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No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 3-18-19-34-38-39.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$10 million.

PAMPA—The Top O' Texas Cattlewomen are presenting an "Easy Beet" Cooking and Tasting Seminar on Monday, Nov. 2. It will be held at the Pampa Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. Cooking demonstrations will be given, followed by tasting of all dishes prepared and of the new products introduced. Call 835-2904 for reservations.

DALLAS (AP)—A.H. Belo Corp. executive Robert W. Decherd received the Freedom of Speech award from the nonprofit Media Institute on Wednesday.

Decherd, 47, was honored for his support of First Amendment rights. The institute cited Decherd's work as a past president of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas and Dallas Society of Professional Journalists and as a member of the executive committee of the Newspaper Association of America.

- F.W. 'Slim' Hendrix, 83, former engine operator for Getty Oil.
- Carl Offield, 63, heavy equipment salesman, broker.

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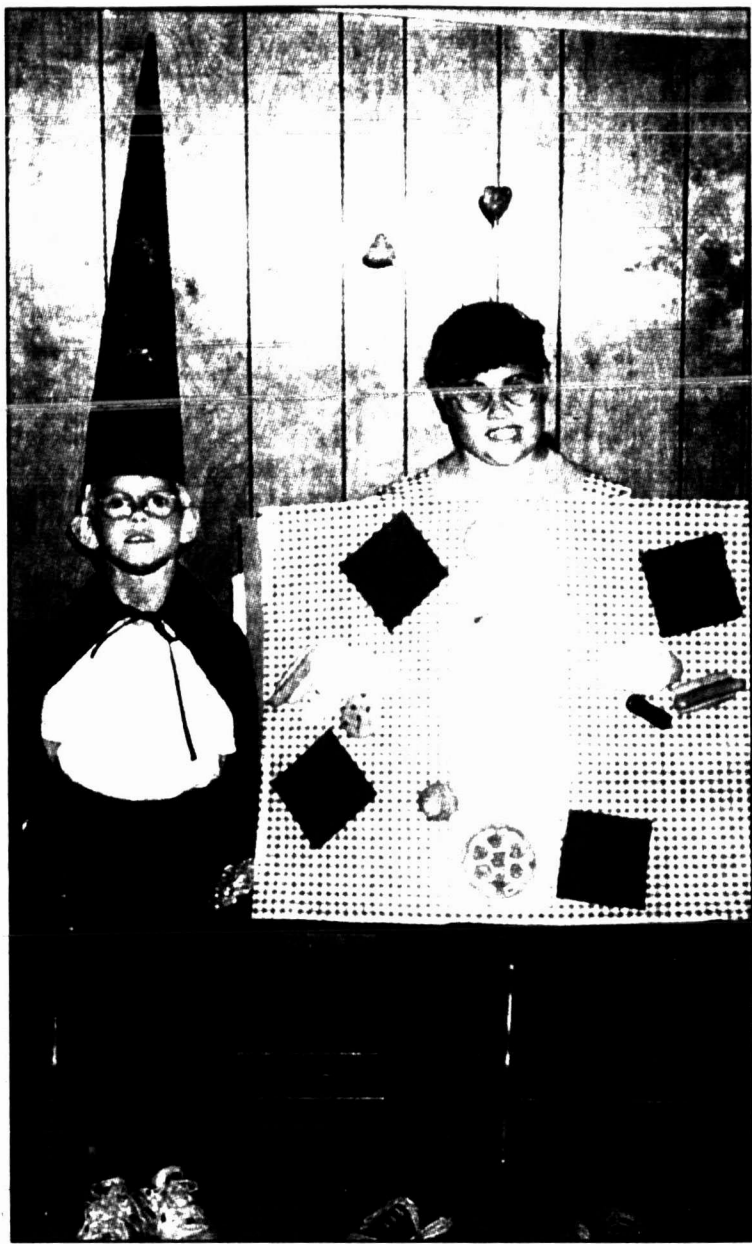
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Garrett and Meredith Coutts take time to show off the creative 'wizard' and 'picnic table' costumes their mom made for them this year. The Pampa Police Department is offering some tips for trick-or-treat safety. They ask that parents and guardians accompany small children when they are trick-or-treating, and have them stay within the neighborhood—only visit homes you know.

Downtown lighting project gets boost

The Downtown Business Association's project to light more trees along Cuyler Street during the holidays got a boost this week in the form of up to \$5,500 from Pampa's city commission.

The idea behind the lighting is to make downtown more attractive in hopes of garnering shoppers who will make their Christmas purchases at home rather than spending money out of town.

Commissioner Faustina Curry made the motion to appropriate the money after hearing about the plan from DBA president Linda West.

Last year, the west side of the street was lighted but due to the need to install conduit on the east side below the level of the sidewalk, this portion of the project has remained incomplete.

The city will also haul off the excavated materials and provide the sand to back-fill the trench dug to accommodate the wiring.

Unlike last year, it's hoped vandals will stay away this season and not destroy some of the lights and cords.

Candidate stresses improved food safety, support for producer

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

An East Texas farmer and rancher made a flying trip to Pampa today to generate support for his bid for Texas Agricultural Commissioner.

L.P. "Pete" Patterson of Paris, flew into Perry Letors Field this morning to meet with local supporters concerning his bid as the Democrat's candidate for state agricultural commissioner against Republican Susan Combs.

Patterson, a 22-year veteran of the state legislature, is Chairman of the House Agriculture and Livestock Committee.

"It's time to return to having a commissioner of agriculture that's a producer," Patterson said. "We have to support the producer."

Patterson, who raises soybeans and runs wheat pasture cattle in Northeast Texas, said he lost \$40,000 this year to drought, insects and bad markets.

"If Congress doesn't realize the importance of the producer," he said today, "we're going to be in big trouble."

Earlier this week, Patterson called for foods produced in Texas to be certified and labeled in order to establish a higher safety standard. He proposed a Safety Food Task Force to certify imported and local foods as being safe for consumption. The task force, he said, would include Texas Department of Agriculture employees, health officials, consumers and researchers from Texas A&M, the University of Texas and Texas Tech.

He said that according to CNN only 1.7 percent of imported food is inspected. Ninety percent of food borne illness comes from imported food, he said.

Patterson and his wife still live on the family farm near Paris, where he said he is active in farming and ranching with his

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Mexicans free Pampa woman's brother on gun-smuggling charge

A Louisiana man who landed a five-year prison sentence in Mexico on gun-smuggling charges, was freed Wednesday night after a federal court reversed his conviction.

He is the latest in a series of U.S. citizens to be released after being arrested on gun-smuggling charges, including the brother of a Pampa woman.

Rusty Salmon, 38, of Andrews, brother of Sue Davis of Pampa, was released two weeks ago after being held almost two months on gun-smuggling charges.

Johnny Manuel, 52, who is from the Lake

Charles area, was arrested March 5 along with his fiancée, Willie "Viva" Burnett.

Manuel claims he took a wrong turn in El Paso and found himself on a Mexico-bound bridge with no way off. He had two hunting rifles and a revolver in his car.

Ms. Burnett, 48, was released the next day. But a court sentenced Manuel to five years in prison in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, across the border from El Paso.

Now a Mexican federal court has reversed the conviction.

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Early voting cuts off Friday; school tonight

With early voting ending tomorrow, Gray County Clerk Wanda Carter said today there have been 1,520 votes cast at the courthouse as of 5 p.m. Wednesday.

She said each day's numbers are slightly higher than usual but the vote totals are actually less than in previous years because there are three less days of early voting this election.

Tonight is also the night for election school. All presiding and assistant judges must attend by law and Carter said any poll watchers, clerks, candidates or interested citizens may also attend. The school will be at 7 p.m. in the county courtroom on the second floor of the courthouse.

For those who will wait until

election day, Nov. 3, a list of voting places and judges are listed. Each voter has his precinct number listed on his voters card. Carter said that if a voter can't find the card he/she will have to bring some form of id that shows an address such as a driver's license or a water bill.

Precinct 1, place of voting, Letors Community Center, Virginia Maples, Presiding Judge, Karen Nobles, Assistant.

Precinct 2, place of voting, Optimist Boys Club, West Door, Augusta Brown, Presiding Judge, Lula Mae Engle, Assistant.

Precinct 3, place of voting, Grandview-Hopkins School, Linda Babcock, Presiding Judge, Marion Johnson, Assistant.

Precinct 4, place of voting,

Allenreed First Baptist Church basement, Catherine Dorsey, Presiding Judge, Evelyn Shaw, Assistant.

Precinct 5, place of voting, Lovett Library McLean, Linda McAnear, Presiding Judge, Bill Graham, Jr. Assistant.

Precinct 7, place of voting, Horace Mann School Gym, Esther McAdoo, Presiding Judge, Peggy Rodriguez, Assistant.

Precinct 8, place of voting, Calvary Baptist Church Atrium, Carol Peet, Presiding Judge, Don Boddy, Assistant.

Precinct 9, place of voting, Woodrow Wilson School Gym, Maxine Hawkins, Presiding Judge, Charlotte Lewis, Assistant.

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Haunted Theatre...

By Little Harvester Staff Reports
For The News

"Once upon a midnight dreary, as I pondered weak and weary..."

For the first time in history, the PHS Drama Department will host "The Haunted Theatre" from 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, in the high school auditorium.

According to Dean Birkes, drama director, "The Haunted Theatre" will be a new twist on an old haunted house theme.

"I don't want to give too much away, but the haunted theatre will hopefully be a pretty frightening experience for everyone," he said. "We brainstormed and tried to think of what scares us,

most, and that's what we are incorporating into the haunted theatre."

The idea originally came about when Birkes was trying to find fund-raisers for his department.

"Because of all the maintenance I've had to do, the department really needs to raise money," he said. "I originally thought about producing 'Dracula' for Halloween, but I thought the kids would have more fun doing a haunted house."

Drama students will start the haunted theatre and provide the chills and thrills for those who dare to enter.

"Please take time to take the tour," Senior Steve West said. "You'll go home crying."

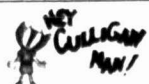
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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

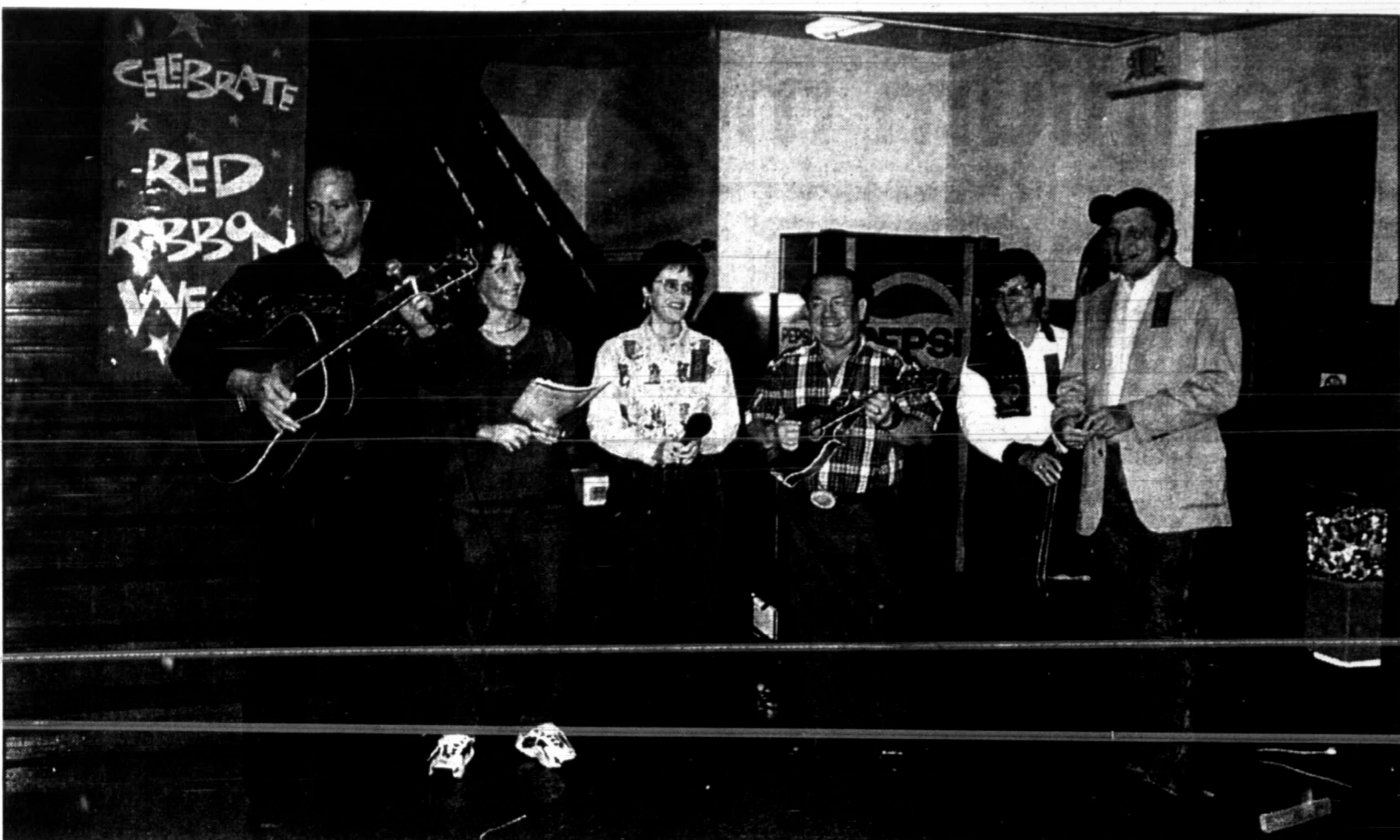
L.P. "Pete" Patterson, candidate for Texas Commissioner of Agriculture, surrounded by local supporters, takes a break during his campaign stop in Pampa today to answer long distance questions concerning his quest.

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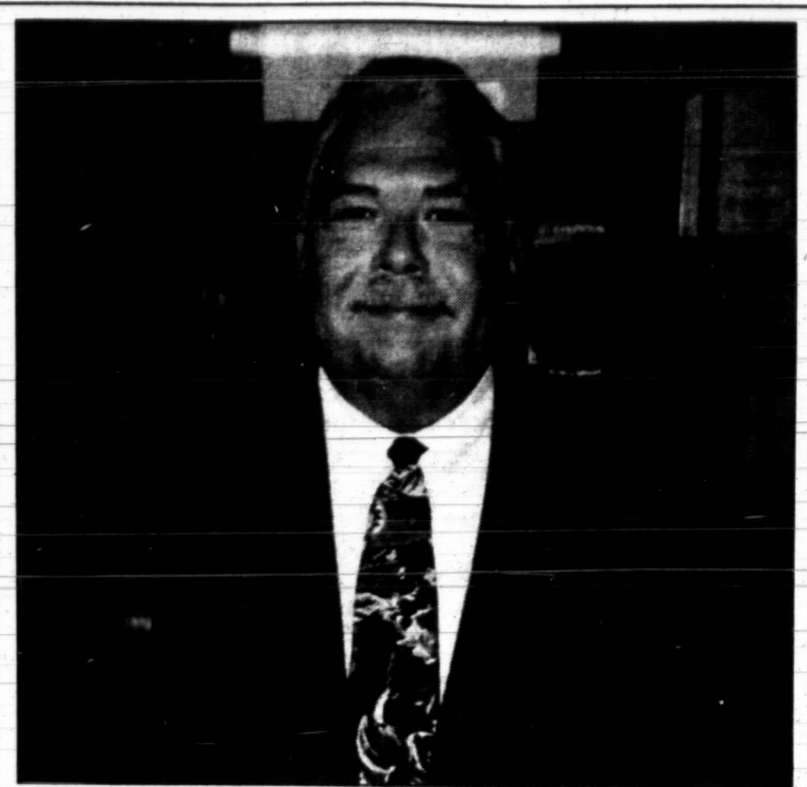


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Red Ribbon Rally



From left, Tim Kirkwood, guitar-vocals; Veronica Kirkwood, vocals; Rick Scott, harmonica; Sharon Strickland, vocals; Jack Shelby, mandolin; Carolyn Shelby, bass, perform during the Downtown Red Ribbon Rally held recently.



(Special photo) Donald R. Whitney, of Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau, was recently awarded the National Multiline Sales Award. The National Association of Life Underwriters, located in Washington, D.C., confers this award to promote and recognize excellence in client and customer representation. The award recognizes an agent's ability to provide clients with a wide range of insurance products from property/casualty to life and health insurance. Only 10 of 15 percent of the nation's insurance agents receive a NALU industry award. NALU was founded in 1890 and represents over 100,000 professionals in life, health, property/casualty insurance and other financial services. NALU is associated with Greenbelt Association of Life Underwriters.

Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Douglas) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #2-15 Flowers, 550' from South & 695' from West line, Sec. 15,41,H&TC, PD 8200'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & WEST WASHITA CREEK Upper Morrow) Barrett Resources Corp., #3 Alexander, 667' from North & 2500' from West line, Sec. 1, — J. Poitevent, PD 14100'.

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & SHREIKEY Morrow) J.M. Huber Corp., #3 Bob McCoy 'B', 1320' from South & West line, Sec. 14,M-2,H&GN, PD 11500'.

Replacement well for #B-2
WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Tesoro E&P Co., L.P., for the following:

#4 Britt Ranch '36', 2000' from South & 660' from East line, Sec. 36,A-3,H&GN.

#4 Britt Ranch 'C', 1500' from North & 1320' from West line, Sec. 35,A-3,H&GN.

#3 Britt Ranch 'G', 44, 1980' from South & 2630' from East line, Sec. 44,A-3,H&GN.

Applications to Plug-Back
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Douglas) Devon Energy Corp., #2 Norris, 1350' from North & 1260' from East line, Sec. 4,1,H&GN, PD 10500'.

HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Ken Lasure, #45 Maggie Weatherly, 307' from North & 2652' from West line, Sec. 23,Y,A&B, PD 3000'.

Amended Applications to Drill
WHEELER (EAST PANHANDLE) Gray Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #2 Federal Life Insurance, 1454' from North & 1980' from West line, Sec. 43,23,H&GN, PD 4000'. Amended well location

Oil Well Completions
HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Cherokee) Crescendo Resources, L.P., #3 Arthur Webb, et al 'T', Sec. 194,C,G&MMB&A, elev. 2679 kb, spud 7-28-98, drlg. compl 9-4-98, tested 9-29-98, flowed 29 bbl. of 52 grav. oil + 10 bbls. water thru 16/64" choke on 24 hour test, csq. pressure 1072 psi, tbg. pressure 782 psi, GOR 22897, TD 12180', PBTD 10448'.

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #A-29 Herring 'A&B', E. Almaguie Survey, elev. 3278 kb, spud 7-23-98, drlg. compl 7-26-98, drlg. compl 7-26-98, tested 9-23-98, pumped 11.6 bbl. of 39 grav. oil + 75 bbls. water, GOR 31638, TD 3478', PBTD 3431'.

ROBERTS (BRAINARD Atoka) Crescendo Resources, L.P., #1 Lips Ranch 'C' 36, Sec. 36,A,H&GN, elev. 2590 kb, spud 6-15-98, drlg. compl 7-3-98, tested 9-16-98, flowed 11 bbl. of 45.9 g.v. oil + trace water thru open choke on 24 hour test, csq. pressure 50 psi, tbg. pressure 380 psi, GOR 3909, TD 8715'.

Gas Well Completions
HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) Phillips Petroleum Co., #2 McQuiddy 'F', Sec. 7,1,G&M, elev. 2452 rkb, spud 3-3-98, drlg. compl 3-25-98, tested 9-6-98, potential 4527 MCF, TD 8200', PBTD 7980'.

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Douglas) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #1050 Ramp, Sec. 50,A-1,H&GN, elev. 2493 kb, spud 7-31-98, drlg. compl 8-15-98, tested 9-25-98, potential 1100 MCF, TD 8300', PBTD 8177'.

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Douglas) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #1042 Yarnold, Sec. 42,31,H&TC, elev. 2510 kb, spud 7-12-98, drlg. compl 7-28-98, tested 10-6-98, potential 550 MCF, TD 8200', PBTD 8146'.

HEMPHILL (SOUTH HIGGINS Morrow) Kaiser-Francis Oil Co., #2 Lottie Mae, Sec. 2,43,H&TC, elev. 2574 gr, spud 5-22-98, drlg. compl 6-18-98, tested 8-18-98, potential 2196 MCF, TD 12225', PBTD 12151'.

HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE Red Cave) J.M. Huber Corp., #10RC Tarbox 'B', Sec. 9,X-02, L.A. Patillo, elev. 3172 kb, spud 8-7-98, drlg. compl 8-10-98, tested 9-2-98, potential 2200 MCF, TD 2305', PBTD 2264'.

ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA Lower Morrow) Unit Petroleum Co., #6 Mahler, Sec. 99,C,G&M, elev. 2845 kb, spud 6-21-98, drlg. compl 7-28-98, tested 9-22-98, potential 2400 MCF, TD 12704', PBTD 12626'.

WHEELER (ALLISON PARKS Upper Morrow) Sonat Exploration Co., #1 Shelton '26', Sec. 26,RE,R&E, elev. 2556 gl, spud 4-22-98, drlg. compl 7-10-98, tested 7-29-98, potential 468 MCF, TD 16050', PBTD 15960'.

Plugged Wells
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) H&K Plugging & Salvage,

Whittenburg (oil) — Form 1 filed in Star Dust Mines, Inc., for the following wells:
#1603, 990' from North & 1062' from East Lease line, Lot 16,3,Wm. Neil, spud 2-20-85, plugged 7-14-98, TD 3614' — #1802, 330' from North & 1026' from East Lease line, Lot 18,3,Wm. Neil, spud 2-7-85, plugged 7-13-98, TD 3279' — #1902, 361' from North & 2406' from East Lease line, Lot 19,3,Wm. Neil, spud 10-3-84, plugged 7-7-98, TD 3284' — #2003, 2310' from North & 330' from West Lease line, Lot 20,3,Wm. Neil, spud 4-15-84, plugged 7-8-98, TD 3275'.

Crown of Texas Hospice adds licensed social worker to team

Jana Schick joined the Crown of Texas Hospice team recently as a Licensed Social Worker. A Texas Panhandle native, Jana enjoys working with and helping people.

"Crown of Texas Hospice is a wonderful organization" she said. "It is so nice to be a member of a team where you are treated with respect — where my opinion really matters. It makes it easier to care for our patients and their families with the respect and dignity they deserve."

"Hospice is about living, not about dying. We want patients and families with hope - hope to love each other, hope to say goodbye and many times to say hello again" she said. "We take care of people of all ages, all diseases, all faiths - we don't discriminate, we just offer our expertise and love. Hospice costs are covered 100% by Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance. The wonderful thing about Crown of Texas Hospice is that we will take care of you regardless of your ability to pay, and we follow your family for at least 15 months with bereavement care. Now, you can see why I like my job," she said. "Crown of Texas Hospice helps people to live a quality of life as long as possible - awake, as pain and symptom free as possible, and with family and friends" she added.

Jana is a part of a team of physicians, nurses,



Jana Schick

home health aides, counselors, clergy, and social services who helped the terminally ill walk that last, but very important part of their lives/ She works primarily in Gray and Hutchinson counties. Jana is not new to Gray County, she has worked at both the hospital and Pampa ISD.

Schick graduated from West Texas A&M University in 1981 with a degree in social work and feels she is where she belongs — caring for the terminally ill. "I feel our work is so privileged, so rewarding. I really feel honored that patients and their families trust us to spend their last days with them," she said.

For more information about hospice care, please phone Crown of Hospice, 1-800-572-6365 or 1-806-372-7696.

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TPMHA offers mental health services to adults, youth

This article is one in a series of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information is being provided by Pampa United Way as part of its 1998 "The Power of U" campaign.

The Pampa Center of the Texas Panhandle Mental Health authority (TPMHA) offers mental health services to adults who suffer from

severe mental health illness and to children and adolescents in need of mental health interventions. The Pampa Center provided mental health services to residents of Gray, Roberts and Wheeler counties last year, serving over 300 individuals. The primary service population is the chronically mentally ill who might otherwise not receive psychiatric consultation, medications, intensive support and community rehabilitation, and whose out-

patient care is far less costly than hospitalization. Pampa is one of six TPMHA regional centers in 19 counties of the Texas Panhandle. A locally based outpatient psychiatric clinic has helped maintain the stable emotional and behavioral functioning of chronically mentally ill persons, reducing homelessness, harmful behavior, court commitments and hospitalizations that are costly to the community. Outpatient care also provides support for the dignity and worth of mentally ill persons. Services are available on a sliding scale.

TPMHA began administering a pilot program for TACADA in 1997 to provide detox and outpatient treatment for substance abuse. After PARC closed in 1995, there was no inpatient substance abuse treatment available to persons without insurance or public benefits outside Plainview and Lubbock. This past year we have opened the Panhandle Detox and Recover Center, a 24 bed unit that provides a four-week inpatient treatment program for residents of the Amarillo area who are without benefits, have low income or none at all.

By supporting the Pampa United Way you help to insure that these valuable services are available for the needy in our community.

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Millennium mobile rides on

Putt, putt, putt, die.
 That's the sound of the millennium-mobile, aka "Betty" the 1984 Ford Bronco. It's a vehicle of ours that we are convinced must stay alive until 2000.

In the meantime, it's hard dealing with a dying car. She's even got the mechanics baffled. For the last three weeks, the millennium-mobile has been barely making its way around Pampa.

Not that I know all of the intricate details of the poor thing's approaching death. I stopped driving Betty after we bought Gillian, the Geo, a year ago last summer.

I name my cars. My first car, a 1978 green Cadillac was called the "Green Goblin." Next it was my favorite, the 1976 orange, Datsun pickup known fondly to all as "Marsha."

Names bring your vehicles to life. They are particularly helpful when you're begging them to "stay alive!" and "just get me to where I'm going right now."

That's where Betty comes in.
 "Give that thing a good, Christian burial," my mother-in-law has been saying for the last three years.

But we just can't bring ourselves to do it. As tempting as buying a truck seems at the moment, Mark and I have decided that Betty can make it. She's going to see the next century. Unless the mechanic says it's impossible.

Random Revelations

Miranda G. Bailey
 Pampa News staff writer

driving and talking on the phone.
 George Jetson, move over ... I often think to myself.

Until I'm forced to go 10 miles per hour as Betty puts along. Then I'm wishing I was in the same car with Fred Flinstone. Even his feet could go faster than that.

There's something about broken-down vehicles that makes me feel human, makes me feel like I made a big mistake on my career choice.

Now mechanics, that's where the power is. Most of us know next to nothing about our cars. It seems to me that mechanics got a good thing going. They can say and charge just about anything and we have little choice but to believe them.

Like I can hardly believe that they kept Betty four days last week and tinkered around, and didn't charge us one cent! It sounds too good to be true. I'm wary of mechanics who don't give me quirky-heart-attacks when I see the bill. I've grown accustomed to spending my savings on Betty bills.

But, like I said, I think she might even have the mechanics baffled. God knows she's got me confused. Let's just put it this way—next to the Lord ... and Lazarus ... Betty is about the only thing in this world that I believe can be resurrected.

I'm confident she'll make it.

Opinion

No happy returns for users of cards

■ **The government has overcharged us.**
 If you overpay your credit card bill (admittedly an unlikely event for many of us) you can justifiably expect a refund or at least a credit to be applied to the next month's bill. If you pay too much for an item at the hardware store you would expect the store to refund the difference.

That's approximately the situation in which Americans now find themselves with respect to the federal budget. As hard as they have tried, the feds haven't been able to spend all the tax dollars flowing in.

In essence, we've been overcharged, even beyond the inflated value those in the federal government place on their services.

So when do we get our refund?
 If the Clinton administration, which has taken full and in large part unwarranted credit for the \$70 billion federal budget surplus announced recently, has its way, such a refund won't be forthcoming until Social Security has been put on a sound financial footing — which means not until about the Twelfth of Never. House Republicans aren't much better. They've proposed a give-back, in the form of targeted tax cuts and tax credits, to the tune of \$80 billion over five years. The proposal is modest, even miserly — and they can't even get enough Senate Republicans to agree to move it along.

How would you feel if you had overpaid a bill at a store and the store generously agreed to refund about 20 percent of the overcharge, which is what one year's worth of the \$80 billion in tax reductions represents in relation to a \$70 billion surplus? You should feel equally outraged that the politicians refuse to acknowledge or investigate the ways the federal government has overcharged taxpayers for its services.

Economists Stephen Moore of the Cato Institute and Lawrence Kudlow of American Skandia Life Assurance anticipated this situation in a paper a few months ago. Accurately forecasting in May that this year's surplus would be in the \$65 billion to 70 billion range, they estimated that over the next five years (assuming Congress sticks to last year's budget agreement) the government will collect a whopping \$1 trillion windfall, if the economy grows 2 percent to 3 percent per year as they projected.

What to do with the money?

By rights, especially since federal tax revenues have been increasing at almost twice the pace of wages and salaries, every penny of it should be returned to the taxpayers in the form of an across-the-board income-tax rate reduction. But Messrs. Moore and Kudlow offer an alternative. Give half of the \$500 billion windfall back to taxpayers in the form of lower rates and indexed tax brackets, and use the other \$500 billion to cover any transition costs involved in privatizing Social Security.

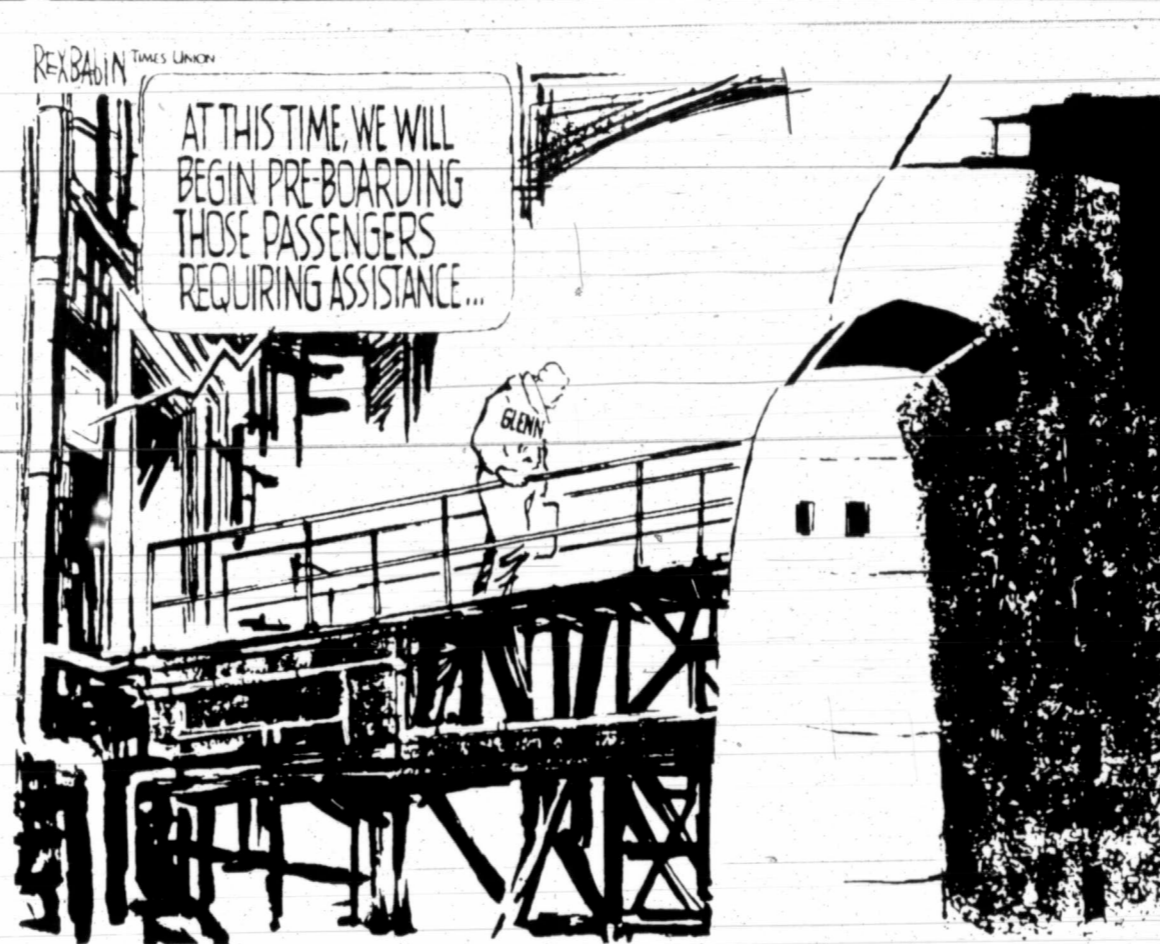
But with Mr. Clinton's action, a far different precedent has been established, one that calls for averages to be held by the government, which will find new ways to spend it that might or might not be as compelling as Social Security. There's another reason to consider tax cuts, especially across-the-board tax rate reductions. One good way to stimulate economic growth is to cut taxes for everybody. And given the projections, America can afford to do all this while keeping the federal budget balanced. Why not do it, then?

Could it be — perish the thought! — greed?

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Today in history

By The Associated Press
 Today is Thursday, Oct. 29, the 302nd day of 1998. There are 63 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On Oct. 29, 1929, "Black Tuesday" descended upon the New York Stock Exchange. Prices collapsed amid panic selling and thousands of investors were wiped out as America's Great Depression began.

On this date:
 In 1682, the founder of Pennsylvania, William Penn, landed at what is now Chester, Penn.
 In 1901, President McKinley's assassin, Leon Czolgosz, was electrocuted.
 In 1923, the Republic of Turkey was proclaimed.
 In 1940, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson drew the first number — 158 — in America's first peacetime military draft.
 In 1947, former first lady Frances Cleveland Preston died in Baltimore at age 83.
 In 1956, during the Suez Canal crisis, Israel launched an invasion of Egypt's Sinai Peninsula.
 In 1956, "The Huntley-Brinkley Report" premiered as NBC's nightly television newscast, replacing "The Camel News Caravan."

Are powerful women different?


When the modern women's movement got started in the early 1960s, there was a great deal of haughty talk about how a world run by women would be so much less brutal than a world run by men. So, now that we have a female secretary of state, a female attorney general, millions of female business executives and a gender-integrated military, how are they doing? Are they bringing their distinctly feminine experience and worldview to their jobs?

Look at three of the four woman senators who won election in 1992, the Year of the Woman: Carol Moseley-Braun of Illinois, Patty Murray of Washington and Barbara Boxer of California. They were propelled into office by the Thomas/Hill hearings. If ever there was an issue that was defined as belonging to women, it was sexual harassment. Not only were women deemed to have special insight into the question, men were considered biologically benighted on the matter.

These three senators, with several female colleagues in the House, brought their expertise to bear upon Sen. Bob Packwood and forced him to resign his seat.

But today, in the face of the Lewinsky scandal, all three are revealed as hypocrites. Then, they said a powerful man must never, never so much as wink at a subordinate. Now, the word "consensual" drops easily from their lips.

Sen. Murray, who ran in 1992 with the slogan "Just a Mom in Tennis Shoes," has summoned all of her moral courage to say this about the Clinton scandal: "We must all lower our voices, end the media frenzy and get on with our work." Her

Mona Charen

 Syndicated columnist

opponent, Rep. Linda Smith, says Murray has traded in her tennis shoes for a pair of Hush Puppies. Boxer and Moseley-Braun must shop at the same shoe store.

Murray and the other woman senators are constrained from criticizing the president by the things that always weigh on the minds of politicians: fundraising worries, the risk of alienating the president's staunch supporters and political loyalty.

There is nothing distinctly feminine about the way the Year of the Woman senators have performed their jobs. One: Moseley-Braun, has earned a reputation for corruption. All three have been standard-issue liberals whose voting records cannot be distinguished from Ted Kennedy's or Tom Harkin's.

As for the Cabinet members who are women: Has Attorney General Janet Reno shown a capacity for non-violent conflict resolution? The Waco disaster would not suggest so. Her handling of the campaign-finance allegations bears the marks of a partisan, but there is nothing distinctly feminine about that.

The same can be said of Madeleine Albright.

Certainly, her femininity has not made American policy more tender toward the victims of war and genocide. We turned our backs on Bosnia and the Sudan on her watch, and her State Department has attempted to thwart legislation that would penalize nations that persecute religious minorities.

Some feminists have contended that women in power would be more solicitous of children's welfare than men. But consider the issue of reforming the child welfare system. For decades, social service agencies throughout the nation, in obedience to a federal law mandating "family preservation," had been returning even badly abused and neglected babies and children to their tormentors. More than 1,200 children were being murdered annually by their parents or guardians — half of whom were already known to child welfare authorities. This was an issue that almost literally cried out for a woman's concern.

Yet the leaders of the effort to change the law tended to be men. There were a few women, like Rep. Deborah Pryce, R-Ohio, an adoptive mom herself, who were very engaged. But, while the reform eventually passed, it did so without the help or passion of most of the woman members of Congress.

For better or worse, women are just as cautious, ideologically driven and hypocritical in politics as men. Both sexes have the capacity for greatness (Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan leap to mind), as well as for cowardice and cupidity. If women seek power — and I'm not at all sure why they are so hot for it — let them do so as qualified individuals, not as the voice of femininity.

Use of Shepard murder is deplorable

For some odd reason, homosexuals have become the new pets of American journalism.

When a young man named Matt Shepard was killed — allegedly by two thugs in Wyoming — he joined about 20,000 other Americans — by far most of them heterosexuals who are murder victims each year.

Yet, because the young man was a homosexual, journalists and some politicians have made a routine crime into a national issue. Some liberals are plying their usual trade of assigning guilt to every human being who does not approve of homosexuality.


Well, does that mean that all homosexuals must share the guilt when a homosexual commits murder? Are all homosexuals responsible for homosexual serial killers? Must they share the guilt when homosexual pedophiles murder children?

Bill Clinton, that pillar of morality, even wants to expand hate-crime legislation, which is nonsense to begin with. The whole flap is nonsense.

Shepard was a human being, and that is reason enough to mourn his death and to punish his killers. If it's true that he made a pass at one of the men who killed him, it doesn't matter. Sometimes women are killed by heterosexual men they meet in bars or vice versa. Bad luck and bad judgment have no sexual orientation.

Most liberal commentators are as dishonest on this issue as Bill Clinton.

In the first place, they refuse to acknowledge that homosexual organizations have a distinct political

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 Syndicated columnist

agenda, though one not all homosexuals agree with. They refuse to acknowledge that some homosexuals are not only militant but as vicious and malicious as any true hater of homosexuals.

Liberals seem to believe that if you oppose someone's political agenda, you hate them. I suppose they think that because that's what they do. But more sane and enlightened people, such as conservatives and traditionalists, know how to disagree on political issues without hating the people they disagree with.

But when journalists pick a pet, they always abandon their duty to report truth. They present their pets as peerless innocents and all who disagree with their choice of pets as evil personified.

In the second place, both the Christian and Jewish Bibles explicitly condemn homosexual behavior as a sin. Thus believers have no choice but to accept God's judgment on the matter. That, however, does

not translate into hate, and the big sin of liberal journalists is the illogical assertion that those who do not approve of homosexuality hate homosexuals.

There are, of course, some individuals who have a pathological hatred of homosexuals. They are often latent homosexuals themselves. But their condition has nothing whatsoever to do with morality or religion. Such people are relatively few in numbers. And journalists ought to have more sense, and more integrity, than to lump normal people who disapprove morally of homosexual acts with pathological people who need psychiatric help and with criminals.

But, alas for the republic, the common sense and integrity are in short supply among liberals whose principal political arguments are argumentum ad hominem and guilt by association. That, naturally, is a sign of a deficient brain and an indefensible political position.

Would anything be different if Shepard had been a heterosexual? No, he would still be robbed and dead. The only difference would be that liberal journalists and politicians wouldn't have given a rat dropping that he was. They seem to reserve their compassion for politically correct victims.

Shepard's death is deplorable, but it is not as disgusting as the political use being made of it. Human beings deserve protection from criminals because they are human beings, and no unjust death is more lamentable than another just because of the person's group identity.

Texas roundup

Woman convicted of failing to help children blames herself

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — In a jailhouse interview, Schwana Patterson said she blames herself for her daughter's death because she had become involved with the man who killed the girl.

Ms. Patterson was convicted this month of injury to a child by omission and sentenced to 23 years in prison in connection with the death of her daughter, Sarah, 11, and son, Cody, then nine.

Her ex-boyfriend, Bobby Wayne Woods, is on death row for Sarah's murder, and testimony at Ms. Patterson's trial focused on whether she could have tried to stop the attack or notified police immediately that Woods might be responsible. She declined to testify at her trial.

"In hindsight, I ask myself if there was anything I could have done," Ms. Patterson told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for today's editions.

"I feel responsible because I'm the one who got involved with Bobby Woods. I'm the one who brought him into the home," she said.

Famed test pilot says Glenn's return to space just a NASA publicity stunt

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — John Glenn's scheduled return to space is no more than a multi-million-dollar publicity stunt aimed at boosting interest in NASA, famed test pilot Chuck Yeager says.

Yeager told the San Antonio Express-News Wednesday in a telephone interview that the return to space is an effort to "rehabilitate" Glenn's image and reward the one-time Mercury hero for backing the agency and President Clinton.

The White House and NASA were quick with denials.

Clinton had nothing to do with the decision to place fellow Democrat Glenn on the shuttle, White House spokesman Roger Salazar said.

"The NASA administrator (Daniel Goldin) makes the decisions about who flies space shuttle missions and for anyone to suggest otherwise, I think we have to take issue," Salazar said.

Glenn's presence "played a role" in the media surge, which could be a record, NASA spokesman John Ira Petty said.

Jurors deliberate fate of three men in bio-weapons trial

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Jurors today begin deciding the fate of three men prosecutors say hatched a "sinister, nefarious scheme to kill people" with poisoned cactus needles.

Jack Abbott Grebe, Johnnie Wise and Oliver Dean Emigh are charged with conspiring and threatening to use weapons of mass destruction. They face eight counts each — one count of conspiracy and seven counts of sending threatening e-mails.

Grebe and Wise are accused of directing a government informant to send threatening messages to government officials. The first e-mail sent was titled "Declaration of War." The second e-mail sent told officials they were "targeted for destruction by revenge."

Wise is also accused of plotting to create a device made out of a modified Bic lighter designed to shoot cactus needles coated with biological toxins like anthrax, rabies or botulism at targeted people.

Among the officials allegedly targeted:

President Clinton, Attorney General Janet Reno and FBI Director Louis Freeh.

Judge releases suspect in banker's death to halfway house

WACO, Texas (AP) — A cashier charged with plotting the murder of a banker in rural Central Texas has been released from jail and sent to a halfway house by a federal magistrate.

After hearing testimony from lifelong family friends of Dava Beth Truett, the magistrate ruled Ms. Truett is not a danger to the community. She was sent to the Salvation Army halfway house in Waco.

Ms. Truett and her husband, Jerry Bayne Truett of Kosse, are charged with conspiring to kill Michael Wells, an executive at First State Bank of Kosse, in May. Authorities allege the Truets killed Wells so he wouldn't report that the couple had embezzled more than \$700,000 from the bank.

Jerry Truett, who operates a gravel truck business, remains in the McLennan County Jail on \$100,000 bond.

U.S. Magistrate Dennis Green heard testimony Wednesday from 10 of Ms. Truett's friends, including the Rev. Billy Anderson of Victory Baptist Church near Thornton and Thornton Mayor James Jackson, who said she was not dangerous and would appear at her court dates.

Libertarians field candidates for many offices

DALLAS (AP) — At least one of the dozens of Texas Libertarian candidates running for state and federal office is expected to succeed Tuesday.

But victory won't come by defeating Democratic and Republican opponents. Rather, the Libertarians are hoping for a performance that will secure a place on the millennium ballot.

The minor party needs one statewide candidate to receive at least 5 percent of the votes to qualify automatically for the state ballot in 2000.

"Libertarian candidates believe they win by running," said party spokesman John Hawley. "Freedom means having alternative choices. They win by being on the ballot."

Hawley got the party on this year's ballot by receiving 604,984 votes, or 15.8 percent, when he ran against Republican Greg Abbott in the Place 3 Supreme Court race in 1996. No Democrats ran.

Elsewhere:

ROUTIER HEARING: Darlie Routier is back in Dallas in connection with her appeal of the death sentence she got for killing her five-year-old son. Her attorney says there are discrepancies in the transcript of her capital murder trial. ... **UT TOWER:** The observation desk atop the University of Texas Tower is expected to be reopened soon. Officials say it's time to create positive experiences with the tower rather than it being remembered for Charles Whitman's murderous sniper attack in 1966. ... **EARLY VOTING:** More than 350,000 people have cast early ballots for Tuesday's General Election. That's down more than 30 percent from early voting in the general election of four years ago. ... **TAINTED OYSTERS:** In three days, oysters from Galveston Bay can be served raw in their shells once again. Because of tainted oysters, officials had ordered oysters to be removed from their shells and transported in containers labeled "For Cooked Consumption Only."

Smaller crop means higher OJ prices

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — El Nino has left a parting shot that will be felt at the breakfast table. Tropicana Products Inc. announced Wednesday that it will raise the wholesale price of its orange juices an average of 10 percent, blaming a Florida orange crop sharply reduced by heavy winter rains and a dry summer and spring.

The higher prices will probably start showing up in stores in late November.

The Minute Maid Co., Tropicana's chief national competitor in the orange juice market, said it expected to announce a price increase soon.

Any product that relies on Florida oranges likely will see some increase, said Walt Lincer, vice president of sales and marketing for Citrus World Inc., which makes Florida Natural juices.

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Sting works off drivers making panic mistakes

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — You're driving down an interstate and see a sign that reads "DRUG CHECKPOINT AHEAD" or "DRUG DOG IN USE."

What do you do? If you've got drugs in the car or you have some other reason not to want to talk to law enforcement officials, perhaps you make a quick U-turn.

The next thing you see is the flashing lights of a patrol car in your rear view mirror.

There never was a drug checkpoint ahead on Interstate 10 just west of Beaumont on Wednesday, Jefferson County chief deputy Ron Hobbs said. But when motorists, nervous about the announcement, commit a traffic violation, such as an illegal U-turn, officers pull them over.

"Basically, we're just using the signs to see who panics trying to

avoid the checkpoint," Hobbs said. "The key to this deal is they have to commit a traffic violation."

Many of the motorists who were stopped on Wednesday failed to signal when they were changing lanes, exiting the interstate or stopping on the shoulder of the highway.

By 9 p.m., a narcotics task force had arrested five people and had seized about 45 pounds of marijuana and an ounce of powdered cocaine.

The operation is the county's response to the marijuana harvest season, Hobbs said. "We usually try to do it around this time of year."

It was a slow night compared to last week's seizure of 222 pounds of marijuana, 3 kilos of powdered cocaine and two pounds of crack on Oct. 21 and 22.

Prom mom gets 15 years

FREEHOLD, N.J. (AP) — The woman who gave birth at her high school prom, then killed her newborn and returned to the dance floor, was sentenced today to 15 years in prison.

Under a plea agreement, Melissa Drexler, 20, could be released in slightly less than three years.

Drexler had pleaded guilty in August to aggravated manslaughter.

Drexler was tearful during the sentencing and uttered only a one-sentence statement when asked to speak.

"I'm truly sorry," she said. Superior Court Judge John A. Ricciardi said the case was "very difficult" and made more difficult by the intense media interest in the case. He termed Drexler's actions "explainable but not


excusable." Drexler had been charged with murder in June 6, 1997, death of her son. She was a high school senior at the time.

When she entered her guilty plea to manslaughter in August, she said the baby was born alive, and admitted she had lied when she denied knowing she was pregnant.

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staffwriter
Amanda Sprouse

It was a bright and cool day in late October a few days before Halloween. Marty and her brother were busy getting their costumes together for Halloween. Their older sister, Nikki was talking on the phone with her latest boyfriend. Nikki, a senior at Spokane High School was planning the harvest dance. Nikki was the head cheerleader and the most popular girl at school. Their parents were downstairs busy filing tax returns. The phone rings and Linda answers it.

"Hello"
"This is a warning, DO NOT let your children go out on all hallow's eve."

The caller then hung up without an explanation. The mom sat there dazed and confused. She thought it was probably a prank, but a thought deep in her mind told her not to be so sure.

"Who was it honey," asked the father.

The mom hastily replied, "A silly kid prank calling us."

What they both did not realize was that outside their house was a woman who claimed to have magical

powers, a sorceress type, was contemplating a plan, in her hand she held a cell phone.

The following day at school Nikki was busy getting together the last minute preparations for the dance which was that night. The principal suddenly popped right in front of Nikki, a note in her hand, the principal handed her the note and left. But before she left Nikki had looked into the women's eyes and saw a fiery red glow shooting outward from them. Nikki read the note and started screaming hysterically.

Later that day Marty and Alex were searching through the boxes in the basement looking for their Halloween bags. When they located their bags in the bottom of a box they then dumped the whole box onto the floor, but as they started to dump the box, the bags turned into a pool of boiling slime.

Flames were popping out of the puddle of ooze and the children were beside themselves with fright.

Linda flew down the stairs to see what her kids were screaming about. When she got

down there the flames were out and the bags had some how reassembled themselves. The kids tried without success to tell

their mom what had just occurred but she was so angry at them that any attempt to make a lame excuse was overlooked.

"Clean up this mess and then get up to your rooms now," she replied out of frustration.

They got to work cleaning up the mess in silence. Neither one had any clue to what had just happened. After all the commotion earlier in the day, they had dinner in peace not discussing any of the day's events. When Jack came home Linda asked how his day had gone he replied,

"Has anything FUNNY gone on around here today?"

"Well, let me see Nikki received an inappropriate letter and Marty and Alex played a mean trick on me otherwise everything's alright. Why do you ask," replied the mom.

"Today at work some strange things were going on in my office, some things that are out of this world. The trash can exploded into flames, windows opened causing important document files to go every direction, but the thing that raked all of our brains, was that down in the lobby the pumpkins seemed to come alive and before long a smashing pumpkin riot had started," replied the dad.

They fell into silence for each had no idea what was going on in this small and secluded town. Right before they were about to nod off into sleepy land the house started to rattle, the lights were flickering, and deep from the depths of the house a shrill voice rang out.

"I have warned you all many times, but you heave my warnings so now you all will pay dearly with your lives," replied the voice.

Outside standing in the blustery fall wind was the strange old lady who had prank called them last night. Did she have something to do with the mystical happenings or was there something much deeper.

The Lefors school libraries would like to ask the community to donate any books that they can spare. The students will read these books and then will be tested on them upon completion. Please help our students discover the wonders of books.



The PIRATE PRIDE staff DARES you to find the names of musical bands, albums, and even lyrics, hidden throughout the paper.

L.I.S.D. MAKES PLANS TO BUILD NEW SCHOOL HOUSES.

Pirate Pride editor
Jeremy Pierce

Lefors ISD plans to build some new houses behind the school. This land has already been cleared and is awaiting construction.

When asked why the school was going to build these new houses Dr. Alvis, Lefors' superintendent said it was to "Attract better-qualified teachers with housing available just for teachers." The first house they plan to build will be 1600 square feet, three bedrooms, and two baths. The others should follow this pattern. The rent for these houses will likely be \$150 with utilities paid.

When construction begins on the houses, the school will try to use all the prison labor they can, if they can. Building these houses should not dip into any other budgets the school has allotted for other encumbrances. The school has some money saved up, and with the use of prison labor, the houses should not affect the school taxes in any way.

The first house will belong to the superintendent and one house will most likely be designated for the athletic director. From there they will make a list of who wants to live in the houses and go from there.

These houses should be a great asset to our school and our community.

Top Ten Signs You're too Old to Be Trick or Treating

From the Home Office in Wahoo, Nebraska, courtesy of The Late Show with David Letterman.

Pirate Pride editor
Jeremy Pierce

10. You get winded from knocking on the door.
9. You have to have another kid chew up the candy for you.
8. You ask for high fiber candy only.
7. When someone drops a candy bar in your bag, you lose your balance and fall over.
6. People say "Great Keith Richards mask!" and your not wearing a mask.
5. When the door opens you say "Trick or..." and you can't remember the rest.
4. By the end of the night, you have a bag full of restraining orders.
3. You have to carefully choose a costume that won't dislodge your hairpiece.
2. You're the only Power Ranger in the neighborhood with a walker.
1. You remember trick or treating with Bob Dole!

CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST

staff writer
Deel Preston

The Lefors Arts and Civics club will be sponsoring a Christmas light decorating contest, "Remember the reason, let all light up for the season". There will be a gift for the first place resident and a gift for the first place business.

The judge for the contest will be an out of town judge. The judging date will be December 14, 15, or 16 depending on the weather. We hope that all of you participate in celebrating the holiday.

The "Teachers' Pen" is a new feature in Pirate Pride, in which Lefors school teachers can express their views, thoughts, and short stories through the newspaper. There will be a different teacher featured in each issue of The Pirate Pride.



Mrs. Marian Miller

The Teacher's Pen

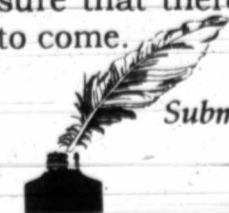
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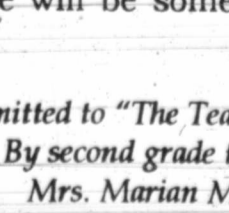
If you want you can call me Pollyanna, but when I was asked to write this article I wanted to write about something positive. It has been said that when it comes to people's emotional well being it takes 40 positive things to make up for the feelings caused by one negative thing. What a staggering thought! If I say one negative thing to my daughter, sometime soon I am going to have to say 40 things to make up for it. Okay, you doubting Thomases are wondering where I got my statistics so I want you to think about how you feel when your boss reprimands you. Now consider how you feel when someone says, "Have a nice day!" and compare the power of the two comments. Surely 40 seems like a reasonable number.

Have you equaled out all the negative things you have said today? Keep this always in your mind when you are talking to the people you care about. We can all use reminding! Also, remember that the things you say to your little ones hit many times harder.

Finally, thanks to the Pirate Pride News Staff for this new feature for our paper. I am sure that there will be some interesting articles to come.



Submitted to "The Teacher's Pen"
By second grade teacher
Mrs. Marian Miller



Vidbits

October

29th Bandits play Groom (here 6:00)

30th Pirates play Groom (there 7:30)

November

3rd Election Day

5th Bandits play Ft. Elliott (there 7:30)

6th Pirates play Ft. Elliott (here 7:30)

9th Bandits Basketball against Hedley (here)

14th Regional cross Country

17th Pirates Basketball against Ft. Elliott (there)

19th - 21st Lefors tournament Basketball

24th Basketball Pirates against Higgins (Get Out Of School early)

25th 26th 27th. Out For Thanksgiving

and eat it too.
But as they say, you can't have your cake and eat it too.

They were eating was a pumpkin cake. pumpkin rinds in a hole in the wall, and that what showed three twenty nine, Tom noticed the looked at his \$182 watch, from the blink factory, jam onto some weird looking pasty. Then, as he

All the people were spreading pearl colored less than Jake in that building.
sat in a pew, but then realized that something was

black doors and found people having Sabbath. He the middle of the night... So he ran through some all know what happens to pumpkins sitting out in a pumpkin, which wouldn't be good, because we At exactly three thirty he was supposed to turn into was getting late; it was already eleven after three.

Mr. Petty looked at his watch and realized it for breakfast.

broke his clay jar, in which he stored some corn tipped over some daisies and without a doubt He was walking away from the city, when he and took him to an oasis in the middle of Boston. nevermind." Then, a monkey came from space but then he thought, "Oh, well, whatever,

Tom thought about screaming at the trees, where they burst into green flames that day.

boxes of matches and put them in the glove box, fire. For some reason, Tom had just bought twenty cut off his seatbelt, because the fuel filter caught He took a razorblade out of his suitcase to

of tools that only cost him a buck-o-nine.

right, but he smashed his mouth in with a two-pack middle of a bush. Mr. Petty would have been all some garbage cans and finally stopping, in the car. Tom skidded out of control, crashing through so he didn't see the stones rolling in front of his side of the road. In a blur he turned to look back, he thought he saw some bare naked ladies on the Petty, was cruising in his metallic colored car when One dark day a man named Petty, Tom

Staff writer
Chris Alexander

Abright!

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Misguided Expectations Cause Woman Some Awkward Moments

DEAR ABBY: I am a 42-year-old lesbian. I consider myself a nice, easygoing person who tries her best to follow the Golden Rule. I have an outgoing personality, and have no trouble making friends and keeping them. However, it seems as though each time a female friend finds out I'm gay, she expects me to come on to her.

Abby, all I ever wanted was a friend with whom I didn't have to be on guard — a person who would accept me as a true friend. Just because I'm gay doesn't mean all my friendships have to be sexual. I can enjoy having fun, a good conversation, sharing a movie or shopping with someone who's straight.

I am happily in love with my soul mate of a year and a half, and she has encountered the same thing. Am I doing something wrong that friends view me this way? How can I change my personality to maintain friendships without my kindness being mistaken for anything more?

"D" IN ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

DEAR "D": I see no reason for you to change your personality. There is a common misconception in the straight world that because people are gay, they must be attracted to all people of the same gender. Of course, that's no more true than the idea that all straight people are necessarily attracted to every person of the opposite sex.

When it happens again, keep your sense of humor and show



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

the friend this column.

DEAR ABBY: I don't know what to do about my father. He has recently reunited with his second wife, "Florence," after a three-year separation. During their separation, he would telephone me several times a day and visit our home several times a week. He always complained about Florence and the things she did to him when they were together. I am the only one of his six children in whom he confided.

Abby, now that Dad and Florence are back together, he expects me to forget everything he told me about her and pretend that nothing unpleasant ever happened. He wants us to have a close relationship with her, and he is angry that I don't call or visit them in their home. I have explained that I don't call them because I don't want to speak with his wife.

Abby, I was honest with my dad from the start, but he lied to me for months. He had been seeing Florence for quite some time before

they moved back in together. At the last family get-together, Dad was nice to everyone except my husband and me. He was downright rude to us, and I'm at the point where I don't even want to see him again. My husband feels the same way. Must I force myself to have a relationship with my dad just because he's my father?

DESPERATE IN ONTARIO, CANADA

DEAR DESPERATE: Estrangement often occurs when a third party knows too much about that which a person would rather forget. Although you were a shoulder to cry on and a willing ear into which he could pour his troubles, you now symbolize an unhappy chapter in your father's life.

Don't write him off quite yet. It's very likely that your dad will be back before long with more tales of woe about Florence. Next time, don't let him isolate you by being his only confidant.

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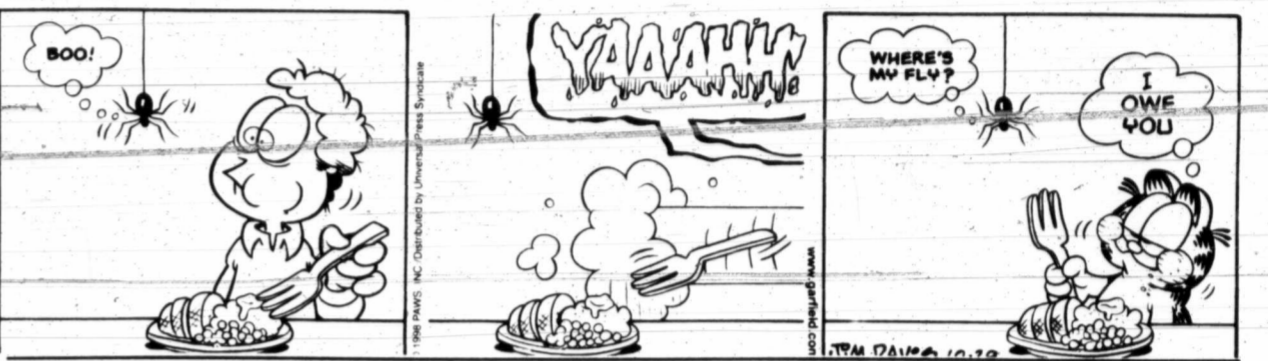
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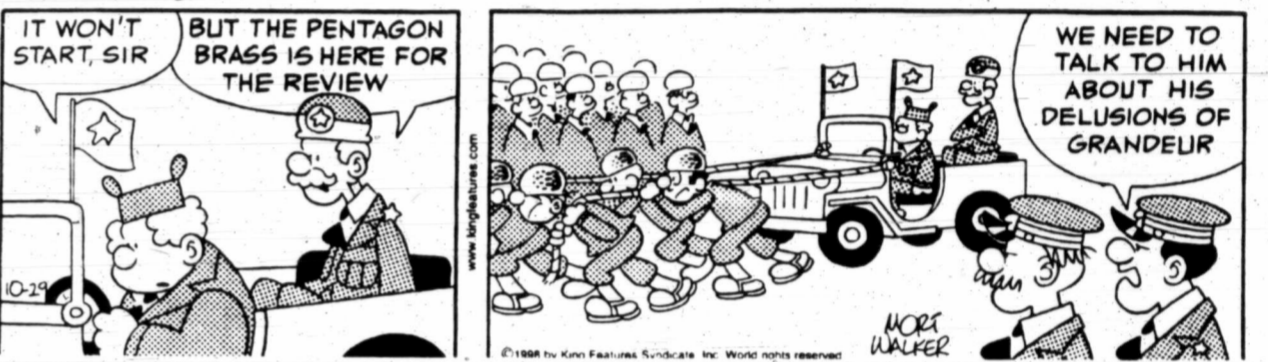
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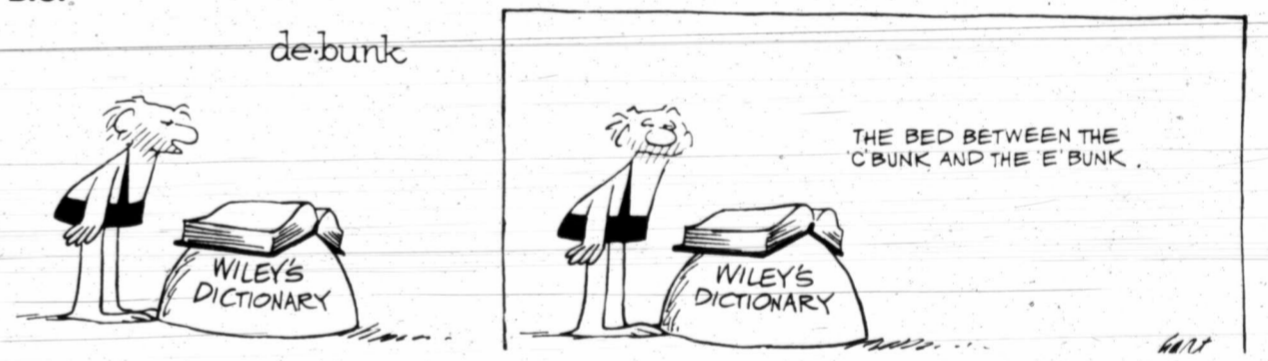
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Horoscope

FRIDAY, OCT. 30, 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)

Take a back seat. Listen to and work with new information that tosses your plans. Your ability to mobilize your intuition to make solid decisions comes through. A partner relies on your advice. Making money together comes easily now. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Demons appear out of nowhere, especially when the issue is your money and spending. Put your hand up and say stop. Being clear about what you want makes you a sure-fire winner. Don't settle. You find others agree with you. Make time for visiting in the p.m. Tonight: Your night to howl.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Assume responsibilities, stay on top of your work. Others want information and will exert enough pressure to get you to talk. Be smart. Focus on work, being nurturing and remaining true to yourself. Handle key details around your day-to-day life. Tonight: Have fun doing errands.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Reach out for others, make

calls. Plans could become exciting if you let a loved one have more say. Allow ingenuity and the unexpected to play a role in your plans. Going out for Halloween decor and treats at lunch might give the office a pickup. Tonight: Fun, fun, fun!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Listen carefully to a partner. They give you active feedback. You could be jolted by another's stand. Feelings are strong and you could be hurt. Focus on work and gathering the backing you need. Being generous of spirit pays off personally as well. Tonight: A date on the town.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Let others clear the air and express their feelings. Pressure on the home front might be a bit heavy. Lighten up and turn a professional matter around. Make calls, reach out for others. People clearly respond to your inquiries. Tonight: A tender thought could develop into more.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Pace yourself, remain level in face of pressure from others. Calls are intense and hectic. Communications run amok. Make that extra effort to clear out a problem. Pace yourself; work late if necessary. A loved one needs your time. Tonight: Don't forget treats for your favorite goblins!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Allow creativity to come out. Another clearly cares about you and wants more contact. The romantic beat intensifies. Financial

matters test your creative genius. You have fun coming up with solutions. Allow your more amorous side to emerge. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You might balk at plans and want to pull back some. Building stronger foundations is imperative to your security. Check out another's story before nixing it. Intuition serves you. Express your concern. Another cannot help but respond. Tonight: Mosey on home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Listen carefully to a friend. They have great ideas and are ready to bat them around with you. For whatever reason, you might want to shut down or pull away. Don't! Stay in touch with others, keeping communications open. Tonight: Where your friends party.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Listen carefully to feedback from a friend, even if you think they are full of it! Take responsibility, and lead another in a different direction. A boss acknowledges you for a job well done. You have reason to celebrate. Make a must-show. Tonight: At a party with co-workers.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

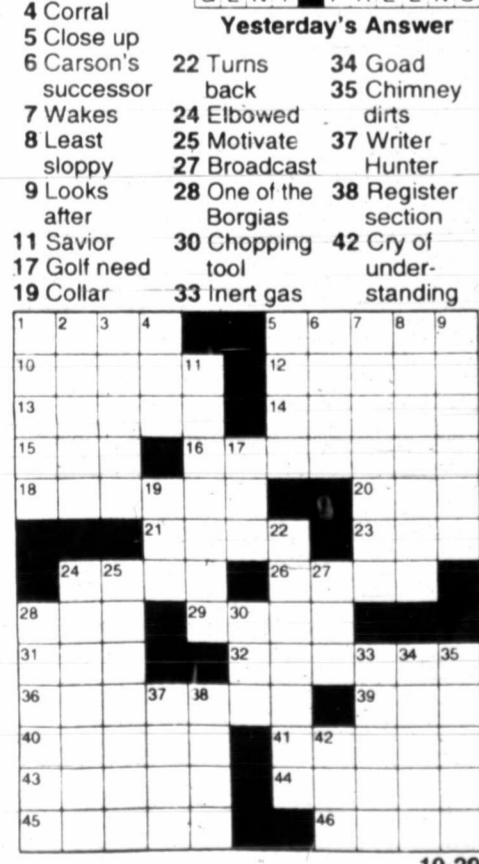
Your mood is contagious as you greet a fun weekend. The boss might be disturbed by your jovial mood. Right now, you don't care. Accept an invitation that takes you to visit new people or go to a different type of Halloween party. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Word on an octagon
- 5 Bed boards
- 10 Debussy work
- 12 Spine-tlingling
- 13 Singer Cara
- 14 Battery end
- 15 Dress (up)
- 16 Arch site
- 18 Position
- 20 Match part
- 21 Violinist Leopold
- 23 Within: prefix
- 24 Agree
- 26 Sunup site
- 28 Swindle
- 29 Sitarist Shankar
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- 32 Persian king
- 36 Heavenly gatemans
- 39 Conceit
- 40 Breathing
- 41 Dance for two
- 43 Showed over
- 44 Take pictures



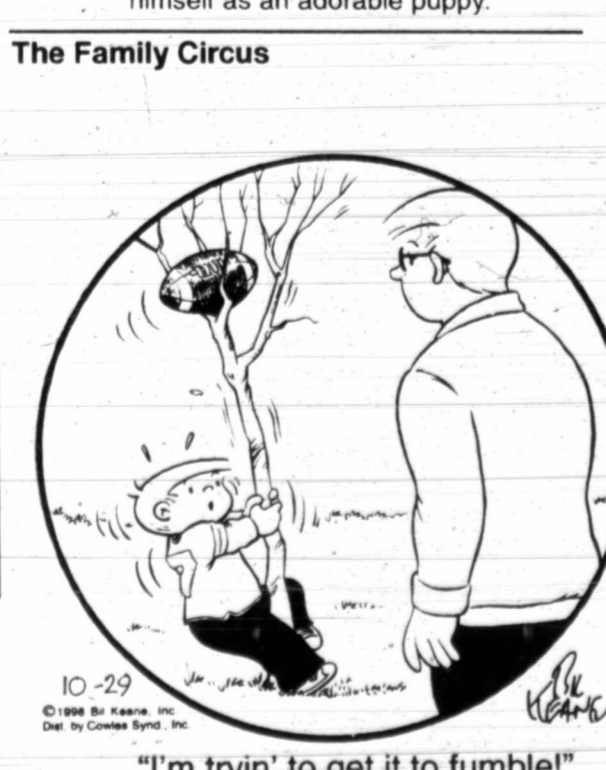
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The Family Circus



"I'm tryin' to get it to fumble!"

SPORTS

Notebook

FOOTBALL

LEFORS — Lefors goes to Groom for a six-man football game Friday night. Gametime is 7:30.

Lefors is 3-5 for the season. Groom is unbeaten at 8-0.

Lefors lost to Follett, 56-6, last week.

Michael Steele scored Lefors' lone touchdown on a 46-yard run.

Follett's record is 7-1.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Alamo Bowl has reached a new four-year agreement with the Big 12 Conference that could provide the game with the conference's third bowl team.

The Alamo Bowl has matched the fourth selections from the Big Ten and Big 12 conferences the past three years.

Now the game will have either the third or fourth team from the Big 12, depending on whether the Big 12 third selection or the Western Athletic Conference champion goes to the Holiday Bowl in San Diego.

If the WAC champion is ranked higher than the Big 12's third team, it would go to the Holiday Bowl and the Big 12 team would play in San Antonio.

The Alamo Bowl, sponsored by Builders Square, is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 29 in the Alamodome.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Joe DiMaggio will be hospitalized for three more weeks with pneumonia and a lung infection even though his lawyer said he had improved from earlier this month when "we were fearful for his life."

DENVER (AP) — Former Colorado Rockies manager Don Baylor turned down a job in the team's front office. Baylor was fired as manager immediately after the season, and the team offered him a vice presidency. His duties would have included revamping the farm system. Other teams, however, have expressed interest in adding Baylor to their coaching staffs.

GOLF

PAMPA — The Pampa boys golf team competed recently in the Comanche Trails Triangulars.

Pampa shot a 304 to finish four strokes behind Borger. Nathan Banner led Pampa with a 72, while Matt Heasley had 74, Grady Locknane 76, Barry Brauchi 82 and Clay Banner 84.

OLYMPICS

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Trafficking in performance-enhancing drugs would carry the same penalties as dealing in narcotics such as heroin and cocaine under a proposal by the Australian government. Justice Minister Amanda Vanstone released a report today aimed at standardizing drug laws throughout the country. It proposed tougher sentences for people caught supplying banned substances such as strength-building steroids.

The plan followed calls from Olympic chiefs for jail sentences for traffickers of performance-enhancers.

"Sports drugs such as anabolic steroids also pose a major threat, particularly to young people," Vanstone said. "This report proposes that anyone who traffics in significant quantities of anabolic steroids should face the same penalties as other drug traffickers."

Harvesters host struggling Dons

PAMPA — Pampa picked up momentum in its drive for the District 3-4A title after the 13-3 win over Hereford last Friday night.

Palo Duro isn't going anywhere for the playoffs, but the Dons did snap their winless streak with 30-15 win over Caprock last week.

That might have the Dons thinking upset coming into Harvester Stadium on Friday night.

"Palo Duro is similar to Dumas," said PHS head coach Dennis Cavalier. "They have the ability to compete and do some things well. They can be dangerous. We don't want to overlook them."

PD quarterback Eric Mims gave his team quite a lift against Caprock. The 5-11 junior threw for 151 yards and two touchdowns while rushing for 73 yards.

Safety Datra Hollings (165-pound senior) and linebacker Josh Zanchetin (185-pound senior) were the defensive leaders. Hollins had three interceptions and a touchdown while collecting four tackles. Zanchetin posted 11 tackles.

A football game between Pampa and Palo Duro will be something new. The two schools have been rivals in basketball and baseball, but have never met on the gridiron in Cavalier's 11 years as head coach.

Pampa's defense continues to shine as the Harvesters are allowing the opposition only 121.8 yards per game. That's far and away much better than any of the other five District 3-4A teams, which are all giving up more than 200 yards per game.

Middle school teams down Valleyview

PAMPA — Lighting forced the cancellation of a 7th grade football game between Pampa and Valleyview on Tuesday night.

The game was called in the first quarter with Pampa ahead 6-0. Jesse Tarango scored on a 25-yard run to give Pampa the victory.

Pampa improved its record to 6-1.

The B game was completed with Pampa winning by a 20-6 score.

Derek Lewis scored two touchdowns on runs of 41 and 40 yards. Joe Meraz intercepted a pass for a 75-yard touchdown. Meraz had a conversion run.

Pampa B team has a 4-3 record.

Valleyview scored the only touchdown in the last 45 seconds to defeat Pampa, 6-0, in the 8th grade game.

Pampa has a 2-5 record. Pampa won the B team game, 24-6.

Joel Botello scored two touchdowns on runs of 3 and 62 yards. Lionel Nash scored on a 53-yard run. Ryan Zemanek threw a 52-yard touchdown pass to Chris Kane.

Pampa turned in an outstanding defensive effort as Anthony Dunn, Arturo Ruiz, Jared Snelgroves and Kane had pass interceptions.

Pampa's record is now 6-0-1.

Pampa Middle School teams close out the season next Tuesday against Borger. The 7th graders host Borger while the 8th graders go to Borger.

Starting times are 5 p.m. for the B games and 6:30 p.m. for the A games.

The Harvester defense, if possible, just seems to get better every week. Hereford, averaging almost 325 yards per game, had the district's No. 1 offense going into the Pampa contest. Hereford managed only a paltry 78 yards against a defense led by junior tackle Tyson Curtis, who played perhaps his best game ever. Curtis finished the night with 13 tackles and five quarterback sacks. Curtis also had Hereford quarterback Eddie Lacey scrambling on several pass attempts. He broke up one pass and also partially blocked a punt.

Curtis had plenty of defensive help. Linebackers Jared White and Kris Davis were all over Hereford's backfield. White had 17 tackles and three sacks while Davis had 12 tackles and two sacks. Tackle Calvin Tucker collected 10 tackles.

Pampa's lineup will again be without tailback Curtis Johnson (concussion) and linebacker Brent Phelps (dislocated shoulder) for at least another week.

"They're both making real good progress. Curtis will be working out under the care of our trainer for the next few days. If everything looks okay, then he'll be set to go. Brent should be back next week," Cavalier said.

Both Johnson and Phelps were hurt two weeks ago in the Dumas game. Johnson is the district's second leading rusher with 744 yards and four touchdowns. Phelps has 55 tackles and one interception.

Pampa has a 6-2 record for the season while Palo Duro is 1-7.



(Special photo)

Gymnastics of Pampa Level 5 team members show the awards they won in recent meets. Gymnasts are (standing, l-r) Ashlee Ferguson, Kendall Stokes and Morgan Meharg; (kneeling, l-r) Cortnee White, Amy Youree and Lacie Long.

Pampa gymnasts compete in Amarillo

AMARILLO — Gymnastics of Pampa team members recently participated in a District 1 Qualifying Meet in Amarillo. The gymnasts went up against 158 competitors from across the West Texas area.

Leading the team in placing and scoring was newcomer Morgan Meharg. In only her third gymnastics meet, Morgan dominated Level 5 Silver Division competition and won the gold medal in the 11 year old age group. Her All-Around score of 34.95 was two points higher than the previous meet and is the second highest posted by a Gymnastics of Pampa team member this season. Morgan's All-Around moves her into the Gold Division of competition.

All four of Morgan's event scores were counted for the team total, where Pampa placed fourth. Morgan earned the gold medal for her bar routine, 9.2, floor exercise, 8.8 and beam, 8.55. She also earned silver for her

vault of 8.4.

Ashlee Ferguson also helped Team Pampa by performing four solid routines that counted toward the team total. Her 8.75 score on floor exercise earned her the gold medal. She also placed third on bars, 8.35; fourth on vault, 8.5 and beam, 8.45, and was fourth in the Level 5 Gold Division for 11 year olds with a 34.05.

In Level 6 competition, Alyssa Bromwell had an outstanding bar routine for a 9.2 score and the gold medal. Her 34.15 All-Around was down some from the previous meet, but was still good enough for the bronze medal.

"I think the Amarillo meet was a good reminder to us that there is always someone right on our heels. The girls are definitely ready to put in a lot of hard work," said coach Kristi Fatheree.

Bromwell also finished with the silver on floor exercise, 8.65,

fifth on vault, 8.85 and eighth on balance beam, 7.45.

Also competing in Level 5 for Team Pampa were Amy Youree, Cortnee White, Lacie Long and Kendall Stokes.

Youree and Long participated in the 10 year old Gold Division, where Youree finished fourth in the All-Around, 33.10 and Long earned sixth, 2.20. Youree won the bronze on beam, 8.35; fifth on vault, 8.3 and bars, 8.3, and was seventh on floor exercise, 8.15.

Long earned fourth on vault, 8.4, fifth on floor exercise, 8.45; sixth on beam, 7.95 and eighth on bars, 7.4.

Cortnee White competed in the 11 year old Gold Division, where she earned a silver on balance beam, 8.55, and floor exercise, 8.7, a bronze on vault, 8.55, and fifth on bars, 7.7. Kendall Stokes placed fourth on bars with a 7.55.

Team Pampa gymnastics will compete in the District 1 Championships on Oct. 31 in Big Spring.

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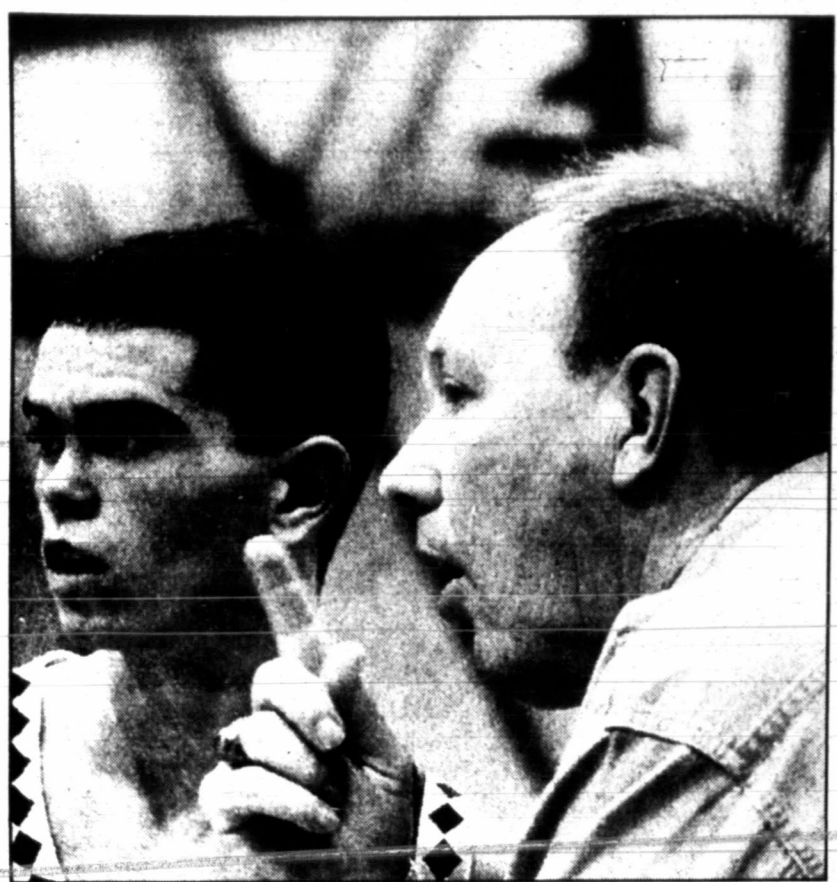
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(File photo by Jerry Heagley)

Pampa head coach Robert Hale talks strategy with returning starter Jesse Francis during a game last season. The 1998-99 Harvesters will be introduced to the public during Midnight Madness this weekend in Harvester Fieldhouse.

Midnight Madness set for this weekend

PAMPA — Last Monday was officially the start of high school basketball practice, but the Pampa Harvesters really lunge into the season Friday with the fifth annual Midnight Madness extravaganza. Activities get under way at 12 midnight in Harvester Fieldhouse following the Pampa-Herford football game and high school dance.

Many door prizes will be given away and the public is invited to attend free of charge.

Fans are urged to come and meet the 1998-99 Harvester team, which opens the season Nov. 17 at Canyon. Intrasquad scrimmages are planned.

Before Monday, basketball practice was limited to only the scheduled athletic period. Schools can start scheduling scrimmages on Nov. 8. Pampa's home opener is Nov. 20 against Clovis, N.M.

This year's Harvester motto is "Prepare to Soar." Robert Hale begins his 13th year as head coach of the Harvesters.

*denotes district games

1998-99 Schedule Nov.

17 - Canyon, 7:30 p.m. away; 20 - Clovis, N.M., 7 p.m. home; 23 - Fritch, 7:30 p.m. home; 27-28 - Fantasy of Lights Tournament, at Wichita Falls.

Dec. 4 - Garden City, Ks., 4 p.m. away; 5 - Liberal High, 5 p.m. away; 8 - River Road, 7:30 p.m. away; 10-12 - Seminole Tournament; 18 - Clinton, Okla., 6 p.m. Elk City, Okla.; 19 - Elk City, Okla., 8 p.m. away; 28-31 - Lions Club Tournament, at Fort Worth.

Jan. 2 - Lubbock Estacado, 6 p.m. away; 5 - Randall, 7:30 p.m. home; 8 - Childress, 7:30 home; *15 - Herford, 7:30 p.m. home; *19 - Palo Duro, 7:30 p.m. home; *22 - Borger, 7:30 p.m. away; *26 - Caprock, 7:30 p.m. away; *29 - Dumas, 7:30 p.m. home.

Feb. *2 - Herford, 7:30 p.m. away; *5 - Palo Duro - 7:30 p.m. away; *9 - Borger, 7:30 p.m. home; *12 - Caprock, 7:30 p.m. home; *16 - Dumas, 7:30 p.m. away.

Bowling News

HARVESTER LANES — PAMPA
Caprock League
Week's High Scores
Individual
High scratch game: Red Mills 245; High handicap game: Carrie Duroy 251; High scratch series: Chris Duroy 633; High handicap series: Dvain Urbanczyk 656.
Team
High scratch series: Schifman Machine 2,768; High handicap series: Schifman Machine 2,768.

Team	Won	Lost
Davis Milt Mart	22/12	5/12
O'Brien Enterprises	22	6
H & H Sporting	18	10
DBR H20 Vending	15/12	12/12
Team Five	15	12
Schifman Machine	14	14

Harvester Women's League
Team
High scratch game: DBR H20 Vending 552; High handicap game: DBR H20 Vending 1,526; High handicap series: DBR H20 Vending 680; High handicap series: DBR H20 Vending 1,910.

Johnson files for free agency; Yankees and Mets talk about Belle

NEW YORK (AP) — Randy Johnson, perhaps baseball's most explosive pitcher, is now on the free-agent market. And Albert Belle, explosive because of both his bat and his temper, is already attracting attention.

Both the New York Yankees and Mets said Wednesday they have contacted Belle's agent, and other teams are thought to be interested, too.

It was unclear if the Yankees' interest in the outfielder is genuine, or if they were just sending a message to Bernie Williams, who is unsure whether he'll re-sign with the World Series champions.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said he isn't bothered by Belle's tempestuous past. "Nobody's history scares me," Steinbrenner said. "We have a discipline in the organization that has proven itself."

model of tranquility this year, and Belle doesn't appear to be a good fit.

"Who comes from deeper problems than Darryl and Doc?" Steinbrenner said, referring to Darryl Strawberry and Dwight Gooden. "Yet they accepted the discipline and accepted the direction."

Mets general manager Steve Phillips said he talked with Belle's agent, Arn Tellem, but about a different player.

"You'd certainly have to be interested in him offensively and what he's done," Phillips said. "Any team in baseball would like to add his offense to their club. But does he fit? I can't tell you yes or no."

Belle hit .328 with 49 homers and 152 RBIs last season. He agreed to a \$55 million, five-year contract with the Chicago White Sox in November 1996, but has a unique clause in his deal that allowed him to become a free agent Tuesday and also gave him the option through Nov. 25 of returning to his White Sox contract.

Joe Torre's team was been a

Scoreboard

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Miami	5	2	0	.714	114	79
Buffalo	3	3	0	.571	158	138
New England	4	3	0	.571	170	122
N.Y. Jets	4	3	0	.571	166	122
Indianapolis	1	6	0	.143	112	193

Central

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Jacksonville	5	2	0	.714	146	146
Pittsburgh	5	2	0	.714	106	100
Tennessee	3	4	0	.428	144	126
Baltimore	2	5	0	.286	102	134
Cincinnati	2	5	0	.286	127	186

West

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Oakland	7	0	0	1.000	240	133
Denver	5	2	0	.714	115	127
Kansas City	4	3	0	.571	131	123
Seattle	4	3	0	.571	154	99
San Diego	3	5	0	.375	103	139

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

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

Central

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Minnesota	7	0	0	1.000	241	110
Green Bay	5	2	0	.714	183	144
Tampa Bay	3	4	0	.429	94	121
Chicago	3	5	0	.375	152	178
Detroit	2	5	0	.286	147	192

West

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
San Francisco	6	1	0	.857	226	127
Atlanta	5	2	0	.714	175	151
New Orleans	4	3	0	.571	121	139
St. Louis	2	5	0	.286	139	167
Carolina	0	7	0	.000	128	199

Sunday's Games

Arizona at Cincinnati, 1:01 p.m.
Denver at Cincinnati, 1:01 p.m.
Jacksonville at Baltimore, 1:01 p.m.
Miami at Buffalo, 1:01 p.m.
Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 1:01 p.m.
New England at Indianapolis, 1:01 p.m.
New Orleans at Carolina, 1:01 p.m.
New York Giants at Washington, 1:01 p.m.
St. Louis at Atlanta, 1:01 p.m.
Tennessee at Pittsburgh, 1:01 p.m.
New York Jets at Kansas City, 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Green Bay, 4:15 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 8:20 p.m.

Monday's Game

Dallas at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 8
Atlanta at New England, 1:01 p.m.
Cincinnati at Jacksonville, 1:01 p.m.
Detroit at Philadelphia, 1:01 p.m.
Indianapolis at Miami, 1:01 p.m.
New Orleans at Minnesota, 1:01 p.m.
New York Giants at Dallas, 1:01 p.m.
Oakland at Baltimore, 1:01 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 1:01 p.m.
Carolina at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Washington at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Buffalo at New York Jets, 4:15 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
San Diego at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Tennessee at Tampa Bay, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 9
Green Bay at Pittsburgh, 8:20 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Top 10 schedule

DALLAS (AP) — Games involving the top 10 teams in this week's Associated Press high school football poll.

Class 5A

1. Converse Judson (8-0) vs. SA Roosevelt, 7:30 p.m.
2. Killeen Ellison (7-1) at Waco, 7:30 p.m.
3. Katy (7-1) vs. Alief Elsik, 7:30 p.m.
4. Arlington Lamar (7-1) at Arlington Bowie, 7:30 p.m.
5. Tyler (8-0) vs. Lutkin, 7:30 p.m.
6. Plano East (7-1) at Allen, 7:30 p.m.
7. Eules Trinity (8-0) at Irving Nimitz, 2 p.m. Saturday
8. The Woodlands (8-0) vs. Huntsville, 7:30 p.m., Thursday
9. Aldine Eisenhower (6-2) at Aldine MacArthur, 7:30 p.m.
10. Midland Lee (7-1) vs. Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m.

Class 4A

1. La Marque (8-0) at Galena Park, 7:30 p.m.
2. West Orange-Stark (8-0) at PA Jefferson, 2 p.m., Saturday
3. Andrews (8-0) vs. Sweetwater, 7:30 p.m.
4. CC Calallen (7-1) at Gregory-Portland, 7:30 p.m.
5. Ennis (8-0) vs. Corsicana, 7:30 p.m.
6. Brownwood (7-1) at Joshua, 7:30 p.m.
7. Schertz Clemens (8-0) vs. SA Burbank, 7:30 p.m.
8. Stephenville (7-1) at Burleson, 7:30 p.m.
9. Hays Consolidated (8-0) vs. Smithson Valley, 7:30 p.m.
10. Dayton (8-0) vs. Sillsbee, 7:30 p.m.

Class 3A

1. Breckenridge (8-0) vs. Comanche, 7:30 p.m.
2. Newton (6-1) at Kountze, 7:30 p.m.
3. Cleveland (7-1) at Shepherd, 7:30 p.m.
4. Waco La Vega (8-0) at China Spring, 7:30 p.m.
5. Coldspring (6-1) vs. Corrigan Camden, 7:30 p.m.
6. Mabank (7-1) at Crandall, 7:30 p.m.
7. Commerce (7-1) vs. Whitesboro, 7:30 p.m.
8. Tatum (7-1) vs. Bullard, 7:30 p.m.
9. Sealy (5-2) vs. Hitchcock, 7:30 p.m.
10. Crane (8-0) vs. Kermit, 7:30 p.m.

Class 2A

1. Mart (8-0) at Riesel, 7:30 p.m.
2. Winters (8-0) at Mason, 7:30 p.m.
3. Pilot Point (7-0) at S&S Consolidated, 7:30 p.m.
4. Spearman (8-0) vs. Canadian, 7:30 p.m.
5. Iraan (8-0) at Van Horn, 7:30 p.m.
6. Stanton (7-1) vs. Post, 7:30 p.m.
7. Alto (7-1) vs. Timpson, 7:30 p.m.
8. Italy (7-1) at Venus, 7:30 p.m.
9. Holiday (8-0) vs. Haskell, 7:30 p.m.
10. Brookshire Royal (6-1) at Tidehaven, 7:30 p.m.

Class A

1. Tenaha (8-0) at Carlisle, Price, 7:30 p.m.
2. Iola (7-0) at Milano, 7:30 p.m.
3. Aspermont (8-0) at Paducah, 7:30 p.m.
4. Era (7-0) at Clarksville, 7:30 p.m.
5. Bartlett (7-1) at Bremond, 7:30 p.m.
6. Menard (8-0) vs. Irion County, 7:30 p.m.
7. Granger (6-1) vs. Jarrell, 7:30 p.m.
8. Wortham (8-0) at Quinlan Boles, 7:30 p.m.
9. Frost (7-0) vs. Dawson, 7:30 p.m.
10. O'Donnell (8-0) vs. Sudan, 7:30 p.m.

FISHING REPORT

B. A. STEINHAGEN Water murky, 72 degrees. Black bass are slow to fair on Wacky Worms and crankbaits fished early. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs. Channel and blue catfish to 20 pounds are good on live perch. Yellow catfish to 40 pounds are fair on live perch.

CONROE: Water clear, 76 degrees. Black bass to 7 pounds are slow on spinnerbaits, crankbaits and soft plastics fished in 3 to 15 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs (green and yellow). Yellow catfish to 24 pounds are slow on spoons. Striped bass to 8 pounds are slow on minnows and spoons fished in 19 to 24 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish to 3 pounds are good on pre-marinated baits, minnows and chicken livers fished in 10 to 20 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

GIBBONS CREEK: The power plant is temporarily closed for repair and water temperature is dropping. With the cooler water bass fishing is picking up. Buzzbaits, white spinnerbaits and Pop R's are working well around the main creek channels near cover. Midday fry redminnow or black grub and bass jigs pitched in the timber.

HOUSTON COUNTY: Water murky, 80 degrees. 1 low. Black bass are good on topwaters fished early. Midday fry Texas-rigged red shad and tealquis sunrise worms fished in 8 to 12 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows fished in 18 to 25 feet of water over brush piles. White bass are occasional. Striped bass are occasional. Due to a lack of regular traffic on the lake, the Crockett Bass Club currently provides the report once a month.

LIVINGSTON: Water off color, 75 degrees. Black bass to 4 pounds are slow on spinnerbaits and small crankbaits fished in 3 to 13 feet of water. Crappie to 2 pounds are good on minnows fished in 8 to 16 feet of water. White bass are fair on spoons and minnows fished in 14 to 23 feet of water. Striped bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish to 8 pounds are good on prepared baits and chicken livers fished in 3 to 20 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 28 pounds are slow on live

perch and large shad fished in 6 to 20 feet of water.

SAM RAYBURN: Water clear, 75 degrees; 6 low. Black bass to 7 pounds are good on topwaters fished off the points. Crappie are fair on minnows fished in 30 feet of water 15 cranks off the bottom. Channel and blue catfish to 6 pounds are good on Catfish Charlie fished in 30 feet of water on the bottom.

TOLEDO BEND: Water clear, 85 degrees; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits fished early in the shallows. Midday fry Carolina-rigged crappie and tealquis green worms. Crappie are slow to fair on minnows. White bass are good on spoons fished in 20 feet of water in the river. Striped bass are fair on spoons and crankbaits fished in 20 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are fair on live worms fished in 15 feet of water. Yellow catfish are fair on live perch fished in 15 feet of water.

AMISTAD: Water fairly clear, 82 degrees; 40.5 low. Black bass to 10.2 pounds are good on spinnerbaits, buzzbaits and Pop R's fished early. Crappie are slow on minnows fished in Devil's River. White bass are fair on topwaters and Little Georgies fished by the dam. Striped bass are fair on Pencil Poppers and Red Fins fished near the dam. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheesebait fished in 35 to 45 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

BRAUNIG: Water murky, 86 degrees; 1 high; Black bass to 4 pounds are slow on plastic worms fished in the shallows. Hybrid stripers are fair on minnows, livers and nightcrawlers fished in 12 to 15 feet of water. Red drum to 24 pounds are good on shad, shrimp and perch fished in 18 to 20 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are excellent on chicken livers, shrimp and cut baits fished in 8 to 15 feet of water.

CALAVERAS: Water murky, 78 degrees; 1 high; Black bass to 4 pounds are slow on plastic worms fished in the shallows. Hybrid stripers are slow on chicken livers fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Red drum to 14 pounds are good on shad, shrimp and perch fished in 8 to 18 feet of water. Yellow catfish are fair on live shad fished in 15 to 25 feet of water.

CHOCO CANYON: Water fairly clear, 72 degrees; 15 low. Black bass to 8 pounds are good on topwaters, spinner and jerkbaits fished in the shallows. Crappie are fair on minnows fished in 8 to 22 feet of water. White bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheseebait and cut baits. Yellow catfish to 26 pounds are good on jigs lined baited with perch and shad. A three fish three-hour tournament is held every Wednesday from 5pm to 8pm.

COCHE CRUEK: Water clear, 71 degrees; Black bass to 7.5 pounds are good of crank and spinnerbaits fished in the shallows around the hydrilla/beds. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish to 15 pounds are good on perch fished in 2 to 10 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

PANHANDLE
BAYLOR: Water clear, 78 degrees. Black bass to 11.25 pounds are good on white spinnerbaits and blue fleck worms (21 fish over 10 pounds have been caught since March). Crappie are good on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow. BUFFALO SPRINGS: Water stained, 65 degrees. Black bass are fair on dark colored worms and black and blue bass jigs fished in the weeds in 4 to 6 feet of water. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished in the weeds. White bass are slow on jigs fished in the cattails. Striped bass to 10 pounds are fair on live shad fished by the dam in 20 to 30 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are fair on small minnows and worms. Yellow catfish are slow.

GREENBELT: Water stained, 65 degrees. Black bass are good on spinnerbaits fished off the points in 6 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are slow. White bass are good on Rat-L-Traps and Little George's. Walleye are good on Flie-Fly jigs tipped with a minnow. Smallmouth bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on live worms fished off the bank. Yellow catfish are slow.

McCLELLAN: Water off color, 72 degrees. 8 low. Black bass are fair to good on spinnerbaits and minnows. Crappie are fair on small minnows and jigs fished by the dam. Channel and blue catfish are good on minnows and perch. Yellow catfish are slow.

MECKENZIE: Water fairly clear, 73 degrees; 8 low. Black bass to 6 pounds are fair on buzzbaits, spinnerbaits and topwaters fished in the shallows around brush. Crappie are fair on minnows fished around the drop offs. White bass are fair trolling in deep water. Hybrid stripers to 6 pounds are fair trolling crankbaits in deep water. Walleye are slow. Smallmouth bass are fair on buzzbaits and Flie-Fly jigs tipped with minnows. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

MEKEDITH: Water clear, 68 degrees; 5 low; Black bass are fair on jerkbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in the backs of the creeks in 15 to 20 feet of water. White bass are good on small spinnerbaits and Sassy Shads fished in the backs of the coves in 5 to 15 feet of water. Smallmouth bass are good on Suspending Rogues (black back with an orange belly) fished off the points. Walleye to 4 pounds are good on jigs tied head/blue body) tipped with a minnow fished off the main lake points. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cut baits and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are slow.

PALO DURO: Water murky, 60 degrees; Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows fished in the shallows near the bridge. Walleye are slow. Channel and blue catfish to 7.5 pounds are fair on cut baits fished in the creek channel.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms with CF Doug Glanville on a three-year contract.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Exercised their 1999 option on C-1B Jim Leyritz. Named Mike Basso manager. Don Alexander pitching coach. Jim Bowe coach and Jason Haueussinger trainer of Mobile of the Southern League.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
BALTIMORE RAVENS—Signed LB Jerry Sylvester and LB Jeff Kopp. Placed LB Tyrus McCLOUD on injured reserve. Waived OL Spencer Folau.

DETROIT LIONS—Signed G Kerlin Blaise. Waived TE Kevin Hickman. Signed T Deron Thorp to the practice squad.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed WR Jason Tucker to the practice squad. JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Placed TE Rich Griffith on injured reserve. Signed S Rawanmi Settles.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Waived S Melvin Johnson.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Placed QB Craig Erickson on injured reserve.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed WR Henry Ellard. Waived WR Tony Gatter.

OAKLAND RAIDERS—Released QB Pat Barnes and re-signed him to the practice squad. Signed OT Tim Kohn to the practice squad. Waived DE Duane Ashman from the practice squad.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed LB Steven Conley. Placed OT Justin Strzelczyk on injured reserve.

ST. LOUIS RAMS—Re-signed TE Aaron Lang.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed OT Kirk Scaffaro to a six-year contract. Waived S Tony Blevins.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
BOSTON BRUINS—Signed F Marquis Mathieu.

MONTREAL CANADIENS—Signed Alan Yegorov. coach, to a one-year contract extension through the 2000-2001 season.

OTTAWA SENATORS—Recalled LW Yves Sarault from Detroit of the IHL.

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Recalled G Jean-Sebastien Aubin from Kansas City of the IHL.

Gators, Huskers, Cowboys look for revenge

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT AP Football Writer

College Football Picks

Payback is in the air. On Saturday, Florida, Nebraska and Oklahoma State look to avenge recent losses that cost them conference championships.

Last season, the Gators' bid for a fifth straight SEC title ended with a thud in Jacksonville, Fla., when Georgia won 37-17. Also, the Cowboys' 28-25 overtime loss to Texas A&M kept them from the Big 12 South championship and a berth in the conference title game.

The Cornhuskers, meanwhile, have been waiting two years to atone for their 37-27 loss to Texas in the Big 12 title game, a defeat that knocked Nebraska out of a national title shot.

Florida coach Steve Spurrier reminded his players of last year's rare blowout by showing them films of Robert Edwards running for four touchdowns.

"Certainly, we got clobbered," Spurrier said as his No. 6 Gators (6-1, 4-1 SEC) prepare for No. 11 Georgia in the "World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party."

"Georgia beat us, really, in every phase of the game. Offense, defense, special teams, coaching. They outthrusted us and outplayed us. We have absolutely no excuses. So our memory was refreshed, awakened, whatever you want to call it."

The Bulldogs (6-1, 4-1) endured seven straight losses to the Gators before last season. "We've got to do it again to prove it was not just a fluke," quarterback Quincy Carter said.

"We had a bad game against Tennessee (a 22-3 loss), but Georgia football is back to what it once was. We want to prove that against Florida."

Nebraska (7-1, 3-1 Big 12), under new coach Frank Solich,

clearly recalls the '96 loss to the Longhorns — a game Texas quarterback James Brown predicted his team would win by three TDs even though there were 20-point underdogs.

"When you lose at Nebraska, that sticks in your mind," senior linebacker Jay Foreman said. "We felt if we would have beat Texas, we would have had a shot at another national championship. It would have been three in a row."

This time, No. 7 Nebraska is a 17-point favorite against the Longhorns (5-2, 3-1) and their Heisman hopeful, Ricky Williams.

Texas is coming off a 30-20 win over Baylor in a game that saw Williams run for 259 yards and move within 444 yards of passing Tony Dorsett as the NCAA's career rushing leader.</

Hurricane Mitch pounds Honduran coast

LA CEIBA, Honduras (AP) — Hurricane Mitch cut through the Honduran coast like a rip saw today, its devastating winds whirling for a second day through resort islands and mainland communities. At least 32 people were killed and widespread flooding prompted more than 150,000 to seek higher ground.

Mitch, once among the century's most powerful hurricanes, slowly weakened today as it blasted this Central American nation, bringing downpours that flooded at least 50 rivers. It also kicked up huge waves that pounded seaside communities.

By 1 a.m. EST today, Mitch had sustained winds of 100 mph, well below its 180 mph peak of early Tuesday. The U.S. National Hurricane Center said

the 350-mile-wide storm had remained almost stationary for more than a day. Hurricane-force winds whirled up to 60 miles from the center, with rain-laden tropical storm winds extending well beyond that.

Caught near the heart of the storm were the Bay Islands, located about 25 miles off Honduras' coast and popular with divers and beachcombers.

"The hurricane has destroyed almost everything," said Mike Brown, a resident of Guanaja Island, 20 miles off the coast. "Few houses have remained standing."

Honduran officials said 14 people had died on that small island alone, and at least nine had died elsewhere in the country. More than 72,000 people had been evacuated to shelters.

Nine other deaths had been reported elsewhere in the region by early today — more than a day after Mitch drifted to just off the coast and seemed to park there. Robert Gates, 55, of Niantic, Conn., was thrown from his boat south of Cancun, Mexico, on Monday and was presumed dead.

Honduran officials said more than 200 towns and villages had been isolated by the storm, left without power, telephones or clean drinking water.

Agriculture Minister Pedro Arturo Sevilla said crucial grain, citrus and banana crops had been damaged "and the economic future of Honduras is uncertain."

Rain-swollen rivers knocked out bridges and roads, isolating La Ciega, a coastal city of 40,000

people 80 miles from the storm's eye. About 10,000 residents fled to crowded shelters in schools, churches and firehouses.

While supplies of food and gasoline seemed to hold up, drivers worried about the coming days formed long lines to fill their tanks at gas stations and some supermarkets took measures to limit panic buying.

La Ciega officials appealed for pure water for those in shelters and some residents set out plastic buckets to collect rainwater. Only a few hotels and offices with their own generators had electricity.

Wind-whipped waves almost buried some houses near the shore. People evacuated low-lying houses by wading through chest-deep water with sodden bags of belongings on their heads.

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Environmentalists protest White House policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is fending off criticism after an environmental group quit an advisory panel that Vice President Al Gore set up to balance the interests of farm groups and environmentalists over pesticides.

The environmentalists complained the administration is bowing to industry pressure.

The administration "has basically catered to the pesticide industry to delay things, to slow things down," Kenneth Cook, president of the Environmental Working Group, said Wednesday.

Cook's group sent Gore a letter this week informing him of their resignation.

"We believe that, overall, pesticide risks have only gotten worse during the Clinton administration," Cook wrote. The advisory panel "has produced absolutely nothing that remotely resembles a plan or schedule to reduce pesticide risks," he said.

Loretta Ucelli, a spokeswoman for the head of the Environmental Protection Agency, Carol Browner, said Wednesday the panel is taking its time in order to do the job right. She said a report is due by August 1999.

"This type of work is an enormous challenge. It requires a thoughtful and fair process, (and) that's what we're engaged in," Ucelli said.

"At the end of the day we will meet the deadlines and have important public health protections in place."

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Elliot Diring, spokesman for the White House's Council on Environmental Quality, insisted there have been no delays.

"I understand some people would like to move more quickly," Diring said. "But it's important to recognize that the Food Quality Protection Act is a landmark law that set in motion a process to establish the toughest pesticide standards ever."

Indeed, the 1996 act changed the way pesticide tolerance levels

were set for food. Under the new law, the EPA must consider such elements as the health impact of pesticides and their effect on children.

Gore ordered the Agriculture Department and the EPA in April to use sound science, guarantee farmers a transition into alternatives if a chemical is banned and get more input from affected constituencies.

The vice president moved to give agriculture and the chemical industry a greater voice in the process came after Democratic Reps. Charles Stenholm of Texas and Marion Berry of Arkansas warned Gore in March that rumors of imminent loss of widely used pesticides was causing an uproar in key political states. They mentioned Iowa, Texas, Florida and California, needed by Gore for a presidential bid in 2000.

The 50-member advisory panel was formed in May. The EPA and Agriculture Department officials said at the time that preliminary analyses indicated some pesticides — known as organophosphates — eventually will be banned.

But since then, Cook said, there have been endless meetings without results.

"Six months later, we're nowhere," Cook said. "They haven't banned one pesticide. They haven't been able to explain their plans to anybody."

'Martian' town capitalizes on Welles' fame

GROVERS MILL, N.J. (AP) — Sixty years ago, when Orson Welles used his small hamlet as the basis of his radio adaptation of "War of the Worlds," people fled in fear — then stewed in anger when they discovered the "Martian attack" was a hoax.

"They felt that they were duped," said Lynn Thornton, the township's director of senior services.

"They're very sensitive about it. They don't want to be thought of as stupid because they fell for this. There's a sensitivity that has existed ever since then," she said.

Most residents have not only gotten over it, they have come to embrace their strange place in radio history. Now, as the original broadcast nears its 60th anniversary, Grovers Mill is trying to cash in on its notoriety with posters, blankets and bumper stickers.

"We're having fun to call attention to some things we think are very important, such as media responsibility, social psychology and civil defense," said Doug Forrester, a former mayor of West Windsor Township, which includes Grovers Mill.

There will be a \$175-per-plate dinner at a ritzy Princeton hotel Saturday night featuring indoor pyrotechnics, simulated Martian landing craft, alien doormen and delegations of Martians evaluating attendees. The "Martians" will decide whether Earthlings have some redeeming qualities or deserve the death ray.

"Assuming the Martians don't incinerate all of us, there should be some good reviews," Forrester said.

What seems lighthearted now was serious business on Oct. 30, 1938. Welles tried to punch up the ratings for his Mercury Theatre radio show by broadcasting an adaptation of the H.G. Wells classic about a Martian invasion of Earth. They supposedly landed in Grovers Mill.

Despite a disclaimer at the start of the show and several others during its hour-long duration, an estimated one million of the 12 million people who tuned in nationwide believed the panicked reports from fictional reporters.

Mabel "Lolly" Dey was a 16-year-old high school junior playing the piano for her church hymn sing-along in Plainsboro — a mile from Grovers Mill — when a breathless young man burst into the church basement.

"He was yelling, 'The Martians have landed in Grovers Mill! The Martians have landed in Grovers Mill!'" recalled Ms. Dey, now 76.

The church seminarian said a prayer and told everyone to go straight home and pray some more. Ms. Dey burst through her own door, screaming for her mother to turn on the radio.

"In my history class, we had been studying about Hitler trying to destroy our country," she said. "I assumed Hitler had something to do with the Martians, that he had sent them here to destroy us. I thought it was going to be the end, that they were going to come and kill us."

The broadcast was stunning in its realism, from matter-of-fact news bulletins to breathless, panicked roving "reporters" giving reports of black poison gas-felling thousands. One character described slimy, bear-sized beasts with wet, leathery skin, venom dripping from their V-shaped jaws.

Thousands of people across the country flooded local police departments with calls, phone lines were jammed nationwide and armed posses took to the fields. A man in Pittsburgh narrowly stopped his wife from swallowing poison to escape death at the hands of the Martians.

Teen gets rock star for benefit concert to help off-set cuts to music department

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Jennifer Fletcher can relate to "Mr. Holland's Opus," the 1996 movie that has become far more real to her than she ever dreamed it would.

The movie, filmed at her school, showed students struggling with budget cuts for music and the arts. Now the cutbacks are all too real, and people told Jennifer there was nothing she could do.

The 16-year-old Grant High School sophomore set out to prove them wrong, with a little help from rocker Jackson Browne — the talent she enlisted for tonight's sellout benefit concert.

Jennifer came up with the idea, booked a 2,700-seat concert hall, contacted Browne and sold the tickets — and when it's all over she'll have raised \$100,000 for the arts in public schools.

"The kids know a lot more about what's being cut — and what kids really need," she said.

Years of budget cuts in Portland schools have made art classes a rarity, eliminated marching bands and music classes at many schools and snuffed out many choral and drama performances.

Things got so bad at Grant High that Jennifer's drama teacher told youngsters last year that they could stage the play "Oliver!" only if they dug into their own pockets to pay for it.

That's when Jennifer was inspired to try something big.

Browne was the only artist she asked. Although most of his fans are her mother's age, she counts herself a big fan, too.

"The arts are more than just an 'elective,'" the teen-ager wrote in a letter to Browne. "These are the door to people's creativity."

Jennifer's letter, later described by Browne's assistant as eloquent, went unanswered for months.

Then one day she checked the messages on her family's answering machine and was shocked to hear Browne's voice, saying he would call her back that evening. She replayed the message over and over.

On the phone that evening, Browne was "really calm" and quite talkative, Jennifer recalls. She was unable to utter much more than "uh-huh" to the singer famous for such songs as "Running On Empty" and "Doctor My Eyes."

But she convinced him she could put it together, and he was happy to help.

"I don't think people realize how much the arts mean to students, how for many people it is their only chance to express themselves," Browne said last month.

Jennifer's big dreams for spending the money center on the small things: paints for art classes, costumes for school plays and trips to museums and concerts.

41-year-old charged as juvenile

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Susan Marie Watson was 14 years old when someone shot her sleeping mother to death. No one was ever charged.

Now, 27 years later, the mystery may be solved, though its answer creates an even knottier problem. Watson has confessed to killing her mother, but authorities don't know whether to try her as a teenager or an adult.

"The laws aren't written for this kind of case," said Robert Schwartz, director of the Juvenile Law Center in Philadelphia. Watson, 41, of Schenectady, N.Y., admitted last week that she shot her mother, Maylon Johnson, because she didn't believe the girl's complaints that family members were sexually abusing her, authorities said.

Police had reopened the case after Watson's younger brother asked about the investigation.

For now, Watson is charged in juvenile court with the Oct. 3, 1971, killing in the family's Newark apartment.

At the time of the killing, Watson had told police she found her mother's body and saw a man leaving the scene, police Sgt. Derek Glenn said.

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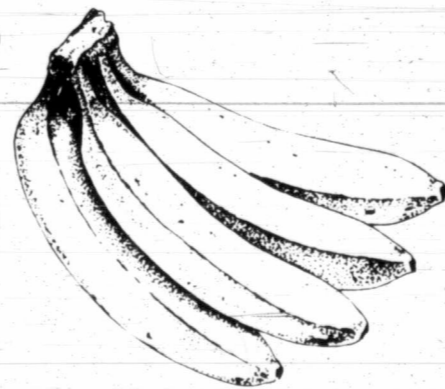
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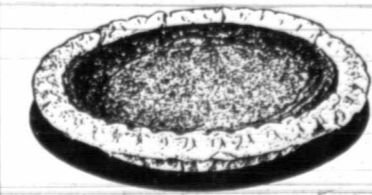
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