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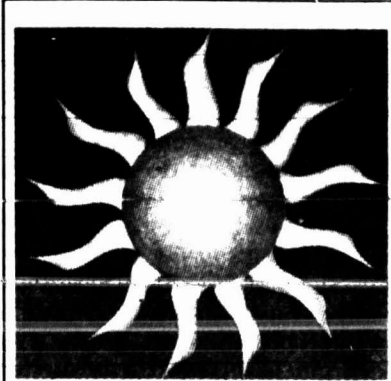
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PAMPA — Oct. 26-29 will be the last week for curbside grass pickup by city crews, said Rick Stone, sanitation superintendent. After the 29th, citizens may bring grass clippings to the landfill.

DALLAS (AP) — A Mesquite man accused of leaving his dying girlfriend to avoid being arrested for driving while intoxicated was sentenced to two years in prison.

Robert E. Sierra Jr., 35, who had four previous convictions for driving while intoxicated, was accused of leaving Sarah "Dee Dee" Clements Skinner, 38, in his pickup truck after it was involved in an accident near downtown Dallas on Valentine's Day.

Sierra agreed to plead guilty to a charge of failure to stop and render aid and a charge of manslaughter. The prison term was for failing to aid and he received eight years' deferred probation for the manslaughter charge.

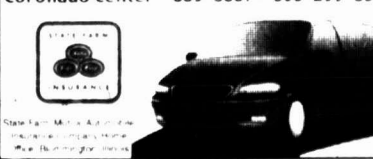
Sierra got the prison sentence Wednesday. Earlier, a prosecutor had agreed to allow Sierra to serve 13 years probation as part of a plea bargain agreement. The sentence outraged Ms. Clements' family and District Judge Molly Francis, who was on vacation at the time of the plea bargain. She later voided it and the prosecutor who agreed to it was demoted.

- George Robert 'Bob' Close, 68, former Ochiltree County Attorney.
- Ola B. Hunter, 94, homemaker.
- Rebbie M. Snider, 91, homemaker.

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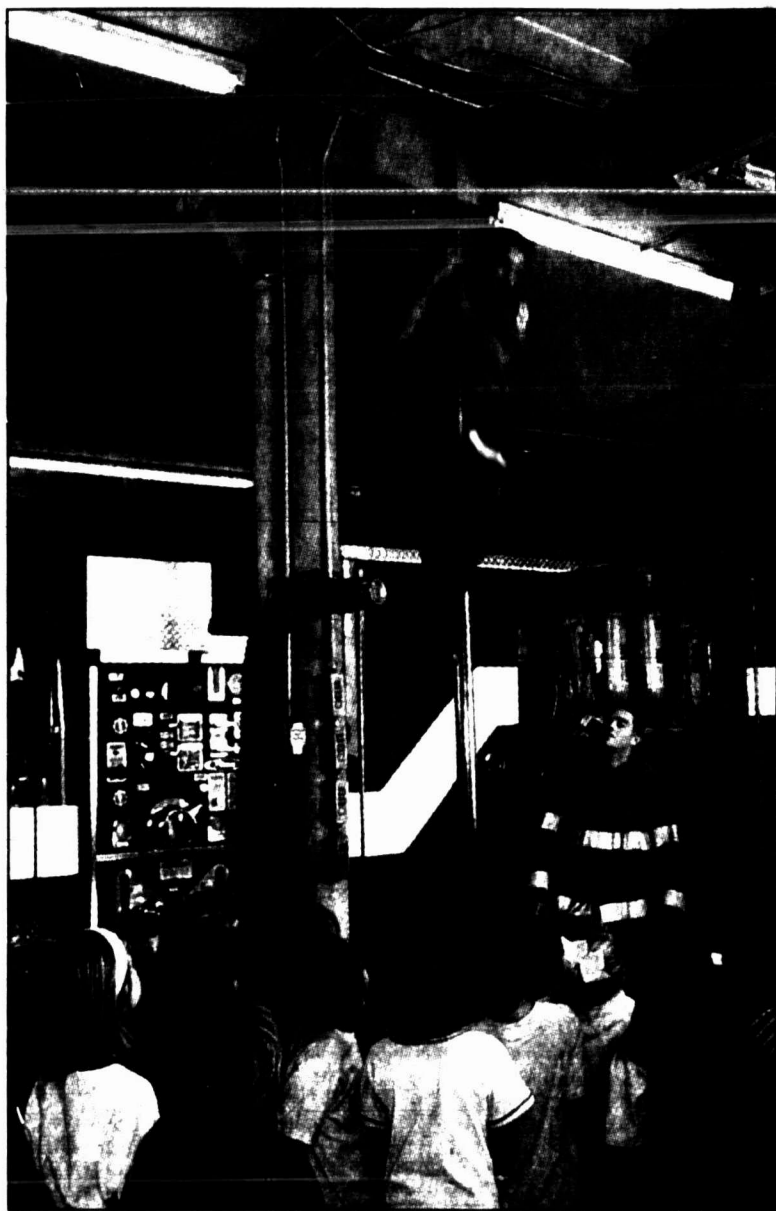
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That's cool...



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Equipment Operator Gary Winton slides down the pole to greet the kindergarten classes of Jami Joyce, Jan Morris and Regina Sandefur from Austin Elementary. Firefighter Jeff Tucker is helping show the children around the Central Fire Station.

Two lotto tickets rack up million\$ Winners in Kerrville, Lufkin

DALLAS (AP) — Hoping against the odds paid off Wednesday night for at least two lucky lotto players.

Two tickets matched all six numbers in Wednesday night's drawing for an estimated \$65 million jackpot, lottery officials said. The tickets were sold in Kerrville and Lufkin.

The big jackpot still fell short of the record \$75 million Texas jackpot in 1994.

The winning numbers were 10, 15, 21, 25, 33 and 50. The drawing took place after an all-day epidemic of lotto fever across Texas.

Sales surged above \$1 million an hour statewide by 11 a.m., topped \$2 million an hour by 4 p.m., and passed \$3 million an hour by 6 p.m.

Long lines were reported at stores around the state Wednesday evening, as people stopped to buy tickets on their way home from work.

"They were six or seven deep at both registers," said Damon Sims, a clerk at Chilly Mart, a beer and wine store in Addison. "It was getting in the way of selling other stuff."

With about two hours of sales to go, the store had sold more than \$1,600 in lottery tickets Wednesday.

"We've never done that much," said assistant manager Mirza Iatseer. "That's too much for us."

By 8:30 p.m., the lottery players had slowed to a trickle, although still steady.

One such player was Bill Henderson, who works in a woodcraft.

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AG candidate's wife visits Pampa on whirlwind tour

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

Marta Mattox, wife of Attorney General Candidate Jim Mattox came to Pampa bearing good news for her husband's campaign.

She said the latest Texas polls came out this morning and showed her husband had increased his lead over his opponent Republican John Cornyn by six percentage points. Mattox now leads the polls by 16 points.

"But polls don't vote," Mattox said.

She said that was the reason she was in the panhandle to encourage everyone to vote.

That is why she is on a whirlwind tour of West Texas hoping to visit 25 cities in only four days.

Jim Mattox served as Attorney General from 1983-1990. He has also served as a congressman and prosecutor.

Marta Mattox cites her husband's experience as a reason she says there is "a big belief system in my husband. There are lots of Republicans and Independents" who support her husband's candidacy.

She said one of the primary goals of a Mattox attorney general's office would be to improve the efficiency of the child support aspect of the agency. She said fixing the telephone response time would be one area that needs to be improved.

She said women now sometimes have to take a day off of work to call and find out about their cases. She also said he wants to change the system so that child support could be handled by the counties rather than go from county to the state and then back to the custodial parent.

While in town, she briefly met with local Democratic candidates before moving on to Amarillo.

Officers get high-tech tool for crime fighting

■ The FBI opened a national computer system that allows state law enforcement officials to swap DNA evidence about unsolved cases.

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Local law enforcement officers reacted positively to the FBI's announcement that it will make its computer system available for DNA investigations into unsolved cases.

Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland said it would be one more weapon in law enforcement's war on crime.

"It could be a big gun," he said.

"It's the coming thing," said 31st District Attorney John Mann. "It's going to be every bit as good and as important to law enforcement as fingerprint science is."

Mann said that while it will never replace good law enforcement officers, it will make the officers' job easier and make law enforcement more effective.

Pampa Police Chief Charlie

Morris found the possibilities interesting. "There is a tremendous increase in development and availability of new technology to assist in the investigation of crime," Morris said.

The FBI opened a national computer system last week that allows state law enforcement officials to swap DNA evidence about unsolved cases.

Dwight Adams, chief of the FBI lab's scientific analysis section in Washington, D.C., told the Associated Press that all 50 states will be linked to a bureau computer which contains genetic profiles of 250,000 convicted felons and DNA profiles from evidence left at the scene of 4,600 unsolved cases.

The states have collected another 350,000 DNA

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Locals use DNA system in rape case Answer's back in one day

No sooner had the FBI genetic data base gone on-line than Pampa's District Attorney was using it in an effort to solve a rape case.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation opened a national computer system last week that allows state law enforcement officials to swap DNA evidence about unsolved cases. The computer contains genetic profiles of 250,000 convicted felons and DNA profiles from evidence in almost 5,000 unsolved cases. States have collected another 350,000 DNA samples from convicted felons but have yet to analyze the samples and enter the genetic profiles onto the computer database.

"I have already submitted to them samples of DNA taken from a rape victim and am hoping we can come up with the person who did it," 31st District Attorney John Mann said.

His office arranged to have the first sample shipped electronically to the Texas Department of Public Safety offices in Austin. "They will submit it to the FBI," Mann said.

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New York ballet comes here Tuesday

The dancing feet of the NY Theatre Ballet will open the 1998-99 season of the Pampa Community Concert Association at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, in M.K. Brown Auditorium.

The Theatre Ballet offers a classical repertory that includes original choreography and rarely seen works of great choreographers, as well as revivals of "Les Sylphides," "Le Carnaval" and other ballets.

Attendance is by concert tickets, \$20 for adults, \$10 for students or by membership in the Pampa association, and by reciprocal agreement, membership in Borger, Hereford and Plainview associations.

New York Theater Ballet serves as a center for the creation and performance of new choreography, and has produced 18 new ballets in the last few years.

Founder and artistic director Diana Byer has established New York Theater Ballet's reputation for theatrical expressiveness, production quality and emphasis on intimacy with audiences.

The company has given hundreds of performances in the United States and abroad in major art centers and festivals as well as in colleges, schools and community theater settings.

Deputies seeking metal theft victims

If you or your company is missing any metal, the Gray County Sheriff's Department can't give it back but they may be able to tell you where it went.

When Gray County deputies arrested Dennis Hays, 50, 1104 S. Sumner, on Oct. 9 in connection with a theft at Schittman Machine Company, he already was under suspicion for thefts of railroad iron in Hutchinson County.

Charges were later filed for similar thefts of railroad iron in Gray County. Hays is currently out on several bonds.

As the investigation continued, deputies received a list from Texas Pipe and Metal in Borger of all the metal that Hays had sold to them according to Gray County Sheriff's Lt. Jim Scott. The company buys scrap metal.

Officials at the company contacted law enforcement officers after becoming suspicious when

Hays sold railroad step joints to them, Scott said.

Scott said that it amounts to "tons and tons of metal."

While Scott said all the metal may not be stolen, it seemed suspicious to him that one person, already suspected of selling stolen metal, would own that much scrap metal.

Steel, aluminum and many batteries were on the list of items sold to the Borger company, according to Scott.

He said there was not that much steel reported stolen in Gray County. But Scott hopes companies that have had large thefts of metal or batteries will contact the sheriff's office to see if items can be matched to the list.

Scott also said there may be thefts in surrounding counties that are unsolved and hoped officials in those counties will contact him as well at 669-8026.



County Commissioner Jim Greene speaks to Marta Mattox, wife of Attorney General Candidate Jim Mattox.

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Services tomorrow

CLOSE, George Robert "Bob" — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Shamrock Cemetery, Shamrock.

Obituaries

GEORGE ROBERT 'BOB' CLOSE
MARSHFIELD, Mo. — George Robert "Bob" Close, 68, a former Shamrock resident died Monday, Oct. 19, 1998. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Shamrock Cemetery with the Rev. Tracy Wilson, pastor of First Christian Church of Duncan, Okla., officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mr. Close graduated from Shamrock High School, Texas Tech University and the University of Texas Law School in Austin. He married Ann Lee Turner in 1955. He later married Evelyn Cunningham in 1982.

He was a partner in the law firm Lemon, Close, Atkinson, Shearer, and Ehrlick of Perryton for 30 years. He also served as Ochiltree County Attorney for 12 years and was a representative for the 64th district of the Texas Panhandle for three terms. In addition, he was a liaison between the Legislature and Gov. Bill Clement's office during the 67th session.

He was a member of Marshfield Christian Church. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn, of Marshfield; three daughters, Paris Close of Austin, Jacqueline Naylor of Balke, Okla., and Julie Ellis of Perryton; three sons, Paige Close of Memphis, Tenn., Lee Close of Haines, Alaska, and Allen Cunningham of Grand Junction, Colo.; his mother, Katie Close of Shamrock; a sister, Bernice Collingsworth of Shamrock; a brother, Bryan Close of Shamrock; 12 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to Webco Manor Nursing Home or Marshfield Christian Church Building Fund in care of Fraker Funeral Home, P.O. Box 85, Marshfield, MO 65706.

OLA B. HUNTER
WELLINGTON — Ola B. Hunter, 94, mother of a Shamrock resident, died Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1998. Services will be at 4 p.m. today in Church of Christ with Alfred White, retired minister of Claude, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Adams Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hunter was born at Quail. She had been a lifelong Collingsworth County resident. She married Earl Hunter in 1925 at Wellington; he died in 1988. She worked at the Fashion Shop in Wellington for many years and was a homemaker. She was active in RSVP program. She was a member of Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Ann Cunningham of Shamrock; a son, Clifton Earl Hunter of Mustang, Okla.; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Westview Boys Home or to a favorite charity.

REBBIE M. SNIDER
WELLINGTON — Rebbie M. Snider, 91, sister of Shamrock residents, died Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1998. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Church of Christ with Tom Anderson, minister of Memphis Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Quail Cemetery under the direction of Adams Funeral Home.

Mrs. Snider was born at Cleburne. She married W.B. "Bill" Snider in 1926 at Wellington; he died in 1951. She had been a Wellington resident since 1942. She was a homemaker. She was active in RSVP and was president of Wellington Care Center Resident Council Committee. She was a member of Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Betty Sue Snider, in 1972.

Survivors include three sisters, Leitha Brownlee of Amarillo and Janie Lowe and Irene Barth, both of Shamrock.

The family requests memorials be to Church of Christ or Sean Delaney Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.	
Wheat	2.65
Milo	3.43
Corn	3.73
Soybeans	4.86
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:	
Occidental	20 7/16 up 1/4
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:	
Magellan	101.81
Arco	68 1/16 dn 1/12
Cabot	28 3/4 up 1/8
Cabot O&G	16 5/8 up 1/8

Chevron	84	dn 3/14
Coca-Cola	66 9/16	dn 7/16
Columbia/HCA	19 3/8	dn 3/16
Enron	51 3/4	dn 1
Halliburton	35 7/8	up 1/8
IBM	4 5/16	up 1/4
KNE	49 5/16	dn 1/16
Kerr McGee	42 5/8	dn 1/2
Limited	26	dn 1/8
McDonald's	64 5/8	dn 11/16
Mobil	77 3/8	dn 13/16
New Atmos	29 9/16	up 1/16
NCE	46 3/4	up 3/16
Penney's	49	up 1/4
Phillips	43 13/16	dn 3/4
Pioneer Nat. Res.	13 5/8	dn 3/16
SLB	53 3/16	up 1/16
Tenneco	30 1/4	dn 1/8
Texasco	57 3/4	dn 7/8
Ultramar	29 3/16	dn 1/8
Wal-Mart	65 1/16	up 1/4
Williams	26 15/16	dn 3/4
New York Gold	292.40	dn 4.85
Silver	4.85	dn 1/4
West Texas Crude	13.24	dn 1/4

Former UNC med student pleads guilty to trading child pornography

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — A former medical student became the first person in the United States to plead guilty to being involved in an international ring that authorities say traded in thousands of child porn pictures on the Internet.

William J. Rosa, 31, a former medical student at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, pleaded guilty Monday to sexual exploitation of minors. He is expected to be sentenced Feb. 17 in federal court in Greensboro.

"It's up to the judge, but I think there's a good possibility he will do substantial hard time," said Gene Weinschenk, director of the U.S. Customs CyberSmuggling Center, which ran the U.S. investigation of the ring.

U.S. Customs agents raided his apartment last month and seized his computer, disks and CD-

Police report

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

Wednesday, October 21
Richard A. Faggett, 54, 1109 Huff, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Patrick Francisco Martinez, 20, 1801 Coffee, was arrested on charges of failure to appear and no seat belt.

Assault was reported in the 1400 block of Charles.

Theft was reported in the 1500 block of N. Hobart.

Criminal Mischief was reported in the 1300 block of Duncan.

Accidents

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

Wednesday, October 21
No charges were listed when a 1991 Mustang driven by Cliff Eugene Hudson, 20, 2363 Beech, attempted to pass a 1991 Skylark driven by Angela K. Shafer, 22, 1521 N. Christy, who was attempting to make a left turn from Kentucky to Summer. The Mustang over-corrected to avoid a collision, according to police reports, and jumped the curb damaging his car. The other car was not damaged and no injuries were reported.

Thursday, October 22
Citations for an expired inspection sticker, expired registration, no valid license and failure to control speed were given to Kelli Lee Howe, 26, 324 S. Anne, when her 1992 Capri lost control and struck a dumpster in the 500 block of E. Tyng. No injuries were reported.

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samples from convicted felons but have yet to analyze the samples and enter the genetic profiles onto the computer database.

"The nice thing about technology," Chief Morris said, "is that it allows smaller agencies who may not have a forensic scientist to access a sophisticated crime detection system."

Adams said that although all 50 states have laws authorizing blood sampling of some convicted felons to obtain DNA profiles, eight states have not yet begun collecting the actual samples.

Sheriff Copeland said DNA evidence evaluation in the Texas Panhandle is usually done by the Texas Department of Public Safety's crime lab.

"I hope we will be able to access the system through the state," Copeland said.

The federal government has yet to enact a law authorizing it to collect DNA samples from convicted felons, so all the records at this time are state records.

Adams said some states, such as Virginia, collect data from all felons including white-collar criminals, but others states have a more-restricted list of crimes covered. He said every state covers sexual assaults.

Proposed federal legislation has covered only violent felons and Adams said he thought it would be enacted relatively soon.

Morris warned the law enforcement community will have to be careful and make sure there is no abuse of such high-tech systems.

"We need to make sure they are used for legitimate public safety issues," Morris said.

The DNA in the unsolved-case database is taken from crime scenes. DNA profiles can be obtained from semen collected following a rape, blood left on broken glass during a break-in or even bits of an assailant's skin caught under a victim's fingernails during an assault.

Adams said since last December the FBI has been conducting an eight-state test of the system and has been able to match almost 200 cases to individuals. In the first such success, a Wisconsin rape case was matched to a convicted felon in Illinois.

When local police labs take evidence from a convicted felon or crime scene they load the DNA profiles into a state computer system. The states then decide which of the records are loaded into the FBI computer, known as the National DNA Index System.

When a state wants to make a comparison, it first checks locally, then statewide, then among nearby states and finally nationally in this computerized system. Each broader request of the database takes more time.

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If there are no matches between local evidence and the convicted-felon profiles, he locality would go back and try to match its evidence with the profiles in the unsolved cases to see if any of them could be linked and possibly help investigators reach a solution.

Adams said if a match with a felon's profile occurs, that provides probable cause to get a court order to obtain a new blood sample from that felon to compare with any crime-scene evidence.

The states pay for their end of the system and the FBI pays for managing the national computer. Although the mechanics of the system, who will be able to access it directly and what equipment will be needed, has yet to be determined, Pampa law enforcement agencies all agree that the benefits could be enormous.

"It's a good deal," Copeland said. "I think it's wonderful."

"It's like the AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System) program," said Bill McMinn with the District Attorney's office. "You have a known fingerprint, you run it through the system and if the guy has ever been in the penitentiary, it's supposed to pick it up. It does not do that every time, but it's so much more than what we've had in the past, it's just unbelievable what they can do."

Authorities said it is often times easier to obtain a DNA sample at a crime scene than a fingerprint.

"DNA can be taken from almost anything," McMinn said. "Any time there are body fluids, we can get DNA. You can get DNA from a cigarette butt that somebody's smoked. It only takes a very, very small amount."

Run at the state level by the Department of Public Safety, Morris said the AFIS program maintains a data base of fingerprints that are available to officers around the state via telephone lines, modems and computer systems.

"Since going on-line with the system," Morris said, "a number of cases, including murders, have been solved."

He said he expects similar results with the genetic database system.

While Pampa does not presently have the capability to use such systems, Morris said his department has traveled to Amarillo to use AFIS in their investigations upon occasion.

"It has the ability to scan, classify and search their data base to determine a match," Morris said of the fingerprint system.

Morris said he thinks the genetic database maintained by the FBI could also be a major step in crime detection.

"I can see when it would be beneficial to law enforcement officers and prosecutors," Morris said.

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Initially, the FBI said they would have the results of the search back to Mann within 48 hours.

The reply came back even more quickly than that, but Mann's hopes of a solution were dashed. State authorities using the computer data base system said there were no matches between the sample of the evidence in the panhandle rape case and genetic profiles on file.

Bill McMinn, investigator for the District Attorney's office, said he sent the DNA profile they had developed in the rape case to the Department

of Public Safety offices in Austin via computer about 10 a.m. DPS officers called back by 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, saying there had been no hit, or match, in the system's data base.

"They said it would be kept on record, however, and every time the system was updated, it would be rerun," McMinn said.

McMinn said the system is also being constantly upgraded.

"It's my understanding that if the DPS Crime Lab does a DNA test, they will automatically run it through the system even if there is a suspect."

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LOTTO

supply store in Dallas. He stopped in to buy his customary \$3 ticket.

"I normally play every other week, but if it's below \$15 million, it's not worth it," Henderson said. "A friend of mine in Colorado called me today and said, 'Don't forget to play the lottery.'"

Henderson said he's been playing three years, "and I've pretty close to broke even."

And if he ever wins the jackpot?

"I'll invest it and earn interest on a \$1 million a year, and ride my scooter — a Harley police motorcycle — around the world," he said with a smile.

Jeann Monroe, a Dallas office worker, stopped in

with her young son — still dressed in his soccer uniform — to plunk down an extra \$5.

"When the jackpot isn't very big, I do my regular six numbers," Ms. Monroe said. "When it kicks up like this, I buy the quick picks as well."

Janelle Jones, a real estate broker in Austin, had spent up to \$100 on tickets for previous jumbo jackpots. This time, she said, she was determined to show restraint.

"I'm only getting 10 tickets," she said, gripping the numbers she hoped would land her a fortune. "But I feel really good about them. You know, I have a feeling."

Convenience stores in border towns reported booming lotto sales.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Sunny and warmer today with a high of 70 and south winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight, fair with light winds. Tomorrow, sunny and warmer with a high in the mid 70s. The overnight low was 42.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a low in the mid 40s. South wind 5-15 mph. Friday, partly cloudy with a high in the upper 60s.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy and colder. Lows from 30s Hill Country to 40s south central.

FRIDAY, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid to upper 60s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, mostly cloudy, becoming partly cloudy late. Lows in the mid 40s. Friday, partly cloudy and warmer. Highs in the mid to upper 60s. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, fair. Lows 40-45. Friday,

partly cloudy. Highs near 70. Far West Texas — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers.

Lows 45-50. Friday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Highs near 70.

Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, cloudy with a slight chance of light rain.

Lows 40-50. Friday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of light rain. Highs from the mid 50s mountains to the upper 60s along the Rio Grande.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy and colder. Lows from 30s Hill Country to 40s south central.

FRIDAY, partly cloudy with highs near 70. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, partly cloudy and cool. Lows near 50 inland to near 60 coast.

FRIDAY, sunny with highs from 70s inland to near 70 coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, partly cloudy and breezy. Lows from

near 60 coast to the 50s inland. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 70s to near 70.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, partly cloudy and cool. Lows 38 to 44. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs 68 to 74.

BORDER STATES
NEW MEXICO — Tonight, variable clouds with a chance for showers and high mountain snow showers. Lows mid 20s to 30s mountains, 30s to 40s elsewhere. Friday, partly cloudy with a chance for showers and higher mountain snow showers.

Little warmer with highs upper 40s 50s mountains with 60s to low 70s at lower elevations of the south. Lows in the mid 20s and 30s mountains with upper 30s and 40s lower elevations.

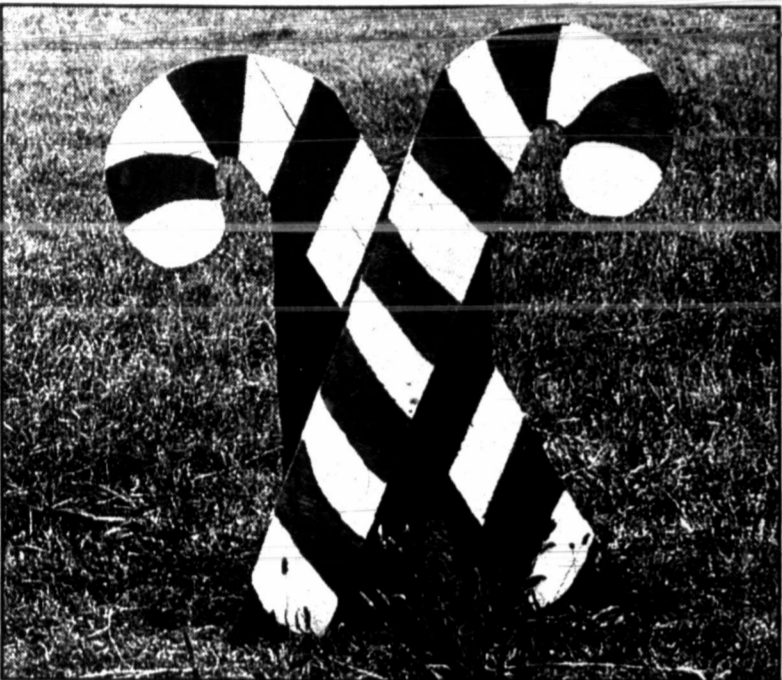
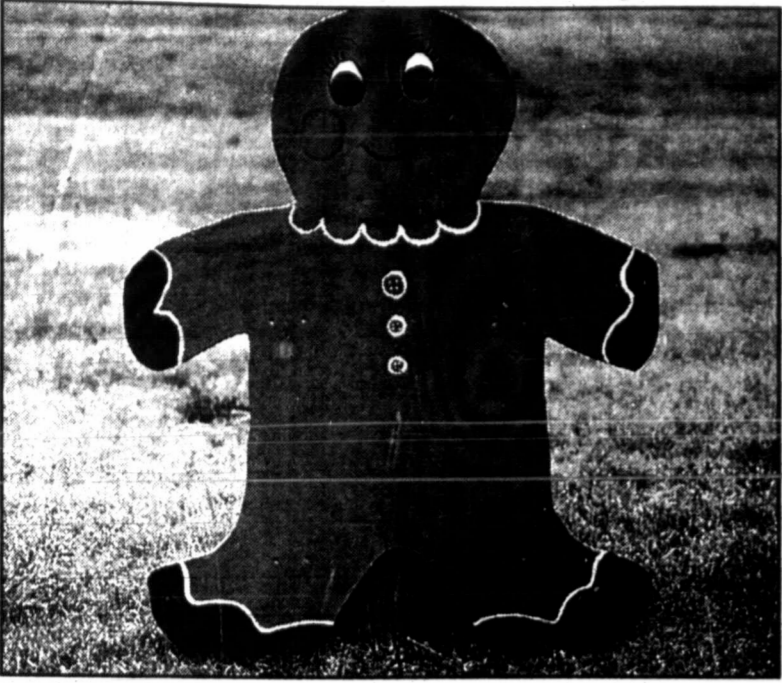
OKLAHOMA — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the low to mid 40s. Friday and Friday night, partly cloudy west. Mostly sunny elsewhere. Highs near 70 and lows in the mid to upper 40s.

City briefs

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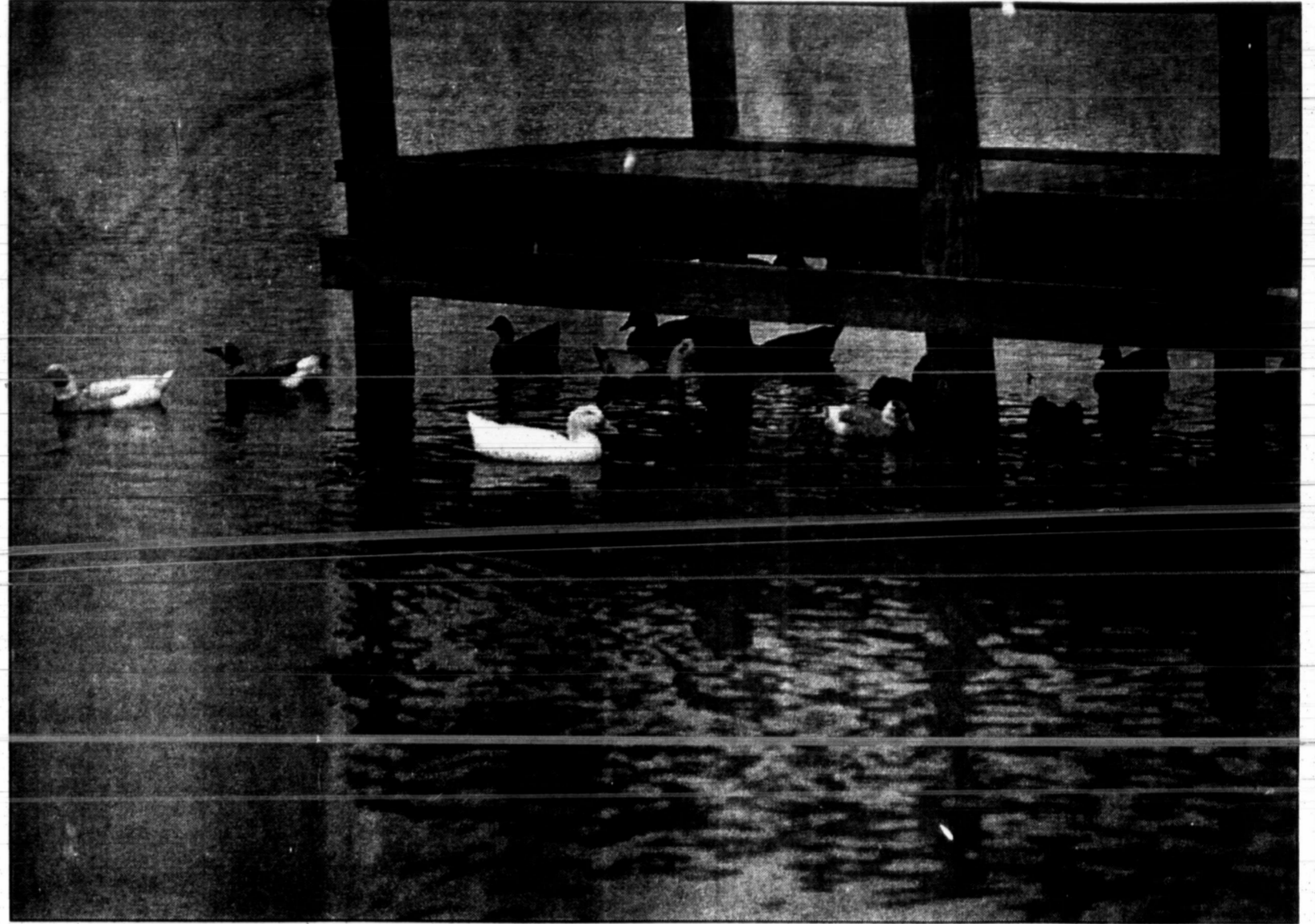
Celebration of Lights



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

While cool weather is barely on us the folks at the Celebration Of Lights are thinking Christmas as they start putting up decorations for this years display.

Shelter from the weather



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Weather was so wet and drizzly this week even the ducks at Recreation Park tried to get under a roof.

Alumni Banquet Hall at WTAMU to open with operatic fanfare

CANYON — West Texas A&M University's lavishly refurbished Alumni Banquet Hall will assume the name of its chief benefactor on Oct. 30, during a harmonious grand opening, featuring dinner and a performance by Mary Jane Johnson, internationally known opera star and WTAMU graduate.

Johnson, a soprano who is serving this year as artist in residence at WTAMU, has entertained from Carnegie Hall to Paris. Her performance at approximately 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 30 will cap an evening on which banquet hag contributors and project facilitators will be recognized by University President Dr. Russell C. Long.

The Alumni Association assumed responsibility for costs of renovation and expansion of what was formerly the South Dining Hall to gain a more permanent presence on campus, according to M. Keith Brown, director of alumni relations. The effort has been spearheaded by the Association's Opportunity Knocks campaign, which is aimed at raising \$350,000. The campaign will continue until the association can turn over the entire amount it has pledged to the university.

"The mission of the Alumni Association has always been to support and nourish the University," Camille Day Nies, president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, said. "The South Dining Hall renovation has provided us with an exceptional opportunity to express our continued commitment to our campus, students and staff."

Foremost among contributors to the campaign is Dr. Hazel Kelley Wilson, a lifetime member of the WTAMU Alumni Association, whose previous contributions to the university include an endowment for the Jack B. Kelley Student Center and numerous student scholarships. She holds an honorary doctorate from WTAMU.

"It is fitting and appropriate for the Alumni Association to have its name on this very fine facility," Long said. "I think it will serve as a very visible symbol of the contributions our alumni make to the University community. As always, Hazel Kelley Wilson's generosity is enormously important to all of us, and everyone at the University owes her a debt of gratitude for her many contributions."

Plans for renovation and expansion of the banquet hall were provided by Earl Herring and the Herring Design Group. Features of the refurbished facility include a granite dance floor, mahogany paneling, a complete sound system, a satellite system and a computer with Internet and Power Point capabilities for multimedia purposes.

Following a 7 p.m. dinner and recognition of honorees, Johnson will give guests a treat when she puts her world-famous voice on display. Her career highlights include the role of Emilia Many in Janacek's "The Makropoulos Case" which she sang at the Metropolitan Opera in New York, Lady Macbeth in Verdi's Macbeth as well as Katarina Ismailova in Shostakovich's "Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk," which she performed at the Opera Bastille of Paris. She has also performed the Shostakovich as well as Minnie in Puccini's "La Fanciulla del West" and Strauss' "Salome" at the Teatro alla Scala in Milan.

Johnson received a master's degree in music from WTAMU in 1978. She was discovered during the finals of the Luciano Pavarotti International Voice Competition in 1981.

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Opinion

Count the people and do it right

■ Census Bureau needs to keep busy.

In 1920, the Republican Congress refused to accept the results of the census conducted by the administration of Democrat Woodrow Wilson, because Republicans said it overcounted residents of cities that were Democratic strongholds. Reapportionment of Congress — the chief reason for which the Constitution calls for an "enumeration" of the American people every 10 years — had to be put off until after the 1930 census. Could officials be heading for a similar showdown at the millennium?

Today's Republican Congress is challenging the census methods of another Democratic president, Bill Clinton, for the 2000 census. Congressional Republicans favor the traditional headcount method while the Clinton administration wants to use a sampling technique in combination with enumeration to better estimate the number of immigrants, the homeless and others believed to be undercounted in the past.

But the administration received a significant set-back recently when a three-judge federal panel ruled the bureau cannot use the sampling method for the 2000 census.

In its unanimous opinion, the panel of two Republican appointees and one Clinton appointee wrote, "Sampling should be used in any and all areas in which that use is legal and/or constitutional, but it may not be used in the apportionment of representation among the states."

The Clinton administration is appealing the ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court.

To implement the words of the Constitution on apportionment, Congress over the years has passed statutes that require the counting of every citizen possible through forms mailed out to households or Census officials talking directly to people by phone or in person.

Why is this a hotly partisan issue? The 2000 census results will be used to determine political boundaries — and could shift control of the House of Representatives. The sampling method likely would boost the estimates for inner cities, which tend to be Democratic, while the status quo may well favor the political interests of Republicans.

Besides legislative apportionment, Census data also is used to calculate how the taxpayers' money is spent. California reportedly might "lose" \$1 billion without the sampling method, which could boost California's "virtual population," by some estimates by more than 1 million residents above the count of the enumeration method.

The chief concern is that the sampling method could be abused to create fictitious people in areas favored by the Clinton administration — or whatever administration happened to be in power — thus helping one party over another.

"(The use of sampling) so overtly politicizes the Census process, even though we know the current system is not exact, we'd be in much better shape counting the people we know exist rather than those who might exist," Stephen Moore, director of fiscal policy studies at the libertarian Cato Institute, told us.

In the meantime, the Census Bureau is falling far behind in its preparation for the next census.

—Odessa American

Economists speak the truth

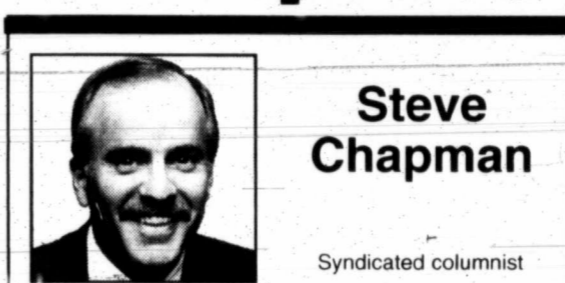
When the Nobel Committee gave the 1998 prize in economics to Indian-born Cambridge University professor Amartya Sen, it was easy to get the idea that he was the first economist to ever bother his pointy little head about the problems of ordinary folks, especially the poor.

The Royal Swedish Academy commended Sen, whose best-known work deals with the causes of famine, for restoring "an ethical dimension to the discussion of vital economic problems." Selim Jahan, who worked with Sen in compiling the United Nations' Human Development Index, said that he has "brought a human face to economics."

Sen himself admitted, "I have always been concerned with the downside of economics, the miserable guys who end up hungry, unemployed, starving." This inclination has led another Nobel laureate, Robert Solow of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, to call him "the conscience of the profession."

The citation was treated as a stark contrast to last year's award, which went to a pair of economists who did important work on financial options and then proceeded to lose their shirts when their Long-Term Capital Management hedge fund nearly went broke. While his colleagues occupy themselves with arcane free-market theories of no possible interest to anyone except wealthy investors, we were supposed to conclude, Sen has taken the radical step of trying to figure out how to improve the lot of the world's suffering masses.

The truth is very different. "Economics has always been about how the vast majority of mankind could be made better off," says David Henderson, a Hoover Institution scholar and editor of "The Fortune Encyclopedia of Economics." To suggest that the profession needs the Nobel Committee or Amartya Sen to



Steve Chapman
 Syndicated columnist

remind it to pay attention to poor people is not only condescending but ignorant.

The father of economics, Adam Smith, noted in the opening chapter of his immortal 1776 book, "The Wealth of Nations," that in primitive societies, grinding poverty is the norm. In advanced ones, however, "the produce of the whole labor of society is so great that all are often abundantly supplied, and a workman, even of the lowest and poorest order, may enjoy a greater share of the necessities and conveniences of life than it is possible for any savage to acquire." Much of his book was devoted to showing how various government policies served to impoverish ordinary workers and farmers.

These same concerns have animated economists throughout the ages. Sen is far from the first to consider how to elevate the condition of people in the world's poor nations. Theodore Schultz was part of the University of Chicago school of economics, a favorite target of self-styled guardians of the poor. But he won the Nobel Prize in 1979 for his work on the causes of rural poverty in the Third World — which he demonstrated was often the fault of artificially low food prices established by dictatorial governments.

British economist Peter Bauer was a voice in the wilderness 30 years ago, arguing that what

backward nations in Africa and Asia needed was not massive infusions of aid but sound economic policies based on private property, the rule of law, unfettered markets and the free movement of capital. That advice helped bring about rapid advancement in places like Hong Kong, Singapore and South Korea. It has also paved the way for such thinkers as Amartya Sen, who says his famine studies have convinced him that governments should leave distribution of food to the market.

Socialism was once hailed as the way to speed development, but it did exactly the opposite. The worst famine in world history took place in China in the 1950s during Mao Zedong's Great Leap Forward. Soviet agriculture was an endless self-contradiction. Africa remains a synonym for famine and squalor.

The failures surprised leftists, but they came as no revelation to economists such as Friedrich Hayek, who warned in 1935 that socialism was doomed because no government could possibly "solve the economic problem of distributing a limited amount of resources between a practically infinite number of competing purposes."

Socialism was long regarded as a friend to those on the bottom of the economic heap because it claimed to put their needs first, and economists who noted its defects were often derided as enemies of the people it promised to help. But free-market thinkers did these unfortunates the favor of showing that good intentions were useless and even destructive without good policies.

The reactions to this year's Nobel presume that Sen's predecessors should have paid a lot more attention to helping the poor. In fact, if the world had listened to them, there would be a lot fewer poor people around for Sen to worry about.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
 Today is Thursday, Oct. 22, the 295th day of 1998. There are 70 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On Oct. 22, 1968, Apollo Seven returned safely, splashing down in the Atlantic Ocean.

On this date:
 In 1746, Princeton University in New Jersey received its charter.

In 1797, French balloonist Andre-Jacques Garnerin made the first

parachute descent, landing safely from a height of about 3,000 feet.

In 1836, Sam Houston was inaugurated as the first constitutionally elected president of the Republic of Texas.

In 1928, Republican presidential nominee Herbert Hoover spoke of the "American system of rugged individualism" in a speech at New York's Madison Square Garden.

In 1954, West Germany joined

the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

In 1962, President Kennedy announced an air and naval blockade of Cuba, following the discovery of Soviet missile bases on the island.

In 1973, Spanish cellist, conductor and composer Pablo Casals died in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, at age 96.

In 1978, negotiators for Egypt and Israel announced in

Washington they had reached tentative agreement on the main points of a peace treaty.

In 1979, the U.S. government allowed the deposed Shah of Iran to travel to New York for medical treatment — a decision that precipitated the Iran hostage crisis.

Ten years ago: The 100th Congress adjourned in an early morning session that produced sweeping legislation to combat drug abuse in America.

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America is still a generous place

Anybody who fails to note the kindness, generosity and basic decency of the American people, has missed the essence of this country.

Foreigners such as Alexis de Tocqueville have spotted it instantly. But we sometimes seem the last to recognize it in ourselves.

The thought came to mind again the other night in New York City. It was one of those glittering, celebrity-studded charity galas. Big hotel ballroom. Men in hand-tailored tuxedos, women in designer dresses and serious jewelry. Top tables \$100,000 a pop.

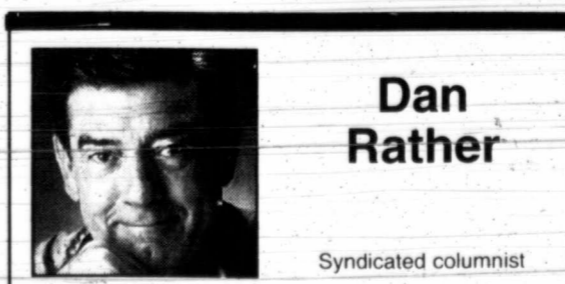
The event benefited something called the G&P Charitable Foundation. Socialite, songwriter and producer Denise Rich started it to honor her daughter, who died of leukemia.

Most of those in attendance would rather have been home watching the ball game or snuggled up with a book. Yet thousands showed up.

It took the president of the United States to tell them WHY.

"I'd like to ask you to take just a couple of minutes to seriously consider the purpose for which you have come tonight," Bill Clinton said. He looked gray, haggard, and spoke without notes.

"Twenty-five years ago, America declared war on cancer," he continued. "Twenty-five years from now, I hope we will have won the



Dan Rather
 Syndicated columnist

war. I hope the war on cancer will have about as much meaning to schoolchildren as the War of 1812. Twenty-five years from now, I hope schoolchildren don't even know what the word 'chemotherapy' means.

"The progress now being made against cancer is stunning. We are closing in on the genetic causes... Cancer rates are actually dropping for the first time in history. Our country is moving in the right direction on this..."

Then he segued into another important point: "Let me also say that the fight against cancer is really a fight for life, a fight for the elemental proposition that all of us are bound to seek, not just for ourselves, but for all others, the chance to live out our dreams for as long and as well as we can. And whenever that chance is cut short, we are all diminished."

"I'm thinking about that in another context

today because, like so many of you, I was heartbroken this morning to learn that young Matthew Shepard, who was beaten so viciously in Wyoming, succumbed to his injuries.

"I say that to remind you, when we come here tonight, [to] feel good about it, [to] feel good about yourselves. You're contributing money to help people you'll never know, live lives you'll never be a part of. And that is in the best tradition of humanity. You do it because you know it's some profound and almost indescribable way we share a common mission in these brief lives on Earth. And when someone else takes a life — as this young man was apparently beaten to death because he was gay — that taking is done out of blind hatred and maybe even fear, like cancer. It violates every sense of how we think life ought to be."

"It is this recognition of how we are all bound together across the lines that superficially divide us that makes this a very great country. When we violate that, we diminish our own lives. When we honor it, we lift our lives."

Newspapers carried little of his remarks, radio and television even less. Even those who admire him believe he's in the twilight of his presidency. But even those who can't wait for him to leave office, knew that he had reiterated something fundamental and important about America near the end of the 20th century.

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Texas round-up

Bush leads Mauro by 45 points in latest Texas Poll

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George Bush holds a whopping 45-point lead over Democratic challenger Garry Mauro as election day nears, but the other statewide feature several dead heats, according to the latest Texas Poll.

Most notably, the race for lieutenant governor is even, with Democrat John Sharp and Republican Rick Perry each holding 37 percent with a sizable number of voters undecided, according to the poll.

For attorney general, Democrat Jim Mattox leads Republican John Cornyn, 47 percent to 31 percent. Bush is backed by 66 percent of likely voters to 21 percent for Mauro, with 12 percent undecided or refusing to answer, according to the survey.

The Scripps Howard Texas Poll was conducted by the Office of Survey Research at the University of Texas from Oct. 5 through Oct. 18. The telephone poll of 764 likely voters has an error margin of plus or minus 3.6 points.

The race between Sharp and Perry has long been close, and it has turned increasingly caustic in recent weeks as each candidate accused the other of being more responsible for the early release of prison inmates in the 1980s.

Townfolk in path of furious floods head for dry ground

WHARTON, Texas (AP) — Doug Miller has heard all the jokes about his On The River Restaurant. By week's end, it could be in the river.

But as Miller watched the flood-swollen Colorado roar downstream just a few feet from the business he manages, the humor somehow escaped him.

"Two weeks ago you could walk across to the other side, the river was so low," he said. "Now you can't see anything."

Miller's concern was shared by his neighbors as the river climbed to record-setting levels

today and threatened to flood up to 40 percent of this town of 10,200 people.

State prepares to decide fate of West Texas low-level dump

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — The question of where the state will bury its radioactive trash has hung over the heads of West Texans for more than a decade.

State officials today were expected to relieve some of the uncertainty. The three-member Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission were set to meet in Austin to consider a license for a proposed low-level dump in rural Sierra Blanca.

A "yes" vote would set in motion plans to begin construction. A "no" could potentially kill the project, which has been in the works in some form since 1983.

Sierra Blanca resident Bill Addington, who has fought the dump for years, planned to be on the sidelines to learn firsthand the fate of his town.

Elsewhere:

NOT LEAVING: Some people are refusing to leave their homes in Central and South Texas despite rising floodwaters. Officials sought to evacuate almost half of the residents of Wharton, population 10,200, because of rising floodwaters. ... **BIO-WEAPONS TRIAL:** An informant has testified in Brownsville he told the FBI about a plot by three men to threaten officials with e-mails. He also passed along an alleged plot to shoot officials with cactus needles coated with toxins. ... **BULLOCK-PACE-MAKER:** Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock will enter an Austin hospital Monday for surgery to insert a pacemaker. After a recent gallbladder operation, doctors recommended the pacemaker to regulate an irregular heartbeat. ... **JUST SAY NO:** A judge has told a Colorado City attorney he can put up a controversial billboard, at least until a court proceeding next spring. The sign urges passers-by to "just say no" to police vehicle searches.

Fisher-Price agrees to free fix in one of largest recalls ever

By LAWRENCE L. KNUSTON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — In one of the largest recalls ever, Fisher-Price is agreeing to make free repairs on up to 10 million battery-run Power Wheels ride-on toys because they pose a serious fire risk, the Consumer Product Safety Commission announced today.

The commission said the toy has resulted in 150 fires that caused minor burns to at least nine children and \$300,000 in property damage to 22 homes and garages. The agency received another 700 reports of electrical components failing or overheating, melting parts or causing smoke.

"This is the largest recall of a product sold in a store," said Nichelle Fleming, a commission public affairs officer. "It is a very serious problem."

"This is a fire waiting to happen in your home," Ann Brown, the commission's chairman, told The Washington Post.

Parents were advised by the commission to immediately remove the car's batteries —

Fisher-Price has about 400 repair centers in the United States. They can be contacted through the Power Wheels hot line at 1-800-977-7800. Parents also can check the toy's Web site at www.power-wheels.com.

either one or two 6-volt batteries — until they can bring the car into a specially designated Fisher-Price repair shop for free overhauls.

Fisher-Price also is removing all Power Wheels models now on shelves, Ms. Fleming said. Any product made after September 1998 will reflect the safety changes.

She said the CPSC also has received more than 70 complaints of the toys failing to stop after a child lifts his or her foot from the pedal. Six children have suffered minor injuries as a result of their cars failing to stop and ramming fences or parked cars. The vehicles are capable of speeds up to 5 mph.

The cars, sold since 1984, are designed for children ages 2 to 7. The battery-run toy cars are carried under such names as Barbie Jeep, Big Jake and Extreme Machine.

The Power Wheels recall is the nation's largest of any toy sold in stores. The agency estimated that the recall will cost the company at least \$30 million.

Fisher's parent company, Mattel, called the voluntary measure preventive.

"There certainly have been some incidents related to the product but that number of incidents has been extremely rare," Sean Fitzgerald, Mattel's vice president of communications, told the Post.

Brown said the CPSC plans to investigate whether the toy company notified the agency promptly about the fires. She said the agency first learned about the toy's danger in late 1996 and early 1997 from fire investigators and consumers.

The only larger toy recall involved small toys included in cereal packages.

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Suit claims tobacco firms violate rights

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A lawsuit claims that tobacco companies violate the civil rights of blacks by marketing more-dangerous menthol cigarettes in their communities.

Lawyers who filed the proposed class-action suit Monday in U.S. District Court said it was the first to use the approach of suing tobacco companies under federal civil-rights law rather than personal-injury or product-liability statutes.

The plaintiffs are several black smokers or former smokers of menthol cigarettes and two black health groups. They asked that 12 tobacco companies or industry groups be required to make public all research about the impact of smoking, especially of menthol cigarettes, on blacks.

The lawsuit contends that menthol compounds, when burned, create additional toxic substances that make such cigarettes more dangerous than regular cigarettes. Government studies of smoking have suggested, the suit said, that menthol taste makes it easier for people to smoke longer and inhale more deeply.

The suit asked for a court order barring the tobacco industry from "advertising and promotion campaigns that target and attract blacks to begin smoking menthol tobacco products."

It is based on the original Civil Rights Acts of 1866 and 1870, passed to prevent the victimization of former slaves during Reconstruction.

"If you are selling a defective product targeting the black consumer community, we think it is a ... violation of their civil rights," said William R. Adams Jr., who filed the lawsuit.

Dolly Colby, a spokeswoman for Philip Morris Inc., the lead defendant in the suit, said the company would not comment because it had not seen the lawsuit. She also declined to comment over the relative hazards of menthol and plain cigarettes.

Although blacks account for about 10 percent of all U.S. smokers, the lawsuit says, they make up 60 percent to 70 percent of the menthol cigarette consumers and are 30 percent more likely to die of smoking-related illnesses than whites.

"The death rate from smoking among African Americans is higher than among whites, and yet we smoke fewer cigarettes," said the Rev. Jesse W. Brown Jr., a Lutheran pastor in Philadelphia and the lead plaintiff in the lawsuit.

Brown is the acting executive director of the National Association of African Americans for Positive Imagery, which has battled the marketing of fortified tobacco and alcohol products to the black community.

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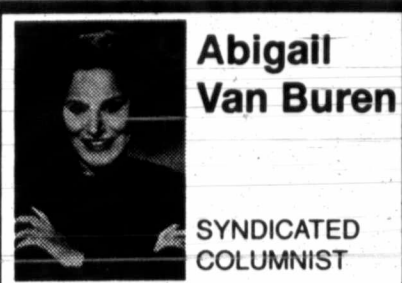
This Moses Parts the Waters, And Adds to Them as Well

DEAR ABBY: Though a frequent reader (after my wife), I've only now found reason to write to you, in response to the lady who feared her husband's habit of urinating on their lawn was inappropriate.

So it may be, but the fact remains that all men pee outdoors.

My best to you and continued good luck with your column.

CHARLTON HESTON, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR CHARLTON: Thank you for the input. Your letter is but a drop in the bucket compared to the deluge of mail that has flooded my office since I printed that letter. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter about the woman ("The Whiz-zard's Wife") whose husband urinates in the yard, I had to write. It's what I went through with my ex-husband for 13 years! I pleaded with him to stop, but his answer was that no one could see him use it was dark.

My present husband (now of eight years) did the same thing. He'd be closer to the bathroom in our house and still go out back to urinate in our yard after dark two or three times a week. When I gave him my opinion about it, he'd ignore it.

When we moved to our new home, we had a wooden fence built. I decided to teach him a lesson. When he continued to urinate in the back yard, I decided to do the same. He was shocked! He told me I had

better not do it again. I told him that as long as he continued his behavior, I would do the same.

Abby, he has not urinated in our back yard since. Sometimes when they won't listen, you have to show 'em.

HAPPY WIFE IN FORNEY, TEXAS

DEAR HAPPY WIFE: Congratulations for having curbed your husband's spraying. I was intrigued to discover that some men consider it a form of conservation! Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Marking our territory is only one reason for this age-old tradition.

Boys have long enjoyed distance, accuracy and creative urinary competitions: knocking leaves off the trees in the fall, drawing pictures in the winter snow, protecting young fir trees from hungry deer in the spring, and dousing campfires in the summer months are just a few highlights.

Some may deride this as small-minded male nonsense, but on a

global scale, this ritual has significant benefits to our environment. The flush water we save is substantial. At 2.5 gallons per flush, a man urinating outside just once a day will conserve almost 1,000 gallons of water a year. If one-fourth of the men in the United States saved one flush per day, we'd save more than 4.5 billion cubic feet of water per year.

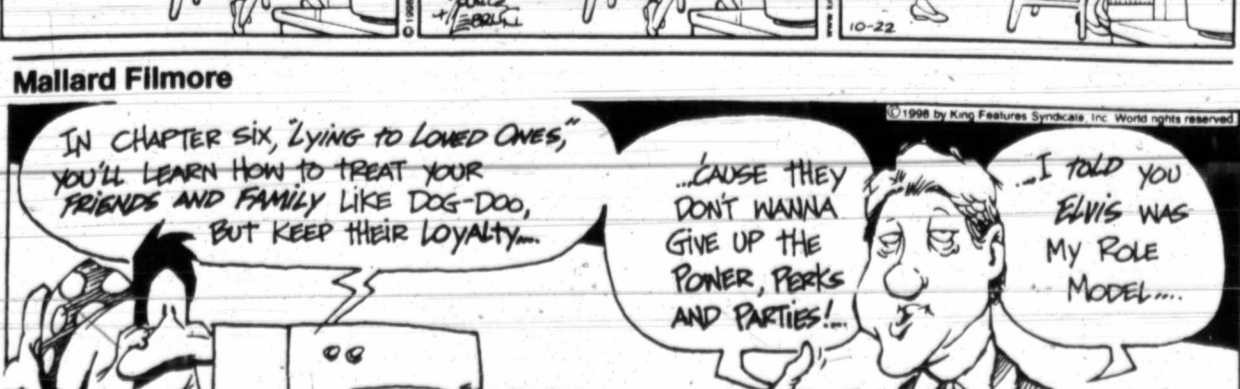
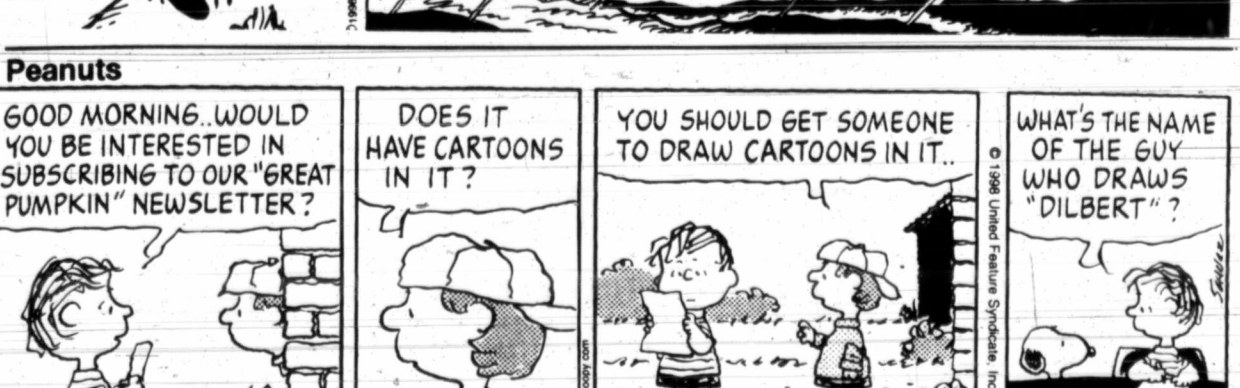
If you consider all the rainfall that's channeled into storm sewers from our streets and parking lots, we're returning valuable moisture to the soil by urinating on our lawns. At just one pint per day, American men could generate enough filtered ground water to cool the hottest passions among Washington, D.C.'s, elite. It would give the term "leak" new meaning.

NATIVE OREGON STREAMER, TILLAMOOK, ORE.

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For Better or For Worse



Horoscope

FRIDAY, OCT. 23, 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)

★★★★ Reach out for others, and be willing to talk money. Take an overview; that is where change will occur. Fatigue results from staying on top of problems. Resolving them enables you to pull back and accept a surprise invitation. —Tonight: Do something that helps you escape.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ One-to-one relating remains the key to opening doors. A partner is way too negative. Don't take the comments too personally. Anger erupts out of the blue with a child or loved one. Bosses are also unpredictable in their demands. Tonight: Make time for that special one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Let others express what they think is appropriate. Meanwhile, don't be surprised if you just shake your head. Finding solutions turns out to be a major pastime. Recent experiences could have you feeling negative. Don't let unruly tempers get to you. Tonight: Out with friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★ Dig into work, and get errands done. You have a lot of energy; misplaced, it causes you an enormous

problem. Stay in contact with your feelings. Realize your current limitations, and opt to get around them. A partner surprises you with support. Tonight: Where the action is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Let others reveal their intentions. Stop working hard to cover a co-worker's negativity. Perhaps he needs to see other reactions. Creativity spins out. A flirtation becomes more important. Let others see the true you! Curb spending. Tonight: Chuckle at what happens.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★ You have had enough, and you let others know it. But a display of temper might not be the best choice in the long run. Communications become stilted and difficult. Rest assured that you are not getting the full story. Sensitivity comes out with family. Tonight: Play ostrich.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Start conversations, and seek other opinions. Financial pressure could have you fried. You might be overly tired and unable to deal with someone's demand. A child or loved one makes you laugh and lighten up. Be careful how you express anger. Tonight: Out with the gang.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Someone pushes your buttons. Listen carefully to feedback right now. Question what is appropriate before you say or do anything. A friend may mean well but could cost you money. Be willing to deny a request. You might need to tame your spending. Tonight: Run errands.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Use your high energy constructively. You could finally blow a fuse with a boss. Tempers flare. You are tired and need to push past a pressing situation. Work could drain you. Unexpected news comes forward. Use sugar instead of vinegar. Tonight: Create what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★ Withdraw rather than react. A missive that comes your way irritates you. Don't respond until you distance yourself. A friendship is important to you. Listen to feedback, and overcome liabilities. A friend gets a loved one's dander up. Tonight: Take time to yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Others watch you zero in on what you want. Be willing to accept responsibility. Don't assume you are locked into a problem situation. Use your adaptability to get ahead. Make more of your life, and pursue desires. Tonight: Start the weekend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Reach out for someone. Question what someone really means. You become uptight over information you hear, which you could misinterpret. Bring others together at work to complete an important task. Let cooperation mark your interactions. Tonight: Out with co-workers.

BORN TODAY

Author Michael Crichton (1942), singer great Pele (1940), singer-satirist "Weird Al" Yankovic (1959)

Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Raw-bar item
- 5 Leonard Marx
- 10 Tortoise's opponent
- 11 Stone of film
- 12 Terrible czar
- 13 Buccaneer
- 14 Itch soother
- 16 Disaster
- 20 To boot
- 23 Quitting
- 24 Smallest number
- 25 Michelangelo work
- 27 Wing
- 28 "The Color Purple" character
- 29 Smoking pipe
- 32 Squid
- 36 Tomorrow
- 39 Love, Latin-style
- 40 Brings together
- 41 Diana, in "The Avengers"
- 42 Lassoed
- 43 Bank action

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- 1 Stylish
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- 3 Asian sea
- 4 Threatens
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- 6 Women's quarters
- 7 Nest egg, of a sort
- 8 Rollaway bed
- 9 Small bill
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- 15 Brewing need
- 17 "Oh, right!"
- 18 Head of France
- 19 Calendar span
- 20 Actor Baldwin
- 21 Actress Ward
- 22 Mural setting
- 25 Tower site
- 26 "Moby Dick" character
- 28 Bulls and rams
- 30 Keen
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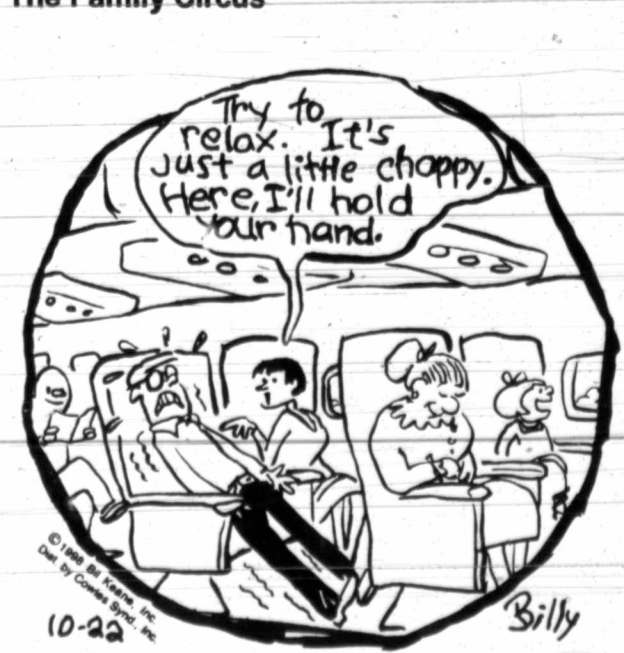
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FOOTBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — At least two conference commissioners are showing interest in a proposed new bowl game at Houston.

It's been 11 years since Houston last hosted a college football bowl game. After 28 years, the Bluebonnet Bowl disappeared in 1987 for lack of financial support.

Mid-American Conference commissioner Jerry Ippoliti came to Houston for talks Wednesday and today with Houston-area leaders and sports officials.

Ippoliti told KRIV-TV he's gauging interest and financial support for the project. It was Ippoliti who helped create the Motor City Bowl in Detroit and the Music City Bowl in Nashville.

BASEBALL

SAN-DIEGO (AP) — Andy Pettitte's mind was racing. The New York Yankees' 24th World Series title was a few outs away.

"(I was) just really thinking about everything that's happened this year," he said, "from us having our second child and almost thinking I was going to lose him. And then with what happened to my father and he wasn't able to be here. And just the up-and-down season I had. And even in the playoffs, my last start."

Worry no more, Andy. Dad can turn the TV back on now that you pitched 7 1-3 shutout innings as the Yankees completed their historic World Series sweep with a 3-0 win over San Diego on Wednesday night.

"I know there's an enormous heart there," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

Pettitte didn't want his father, released from a hospital earlier in the day, to even watch on television.

"If something bad happened, I didn't want him to end up back in the hospital," Pettitte said.

Tom Pettitte's newly fixed heart was just fine. And his son showed a lot of his own heart, putting everything aside and pitching the Yankees over the top.

He didn't let his father's health bother him, didn't worry about his season-long problems with control.

Pettitte allowed just five hits, got out of a bases-loaded jam in the second, came up with his best game of the year.

All year long, Pettitte was plagued by self doubt, a perplexed look across his boyish face as he tried to explain a string of off nights.

"I tend to think about the bad things instead of the good things a little bit too much," he admitted. "So this was definitely gratifying for me."

His Series-winning performance came after an 11-day layoff, with his father at home in Texas a week after emergency heart surgery.

"Just tell him I love him. Glad I talked to him today and he was able to go home," Pettitte told a national TV audience. "I'm just glad I was able to throw a great game. He's at home watching. I know he's at home with a big smile on his face."

His father failed to convince doctors to postpone surgery until after the Series. Andy went back to Houston after the AL championship series, arriving back at Yankee Stadium just before the World Series opener.

"Andy Pettitte has a history of throwing great in big games," World Series MVP Scott Brosius said. "When we went out today, we had a great feeling with him on the mound. He had a focus and he wasn't going to accept losing tonight."

The 26-year-old left-hander was just 16-11 with a 4.24 ERA in the regular season, his fewest wins since 1995 and the highest ERA of his major league career. He repeatedly fell behind hitters, nibbling at the plate instead of attacking.

Yankees clinch title

SAN DIEGO (AP) — They have no sure Hall of Famers, no one to equal Ruth, DiMaggio or Mantle. Not a single one of them even got elected to start this year's All-Star game.

Their true greatness is as a team. Maybe the best in baseball history.

The New York Yankees ended their season Wednesday night the only way that seemed proper — a 3-0 victory over the San Diego Padres for a World Series sweep and their record 24th championship.

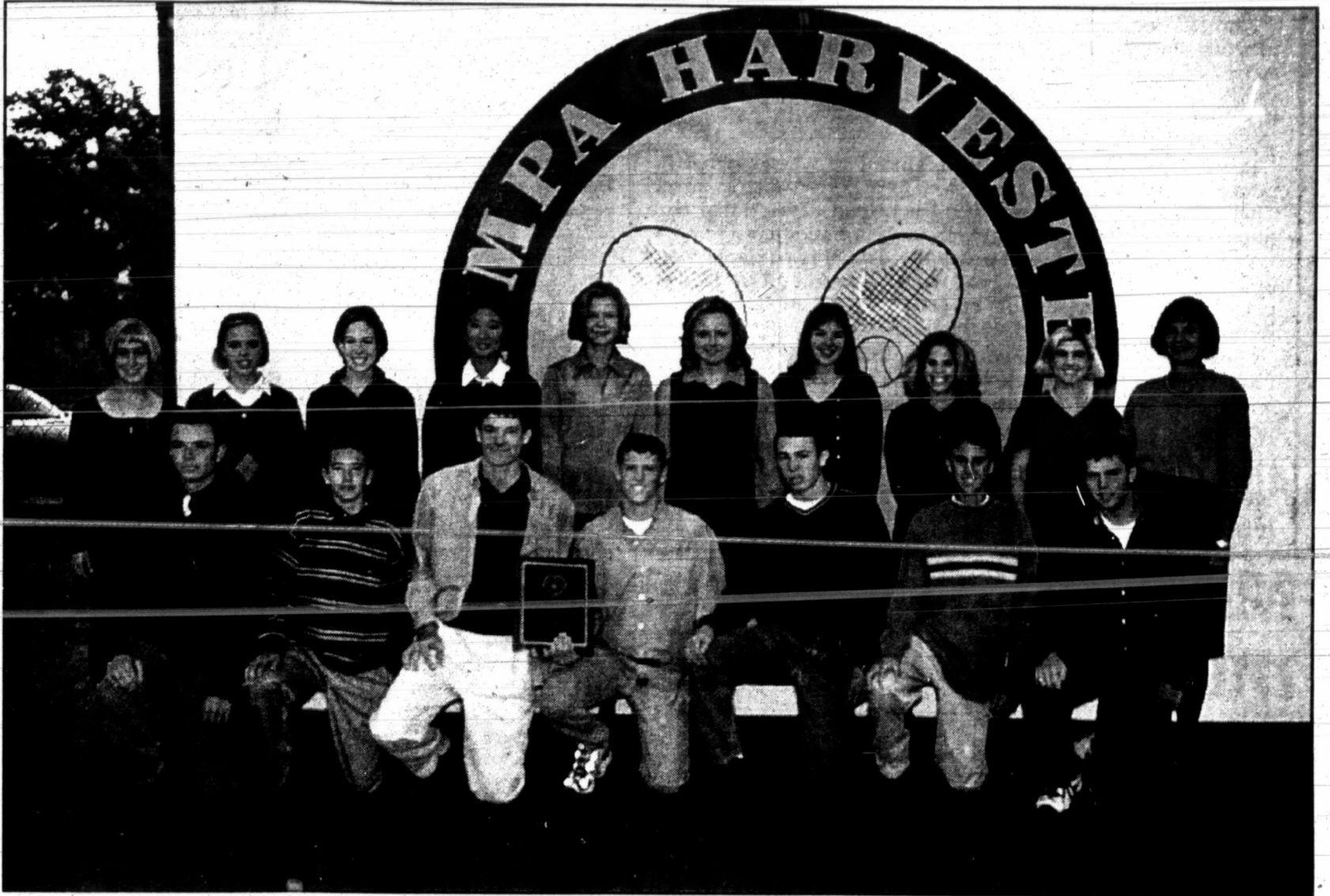
Andy Pettitte recorded the Yankees' 125th victory of the year, a win that caused owner George Steinbrenner to weep with joy. Scott Brosius won the MVP award and that was appropriate — batting ninth for most of the season, hardly a superstar.

So now, after the Game 4 win, let the debate begin. Better than the '27 Yankees, better than the '61 Yankees, better than the Big Red Machine?

"I think that will probably be talked about forever," Brosius said. "The comparisons will go on and on, and maybe nobody will have a definite answer. But you can look at this year and say we had the single best season of any other team."

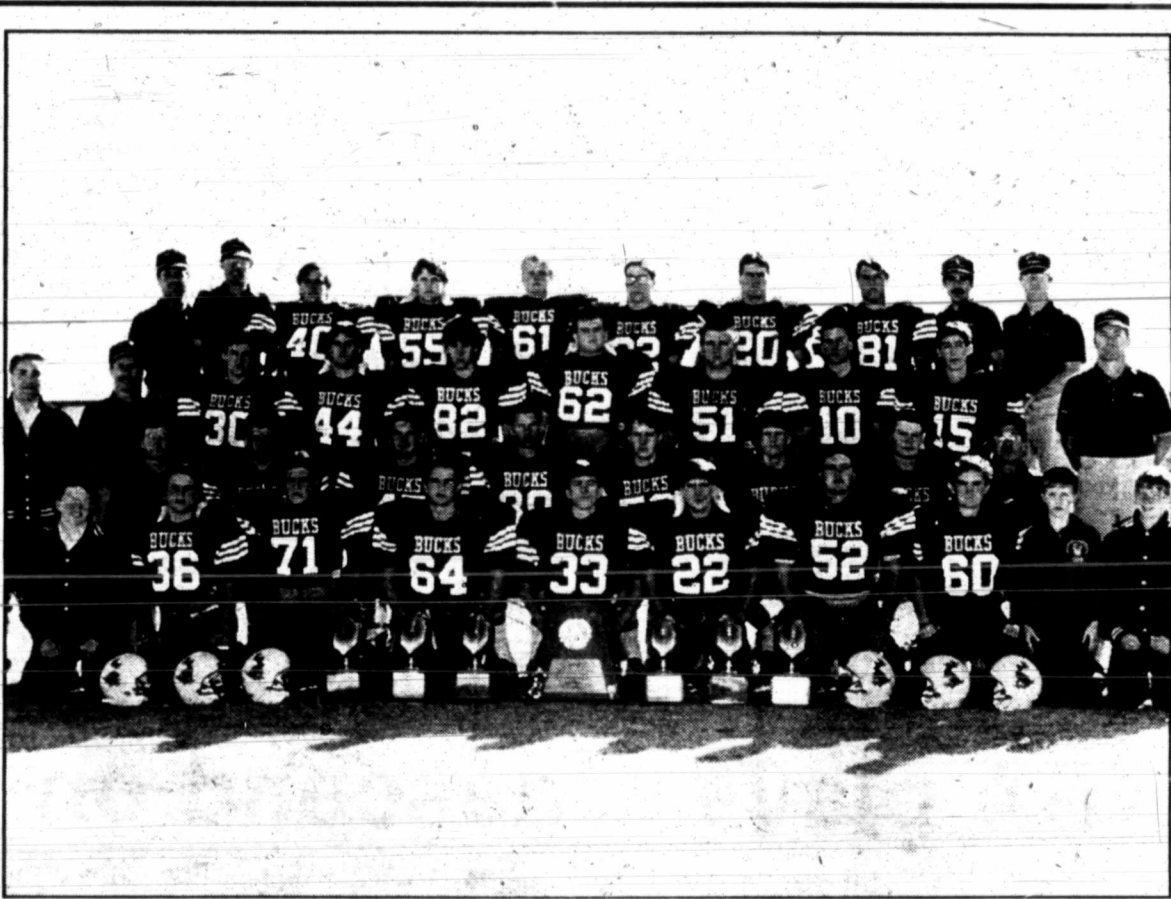
At 125-50, the most victories ever and the best winning percentage since that Murderers' Row club in 1927.

"'27 Yankees, they may have a better club, but we had the best record," manager Joe Torre said.



The Pampa High tennis team (above) is headed for the regional tournament after clinching the District 3-4A championship with a 29-0 victory over Palo Duro last weekend. Team members are (front, from left) Ryan Mills, Bryce Jordan, Bryce Hudson, Blake Hurst, Michael Cornelison, Matt Rains and Russ DuBose; (back row, from left) Stacie Carter, Ashley Laycock (manager), Celeste Stowers, Michelle Lee, Kellen Waters, Emily Waters, Helen Orr, Emily Curtis, Mandy Wells and coach Carolyn Quarles. The unbeaten Harvesters close out district action at 4 p.m. today against Borger on the home courts.

(Pampa News photo)



(Special photo)

The unbeaten White Deer Bucks display their championship trophies at the end of the 1988 season.

A gathering of champions

WHITE DEER — Ten years ago, White Deer locked up the Class 1A state football title by slipping past Flatonia, 14-13, in the championship game played at Sweetwater.

This weekend, the players from that championship team will be recognized at a pep rally and dinner Friday afternoon and at halftime of the White Deer-Panhandle game at Bucks' Stadium that night. On Saturday, there will be another pep rally at 1 p.m. in the high school gym.

It was a magical season for the 1988 Bucks, who went 15-0, the most ever wins by an Amarillo area high school team. The most famous member of that team was just a freshman starter at linebacker. Zach Thomas transferred to Pampa the next season. After starring for PHS for three years and at Texas Tech for four years, where he earned All-America honors, Thomas is now in his third year as the starting middle linebacker for the Miami Dolphins of the National Football League.

There's been rumors that Thomas would be flying in for the reunion, but Steve Thomas (Zach's dad), said Zach wouldn't be able to make it because of his schedule. Miami plays New England on Sunday.

Tim Davis, who started at tailback and linebacker for the '88 Bucks, said the team's

motto was "Refuse To Lose."

"That was our basic attitude. I don't know if coach (Windy) Williams installed that phrase or what, but I remember that more than our actual playing, refusing to lose," he said.

Davis, who now lives in Pampa, had one of his better games in the playoffs when the Bucks won a 21-20 squeaker over Garden City in the regional round. He rushed for 100 yards and scored the game-winning touchdown.

"This reunion is a good deal," Davis said. "It'll give everybody a chance to catch back up on things. People ask me what it was like back then and it seemed like it was all football. That was all we thought about."

The Bucks were quarterbacked by versatile Bart Thomas, a senior, and the older brother of Zach. He also started in the defensive backfield.

"Bart is the best athlete I've ever seen," Davis said. "Not to take anything away from Zach, but Bart was better at his position than Zach was at his. It could do it all on the football field."

White Deer was dominant on both sides of the ball. The Bucks scored more than 30 points in nine games while their defense shut out the opposition five times.

Williams, the Bucks' head coach in 1988, is retired from coaching and now lives in Panhandle. He's a national sales representative for Vibra-Whirl.

1988 White Deer Schedule (15-0)

- White Deer 27, Canadian 6
- White Deer 19, WT High 0
- White Deer 49, Clarendon 7
- White Deer 21, Spearman 7
- White Deer 34, Follett 6
- White Deer 27, Sunray 8
- White Deer 53, Claude 0
- White Deer 34, Wheeler 6
- White Deer 45, Gruver 0
- White Deer 38, Booker 0

Bi-District Bye Area

- White Deer 36, Plains 14
- Regional
- White Deer 21, Garden City 20

- Quarterfinals**
- White Deer 35, Rankin 20
- Semifinals**
- White Deer 35, Lindsay 0
- Finals**
- White Deer 14, Flatonia 13

Torre thanks his boss in emotional ceremony

SAN DIEGO (AP) — He knew exactly what to say. Joe Torre always does.

He ran into George Steinbrenner in the Yankee clubhouse minutes after New York completed its sweep of the World Series on Wednesday night. The Boss has won a handful of World Series. He's hired and fired three times that many managers. None touched him more than this one.

"You're the best manager I ever had," Steinbrenner said as the two hugged. "You deserve it."

Emotions were flowing as freely as the champagne being poured on every side of them. Torre was fighting back his own tears.

"Thanks, boss," he said. Moments earlier, Steinbrenner was handed the trophy that he has come to believe is the Yankees' due. The presenter was Bud Selig, a man he has battled in the owner's box and more recently in the commissioner's office. On this night, all was forgiven.

He kissed Selig on the cheek, accepted the trophy and then tried to answer the question of whether this Yankee team is the best ever.

"This is truly, you can say it now, one of the greatest teams in baseball," Steinbrenner began. "To get it from Bud, we've been friends for 26 years. We really worked for this."

At this point, the Boss had to pause and compose himself. He was blubbing, his eyes filled with tears, a scene the game may never see again, even if he hangs onto the Yankees for another 25 years.

"We have a lot of heart. This team, this team I have never seen anything like it. They never quit. They seemed to be able to overcome everything. They were an emotional team. Joe did a great job," Steinbrenner said. "He and the players deserve all the credit."

Gracious as always, Torre was reluctant to claim his share.

"When I went out there after the game, every one of the players came up to me and said thanks. That kind of knocked me off my stilts a little bit. I've never been around a more courageous or more determined group."

And few teams have had a more courageous or more determined manager to lead them to an American League-best 114 regular season wins and an 11-2 run through the postseason.

When Torre won it all the first time, in 1996, he was due.

He owed a ring to the big brother who raised him and besides, Torre had gone longer than anybody else in the major leagues — almost 4,300 games as a player and manager — without getting to the World Series.

This time, he got here dragging the weight of expectations behind him.

"We had a lot of magical stuff go

on that year," he said, his 3-year-old daughter, Andrea, on his lap, now nearly old enough to understand all the celebrating her father seems to inspire.

"But to get the record and continue playing, well, never taking a day off, that to me was a hell of an indication that we were special."

In 1996, a good baseball team and a long season wore down Torre's nails and his nerves and wound his stomach tighter than the seams on a baseball. He lost one brother, Rocco, in the middle of the season and his older brother, Frank, a Braves first baseman who gave Joe his World Series ring, was in a hospital awaiting a heart transplant.

And yet, improbable as it seemed after his Yankees fell behind the Atlanta Braves two games to none, Torre felt in that very same gut that it would end the way it did.

This time, as the front man for the deepest, most talented team in the game, it was more a matter of keeping cool, knowing which screw to tighten and which to loosen. It was getting some of his stars to accept sitting on the bench some days, keeping the role players confident enough to step in at the big moments.

At least Torre had plenty of practice. After a stellar playing career, New York is Torre's fourth stop as a manager. He worked the bench on the other side of the Big Apple, for the Mets for five seasons, without much distinction. He turned in a first-place finish and two seconds in Atlanta in three years and got fired anyway. That experience sent him into the broadcast booth for Gene Autry's Angels for a half-dozen years, certain he didn't need the aggravation any longer.

He had a cushy job, a comfortable life in California, a wife happy that he was home most of the time, good hours, lots of golf — just about everything he ever wanted. But then, early in 1990, less than a month after Torre turned 50, Whitey Herzog was fired as manager of the St. Louis Cardinals.

When he called up the organization he bled red for as a player, Torre was a little too wizened to pass off his application as a solution to a midlife crisis. Instead, it was something much simpler.

"I guess," he said at the time, "that I just like the view better from the dugout than anywhere else in the park."

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Lady Harvesters return to volleyball playoffs

Pampa's legacy of being left behind when the volleyball playoffs start came to an end Tuesday night at the Palo Duro Activity Center.

With one regular-season match remaining, Pampa clinched the third-place playoff spot in District 3-4A with a 15-6, 15-8 win over Palo Duro.

Pampa hasn't been to the playoffs since 1987 when coach Mike Lopez guided the Lady Harvesters to a perfect district mark. That's the same Mike Lopez who has helped develop that winning tradition in girls' track at PHS, and continues to do so.

The Lady Harvesters will play either Frenship or Canyon out of District 4-4A sometime next week. The second and third-place playoff spots are still up for grabs out of that district. Randall has already clinched the title.

New head coach Carmen Pennick may have brought the Lady Harvesters some luck. However, I would rather believe it was the merger of an experienced coach with a number of talented athletes.

It's always great when senior athletes can get into the playoffs in their final year. Congratulations to Lori Lindsey, Kelsey Yowell, Kimberly Clark, Lisa Dwight, Lindsey Scribner, Jessica Maddox, Jennifer Frogge and Lisa Kirkpatrick.



L.D. Strate
Sports Editor

Senior cornerback Jarred Bowles really stood out in Pampa's 23-20 loss to Dumas last week. Bowles finished the night with 10 tackles and two pass breakups for the Harvesters.

Senior tailback Curtis Johnson scampered and scrambled his way for 191 yards and two touchdowns before suffering a possible concussion near the end of the game. His status for the Hereford game here Friday night is unclear at this time.

Also injured was senior linebacker Brent Phelps, who went out with a dislocated shoulder. He could miss the remainder of the season.

Hereford has its own injury problems with sophomore quar-

terback Cody Hodges sidelined with a broken wrist on his throwing hand. He could be out as long as three weeks.

Hodges was a key component in Hereford's shotgun offense. He had thrown for 912 yards and five touchdowns to lead the district in passing. Head coach Craig Yenzler has indicated that another sophomore, Eddie Lacy, will start in Hodges' place.

Going by statistics, the Whitefaces don't solely depend on the passing game to get the job done on offense. Junior tailback Greg Ewing is averaging 5.9 yards per carry and has scored seven touchdowns. Senior Mark Rodriguez, at the other tailback spot, is averaging a whopping 9.8 yards per carry in just 18 attempts while rushing for two TDs.

Last year, Hereford became a part of Pampa's first-ever overtime game with the Harvesters coming out on top 27-20. This year's contest might turn out to be as interesting.

Flashback, 1992: Paul McLaughlin rushed for four touchdowns and 326 yards as Groom edged Follett, 32-30, in a six-man football game. McLaughlin went over 1,000 yards for the season.

Missouri could use Lightning finally strikes after slump

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Football Writer

Frank Solich gets a sideline view of Missouri this time.

Last season, Solich celebrated "The Catch" upstairs in the coaches' booth, hugging and high-fiving with other Nebraska assistant coaches after Matt Davison's remarkable, last-second TD grab forced overtime and the Huskers went on to beat Missouri 45-38.

Now, Solich is making all the calls for No. 7 Nebraska (6-1, 2-1 Big 12), which plays host to No. 19 Missouri (5-1, 3-0) at Memorial Stadium on Saturday.

"Call it a miracle or whatever, but they made it happen," Solich said earlier this season. "It was a tremendously exhausting game."

That was then. "To us, the play's history," Solich says. "It can't win us anymore ball games."

Missouri coach Larry Smith tries his best to forget, too.

"That game is over, it's behind us," Smith said. "The call, the catch, all that is done. That's not what we're thinking about."

But ... "I use this game in just one sense. We know how we played, we know we played with them nose to nose."

Yes they did. This year, the Tigers are better — and the Huskers aren't.

The coaching transition from Tom Osborne to Solich may have been a smooth one, but Nebraska's feared running attack is not so scary anymore. And the defense, among one of the hardest hitting around, doesn't swarm the way it has in national title seasons past.

Before a 41-0 rout of Kansas last week, the Cornhuskers were stunned by Texas A&M 28-21 after barely beating Oklahoma State 24-17. Against the Aggies and Cowboys, the Huskers were outtrashed 43-21.

Nebraska ran well against the weaker Jayhawks, piling up 466 yards to move into fourth place nationally at 270.4 per game. But Nebraska isn't playing Kansas anymore.

The Tigers, led by Devin West and option quarterback Corby Jones, are fifth nationally in rushing at 266.3 yards per game. West is still the nation's second-leading rusher at 175.1 yards per game even after being held to 93 yards last week against Oklahoma.

As if Missouri needed any more incentive against Nebraska, how's this: The Tigers have lost 19 in a row to the Huskers.

The picks: No. 1 Ohio State (minus 28) at Northwestern; Buckeye Express pickin' up steam. ... OHIO STATE, 49-14. No. 2 UCLA (minus 14 1/2) at California

Bears' stingy defense — 18.7 points per game — no match for Cade McNown and crew. ... UCLA, 44-24.

Alabama (plus 15) at No. 3 Tennessee

Three T's at Tennessee — Travis, Travis and Tee, spell victory. ... TENNESSEE, 35-13. Iowa State (plus 35) at No. 4 Kansas State

K-State biding its time 'til Nov. 14 showdown vs. Nebraska. ... KANSAS STATE, 49-17.

No. 6 Florida State (minus 12 1/2) at No. 20 Georgia Tech

Seminoles have a defense, Yellow Jackets don't. ... FLORIDA STATE, 35-27.

No. 19 Missouri (plus 20) at No. 7 Nebraska

All good home winning streaks must come to an end. ... MISSOURI, 28-24.

No. 25 Texas Tech (plus 10) at No. 8 Texas A&M

Aggies looking to end three-game losing streak vs. Red Raiders. ... TEXAS A&M, 27-20.

No. 9 Wisconsin (minus 6 1/2) at Iowa

Ron Dayne set to top 1,000 yards and Badgers set to go 8-0. ... WISCONSIN, 28-21.

No. 11 Georgia (even) at Kentucky

Couch & Co. scoring 38.7 points per game, Dawgs D allowing 11.7. ... GEORGIA, 31-27.

Southern California (plus 7) at No. 12 Oregon

Ducks without RB Reuben Droughns as they try to rebound from tough UCLA loss. ... OREGON, 41-28.

Miami (plus 4 1/2) at No. 13 West Virginia

In '96, Canes came here and won on blocked punt in final seconds. ... WEST VIRGINIA, 27-17.

Northeast Louisiana (plus 34) at No. 14 Arizona

A nice breather for Wildcats in middle of Pac-10 race. ... ARIZONA, 42-7.

North Carolina State (plus 10 1/2) at No. 16 Virginia

Wolfpack WR Torry Holt vs. Cavs' DB Anthony Poindexter could be quite a show. ... VIRGINIA, 31-24.

No. 17 Colorado (minus 8) at Kansas

Jayhawks porous defense makes Buffs offense look potent. ... COLORADO, 31-21.

Army (plus 22) at No. 18 Notre Dame

Sounds like a good game, anyway. ... NOTRE DAME, 38-14.

No. 22 Tulane (minus 22) at Rutgers

Tulane's Tommy is the only undefeated Bowden this season. ... TULANE, 42-17.

No. 23 Virginia Tech (minus 20) at Alabama-Birmingham

Blazers won't be a pushover, especially after Hokies were embarrassed by Temple. ... VIRGINIA TECH, 24-10.

No. 24 Mississippi State (plus 9 1/2) at LSU

Bulldogs on six-game losing streak vs. Tigers; LSU on three-game losing streak, period. ... LSU, 31-24.

Last week: 17-2 (straight); 8-11 (vs. spread)

Season: 106-26 (straight); 69-57-2 (vs. spread)

By KEN RAPPOPORT
AP Hockey Writer

After being down so long, things are starting to look up for the troubled Tampa Bay Lightning. They've had a shake-up in the front office and now they've nailed down their first victory in 16 games.

"We have the music on in the room — I hope the guys realize how good it feels to win," Tampa Bay coach Jacques Demers said after Wednesday night's 5-0 triumph over the Pittsburgh Penguins. "There's a lot of pressure off all of us."

The victory broke a 15-game winless streak for the Lightning, who had not won since a 3-1 triumph on March 30 over the New York Rangers. The Lightning (1-4-1) also stopped a franchise record-tying 10-game winless streak at home.

"I think everybody in the organization is just a little bit relieved," said Darcy Tucker, who had his first two-goal game for the Lightning.

Last week, the Lightning fired general manager Phil Esposito and his brother, Tony, the team's assistant general manager. Demers was given the additional responsibility of GM.

"We played 60 minutes of hockey ... that's the difference," Demers said.

Elsewhere in the NHL, it was Detroit 5, Nashville 2; Vancouver 2, Washington 1; Montreal 3, Ottawa 2; Edmonton 4, New York Islanders 2; Florida 1, Los Angeles 1; and Anaheim 3, Boston 0.

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"We'll do whatever it takes to

Tampa Bay broke the game open with a four-goal second period, with the goals coming on just five shots.

Lightning goalie Daren Puppa stopped 28 shots in recording his 18th career shutout and first since March 26, 1996.

"We started to play with a little more ease," Tucker said. "I think the guys out there didn't squeeze their sticks like they were sawdust and break them."

Red Wings 5, Predators 2

At Detroit, Darren McCarty and Doug Brown each scored two goals as the Red Wings overcame a stellar performance by Nashville goalie Mike Dunham.

Brendan Shanahan scored his sixth goal in five games for the Red Wings, who have won four straight since an opening-game loss. It was Detroit's last game before the return of coach Scotty Bowman, who has been recovering from off-season heart and knee replacement surgery.

Greg Johnson had a goal and an assist and Sergei Krivokrasov scored the other goal for the expansion Predators in their first-ever meeting with the two-time defending Stanley Cup champions.

The game was close through 2 1/2 periods only because of Dunham, who faced 57 shots.

Canucks 2, Capitals 1

Garth Snow made 34 saves and Adrian Aucoin had a goal and an assist to help Vancouver to its first victory over Washington in nearly six years.

Vancouver last beat the Caps on Oct. 28, 1992. Since that victory, the Canucks went 0-7-1

against Washington, and Washington outscored them 34-14 during that stretch. The Canucks' last road win against Washington came on March 17, 1990.

Snow made a number of key saves, including 13 in the final period as Washington tried to tie. Aucoin scored the Canucks' first goal in the first period. He also assisted Bill Muckalt on the other.

Craig Berube scored for Washington.

Canadiens 3, Senators 2

Brian Savage, playing his first game of the season after agreeing to a contract Tuesday, scored early in the third period as Montreal beat visiting Ottawa.

Savage, who signed a two-year, \$3.5 million deal, scored on a 2-on-1 break with Mark Recchi as the Canadiens handed the Senators their first loss of the season after three victories.

Saku Koivu had a short-handed goal and Vladimir Malakhov added a power-play goal to help the Canadiens snap a two-game losing streak. Jocelyn Thibault made 26 saves, giving up goals only to Andreas Dackell and Shawn McEachern.

Oilers 4, Islanders 2

Boyd Devereaux scored twice in Edmonton's victory at New York.

Pat Falloon and Bill Guerin also scored for the Oilers, who won four of five games on their first road trip of the season.

Mikhail Shtalenkov stopped 28 shots for the Oilers, who lost 3-2 to the New York Rangers on Tuesday night.

Trevor Linden and Kenny Jonsson scored for New York. Tommy Salo, who had two straight shutouts on the road before Wednesday night's game, stopped 26 shots.

Panthers 1, Kings 1

Kings goalie Manny Legace, playing in his first NHL game, stopped 49 shots as visiting Los Angeles tied Florida.

Legace, 25, was called up Monday from the Long Beach Ice Dogs of the IHL because both Kings goalies, Stephane Fiset and Jamie Storr, suffered groin injuries in Sunday's 5-5 tie with Colorado.

The Panthers outshot the Kings 29-9 after two periods and 46-17 prior to the overtime. Florida's 50 shots were just two shy of its club-record 52, set against the Kings in 1993.

Luc Robitaille scored for Los Angeles. Dave Gagner had Florida's goal.

Mighty Ducks 3, Bruins 0

At Anaheim, Paul Kariya and Fredrik Olausson scored power-play goals less than minute apart in the second period as the Mighty Ducks beat Boston to make new coach Craig Hartsburg a winner in his Anaheim debut.

Goalie Guy Hebert, the only player who has spent every season with the Mighty Ducks since they came into the NHL in 1993, got his first shutout of the season and 17th of his career with 26 saves.

Rookie defenseman Mike Crowley assisted on all three Anaheim goals.

NBA players descend on Las Vegas

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"We'll do whatever it takes to

keep the players unified and to make a deal that's fair," agent David Falk said. "It's difficult to understand why there's economic distress in the league when there are teams in small markets increasing coaches salaries 300-400 percent when they're arguing that 20 percent raises in player salaries would break the bank."

No talks have been held in more than a week, and the league is expected to cancel the remainder of the November schedule. The first two weeks of the season have already been scrapped.

Union director Billy Hunter,

president Patrick Ewing and the 19 agents complained that the league, asking for a hard salary cap, an elimination of the Larry Bird exception and other concessions, has not put forth a proposal worth considering.

"I think there's clearly a deal to be made, but the proposals don't reflect a willingness by the league to be reasonable at this point," Falk said.

The committee also heard from three players who dropped in — Kendall Gill, Malik Sealy and Michael Curry.

"All three of these guys would

be squeezed under the owners' proposed deal, and all three were talking about maintaining unity and resolve," agent Bill Duffy said.

Today, probably be the biggest one-room assemblage of basketball talent in history was ready to assemble. About half the league's players, including Jordan, convened for an update on the stalemated talks.

"The message that's going to come loud and clear out of this session is that the players are prepared to hang as long as they have to hang," Hunter said.

Scoreboard

BOWLING				At A Glance					
HARVESTER LANES — PAMPA				All Times Eastern					
Ladies Trio League				AMERICAN CONFERENCE					
Team	Won	Lost		W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	
www.pcd.net.com	24 1/2	7 1/2		Miami	4	2	0.667	102	70
Chandy's Cafe	23	9		New England	4	2	0.667	161	110
Knowles Auto Center	18 1/2	13 1/2		Tennessee	3	3	0.500	128	124
Team Seven	16 1/2	15 1/2		N.Y. Jets	3	3	0.500	138	119
Schiffman Machine Co.	16	16		Indianapolis	1	6	0.143	112	193
Ward's Tree Service	14 1/2	17 1/2		Central					
Hall's Construction	14	18		Jacksonville	5	1	0.833	140	109
Southwest Collision	13 1/2	18 1/2		Pittsburgh	4	2	0.667	96	87
Regional Eye Center	13 1/2	6 1/2		Tennessee	3	3	0.500	124	103
Jermigan Tax Service	13	19		Baltimore	2	4	0.333	92	106
Team Six	9	23		Cincinnati	2	4	0.333	117	159
High scratch game: Lucy Arebalo and Carla Schiffman 204; High handicap game: Lucy Arebalo and Becky Hall 232; High scratch series: Carla Schiffman 560; High handicap series: Carla Schiffman 626.				West					
High scratch team: Schiffman Machine 545 (game); Schiffman Machine 1,539 (series); High handicap team: Hall's Construction 646 (game); Team Seven 1,831 (series).				Denver	6	0	1.000	203	109
One Star League				Kansas City	4	2	0.667	119	103
Team	Won	Lost		Oakland	4	2	0.667	88	117
Hamburger Station	18	10		Seattle	3	3	0.500	127	79
Coney Island	18	10		San Diego	3	4	0.428	83	112
Peggy's Place	18	10		NATIONAL CONFERENCE					
Harvester Cafe	15	13		East					
Clemens Home Repair	14	14		Dallas	4	3	0.571	174	115
Team Four	12	16		Arizona	3	4	0.429	108	155
Albertson's	11	17		N.Y. Giants	3	4	0.429	146	152
Quality Sales	11	17		Philadelphia	1	6	0.143	93	227
High scratch game: Carrie Duroy 230; High scratch series: Carrie Duroy 618; High handicap game: Tammy Whinnery 253; High handicap series: Billie Weatherly 958.				Washington	0	7	0.000	93	162
High scratch team: Hamburger Station 858 (game); Hamburger Station 2,367 (series); High handicap team: Harvester Cafe 964 (game); Coney Island 2,706 (series).				Central					
FOOTBALL				Minnesota	6	0	1.000	207	103
National Football League				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
				West					
				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 Games					
				Detroit 27, Green Bay 20					
				Sunday's Games					
				New York Giants 34, Arizona 7					
				Pittsburgh 16, Baltimore 6					
				Monday's Games					
				Tampa Bay 16, Carolina 13					

Plan would enhance police ability to tap cell phones

WASHINGTON (AP) — Law enforcement officials say they need to know where a suspected criminal is when he makes a cellular telephone call. Federal regulators are proposing to give them the capability to find out.

The Federal Communications Commission was expected to propose today that cellular phone companies make technical changes so the FBI, police and other law enforcers — as long as a court approves — can locate a person talking on a mobile phone.

This and other additional wiretapping capabilities being proposed aim to help law enforcers keep pace with technology.

With some 66 million cellular phone customers, police want the authority to legally tap cell phones to track down drug dealers, terrorists and kidnapers. But some groups worry that such a practice could violate privacy.

The location proposal is part of a larger plan to implement a 1994 law that requires telecommunications companies to make changes in their networks so police are able to carry out court-ordered wiretaps in a world of digital technology. The proposal is based on a plan from the telecommunications industry.

"We think this is a positive step forward," said Stephen Colgate, the Justice Department's assistant attorney general for administration. "In many kidnaping cases, it would have been very helpful to have location information."

But James Dempsey, counsel to the Center for Democracy and Technology, a privacy group, said: "We're prepared to fight this one every step of the way."

FCC Chairman Bill Kennard stressed that police would have no access to locations without a court order.

"A lot of people are saying the FCC will turn mobile phones into tracking devices for the FBI and invade Americans' privacy. I don't believe that will be the case," Kennard said.

With a court order, police already can legally listen in to cell phone conversations, and, in some instances, get information on the caller's location.

But not every company has the technical ability to provide a caller's location. This proposal, if adopted, would set up a nationwide requirement for companies to follow.

The legal standard for obtaining a location is lower than the standard for a wiretap order in which police must show a judge there is probable cause of criminal activity.

Under the proposal, police would only need to show the location is relevant to an investigation. Privacy groups say that means the government could easily track the movements not only of a suspect, but also of associates, friends or relatives.

It would give police the ability to obtain the cellular phone user's location at the beginning and end of a wiretapped call, according to

industry sources familiar with the plan. They spoke on condition of anonymity.

The proposal would provide police with that information based on the cellular tower, or "cell" site, where a call originated and ended. That would give information on the caller's location within several city blocks in an urban area to hundreds of square miles in a rural area.

The FBI had been seeking more exact location information.

The FCC also is expected to tentatively conclude that companies must give police, as long as a court approves, additional capabilities — beyond minimum technical standards already proposed by the industry — so their ability to conduct wiretaps won't be thwarted.

The additional capabilities being sought by the FBI and expected to be advanced by the FCC include:

— Giving police the ability to listen in on the conversations of all people on a conference call, even if some are put on hold and no longer talking to the target of a wiretap.

— Giving police the ability to get information when the wiretap target has put someone on hold or dropped someone from a conference call; and to know if the wiretap target has used dialing features — such as call waiting or call forwarding.

— Giving police the number dialed by a wiretap target when the suspect, for instance, uses a credit or calling card at a pay phone.

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Microsoft cites Netscape e-mail as defense against antitrust charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft Corp. executives are using an e-mail by the chairman of an archival company to defend itself against claims it violated antitrust laws.

The 1994 message was sent Dec. 29 at 3:01 a.m. by Jame Clark, co-founder and board chairman of Netscape Communications Corp. Its significance is tied to a meeting the following June in which the government claims Microsoft illegally offered to divide the market for Internet "browser" software with Netscape.

During the third day of a landmark federal court antitrust trial, Microsoft used the message to suggest the computer software giant's approach was merely a response to Netscape's own invitation.

"You might take an equity position in Netscape," Clark wrote.

The message was sent during a period when Netscape was the leader in browsers, which let people see information on the Internet.

Clark, in his message, expressed regret the two companies couldn't agree on a deal for Microsoft to adopt Netscape's browser.

"Working together could be in your self-interest as well as ours," he said.

Clark ended his e-mail by offering "to quietly share some of my thinking with you. No one in my organization knows about this message."

Netscape's chief executive officer, James Barksdale, testified about the e-mail Wednesday in his second day of cross-examination by Microsoft lawyers.

"Netscape was burning through money and not making much cash," Barksdale recalled, "and I think Mr. Clark was looking to get Microsoft to make an investment."

In written testimony he submitted earlier to U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson, Barksdale said Clark described the e-mail to him as "a moment of weakness."

Barksdale was to return today for a third day of testimony in a trial that is inching along. Jackson, who is hearing the case without a jury, urged Microsoft attorneys during a private meeting to move along more quickly, said one attorney who asked not to be identified.

Microsoft attorney Mark Murray defended the pace.

"Netscape has spent past three years lobbying

the government to bring a lawsuit against Microsoft," he said. "Now, we won't take any more time than necessary, but Microsoft deserves the opportunity to refute Netscape's groundless allegations."

The lawsuit by the Justice Department and 20 states claims Microsoft illegally used its influence as the maker of the dominant Windows operating system —

the central nervous system crucial to most personal computers — to try to dominate other markets, such as Internet software.

The trial's outcome could determine much about the future of the computer industry at a time when it is increasingly important to virtually all aspects of modern life.

Netscape enjoyed almost 90 percent of the browser market and earned \$45 million from the software in 1995. Since then, Netscape's market share has fallen to roughly 50 percent, under stiff competition from Microsoft's own browser.

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The government contends Microsoft's behavior violated federal antitrust laws, in part because Microsoft bundled its browser within Windows to hurt Netscape.

In addition to its antitrust trial, Microsoft also faces a separate lawsuit by Sun Microsystems of Palo Alto, Calif. On Wednesday, a federal court in San Jose unsealed more than 100 pages of internal Microsoft e-mail.

The letters showed that Gates wanted to "wrest control" of Sun's Java computer programming language away from the company.

Sun has accused Microsoft of trying to make it impossible for Java to become a universal programming language. It is seeking \$35 million damages for allegedly developing and distributing a Windows-only form of the language.

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Consumer group wants soda pop banned from schools, say dangerous for children

WASHINGTON (AP) — They say the danger is real, even if it fizzes when you pour it over ice.

Soda pop has long been the dentist's scourge, but now a consumer group wants it banned from schools, taxes placed on its sale and an end put to ads for it that target children.

Industry groups say it's just the "food police" up to their old tricks.

The Center for Science in the Public Interest on Wednesday sought to pop the lid off the sugary drinks it says make up a dangerous portion of the American diet.

"The average American is drinking twice as much soda pop as in 1974," said the center's executive director, Michael Jacobson. And one-fourth of the teen-agers who drink soda get 25 percent or more of their calories from it, he said.

"Those calories, of course, come from sugar, and teens consume two to three times as much sugar as government guidelines recommend," Jacobson said.

Standing next to a wall of gleaming red, blue, green and silver aluminum cans, Jacobson urged states to tax soda sales to pay for health education campaigns. He called on soft drink makers to end their marketing to young people and denounced

deals that soda companies have made with schools to place vending machines on campuses.

Soda industry executives were quick to accuse the group of promoting "unfounded consumer alarm."

"Soft drinks have never pretended to be anything more than a nice refreshment product. They make no nutrition claim," said Jim Finkelstein of the National Soft Drink Association. "Consumers are smart enough to make their own choices."

Another industry group, the Grocery Manufacturers of America, dismissed the anti-soda campaign as "another tiresome tirade" by the center, which has previously decried the dangers it sees in Big Macs, eggs, saccharin and the fat substitute, olestra, as well as Chinese food and theater popcorn.

"When the food police start telling people that some foods are good and some foods are bad, they're just misleading people," said the grocers' spokesman, Gene Grabowski. Students simply need to "get the message about eating a balanced diet. That's true for any product, whether it's bean sprouts, candy or milk," he said.

One teen-ager, Lisa Fierer, a 19-year-old student at George Washington University, shook

her head at the idea of warning people away from soda in schools or anywhere else.

"If they take it out of classes, kids are going to fall asleep," she said. "It's not like they couldn't just bring it from home anyway. ... That's like saying you shouldn't eat cookies."

Jacobson said he's not "telling people that they will die if they ever drink a can of soda pop."

But he linked soda consumption to obesity, kidney stones, heart disease and calcium deficiency in teen-agers, although he offered little scientific evidence. The statistics on how much soda people drink came from surveys by the Agriculture Department, he said.

Peace Corps to celebrate anniversary

WASHINGTON — Peace Corps Director Mark Gearan announced that the second annual Peace Corps Day will be held on Tuesday, March 2, 1999, in honor of the Peace Corps' 38th anniversary. The Peace Corps is asking the thousands of returned volunteers from across the country to be involved in this national celebration.

Peace Corps Day is an annual event that takes returned Peace Corps volunteers into schools all across the country to teach students about their experiences living in another culture. This past March, an estimated 5,000 returned volunteers shared their overseas experience with as many as 320,000 students nationwide. Next year, in addition to the classroom visits, U.S. students will also participate in live telephone conversations with currently serving volunteers working in dozens of countries around the world.

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers who are interested in speaking to a class or teachers who would like to host a volunteer speaker, should contact Peace Corps immediately to obtain a Peace Corps Day brochure. Call 1-800-424-8580 (press 2 then ext. 1961), send an e-mail with your name and address to pcday@peacecorps.gov, or write to Peace Corps Day '99, ATTN: Monica Fitzgerald, 1111 20th Street, NW, Second Floor, Washington, D.C. 20526.

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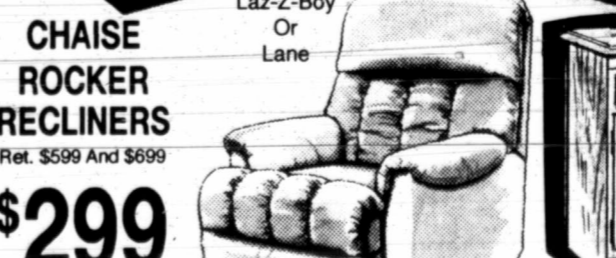
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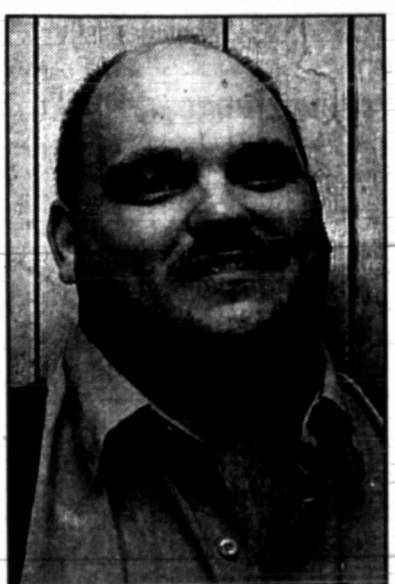
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Paul Budd

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