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## Playground volunteers needed

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY  
Staff Writer

"We need people," was the plea of Super Playground Volunteer Coordinator. "We're desperate for people."

Although still on schedule, White said they could fall behind if more of the community isn't out to help tomorrow and Sunday.

However, a group of Pampa Middle School teen leadership students were at the playground at 9:15 this morning with Coach Sam Haynes to help move lumber and dig holes.

"They can do a lot of work for us. In a half an hour they can move a big pile of lumber," she said.

No matter what the age, there is a job for everyone.

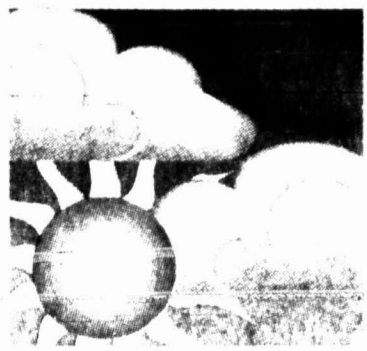
"We can use children 14 and up as crew members, and children who are 10 to 13 can work next to a parent," she said.

A group of volunteers are providing daycare at the site for children ages 3-10. They do have to be bathroom trained, and children need to be provided with a sack lunch.

But White plans on putting children all ages to work at some point.

There are screws that need to be soaped so that they can go into the wood easier, and the tires that will make up the tire swings need to be scrubbed, White said.

If the volunteers stay on schedule, and more people come out to help, the playground in Highland Park (behind NBC Bank) will be completed Sunday night.



High today low 70s.  
Low tonight 50.  
For weather details see Page 2.

**PAMPA** — "Fort Elliott, Old Mobeetic," a slide narration by attorney Bobbye Hill, 2:30 p.m., Sun., Oct. 25, White Deer Land Museum. The public is invited.

**PAMPA** — The Salvation Army, 701 S. Cuyler, will be taking applications for those needing Christmas assistance. Applications will be taken Nov. 2-6 from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30-4:30 p.m.

**PAMPA** — Altrusa is sponsoring a reading test at Lovett Memorial library on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 10 to 12 noon. Refreshments and games will be provided. Call 665-2826 for more information.

**WHARTON (AP)** — It took water covering her front steps and a friend's relentless coaxing to get 94-year-old Ira Mae Anderson out of the single-story wood frame house she has called home most her life.

"For hours she waved off rescuers who came by airboat through waist-high floodwaters to ferry her to safety, refusing to even let them inside."

"God bless you," Ms. Anderson, weighing all of 75 pounds, said sweetly from her bedroom window. "But I couldn't be more comfortable than at home."

After finally arriving on dry ground in a pink-flowered night dress, Ms. Anderson explained that she'd been through floods before. This, she had come to realize, was different.

"I'm used to being alone," she said. "But I'm tired of worrying."

• **Billy Whitten, 70**, retired electrical engineer.

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(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)  
Middle school students Anthony Dunn and Max Simon dig holes for the poles that make up the Super Playground. The playground is under construction until Sunday.

### Amnesty days end today

Today is the last day that people with outstanding Class C misdemeanor warrants can arrange to pay for them without threat of arrest. Starting Monday, Police Chief Charlie Morris said a concerted effort will be made to serve any outstanding warrants. Arrangements should be made the end of business today to avoid any problems or embarrassment, he said.



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)  
(left) Meagan Craig and Stephanie Lee are two students from the Pampa Middle School teen leadership class that volunteered this morning out at the Super Playground in Highland Park. Volunteers are still needed to finish the community-based project.

### Two charged in meter thefts

Gray County Sheriff's Department officials have announced that two suspects in the theft of oil field "Tartan Meters" have been arrested down state.

Gray County Sheriff's Lt. Jim Scott said at least 35 of the flow meters that are used on natural gas wells were stolen around the end of July from Gray, Carson, Wheeler and Hemphill Counties. Each meter is valued at \$800 to \$1,000.

Gary Davis, 49, Amarillo, and Jack Brumley, (no age available) Wichita Falls, were arrested in Winkler County. They were arrested for selling several meters to Dal-Tex Valve Company in Midland, Scott said.

Investigation showed the company already had purchased some meters that could be traced back

to the panhandle. The two were arrested when Dal-Tex became suspicious after buying some meters and contacted authorities there, according to District Attorney John Mann.

Scott, along with Texas Ranger Gary Henderson, traveled to Kermit in Winkler County to interview the two. Scott said that while they were talking, Davis confessed to stealing the equipment.

Scott said Davis admitted to being in Brumley's truck but denies that Brumley was in the panhandle. According to Scott, there is no proof Brumley was in the area.

The two suspects remain in jail in Winkler County on similar charges and Mann said the matter against Davis is scheduled to be presented to a grand jury in Gray County Nov. 4.

### Band March-a-thon Saturday

Expect to see the feet of high school students marching in the streets tomorrow during the high school's "Pride of Pampa Band March-a-thon."

Band members are soliciting pledges for their marching efforts, and the money raised will be used to support the various activities and trips the band participates in throughout the year, according to band teacher Bruce Collins.

The marchers will begin on Randy Matson and head west to Banks Street. The rest of the march route goes as follows:

— Go north on Banks to 18th Ave and turn left. Turn right onto Wells and continue north to Travis Elementary School. Go north on Primrose to Crane Road, and then east on 25th Ave.

The band's march will take them past the Meredith House, where the band will stop briefly for a stand-still performance.

The route continues eastward on 25th, turning right on Christine and turning left on 23rd. Crossing Duncan and going left on Aspen, the

(See BAND, Page 5)



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)  
The "Glory" bear above was the hot topic of conversation this morning for dedicated Beanie Babies collectors who woke up before dawn to get their hands on the prized toy.

### Beanie Babies! Store line started at 3 this morning

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY  
Staff Writer

Move over Cabbage Patch Kids. See ya later Elmo. Ta-ta, Power Rangers, because now there's something new in town.

They're called Beanie Babies, and they had some Pampans lined up in the cold for as long as six hours in the wee hours of this morning waiting to purchase the collectible toys.

Actually, the small six-inch stuffed animal toys known as "Beanie Babies" have been around for awhile. You may have heard of the purple-coveted Princess Diana beanie bear with the white rose stitched on its front last year after her death. That was the craze then.

Now it's "Glory" bear — a patriotic red, white and blue bear which can go for as much as \$150 on the Internet, said one Pampa beanie collector this morning.

"I was one of those who thought I wouldn't get into this," said Brenda Miller. She and her husband, Walt, had blankets and lawn chairs as the seventh and eighth people in line. "I told him we had a date at 7 a.m. this morning."

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### Cabot donation



Cabot donations and pledge to the Clarendon College-Pampa Center building fund now total \$100,000. Making the presentation (from left) is facility manager of Cabot-Pampa Plant, Zouhair Issa, Accepting the donation are Joe Kyle Reeve, dean of Clarendon College-Pampa Center, and Don Lane, chairman of the Pampa Center Foundation. Also presenting the donation is facility manager of Cabot Development and Manufacturing Center, Pampa, Rick Gaddis. Issa noted that to keep a competitive edge, industries are enhancing their capabilities in technology and modernization and so in many fields additional college and technical education beyond high school are necessary. "The additional capability that Clarendon College will add, will enhance the current and future work force in our community, which should translate into jobs and prosperous lives ahead," wrote Issa. "Cabot, a long time supporter of Pampa and the surrounding communities, is very proud to be a part of this project," he added.

(Special photo)

### McLean-Alanreed Museum board installs new officers

MCLEAN — The Board of Directors of the McLean-Alanreed Area Museum met in regular session on recently, electing the following slate of officers: Delbert Trew, chairman; Dick Crockett, vice chairman; Lynn Reeves, treasurer; Mickey Jackson, secretary; and Jake Hess, past chairman. The board of directors include: Ruth Magee, Fayette Bell Barton, Ruth Trew, Garth Thomas, Margie Fish, Laverne Back, Leta Mae Hess and Johnny Carpenter. Honorary board members are Mary Emma Woods and Mary Powell.

Museum business was attended with future projects discussed and committees chosen to oversee completion. Museum activities for 1999 will include the Annual Chili and Stew Lunch on Feb. 3, a new Political Forum to be held at the museum before each election and special activities to celebrate the 30-year anniversary of the institution.

The museum urges Political Party Chairmen and candidates to contact Dick Crockett or Delbert Trew for planning the forum in the spring and invites the public to visit the museum open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. The museum is handicap accessible.

Among projects approved for the coming year are repainting frontal signs, entrance doorway and front window display areas. Archival improvements include additional labeling of displays, updating and completion of photographic displays and periodic changing of the front window displays. Internal operating projects include a revue of all legal, financial, assessment, insurance, policy and by-law records, re-designing the museum brochure, and acquiring a web page on the Internet. The museum appreciates the support of the citizens of McLean and Gray County.

### AARP WPS to mark 25th anniversary

AMARILLO — Widowed Persons Service of Amarillo, one of 240 local programs nationwide, will recognize AARP WPS 25th anniversary with a reunion slated from 2-4 p.m. Oct. 25. All individuals helped by WPS and all past and current volunteers and sponsors are invited to the event. Widowhood for men and women at any age presents special difficulties, particularly for people who find

themselves living on their own for the first time in their adult lives. Widows and widowers may face changes in housing, family relationships and unfamiliar financial and legal matters. WPS provides outreach and support to widowed men and women of all ages throughout the country.

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### SWCDs work to equalize funding for EQUIP projects

CORPUS CHRISTI — Cost-share programs such as the USDA Environmental Quality Incentives Program have been an integral part of placing conservation practices on private lands; however, conservation district officials attending their 58th annual meeting held recently in Corpus Christi agree that funding is not adequate or used efficiently enough to satisfy applicant's needs. Officials said that the unnecessary man-hours and development of plans only leads to unsatisfied applicants and inefficient use of funds.

"We need to get the funds into the hands of the rancher and farmer, and take them out of unnecessary planning, developing and ranking of applicants," said W. J. Hopper of Goldthwaite, chairman of the Mills County SWCD headquartered in Goldthwaite.

Conservation district directors, representing 216 Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts said

the want USDA to acknowledge locally led conservation groups in the decision making process.

The directors, who met in Corpus Christi, addressed the issue of funding the EQUIP dollars, EQUIP, which was established in the 1996 Farm Bill, offers financial, educational and technical assistance to install or implement structural, vegetative and management practices to solve natural resource concerns.

The cost-share program is designed to encourage and support conservation of natural resources on private lands on a voluntary basis. The program was established to provide assistance to all farmers and ranchers who face serious threats to soil, water and related natural resources on the land they own or operator. Contracts are provided via local soil and water conservation districts.

The program must be a coopera-

tion between the local district and the farmer or rancher; however, Hopper said, good relations in the districts are being eroded because the number of applications are much greater than the number of plans funded." He went on to say that the process leads to many applicants being disappointed.

Hopper said, "The length of time it takes to develop a plan and do an environmental ranking for each applicant makes the cost of planning and ranking in relation to the number of applicants funded undesirable."

Conservation district directors have proposed a possible solution to equalize funding for EQUIP by placing authority over the funding in the hands of local elected representatives of soil and water conservation district boards. The directors proposed developing a procedure or method that would be more in tune with the needs of land users and goals of local dis-

trict boards. Horace Williams of Newcastle, chairman of the Young County SWCD headquartered in Graham, believes this will allow them to utilize dollars more efficiently.

"Being more in tune with the farmers and ranchers of the community will allow districts to more efficiently use taxpayer's funds to get conservation on the ground and less funds for administration of the various programs," Williams said.

Approximately 800 soil and water conservation district directors and other conservation leaders are attending the three-day long conference in Corpus Christi.

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### CC students repairing computers for cost of parts

CLARENDON — Clarendon College Computer Technology students are repairing area schools' computers for the cost of parts.

"The schools need the repair work and the students need the experience," says

instructor Lee Rippetoe.

Second year students including Dianna McCoy of Pampa have already begun to provide repair work this semester for Clarendon ISD and for the college. First year students will be available for this type of work beginning January 1999.

Students respond to other needs of area nonprofit agencies as well. Area schools and nonprofit agencies interested in taking advantage of Computer Technology students' skills may contact instructor Rippetoe at (806) 874-3571 or 874-3809.

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## Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers: San Antonio Express-News on flood of '98: Stories of great floods cascade through centuries of literature and religions; destructive deluges sent to cleanse a sinful world and start anew.

There is nothing biblical, mythical or cleansing in the Flood of '98, the awful gift of the heaviest rain ever to fall on San Antonio and its surrounding area.

But the torrent that rolled through and consumed the region is the making of legends that will be told for decades accounts of the heartbreak and misery that rained down mercilessly on people not deserving such calamity as well as tales of heroism and communities pulling together.

Beyond the sheer record volume of water and the immensity of its reach, the overwhelming sense left by the flood is that of loss; no more so than in the lives of the people lost in the liquid killing field. Throughout the weekend, the fate of a missing 6-year-old boy in Comal County became a preoccupation for many.

Then there was the loss of homes, some violently uprooted and sent drifting downstream, some ripped to shreds, others caked inside with sludge.

There is no question that this area must be declared a federal disaster area.

But amid all the pain and sadness there were many episodes that reveal the depth of this community's character. Police, firefighters and other emergency personnel performed heroically in saving lives and preventing more loss of life by directing people away from danger spots.

KMOL-TV in particular and local media in general deserve kudos for providing in-depth flood coverage, warning people what roads to avoid and cautioning them to stay at home.

Past city officials should be commended for the foresight of building the three-mile San Antonio River Tunnel, a project completed just last December. It was a \$111.4 million investment that paid off in saving downtown San Antonio from certain ruin.

Finally, there are the remarkable people of this area, some of whom risked their lives to rescue stranded motorists. We have often remarked on South Texans' heart and their willingness to help others in need. Once more, they came through.

The Facts (Clute, Texas) privacy and DNA data:

The FBI says it can improve the speed and accuracy of suspect identification for murder, rape and other violent crimes by comparing DNA evidence with data from files kept by all 50 states.

The FBI's national DNA database consists of 50 databases run by the states but unified by common test procedures and software designed by the FBI. Now up and running, the FBI can compare a DNA sample from a suspect or crime scene in one state with all others in the system.

Proponents say the database will tighten the net on sex-crime suspects, especially in cases where there are no suspects. It should also significantly reduce such crimes by helping to catch repeat offenders earlier.

But civil libertarians also raise justifiable privacy and legality concerns about whose DNA is being kept on file and for how long. The fear is that the government will expand the program to include almost everyone, giving the government inordinate investigative powers over U.S. citizens.

The system also faces many unresolved issues such as what type of offenders should be included and whether the mass screenings of suspects' DNA will prove constitutional.

However, we can look across the Atlantic Ocean where a similar system has proven successful.

The British DNA database has matched 28,000 people to crime and has made 6,000 links between crime scenes. Begun in 1995, it now contains 386,000 names, and is expected to soon include fully a third of all English males between age 16 and 30, which are the high-crime years.

However, the British have a different perspective on privacy than us Americans.

And clearly, the question of privacy is troublesome. DNA, like fingerprints, can clearly establish identity. But unlike fingerprints, it can suggest more, much of which isn't the government's business. Thus any such system must be very closely guarded and provided with severe penalties.

We welcome a DNA database that strictly includes the most serious offenders such as murderers and rapists. However, an enlargement of the database to include many more Americans makes us leery.

The FBI says it guards privacy by using only the tiny fraction of each person's full DNA data that is vital to identification and that won't reveal anything about the donor's health or appearance.

But fractional data is a fraction of full data, raising questions of what happens to the remainder, and how long it stays in the system.

We support the use of the DNA network. We also foresee that its use will bring court challenges to define the necessary privacy protections. We support that, too.

# A statewide call to action

I am pleased to announce that the Child Support Program of the Office of the Attorney General, in conjunction with the 1998 Statewide Parent Involvement Conference and the Center for Successful Fathering, Inc., is sponsoring the Texas Fatherhood Forum: A Statewide Call to Action.

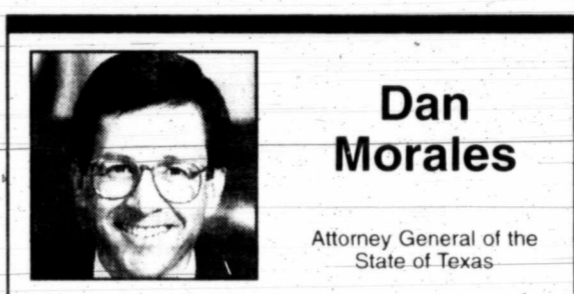
The forum is a special pre-conference event at the 1998 Statewide Parent Involvement Conference. It will be held in Houston at the Sheraton Astrodomo Hotel on Oct. 8. The Parent Involvement Conference will be held at the same location Oct. 9-10.

The Fatherhood Forum is for all parents, policy makers, community leaders and educators who recognize the important roles fathers play in the lives of their children.

The role of fathers in their children's lives cannot be emphasized enough. Men have not only a financial responsibility to their children, but also an emotional one. Often, fathers are unsure of where they can turn for information and support on raising children.

The Parent Involvement Conference and the Fatherhood Forum are excellent sources of information on where to go for help, as well as how to start new fatherhood and family programs within the community.

The Fatherhood Forum will feature nationally recognized family and fatherhood experts giving presentations on fathers and their role in the family.



The forum will also serve as a gathering for successful fatherhood programs from around the state. Information sessions on these programs will allow not only parents, but also everyone who works with children, the chance to hear about the programs that work.

Featured speakers are Dr. Ronald Klinger, founding president of the Center for Successful Fathering; Dr. Jeffrey Johnson, president and chief executive officer for the National Center for Strategic Nonprofit Planning and Community Leadership; and Dr. Wade Horn, president of the National Fatherhood Initiative.

All of the speakers have decades of experience in the field of fatherhood and family programs, and have given many presentations on the topic throughout the country.

A dozen fatherhood and family programs will be presented at the forum, all dealing with successful programs from around the state and the country.

Featured programs include:

—PAPA and Paternity: Learn about two Office of the Attorney General, Child Support Division sponsored programs such as Volunteers in Paternity and Paternity Parenthood. Participants will find out about the legal rights and responsibilities of parenthood, including child support and paternity establishment.

—PATCHing Families and AVANCE, Home! Participants will learn of two national fatherhood programs: PATCH and AVANCE. They will also learn about programs in the San Antonio community that link the "free" world and jail/prison settings, motivating positive lifestyle changes.

—Partners for Fragile Families: This program is for people who work with low-income, never-married parents. Participants will learn about "Fatherhood Development: A Curriculum for Young Fathers," created to help young fathers build a supportive environment, promote positive identity, accept responsibility, gain parenting skills and become self-sufficient.

—Fathers in Texas: Participants will learn how to identify community needs for fathering programs through the Texas Agricultural Extension Services' Fathering Project which assists teen-age dads. Volunteers will be trained to develop and deliver programs tailored to counties across the state.

## Today in history

**By The Associated Press**  
 Today is Friday, Oct. 23, the 296th day of 1998. There are 69 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
 On Oct. 23, 1983, 241 U.S. Marines and sailors in Lebanon were killed in a suicide truck bombing at Beirut International Airport; a near-simultaneous attack on French forces killed 58 paratroopers.

**On this date:**  
 In 1864, forces led by Union Gen. Samuel R. Curtis defeated Confederate Gen. Sterling Price's army in Missouri.

In 1915, 25,000 women marched in New York City, demanding the right to vote.

In 1944, the Battle of Leyte Gulf began.

In 1946, the United Nations General Assembly convened in New York for the first time, at an auditorium in Flushing Meadow.

In 1956, an anti-Stalinist revolt subsequently crushed by Soviet troops began in Hungary.

In 1958, Boris Pasternak, author of "Doctor Zhivago," was named winner of the Nobel Prize in literature. However, Soviet authorities pressured Pasternak into relinquishing the award.

In 1973, President Nixon agreed to turn White House tape recordings requested by the Watergate special prosecutor over to Judge John J. Sirica.

In 1978, China and Japan exchanged treaty ratification documents in Tokyo, formally ending four decades of hostility.

In 1987, the U.S. Senate rejected, 58-42, the Supreme Court nomination of Robert H. Bork.

Ten years ago: Democrat Lloyd Bentsen and the Rev. Jesse Jackson accused Republican George Bush of injecting race into the presidential campaign by focusing on prison escapee Willie Horton — a charge a Bush spokesman labeled "absolutely ridiculous."

Five years ago: The Toronto Blue Jays repeated as baseball champions as they defeated the Philadelphia Phillies, 8-6, in game six of the World Series. An Irish

Republican Army bomb exploded in Belfast, Northern Ireland, killing 10 people, including an IRA operative.

One year ago: British au pair Louise Woodward, charged with murdering a baby in her care, testified at her trial in Cambridge, Mass., that she'd never hurt 8-month-old Matthew Eappen, saying, "I love kids." The International Whaling Commission opened the way for an American Indian tribe, the Makah, to resume traditional whale hunts for the first time in seven decades. The Florida Marlins beat the Cleveland Indians, 8-7, in game five of the World Series.

# We're in for another depression

Don't worry about the stock market, the saying goes, just stay in it for the long run and you'll be OK.

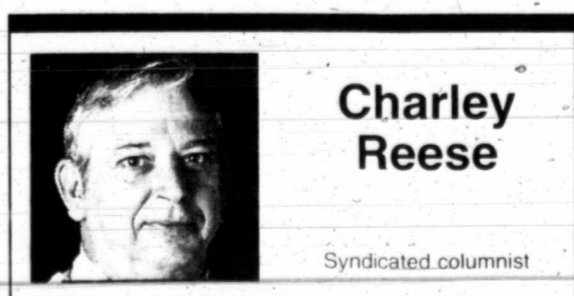
OK, but how long is the long run? One should, as the old Greeks said, define one's terms. So just how long can the long run, run?

Well, thanks to David Feldman, a businessman retired from the stock brokerage business, I have an answer. In a letter to me, Feldman said, "Remember the long-term nonsense," he wrote. "After the market crash of 1929, the year the Dow Industrials peaked at 381, it was 24 years before stocks saw that price level again." And Feldman knows. He was there, through it all, and he thinks the new depression started in the early months of 1998.

He was also kind enough to supply me with a few quotes to share with you, so you can see just how wrong corporate big shots and economic experts can be. The market crashed in October 1929, but despite the crash, Americans were given this cheerful news about the promising new year, 1930, coming up.

"There are valid reasons to believe that the period ahead will round out a good year," said L.E. Pierson, chairman, Irving Trust Company. Wrong.

"I believe that 1930 will be one of the most soundly prosperous years in American history," said E.A. St. John, president, National Surety Co. Real wrong.



"There can be little that may indicate a serious or continued depression," said the president of Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. Extra wrong.

"Business is sound. The buying power of the country has been little impaired by the break in stock prices," said Dr. Julius Klein, assistant secretary of commerce. Starting to hear little echoes?

"The general economic situation is thoroughly sound," assured A.W. Robertson, chairman, Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co. Talk about a misread of reality.

"A consensus showed that the New Year (1930) will be more prosperous than for some time, with every indication of an excellent 12 months from a business and financial standpoint," reported the 6th Federal Reserve District. Not to be.

"We believe with President Hoover that the

country and its fundamental business conditions are sound," said W.W. Atterbury, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. Gee, now where have I heard that?

And The New York Times reported, "Bankers say ... that the full year (1930) will prove sound. Authorities in all branches of business and industry agree that already indications of improvement are seen."

Must have been ghostly indications because 1930 and 10 subsequent years proved terrible. Feldman said that only German financial circles got it right, saying, "Majority opinion here looks for depression."

As Harry Truman was fond of observing, the only surprises are the history you don't know. So people who don't know history, don't know how long the long run can be, don't know that all this talk of a "new era" is actually more than 60 years old. It was all said on the eve of the Great Depression.

President Clinton's recent "economic" speech at the Council on Foreign Relations was just banal baloney. His solution is still for Japan to restart its economy and "be the locomotive that pulls Southeast Asia." What if the (expletive) does this phalanderer think the Japanese have been trying to do for the past five years? They can't restart their economy.

Batten down the hatches, folks. Life is an ever-repeating circle.

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# Texas roundup....

## Nuclear dump license rejected

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The state's environmental regulators Thursday rejected a license for a proposed radioactive waste dump in West Texas.

On a unanimous vote, the three-member Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission turned down the permit for a dump near Sierra Blanca, a town 90 miles east of El Paso and less than 20 miles from the Rio Grande.

"I'm so excited I can hardly talk. Now I feel I can live a normal life," said Gloria Addington, who owns a general store in Sierra Blanca.

The proposal by the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority to build the dump at Sierra Blanca had generated protests from some local residents, environmentalists and Mexican officials.

"Two years ago, none of us thought this was possible," said David Frederick, an attorney for the Sierra Blanca Legal Defense Fund. He called the vote a significant victory for residents of the little town.

"The place had no future with a dump. It may not have a great future now, but at least there won't be a dump," he said.

TNRCC Chairman Barry McBee said he and other commissioners were concerned that the waste disposal authority didn't thoroughly investigate a geologic fault line found beneath the site.

There is not "truly a complete and sufficient picture of this facility and how for example it will perform," he said.

Doug Caroom, lawyer for the waste disposal authority, declined to comment after the commissioners announced their decision. He had said the fault line was harmless and inactive for millions of years.

## Texas flood death toll climbs to 26; Colorado River moves in on Southeast Texas town

WHARTON, Texas (AP) — The Colorado River rose to record levels and continued to force evacuations in much of this Southeast Texas town Thursday while swollen waterways elsewhere in the state receded but left behind at least 26 deaths and hundreds of millions of dollars in destruction.

Among the victims of the unprecedented flooding in South and Central Texas were four members of a San Antonio-area family whose bodies were found inside their car in a creek. They had been missing for five days.

"We looked everywhere," Tanya Griffin, the niece of one of the victims, said after the family's Lincoln Town Car was found by police divers Thursday morning in 10 to 12 feet of muddy Salado Creek about 150 yards from a road. "We knew something was wrong."

Richard Hartman, 47, of Kirby; his mother, Donna O'Bar, 65; Jennifer Allensworth, 20; and Ms. Allensworth's 2-month-old child, Mallory Hartman, were last seen Saturday night in Jourdan, a suburb south of San Antonio, leaving a wedding reception during the heavy rains.

Authorities speculated that when their planned route was blocked by high water, they turned to an alternate road and got swept away in the raging creek.

## Some stores worry that Po's vocabulary is offensive

DALLAS (AP) — "Teletubbies" may be one of the hot toy licenses for the holidays, but some shoppers don't like what Teletubby Po has to say.

At least one chain of toy stores is pulling the talking plush dolls from its shelves amid complaints about some of the red-suited Teletubby's comments. Some offended shoppers believe the doll says "Fatty, Fatty." Others have heard the word "faggot."

The itsy bitsy Entertainment Co., which licenses the Teletubbies, said the doll is actually saying the nonsensical words "fidit, fidit," which the character regularly sings on the television show. But toymaker Hasbro, which manufactures the stuffed doll, started earlier this month inserting language cards in each doll's box to familiarize people with the Teletubby language.

"Each Teletubby has its own gibberish," said Eileen Potruck, a spokeswoman for itsy bitsy. "But, I think a lot of people are buying the dolls because they're cute and they're not familiar with the series."

## FBI agent believed informant's story of cactus needle bio-weapons plot

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — An FBI agent testified Thursday he did not think an informant's story about an alleged plot to assassinate government officials with poisoned cactus needles shot out of Bic lighters was far-fetched.

"I thought it was credible," said FBI Agent David Church at the trial of three men accused of hatching such a plot.

Under cross examination, Church recalled discussions he had with John Cain. Cain became an informant for the FBI after reporting to agents regularly on the activities of members of a faction of the Republic of Texas for whom he was doing freelance computer work and other odd jobs.

Johnnie Wise, Jack Abbott Grebe and Oliver Dean Emigh are on trial for allegedly conspiring and threatening to use weapons of mass destruction. The case focuses on two e-mails sent to government officials.

## Black franchisee seeks \$150 million in discrimination lawsuit

CHICAGO (AP) — The dirty little secret of the Wendy's hamburger chain is a pattern of racial discrimination, one of its black franchise owners charged Thursday as he filed a \$150 million lawsuit against the company.

Theldon Branch, who owns three Wendy's restaurants in Houston, said the company forces black franchisees to build restaurants from scratch, thereby taking on piles of debt, while it sells corporate-owned restaurants to whites for hundreds of thousands of dollars less.

## BAND

band will head north and turn right on 25th. Next it's off to the left on Evergreen and and southward to 20th Ave. From 20th, the march goes east to Grape, and south to 18th. A right turn at 18th, followed by a left at Williston, and a final left

at Randy Matson, which completes the march. A second stand-still performance will be given on the front lawn of Pampa High School.

Everyone is encouraged to attend, watch the band and enjoy the sounds of the group's fall music repertoire. Anyone who would like sponsor students may contact any band member or may make donations along the marching route.

## Retiree charged with threatening to blow up motor vehicles office

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — A 72-year-old retiree has been charged with threatening to blow up a state motor vehicles office after he failed the written test required for a Florida driver's license.

Ugo Gallo, an Orlando resident who had failed the written test twice before, drove to the state office Tuesday to exchange his Ohio driver's license for a Florida license, authorities said.

When the clerk told Gallo he failed again, he leaned over the counter and told her that if she didn't give him the license he was going to put a bomb in the building, said Sgt. Mike Roden of the Florida Highway Patrol.

The clerk stepped away and called 911. When state troopers arrived at the one-floor office in an

Osceola County strip mall, Gallo was still waiting to see if he would get his license.

"He admitted to us that he threatened to blow the place up," Roden said. "He said he was just tired of all the rigmarole."

Gallo was charged with threatening to put a bomb in a public building, which is a third-degree felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

"It's a shame we had to arrest him," Roden said. "But you don't say those kinds of things in a state office just like you wouldn't say it at the airport. We have zero tolerance on that. It's nothing to joke about."

## Man claims his lover asked him to put him out of his misery

HOUSTON (AP) — A murder charge has been filed against a man who told Pasadena police he strangled his AIDS-stricken lover because the man asked to be put out of his misery.

Charles John Thomas, 34, an ex-convict who also suffers from AIDS, was being held in the Harris County jail without bond

following his arrest. Police arrested Thomas on Wednesday in the death of David Elgin Payne, 35, who died Sunday.

The men had been living together in the Pasadena apartment where Payne's body was found, Pasadena police spokesman Sgt. J.M. Baird said.

Thomas told police at first that he returned to the apartment after working Sunday morning and went to bed. He said he later found Payne on the bathroom floor and drove to Payne's parents' home to tell them he was having trouble.

They called 911, and Payne was pronounced dead at a hospital about two hours later. An autopsy revealed he had been strangled.

When questioned again, Thomas admitted strangling Payne, but said Payne wanted to be put out of his misery. Thomas served about 10 years in prison after being convicted in Austin for attempted murder. He got a 20-year sentence, but was released on July 21 after serving about half the term.

He also had previous convictions for possession of cocaine, simple assault on a police officer, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, credit card abuse, delivery of a controlled substance and delivery of LSD.

Payne, who was unemployed, had a criminal record for two counts of aggravated robbery and auto theft.

## Stocks down 59.99 at noon

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks were mixed today, with the Dow industrials falling for the first time in seven sessions while a rally in technology stocks lifted the Nasdaq composite index.

At noon on Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 59.99 at 8,473.15. Broad-market indicators were mixed.

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## Mother tries to do right thing

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. (AP) — A mother whose son had nine outstanding warrants for his arrest tried to do the right thing. She brought him to court so he could surrender.

The concept must have passed muster with 22-year-old William Bergeron, until he got second thoughts and made a run for it Wednesday.

His mother, whose name was not released, caught up with him a few blocks away and again persuaded him to give himself up. Back to court they went.

second time inside New Bedford Superior Court, it took more than his mother to stop him.

"We told him there was a warrant for his arrest, and then all hell broke loose," Chief Court Officer Donald R. Gaudette Jr. said.

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# RELIGION

## Getting a new church home...

Sunday I will answer four questions before a churchful of people and with that I will have joined a new congregation after our summer move to Amarillo. After 15 years in one church, there is something stunning and very disorienting about starting over where you don't know everyone's name and who is kin to whom so you won't stick your foot in your mouth.

The four questions, more serious than wedding vows, ask about my commitment to Christ, his work and church. To give affirmative responses means I have promised, in front of God and everybody, to do what is required of me without excuse. That's scary. Before choosing Westminster Presbyterian, we visited eight churches, large and small, denominational and non. Two were big landmark churches downtown and others were neighborhood size and cozy.

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From the Back Pew...

By Cheryl Berzanskis



enough to know people and architecturally looks like it was lifted from the pages of Southern Living.

I've always had Calvinist leanings - the sovereignty of God and all that - so after studying up on church doctrine, I decided I could do this theologically.

Church polity is a different matter - all I know is that Presbyterians have a committee

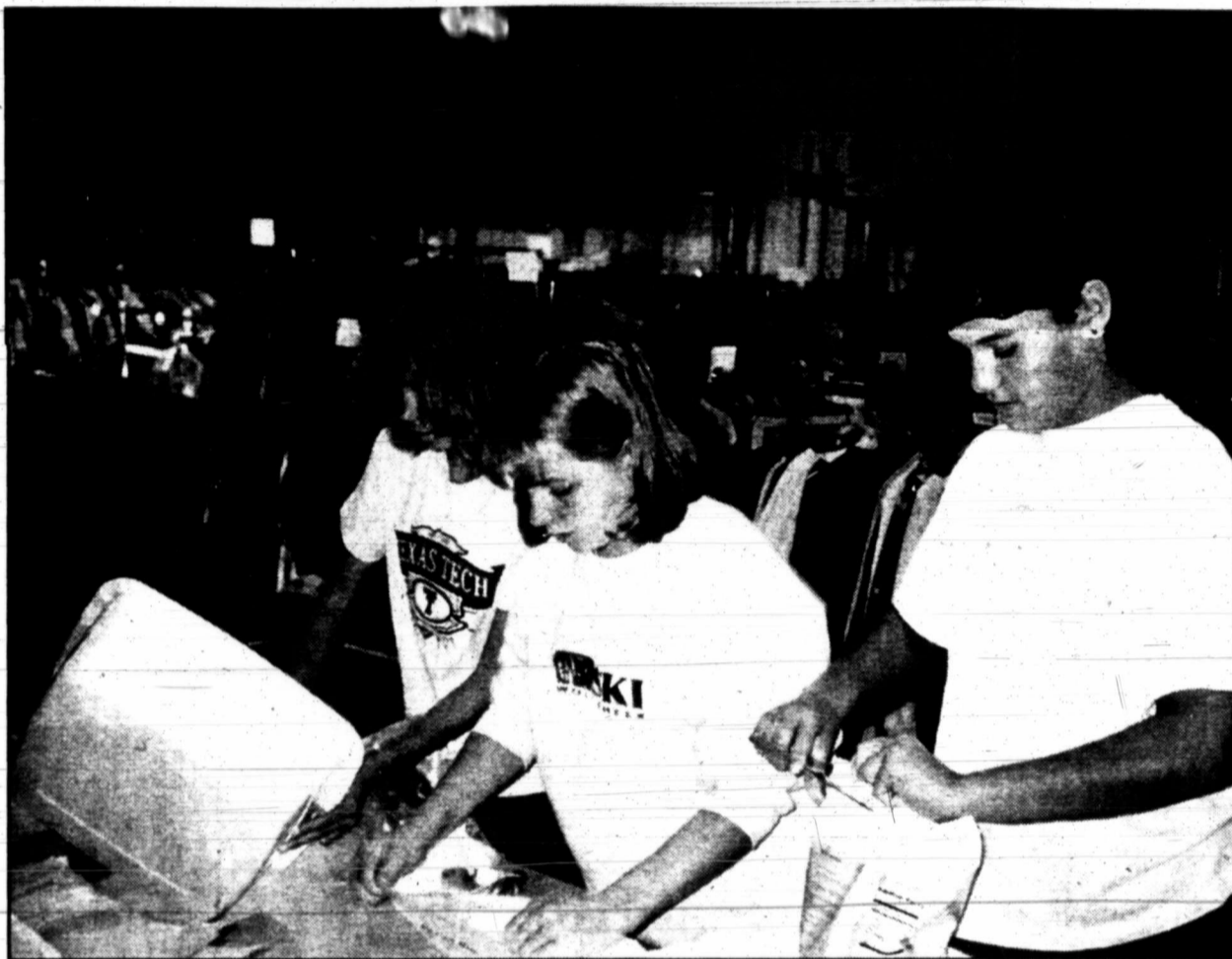
for everything. The diffusion of responsibility is so - well, American.

I discovered that besides theology there are nonspiritual considerations to choosing a church home. How big is it? Is there a youth group? Do the kids like the youth pastor? Where is the church? What time does Sunday school start and how long is the sermon? And if those questions are answered satisfactorily or at least tolerably, the next questions are, "Do I like these people? Do I want them to be my new best friends?" If the answers are "no" then it is back to the Yellow Pages for more ideas.

This Sunday will put an end to the nodding and smiling which marks the mutual discomfort of the visitor and the visited who know they are being taken out for a spiritual test drive. The people of Westminster for better or worse (and by this point you may be feeling sorry for them) will be our new family.

I have only to answer the four questions.

**Kori Dunn, Collin Lewis and Garnet Skinner were some of the Zion Lutheran Church youth who recently did a quarterly workday at Good Samaritan Christian Services. They also presented a check for \$600 to Good Samaritan which came from proceeds from the Big Z Barbecue and fundraiser at Chautauqua. Matching funds were proved from the Aid Association for Lutherans branch at the church. While working at Good Samaritan, the youth packaged bulk food into smaller packages. "These kids see this as a valuable way to help the community and those with needs," said Nancy Hasskarl, one of the group's teachers.**



## New edition of monk's writings spark debate

By JULIA LIEBLICH  
AP Religion Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Lee Edwards says he was leading the bohemian life on Paris' Left Bank in the 1950s when he discovered "The Seven Storey Mountain," Thomas Merton's account of the spiritual awakening that led him to become a Trappist monk.

"It knocked me over," says Edwards, an editor in Washington, D.C. "I was so taken by him I went off to a retreat in a Trappist monastery. I thought about becoming a Trappist." He settled for becoming a Catholic.

Since 1948, the book has sold millions of copies in 20 languages. Harcourt Brace has published a 50th anniversary edition. HarperSanFrancisco has produced the last volume in a seven-book set of Merton's journals spanning World War II to his death in 1968 at age 53.

His later work leaves Edwards and many more traditional Merton readers cold. In books like "Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander" and "Seeds of Destruction," and in his journals from the 1960s, Merton called for an end to war and nuclear testing, and he accused the United States of totalitarian tendencies.

"I prefer the early Merton," says Edwards. "I'm a conservative."

Those who knew Merton best bristle at what they call an embrace of a safer, more comfortable monk. His politics are "too hot to handle" for people who don't want to see where his prayer life led him, says the Rev. Daniel Berrigan, a Jesuit peace activist.

"The Seven Storey Mountain" begins with Merton's boyhood in France at the start of World War I and traces his "morally decadent" years at Cambridge and Columbia universities through his decision at age 26 to enter the Trappist monastery at Gethsemani, Ky.

To readers like Edwards, he was the new Augustine who spoke to modern Catholics seeking an intimate relationship with God. "I belonged to God, not to myself," Merton wrote, "and to belong to Him is to be free, free of all the anxieties and worries and sorrows that belong to this Earth, and the love of the things that are in it."

Robert Royal, director of Catholic studies projects at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, found such "passion and commitment ... steady to me when everything seemed to be in chaos."

Royal was among the readers who lost that grounding when

Merton's prayers led him to more engagement with the outside world. In the early 1950s, Merton was stunned to read for the first time the details of the World War II bombing of Japan and the magnitude of the destruction. Even contemplatives, he came to believe, should work to abolish war and nuclear weapons through fasting and prayer in the confines of the cloister.

The monk, he wrote, leaves the world only to listen to its problems more intently.

Most of his order's superiors, notes Mott, were averse to Merton's anti-war writings. "It appears that I am one of the few Catholic priests in the country who has come out unequivocally for a completely intransigent fight for the abolition of war," Merton wrote in 1961.

Many conservative readers also saw him as misguided and too sheltered to understand politics. "Merton was not a man who had any practical sense," said Royal. "There was a naive simple-mindedness."

Merton read widely during his 27 years in the monastery, and he was visited by activists, artists, and theologians who helped to keep him informed. Merton biographer Edward Rice found his later writings on nonviolence, civil rights, and Buddhism his most insightful and creative.

While the younger Merton tended toward Catholic triumphalism, the older monk was fascinated by non-Christian traditions such as Buddhism, which some traditionalists considered inappropriate for a monk who believed in a transcendent God.

Two decades after his death, however, revelations about his personal life upset some readers more. In the new introduction to "The Seven Storey Mountain," editor Robert Giroux wrote that while a student at Cambridge, Merton fathered a child out of wedlock. And Mott revealed in his 1984 biography that Merton had fallen in love with a young nurse during a 1966 hospital stay.

## Religion briefs...

### Calvary hosts 50th anniversary services

Calvary Assembly of God Church and Pastor R. Scott Barton invite the public to attend 50th Anniversary Services.

Guest speaker for the event is the Rev. Mike Benson, former pastor of the church. Benson is the founder and current pastor of Harvest Time Assembly of God Church in Midland. He will be joined in ministry and music by his wife, Dawn.

The church encourages past members and others to join them for these special services of celebration and renewal.

Services will be Oct. 23 through 25, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m., and Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

The church is at the corner of Crawford and Love Streets, one block south of Hobart Street. For more information, contact the church office at 669-7207 or the pastor's home at 669-9502.

### Concert, revival at Apostolic Faith Bible College

Coming to Pampa, Apostolic Faith Bible College. Quiet Conversations, in concert on Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Pampa Chapel, 711 E. Harvester in Pampa with Pastors Ron and Evelyn Noble. For more information call (806) 665-1579.

Also, the Pampa Chapel is excited to announce the coming of Ted Barker, to conduct special revival services, starting Wednesday, Oct. 28 - Nov. 1. The services will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday - Friday, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend. You may find just what you need.

### Briarwood hosts Fall Festival Oct. 31

Briarwood Church will have a fall festival at 1800 W. Harvester on Oct. 31, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will be fun for all ages, so bring the entire family. Admission is \$1. All games are free, concession, pictures, and jail area. There will be game booths, puppet making, concession stand, special western movie, cake walk, balloon sculpting, face painting, door prizes, puppet performances, human videos and jail. It is expected to be a great family night of fun and ministry. Western is the theme! No spooks, please!! The Community is invited.

## Promise Keepers reports a steep attendance drop

DENVER (AP) — Promise Keepers, the Christian revival movement for men, has reported a steep drop in attendance for its 1998 rallies, compared with the previous three years.

The organization, based in Denver, estimates that 454,000 men attended 19 events at U.S. stadiums and arenas in the 12 months ended Oct. 10. For the same period a year ago, it listed 638,000 at 19 conferences, excluding the hundreds of thousands who attended a prayer meeting on the Washington Mall last October.

In 1996, the group posted a record cumulative attendance of just under 1.1 million at 22 events; in 1995, 738,000 attended 13 events.

Promise Keepers said more than 17,000 men made new commitments to Christ at the 1998 rallies. The 1998 schedule also featured nine regional meetings attended by 30,000 clergy. Promise Keepers staged its first rally in 1991. The 1998 season was the first in which there was no attendance fee.

The organization, led by former college football coach Bill McCartney, will continue a no-fee policy for its 12 to 15 U.S. conferences in 1999. Operating with a national staff of 180, the group also plans several men's rallies abroad, and simultaneous rallies in each of the 50 states on Jan. 1, 2000.

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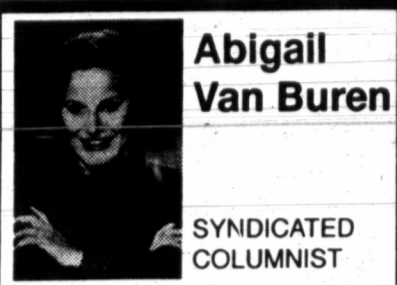
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# Hunter's Tears of Remorse Sting Long After Shooting

DEAR ABBY: In 1991, you printed a letter, followed by a poem, about a man who hunted wild geese. It described a dying male goose and his wounded mate who stayed beside him and covered his body with her broken wing until she, too, died. Please rerun the poem. Thank you in advance.

CLAIRE LEWIS, DALLAS



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR CLAIRE: Here it is. But first, a warning to my readers. Get out your hankies. This piece is guaranteed to bring tears to your eyes.

**REMORSE**  
by Truman P. Reitmeyer, Philadelphia

A hunter shot at a flock of geese  
That flew within his reach.  
Two were stopped in their rapid flight  
And fell on the sandy beach.

The male bird lay at the water's edge  
And just before he died,  
He faintly called to his wounded mate  
And she dragged herself to his side.

She bent her head and crooned to him  
In a way distressed and wild,  
Caressing her one and only mate  
As a mother would a child.

Then covering him with her broken wing  
And gasping with failing breath,  
She laid her head against his breast  
A feeble honk — then death.

This story is true though crudely told.  
I was the man in this case.  
I stood knee-deep in snow and cold  
And the hot tears burned my face.

I buried the birds in the sand where they lay  
Wrapped in my hunting coat,  
And I threw my gun and belt in the bay  
When I crossed in the open boat.

Hunters will call me a right poor sport  
And scoff at the thing I did.  
But that day something broke in my heart,  
And shoot again? God forbid!

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a woman for two years. Two weeks ago, I gave her an antique silver pin with pearls that had belonged to my mother.

Last week, my girlfriend told me she has also been seeing someone else for several months, and she's in love with him.

Abby, should I ask her to return the pin, and should I expect that she will do so?

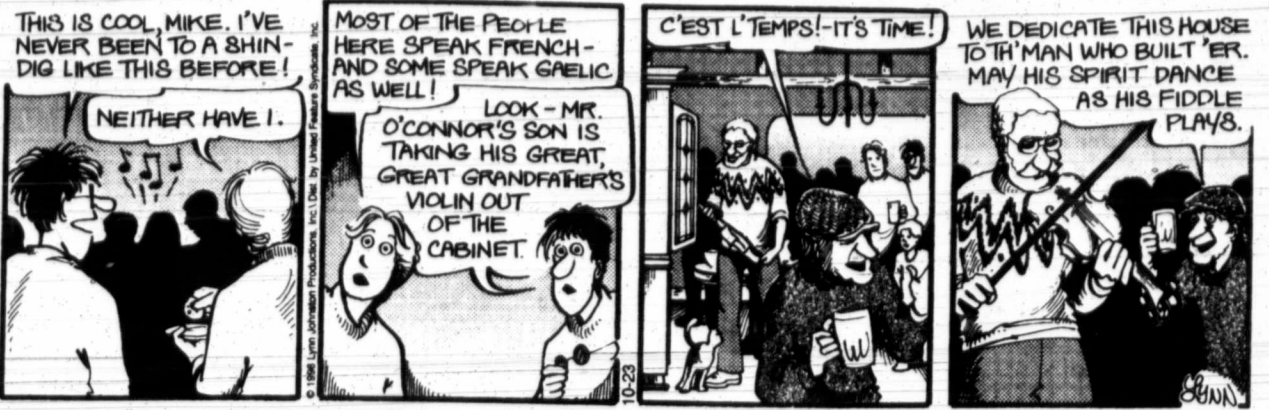
CHRIS IN NEW YORK

DEAR CHRIS: It's worth a try. Offer to replace the pin with one of equal value. However, a gift once given belongs to the recipient. If she refuses, write off the loss as tuition in the school of experience.

To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

## For Better or For Worse



## Zits



## Garfield



## Beetle Bailey



## Marvin



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## Haggar The Horrible



## Peanuts



## Blondie



## Mallard Filmore



## Horoscope

SUNDAY, OCT. 25, 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)

★★★★ You feel a new sense of responsibility or demands from others. Listen to your inner voice with loved ones, especially a dear friend. Talks need to cover many different aspects of life, from money and feelings to goals. You're a great friend. Tonight: A must appearance. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** ★★★★★ Make an important decision you have been hedging on. You need to change what hasn't been working. Follow through on an important fun venture or day trip with a partner. If single, meeting someone comes with ease. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Close relating comes naturally. You know where you are heading. Listen carefully to others, and have an important discussion. Someone needs you to help more often. Be more in touch with your feelings toward a buddy. Tonight: With your best friend.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Be sensitive to an older relative who means a lot to you. Pull back, and make strong choices. Re-

alize how important your image is. Others want you to join them, especially a valued friend. If you are single, an encounter could lead to more. Tonight: Try someone else's ideas for a change.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Take it easy. You suddenly feel like a trip isn't a good idea. Feel free to change plans. A family member goes overboard trying to make you comfortable. It is quite obvious he wants your company. Build stronger emotional foundations. Tonight: Pace yourself.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You feel like someone has turned away or has suddenly become difficult. Ask questions, and find out what is going on with this person. A loving manner brings positive results. Don't push spending too far. You need to be more conservative. Tonight: Be a flirt.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ You get a strong inkling of your limit with a partner. Just when you thought you were more flexible, you find out you can't take it anymore. This person is very difficult. Recognize what is going on. Spend some money on your happiness. Tonight: Don't postpone a decision.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Reach out for others. You draw many responses. Acknowledge someone's caring before beginning a conversation about redesigning day-to-day ventures. Get together over a leisurely lunch, or explore a favorite spot. Tonight: Dinner becomes an excuse for talk.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Let someone express his discontent. You really don't have control over this person. You might need to renegotiate the status of a romantic relationship. Treat someone with a day trip or outing. Intuition serves you well with a money decision. Tonight: Be good to yourself.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You feel better than you have in awhile. On the other hand, you recognize the need for a change at home. Don't settle for uncomfortable circumstances. Aim for what you want. Listen to a friend; in fact, surrounding yourself with friends makes this day very special. Tonight: Just ask.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Right now, you might be mulling over a difficult idea. Carefully think through decisions. You are wrestling with the pros and cons of a situation. A boss or older relative smiles upon you and approves of what you are doing; that makes you feel better. Tonight: In the limelight.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Get together with friends, and make the most of a sudden invitation. News from a distance proves to be very important. Detach, and take an overview of a situation. Your loving, caring nature comes out. Start reining in finances, before you are strapped. Tonight: With the gang.

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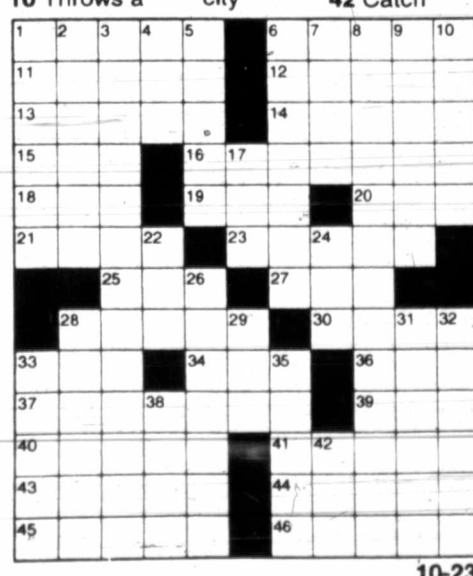
Actor Tony Franciosa (1928), singer Helen Reddy (1942), actress Marion Ross (1928)

## Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

### ACROSS

- 1 Can't stand
- 6 Command
- 11 Draw forth
- 12 "Gesundheit"
- 13 Sheet material
- 14 Mating game
- 15 Minstrel's song
- 16 Behind the times
- 18 Ordinal ending
- 19 Greek letter
- 20 Office-holders
- 21 Horse stopper
- 23 Brother, in Brittany
- 25 Zodiac roarer
- 27 "Mayday!"
- 28 Beg
- 30 Headliner
- 33 Draw
- 34 Oscar-winner
- 36 Yale player
- 37 Caffeine-free drink
- 39 Play part
- 40 Knight wear
- 41 Silver buy
- 43 Barter
- 44 Search



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### Yesterday's Answer

- 1 out (get by)
- 2 Fly
- 3 Author of 8-Down
- 4 —
- 5 Man of La Mancha
- 6 Elements
- 7 Canyon sound
- 8 Mystery by 3-Down
- 9 Trig function
- 10 Throws a
- 17 TV-dial setting
- 22 Society-page word
- 24 Dawn
- 26 Symbol of goddess
- 28 Dakotan city
- 29 Game piece
- 31 Statue setting
- 32 Singer Tex
- 33 "— Amore"
- 35 Hotel workers
- 38 Physiques, stangly
- 42 Catch

## Marmaduke



## The Family Circus



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# SPORTS

## Notebook

### GOLF

PAMPA — Hidden Hills Seniors Association held a four-man scramble earlier this week.

Results are as follows:  
**First place:** Jerry Dorman, Harvey Malone, Jim Maher and Bob Brandon, 63.  
**Second place:** Jim Batton, John Haynes, Larry Heard, Gene Winegeart and Everett Butler, 63.  
**Third place:** Travis Johnston, Bob Young, Ken Reeves and Nathan Lancaster, 64.  
**Fourth place:** Bob Lyle, Bill King, Charlie Terrell and Preston Cox, 64.  
**Closest to hole:** Ralph Wilson, No. 12.

### FOOTBALL

AUSTIN (AP) — Redshirt freshman Major Applewhite, who's been calling signals for the Texas Longhorns since fifth-year senior Richard Walton was injured in the second game of the season, will start again Saturday.

Texas coach Mack Brown made the announcement Thursday.

"We'll start Major at quarterback," Brown said as the Longhorns (4-2, 2-1 Big 12) prepared for Baylor (2-4, 1-2).

"No. 1, he deserves it, he's done so well. He's on a roll. Also, it's entirely too much to ask of Richard Walton," Brown said.

Walton, who passed for 282 yards and one TD in the season opener against New Mexico State, broke a bone in his throwing hand in UT's loss to UCLA. Applewhite then stepped in, throwing for seven touchdowns in the four games he's started.

TROY, Ala. (AP) — Lawrence Tynes kicked an 18-yard field goal with 1:50 remaining to lift Troy State to a 20-17 win over Southwest Texas State.

Quarterback Brock Nutter hit Daniel Brown on a 42-yard pass to set up the winning kick in Thursday night's game.

The Trojans (5-2, 2-1 Southland Football League) took a 17-3 lead on Tynes' career-long 42-yarder four seconds into the fourth quarter.

The Bobcats (2-4, 0-2) then scored a pair of touchdowns in a 26-second span off Troy State fumbles to tie it up. First, Tony Donelson fumbled at the Troy State 28-yard line, setting up a 17-yard TD run by Sperguson Wynn. Then, Wayne Thomas lost another fumble at the Trojan 33. On the next play, Wynn hit James Stewart for another touchdown with 4:31 to play.

The Trojans marched 60 yards on seven plays then stopped a last-gasp drive by Southwest Texas to secure the win.

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Kevin Smith's starting job is either in jeopardy or not, depending on who's talking, but all agree he needs a lucky break.

Dallas Cowboys coach Chan Gailey sidesteps questions about whether he's contemplating a change. But that's been a topic among coaching staff at Valley Ranch headquarters during a bye week.

"I think I've said it about as clean as I can say it," Gailey told The Dallas Morning News in Thursday's editions. "He's got the talent. He just needs something good to happen to him, to get a little confidence back."

Five of the nine passing touchdowns the Cowboys allowed this season have been at Smith's expense. The cornerback has just one interception in the last 27 regular-season games.

Chicago's Erik Kramer completed seven of 11 passes for 81 yards and a touchdown against Smith in the Bears' 13-12 win Sunday. Smith was beaten badly by Bears receiver Bobby Engram on what would have been a 73-yard touchdown in the first quarter, but the ball was overthrown.

## Pampa takes on Hereford

PAMPA — Injuries have hit both Pampa and Hereford hard going into tonight's District 3-4A clash at Harvester Stadium.

The Harvesters will be without running back Curtis Johnson (concussion) and linebacker Brent Phelps (dislocated shoulder). Both players were injured in last week's game with Dumas.

Hereford will be without quarterback Cody Hodges, the district's passing leader. He sustained a broken wrist in the Palo Duro game last week.

Middle linebacker Jared White and fullback Erich Greer will be pulling double-duty for the Harvesters. White will also be starting in the offensive backfield while Greer will be moved to Phelps' cornerback spot.

Pampa head coach Dennis Cavalier also plans to rest offensive tackle Jonathan Waggoner, who is still recovering from a previous injury. Jeff Warren will start at tackle.

"Hereford's not real big, but they do have some nice size," Cavalier said. "They have quite a bit of quickness and speed."

Pampa is 1-1 in district play and 5-2 for the season. Hereford is 2-0 and 6-1.

"It's going to be a challenge for us, but we're poised and we feel like we can take them," Cavalier said.

## Mean Machine plays for title

PAMPA — The White Deer-Skellytown third and fourth grade Mean Machine football team finished the regular season with a solid 1-3 record. That record put the Machine in a two-way tie with Shamrock for first place in the North Division.

Following their last game, coaches from the two teams flipped a coin to determine who would play Memphis (3-1) for the Eastern Panhandle Football League Championship. The Mean Machine won and will also have home field advantage for the championship.

The championship game will be held in White Deer at 2 p.m. this Saturday.

The Mean Machine finished the regular season with a win over Shamrock 20-8 and Wellington, 230-12 and 22-0. The Mean Machine had only one loss, 14-6 to Shamrock.

Memphis finished as co-champs with Clarendon in the South Division.

Coaches would like to thank all the parents for their support. And a special thanks to the coaches' wives and families for their support.

## Eight players file for free agency

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Just hours after the World Series ended, baseball's business season began when Jose Canseco and seven others filed for free agency and Mo Vaughn took his first step away from the Boston Red Sox.

Vaughn, who appears ready to leave Boston, declined a \$6.75 million 1999 option on Thursday and became one of approximately 150 players eligible to file for free agency by Nov. 5.

The list also includes New York Yankees outfielder Bernie Williams, San Diego pitcher Kevin Brown, World Series MVP Scott Brosius, Houston pitcher Randy Johnson, New York Mets catcher Mike Piazza, Baltimore second baseman Roberto Alomar and Chicago White Sox third baseman Robin Ventura.

Boston and Vaughn had a mutual option for 1999, meaning both sides had to agree to exercise it. The Red Sox offered, but Vaughn declined, making him eligible for this free agent class.

The Red Sox declined a \$3.25 million option on infielder Tim Lincecum, making him eligible to file.

Heading the eight players who filed Thursday was Canseco, who hit 47 homers and drove in 107 runs for Toronto in his best season since 1991.

Pitcher Todd Stottlemyre, obtained by Texas from St. Louis on July 31, also filed.

## Basketball mile



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

Colby Hale (above) was the winner of annual Harvester Basketball Mile with a time of 6:46. Shawn Young was second (6:59) and Russell Robben was third (7:03). It was the first time in several years that any player had ran the five laps around Harvester Stadium in less than 7 minutes. The Basketball Mile held Wednesday kicks off the beginning of high school basketball practice.

## 7th grade rallies for win

PAMPA — The second half became rally time for the Pampa 7th grade football team.

Trailing 8-0 at halftime, Pampa came back to defeat Dumas, 20-8, Tuesday at Harvester Stadium.

Scoring touchdowns for Pampa were Johnny Story (35-yard run), Mac Smith (12-yard run) and Andrew Curtis (25-yard run). Smith had a two-point run.

Coach Darrel Adkins said linemen Hunter Craig, Chance Bowers, Ryan Carter, Jerrod Carruth, Aaron Simon, Marcos Deleon, Cody Locknane, Aaron Silva, Danny Meza and Andrew Ammons played an outstanding game.

Pampa lost the B team game, 36-18.

Joe Meraz scored two touchdowns for Pampa on runs of 18 and 6 yards. Chance Henley recovered a fumble and ran 43 yards for a TD.

Dumas shut out Pampa, 22-0, in the 8th grade game. Pampa's B team also had to rally in a big way. Pampa came from behind to win, 20-18. Dumas was ahead, 18-0, at halftime.

Scoring on touchdown runs were Lionel Nash (33 yards) and Joel Botello (1 yard). Ryan Zemanek threw an 18-yard touchdown pass to Chris Kane. Zemanek passed to Kane for a two-point conversion.

On Tuesday, the 7th grade plays at Valleyview while the 8th plays at home.

KATY, Texas (AP) — A district committee on Thursday ordered the Katy football team, ranked No. 1 in Class 5A, to forfeit four games for violating University Interscholastic League rules regarding amateurs.

Katy, the defending 5A Division 1 champion, has won all seven games on the field this season, but the Tigers are now 2-5. That includes a forfeit earlier this year for using an ineligible player.

Thursday's ruling came from the District 19-5A district executive committee. The committee found that Katy was in violation

## Red Raiders try to defend streak against Aggies

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — No. 25 Texas Tech's three-game winning streak against No. 8 Texas A&M is a hot topic among the Aggies. The Red Raiders wish the subject would go away.

"It really eats at you," A&M tight end Dan Campbell said. "There are two teams I really want to beat, Texas and then Tech. We definitely want to get that thorn out of our side."

The Aggies (6-1, 3-0) don't really need added motivation. They are on a role under quarterback Randy McCown, who has revitalized the Aggies' offense with victories over Kansas, Nebraska and Baylor since replacing Brannon Stewart.

The Aggies are the only unbeaten team in the Big 12 South games and could take a strong grip on returning to the Big 12 championship game with a victory over the Red Raiders (6-1, 3-1).

Still, the Aggies don't like the streak hanging over their heads.

"They have given us a lot of trouble and that's one team I haven't beaten," running back Dante Hall said. "And the way they've beaten us is silly."

Last year's 16-13 Tech victory in Lubbock was decided with 19 seconds to play on a 47-yard field goal by Tony Rogers that hit the left upright and bounced good.

"We came out of those games frustrated," R.C. Slocum said. "I don't know that they've dominated us. They've beaten us three games by a total of 13 points."

In 1996, an 81-yard touchdown pass beat the Aggies 13-10 and in 1995 the Red Raiders knocked the Aggies out of the AP rankings with a 14-7 victory, keyed on a 23-yard touchdown interception return by Zach Thomas with 30 seconds to play.

As Tech Spike Dykes likes to say "we haven't beaten them like a borrowed rule."

Dykes doesn't want to add

any more inspiration to the Aggies. The Raiders are coming off a 19-17 loss to Colorado.

"Some of our guys haven't been here that long and the others already know it," Dykes said. "We don't care what they say. Last year's score doesn't make much difference in this football season."

McCown has opened up the Aggie offense with his scrambling ability and his take-charge attitude. McCown, a junior, had his best game in four career starts against Baylor last week, hitting 9 of 14 passes for 195 yards, giving balance to the Aggies running attack.

Now he must try to dent the Red Raiders defense called "The Swarm," which ranks 11th nationally against the run.

"We've got (receivers) Chris Taylor and Chris Cole and Dante (Hall)," McCown said. "That gives us more weapons than any time since I've been here."

The Aggies completed passes to nine receivers in their 35-14 victory over Baylor last week.

"I'm envious of what they have done," Dykes said. "They've made great improvement each week. That's the mark of good coaching. They are productive in every phase of the game. It scares you to death."

The Red Raiders offensive line averages 322.8, anchored by 357-pound sophomore tackle Jonathan Gray.

Running back Ricky Williams has made good use of his massive line to rush 1,168 yards for an average of 166.86 yards per game. He ranks third in the nation in rushing and eighth in all-purpose yards.

"They will play 100 percent the whole game," Campbell said. "If you are not ready, they will beat you. They will be in it in the fourth quarter because that's the way they play."

## 9th graders pull sweep

PAMPA — Pampa defeated Caprock and Palo Duro in recent 9th grade volleyball matches.

Jennifer Lindsey and Cali Covalt led the Pampa attack against Caprock. Lindsey had 5 kills, 4 blocks and 2 solo blocks while Covalt had 4 kills, including 2 aces. Others who contributed were Allison Earl, 6 assists, 2 aces and 2 kills; Danielle Martinez, 3 kills and 2 blocks; Shelly Sims, 3 kills and 1 assist; Randa Morris, 2 kills and 2 blocks; Sabrina Johnson, 3 kills 2 solo blocks and 3 aces.

### Volleyball

Pampa won the match in straight sets, 15-8, 15-7.

The Pampa freshmen were also victorious over Palo Duro, 15-5, 15-10.

Colin Lewis had 7 kills while Morgan White had 5 kills with 3 blocks and 2 aces. Also, Ashley Derrington had 4 kills, 6 service points and 3 blocks and Misty Northcutt had 5 assists and 2 kills.

Pampa also won the B team game, 11-15, 15-2, 15-9.

Sara Scott led Pampa with 4 kills, 2 assists and 2 blocks. Courtney Ritchey had 3 kills and 1 assist and Leslie Ward had 5 assists and 6 service points.

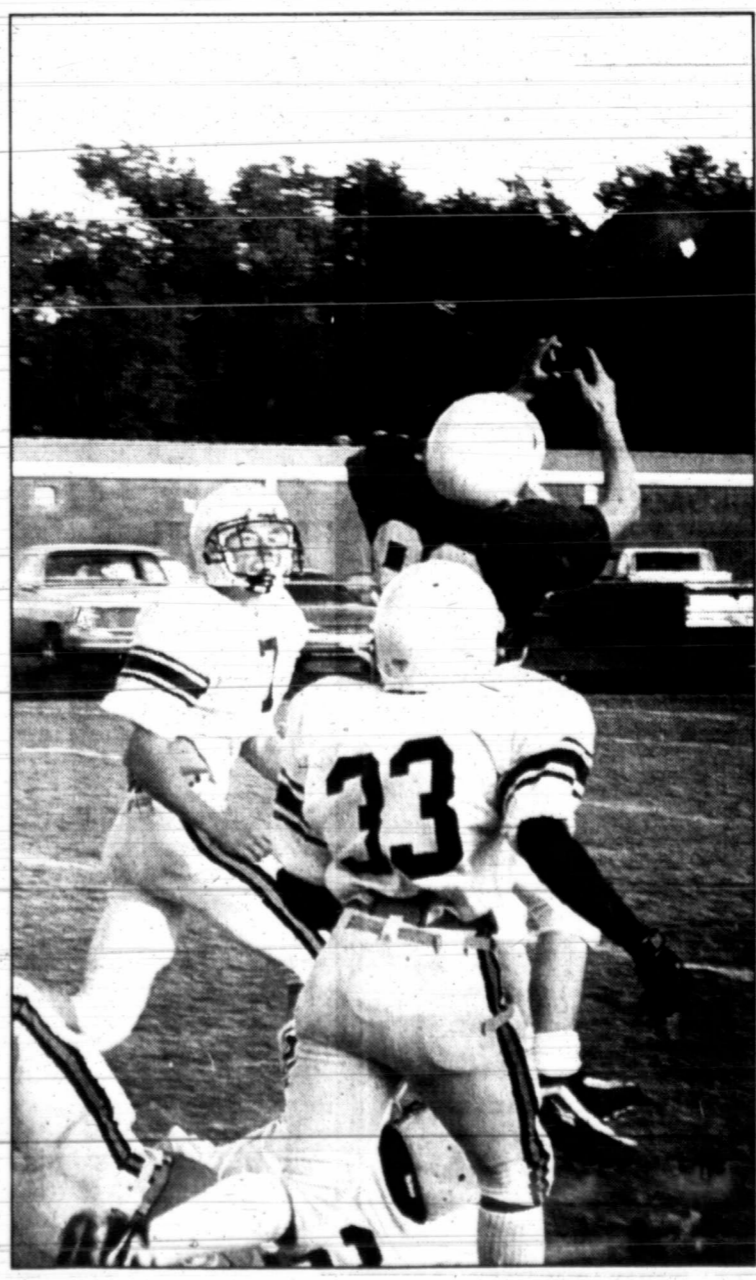
BRISCOE — Fort Elliott downed Alamo Catholic, 15-4, 15-4, in a high school volleyball match Tuesday night.

Ashley Estes led the Fort Elliott offense while Susie Luttrell and Ja'Nae Goad had an outstanding job of setting.

Fort Elliott also won the junior high match, 15-4, 15-0.

In a match last weekend, Dumas junior varsity defeated Fort Elliott, 15-9, 15-11.

## Leaping try



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

Receiver Michael Galloway tries to make a leaping catch during the freshman football game between Pampa and Amarillo High Black on Thursday. Pampa freshmen close out the season Oct. 29 against Tascosa Red in Amarillo.





# Cattle roundup continues in flood-ravaged Texas

DALLAS (AP) — Swimming for their lives, tens of thousands of cattle have made it to high ground along four flooded Texas river valleys only to be stranded by mud, silt and debris from the record deluge.

Ropers and volunteer cowboys Thursday were corralling strays from South and Central

Texas ranches where a million or more head of cattle grazed before the weekend floods flattened fences and pens.

Now, as many as 50,000 cattle and calves have moved downstream like an Old West cattle drive gone haywire. They've dodged floating logs, snakes and other animals as well as fire ants.

"Somewhere between 1 and 5 percent of the million head is not an unrealistic number for cattle being moved downstream," said Joe Paschal, a livestock specialist at the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at Corpus Christi.

Although cattle float well, ranchers worry that many of their weaker calves may have drowned.

"There are submerged trees

and fences, other things they can hang up on. They can get

100 volunteers corralling stranded cattle. "The cow's

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water in their lungs, they can get bit by fire ants," said Trey Hamlett, manager at the Luling Foundation farm where hundreds of strays have been rounded up from the San Marcos River.

"The fire ants float on top of the water in big balls, and they get around the cow's eyes and nose," Hamlett, who has about

hide is thick, but the ants are still a problem to them."

Downstream on the flooded Colorado River, ranchers have moved many cattle to high ground. The river is expected to crest at Wharton Friday morning at 48.5 feet and already stands at 47.4 feet, breaking the record 46.1-foot mark set during December 1991 floods.

"We are sheltering animals that have been brought to us by the city," said Dr. Carlos Bonnot of the Wharton Veterinary Clinic, adding some cattle were already on the loose. "We are also at maximum capacity with our large animals — there are a total of 60 here and at a barn."

Cattle roamed the streets in Gonzales, downstream on the Guadalupe River from flood-ravaged San Marcos. Ranchers estimate up to 16,000 head were missing from Gonzales County alone and up to 15,000 cattle are wandering the San Marcos River Valley.

"Around Gonzales, there's a major feedyard that the high water did not hurt because it's on a hill. But they grazed a lot of livestock down at the river

and a lot of their fences and cattle are missing. Fences are flattened," said Paschal.

He said brand inspectors from the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association in Fort Worth were helping identify strays. But only about two-thirds of cattle are branded and some will never be matched with their owners.

"I talked to one rancher who said he owned 500 cows Saturday and he hopes he owns 400 now," Hamlett said.

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## Hospice to give special service of remembrance

A public memorial service celebrating the lives of area residents served by Hospice of the Panhandle is set for 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 25, at the Church of the Nazarene, 510 N. West.

"This service provides a wonderful and meaningful opportunity for our staff and the families we have served this past year to come together to share the good times with, and special memories of, our patients — their loved ones," said Sherry McCavit, executive director of the non-profit organization.

The non-denominational service, "Celebration of Life: A Time to Remember," includes a brief message of hope by the Rev. Darrell Evans, pastor of First Christian Church and Hospice chaplain. Rev. Doug Yates, Church of the Nazarene pastor and Hospice chaplain, will give the invocation and the benediction.

Special music is to be performed by vocalists Lori Sailor, Hospice social worker, and Paxton Whatley, who is singing in honor of his grandfather Calvin Whatley. Dr. Raymond Laycock, associate medical director, will give the welcome and introduction, followed by Hospice of the Panhandle Board President Dr. Butch Buck, who will present the preface. Tiffany Chaney, RN, Hospice case manager, will read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. A candlelighting ceremony and inspirational readings are to be led by other members of the Hospice staff.

At the conclusion of the program, family members are to be presented with long-stemmed red roses donated by Freeman's Florists and Roberta's Florists. Pampa Junior Service League will host the reception after the service in the Church of the Nazarene fellowship hall.

For 10 years, Hospice of the Panhandle, a non-profit organization providing comprehensive care for the terminally-ill and their families, has served more than 1,050 patients and families in Carson, Gray, Hutchinson, Roberts and Wheeler Counties.

For more information about the memorial service or about hospice care for the terminally ill, call Hospice of the Panhandle at 665-6677.

## United Way check-in luncheon in offing

The next United Way check-in luncheon will be from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 27 at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The free luncheon is being sponsored by Texas Panhandle Mental Health, Community Day Care, the Salvation Army and Panhandle Assessment Center. The public is invited to come with cards and pledges to support the United Way.

The Commercial Division need to have its cards completed by the luncheon or return the cards to the UW office and other volunteers will work them. The Professional Division and Special Gifts Division need to finish cards also.

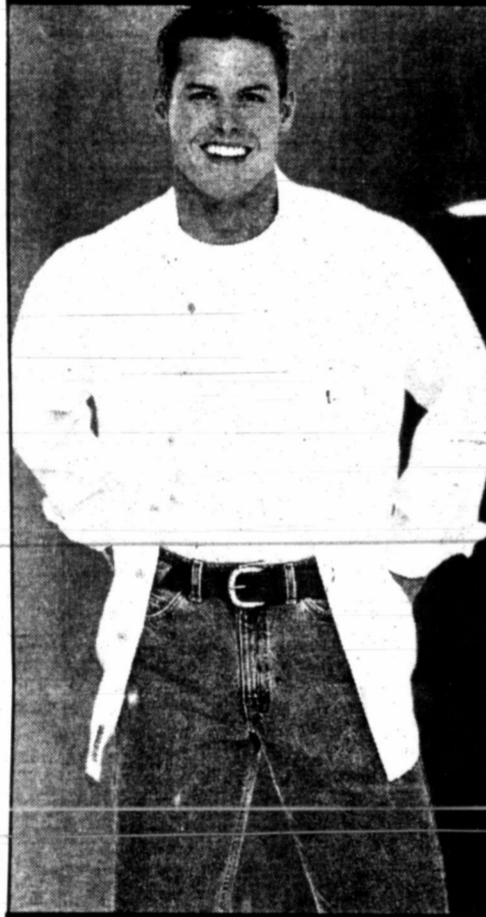
Loan executives with Major Firms should be following up on firms they are currently working with and help the firms finish. Pick up packets from the firms and try to set limits so the firms will finish as soon as possible.

The local UW has reached 56 percent or \$187,689.01 of its \$335,000 goal at its third check-in. Volunteers have two more weeks to collect and turn in funds.

For more information or for assistance with cards or packets, call the UW office at 669-1001.

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