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## Domestic violence hits home...

### Pampa woman shares her story

By MIRANDA BAILEY  
Staff Writer

(This story is part of a series of articles written in honor of national Domestic Violence Awareness month. The name of the victim in this story has been changed for anonymity purposes. There are some graphic situations described that may not be suitable for children to read.)

It was four years ago that Mary found the strength inside to break away from her abusive husband.

The road has not been an easy one. It cost her something.

In exchange for the slow process of regaining herself, and in return for her freedom, she had to leave three children behind with a man who first verbally, then sexually, and finally physically abused her.

But she got something, too. She got her life back. Everyday women all over, even in Pampa, must find a way to survive the abuse that comes with living in a domestically violent household.

Some don't realize that the situation they are in is abusive. They don't see the manipulation, or the harsh words as abuse. They wouldn't dare call it that, anyway. And for those who do see it, who are forced to live it, they often don't know how to get out.

This is why "Mary" has come forward.

A Pampa resident, Mary agreed to anonymously share her story of the marriage that robbed her self-esteem and crushed her livelihood. She has honestly answered every question asked of her, and disclosed all the details behind a 20-year relationship ensnared in domestic violence in the hopes of helping other women.

Her advice to others consists of a credo which maintains that "keeping the family together" or "the fear of being a single parent" should have nothing to do with getting out of an abusive situation.

"Don't think about your children not having a father," Mary said. "Because staying is not worth it."

Mary spent 20 years of her life finding out the hard way.

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Looking back, she said, she can now see that she had ideas before she married that her husband had problems.

"But I loved him," she said.

Mary's relationship with her husband did not start with physical abuse. First, he destroyed any self-respect she had. She said she now can see how it was the hardest hit she ever received.

"Nothing you do is right ... look at how you look ... you're stupid," he would tell her.

She said she began to believe what he said, because "he

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ENTON (AP) — Despite a guilty plea on a charge of delivery of marijuana, Stephen Hale could still take office if he's elected on Nov. 3 as district attorney of Denton County.

Hale pleaded guilty Monday and was given two years probation and deferred adjudication. The conviction will be erased from his record if he successfully completes the probation.

Hale, a Democrat, said after he was arrested in March that he would withdraw as a candidate, but he did not submit the necessary paperwork to the Texas secretary of state's office and his name remains on the ballot.

"If elected, I am eligible to serve, and I'm thinking about it," Hale said. "I believe that people who would support me don't care about my giving a little bit of marijuana to a former girlfriend, and those who hate me will hate me anyway."

Hale's opponent, Republican incumbent Bruce Isaacks, has denied any involvement in the charges against his rival.

Isaacks withdrew from prosecuting the marijuana case against Hale, and Collin County District Attorney Tom O'Connell was appointed special prosecutor.

But Isaacks said Monday that Hale's guilty plea is "further evidence of the little regard Hale has for the law and the office he was seeking."

"However, I don't have any ill will toward him," Isaacks said. "I hope he can get this chapter behind him and can continue to be a practicing attorney and a productive citizen."

• Billy Ray Skaggs, 62, employed in sales for 48 years.

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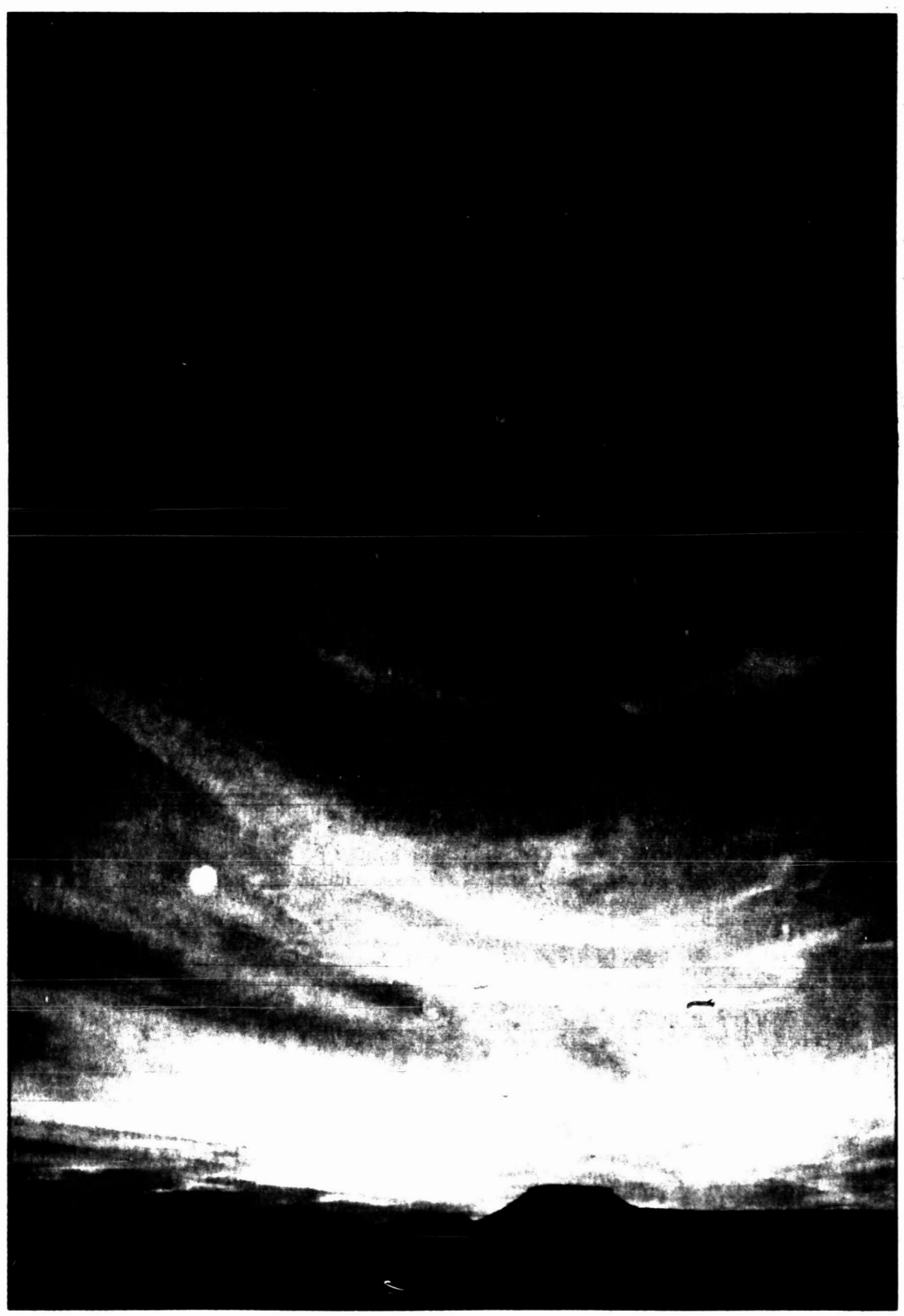
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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Dramatic panhandle sunrises, such as this one near Miami in Roberts County, will come an hour earlier by the end of this month. With Daylight Savings Time scheduled to end Oct. 25, the fourth weekend of the month, clocks should be set back one hour. Daylight Savings Time officially ends at 2 a.m. that Sunday.

## Sales tax returns drop Oil industry losses getting partial blame

Revenue from Pampa sales tax started on a down note for fiscal year 98/99.

City officials report that sales tax revenue for October was \$155,519.84. That was down just under \$10,000 from the record revenues of last year and puts revenues about \$8,000 under the budget.

The October report is for sales made during August. Finance Director John Horst said the downturn in the oil industry as well as the drought probably had an effect.

"What IRI has been doing can't help but affect sales, we'll see what November does," Horst said. He was making reference to recent layoffs at the company.

He said that a slight decrease doesn't affect the city's ability to do business because the budget has a contingency fund built in so that even if the city fell this short by the end of the year the contingency fund would cover it.

The half-cent sales tax that is going to the Pampa Economic Development Corporation raised \$51,840 which was down the same percentage from last years revenues as the city.

## Perry says Sharp, not he, voted for inmate release bill

By PEGGY FIKAC  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — A new ad by lieutenant governor candidate John Sharp blames election foe Rick Perry for the early release of a prisoner who then killed a teen-age girl. But the criminal actually won release based on a law supported by Sharp, Perry and criminal justice officials said Monday.

"This weekend I discovered that John Sharp will indeed say or do anything to get elected," Perry charged.

Sharp contended that Perry, Republican criminal justice officials and a prison spokesman are wrong. He maintained that it was a law supported by Perry that resulted in the inmate's early release.

The inmate — Gary Wayne Etheridge — now is on death row. He had been sent to prison for burglary in 1985 and assaulted another inmate in 1986, according to prison officials.

Because of a 1983 prison-management law, Etheridge collected extra "good-time credit" allowing him to be released before serving his actual sentence, officials said.

After his release in 1989, Etheridge was convicted of killing a 15-year-old girl in 1990 in Brazoria County.

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## Red Cross volunteer answers call to Del Rio

By JEFF WEST  
Staff Writer

The Red Cross always seem to show up wherever disaster strikes, but only because of volunteers like Harold Haines who recently returned from Del Rio, Texas where he helped flood victims.

Haines, a Canadian resident, serves on the Board of directors for the Pampa Area Red Cross. He is also a Red Cross volunteer who has been trained in Mass Care.

When flooding hit Del Rio last month the national Red Cross sprung into action

to get help to those displaced from their homes.

According to local Red Cross Director Stephanie Guest, every Red Cross Chapter is asked to send a list of local volunteers who are trained and able to respond to a disaster. Among the names she sent was Haines.

Haines is a corrections officer at the Jordan Unit. He said the state has a program called Ready Texan which allows an employee up to 10 days off a year to serve with a service organization.

There was very little time to prepare.

Haines was notified on Sept. 1, and left on Sept. 3.

Haines said the volunteers from around the country had to fly into San Antonio and then take a van into Del Rio.

He was assigned to a warehouse helping ship food, water, cleaning supplies and emergency materials to distribution points. He said trucks rolled in and out of there all day long.

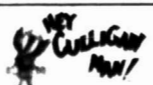
Because hotel and motel rooms had been taken by flood victims, volunteers had to stay in outlying areas at night. At first, they stayed in Eagle Pass which

Haines said is about 80 miles away. Later he was able to stay in Fort Clark which was closer at about 30 miles from the warehouse. The first night he was there he slept in a church shelter.

There was little time to worry about sleeping though because Haines and others were working 16 hours a day. At first there was electricity so everything, including driving a forklift, had to be done by flashlight. Later, electricity and running water were restored. It was about a week before land-line phones were

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## Services tomorrow

**SKAGGS, Billy Ray** — 10 a.m., Rector Funeral Home Chapel, Amarillo.

## Obituaries

### BILLY RAY SKAGGS

**AMARILLO** — Billy Ray Skaggs, 62, brother of a Lefors resident, died Monday, Oct. 19, 1998. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Rector Funeral Home Chapel with Phillip Roland, pastor of First Christian Family Worship Center, officiating. Mr. Skaggs was born at Quail. He had been an Amarillo resident for the past 21 years. He was involved in sales for 48 years and was a member of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Korean Conflict. Survivors include a daughter, Anglia Smith of Antlers, Okla.; two sons, Flint Skaggs of Wichita Falls and Billy Skaggs of Las Vegas; a sister, Inez Stephens of Lefors; and two brothers, Harvey Skaggs of Ojai, Calif., and J.D. Skaggs of Hedley. The family will be at 2212 S. Ong and requests memorials be to Veteran Affairs Hospice Program, 6010 W. Amarillo Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.

## Calendar of events

### PAMPA CHESS CLUB

The Pampa Chess Club meets every Tuesday night at Yummie's Pizza in the Pampa Mall at 7:30 p.m. We offer casual yet competitive games, free instruction, and a quarterly newsletter. For more information contact James A. Shook at 669-0227.

### TRALEE CRISIS CENTER FOR WOMEN

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

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa.		Chevron		86 1/2		up 3/16	
Wheat	2.71	Coca Cola	69 1/8	up 3/4			
Milo	3.49	Columbia/HCA	19 7/8	up 3/16			
Corn	3.79	Enron	53 3/16	up 5/8			
Soybeans	4.86	Halliburton	33 1/2	up 1/4			
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation.		IBM	4 1/4	up 5/16			
Occidental	21 5/16	KNE	49 7/8	up 1/8			
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation.		Kerr McGee	41 13/16	dn 1/2			
Magellan	100.84	Limited	26 11/16	up 7/16			
Puritan	18.61	McDonald's	66 5/8	dn 1/2			
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.		Mobil	77 3/16	up 3/8			
Amoco	53 3/16	New Atmos	29 1/2	up 1/2			
Arco	70 1/8	NCE	48 1/16	up 1/4			
Cabot	27	Penney's	49 9/16	up 5/8			
Cabot O&G	15 13/16	Phillips	44 5/8	up 1 3/8			
		Pioneer Nat. Res.	13 7/8	up 1/4			
		SLB	51 7/8	NC			
		Tenneco	33 9/16	up 5/8			
		Texas	61 1/16	up 3/16			
		Ultramar	29 7/16	dn 1/2			
		Wal Mart	67 15/16	dn 13/16			
		Williams	26 7/8	dn 2			
		New York Gold	295.40				
		Silver	4.83				
		West Texas Crude	13.62				

## Police report

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

### Monday, October 19

Theft was reported in the 600 block of N. Naida. Hit and run was reported in the 2200 block of N. Hobart.

## Sheriff's Office

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

### Monday, October 19

Joe Ray Calloway, 24, Amarillo, was arrested on charges of simple assault possession of a controlled substance and probation violation.

## Ambulance

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

### Monday, October 19

9:19 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to S. Boydston Road in Gray County and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.  
10:31 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of N. Frost and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.  
1:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to an Amarillo hospital.  
4:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo.  
8:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of N. Wells and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.  
**Tuesday, October 20**  
1:17 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

## Fires

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

### Monday, October 19

10:35 a.m. — Two units and five personnel responded to the 500 block of N. Frost on a medical.

## 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

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working and until then the only communication, was by radio, cell phones and pagers.

"We used pagers a lot," Haines said.

The experience was rewarding. He said it inspired him to see people who had lost everything they owned out helping someone else with their property.

By the end of his 10-day stay, disaster services were scaled back and it was no longer necessary to feed people.

Haines asks anyone interested in helping neighbors near or far to join the Red Cross and take the training so when disaster strikes someone will be there to help.

The local Red Cross number is 669-7121.

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Red Cross Volunteer Harold Haines recently returned from a rescue mission in Del Rio.

## DOMESTIC

was my husband." She trusted his opinion. And after being told repeatedly she was inadequate, over time it was not hard for her to understand why he then began going out on her with other women.

The abuse progressed though Mary's relationship with the outside world began to cease.

"He" didn't want her to go out with her friends. She was told not to see her friends or family because "they always fought" when Mary returned from visiting with them.

She also began to want to avoid the hassle of dealing with him about her visits to family members. And she didn't want others to see the problems she was having with her marriage. So Mary said she pulled away from others as much as she pushed her away from them.

He didn't want her to wear make-up. She stopped doing her hair. With no social life at all, Mary had no friends, no family member with whom to communicate.

All she had was her children.

And the years flew by, she said, as she spent her days trying to hide from them the verbal, and deep emotional abuse her husband was inflicting upon her in a slow, secretive way.

Little did she know at the time that those little comments about her "ugliness" and her "stupidity" would be the biggest source of bondage in the abusive relationship. Mary said that as he made her feel useless, as she began to believe she was nothing, she became weak — too weak to adequately fight off the next stages of the abuse she was about to face.

Her husband was cheating on her. She later found out he was sleeping with her own sister. But she didn't know what to do. He told her that she drove him to another woman because she was ugly. He often told their children that their mother was a crazy, ugly and stupid person.

"I thought I was in the wrong. I thought I was causing him to look for somebody else."

She says she can see that he was so abusive because he made her an object. After he started abusing her with words, it was soon to change into a sexually abusive situation.

"He made me look at x-rated movies. He did things for his own pleasure. It was too much. He was getting out of hand," said Mary.

She said after he started doing "the things in these movies," and making her do things she didn't want to do, that he started "pushing" her around.

"But I always kept my problems to myself. I didn't want my children to know the situation."

The torment she was going through personally was translated into a "sickness" by her husband. If

she tried to explain anything about what was going on or her feelings, he told her kids she was "the sick one." And they believed it, she said.

"Yes, because my children decided to stay with him," she recalls the day she left four years ago.

"The day I left the house he had hit me hard the day before. But not before he made her wake up her children to tell them she was leaving. Again, the blame was placed on her.

"I can't handle your father, I can't take it no more," she said she told her oldest child.

The words that he wanted to sound like an admission of something done wrong were actually the words that saved her life.

Mary said she stayed with him for 20 years because she wanted to keep her family together. She said she thought she could endure the abuse and the ridicule of neighbors about the state of her marriage because she didn't want her children to grow up in a single-parent family.

"I didn't say a thing when he was living with my sister. I wanted to wait it out ... and yes, I wanted to tell my children," but Mary said she endured it all believing that one day her children would grow up, and she could tell them what has really happened.

"I wanted to tell them that I had survived." Eventually, the repeated physical abuse was the wake-up call that made her realize if she stuck around, she would not make it long enough, she would not survive.

While her husband treated her children "well" compared to her, Mary said she wasn't allowed to see them for six months after she decided to leave.

"My children lasted there — the baby still lives there," she said. "Now I see them all, we're reunited and we do have a mother and children relationship."

Mary said now that she has finally started thinking about herself, since she has spent these four years regaining the self-esteem that was stolen from her, she has begun to be able to get on with her life.

She attributes her success as thriving businesswoman today because of the counselors and staff at Pampa's Tralee Crisis Center.

"The counselors taught me not to live in my past, to forget the past, to go on with my life and make it a better life," she said.

"Mary wants women to know this: You must absolutely make a decision and stick to it. You can't go back on your decision to leave the abuse, she said. And know that there is someone to help you. You are not alone.

"I left once, and that was it. I'm not going back. We have to start living, and we have to believe in ourselves ... we have to learn to better our lives, to like ourselves and then you can go on."

## Weather focus

### LOCAL FORECAST

Cloudy and cool today with a 40 percent chance of rain and a high of 60 with east winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight, cloudy and cold with a low of 37. There's a 40 percent chance of rain and east-northeast winds at 5-10 mph. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain and a high in the low 60s. Winds will be from the northeast at 5-15 mph. Yesterday's high was 71; the overnight low 52. There was a trace of moisture overnight.

### REGIONAL FORECAST

**WEST TEXAS** — Panhandle — Tonight, cloudy and cold with a 50 percent chance of rain. Low around 35. East to northeast wind 5-10 mph. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain. High 55 to 60. Northeast wind 5-15 mph. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, cloudy with a chance of rain. Lows around 40. Wednesday, cloudy with a chance of rain. Highs in the 50s. Permian

Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, rain likely with a few thunderstorms possible. Lows in the mid 40s to around 50. Wednesday, cloudy with a chance of rain. Highs in the 50s. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, rain likely. Lows around 50. Wednesday, cloudy with a chance of rain. Highs around 60. Far West Texas — Tonight, showers or thunderstorms likely. Lows around 50. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs mid 60s.

**NORTH TEXAS** — Tonight, rain likely west and south. A chance of rain elsewhere, otherwise cloudy. Low around 50 northwest to 58 southeast. Wednesday, cloudy with rain ending by midday west and central. Cloudy east with a chance of rain. High 61 northwest to 71 southeast.

**SOUTH TEXAS** — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, cloudy with scattered showers. Low near 60. Wednesday, cloudy with a chance of showers. High in the mid 60s. Southeast Texas and

Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, cloudy with scattered showers. Low in the mid 60s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. High in the lower to mid 70s. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, mostly cloudy with scattered showers. Lows in the 60s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy and breezy with a slight chance of showers. Highs in the mid 70s. North wind 15 to 20 mph.

**BORDER STATES** — Tonight, wednesday and Wednesday night, mostly cloudy with scattered to numerous showers and high mountain snow showers. Lows both nights mid 20s to 30s mountains and northeast with 40s to lower 50s elsewhere. Highs Wednesday 40s and 50s mountains and north with mostly 60s lower elevations south.

**OKLAHOMA** — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a few showers possible. Lows from the upper 30s to upper 40s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy southwest sections, Partly in the mostly sunny elsewhere. Highs in the upper 50s to mid 60s.

# Odds and ends...

**SANTA FE, N.M. (AP)** — Norma Hayduk noticed an envelope marked "For You" sticking out of the slats of a park bench as she strolled by. So naturally she looked.

Inside was \$100 and a note that read: "Hello. Yes, this is for you and yes, this is for real. Money comes in my life and I am grateful for it. This is my way for me to express my gratitude. We live in a vast and infinitely abundant universe. There is more than enough for all of us. Enjoy, a friend."

She ran back to her husband, Kenneth, to show him what she had found.

"I've never run into anything like this before," said Kenneth Hayduk. "We sure can use this. We're just average folks."

Hayduk, 51, is a heat, ventilation and air conditioning technician apprentice. Mrs. Hayduk, 48, is a customer service representative.

Hayduk said he hopes whoever left the money knows it was appreciated and that yes, the recently married couple will enjoy it.

"I guess there are some decent, caring people left in the world," he said. "I don't know what else to say."

**DURHAM, Maine (AP)** — Don't call anyone a dirty rat in June Harding's home. That would insult her pets.

"They're actually very clean," Harding said recently as two of her eight pet rats scurried up and down her arms and neck. "They can live in dirty surroundings, but they keep themselves very clean and they're sweet and they're not vicious."

They're also intelligent and affectionate, she said. In her three years as a rat owner, Harding says she has never been bitten.

She has eight Norway rats with names like Zorro, Velvet, Mollie, Elizabeth and Little Bit. "They know their names, and they're like kids; they come when

they want to," Harding said. She breeds rats, but only sells to people who want them as pets. "I make sure they're not snake food," she said.

Harding recently attended the North American Rat and Mouse Club international competition in Hershey, Pa., with 200 other enthusiasts.

It was Harding's third convention and she took her three male rats. They all placed in various categories. Peter Bear was recognized not for his size but his general good demeanor, placing fourth in the "pets" category.

A couple of years ago, Molli placed "Most Inquisitive" because, Harding said, "When they opened her cage, she ran right over to the judges."

**MILFORD, Mich. (AP)** — The alligator could take being arrested — until he got a look at the police officer's shoes.

A truck driver spotted the 3-foot alligator sunning itself Monday afternoon on a road near Milford, 40 miles northwest of Detroit. The trucker called police after managing to tape the reptile's mouth shut.

"The trucker was pretty gutsy," Officer Tim Seguin said. "But alligators are cold-blooded, so they're going to be pretty sluggish around this time of year."

Seguin and two other officers called Oakland County Animal Control, then put the alligator in a patrol car. It tried to hide under the driver's seat, but one of the officers used a box and blankets from a nearby business to create a temporary home for it.

The alligator, believed to be an escaped or abandoned pet, snapped once before Animal Control arrived.

"He didn't like one of our officers," Seguin said. "It probably had something to do with his shoes. Maybe he thought he was looking at a relative."

## Stocks up at noon for fifth straight session

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Stocks rose for a fifth straight session today as investors continued to rush back into the market, motivated by falling interest rates and fears of missing out on the biggest rally in four months.

At 11 a.m. on Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 140.07 at 8,606.52 after rising as much as 179 points earlier.

The blue-chip barometer has now risen nearly 700 points in five sessions, with most of that gain coming after last Thursday's surprise interest rate cut at the Federal Reserve.

Broader stock indicators were also posting sizable gains today, padding a sharp rebound that actually began two weeks ago as the market flirted with new lows for the year.

During that rebound, the Dow has jumped more than 1,100 points from the bottom of a steep slide that threatened to push it below the summer low of 7,400.

Thursday's rate cut — the second in a month and unexpected because it came before the Fed's next scheduled meeting in November — instilled confidence that the central bank is dealing with the drag

of economic crises abroad.

In the latest evidence of that drag, the Commerce Department reported today that the U.S. trade deficit surged 15.3 percent to a record \$16.8 billion in August as Asia's economic woes pushed exports down for a fifth straight month.

Meanwhile, in another indication of renewed confidence on Wall Street, a sudden flurry of merger speculation continued with a report saying Bankers Trust is discussing a takeover by Germany's Deutsche Bank.

On Monday, mergers between two health care-related companies, McKesson and HBO & Co., and two supermarket chains, Kroger and Fred Meyer, helped energize the market.

In other trading today, the Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 16.59 at 1,078.98, and the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index was up 29.17 at 1,677.90.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 7-to-2 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 435.83 million shares, accelerating from Monday's brisk pace.

## City briefs

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# Nursing Home Advocacy Project provides free legal advice to families

The Nursing Home Advocacy Project provides free legal advice, by toll-free telephone, to nursing home residents and their families who encounter problems with quality of care.

In their efforts to cut costs, some nursing homes have hired inadequately trained staff, reduced staffing ratios, and reduced basic medical services. In some instances, these actions have resulted in permanent physical damage to the resident or even death. Residents and their families often do not know who to turn to for unbiased, confidential legal advice when such mistakes occur. The resident or family member may fear retaliation, if the resident is still in the care of the offending nursing home.

The result is that many families receive no legal help in securing redress of injuries. Other families locate legal help through yellow-pages, TV advertisements, and similar means. Those lawyers are not screened, and often refer cases to yet another lawyer, who shares a generous fee from the client.

As an alternative, residents or family members may call the Nursing Home Advocacy Project, operated by the Legal Hotline for Older Texans,

and receive direct, unbiased information from attorneys who are expert in elder law. Depending on the case, the attorney may coach the in dealing with the nursing home or filing a complaint with the Department of Human Services, or put the caller in touch with the local Long Term Care Ombudsman or other advocacy group. In appropriate cases, the Hotline would refer the caller to a Board certified attorney with experience in injury cases. Hotline referral attorneys have agreed to charge reduced fees in cases referred by the Hotline.

The Nursing Home Advocacy Project is supported by the private donations, the Texas Bar Foundation, and the American Association of Retired Persons, in cooperation with the Texas Department on Aging. The Legal Hotline for Older Texans is a project of the Texas Legal Services Center, with support from the Texas Department on Aging, the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation, and the AARP.

To reach the Nursing Home Advocacy Project, call toll-free to 1-888-343-4414. This number may also be used to order free brochures for distribution to interested persons in your community.

## Beanie Baby Raffle



Brenda Palmateer was the first place winner of Pampa Middle School Teen Leadership Beanie Baby Raffle to benefit Justin Cottrell.

(Community Camera photo)

## Family and consumer science agents to host holiday program

AMARILLO — The Texas Agricultural Extension Service Panhandle District county Extension agents for family and consumer sciences will host "Celebrate" Oct. 29 at Texas A&M Extension and Research Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West. Afternoon registration for the program will begin at 1 p.m. The evening session, a repeat of the afternoon program, will begin with registration at 6 p.m.

Holiday ideas galore for decorating, entertaining and gift-giving will be highlighted during the program. "Entertaining 101" is the lead presentation to be given by Susie Breitling and Kay Bezner of Dalhart. Tips for top notch hostesses will be the focus.

Jean Wood of Floral Expressions in Amarillo will demonstrate holiday centerpieces for festive occasions.

Mrs. Santa will visit with some reminders about food safety when preparing gala holiday events, and each of the Extension agents in the area will

offer their own holiday idea, ready for duplication, from written instructions included in each participant packet.

In the adjoining classroom, the agents will each appoint a holiday table and serve a prepared recipe selected to enhance entertaining for special holiday occasions. A variety of recipes including main entrees, desserts and appetizers will be available for tasting. Recipes for each will also be included in the participant information packets.

Tickets purchased in advance are \$6 each. On-site admission is \$7.50. Tickets are available at any of the county offices in the Panhandle district or at your local county Extension office.

Complete agendas are available from the participating agents.

The event is sponsored by the Panhandle District Texas Association of Extension Family and Consumer Sciences. Officers include Beverly Harder of Hereford, Jeanene Montgomery of Panhandle and Leicia Redwine of Claude.

## AATP, Kensington Cottages team up to mark Alzheimer's Awareness Month

AMARILLO — Alzheimer's Association of the Texas Panhandle and Kensington Cottages by Centex will present an educational workshop, "Impact of Alzheimer's Disease for Family and Professional Caregivers," from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4 at Amarillo College Workforce Development, 1314 S. Polk. The workshop is in observance of November as National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month.

Workshop presenters include Loralu Raburn, MD., specializing in neurology; Jeff Eggleston, attorney with the law firm Burdett, Morgan and Thomas; Aneka Mobley, RMT-BC, activi-

ty director and music therapy services at Ware Memorial; and Sheila West, B.S., executive director of the Panhandle chapter.

The morning session will identify family dynamics critical to addressing the special needs of people with dementia in the home setting. The afternoon session will review neuropathology of Alzheimer's, clinical assessment, pharmacological and psychological interventions and "hands-on" quality of care for residents and patients with Alzheimer's disease.

In addition, Workforce Development Exhibit will showcase numerous vendor displays

of products, care options and services for families and professionals.

Registration fee for family members is \$5 and will include the morning session, break, materials and vendor displays. Professionals whose work brings them into contact with people suffering from Alzheimer's or their families may register for 8.0 continuing education units for \$49 which includes entire program, materials, breaks, lunch, vendor displays and CEUs.

Pre-registration is encouraged as seating is limited. For more information or to obtain a registration form, call (806) 372-8693 or 1-800-687-8693. Registration deadline is Oct. 30.

## 16th Annual Honey Festival in Erick slated

ERICK, Okla. — The 16th Annual Honey Festival in Erick will be held Saturday, Nov. 14.

The Main Attraction is the Arts and Crafts Show and Sale held from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. in the high school. There will be over 40 booths, offering all types of handmade crafts including dolls, ceramics, stuffed animals, wood crafts, Christmas decorations, baskets, clothing, art, afghans, floral arrangements, jewelry, much more.

Food to tempt your taste buds will be available along with Health Care Agencies take blood pressure and blood.

There will be an Antique and Classic Car Show at the south end of the school.

A parade will begin at 1 p.m.

This year's Queen Bee, Honey Bee, Little Stinger and Baby Bee's will be crowned at the Awards Ceremony at the School Cafeteria at 2:30 p.m. Royalty will be chosen prior to the festival.

There will be a Cooking Contest. Honey must be an ingredient of each entry.

A Gospel Concert will be held at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. There will not be an admission fee; however donations will be taken for a local charity.

The Honey Farm will participate with an open house. It is under new management and will have a full day for those who attend.

Hours for the Festival will be 7 a.m.-7 p.m. On Sunday, there will be a special program at the Honey Farm for people who were unable to attend the open house on Saturday. Everyone is invited to come and see the many changes that are taking place at the farm.

The 100th Meridian Museum, located at the corner of Sheb Wooley Avenue and Roger Miller Boulevard, will be open during the festival.

There will be on stage local talent at the High School Cafeteria. No admission charge.

For more information, call (405) 526-3505 or (405) 526-3012.

## Lady Buffs to sponsor Pumpkin Carving Contest

CANYON — West Texas A&M University women's basketball team will host Lady Buff Pumpkin Carving Contest at 2 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Wal-Mart parking lot in Canyon.

Youth 12 and under are eligible to compete. There is no charge to enter the contest. Participants must bring their

own pumpkin and carving utensils. Each participant will be paired with a Lady Buff basketball player or member of the coaching staff.

A distinguished list of area celebrity judges will select the winners. The first place winner will receive two season ticket passes to the Lady Buff basket-

ball games in 1998-99. The second place winner will receive an autographed basketball signed by this year's Lady Buff basketball team. The third place winner will receive a Lady Buff basketball T-shirt.

In addition to the contest, the Lady Buff team encourages fans to drop off canned food items to be donated to local food banks for the Thanksgiving holidays.

For more information, call WTAMU Women's Basketball Assistant Coach Keri DePriest at (806) 651-2918.

## Mini Bazaar in offing, booth spaces open

PERRYTON — The ninth annual Mini Bazaar will be held from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Ochiltree Exposition building in Perryton.

A large range of merchandise will be available including angels, antiques, aprons, baked goods, Barbie clothes, baskets, bears, candles, candy, ceramics, cookbooks, cosmetics, custom-made knives, elephants, guns, hand bags, home decorations, jewelry, leaded crystal items, nativity sets, woodcrafts, yard decorations and much more.

Family Community Education Club will have a food concession stand. Admission to the bazaar is free of charge.

This event is open to craftsmen, hobbyists and collectors and space is still available. For more information, call (806) 435-4515, 435-2104, 435-3893 or 435-3876.

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Inside the Beltway  
 with  
 Sen. Hutchison

Stamping out cancer is very worthy cause

I'd be willing to bet there are few people in Texas who don't know someone who has been affected by breast cancer. One out of nine women in the United States will be afflicted with breast cancer at some time in her life. This year, it is estimated that 44,000 American women will die from this heart-breaking disease. Today, breast cancer still is the number one cancer killer of women between the ages of 15 and 54.

But we are on the verge of major advances in the prevention, early detection and treatment of breast cancer. Additional research funding has the potential to pay life-saving dividends.

Now there's a way all of us can help: The next time you go to the Post Office, you can enlist in the war against cancer.

Last year Congress created an innovative method to increase funding for breast cancer research. On May 9, 1998, for the first time in history, the U.S. Postal Service began selling a new stamp that will raise additional funds dedicated to finding a cure for breast cancer.

The stamp sells for 40 cents, eight cents more than a regular first-class stamp. 32 cents for first class postage, with the remainder going directly to fund breast cancer research efforts. Buy a stamp — contribute to cancer research.

When all 200 million of the breast cancer stamp's initial issue are sold, approximately \$16 million will be raised to fund critical breast cancer research efforts.

Despite increases in the last few years, funding is still desperately needed for cancer research. In 1996, the National Cancer Institute was able to only fund 28 percent of its research grant applicants — a decline from the 60 percent funding level it achieved in the 1970s. As managed health care expands and fewer insurance companies choose to affiliate with academic medical centers, our research institutions are losing revenues that in past decades have provided core support for cancer-fighting research efforts.

A bipartisan group of senators worked to make this stamp a reality, and I am proud to have been a part of that effort. The rest is Postal Service history. The stamp went on sale last summer.

This one-of-a-kind effort gives everyone a little something to contribute that, taken together, can make a big difference. Even if you aren't able to give time to help others, you can put your stamp on this project — and help to eradicate breast cancer.

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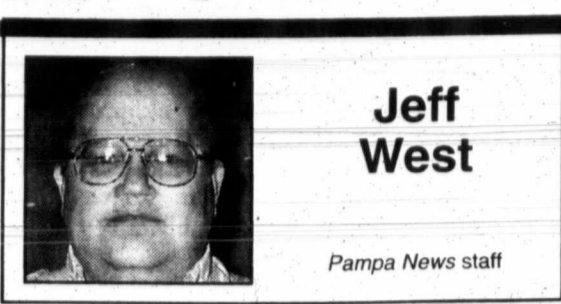
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We need Gene and Roy

It is old news by now that Gene Autry has died. Maybe I'm just now getting around to thinking about it because I've never been as quick on the draw as Gene, or Roy, who started down a happier trail a short time back. But I did start thinking about them and how we had lost them in some ways, not this year, but some time ago.

The saddest part of their loss to me is not the loss of the two old men whose health had been poor for some time. I have watched loved ones suffer from infirmities of old age and I do not wish that fate on anyone. The loss of Gene and Roy that is the saddest is the loss we suffered years ago, when we stopped believing in them.

I don't mean believing that the things they did in the movies were real. Even kids knew they were just stories. I mean believing that people should live by a code, on screen and off. And this isn't a "Boy wasn't every thing great back then compared to now," things There were as many sleazy people in movies and television in those days as now. The studios could keep it quieter then, when they had some drunken, doping, cheating star, but they were there, occasionally succumbing to their vices or getting hauled into court, or going away on an



extended "vacation" while they dried out. Gene and Roy weren't phonies though. They preached what they believed and believed what they preached. But at some point their audience decided not to believe anymore. Anti-heros came into fashion, hard-drinking and hard-living and almost no difference between the good guy and the bad guy. Heck, often the bad guy was the good guy. Can't blame Hollywood, or actors. Hollywood makes what people will pay to see, it's that simple. The audience just stopped believing in Gene and Roy.

We teach a lot about believing. Does Puff the Magic Dragon stop existing or does the boy simply

stop seeing him? Does Tinkerbell the fairy get better because the audience claps when Peter Pan asks or was she just stunned? You did clap didn't you? Santa Claus is part of what makes Christmas special for kids, a lot of kids hold on to jolly ol' St. Nick with their hearts longer than with their heads because they are afraid if they stop believing the presents may stop, or Christmas may not be as joyful. And it usually isn't.

We hold on to those beliefs into adulthood. A lucky rabbit's foot wasn't so lucky for the rabbit who had four of them but we hold on to them. Lucky shirts or socks probably don't actually hold any power to help us win, or do they? Maybe they do because we have given them that power.

Maybe we need the belief. Yes, many of us have religion, we need that belief in the Creator, but we need belief in some of the created, too. Belief in certain things that may be rooted in heaven but are grown here on earth. Beliefs that get us through. Like the belief that good guys can win and stay good. That's what I miss about Gene and Roy, after all, if they could win can't we all?

Be good to one another and be good to yourselves.



Today in history

**By The Associated Press**  
 Today is Tuesday, Oct. 20, the 293rd day of 1998. There are 72 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
 On Oct. 20, 1973, in the so-called Saturday Night Massacre, special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox was dismissed and Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson and Deputy Attorney General William B. French III resigned.

On this date:  
 In 1803, the U.S. Senate ratified the Louisiana Purchase.  
 In 1892, the city of Chicago dedicated the World's Columbian Exposition.  
 In 1903, a joint commission ruled in favor of the United States in a boundary dispute between the District of Alaska and Canada.  
 In 1944, during World War II, Gen. Douglas MacArthur stepped ashore at Leyte in the Philippines, 2 1/2 years after he'd said, "I shall return."  
 In 1947, as the House Un-American Activities Committee opened hearings into alleged Communist influence and infiltration within the American motion picture industry.

Voters face quandary at polls

When you go to the polls in November to express your feelings about what is going on in Washington, you have a choice that is clear, simple and utterly unsatisfactory.

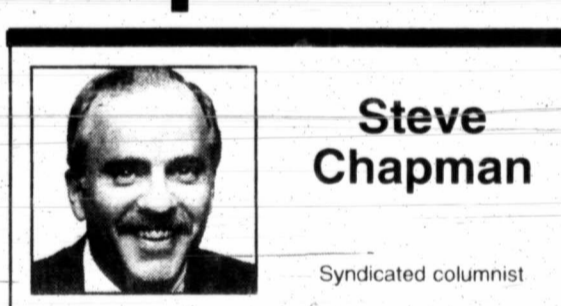
You can vote Republican to show you think President Clinton has behaved disgracefully and ought to be flogged for it. Or you can vote Democratic to make clear your view that congressional Republicans are conducting themselves with all the dispassionate restraint of a flock of buzzards on a gut wagon.

But what if you feel very strongly both ways? What if you disapprove both of presidents lying under oath and of members of Congress trying to overturn an election with the help of an out-of-control special prosecutor? What if your fondest hope is that Bill Clinton, Kenneth Starr, James Carville and Newt Gingrich spend eternity together in a studio apartment in the hottest section of hell?

Well, you're just out of luck. You might as well try to decide whether to award this year's Nobel Peace Prize to Saddam Hussein or Slobodan Milosevic. What is missing from the November ballot is the option that would most accurately convey the prevailing sentiment of the American electorate: "None of the above." Voters could stay home, but that might be taken as a symptom of mere sloth.

It's obvious that most people would not leave their wives, daughters or sisters alone with the president of the United States, and if they had him over for dinner, they would count their spoons after his departure. Democrats, Republicans and independents all agree that when it comes to moral leadership, a feral hog would be an improvement over Clinton.

But Americans have apparently long since concluded that I'm looking for moral leadership from



elect officials is a fool's errand. They regard Bill Clinton as a lying philanderer who also happens to be a perfectly competent president. In a CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll released just recently, 63 percent approved of how he is doing his job.

This doesn't mean most citizens have primly averted their eyes from what Clinton has done wrong. They see it, and they object to it. More than half of them want him to be formally censured by Congress. But they think that is the only punishment that fits the crime. Just one out of every three Americans would like to see him resign or be impeached.

Republicans are expecting to pick up seats in the House and Senate come Nov. 3, which they will undoubtedly interpret to mean that the public is on their side. But any gains will come in spite of public dissatisfaction with Trent Lott and Co. Only 44 percent of the people approve of how Congress is doing its job, with the GOP's approval rating down to a paltry 34 percent.

Politicians are often applauded when they defy public opinion and vote their consciences. John F. Kennedy's book was not called "Profiles in Popularity." As the legendary British parliamentar-

ian Edmund Burke said, "Your representative owes you, not his industry only, but his judgment; and he betrays instead of serving you if he sacrifices it to your opinion." That dictum is as sound today as it was in 1774. Any president or member of Congress who doesn't know what he or she thinks without reading the latest Harris survey belongs in another line of work.

But as Republicans have been happy to remind us, impeachment is a political process, not a judicial proceeding. The framers assigned the power to remove a president to democratically elected institutions because they did not want the results of a national election to be reversed lightly. At the same time, they wanted the decision to reflect not just political might but public wishes. So far, however, GOP members are charging over a cliff and trusting that the people will follow.

In the Watergate scandal, Congress acted only after the same voters who had twice elected President Nixon decided they would just as soon be governed by a randomly selected inmate of a maximum-security prison. Eight months before he resigned, 29 percent of Americans approved of his performance as president. That's the inverse of sentiment about Clinton. Most people think his behavior is enough to embarrass Caligula, but they plainly feel that it falls short of impeachable conduct.

Members of Congress have the prerogative of disagreeing, but they shouldn't rush to determine that the public has been abused in ways it is too stupid to recognize. GOP senators and representatives owe constituents their honest judgment about Clinton's sins, but they also owe us something equally valuable: the willingness to ponder long and hard the possibility that they are wrong.

Hunting: Great American tradition

The urbanization of America is so complete now that if you mention the word "hunt" to most folks, they'd think of that pretty gal Helen Hunt on television instead of woods and wildlife.

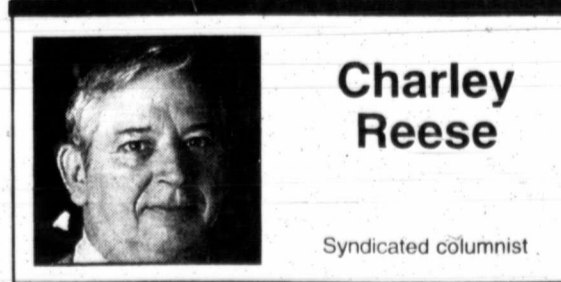
That's why the country is nutty.

Hunting animals and birds in the woods and fields is a real thing. Thinking a lot about people you don't even know except for their images on the screen is, well, kind of weird. Nevertheless, TV is so pervasive that probably lots of people feel they know actors and actresses better than they do the folks down the block.

Go ahead and call me a barbarian, but I am an occasional hunter. I have gotten to the point, though, where I don't want to shoot anything, too heavy to haul out of the woods comfortably. That narrows it down pretty much to rabbits and game birds. I like squirrels too much to shoot them, though I used to.

Florida white-tailed deer aren't very heavy, but they aren't very easy to find either. I've seen more and bigger deer dead on the highways in one trip to Pennsylvania than I've seen in the Florida scrub while hunting them for 10 years or more. I think in Florida there are a very few real deer but a lot of ghost deer who leave tracks and scat but are otherwise invisible.

But even as a boy I never aspired to hunt in Africa. I can't even imagine what work it is to drag a dead elephant all the way back to the car.



And what kind of car would you need to tie a dead elephant on the hood? Probably an 18-wheeler. But then, how could you see to drive?

Furthermore, my daddy taught me I had to eat anything I shot, and I don't have a freezer big enough to keep a ton of elephant steaks. No, African big-game hunting has always struck me as impractical. Besides, I don't especially care to hunt in places where there are critters that hunt you back.

I thought George the Cat Person who lives with me was big until I saw an African lion without the benefit of a cage between me and him. Seven hundred pounds of kitty cat is about 690 pounds too much, if you ask me.

But hunting in America is great, and if I were of an authoritarian nature, I would ban children from seeing Disney movies and require them all to shoot and skin a deer before they could get a

driver's license. That would give them a dose of realism and protect them from fantasies.

And it would certainly be much better for kids to shoot wild game rather than each other, which seems to be the product of television and movie watching.

There are few experiences that can match getting up before dawn to find a deer stand, watching the day creep up on the forest and then going back to camp to chow down on fried eggs, smoked bacon, jalapeno grits, washed down with a couple of Blood Marys, topped off with a nap in a sunny spot. That's such a good life that you don't even need to see a deer to enjoy it.

My dad was a fox hunter back in Georgia. The kind-of-fox hunting he and his friends did required no horses, let alone funny-looking red-and-white suits. They would drive out to a cabin near the Little River, the dogs loose, then go inside and play poker and sip bourbon while they listened to the hounds.

They usually hunted all night and my mother didn't mind because she would always empty my dad's pockets of his winnings while he slept in the next morning.

Hunting is a great American tradition that ought to be preserved, but to tell you the truth, if we don't shut down immigration and encourage some already here to leave (I nominate animal rights nuts, among others), places to hunt will get few and far between.

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## PERRY

Both Sharp, a Democrat, and Perry, a Republican, are former state legislators.

Sharp voted for the 1983 prison-management law. But he contended it was never invoked and that a 1987 prison-management law supported by Perry is to blame for Etheridge's release.

"There was not one prisoner released as a result of that (1983) bill," Sharp said.

In Sharp's ad, Perry is accused of voting for a law that "freed Etheridge and thousands of others to strike again."

But it was the 1983 law that applied to Etheridge because it was in effect when he committed his crime, said Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Glen Castlebury and Allan B. Polunsky, Texas Board of Criminal Justice chairman.

Perry said the measure he supported would have barred Etheridge from getting extra good-time credits because he had a history of violent behavior.

"John Sharp's TV ad is a bald-faced lie. Not only is it factually incorrect, it is a shameless attempt to exploit the death of a child to further his political ambitions," Perry said.

"John Sharp voted for the Prison Management Act, which allowed convicted criminals to be released from prison early during times of prison overcrowding," Perry said.

Brazoria County Sheriff Joe King and Harris County Sheriff Tommy Thomas, both Republicans, also slammed Sharp.

"If John Sharp wants to assign blame for Gary Wayne Etheridge's release, he should blame himself," Thomas said.

Polunsky — appointed to the prison board by former Republican Gov. Bill Clements and reappointed by Republican Gov. George W. Bush — joined Perry in criticizing Sharp.

"This is not a Republican or Democratic issue," Polunsky said. "The only reason I have involved myself at this point is because there are untruths being stated by Mr. Sharp and his people that directly impact the agency that I oversee."

Sharp began running another ad on criminal justice Monday in which a retired member of the elite law-enforcement Texas Rangers accuses Perry in his ads of distorting Sharp's record.

"It was Perry, not John Sharp who voted for the law that opened the flood gates and let thousands of criminals go free before their time," said Phil Ryan, the retired Ranger.

Perry spokesman Ray Sullivan said, "The Sharp campaign has proven that they will do anything and say anything to get elected, including to lie. We expect all their attack ads are based on false and deceptive information."

In other campaign developments:

— Rep. Richard Raymond, Democratic land commissioner candidate, said Republican opponent David Dewhurst should apologize for sending a campaign worker onto private property to photograph the home of Raymond's mother. "More than five weeks after the trespassing incident, neither you nor anyone on your campaign staff has admitted that what your campaign did was wrong," he wrote to Dewhurst.

Dewhurst has said Raymond lives at the Bastrop house rather than in his South Texas legislative district. Campaign spokesman Mark Sanders said of Raymond's letter: "Obviously, desperation has brought out the worst in him."

— Democratic comptroller candidate Paul Hobby began running a TV ad accusing Republican opponent Carole Keeton Rylander of leaving every public office she's held before the end of the term. Ms. Rylander said Hobby had "broken his pledge ... to run a positive campaign. He is trailing badly and he is desperate."

— Republican attorney general candidate John Cornyn accused Democratic rival Jim Mattox of "false advertising" in a commercial accusing Cornyn, then a Supreme Court justice, of taking campaign contributions from parties with pending cases for whom the court then ruled. "He is once again making reckless, irresponsible charges that have no basis in truth," Cornyn said.

Mattox defended the commercial as accurate and said, "If he stops running negative ads, I'll stop reminding voters of his pattern of dishonesty."

— The Texas Democratic and Republican parties are taking to the airwaves.

GOP radio and TV commercials aim to help candidates for the state House, where the party hopes to pick up eight seats and win its first 20th century majority. Democratic chair Molly Beth Malcolm said her party's ads would show the party's support of education, Social Security, health care and other family issues.

## Tunnel saves River Walk

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The popular River Walk could have been ravaged, the mayor said. Thanks to a new tunnel built to channel huge amounts of water, San Antonio's famous downtown River Walk has survived the flooding that engulfed other parts of the city.

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## Suicides prompt changes Harvard

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Three suicides by graduate students in the last two years have prompted Harvard University to take steps to cut the stress the students face. One change was actually suggested in a young man's suicide note.

Too many of the school's 3,400 graduate students felt they were

overworked and isolated and had few places to turn to for support, the university acknowledged. In all, the school has lost eight grad students to suicide since 1980.

"The expectations are enormous, and the stakes are enormous for graduate students," said Margot Gill, administrative

dean for Harvard's graduate school.

Harvard is making overall changes, and that each department is addressing its own issues of morale and stress, she said. The changes will particularly affect graduate students in the sciences.

One change for chemistry students follows the recommendation that Jason Altom made in his suicide note last August before he swallowed a lethal dose of potassium cyanide he took home from a laboratory. He was 27.

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## Guardsmen sees house swept away

CUERO, Texas (AP) — Texas State Guard Angie Navarro was helping control crowds at the edge of the rising Guadalupe River when she gasped.

"That's my house!" she cried, staring into the swift-flowing current. The blue-and-white wooden structure was floating down what used to be West Hamilton Street, a full two blocks from where she stood.

In one hand she clutched yellow plastic tape imprinted with "Caution." Her other hand went to her mouth to stifle a sob. "I can tell by the roof," she said quietly as her husband, Richard, also a guardsman, tried to comfort her Monday. A few minutes later, another house torn from its foundation sped past amazed spectators.

Worse could be on the way. This town of 7,000 people 90 miles southeast of San Antonio was preparing for the river to crest today. The Guadalupe is just one of many waterways swollen by weekend rains that swamped central and southern Texas.

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# Businesses curbing investment spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's businesses are curbing the investment spending that has powered the U.S. economy through a period of almost magical growth. Decisions on buying everything from desktop computers to massive turbines are being made with the same nervous eye.

Large companies with extensive international business were the first to curtail their plans in response to the financial storm that began in Asia last year and has since rolled over Russia and threatened Latin America.

"We will batten down the hatches ... and prepare for tougher times," said Larry Bossidy, chairman of AlliedSignal Corp., which makes aerospace and automotive products, chemicals and plastics. "That's always been a good formula in times past." A good formula for not-so-good times, that is. And he's hardly alone.

Among Fortune 500 executives attending the fall meeting of The Business Council in Williamsburg, Va., earlier this month, 64 percent said they had reduced their capital investment plans over the past few months. Only four percent said they had increased spending plans.

Now, according to other surveys, the mood of caution has spread, though to a lesser degree, to smaller firms and not just to those with ties to Asia.

"In the beginning, I wasn't terribly concerned," said Murray A. Gerber, president of Prototype & Plastic Mold Co. of Middletown, Conn. But now "some of the reality of the worldwide crisis is starting to dawn on those of us who aren't doing a lot of business overseas."

Prototype & Plastic, which employs 90 people in making parts for aircraft and medical instruments, expects to spend close to \$300,000 this year on new

molding machinery and quality-assurance equipment. Before settling on plans for next year, its sales executives are checking customers' business prospects.

"I am getting concerned," Gerber said. "I'm watching a little closer for what the direction seems to be."

If his company does scale back, and it is joined as expected by others, it will mute a roar in the nation's economy.

Although capital spending — on both equipment and new buildings — represents less than an eighth of the U.S. output of goods and services, it has accounted for more than a third of the nation's growth over the past two and a half years.

It grew at a 10 percent rate in 1996 and 1997 — and an extraordinary 17.5 percent rate during the first half of this year.

That spending has made business more efficient in many ways. Better computer systems have aided inventory control at factories. New technology has allowed people to use the telephone to manage their accounts at banks.

Efficiencies such as those have let companies raise wages and reap record profits without raising prices.

But now, the National Association for Business Economics projects growth in investment spending will lapse to just 6 percent next year. And that will have wider implications, said economist Mark

Zandi of Regional Financial Associates in West Chester, Pa.

"If businesses aren't going to invest aggressively, they're not going to hire aggressively," Zandi said. "There is a direct link between business investment plans and business hiring plans."

Surveys so far suggest the drop-off might be less severe at smaller companies. A poll last month by the National Association of Manufacturers showed 37 percent of small and medium-sized firms expected to increase capital spending by more than 5 percent while 31 percent of large companies planned to do so.

Six months earlier, the positions were reversed, with 52 percent of large companies and 45 percent of medium-sized and small companies expecting such an increase.

And a survey of mostly smaller firms by the National Federation of Independent Business showed 32 percent planned capital expenditures, down from a record 41 percent six months earlier.

Still, executives are aware that cutting back too much can damage their companies' ability to compete. And some, looking at long-term advantage, plan to sustain record investment spending.

"We feel like we've got a lot of unique opportunities around the world and if you don't take advantage of them when they exist, you're going to lose them," said Kenneth T. Derr, chairman of Chevron Corp.

## Prosecutors tighten their net around ex-governor

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Prosecutors appear to be closing in on former Gov. Edwin Edwards, the wily Cajun who once boasted, "The rules that apply to ordinary people do not fit me."

Piece by piece, damaging evidence is stacking up against Edwards, who is suspected of extorting millions in payoffs to steer riverboat casino licenses to friends and cronies while in and out of office.

A high-rolling gambler and ladies' man, the sharp-dressing, silver-haired 71-year-old has served as governor off and on since the 1970s with the kind of roguish charm that delights people in Louisiana.

He has survived two dozen investigations by his own proud court. In the mid-1980s, the Democrat was tried twice on federal racketeering charges involving hospital and nursing home investments. The first trial ended in a hung jury, the second in his acquittal.

But this time, the government's two-year investigation has led to some of Edwards' closest friends and business partners turning against him. Four of them have struck deals in which they have agreed to testify for the government if Edwards is indicted.

Among them: San Francisco 49ers owner Eddie DeBartolo Jr., who claims he was forced to give Edwards \$400,000 to head off problems with his application for a riverboat license.

Another friend, Robert Guidry, acknowledged in court last week that he paid Edwards and two others \$1.5 million, sometimes leaving the money in trash bins, to ensure approval of his riverboat project. Guidry, a millionaire tugboat operator, was part of Edwards' inner circle and once a regular at \$10,000-ante poker games at the governor's mansion.

"That's what makes this one a little different," said Wayne Parent, a political science professor at Louisiana State University. "A lot of us think his chances for

real trouble are much higher this time."

Edwards said that he expects to be indicted but that he has done nothing wrong.

He has acknowledged getting the \$400,000 from DeBartolo but has insisted it was for legitimate lobbying purposes.

As for the other allegations, he has yet to give an explanation, but Louisiana voters eagerly await one, partly because he has always had a witty and disarming answer, whether the accusation was about gambling, womanizing or illegal campaign contributions.

Asked recently if he thought the government would ever give up, he said: "Maybe when I die and am buried. Then they will dig me up three days later and say I was in the wrong grave." And when DeBartolo pleaded guilty, just before his football team was to play the New Orleans Saints, Edwards deadpanned: "I hope the 49ers lose on Sunday."

People who have followed Edwards' career have been as impressed with his merry, Houdini-like ability to get out of trouble as they have with his political skill.

## Spooky films top money makers at box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With Halloween right around the corner, two films with supernatural themes were the top draws at theaters over the weekend. The dark comedy "Happiness" also did well in limited release.

Starring Sandra Bullock and Nicole Kidman as witches, "Practical Magic" made its debut at No. 1 with \$13.1 million on a weekend that saw an 18 percent increase in business from the same time a year ago.

"Bride of Chucky" was second with \$11.8 million, the best debut for any film in the evil doll series. "Beloved" also debuted well, finishing fifth with \$8.17 million and the best per-theater average (\$5,400) of any film in wide release.

Maintaining box-office strength were "Antz," which collected \$11.2 million for third place, and "Rush Hour," which brought in \$8.2 million. Making an impressive debut in limited release was the black comedy "Happiness," which grossed \$130,303 for a huge per-location average of \$21,717.

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

1. "Practical Magic," Warner Bros., \$13.1 million, 2,652 locations, \$4,941 average, \$13.1 million, one week.
2. "Bride of Chucky," Universal, \$11.8 million, 2,412 locations, \$4,905 average, \$11.8 million, one week.
3. "Antz," DreamWorks, \$11.2 million, 2,903 locations, \$3,863 average, \$51.4 million, three weeks.
4. "Rush Hour," New Line, \$8.2 million, 2,724 locations, \$3,028 average, \$109.9 million, five weeks.

5. "Beloved," Disney, \$8.17 million, 1,501 locations, \$5,440 average, \$8.17 million, one week.

6. "What Dreams May Come," Polygram, \$6.4 million, 2,506 locations, \$2,555 average, \$41.1 million, three weeks.

7. "A Night at the Roxbury," Paramount, \$3.8 million, 2,169 locations, \$1,760 average, \$23.4 million, three weeks.

8. "Urban Legend," Sony, \$2.9 million, 2,063 locations, \$1,400 average, \$30.9 million, four weeks.

9. "Ronin," MGM/UA, \$2.8 million, 1,982 locations, \$1,415 average, \$35.4 million, four weeks.

10. "Holy Man," Disney, \$2.4 million, 2,013 locations, \$1,200 average, \$9 million, two weeks.

11. "There's Something About Mary," 20th Century Fox, \$1.9 million, 1,416 locations, \$1,320 average, \$164.8 million, 14 weeks.

12. "Saving Private Ryan," DreamWorks, \$903,995, 851 locations, \$1,062 average, \$187.7 million, 13 weeks.

13. "One True Thing," Universal, \$809,360, 1,072 locations, \$755 average, \$21.8 million, five weeks.

14. "Everest," MacGillivray, \$666,134, 63 locations, \$10,574 average, \$46.5 million, 33 weeks.

15. "Simon Birch," Disney, \$584,874, 708 locations, \$826 average, \$16.3 million, six weeks.

16. "Armageddon," Disney, \$536,506, 653 locations, \$822 average, \$199.6 million, 16 weeks.

17. "The Negotiator," Warner Bros., \$524,544, 734 locations, \$715 average, \$43.7 million, 12 weeks.

18. "Blade," New Line, \$393,574, 544 locations, \$723 average, \$67.7 million, nine weeks.

19. "The Impostors," Fox Searchlight, \$350,216, 162 locations, \$2,162 average, \$1.2 million, three weeks.

20. "The Mighty," Miramax, \$347,453, 129 locations, \$2,693 average, \$472,616, two weeks.

## Report warns Clinton criticism can bring punishment

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Military authorities are warning officers and enlisted personnel that "contemptuous words" about President Clinton could lead to disciplinary action, the Los Angeles Times reported today.

The threat of punishment reflects a concern over the public's criticism of Clinton for his relationship with Monica Lewinsky, the newspaper said. It was unclear what punishments were possible, though an Air Force officer said they tended to be mild unless the comments were from a high-ranking officer or were widely distributed.

"One should call an adulterous liar exactly what he is — a criminal," Maj. Shane Sellers, a 20-year Marine veteran, wrote Monday in a column in Navy Times.

A Marine major recently denounced Clinton in a newspaper column and an Army colonel criticized the president in a letter to the editor. Marine officers also have circulated an e-mail petition calling for Clinton's impeachment.

When Baer received his own certificate at his recent retirement ceremony, the letter brought scorn from attending soldiers, he wrote. Baer sent back his certificate, torn to pieces, and told Clinton "character is important and you've negotiated yours away."

In response to the public criticisms, Marine deputy commandant Gen. Terrence Drake warned generals that Marines should stay out of the controversy. Sellers' column was under review for possible discipline.

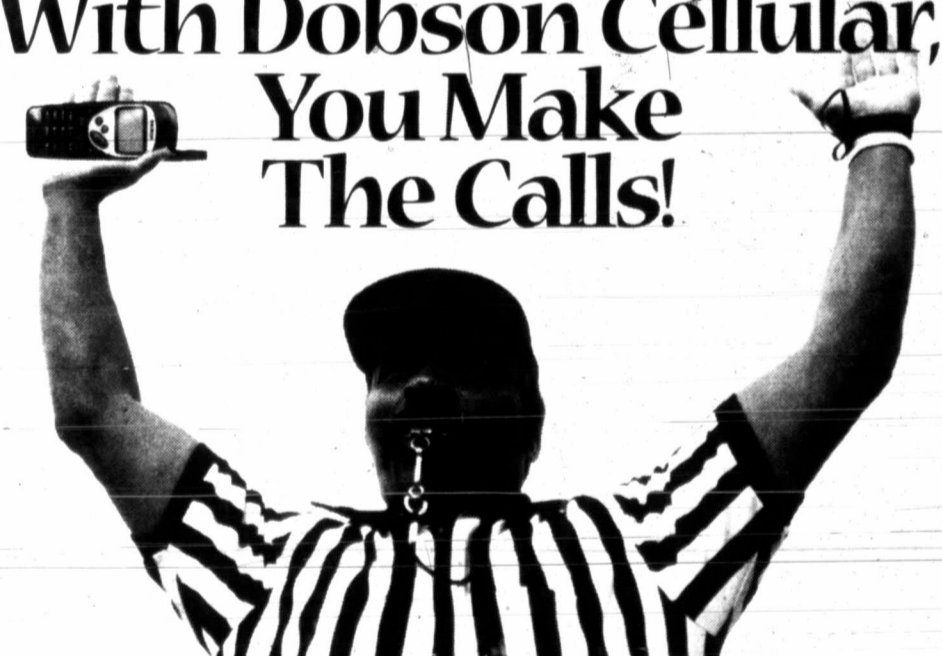
Military code bars officers from uttering "contemptuous words" about the president or other civilian leaders. Enlisted personnel are barred under service regulations from criticizing officials.

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# House poised to approve spending package

WASHINGTON (AP) — Friends and foes alike expect the House and Senate to vote decisively in favor of a \$500 billion spending package that finally would end the 105th Congress and send lawmakers home for their re-election battles.

The House planned to vote today on the massive measure, a compromise that congressional leaders reached last week with President Clinton. Senate passage is likely Wednesday — less than two weeks from the Nov. 3 congressional elections.

The package — said to be 4,000 pages long — would finance dozens of agencies from the huge Department of Health and Human Services to the tiny U.S. Institute of Peace. It also has billions for financially ailing farmers and the Pentagon, \$1.2 billion to begin hiring more teachers, \$18 billion for the International Monetary Fund, modest tax breaks for some businesses and families, and provisions aimed at strengthening anti-drug law enforcement.

House conservatives, perhaps the likeliest source of opposition, were said to be split. The

measure contained wins for them, such as language blocking federally financed needle exchange programs for drug addicts.

But it also had items that they dislike, such as using anticipated federal surpluses to pay for both the IMF money and \$20.8 billion for so-called emergencies like preparing federal computers for the year 2000.

They were particularly angry about the emergency spending provisions because of Clinton's calls to not use the surplus until a way is found to cure Social Security's long-term budgetary problems.

"It's unconscionable, it's un-American, it's untruthful," said one opponent, Rep. Tom Coburn, R-Okla.

But with most members of both parties likely to vote for the measure, Coburn and others were predicting easy passage. To allow time, Congress planned to send Clinton a measure letting agencies stay open through Wednesday, the fifth such stopgap bill since fiscal 1999 began Oct. 1.

Into Monday evening, congressional leaders

were making last-minute changes in the measure, even as most members and aides said they did not know exactly what it contained.

Only a few copies of the bill were available Monday, and none were made available to the public. But a person familiar with the legislation, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it contained several late additions, including:

—Language by Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., requiring health insurers to cover breast reconstruction following mastectomies.

—\$2 million to help start the Robert J. Dole Institute for Public Service and Public Policy at the University of Kansas, honoring the former senator and GOP presidential candidate.

—\$1 million for a Mark Hatfield School of Government at Portland State University in Oregon, home state of the former GOP senator.

—\$1 million for a Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, honoring the former Illinois Democratic senator.

Lawmakers agreed to include an item providing \$1.7 billion to buttress the Medicare home health-

care program, whose providers have been hurt by reductions enacted in last year's budget-balancing law. The money would come from letting more lottery players and gamblers collect big prizes in a lump sum, which would boost the government's tax take.

Amid confusion over the measure's content, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., agreed to schedule a roll call vote on the bill for Wednesday morning. He had been hoping the Senate would approve it by voice vote, thus avoiding bringing senators back to town — and, some Republicans said, averting a public display of divisions among the Senate GOP leadership.

But some senators successfully sought a roll call vote. Sen. Rod Grams, R-Minn., said "taxpayers should be outraged" if the bill was approved without close examination by lawmakers.

The bill controls about one-third of the \$1.7 trillion federal budget for fiscal 1999. It covers 10 Cabinet-level departments, including Education and Interior, plus many smaller agencies, foreign aid and the District of Columbia's budget.

## Survey finds optimism high in America

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans this year have been more financially satisfied and positive about the future than they have felt in the last three decades, says a Gallup social survey released today.

But a fourth of the people in this country consider themselves "have-nots" and a majority believes more should be done to help level the playing field, preferably by helping the poor develop earning skills.

"America is still overwhelmingly perceived to be the land of opportunity," said Frank Newport, editor in chief of the Gallup Poll. "Even those at the lower end of the socioeconomic spectrum still feel there is opportunity."

Americans were more positive and more optimistic than they have been in any of Gallup's seven prior measurements on these issues, beginning in 1964.

The Gallup survey of 5,001 adults was taken from April 23 through May 21 and the margin of error is plus or minus 2 percentage points.

While the U.S. economy has been robust throughout the year, the survey was taken before the international financial crisis cut into the stock market's steady growth.

Meanwhile, USA Today reported today that a separate poll conducted for the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies found that 51 percent of black Americans feel better off financially this year than last, compared to 31.5 percent of whites who feel better off.

It also found that 9.2 of the blacks surveyed thought themselves worse off, compared to 17.6 percent of the whites surveyed.

The telephone survey of 850 black adults and 850 non-black adults was conducted from Sept. 5 to Sept. 27 and has a margin of effort of 3.5 percentage points.

Gallup released results from its yearlong study concerning the growing perception that America is dividing into two classes, the "haves" and "have nots."

Four out of five in the study agreed with the statement that

"there is plenty of opportunity and anyone who works hard can go as far as they want."

But almost two-thirds said that "money and wealth... should be more evenly distributed." The survey indicated that the public expects the government to get involved in helping the poor, but more with job training and education than with "income transfers."

A majority of Americans think the gap between rich and poor is growing and half think that gap is "a problem that needs to be fixed," the survey suggested. Even among those who consider themselves "haves," 49 percent thought the economic gap is a problem.

Three-fourths in the survey said they believe the percentage of Americans who are rich is increasing from year to year.

The number of Americans living in poverty dropped for the third year in a row, led by a decline in black poverty to the lowest level on record, the Census Bureau reported last month. A total of 35.6 million

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My personal hero: \_\_\_\_\_ My favorite junk food is: \_\_\_\_\_

The best advice I ever got was: \_\_\_\_\_ My favorite beverage: \_\_\_\_\_

People who knew me in High School thought: "or" \_\_\_\_\_ My favorite restaurant is: \_\_\_\_\_

My classmates think of me as: \_\_\_\_\_ My favorite pet: \_\_\_\_\_

The best word or words to describe me: \_\_\_\_\_ For my last meal, I would choose: "or" \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite meal is: \_\_\_\_\_

People will remember me as being: \_\_\_\_\_ I wish I could sing like: \_\_\_\_\_

The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: \_\_\_\_\_ I'm happiest when I'm: \_\_\_\_\_

My hobbies are: \_\_\_\_\_ I regret: \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite sports team is: \_\_\_\_\_ I'm tired of: \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite author is: \_\_\_\_\_ I have a phobia about: "or" \_\_\_\_\_

The last book I read was: \_\_\_\_\_ My biggest fear is: \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite possession is: \_\_\_\_\_ The electrical device I couldn't live without is: \_\_\_\_\_

The biggest honor I've ever received is: \_\_\_\_\_ My most embarrassing moment: \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite performer is: \_\_\_\_\_ The biggest waste of time is: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish I knew how to: \_\_\_\_\_ If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: \_\_\_\_\_

My trademark cliché or expression is: \_\_\_\_\_ If I had three wishes they would be: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Happy Couple With No Kids Has Advice for Eager Grandma

**DEAR ABBY:** You were right on in your response to "Wants to Be a Grandma in L.A."

When we decided to get married, my husband and I agreed that we would have no children. We informed our parents of our decision shortly after we made it. I know they were very disappointed. We firmly believe that having a child should stem from a desire to be parents, not from pressure from prospective grandparents or anyone else. To bring a child into the world for the sake of someone else's happiness or expectations is wrong.

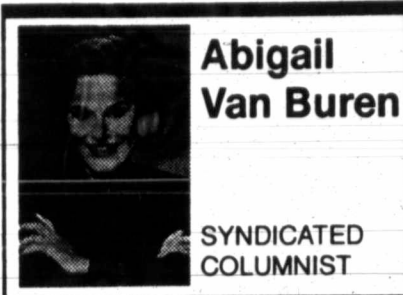
It's possible that "Grandma's" children may not know how to tell her that they just don't want children and are using inability as an excuse. It's one that's been used successfully many times. Grandma should stop being a "yenta," and let her children live their own lives.

A FAN FOR LIFE

**DEAR FAN:** Whether or not to have children is a private matter between husband and wife. So is whether to share their decision with others or keep it to themselves. Your families have earned your confidence, but not all families are so understanding regarding a couple's decision to have no children.

Read on for some suggestions that may help couples and prospective grandparents alike:

**DEAR ABBY:** I would like to respond to "Wants to Be a Grandma



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

in L.A." She had no grandchildren and wanted to ask her son and his wife when they were going to start a family. My husband and I have three grown children in their 40s, and we also have no grandchildren, so I understand her feelings. I have some suggestions for her:

1. Concentrate on how fortunate you are to have children, and consider how sad your son and daughter-in-law must be to be unable to conceive and carry a pregnancy to term.

2. Learn about infertility. There are many good books on the subject, and if you learn more about the testing, various procedures for aiding conception, the emotional turmoil of infertility and the physical difficulties of conception, you'll come to understand what your son and his wife are experiencing.

3. Do not mention adoption to them. If they really want children, they'll have already considered it.

4. If you want a good relationship with your son and daughter-in-law, never discuss wanting grandchildren unless they bring it up and

ask your opinion.

5. Stop dwelling on yourself and your fantasies. Find something useful to do that involves children. Many schools are crying out for volunteers to help a few hours a week.

6. If you and your husband are so desperate to have youngsters in your life, why don't you consider adopting?

MARGARET IN ROSEVILLE, MINN.

**DEAR MARGARET:** You have offered valuable advice and I'm printing all of it. Infertility causes devastating emotional pain for the couples involved, and questions and comments, although well meaning, only add to the pain. If the mother-in-law pursues the subject, she will alienate herself from her son and his wife.

**CONFIDENTIAL TO ECOLOGY-MINDED FASHION DESIGNER:** In light of the following, perhaps you should reconsider your Earth-friendly designs:

There was a young girl from St. Paul

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(Bennett Cerf)

partner. Try to understand where someone is coming from. Allow new ideas to keep coming forth. A flirtation could be developing. Tonight: Demonstrate your naughty side.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\* Tension is overwhelming, and you might feel that a situation is out of control. You can count on one thing: A partner isn't going to make it any easier. Make choices that will build your security. Important information comes from an unlikely source. Tonight: Chat up a storm.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\* Your nerves are on edge because of the unexpected nature of your work. Plan on a few days away to restore your energy and recycle. Conversations with associates help you clear the air. Make calls; tidy your desk. Tell it as it is. Someone will listen. Tonight: A favorite spot.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\* An unexpected flirtation or risk can only lead you into harm's way. Distance yourself, think and don't react. Money matters can be confusing. Defer a decision until you have feedback from others. Call a financial expert or your accountant.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\* Ignore a family member or an inner voice that says, "No." Talk about ideas, and get a second opinion. Your high charisma draws others and permits greater flexibility. You have many more options than you realize. Trust and explore. Tonight: Just ask.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\* Take a back seat. Sit through changes. Gain a better sense of yourself. Understand what others expect from you instead of arguing. What you hear could jolt you. By quietly speaking your mind, you get your point across. Let others cause uproar. Tonight: Do your own thing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\* A money problem could toss problems into your day. There are solutions; it is simply a matter of finding them. Don't feel insecure in the face of obstacles. A friend gives you an important insight. Make time for an important meeting. Tonight: Where the gang is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\* Accept your role at work rather than becoming difficult. If you don't like what is happening, break loose and head in another direction. You are capable of initiating many different type of ventures. You might just need to go your own way. Tonight: In the spotlight!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Reach for the stars, and make happen what you want. Only your own insecurities can stop you. You are on the verge of a new life. Break past prior restrictions. Make calls, explore options. The time is now! Tonight: Think not of the past but of the future.

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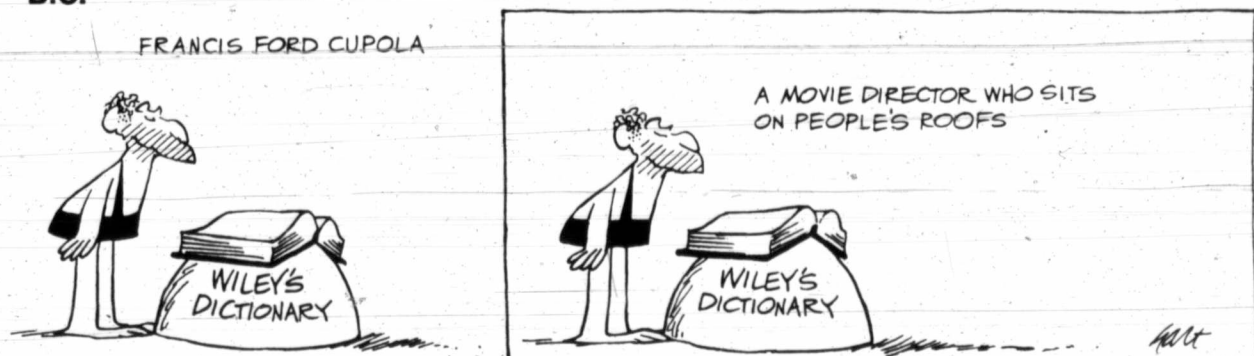
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## Hagar The Horrible



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## Mallard Filmore



## Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 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)

\*\*\* Close encounters are likely. One-to-one relating helps you create more of what you want. Don't let the unexpected get to you. Stay anchored. Build stronger financial foundations through a partnership. Feedback presents another possibility. Tonight: Where the action is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\* Someone's response could shock you. You might desire a more stable work situation, but that isn't happening. The boss is likely to be out of kilter. Consider getting a job with more freedom. A partner provides key information. Tonight: Surround yourself with people.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\* Unexpected news frays your nerves. Be smart: Focus on work, and get the job done. Pace yourself; concentrate. You feel that someone intentionally misunderstands you. You get a lot done quickly. Gather information, and pay attention to details. Tonight: Get plenty of rest.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\* Unexpected encounters take you in new directions. Finances are difficult to stabilize because of a

## Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Carol bit

7 Ox of legend

11 "I, Robot" author

12 Tennis star Lendl

13 Ralph Fiennes movie

15 Goose eggs

16 Needy

18 Hearts, for one

21 Sentence to failure

22 Loewe's partner

24 High card

25 "You betcha!"

26 Summer sign

27 Musical transitions

29 Lane's co-worker

30 Gillian's role on "The X-Files"

31 Toppers

32 Serving aids

34 Ralph Fiennes movie

40 Keats creation

41 Tooth layer

42 Actress Heche

43 Marbles, so to speak

DOWN

1 Corpulent

2 Bat wood

3 Deceit

4 Brazilian river

5 Beau

6 State

7 Pacific-coast region

8 "— Maria"

9 Saloon

10 Print units

14 Snouts

16 Walked the waiting room

17 Greek letter

19 Cove

20 Adolescents

21 "— Kapital"

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23 Paul

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31 Wild

33 Epochs

34 Workout site

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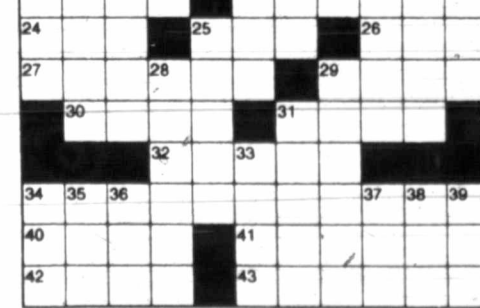
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# SPORTS

## Notebook

### BASEBALL

**ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)** — The Texas Rangers have granted free agency to left-handed pitcher Tony Fossas after he refused assignment to Class AAA Oklahoma.

The 10-year major-league veteran joined the club Aug. 30 and was 1-0, pitching 7.1 scoreless innings in 10 appearances.

He was 1-3 with a 5.96 ERA in 41 appearances this season with Seattle, the Chicago Cubs and Texas.

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)** — Texas Rangers Juan Gonzalez, Ivan Rodriguez and Luis Alica teamed up for their native Puerto Rico on Monday, delivering more than \$65,000 for families left homeless by Hurricane Georges.

Outfielder Gonzalez and catcher Rodriguez donated \$25,000 each, while second baseman Alica donated \$5,000.

The Texas Rangers Charity Baseball Foundation gave another \$10,000. The ballclub, meanwhile, was working with Kmart stores to provide 2,000 relief packages for the homeless.

"Three great players, three great hearts, three success stories for Puerto Rico who never forgot the land where they were born," said Puerto Rico first lady Irma Margarita Nevares de Rossello in a ceremony at the governor's mansion.

Hurricane Georges left tens of thousands homeless when it struck Puerto Rico on Sept. 21.

### FOOTBALL

**HOUSTON (AP)** — City and county officials and businessman Bob McNair finally reached agreement Monday on a financing plan for a \$310 million football stadium they hope will attract the NFL back to the city.

The Houston Sports Authority met with officials in a 14-hour session that ended at 3 a.m. Monday to reach an agreement on how to fund and share costs of the new football stadium to house an NFL franchise and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

"Houston is a can-do city," Mayor Lee Brown said. "Just a few years ago, no one would have dreamed our city could provide one sports facility, let alone three."

The Baseball Park at Union Station is under construction and expected to be ready for the Houston Astros to open the 2000 season.

A future arena to house the Houston Rockets also is under consideration.

The new football stadium would be located adjacent to the Astrodome, where the Houston Oilers played before moving to Tennessee.

Harris County judge Robert Eckels, rodeo president Jim Bloodworth and McNair all endorsed the proposed 70,000-seat facility.

"We are ready to put the shovel in the ground," McNair said. "We have strong support and we are ready to go forward."

All of the groups worked through the weekend to come to an agreement in time to present a viable financing plan to NFL owners meeting in Kansas City on Oct. 27.

McNair said if Houston fails to get the 32nd NFL franchise, he would consider trying to get an existing franchise.

"There are several teams in markets that are not strong," McNair said. "But the goal is to get this done."

The Houston Sports Authority will provide \$260 million of the cost through hotel occupancy taxes and short-term vehicle rental taxes. McNair will provide \$50 million for construction.

## Harvesters clinch district tennis title

**AMARILLO** — Eighth-ranked Pampa continues its dominance over district opponents.

The Harvesters clinched their second consecutive district tennis championship with a convincing 25-0 win over Palo Duro last weekend.

The Harvesters are 9-0 in district play and have won 15 consecutive district matches.

Both Pampa boys' and girls' teams overpowered Palo Duro in both singles and doubles at every position as the scores indicate. This win secured the outright district championship with one match remaining as Pampa aims for an undefeated district season.

Pampa girls improved their record to 80-1 in district play while the Pampa boys are 68-13.

Pampa hosts Borger at 4 p.m. today to complete District Team Tennis action.

### Pampa 25, Palo Duro 0

#### Boys' Singles

Russ DuBose def. Jimmy Phansana, 6-4, 6-1.

Michael Cornelison def. Jorge Villabran, 6-0, 6-1.

Ryan Mills def. T. Tran, 6-0, 6-0.

Matt Rains def. Bob Sivixay, 6-2, 6-1.

Bryce Hudson def. M. Dang, 6-0, 6-0.

Bryce Jordan def. Victor Kommavongsa, 6-1, 6-0.

David Phillips def. Sam Nguyen, 6-0, 6-1.

Matt Cook def. Chris

Vongkaysone, 8-1.

#### Boys' Doubles

DuBose-Cornelison def. Phansana-Villagran, 6-0, 6-1.

Mills-Rains def. Tran-Sivixay, 6-1, 6-2.

Hudson-Jordan def. Dang-Kommavongsa, 6-1, 6-0.

Phillips-Cole def. Nguyen-Vongkaysone, 6-0, 6-1.



(Special photo)

**Pampa girls' golf team placed third at the Amarillo Invitational last weekend. Team members are (front, from left) Stefanie Harwood and Annie Sims; (back, from left), Maggie Cowan, Alison Piersall and Cortnie Allison.**

## Golfers take 3rd

**AMARILLO** — Pampa shot a 750 to take third in the Amarillo Girls' Invitational last weekend at the Amarillo and Tascosa Country Clubs.

Tascosa shot 732 to take first while Lubbock Coronado was second at 747.

Alison Piersall led the Lady Harvesters with a two-round score of 163 (78-85).

Others were Maggie Cowan 181, Cortnie Allison 188, Stefanie Harwood 220 and Annie Sims 235.

Pampa boys competed in the Plainview Fall Match, meeting Amarillo High and Borger in a triangular.

Clay Banner led Pampa with a 72. Barry Brauchi and Grady Locknane each shot 78 while Nathan Banner had 80 and Matt Heasley 83.

Amarillo High shot 389, Borger 302 and Pampa 308.

**FORT WORTH (AP)** — Colonial Country Club has failed in its bid to host the Ryder Cup in 2003.

Oakland Hills Country Club, the suburban Detroit golf course that Ben Hogan called a "monster" when he won the 1951 U.S. Open, was awarded the 2003 Ryder Cup matches today by the PGA of America.

Officials at Colonial, known as "Hogan's Alley" for his five career victories there, had spent three years and \$225,000 on a campaign to lure the Ryder cup.

"I'm still numb," said Dick McHargue, chairman of the club's Ryder Cup Committee, who found out Sunday night the club had been eliminated.

## Padres hope change of scenery changes their luck

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — There are freeways outside the ballpark instead of subways. And there are palm trees just beyond the outfield walls rather than monuments to Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig.

Even before the first pitch tonight in Game 3, the World Series has a different look.

But the San Diego Padres and their 65,000 fans are wondering — will a change in scenery from Yankee Stadium to Qualcomm Stadium change their luck?

"What I've seen from New York in the first two games, I'll have to admit, is very impressive," Padres star Tony Gwynn said Monday. "We're down 0-2, but we can get back in this thing if we play our game, which is pitching and defense and some timely hits."

Gwynn was the first player on the field for the Padres' off-day workout, checking out the grass in right field torn up Sunday during the San Diego Chargers' 13-10 win over the Philadelphia Eagles.

Gwynn has done his part with four hits in the Series. Yet unless

Padres pitching improves, it could be over real soon.

The Yankees have tagged San Diego for nine runs in each of the first two games.

Of the 44 teams to take a 2-0 lead in the World Series, 33 have gone on to win the championship.

David Cone will start tonight against former Yankees pitcher Sterling Hitchcock, the NLCS MVP.

Hitchcock already has beaten Houston's Randy Johnson and Atlanta's Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine in the playoffs. Now he's likely to face his toughest challenge, trying to shut down the Yankees.

"They can hit. Bottom line, they can hit," Hitchcock said.

Cone traveled to the West Coast on Sunday, before the Yankees romped 9-3 in Game 2. He was already in San Diego relaxing while watching the victory.

"This is the time of year when pitchers feel a bit fatigued," he said. "I'm looking forward to closing this out and getting a nice rest."

Hitchcock will have a few advantages that Padres starters Kevin Brown and Andy Ashby did not have. For one thing, he's feeling a little better, aside from some congestion — a flu bug bit the San Diego staff right before the opener.

Hitchcock will have two other factors in his favor — he'll be facing a lineup that does not include a designated hitter, and he'll be pitching at twilight.

The DH is not used for games at the NL park, meaning Cone, a career .152 hitter, will be batting. That also could mean Chili Davis will be on the bench, although Yankees manager Joe Torre held out the "wild card" possibility his regular DH might play left field.

"David Cone is sure I picked him for Game 3 because of his bat," Torre joked. "Without the DH, you have to pay a lot more attention. You have to be aware of double-switches. You have that situation that haunts National League managers — should I try

to get a pitcher through an inning because he's the second or third hitter the next inning?"

Game 3 is scheduled to begin at 5:20 p.m. PDT, a time when shadows can make it difficult for hitters to see the ball.

Despite the early start, the park should be almost filled by the first pitch. Unlike crowds for other Southern California baseball teams, the Padres fans are known for making noise.

"It's 65,000 people in your face wanting you to do well," Hitchcock said.

Such a raucous crowd would be different than what Game 1 winner David Wells remembers from his days growing up in San Diego, when he attended "hundreds" of games at the park.

"People in New York are real aggressive. They try to intimidate you. It's just their nature," Wells said. "I think California people are more laid back. New Yorkers come across as tough guys."

## UIL will survey schools

**AUSTIN (AP)** — The University Interscholastic League officials voted Monday to let member schools determine if they're happy with the current high school football playoff format.

The UIL Legislative Council has heard several proposals for changing the current two-tiered format.

Council members decided Monday to survey member

schools in January. The survey will include several options, including keeping the current system and scrapping the system in favor of a single playoff bracket that gives district champions a first-round bye.

In addition to ordering the survey, council members ordered UIL staff to study the addition of a new classification, Conference 6A, for the state's largest schools.

## Cowboys post 4-3 mark headed into bye week

**IRVING, Texas (AP)** — The Dallas Cowboys were down in the dumps on Monday because they go into their bye week with only a 4-3 record and a one-game lead in the NFC East.

The Cowboys, even though they had a backup quarterback at the controls, felt they should have been at least 6-1, losing two 13-12 games — one to Oakland, and one again on Sunday to the Chicago Bears.

"Looking at the films we see a lot of ways we could have won the game on Sunday," coach Chan Gailey said on Monday. "We got into too many third-and-long situations."

The Cowboys converted only 2 of 12 third-down situations and settled for field goals on two of three trips inside Chicago's 10-yard line.

Gailey said he wasn't sure how to judge his team.

"We're potentially a good team," he said. "But I don't have a handle on that right now. Most teams around 500 don't have an identity."

Dallas was 3-2 with Jason Garrett at quarterback. Troy Aikman, who has missed five weeks with a broken collarbone, was expected to return on Nov. 2 when the Cowboys travel to Philadelphia.

Gailey said, "I was 99 percent sure Troy wouldn't play against Chicago and I'm 99 percent sure he will play at Philadelphia. I'm leaving that one percent open in case he takes a bump on the shoulder or something. Troy was out on the field throwing passes today."

Aikman, hurt in the second game of the season against Denver, said he's ready to play again.

"It's been frustrating missing all those games," Aikman said. "I just hope Jason doesn't have to play again the rest of the year. My shoulder feels fine and I'll have two more weeks to get ready. I'll be ready for Philadelphia. I'll need all the work I can get the next two weeks. Jason has been taking all the snaps and now I'll have to take all the snaps."

Under Gailey, the Cowboys have been up-and-down since the season started.

They opened with victory over Arizona, lost to Denver, beat the New York Giants on the road, lost to Oakland, beat Washington on the road and Carolina at home before losing to Chicago.

"Inconsistency has been our downfall," Gailey said. "It would have been a much sweeter bye week if we had won."

## Tough Tigers



(Pampa News photo by Bonner Green)

**Running back Daniel Treadwell (22) scored the game's first touchdown on a 10-yard run when sixth-ranked Groom defeated Fort Elliott, 52-6 last weekend. Unbeaten Groom (7-0) hosts Miami at 7:30 Friday night.**

# Jets stun Patriots

By HOWARD ULMAN  
AP Sports Writer

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — A stunning loss might be just what the New England Patriots need to start winning again. It worked for the New York Jets.

Monday night's 24-14 victory by the Jets was another twist in the topsy-turvy world of the NFL. They were reeling from a 30-10 loss to a mediocre St. Louis team, while the Patriots were rolling after a 40-10 rout of powerful Kansas City.

"We have to keep on doing what we did," Jets running back Curtis Martin said. "We can't come out and play like a great team one week and be awful the next week. No team can win that way."

Still, the Jets improved to 3-3, tying Buffalo in the AFC East. Division co-leaders New England and Miami (4-2) face each other Sunday.

"How we respond next week will be a testament to this season," Patriots linebacker Ted Johnson said. "Do we go in a corner and suck our thumbs or do we do something about it?"

The Jets' improbable win came one day after previously unbeaten Jacksonville was upset by Buffalo and heavily favored San Francisco squeaked past lowly Indianapolis. "You can never get too comfortable in this league," Johnson said. "Believe me, we didn't take these guys for granted."

The result wasn't the only unexpected aspect of the game. How about Vinny Testaverde, starting for an ineffective Glenn Foley, outplaying Drew Bledsoe? Or Kyle Brady, who had caught seven passes all season, catching five, two of them for 1-yard touchdowns, including the winner with 8:54 to go.

"All of us knew how dire the situation was," Brady said of the Jets' struggle to stay in contention. "I'm glad I was one of the guys who could get it turned right."

Coach Bill Parcells had plenty to do with that.

He is 2-1 against the Patriots since a rift with team owner Robert Kraft hastened his departure after he took the team to the 1997 Super Bowl. His return and that of Martin, who left New England last March as a restricted free agent, was an attention-grabbing sideshow.

So was the motivational ploy of Parcells and his assistants in walking out of practice Friday, leaving players to run it.

# Tyson could return to ring before year ends

By TIM DAHLBERG  
AP Sports Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The next big fight in Mike Tyson's life could take place before he steps into the ring again.

It's a fight for control of the former heavyweight champion's future career, and it involves such big names as Magic Johnson and Don King.

Tyson barely had time to celebrate getting his boxing license back Monday when Johnson took the podium before an assembly of media to proclaim himself in charge of Tyson's career.

"I'll be the closest guy to him, making all the decisions," Johnson said.

Not necessarily, said sources close to Tyson, who said fight manager Shelly Finkel will continue in his role as Tyson's main adviser. Finkel was not at Monday's hearing, but Tyson met with him afterward.

"Shelly is still the guy," a source said.

Johnson testified on Tyson's behalf during the hearing before the Nevada Athletic Commission, saying he would teach the former heavyweight champion how to handle his money and his career.

"Hopefully, I'll handle all of that for him; choose the right team for him," Johnson said.

Finkel wants Tyson fighting by the end of the year, and the date of Dec. 5 has been prominently mentioned. The fight will almost certainly be at the MGM Grand hotel-casino, whose executives attended Tyson's hearings.

Still to be worked out is the problem of King, who still holds contracts binding Tyson to fight for him. Tyson has sued King to get out of the contracts, but the case is far from being decided.

Reportedly, Tyson's advisers have been talking with King in hopes of reaching a settlement that will allow Tyson to fight

"What Bill Parcells did Friday didn't have anything to do with it," he claimed. "Give them credit."

For Pete Carroll, who succeeded Parcells, the rivalry between the teams didn't seem to matter.

"It's no bigger loss than another one," he said. "It's just a loss."

The Jets took a 7-0 lead on Brady's touchdown on their first possession, although a replay showed he fumbled before crossing the goal line.

The Patriots scored on their next two possessions on rookie Robert Edwards' 1-yard run and Bledsoe's 6-yard pass to Lovett Purnell. Edwards set a record by scoring a rushing touchdown in each of his first six NFL games and gained 104 yards. Martin, who he replaced, rushed for 107.

"I can run for 500 yards, and if we don't win the game, running 500 yards is meaningless," Edwards said.

John Hall's 23-yard field goal on the last play of the half cut New England's lead to 14-10.

On their second series of the third quarter, the Patriots drove from their 4 to the Jets 18 before Bledsoe's pass to Shawn Jefferson was intercepted in the end zone by Aaron Glenn.

"Before that, we weren't playing well," Patriots strong safety Lawyer Milloy said. "That kind of put the exclamation point on it."

The Jets then marched 80 yards in a 17-play drive lasting 8:35 to Brady's second touchdown. The next time they got the ball, Testaverde unloaded a 43-yard touchdown pass to Dedric Ward with 3:20 to go.

"A good team will continue to work at it to win," said Testaverde, 3-0 as a starter after going 22-for-32 for 294 yards and three touchdowns, including the winner with 8:54 to go.

He'll find out next Sunday against Atlanta (5-1).

"We had a big win two weeks ago (over Miami) and we didn't do much" against St. Louis, Parcells said. "We've got to figure out if we're going to be a roller coaster or a yo-yo team. I know we're capable, but that doesn't mean you're any good. You've got to be consistent to be good."

For one night, they were very good, following a five-turnover game against the Rams with no turnovers against the Patriots.

"Last week, they didn't look like anything and this week they looked like the best team in the league," Patriots free safety Willie Clay said, "but that's the NFL."

without him. King said Monday he is happy Tyson got his license back.

"I am delighted Tyson will be able to fight again," said King, whom Tyson has accused of stealing millions of dollars from him.

One thing is for sure, however the fight for control of Tyson's future works out. He will earn millions of dollars once again, much like he did when he was released from prison in 1995 and earned \$25 million for his first fight against Peter McNeeley.

Tyson owes the Internal Revenue Service \$13 million in back taxes, and is nearly broke despite having made \$100 million in purses in his last six fights.

"I have no more financial problems now," Tyson said after winning his license back.

Tyson himself said he wasn't sure when he would get back into the ring, saying he needed some time to work on his relationship with his family and some weekly sessions with his psychiatrist.

"I don't know if I'm prepared to fight before the end of the year," Tyson said.

In the biggest split decision win of his life, Tyson got back the license taken from him for biting Evander Holyfield's ears 15 months ago on a 4-1 vote by the Athletic Commission.

"I'm just happy I won," Tyson said.

With Johnson and Muhammad Ali backing him up, Tyson seemed near tears upon learning he would be allowed to return from his boxing exile.

He promised to put his life in order as he prepares to return to the sport he loves and the heavyweight division he once terrorized.

"We're going to be bringing Mike along very slowly," Johnson said. "Don't be looking for him to be fighting these champions."

# Scoreboard

**FOOTBALL**  
National Football League  
At A Glance  
By The Associated Press  
All Times EDT  
AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Miami	4	2	0	.667	102	70
New England	4	2	0	.667	161	110
Buffalo	3	3	0	.500	128	124
N.Y. Jets	3	3	0	.500	138	119
Indianapolis	1	6	0	.143	122	193

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Jacksonville	5	1	0	.833	140	109
Pittsburgh	4	2	0	.667	86	87
Tennessee	3	3	0	.500	124	103
Baltimore	2	4	0	.333	92	106
Cincinnati	2	4	0	.333	117	159

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Denver	6	0	0	1.000	203	109
Kansas City	4	2	0	.667	118	103
Oakland	4	2	0	.667	88	117
Seattle	3	3	0	.500	127	79
San Diego	3	4	0	.428	83	112

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	4	3	0	.571	174	115
Arizona	3	4	0	.429	108	155
N.Y. Giants	3	4	0	.429	146	152
Philadelphia	1	6	0	.143	79	162
Washington	0	7	0	.000	93	227

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Minnesota	6	0	0	1.000	207	103
Green Bay	4	2	0	.667	155	134
Tampa Bay	3	3	0	.500	91	112
Detroit	2	4	0	.333	134	158
Chicago	2	5	0	.286	129	158

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Atlanta	5	1	0	.833	172	123
San Francisco	5	1	0	.833	198	117
New Orleans	3	3	0	.500	112	136
St. Louis	2	4	0	.333	129	139
Carolina	0	6	0	.000	114	169

**Thursday's Game**  
Detroit 27, Green Bay 20  
**Sunday's Games**  
New York Giants 34, Arizona 7  
Pittsburgh 16, Baltimore 6  
Tampa Bay 16, Carolina 13  
Tennessee 44, Cincinnati 14  
Buffalo 17, Jacksonville 16  
Atlanta 31, New Orleans 23  
Minnesota 41, Washington 7  
San Francisco 34, Indianapolis 31  
San Diego 13, Philadelphia 10  
Miami 14, St. Louis 12  
Chicago 13, Dallas 12  
**OPEN:** Denver, Kansas City, Oakland, Seattle

**Monday's Game**  
New York Jets 24, New England 14  
**Sunday, Oct. 25**  
Atlanta at New York Jets, 1:01 p.m.  
Baltimore at Green Bay, 1:01 p.m.  
Minnesota at Detroit, 1:01 p.m.  
New England at Miami, 1:01 p.m.  
San Francisco at St. Louis, 1:01 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 1:01 p.m.  
Chicago at Tennessee, 4:05 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.  
Jacksonville at Denver, 4:15 p.m.  
Seattle at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.  
Buffalo at Carolina, 8:20 p.m.  
**OPEN:** Arizona, Dallas, Indianapolis, New

**BASEBALL**  
By The Associated Press  
All Times EDT  
**DIVISION SERIES**  
**American League**  
New York 3, Texas 0  
New York 3, Texas 1  
New York 4, Texas 0

**Cleveland 3, Boston 1**  
Boston 11, Cleveland 3  
Cleveland 9, Boston 5  
Cleveland 4, Boston 3  
Cleveland 2, Boston 1

**National League**  
Atlanta 3, Chicago 0  
Atlanta 7, Chicago 1  
Atlanta 2, Chicago 1, 10 innings  
Atlanta 6, Chicago 2

**San Diego 3, Houston 1**  
San Diego 2, Houston 1  
Houston 5, San Diego 4  
San Diego 2, Houston 1  
San Diego 6, Houston 1

**LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES**  
**American League**  
New York 4, Cleveland 2  
New York 7, Cleveland 2  
Cleveland 4, New York 1, 12 innings  
Cleveland 6, New York 1  
New York 4, Cleveland 0  
New York 5, Cleveland 3  
New York 9, Cleveland 5

**National League**  
San Diego 4, Atlanta 2  
San Diego 3, Atlanta 2, 10 innings  
San Diego 3, Atlanta 0  
San Diego 4, Atlanta 1  
Atlanta 8, San Diego 3  
Atlanta 7, San Diego 6  
San Diego 5, Atlanta 0

**WORLD SERIES (FOX)**  
Saturday, Oct. 17  
New York 9, San Diego 6  
**Sunday, Oct. 18**  
New York 9, San Diego 3, New York leads series 2-0  
**Tuesday, Oct. 20**  
New York (Game 20-7) at San Diego (Hitchcock 9-7), 8:20 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Oct. 21**  
New York at San Diego, 8:20 p.m.  
**Thursday, Oct. 22**  
New York at San Diego, 8:20 p.m., if necessary  
**Saturday, Oct. 24**  
San Diego at New York, 8 p.m., if necessary  
**Sunday, Oct. 25**  
San Diego at New York, 7:55 p.m. EST, if necessary

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**  
DROPPED OUT: Marshall, Duncanville.

**The Top 25**  
By The Associated Press  
The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 17, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and ranking in previous poll:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pv
1.	OhioSt.(64)	6-0	1,743	1
2.	UCLA(1)	5-0	1,647	2
3.	Tennessee(3)	5-0	1,618	3
4.	KansasSt.(2)	6-0	1,558	4
5.	Florida	6-1	1,451	5
6.	FloridaSt.	6-1	1,411	6
7.	Nebraska	6-1	1,269	8
8.	TexasA&M	6-1	1,215	10
9.	Wisconsin	7-0	1,186	9
10.	PennSt.	5-1	1,119	12
11.	Georgia	5-1	1,002	13
12.	Oregon	5-1	939	11
13.	WestVirginia	4-1	860	15
14.	Arizona	6-1	800	16
15.	Arkansas	6-0	746	17
16.	Virginia	5-1	714	7
17.	Colorado	6-1	604	19
18.	NotreDame	4-1	556	18
19.	Missouri	5-1	547	20
20.	GeorgiaTech	5-1	538	25
21.	Syracuse	4-2	286	23
22.	Tulane	5-0	233	24
23.	VirginiaTech	5-1	141	14
24.	MississippiSt.	5-1	129	—
25.	TexasTech	6-1	116	22

Others receiving votes: Michigan 93, Kentucky 85, Washington 54, Air Force 30, LSU 23, Marshall 23, Southern Cal 16, N. Carolina St. 8, Texas 5, Wyoming 5.

The AP poll and coverage of college football can be found at <http://www.aptop25.com>

**HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL**  
SA Brackenridge 42, SA Jefferson 13  
SA Edison 35, SA Burbank 13  
SA Marshall 56, SA O'Connor 0

**HIGH SCHOOL POLL**  
DALLAS (AP) — This week's Associated Press high school football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses. Total points are based on 10 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 10th-place vote. The previous column indicates the team's ranking in last week's poll. Voting is by a panel of 20 sports writers and broadcasters.

Rank	Team	Rec.	Pts	Pvs
1.	Tanahill(19)	7-0	195	2
2.	Winters(1)	7-0	167	3
3.	PlattPoint(2)	6-0	160	4
4.	Spearmint	7-0	132	5
5.	Iraan	7-0	108	7
6.	Stanton	6-1	75	1
7.	Alto(1)	6-1	68	8
8.	Italy	6-1	53	9
9.	Holiday	7-0	42	10
10.	Lexington	6-1	19	x

Rank	Team	Rec.	Pts	Pvs
1.	Katy(12)	6-1	189	1
2.	ConverseJudson(7)	7-0	184	2
3.	AlpineEisenhower(1)	6-1	142	3
4.	KilleenEllison	6-1	135	4
5.	Longview	5-1	104	5
6.	ArlingtonLamar	6-1	87	7
7.	McLennan	7-0	76	8
8.	PlanoEast	6-1	63	10
9.	TylerLee	7-0	43	x
10.	EulesTrinity	7-0	24	x

DROPPED OUT: Rotan. Also receiving votes: Rocksprings 11; Roscoe 9; Dawson 5; Rotan 3; Detroit 2; Marfa 2; Muenster 2; Burkeville 1.

# NBA owners score big win at bargaining table; guaranteed contracts won't be paid

NEW YORK (AP) — Nobody gets paid until the lockout ends. That was the ruling that strengthened the bargaining position of NBA owners Monday when an arbitrator rejected the union's contention that 226 players with more than \$700 million worth of guaranteed contracts should be paid during the lockout.

"Upon full consideration of the merits of the underlying dispute, the grievance is denied," arbitrator John Feerick wrote in an 82-page ruling that shattered any hopes the players had of gaining a big piece of leverage in the labor dispute.

"The owners are kind of sitting pretty now," Avery Johnson of the San Antonio Spurs said. "They feel they have all the power in their hands. We have to see how to keep the owners negotiating."

The league has already canceled the first two weeks of the season, costing the players about \$100 million in lost salaries. More cancellations will probably be announced next week since no new bargaining sessions are scheduled and the sides are far apart on the main issue of controlling the growth of player salaries.

"I kind of expected it," union director Billy Hunter said. "I was hoping Dean Feerick would be

inclined to see things our way, but we knew it would be a giant leap for him to take, especially since he is a labor lawyer by profession."

The uncertainty of how Feerick would rule was a factor in the stalemate all summer and was one of the reasons the sides have met only three times for formal bargaining sessions.

The players' resolve will now be tested since they won't be getting paychecks until the lockout is settled. They had held out hope that a verdict in their favor would pressure the owners to soften their stance and come to the table with a better offer.

"I think (the season) is more in jeopardy now because the players are upset they didn't win," said Penny Hardaway of the Orlando Magic. "We didn't put a lot of trust in winning the ruling."

The union claimed that the absence of lockout language in the standard player contract meant that owners should be held liable for paying guaranteed salaries, especially since other circumstances under which salaries can be withheld are clearly defined.

The union pointed to lockout language in the league's television and other contracts, arguing that such clauses indicated that a

work stoppage was foreseeable and should have been included in player contracts.

The owners argued that the right to exert pressure on employees by withholding pay during a lockout was a fundamental tenet of labor law.

"Only negotiations will end our current impasse and lead to a settlement of our dispute," NBA chief legal officer Jeffrey Mishkin said. "This is yet another defeat for the union's strategy of litigation instead of negotiation."

The sides are fighting over, among other things, the amount of money owners will devote to salaries. Concerned by salaries that are outpacing revenues, the owners imposed the lockout July 1 and have promised to achieve a new deal that limits payroll costs.

The union, however, has vowed to resist any deal that includes a "hard" salary cap. The old system included several exceptions that allowed teams to exceed the cap, and 24 of the 29 teams exceeded the \$26.9 million limit last season.

The sides haven't bargained since last Tuesday, when the players proposed a "tax" on the highest salaries to help slow payroll growth.

The league responded Friday with a counterproposal incorporating the tax, but at a much

lower threshold and with much higher rates. The union responded by saying it was a "step backward," and the sides have been waiting to hear from Feerick ever since.

"The players don't seem to realize they can't get that money back. It's gone, gone forever, and they seem to think that's not the case," commissioner David Stern said.

# Charred bodies litter ground after Nigerian pipeline blast

JESSE, Nigeria — Drawn by rumors that a huge pool of gasoline was free for the taking, hundreds of people converged on this small Nigerian town over the weekend.

On Monday, it was their relatives who gathered here, searching out the charred remains of their brothers, sisters, fathers and mothers, killed as the fountain of fuel burst into a fireball.

"It is finished," cried Charity Unurhoro, after finding the horribly burned bodies of her mother and her brother, whom she could identify only by his necklace. "Now everything is over for me."

As she cried, a man quietly told a young relative to fetch a wheelbarrow. It was time to take the corpses of the boy and his mother home.

For dozens of families, Monday's search ended up the same way.

The fire, which began Saturday as the residents tried to scoop gasoline spilling from a pipeline, killed at least 500 people and left at least 100 hospitalized, military officials said.

The area's hospitals — most of which only have a handful of doctors and nurses and little in the way of burn care — were overwhelmed by the disaster. Doctors and nurses worked to the point of exhaustion, and medicine was in short supply.

With dozens of charred, unidentified bodies littering the town and flames still occasionally flaring up to 60 feet high, authorities began the grim task Monday of burying the dead.

By Monday night, firefighters had stopped battling the flames and waited for the blaze, which spread thick black smoke for miles around, to burn itself out.

A mass grave was being dug at the edge of the town to bury hundreds of unclaimed corpses, many burned beyond recognition. Separate burials were held Monday for at least 52 of the dead, and

dozens more relatives took corpses back to their surrounding villages.

Military ruler Gen. Abdulsalami Abubakar flew in by helicopter for a 15-minute visit. He said the government would pay for medical treatment, but there would be no compensation for survivors, apparently because many of those killed were believed to be scavenging fuel.

Locals were furious over the deaths.

"This is a tragedy of huge proportions," the Rev. Andrew Imadu said at one funeral in Jesse. "Our own people have been driven by deprivation to such a desperate search for livelihood."

Southeastern Nigeria, while rich in oil, is scarred by decades of poverty. Villagers in some areas are believed to regularly sabotage oil pipelines in order to file claims for compensation.

The above-ground pipeline links a refinery in the southeastern city of Warri, 210 miles southeast of Lagos, with the northern city of Kaduna, nearly 380 miles away.

Over the weekend, people descended on the town after hearing that the huge pool of gasoline — which had spilled from the pipeline into a concrete well — was free for the taking, according to J.I. Ogude, village chief of Jesse.

The scavenging had been going on since at least Saturday morning, he said.

An official for Nigeria's state petroleum corporation, speaking on condition of anonymity, said authorities believed the pipeline had purposely been punctured, and that scavengers' tools had sparked the explosion. Some newspaper reports, though, said a cigarette may have started the conflagration.

Some corpses — including those of children — were found still clutching plastic cups, funnels and cans they brought to collect the fuel.

# Prosecution rests in Susan McDougal embezzlement case

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — The prosecution has rested in the embezzlement case against Whitewater figure Susan McDougal, who is accused of stealing \$150,000 from conductor Zubin Mehta and his wife.

The jury was told to return today for the start of the defense case. After jurors left the courtroom Monday, Mrs. McDougal threw her arms around her brother, Bill Henley, and exclaimed, "They've rested!" Opening statements began Sept. 8.

The prosecution has relied heavily on the testimony of Nancy Mehta, who spent more than a week on the witness stand explaining her business practices and the employment of Mrs. McDougal as her bookkeeper.

Prosecutor Jeffrey Semow also presented hundreds of documents that he sought to link to a pattern of pilfering by Mrs. McDougal. He claimed, for example, that she cashed checks to pay for Mehta family groceries but skimmed small amounts of cash.

Mrs. McDougal, 43, is charged with tax fraud and with embezzling \$150,000 when she worked for the Mehtas from 1989 to 1992. That was long before her refusal to testify to a federal grand jury about President Clinton and the Whitewater land deal earned her 18 months in prison and made her famous.

The prosecution contends Mrs. McDougal forged Mrs. Mehta's name on checks or credit card receipts to pay for personal gifts, travel, dental and medical bills for herself and her family. She contends the maestro's wife told her to spend the couple's money because Mrs. Mehta was angry he had asked for a divorce and she wanted to keep their money away from his children.

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# West concerned about latest Kosovo skirmishes

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Following ethnic Albanian attacks on Serb police, the government has moved tanks and troops into a frontline in central Kosovo, raising doubts about the future of a U.S.-brokered agreement to end the violence in the province.

NATO commander Wesley Clark visits Belgrade today to discuss how far Yugoslav authorities still have to go to meet the alliance's Oct. 27 deadline to pull troops out of Kosovo or face airstrikes.

A 20-member U.N. team is also headed to Kosovo today to serve as "eyes and ears" for Secretary-General Kofi Annan in the province. The team, led by Staffan de Mistura of Sweden, is expected to stay until Friday and gather information on efforts to halt the fighting.

Kosovo, a province in Serbia, Yugoslavia's main republic, is dominated by ethnic Albanians who favor independence.

Hundreds of people have been killed this year in President Slobodan Milosevic's crackdown on separatists, and hundreds of thousands more have fled their homes to escape the violence. As winter approaches, officials fear a humanitarian disaster if the refugees are not allowed to return home.

Yugoslav army troops were in position today in a region southwest of Pristina, the Kosovo capital, after a surge of weekend violence that left three Serb policemen dead.

Western officials voiced concern about the latest skirmishes and indicated that both ethnic

**Many Kosovo Albanians who support secession from Yugoslavia were distressed about the agreement U.S. negotiator Richard Holbrooke signed last week with Milosevic.**

Albanian rebels and Serb forces were to blame.

U.S. State Department spokesman James Rubin said Monday the new fighting was unacceptable, regardless of which side opened fire first.

Many Kosovo Albanians who support secession from Yugoslavia were distressed about the agreement U.S. negotiator Richard Holbrooke signed last week with Milosevic.

The deal temporarily headed off NATO airstrikes against Serb forces, disappointing those who wanted outright independence.

Rubin warned Kosovo Liberation Army guerrillas not to try to provoke Serb forces into taking actions that would heighten the possibility of airstrikes against them.

It would be a mistake, Rubin

said, for the KLA "to consider NATO its air force. That will not be tolerated by the U.S."

He described Yugoslav compliance on pulling back in Kosovo as a mixed bag. Over the past month, he said, about half of the Yugoslav Army units which had moved into Kosovo earlier this year have left.

The troops that moved out of Pristina to the southwest on Sunday are normally stationed in the capital, and therefore could remain in the province under the withdrawal plan.

In Paris on Monday, NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana said the surge in violence should not undermine the accord on Kosovo. "I think there are provocateurs and provocations, but we must continue to hold the line" and carry out the accord, Solana said.

In Kosovo, reports of shelling and shooting along with a Yugoslav army deployment along the road from Komorane to Malisevo caused the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees to call off two convoys of relief supplies.

The UNHCR planned to send out the convoys today along with two others already scheduled.

A 2,000-member international verification force is being organized by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to ensure that Yugoslavia is keeping its word. About 25 members of an advance team for the monitors are already in Kosovo.

## Yeltsin seriously ill, according to magazine report

MOSCOW (AP) — Boris Yeltsin, who is still fighting a respiratory infection, returned to the Kremlin today and reaffirmed he would not seek re-election.

The influential magazine Itogi, meanwhile, today quoted top Yeltsin aides as saying the president is seriously ill and his staff was just trying to "pull the president through" the remaining 20 months of his term.

During a meeting with Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov, Yeltsin reiterated that he had no intention of running for a third presidential term in 2000. "I have said so many times that I will not run in 2000," Yeltsin said. "But they have brought it to a point where this is being reviewed by the Constitutional Court. I will not run, so why are you tormenting me?"

Russia's Constitution appears to rule out another term for Yeltsin, but presidential aides have said that his first term began before the constitution was adopted and should not count toward the two-term limit.

Despite Yeltsin's repeated denials of any intention to run, the parliamentary opposition has asked the court to rule on the issue. Hearings began last week.

The president and his doctors insist that Yeltsin will serve out the rest of his term, and adamantly

deny speculation that he has serious health problems.

Much of Yeltsin's remaining term will be taken up by parliamentary and then presidential election campaigns, as well as Christmas and New Year celebrations and summer vacations.

Any "scheme for turning the president into a political ghost" may be derailed by political opposition or the worsening economic crisis, Itogi said.

"So pulling the president, like a cotton-wool mattress, over the remaining year and half, will likely fail," Itogi concluded.

During the meeting with Yeltsin, Primakov also denied suggestions that he planned to run for president in 2000.

"This is nonsense and has nothing to do with reality," Primakov said. "I would not be able to head the government now if I was thinking about the presidency."

Today, Yeltsin also discussed the government's measures to pay state workers' back wages and pensions during a meeting with Primakov and other officials, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

Yeltsin also met with Defense Minister Sergei Stepashin, Federal Security Service chief Vladimir Putin, and Border Guards chief Konstantin Totky, ITAR-Tass reported.

## Hurricane death toll rises in Haiti, Caribbean

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Nearly a month after Hurricane Georges struck Haiti, the Caribbean nation's death toll has risen to 213 and is likely to top 240, a civil defense official said Monday.

Poor communications in Haiti delayed reports on deaths, injuries and damages from the storm, which killed at least 509 people across the Caribbean, including 283 in the Dominican Republic.

"It is not easy to communicate with remote rural sections of Haiti," said civil defense official Dieufort Deslorges. A report on storm damage from Haiti's northern district has yet to be completed, he said.

Some 30 people were reported missing and feared dead from the storm, which struck Haiti on Sept. 23, Deslorges said.

Most of the Haitian deaths were blamed on flooding and mudslides in rural, mountainous areas. For generations, Haitian peasants have cut down trees to make charcoal, denuding mountains and leaving them unable to absorb rainfall. A flash flood nearly destroyed the southeastern border town of Fonds Verrettes, where 102 people died.

Georges destroyed thousands of homes and killed more than

56,000 head of livestock, Deslorges said. Finance and Economics Minister Fred Joseph has estimated agricultural damage at more than \$300 million.

The United States has provided \$12 million in relief aid, Taiwan \$300,000 and the U.N.

Development Program \$100,000. Canada, Germany and Japan also have donated relief funds and supplies.

Georges killed five people in Cuba, three in Puerto Rico, three in St. Kitts and Nevis, and two in Antigua.

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## Pinochet visited Thatcher before arrest

LONDON (AP) — Margaret Thatcher entertained former Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet at her home two weeks before he was arrested at a London hospital, the ex-prime minister's office said today.

The report came amid growing diplomatic and domestic controversy over the arrest, which Chile has strongly protested.

Pinochet, who has vowed to fight attempts to extradite him to Spain on allegations of murder, genocide and torture, had drinks with Lady Thatcher and her husband, Denis, in their home in London's elite Belgravia district four days before he was hospitalized for back surgery performed Oct. 9.

"She regarded it as a private meeting," said Mark Worthington, spokesman for Lady Thatcher, the Conservative Party prime minister from 1979-90.

The 82-year-old Pinochet was arrested Friday

at a Spanish magistrate's request. In Conservative government days, Pinochet was welcomed on regular visits that included tea with the prime minister.

He was the only Latin American leader to support Britain in its 1982 war against Argentina to reclaim the Falkland Islands. Pinochet and Lady Thatcher also implemented similar brands of right-wing economics.

The current visit is Pinochet's first since Prime Minister Tony Blair's Labor Party administration was elected 18 months ago, ending 18 years of Conservative Party rule.

Chile's ambassador delivered a formal protest to the Foreign Office on Monday, saying Britain has violated Pinochet's diplomatic immunity. He arrived last month on a diplomatic passport and is also a senator-for-life in Chile, which protects him from prosecution there.

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