler and Brenda and Richard Tedder of Arlington, was recently awarded a bachelor of science degree in information systems, cum laude, from the University of Texas at Arlington.

She is employed at Union Pacific Resources in Fort Worth.

Edwards is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Terry and Lois Calloway of Pampa. She and husband, Jeff, have one son, Cole.

FORT WORTH — Faustine E. Curry of Pampa and Buggy McGown competed against 81 entries to earn a top 10 finish in hunter hack competition at the American Quarter Horse Youth Association World Championship Show held recently in Fort Worth.

"This is a great honor for a youth exhibitor in American Quarter Horse Association arena competition," said AQHA Executive Vice President Bill Brewer. "Faustine E. Curry should be congratulated for this prestigious accomplishment."

The AQHA World Champion Show is the pinnacle event for the 30,000 member American Quarter Horse Youth Association. The show featured 2,079 entries from around the world competing for 30 world championships, making this the largest youth world championship horse show. Horses must earn a predetermined number of points in AQHA-approved shows between May 1, 1997, and April 30, 1998.

Alecia Taylor

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Club News

—Lanella Hensley gave a report on the pecan order to be delivered in early November. Proceeds from the pecan sale will benefit a scholarship fund for college bound women. Additional fundraisers were discussed but tabled until later; —Wynona Seely announced ABWA Day is Sept. 22. Plans

were made for the event. —Scholarships were awarded to Jennifer Rushing, Debbie Sams and Angela Briggs.

Door prizes were won by Brunetta Stewart, Jan Allen, Evelyn Boyd, Ellen Malone and Eltha Hensley.

Margaret Hall and Gina Albug served as hostesses. Lanella Hensley and Swindle will serve as hostesses for the next meeting slated Oct. 12 at Yummy's Pizza.

CattleWomen
Top O' Texas CattleWomen met Sept. 1 at Mel's Diner in Wheeler. Fifteen members were present. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—The local club will have a page on the state organization's website at www.TexasCattleWomen.org. Information will be updated every three months. Highlighted will be upcoming projects and events.

—The Cooking Seminar will be Nov. 2 at Pampa. This seminar will address cooking and dietary concerns of working women, singles (both men and women) and newlyweds. New products packaged for convenience and taste will be introduced and cooking tips, food safety and nutrition will be covered as well. The public is invited to attend.

—The club's yearly family get-together will be Sept. 21 at the Red River Steakhouse in McLean.

The next meeting will be Oct. 6 at Mel's Diner.
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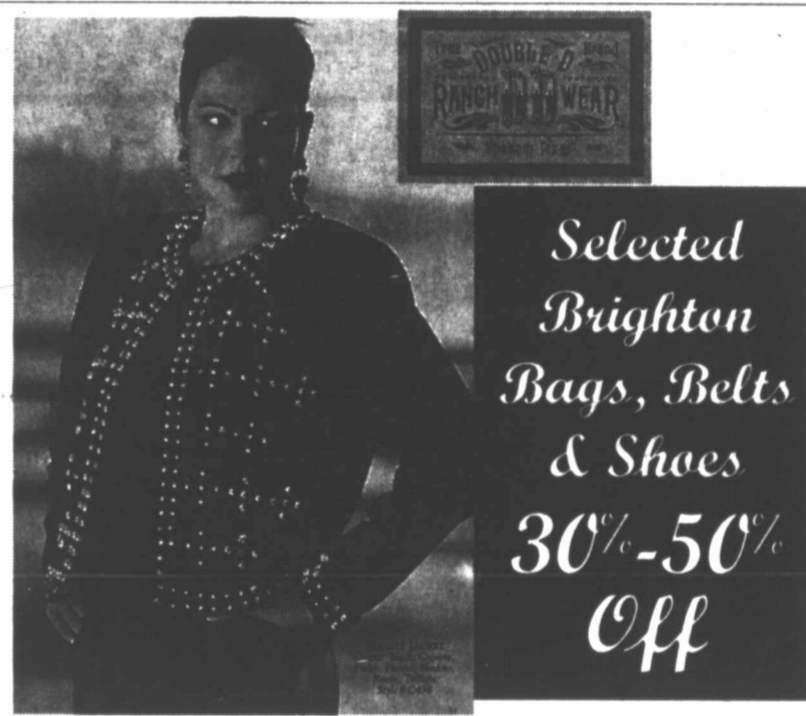
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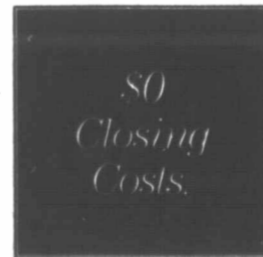
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Menus

Sept. 21-25

<p>Pampa Schools</p> <p>MONDAY Breakfast: Pancake and sausage on a stick. Lunch: Chicken strips, whipped potatoes, English peas, peaches, hot rolls.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Biscuit, honey. Lunch: Cheese nachos, pinto beans, churros.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Toast, peanut butter. Lunch: Sloppy Joe's, baked beans, fruit roll ups, mixed fruit.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast. Lunch: Corn dogs, French fries, celery sticks, peanut butter, pasta salad, chocolate cake.</p> <p>FRIDAY Breakfast: Cereal, toast. Lunch: Sub sandwich, vegetarian beans, lettuce, tomatoes, chips, fresh fruit.</p> <p>LeFlore Schools</p> <p>MONDAY Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Beef stew, cornbread, crackers, grilled cheese, salad, fruit, milk.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Toaster pastry, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburger patties, whipped potatoes, spinach, rolls, fruit, milk.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Eggs, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Mimi corn dogs, beans, coleslaw, tator tots, fruit, milk.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: Rolls, toast, cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken patties, potatoes, corn, rolls, fruit, milk.</p> <p>FRIDAY Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Hot dogs, chili, cheese,</p>	<p>crispy fries, salad, fruit, milk.</p> <p>Mails on Wheels</p> <p>MONDAY Stew, cornbread, cake.</p> <p>TUESDAY Sausage and rice, cauliflower, green beans, pineapple.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, jello.</p> <p>THURSDAY Salisbury steak with gravy, blackeyed peas, fried okra, graham crackers.</p> <p>FRIDAY Tuna Casserole, English peas and onions, carrots, apple sauce.</p> <p>Senior Citizens</p> <p>MONDAY Chicken fried steak or chicken/ham tetrazzini, mashed potatoes, beets, fried okra, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, cherry orchard bars or custard cups, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>TUESDAY Pork and stuffing or chicken enchiladas, yams, green beans, Spanish rice, pinto beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, double chocolate swirl cake or banana pudding, hot rolls, cornbread or jalapeno cornbread.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, peas, butter beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, apple cobbler or wild cherry cake, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>THURSDAY Chicken strips or beef tips over noodles, cheese potatoes, spinach, squash casserole, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, German chocolate cake or cherry icebox pie, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>FRIDAY Fried cod fish or barbecue sausages, potato wedges, broccoli, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, brownies or tapioca, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.</p>
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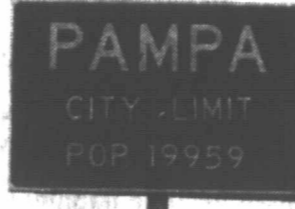
Club News

Highland Hobby Club
Highland Hobby Club met recently in the home of Gloria Norris with President Norris presiding. Six members were present. Mairlyn Kirkwood, secretary-treasurer, gave a report and officers from the previous club year agreed to serve another term. The 1998-99 officers are as follows: Norris, president; Ferline Calvert, vice president; Kirkwood, secretary-treasurer; Jewel Holmes, reporter. Holmes won the door prize. The next meeting will be at the home of Johnnie Rhode.

They plan to provide wind-screens at no cost by acquiring sponsors for the 50 foot sections of the screen. It's always nice to see citizens getting together and doing something themselves for the community's children — instead of solely relying on tax payer dollars.

I don't know about y'all, but I missed having a Sunday Snapshot Person of the Week in last Sunday's paper. (Hint-Hint)

Kudos to PHS Tennis Team for sprucing up facilities



by miranda bailey

Word on the Street

Word on the Street is that Carol Bachus met Robin Leach while shooting an infomercial about the success of her business, and now people all over the country are calling her about the commercial.

"Two ladies called me from other places in the U.S. ... I never dreamed I'd get response like this from this infomercial," said Bachus.

According to Carol, one individual who saw the commercial called the Pampa Chamber of Commerce looking for her phone number. The commercial, which was shot this last summer, has already begun airing in the eastern portion of the United States and should reach our area in the coming months.

In other news, former PHS science teacher Elaine Ledbetter is being featured on a website about her and her teaching career by one of her former Pampa students, Malcolm Brown Jr.

Brown has set up the site to honor his favorite teacher with samples of her poetry, and pictures of photographs she's taken. By the way, Mrs. Ledbetter's written a book entitled, "Called to Teach: The Story of My Life." It's an interesting book that every literate Pampan should read at some point. Watch next week for a story about it ...

It sure would be nice if some of you would drop off your answers to the questions and bring by a picture (or let us take a picture of you real quick-like) so we all can continue to get a kick out of comparing people's answers to the questions we've all grown to love. (James Washington? We have your picture. Please bring your answers to us. Kelley Taylor? We have your answers, please come by so we can get your picture.)

Oh, I wanted to say that I was deeply impressed by a site I saw at the high school Wednesday

morning. Approximately 200 teen-agers were gathered hand-in-hand around the flag pole in support of the national See You at the Pole day where kids meet at the flag to pray. I didn't make my way over to the middle school like I should have, but my heart skipped a beat to see so many high school youth ... praying. It was very inspiring. I felt like a proud parent watching from afar ...

What's everyone doing this next Tuesday night? Nothing, huh. Well let's make a date. Unglue your hand from the

remote control and go see some live theatre at the high school. PHS Drama teacher Dean Birkes is holding the school's first (at least in a long time) variety show Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. He says there's something like 25 acts in the show. Go live vicariously through these performing youths.

That about does it for this week's Word on the Street. I leave you with this:

"For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it," Proverbs 8:11.



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- When I grow up I want to be: _____
- My personal hero: _____
- The best advice I ever got was: _____
- People who knew me in High School thought: "or" _____
- My classmates think of me as: _____
- The best word or words to describe me: _____
- People will remember me as being: _____
- The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: _____
- My hobbies are: _____
- My favorite sports team is: _____
- My favorite author is: _____
- The last book I read was: _____
- My favorite possession is: _____
- The biggest honor I've ever received is: _____
- My favorite performer is: _____
- I wish I knew how to: _____
- My trademark cliché or expression is: _____
- My worst habit is: _____
- I would never: _____
- The last good movie I saw was: _____
- I stay home to watch: _____
- Nobody knows: _____
- I drive a: "or" _____
- Someday I want to drive a: _____
- My favorite junk food is: _____
- My favorite beverage: _____
- My favorite restaurant is: _____
- My favorite pet: _____
- For my last meal, I would choose: "or" _____
- My favorite meal is: _____
- I wish I could sing like: _____
- I'm happiest when I'm: _____
- I regret: _____
- I'm tired of: _____
- I have a phobia about: "or" _____
- My biggest fear is: _____
- The electrical device I couldn't live without is: _____
- My most embarrassing moment: _____
- The biggest waste of time is: _____
- If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: _____
- If I had three wishes they would be: _____
- If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: _____

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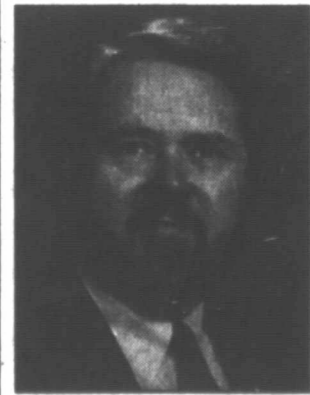
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AGRICULTURE

The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

WHEAT (BULL)

Outlook: In 1996, when the wheat futures hit the all time high prices (the north side of \$7/bushel) who would have predicted prices would be well under \$3 just a few years later. This is the nature of markets. High prices lead to increased production, reduced demand and low prices. The corollary is also true. Low prices "cure" low prices, and this is what I see as an inevitable outcome. The export demand has been poor due to economic crises in many areas of the globe. Yet, the supply fundamentals are setting up for a strong bull market for the coming year. The Canadians, who harvested their smallest wheat crop in five years, have very tight carryover situation. This summer, flooding wiped out 25 million acres of Chinese cropland. The Russian and Ukrainian harvests are very poor, down by minimum 33% versus a year ago. As we enter the US winter wheat planting season, odds are very strong the planted acres will be down. Should it remain too dry, the acres could be down quite significantly. World wheat supplies could easily fall to historically low levels in 1999-2000. It has been a tough year for farmers, but I firmly believe future wheat prices are moving much higher.

Strategy:

Hedgers: Our recommendation remains the same; sell your cash wheat, take the deficiency payment if available, but do not remain uncovered-maintain ownership with the simultaneous purchase of call options. Those of you who successfully sold at higher levels may also wish to speculate on higher longer-term prices in this way. March at the money call options are trading for under 15 cents a bushel; this looks cheap for five months ownership.

Traders: We remain long December Minneapolis at 327 or lower. Risk to 312 for eventual objective above 355. We also own March 280 wheat calls (Chicago) at 12 1/2 Cents. Hold with no stop (limited risk position).

CORN (BULL/BEAR)

Outlook: As we go to press, we do not yet have the USDA September crop estimate for corn. This is an important report, and many years the September crop report represents a turning point in the marketplace. Since the trend in the corn market has been decidedly down this year, if there is a turn, it would be back up. The average estimate of the major analysis is for a 9.6 billion-bushel crop and this is a big one. It is hard to get a finger on this, but my sense is the crop is not that big. Many clients tell me they are disappointed with the corn yields, some are pleased, but

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George Kleinman is president of Commodity Resource Corporation (CRC), a licensed brokerage firm which specializes in marketing strategies using agricultural futures and options. CRC welcomes questions — they can be reached at 1-800-233-4445.

nobody seems to be overwhelmed. It is still early, the harvest is just beginning, but this is the sense we are getting. We will know more by the time you read this when the Report is released.

Strategy: Hedgers: We remain only 15% hedged new crop production, having covered another 24% under 205 (December). This covers the 275 and the 260 shorts. We took about \$1 total profits on these hedges and still have on 15% above 245. Hold the rest until you harvest your crop.

Traders: No new recommendations at this time (still looking for some sign of a turn to be a buyer).

SOYBEANS (BULL/BEAR)

Outlook: As in corn, we are awaiting the results of the important September USDA crop report. The consensus is for a very big crop, about 2.9 billion bushels. In fact, this would be a record large crop. A lot of this bearish news is already in the price, after all soybeans have been in a major downturn since the May 1997 peak. They hit \$9 on the Board back then, were closer to \$6 a year later, and today they are near \$5. It has been a major down for the past year and a half. Meanwhile, demand seems to be picking up. Nevertheless, if the USDA confirms huge crop rallies will be blunted. Look for a trading range affair in the coming months barring a major surprise on the Report.

Strategy: Hedgers: We have covered all our hedges with over \$1/bushel futures profits. Add this profit to your ultimate selling price and

do nothing else for right now. **Traders:** We are long November of 1999 soybeans from under 570. Be prepared to risk at least 20 cents on this trade and hopefully hold it for a long time.

CATTLE (BULL)

Outlook: The packers have been reluctant buyers this year. They still remain reluctant buyers. In many respects they are not at fault. The cattle weights have been consistently and relentlessly high. In fact, they are record high average, averaging 40 pounds above a year ago. I understand, with cheap feed and feeding losses why a cattle feeder would hold on "too long", but it is a self-defeating exercise when done en-masse. It still statistically appears that the lower numbers of available cattle in the months and year to come will turn prices around here. If lower number coincide with more normal weights, and demand remains the constant (it hasn't been all that bad) this market will be able to turn fast and hard!

Strategy: Feeders: At current futures prices, for December forward we still suggest accepting the risk of the marketplace with no new hedges.

Cow/calf operators: Feed prices and the cost of money remain very cheap, both strong positives for feeders. Cattle feeders, remain in buy-hedges in the October forward on a scale from 69 down to 66. Sell these as you buy replacements.

Traders: We were just stopped out of our October futures last week. Remain on the sidelines for right now.

TCFA supports price reporting improvements

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Given the problems associated with mandatory live cattle price reporting, the Texas Cattle Feeders Association officials said recently they support the National Cattlemen's Beef Association decision to seek improvements in voluntary live cattle price reporting, while working for legislation to establish mandatory price reporting for boxed beef and import-export beef.

"With the cattle market in the shape it is, it's only natural for cattlemen to look real hard at any idea that might bring relief sooner than later, and mandatory price reporting for live cattle is one of the ideas that has been given lots of attention," said Jim Gill, market director at the Texas Cattle Feeders Association.

Mandatory price reporting is not a panacea, Gill warned. "There are no silver bullet in the cattle market," Gill said. "We're dealing with cyclical forces, low grain prices, changing consumers and a difficult global economic situation. If time heals wounds, it also is the best antidote for a sick cattle market. No one single action, such as mandatory live cattle price reporting, will solve all the issues facing cattlemen."

In fact, mandatory live cattle price reporting may actually create more problems than it solves, Gill said.

For a price reporting system to be successful, he said, it must capture how all cattle are sold; accurately report all cattle sales; be based in legislation; be funded, probably by user fees passed on to cattlemen; be timely and usable for both daily spot and grid markets; enjoy consensus and confidence among all segments of agriculture; be under government control for data collection and enforcement; cover all data collection points, including private treaty sales; be flexible over time, and have sufficient penalties and investigative authority to be enforceable.

If mandatory price reporting became reality, it's likely that a new government bureaucracy would be created, said Burt Rutherford of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association.

"USDA doesn't have the manpower to collect additional data and does not have the injunctive powers required to enforce a mandatory reporting system," he said. "That means any new program will have to be funded, most likely through user fees paid by cattlemen."

USDA estimates it will cost at least \$60 million just to monitor for compliance.

To enforce mandatory price reporting, individual business audits would have to be done by the new bureaucracy to determine if all sales are being reported. That means the federal government would have the right to come onto farms, ranches or feedyards and have complete access to all financial records, Rutherford said.

To ensure participation, a schedule of fines and penalties would have to be legislated, be severe enough to get everyone's attention and enforcement of these fines and penalties would have to be rigorous enough to be noticeable.

Cattlemen have long enjoyed operating their businesses in an environment that is relatively free of direct government intervention," Rutherford said. "Turning that situation upside down is not a very palatable idea to most cattle producers."

Mandatory live cattle price reporting would also likely create a downward bias in prices.

According to a 1995-96 study in Texas by the Packers and Stockyards Administration over 66 weeks, there were 52,000 cattle sold and not reported that traded above the reported USDA daily high. However, there were 400,000 sold and not reported that were below the USDA daily low. Although there may be ample reason these cattle sold at a discount-plainer cattle, heiferettes or roping steers, it probably would not benefit cattlemen to force reporting of these sales, Rutherford said.

Alternative marketing methods are now a fact of life in the cattle business, he said. Forward contracted cattle are often committed but not priced for weeks or months ahead of time. If these prices were reported when they were set, they would be meaningless in relation to daily cash prices. Similarly, mandatory price reporting for formula cattle would be rather useless in analyzing daily markets since there would be at least a week's delay before the price is actually set and reportable.

Corn suffering from hot weather fungus

PINE BLUFF, Ark. (AP) — As if Arkansas farmers didn't have enough to worry about with high temperatures and below-normal rainfall, now a toxin made stronger by heat and drought is attacking the area's corn.

Aflatoxin is a highly toxic chemical produced by a fungus called *Aspergillus flavus*, which grows on corn in the field and in storage bins.

"The unusually hot conditions growers faced this season was the primary cause for the fungus," said Brady Harmon of the Jefferson County Cooperative Extension Service.

Chuck Bird, the manager of technical services at Neogen Corp. of Lansing, Mich., which researches microtoxins, said aflatoxin is one of the most potent natural carcinogens known.

"Aflatoxin is secreted from the fungus, which thrives in hot, dry conditions," he said, adding that it affects cottonseed, peanuts, wheat, corn and barley in non-irrigated fields.

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Odds and ends...

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — It's not Christmas time yet, but a Santa-sized dispute is brewing in Louisville.

Former Wal-Mart worker Marta Brown is challenging the store's right to replace her with a male Santa Claus.

Wal-Mart claims it replaced Ms. Brown after a mother complained about her gender. The woman's child had pinched Ms. Brown's breast while in Santa's chair and said, "Mom, Santa Claus is a woman."

During a hearing Wednesday before an officer of the Kentucky Human Rights Commission, Ms. Brown, 45, said she quit her regular Wal-Mart job as a customer service associate after her co-workers teased her about the incident.

An attorney for Wal-Mart contends the store was trying to uphold Christmas tradition and respond to the complaint from the child's mother.

"It's our position being a male is part and parcel of being Santa Claus," said attorney Kathy Quesenberry. "Santa Claus is a man. He has a beard. He's married to Mrs. Claus."

Earlier this year, a human rights commission investigator found probable cause to support Ms. Brown's claim of sexual discrimination but rejected a claim of retaliation.

The commission is expected to rule on the case in two to three months.

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — Hey, pal, can you spare a few thousand tons of garbage?

Virginia's largest county is looking to import rubbish after its neighbor, Washington, D.C., decided to take its trash elsewhere.

Fairfax County risks falling short of the 930,750 tons of waste it is under contract to supply annually to a trash-burning power plant. For every ton the county comes up short, it must pay \$60 to incinerator operator Ogden Martin Systems.

Without Washington's garbage, the county will have a 200,000-ton shortfall — and potential fines of \$12 million.

Officials could require private trash haulers to take garbage to the incinerator. Haulers don't like the idea and say it would illegally interfere with interstate commerce.

Of course, the county could send recyclables to the incinerator; it now recycles about 37 percent of

its garbage, above the state requirement of 25 percent.

"Isn't it ironic that in trying to become environmentally sound, there ends up being a price tag for that?" said Robert Dix Jr., a member of the county board of supervisors.

TRENTON, Tenn. (AP) — It may be rude, but it isn't illegal for John Mathis to put a scatological bumper sticker on his truck.

Gibson County Judge Mark Agee ruled Thursday in favor of Mathis, who was ticketed last month for having an offensive decal on his truck.

State Trooper Glenn Taylor wrote the ticket after seeing the decal depicting a little boy — similar to the Calvin character in the "Calvin and Hobbes" comic strip — urinating on the word "Bama."

Mathis, a University of Tennessee football fan and bought the popular decal because the University of Alabama is a hated rival. He said the decal is constitutionally protected free speech.

Taylor said it violates state law banning patently offensive or obscene bumper stickers, signs and decals on a vehicle.

Agee, however, said the decal may be offensive, but it wasn't so offensive that it should be illegal.

SUN CITY, Ariz. (AP) — Whoever it was carried the guilt for more than 50 years and wanted to set things right.

Someone sent an anonymous letter from the Phoenix suburb of Youngtown to a northern Idaho high school, addressed "to principal." Inside was \$50, and a note: "Money taken from girl students in 1944 or 1945, plus interest. I'm sorry. Please excuse."

John Myers, principal of Lakeland High School in Rathdrum, Idaho, says he'd like to contact the author but understands the person's desire to remain anonymous.

Myers presented the cash to the school board Monday night. He wonders about the circumstances of the crime and the person who apologized for it.

He also wants to thank the letter-writer for showing it's never too late to make amends.

"That person needs to know that they created a great lesson for us," he said.

Tuition program opens Oct. 12

AUSTIN (AP) — The next chance for Texans to pay future college tuition at today's prices will begin Oct. 12, with the cost of a four-year university plan for a newborn rising to \$11,609, the comptroller's office announced Friday.

That is about 6.5 percent higher than the \$10,904 rate of a year ago.

The higher charge reflects the rising costs of tuition and required fees at the state's public, four-year universities, officials said.

In its first three years, about 77,000 families have signed up for about \$750 million in contracts under the pay-now, learn-later Texas Tomorrow Fund program.

"The Texas Tomorrow Fund is the best education bargain this year and one of the safest investments for your hard-earned money," Comptroller John Sharp said.

Parents of a newborn can pay for 128 hours of university tuition and required fees for less than \$100 a month until the child graduates from high school. Sharp described that as not only a bargain — but a safe haven for their money at a time when the stock market is on a roller coaster.

"Unlike the stock market, the prepaid tuition pro-

gram is guaranteed by the state. It'll be there to pay your child's tuition and required fees, when he or she is ready to go to college," Sharp said.

The Texas Tomorrow Fund allows parents, grandparents or others to prepay tuition and required fees at four-year public universities, two-year community colleges and a combination of both.

The fund also offers a plan to cover the average private university tuition in Texas, a cost about three times higher than the public plan, said comptroller spokeswoman Carmen Luevanos.

The latest enrollment period will run from Oct. 12 through Feb. 18, 1999.

According to Ms. Luevanos, the four-year university plan for a student now in kindergarten will cost \$12,024, up from \$11,382; the cost for a high school senior is \$12,899, up from \$12,403.

The Tomorrow Fund was approved by the Legislature in 1995. Already, about 1,500 students are using the contracts to pay for their education, officials said.

More than 83 percent of contracts sold so far have been for four-year public universities; another 10 percent are for the two-year community college

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plus two-year senior university plan; about 5 percent are for a two-year community college plan; and nearly 2 percent are for the private university plan. Nearly 40 percent of purchasers chose the option

of monthly payments; nearly 28 percent of contracts were paid in full in a single lump sum; more than 16 percent of purchasers selected a five-year payment plan; and 15.6 percent chose a 10-year payment plan.

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The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award. Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Jerry Raines, Area Engineer, Pampa, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder. Usual rights reserved. 4-D-10220 4-76-0169-07-040 B-46 Sept. 13, 20, 1998</p> <p>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>A public hearing will be held on September 29, 1998, at 3:30 o'clock P.M. (CDT) at the offices of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, 105 E. Foster, Ste. 200, Pampa, Gray County, Texas, to consider a cash grant of Five Hundred Thousand dollars, and two forgivable loans totaling Five Hundred Thousand dollars, to Roden Dairy or any related entity for the location and development of a dairy facility, a fertilizer bagging plant and a bottling plant in Gray County, Texas, with projected employment of as many as 60 persons, and with substantial capital investments to be made by Roden Dairy.</p> <p>PAMPA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION by Lew Mollencamp Executive Director Aug. 30, Sept. 6, Sept. 20, 27, 1998</p>	<p>1 Public Notice</p> <p>The Grandview-Hopkins Independent School District will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 21, 1998, at the Grandview-Hopkins library at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed 1998-99 adoption of the effective tax rate. The public is invited to ask questions or seek information regarding the school's effective tax rate for the 1998-99 school year. The Board will adopt the effective tax rate at a special board meeting on Monday, September 28, 1998. B-48 Sept. 16, 17, 1998</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>The Pampa Independent School District, Pampa, Texas, will receive proposals for Athletic Supplies and Equipment in the Business Office at 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065, until 2:00 p.m., September 29, 1998. B-52 Sept. 18, 20, 1998</p>	<p>1 Public Notice</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>The Pampa Independent School District, Pampa, Texas, will receive proposals for Athletic Supplies and Equipment in the Business Office at 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065, until 2:00 p.m., September 29, 1998. B-53 Sept. 18, 20, 1998</p> <p>3 Personal</p> <p>MARY Kay Cosmetics and Skin-care. Facials, supplies, call Deb Stapleton, 665-2095.</p> <p>BEAUTICONTROL Cosmetics and Skin Care sales, service, and makeovers. 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Again, let's separate the wheat from the chaff. Maybe a jail for 30 boys is needed.

Maybe another facility for rehabilitation is needed.

But, the facts say we should not discuss rehabilitation and incarceration at the same time.

In Pampa, we have Genesis House. There are eight places for boys and eight places for girls. There have been no Gray County youth assigned to this facility since I became president of the Genesis House Board of Directors. In fact, in 1993 Genesis House discontinued services capable of drug and alcohol counseling on an out patient basis because of lack of use.

Fact: Randall and Potter Counties utilize Genesis House constantly as do counties as far away as El Paso.

Gray County currently houses juveniles in a for-profit facility in Corpus Christi. What are the costs? What are the services?

If Gray County needs a juvenile jail to generate 20 new employment positions in Pampa — fine. Go to it.

If Gray County wants rehabilitation for local juveniles involved in drug/alcohol abuse — fine. Go to it.

This commentary reflects my personal opinion and is not to be taken as reflective of the Genesis House Board.

David Gantz
Pampa

Lock-down facility won't solve problem

To the editor,
Why are we pursuing the course of building a county funded drug/alcohol lock-down facility? It is well documented that the recidivism rate for youth who have deteriorated to the level of confinement is extremely high. The overwhelming majority of these kids will never be absorbed back into society in a normal way.

It would seem practical to me that we work diligently with these kids before they hit bottom. Pampa has a United Way supported Genesis House which has an excellent track record for helping drug dependent youth. We have licensed drug and alcohol counselors here in Pampa who are not used by the county. Why do we bring in counselors from out of town to help our kids when the capability exists in Pampa?

The county has well in excess of 100 youth on probation with drug or alcohol problems and it seems they should explain what help these kids are getting at every level of dependency.

We are fooling ourselves if we believe locking down a handful of kids in Gray County is going to help with our teen drug/alcohol problem.

Bob Marx
Pampa

Facility is not an attractive prospect

To the editor,
As a citizen of Pampa and Gray County, I have many reservations concerning the

county establishing this teen lock down/confinement facility for severe drug/alcohol addicts. The location on Hobart Street is some of Pampa's prime business real estate and should be used for that purpose.

It would be beneficial to have an artist rendering of what the facility will look like, especially now that there will be portable classroom buildings placed on the property.

Speaking from a physicians

standpoint, you cannot lock kids down with no room for recreation or reflection. The limited outdoor space for exercise will be taxed even further by the addition of portable classrooms. We are being asked to invest our precious tax dollars in a facility we know little about and even less of its appearance.

Dr. Joe Lowry
Pampa

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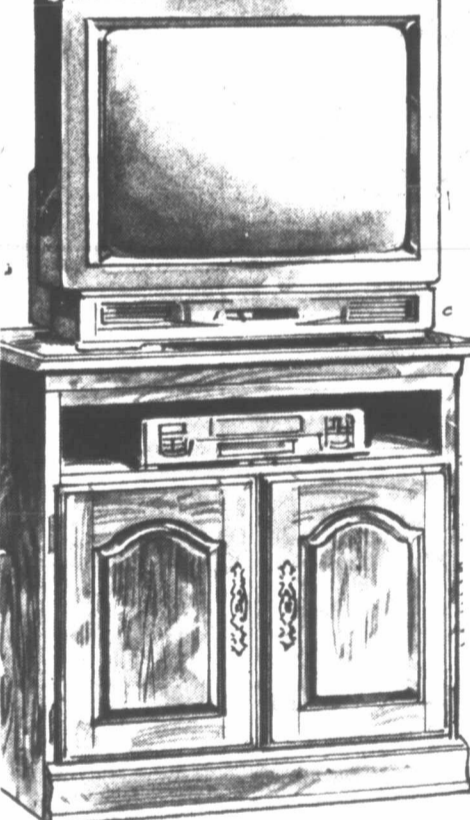
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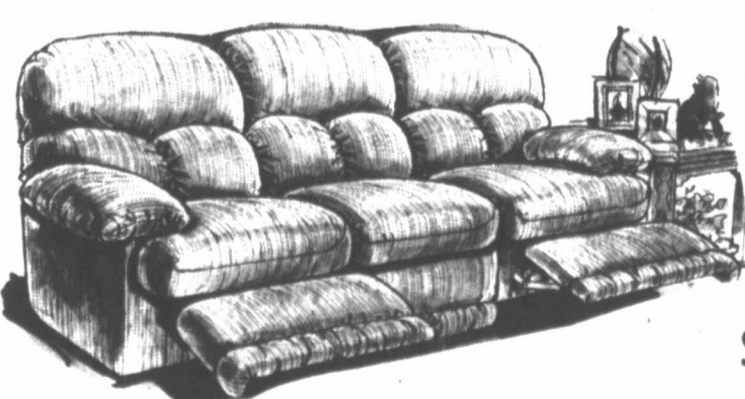
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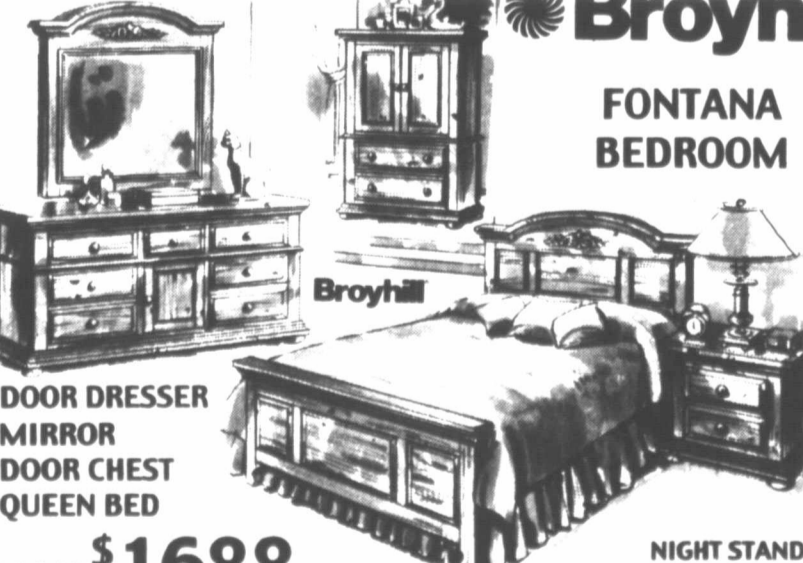
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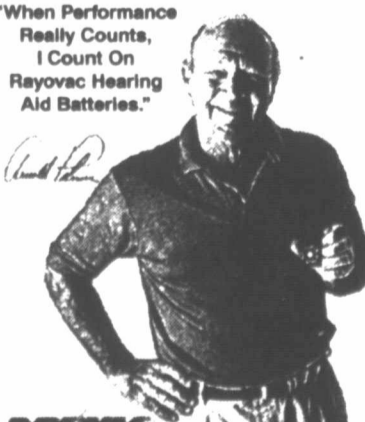
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