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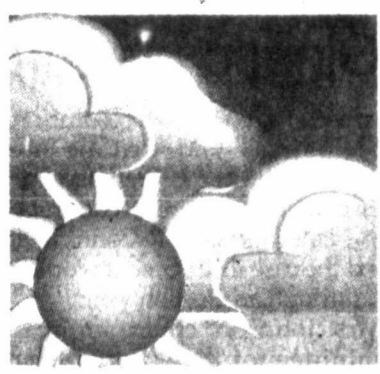
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80s. See Page 2 for
weather details.

PAMPA — Charges were dismissed against a Pampa man following a Tuesday indictment.

Salvador Rodriguez, 19, 417 N. Faulkner, no longer stands charged with engaging in organized criminal activity, according to District Attorney John Mann.

Mann said authorities learned Rodriguez was in Gray County jail on the date of the alleged offense.

"He was identified by two eyewitnesses, but jail records show he was incarcerated at the time of the offense," Mann said Thursday.

Rodriguez was arrested on the charge Wednesday and discharged from Gray County jail four hours later, jail records show.

NEW YORK (AP) — Tons of gold looted by the Nazis — some of it possibly taken from the fillings of Holocaust victims' teeth — are stored in the central banks of the United States and Britain, a Jewish organization said.

Recently declassified federal documents show that 6 tons of gold looted by Nazis are stored in the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and in the Bank of England in London, the World Jewish Congress said. The group's president has written to the two countries asking that the gold be returned to Holocaust survivors.

"At this point we cannot verify whether this report is true or not," said Rich Mills, spokesman for the Senate Banking Committee, which is gathering information on Swiss banks, where larger caches of Nazi gold are believed to be stored.

Elan Steinberg, a spokesman for the World Jewish Congress, said Thursday that the declassified documents from the U.S. State Department showed there were 2 tons of Nazi gold in New York and 4 tons in London.

PINEY WOODS, Miss. (AP) — Oprah Winfrey isn't just talk.

The TV producer, actress and talk show host sent the rural Piney Woods Country Life School \$43,000 so it could hire a social worker.

Most of the students at the historically black boarding school are from poor families and have emotional needs that make a counselor essential, school officials said.

"I felt that the kids needed a counselor and I'm doing it for as long as it works," Winfrey said Thursday.

About 98 percent of Piney Woods graduates go to college, spokesman Ronald Weathersby said. The school is about 100 miles south of the central, Mississippi town of Kosciusko, where Winfrey grew up.

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School trustees hear proposal on construction

By CHIP CHANDLER
Staff Writer

Construction on Travis and Lamar elementaries could be complete by next August if the school forgoes hiring a general contractor for the work, architectural consultant Don Burleson told trustees Thursday night.

Burleson said hiring a general contractor usually leads to longer construction time and a very high "potential for an adversarial relationship between the owner [the school district] and the contractor."

Instead, Burleson suggested the district hire a construction manager to supervise the work of subcontractors. Under that arrangement, subcontractors would actually contract directly with the school district, rather than with a general contractor.

That would allow the district to choose when to bid projects and to re-bid projects if they weren't satisfied with the results. Those are usually the prerogative of a general contractor, Burleson explained.

The relationship between a district and construction manager can lead to quicker construction time, Burleson said, citing a manager he has worked with that finished construction of a new school in Garland six months before expected.

A construction manager would be hired through an interview process, allowing the district to review their references and work history, something not allowed in the blind bidding process of selecting a general contractor.

Burleson suggested the construction manager route after Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr expressed a desire to have three schools completed in the first year of the construction project.

Orr said having Austin, Lamar and Travis elementaries completed in the first year would save administrative costs and prevent the district from having to bus students more frequently during construction. Plans have always called for renovation of Austin to be completed in the first year.

Burleson also said the cost difference between a general contractor and a construction manager was usually very little.

Voters passed an \$8.1 million

bond issue earlier this month to finance the project.

In other business, Wilson Elementary School Principal Debbie Robertson reported to the board on the start of a new program called "responsible inclusion" at her school.

The program will bring special education students and their resource teachers into regular classrooms after each resource student is individually examined.

Wilson teachers are currently undergoing training for the program through Region XVI education service center in Amarillo.

Orr also told the board he would set a temporary policy regarding Internet and other electronic communication use. A permanent policy will be brought to the board for consideration at a later date.

In further business, the board:

- Heard a report on Wilson's Helping One Student To Succeed (HOSTS) program. The program is credited with raising the school's mathematics TAAS scores about 30 percent.

- Met 16 German exchange students, their principal and their English teacher who will be in Pampa for three weeks. The Germans came to Texas as part of an exchange program that sent several Pampa High School students to Hildesheim, Germany, this summer.

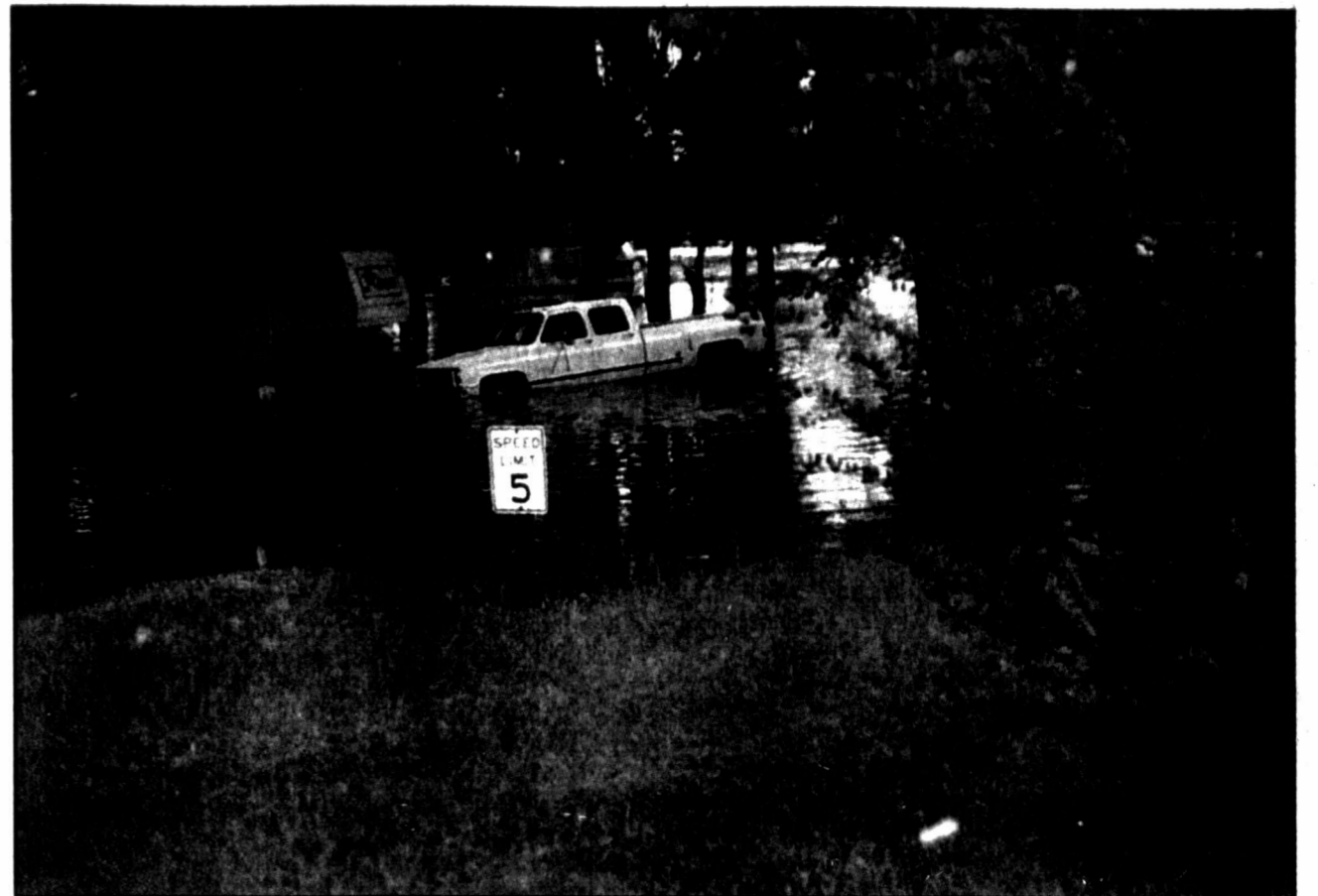
- Accepted a \$109,668 bid from Sturdisteel Co. of Waco for new aluminum bleachers at the high school football field to replace those destroyed by fire this summer, as well as bids on band instruments, custodial supplies and playground resurfacing at Austin Elementary.

- Approved a list of athletic department fund raisers.

The board also heard reports on the bilingual education program and the shelving of a proposed teacher appraisal system by Texas Commissioner of Education Mike Moses.

PHS Principal John Kendall also reported several major problems with the high school phone system, including phones ringing without anyone on the other end, only one working line for the school's operator and calls being cut off.

No action was taken, but district business manager Mark McVey said the district could expect to pay \$20,000 to repair the 10-year-old system.



Flood waters creep up around trailers and pickups at one of the camping sites at Lake Fryer on Wednesday. (Special photo by Vonnie Phillips)

Pampa couple tell of adventure with flood waters at Lake Fryer

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

"It was awesome. I've never seen the water so high or move so fast," said Vonnie Phillips, when she and her husband, Al, relived those terrible moments early Wednesday morning when they realized the flooding Lake Fryer was moving towards them.

The Pampa couple often take short vacations to their favorite campsite at Lake Fryer and Wolf Creek Park, and the only emergencies they would have expected would be due to the heart and respiratory problems Al Phillips deals with every day.

"We've been going there about four years because it [Lake Fryer] is close and has good fishing. Because of Al's bad health, it is better for us to be closer to his doctors in case of emergencies," she said.

Although they lost their camp trailer and its contents, including Al's oxygen concentrator breathing machine, in this week's park flood, the Phillipses say they will return to Wolf Creek Park as soon as it is safe again.

Their week's vacation was cut short early Wednesday morning when they discovered flooding waters.

It was later reported that almost six inches of rain had been recorded in Spearman, which is above the lake area. Water feeds into the lake from the Spearman, Waka and Farnsworth direction, according to Ochiltree County Sheriff Joe Hataway.

He said flood waters were overflowing the banks from Lake Fryer at Wolf Creek, which is eight miles east of U.S. 83, near Perryton.

"Al said when he was first waking up, he was dreaming the lake was flooding. He now believes God sent him a message in that dream, 'to wake up just in time,'" Mrs. Phillips said.

On Monday, the couple set up



Vonnie and Al Phillips, back home in Pampa, discuss their experiences with Wednesday's flooding at Lake Fryer. (Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)

their trailer with plans to enjoy a full week of relaxing and fishing, knowing a little rain was predicted for a couple of days. Tuesday evening, though, a young man knocked on their door, telling them bad weather was headed their way, with rain, strong winds and maybe some hail, Phillips said.

"He let us know the Lobo Restaurant, which is also headquarters for the park, would remain open all night to accommodate us. But we decided to stay with the trailer. Later in the night we noticed others returning to their trailers and camps, so we were not worried," Phillips said.

When Al awoke approximately 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, he looked out the kitchen window and saw the lake water moving toward the trailer.

"When I looked outside the door, it looked like the lake was covering up the whole slab under us, and I told my wife to get dressed quick. That was the fastest either of us has ever dressed ... and when we stepped out, we went into the water from our knees up to our

waists. We could see that water coming to us so fast," Phillips said.

The couple said they first looked toward a cove that was an offset area nearby, and it appeared to be a huge whirlpool of rushing water, trees and fifth-wheel trailers swirling around. They made it to their suburban safely, hoping to get it started and get away.

"When we got out, we saw that a trailer was sitting above where we were, and the parked pickup was still in the same place as it was the night before. We knew those folks were still inside, and Vonnie walked up to their door in about thigh-high water.

When the lady opened her trailer door, she and her husband came out immediately, in sleeping clothes, and got into their pickup to pull out behind us," said Phillips, who later identified the couple as Bill and Connie Miesner of Dumas.

Al said as they drove away, within five minutes time the Miesner's trailer just slipped away into that whirlpool. See COUPLE, Page 2

Ochiltree sheriff says things are calming down

PERRYTON — Ochiltree Sheriff Joe Hataway says things are calming down in the Perryton area today, but the storms Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning caused a lot of excitement.

"A lot of that kind of excitement is not what we needed. But we'd had so much rain in the weeks prior to the storm, that the six inches falling all at one time made it worse," Hataway said.

He said around midnight Tuesday, one of his deputies was sent to warn the campers about

the severe weather with threats of tornadoes. Larry Hardy of that precinct advise them that the Lobo, a local restaurant that houses the camp office, would be opened for the campers to use.

Hataway said the early morning storm hit around 3 a.m. Wednesday morning, "and very soon after the hard rains hit flooding water was apparent.

"We received from three to six inches of rain between Spearman and Perryton in such a short time, which caused critical water accumulation above the

lake. By 6:30 in the morning, the water was about four feet above the bridge on U.S. 83, and that is when the asphalt was swept away from the pavement and we closed the bridge crossing.

"Later in the day, helicopters from the Midland Department of Public Safety helped evacuate families who were still trapped at their ranch homes," the sheriff said.

"The waters are receding at the lake, and the dam does not appear to show damage, but that has not been officially determined as yet," Hataway said.

Baker Star Readers



(Pampa News photo by Cheryl Berzanella)

Kailey Murrah and Codie Scoggin don their Baker Elementary School Star Reader sunglasses distributed by members of Altrusa International who sponsor the reading improvement program. The Star Reader program officially got underway Thursday. Students who improve reading scores during the first six weeks will earn a Star Reader T-shirt.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BRASHEARS, Betha Woods - 10 a.m., Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors Bell Avenue Chapel, Amarillo. Graveside services, 2 p.m., Shamrock Cemetery, Shamrock.
GILREATH, Peggy M. - 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

BETHA WOODS BRASHEARS
AMARILLO - Betha Woods Brashears, 97, died Thursday, Sept. 19, 1996. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors Bell Avenue Chapel with Richard L. Kasko, of the Church of Christ in Borger, officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. in Shamrock Cemetery at Shamrock.

Mrs. Brashears was born at Blanco. She married John W. Woods in 1914; he preceded her in death. She later married D.V. Brashears in 1943; he died in 1954. She had been an Amarillo resident for ten years. She was a homemaker and a member of Johnson Park Church of Christ in Borger and the Blue Bonnet Club in Borger.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jack E. Woods.

Survivors include four daughters, Berneice Taylor and Joan Stone, both of Fort Worth, Marie Moore of Amarillo and June Ogly of Richardson; three sons, Roy Woods of Fritch, H.F. Woods of Sulphur, Okla., and Robert Woods of Amarillo; a stepson, James Brashears of Amarillo; six stepchildren of Oklahoma; a sister, Stella Wagley of Moran; 18 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

The family will be at Roy Wood home in Fritch and requests memorials be to the Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson Street, Amarillo, TX 79101.

PEGGY M. GILREATH

Peggy M. Gilreath, 86, of Pampa, died Thursday, Sept. 19, 1996. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Dr. Stan Coffey, pastor of San Jacinto Baptist Church of Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Gilreath was born Aug. 22, 1910, at Springdale, Ark. She married Wade Gilreath on Oct. 2, 1953, at Panhandle. She had been a Pampa resident since the early 1940s, moving from East Texas.

Survivors include her husband, Wade, of the home; two granddaughters, Patsy Micou and Peggy Capwell, both of Amarillo; seven great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.
JAY FRED RILEY SR.

CLARENDON - Jay Fred Riley Sr., 81, father of a Pampa resident, died Wednesday, Sept. 18, 1996. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Truman Ledbetter and Mike Suiter, minister of the Clarendon Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Citizens Cemetery under the direction of Roberts Funeral Directors Inc.

Mr. Riley was born in Wood County and moved to Lelia Lake at an early age. He married Mildred Faye Roberts in 1935 at Clarendon. He farmed in the Amarillo area most of his life, retiring and moving to Clarendon in 1981. He was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, RSVP program and Donley County Senior Citizens Association. He was a member of Clarendon Masonic Lodge No. 700 and First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Jo Ann Riley, in 1937; and a son, Jerry Tom Riley, in 1975.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred; a daughter, Bonnie Cooper of Amarillo; a son, Jay Fred Riley Jr. of Pampa, three sisters, Irene Winchester of Clarendon, Jewel Womack of Oklahoma and Pauline Dean of Modesto, Calif.; two brothers, Jiggs Riley of Goodnight and J.D. Riley of Claude; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Donley County Senior Citizens Association.

JESSIE LEE SMITH

CANYON - Jessie Lee Smith, 90, a former Pampa resident, died Thursday, Sept. 19, 1996. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Smith was born June 12, 1906, at Ravenna, Tenn. She married Edrick Smith on April 24, 1944, at Wheeler; he died in 1976. She had been a Pampa resident from 1943 to 1984, when she moved to Canyon. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by three sons, B.C. Warner, Thomas Whisenhunt and Willie Whisenhunt.

Survivors include five daughters, Ethel Christianson of Eugene, Ore., Lola Taylor of LaGrange, Margaret Jenkins of Chula Vista, Calif., and Annie Hollis and Betty Frye, both of Canyon; a son, Theryl Whisenhunt of Klamath Falls, Ore.; two sisters, Lucille Taylor of Havana, Ark., and Dealie Schnellings of Fresno, Calif.; three brothers, Clarence Bratten of Singer, Calif., Luther Bratten of Del Rey, Calif., and Junior Bratten of Havana; 39 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

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Obituaries

IRENE WARD

Irene Ward, 87, of Pampa, died Friday, Sept. 20, 1996. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Dr. Jim Prock, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Ward was born Oct. 16, 1908, at Emory, Texas. She married Clarence Ward on Dec. 7, 1925, in Rains County, Texas; he died Sept. 30, 1986. She had been a Pampa resident for 53 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Pampa and was a loving wife and mother.

Proverbs 31:38, "Her children arise up and call her blessed."

She was preceded in death by a son, Kerry Ward, in 1953; and a daughter, Mary Francis, in 1987.

Survivors include two daughters, Bette Hoyler of Pampa and Barbara Paschall of Bridgeport; two sons, Jack Ward of Denton and Jim Ward of Pampa; 13 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Hospice of the Panhandle, Box 2795, Pampa, TX 79066-2795.

Police report

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents and arrests in the 24-hour period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

THURSDAY, Sept. 19

Burglary of a building was reported in the 600 block of Kingsmill which occurred between June 10 and Aug. 13. Stolen were electric and hand tools totaling \$2,500 to \$3,000. Many of them are engraved "Killian."

A 13-year-old boy reported simple assault at Pampa Middle School which occurred at 11:15 a.m. Thursday.

An electric hammer drill valued at \$200 was reported stolen from a 1992 Chevrolet pickup belonging to American Electric, Amarillo. It stolen from 111 E. Harvester sometime between 7 and 7:30 a.m. Sept. 17 to 18.

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 500 block of East Kingsmill at 4:04 p.m. Thursday. Two packs of rolling papers and a bag scale were confiscated.

A 12-year-old girl reported simple assault at 3:20 p.m. Thursday.

A \$100 Notre Dame starter jacket was reported stolen from a vehicle in the Albertson's parking lot at 5:45 p.m. Thursday.

Arrest

THURSDAY, Sept. 19
Pete Vargas Perez, 18, 1220 S. Finley, was arrested on a charge of resisting arrest. He was released on bond.

Ambulance

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

THURSDAY, Sept. 19

9:24 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility on a medical emergency and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

10:01 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Woodrow Wilson Elementary School for HOSTS mentor program.

11:04 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the intersection of Foster and Ballard for Meals on Wheels meal deliveries.

1:33 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transport to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

2:12 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to a doctor's office in Amarillo.

4:21 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Police Department on a trauma call and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

4:35 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 3500 block of Sony in Amarillo for a patient transfer to Columbia Medical Center in Pampa.

5:04 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility on a trauma call and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

11:31 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of South Christy on a medical assist. No patient was transported.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literacy Council office will be open from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB

Pampa Bridge Club meets at 2 p.m. Sunday in Room 11 at Clarendon College. For a partner, contact Marie Jamison at 669-2945.

THEE PLACE

Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

MOBILE MEALS

Mobile meals menu for Saturday, Sept. 21 is spaghetti, meat sauce, greens, squash, garlic bread and dessert.

FISH FRY

Church of the Good Shepherd is to host a fish fry from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21. Call in orders will be accepted Saturday morning starting at 8 a.m. A donation of \$5 per plate will be accepted. Call 669-3129.

PAMPA SHRINE CLUB

The Pampa Shrine Club will meet at 7 p.m. today. The program will be given by Jerry Tomaschik, battalion chief instructor for the Pampa Fire Department. For more information, call President James H. Lewis at 669-8056.

Emergency numbers

Energas.....665-5777
Fire.....911
SPS.....669-7432
Water.....669-5830

Couple

"We got about 300 yards, and saw another trailer already afloat and tilting. It belonged to Eddie and Pat Beakley from Amarillo. They lost everything they had, including any shoes, and all their clothes, their pickup and their boat. They had to climb out an overhead window in the trailer, but made it to our suburban," Phillips said.

All the couples took refuge in the bath houses located on higher ground, but it took a lot of struggle to get there. From the distance in Camp #3, Gordon and Nelda Chamberlain of Panhandle heard all the commotion "from the rest of us, and when he saw what was happening, he and his wife pulled their vehicle and trailer up behind the bath houses to join us," Phillips said.

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Sheriff's Office

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Agency assistance was rendered at GCSC.

FRIDAY, Sept. 20

Driving while intoxicated - breath test refusal was reported in the 2000 block of West Alcock.

Arrests

THURSDAY, Sept. 19

Susan Utzman Shawn, 36, 425 Davis, was arrested on a capias pro fine warrant.

Charlotte Christine Phillips, 520 Yeager #4, was arrested on a grand jury indictment alleging

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents in the 24-hour period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

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3:25 p.m. - A 1979 Pontiac driven by Pete Vargas Perez, 18, 1220 S. Finley, was in collision with a legally parked 1986 Pontiac owned by Homer R.

Jones, 1208 Darby, in the 1200 block of Darby. Vargas was cited for leaving the scene of the accident and backing without safety.

7:30 p.m. - An unknown Dodge pickup was in collision with a 1980 Chevrolet driven by Janice Marie Bennett, 16, 933 S. Faulkner, in the 200 block of North Hobart.

North Texas - Tonight, partly cloudy west and central. Mostly cloudy east with a good chance of thunderstorms. Rain ending east with decreasing cloudiness after midnight. Cooler with lows 57 west to 67 southeast. Saturday, sunny with highs 85 to 90.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows near 70. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 90s. Upper Coast: Tonight, partly cloudy with a good chance of showers or thunderstorms, some possibly severe. Lows in the 70s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs near 90 inland to the 80s coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande

Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 70s inland to near 80 coast. Saturday, partly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the 90s.

BORDER STATES
New Mexico - Tonight through Saturday, fair skies at night, mostly sunny during the day. Lows upper 20s to mid 40s mountains and northwest 40s to mid 50s elsewhere. Highs mid 60s to near 80 mountains and northwest 80s to low 90s elsewhere.

Oklahoma - Tonight, mostly fair and cool. Lows mid 40s northwest to mid 50s in the south. Saturday, mostly sunny. Highs in the 80s.

City briefs

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BRICK REPAIR, Harley Knutson. 665-4237. Adv.

SALE - AVON Skin So Soft Insect Repellent, Moisturizer and Sun Block 10% off. Call 665-5854. Adv.

WILL DO private sitting in home. 22 years experience. References. 669-1463. Adv.

HOMECOMING MUMS and garters - Henhouse Crafts, 2314 Alcock, 665-2945, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Adv.

WANT TO Buy Dishes made by Goebel in the Country Burgund pattern. 665-4020. Adv.

HOMECOMING MUMS and Garters. Ricchelle's Flowers 665-7622, 1116 Garland, call or come by. Adv.

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WE HAVE balloon, bouquets and gourmet food and candy baskets for every occasion, Happy Birthday, Get Well, Wedding, Anniversary and New Baby. We have Pampa Harvester balloons in stock. Call Celebrations, 665-3100. We Deliver. Adv.

PUTT-A-ROUND HAWAIIAN Shaved Ice, 900 Duncan, will be open Friday at 6 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. Adv.

SAVE NOW - Fall and Winter Discounts. The only place in town where all back windows are tinted in one piece. No lines or seams, Suntron 3M Tinting, 665-0615. Adv.

HOME DELIVERY. All carriers are independent contractors and The Pampa News is not responsible for advance payments of two or more months made to the carrier. Please pay directly to the News Office any payment that exceeds the current collection period.

CHANEY'S CAFE - Friday 5-8 p.m. Catfish, turkey and dressing, chicken fried steak. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

FALL DECORATIONS have arrived - scarecrow windsocks, fall flags, pumpkins, ornamental corn, mini pumpkins and harvest angels. Fall mums and pansies are also in at Watson's Feed & Garden, Hwy. 60 East, 665-4189. Adv.

PAMPA SHRINE Club meeting, Friday, August 16th, 7 p.m. Adv.

THE COFFEE & Candy Barn will be open from 9 p.m.-12 a.m. after the ball game, Friday 20th. 1318 N. Hobart. Adv.

GET YOUR lawn ready for the cold, apply Fertilome Winterizer now. Available at Watson's Feed & Garden, 665-4189. Adv.

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Democrat calls for release of secret Gingrich report

WASHINGTON (AP) - The top Democrat on the House ethics committee called today for release of a secret report on Speaker Newt Gingrich if there is no decision by next week on whether to charge him with rules violations.

Contending Republicans are stalling as Congress nears adjournment, Rep. James McDermott said the matter should go to the entire House unless an investigative subcommittee takes action.

"There's pretty good evidence this thing is being delayed deliberately" until after Congress adjourns, he said.

Other Democrats also have accused Republicans of stalling the investigation of whether Gingrich's college course ran afoul of tax laws. The committee's outside counsel, James M. Cole, prepared the report last month and panel members described it as a summary of evidence without conclusions.

McDermott told a news conference the evidence of stalling includes a yearlong delay in appointing the outside counsel and the approaching congressional adjournment when the committee has had the complaint for some two years.

"It's outrageous that it would be buried at the end of this session," McDermott said. "I don't expect them (the four subcommittee

members) to come to a resolution." McDermott said that he tried numerous times to persuade the chairman of the ethics committee, Rep. Nancy Johnson, R-Corn., to finish the case in 1995, so it wouldn't run through an election year.

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State briefs

Battle intensifies over military plans to raze subdivision

EL PASO (AP) — No one has made a formal offer yet for a military-owned subdivision whose pending demolition has angered housing advocates, a Fort Bliss spokeswoman says.

Community groups have protested the demolition because they say a critical housing shortage in El Paso could be alleviated by converting the 138-home Hayes subdivision at Fort Bliss to low-income housing.

Yet, post spokeswoman Jean Offutt said Thursday the Army is awaiting a bid to take over the duplexes, even as a coalition of advocacy groups renewed the call to stop the "flagrant waste."

The Army plans to demolish the housing and use the land for 130 new homes for military personnel.

The project was to begin in the 1997 fiscal year, which starts next month. But the military voluntarily delayed it to give others a chance to bid for the houses under the McKinney Act.

The federal law says the government must make unused property available at no cost for use in assisting the homeless. Those seeking the property must submit a proposal outlining what it would be used for and would have to pay for any desired remodeling or refurbishment.

Offutt noted that any group selected to take over the homes will have to remove them from the property.

But El Pasoans for Affordable Housing wants the military to locate the new housing elsewhere, leaving the existing houses and land for a project to provide affordable homes for the needy and jobs for the homeless and the disabled.

Woman who lost leg awarded \$3.5 million

FORT WORTH (AP) — Jurors have awarded \$3.5 million in damages to a woman who lost part of her left leg because she mistakenly injected saline, not antibiotics, into her body.

By the time the error was discovered, the infection had spread.

Baylor Medical Center at Grapevine was found grossly negligent Thursday in the care it provided Margaret Black, a former Hurst elementary teacher, who also is in danger of losing her right foot.

Black was awarded \$1.5 million in actual damages and \$2 million in punitive damages. State District Judge George Crowley will decide in about two weeks whether Baylor may also be liable for another \$600,000 under the state's Fair Trade and Deceptive Practices Act for charging Ms. Black for drugs she never got.

Baylor officials said they plan to "vigorously appeal" the 10-2 decision.



(Special photo)

Making plans for the upcoming Healthy Choice American Heart Walk are Tri-County Board members for the American Heart Association, from left, Debra Dancel, president; Chrys Smith, Tri-County chairperson for the Heart Walk; and Dee Barker, program director.

Registration set to begin for annual Healthy Choice American Heart Walk in Central Park

Plans are under way for the Healthy Choice American Heart Walk scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 5, at Central Park in Pampa.

Registration of walkers will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the walk beginning at 9 a.m.

This year the Heart Walk in Pampa will be held in memory of the late Police Chief Charles "Chuck" Flemings.

The Heart Walk is a two-mile walking event that benefits the American Heart Association's fight against heart disease by

raising funds to support life-saving research.

Sponsors for this year's Heart Walk are Amarillo Heart Group — Heart Beat sponsor, and Mr. Gatti's Pizza, kick-off and award sponsor. Associate sponsors include Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, Healthstar Medical Inc., Columbia Medical Center and ABBA Home Health.

There will be numerous booths, rest stops and goodie bags available for all walkers.

Walk organizers noted that

heart disease is the Tri-County area's number one killer.

Those interested in participating as a company, group or individual, or in making donations, may contact Debra Dancel, president of the Tri-County Board for the American Heart Association; Chrys Smith, Tri-County chairperson for the Healthy Choice American Heart Walk; or Dee Barker, program director, for more information. All may be contacted at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 665-0356.

Kidnapped Mexican journalist roughed up then freed

OAXACA, Mexico (AP) — A journalist kidnapped this week was freed Thursday by captors who he said grilled him about his contact with a new leftist rebel group.

Razhy Gonzalez Rodriguez, publisher of the leftist weekly Contrapunto, was kidnapped Tuesday. He told reporters he had been roughed up and threatened, but otherwise unharmed.

Gonzalez said he suspected his abductors belonged to some kind of police force or security agency.

Oaxaca journalists have said they suspect Gonzales' abduction is part of a campaign of harassment against reporters covering the emergence of the new rebel group, the Popular Revolutionary Army. Last Friday, he and others attended a clandestine news conference in Oaxaca called by the group.

Gonzalez said his captors threatened to kill him and his family if he didn't tell them

where the news conference was held and other details.

State attorney general Roberto Pedro Martinez said he knew nothing about state judicial police arresting Gonzalez, but he promised to investigate.

The rebels have been mounting surprise hit-and-run attacks on army and police targets since they surfaced June 28. At least 18 people have been killed in gun battles.

Republic of Texas member faces arrest for contempt

AUSTIN (AP) — A member of the Republic of Texas organization faces arrest for contempt of court after skipping a hearing before state District Judge Joseph Hart.

Joann Turner of Austin had been ordered to appear in court Thursday to discuss an earlier accusation of contempt, stemming from property liens reportedly filed by Turner after Hart ordered members of the organization not to file any more.

Liens, which show a legal or financial interest in properties, can tie up the sale or transfer of those properties.

Turner could not be reached for comment. No phone number was listed for her in Austin.

Turner and other members of the group have renounced their U.S. citizenship, arguing the annexation of Texas in 1845 was illegal and Texas remains an independent republic.

The group has used property liens and its own courts to lay claim on various properties, including most state-owned property.

Attorney General Dan Morales' office has promised action to resolve liens filed by the group and earlier this summer issued an opinion directing the state's county clerks to no longer accept liens from Republic members.

Hart also has ordered the group to cease the filings. But he has also denied a request from

Morales to be appointed a temporary receiver of the Republic and individual defendants in order to dissolve any bogus liens.

Hart urged the attorney general's office to find another method to accomplish its goal.

Morales' office took another course Thursday, arguing against liens filed by Turner against a moving and storage company, several judges and her former home, which is now owned by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

The FDIC repossessed Turner's property after she and husband, William Turner, failed to pay their loan.

The company hit with liens was asked by the FDIC to move and store the couple's belongings. The company, Alar Moving and Storage, later auctioned off the property after the couple failed to pay about \$15,000 in fees.

Hart signed orders Thursday dissolving the liens against the repossessed house, judges in the repossession case, Alar, and FDIC attorney Jody Hagemann.

Dessi Andrews, a friend of Turner's, said Turner's attempt to save her property has nothing to do with the Republic or Morales' case against the group.

"She's was fighting to keep her property," said Andrews, who described herself as a volunteer researcher for the Republic of Texas.

Captain accused of harassing crew

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston-area tugboat company has been sued after one of its male captains was accused of sexually harassing men in his crew.

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission sued Dickinson-based Stapp Towing Co. on Thursday.

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Galveston, said four crew members lost their jobs because of alleged harassment by William Howard Stapp Sr., a captain for the company.

The harassment involved "gross physical contact, and repeated offers for sex," said

Rudy L. Sustaita, senior trial attorney in the Houston office of the agency that enforces federal equal rights laws.

According to the lawsuit, the crew members "were discharged for reporting and opposing what they believed to be sexual harassment."

Company attorney Mike Davidson said Stapp Towing denies the allegations.

This is the first time the Houston office of the EEOC has filed a same-sex harassment suit, said Jim Sacher, the regional attorney for the EEOC's

Houston district office.

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Texas Editorials

San Antonio Express-News on anti-stalking law:

Legislators who will attempt to tighten the state's anti-stalking law - for the second time - must do more than just tinker with it.

The law's whole premise, which now is more a reactive approach than a preventive one, needs an overhaul.

That became apparent [last] Wednesday when the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruled the law unconstitutional.

Legislators should consider the suggestion of Bexar County District Attorney Steve Hilbig.

He believes stalking victims should be allowed to seek protective orders, which can be used now only in family violence cases.

Under protective orders, judges define specific limits. The appeals court pointed out this is something the stalking law continues to lack.

Violation of a protective order is a criminal offense, albeit only a Class A misdemeanor. The protective order also is less cumbersome than the restraining order, which is a civil remedy available to victims of harassment, Hilbig explained.

To obtain a restraining order, the victim of a harasser would have to hire a private lawyer and go to court before a judge could issue the order. If the harasser violates the order, the victim must again employ the lawyer to ask the judge to find the perpetrator in contempt of court.

A protective order, Hilbig argues, is easier to get, and its violation also is more easily proved.

Proposals similar to Hilbig's were shot down in 1993. Critics complained that extending protective orders to stalking victims who may not be related to their harassers would clog up the criminal justice system, particularly the offices of district attorneys across the state.

Hilbig doesn't buy the argument, noting that the system should prevent unacceptable behavior rather than react to it after it happens.

He added, "If we think something will work, then let's use it." He's right. Now if legislators can only be convinced.

The Victoria Advocate on Congress adjournment:

Republican leaders, new at this task, will find it hard to adjourn Congress in time to leave a month before Election Day, as they have promised.

While the GOP has been skilled so far at deploying its majorities, this is the time when the minority controls the action. The legislative chessboard is crowded with lone wolves, gadflies, power-seekers, extortionists and grandstanders. As the clock runs down, dissent and delay become potent strategies.

Having kept their members in Washington for all of 1995, Republican leaders are desperate to send them home to appeal for votes from suspicious constituents. They have vowed to make all necessary compromises to fund the government by the Oct. 1 deadline, and any other legislation that clears is a bonus. Here's the trouble: The more powerful and widespread the zeal to depart, the more tempting an opportunity it presents to someone who can block action.

Recall the scene in 1984, another election year with an incumbent president running ahead in the polls. The House left town in mid-afternoon Oct. 11, and by midnight the few remaining senators were giving grandiloquent tributes to departing colleagues.

This Congress will be especially tricky to bring to closure. Neither the Senate nor the House has leaders with any experience in this business. Get-out-of-town scenarios often depend on leaving decisions to a small group of trusted negotiators, but distrust runs deep in this bad-blooded Congress. And President Clinton, running against "the Gingrich Congress," is free to threaten vetoes and bash it from the campaign trail while its members squirm in Washington.

The formula for GOP leaders to achieve adjournment may be to suppress their right wing for the first time, capitulate in most areas to Clinton (who will probably raise the price of compromise), ignore GOP presidential nominee Bob Dole and placate as many Democrats as possible. Even so, they have little defense against legislative hostage-takers in the final hours.

This is a formula for armistice, not victory. But the only other choices are to suffer another suicidal government shutdown, punt matters over to an absurd lame duck session, or stew in hated Washington as Election Day draws near.

Viewpoints

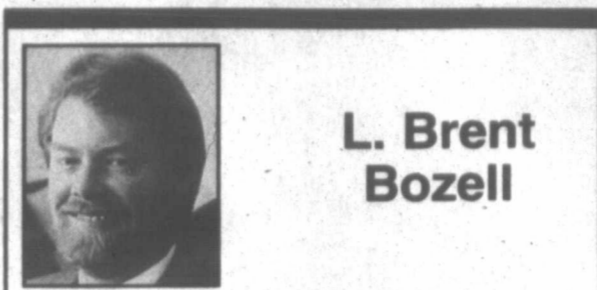
PBS: Virtue is back on the air

OK, so I'm a critic of the Public Broadcasting Service. Its leftist political bias is persistent and long-standing. In the age of cable, it's superfluous and, therefore, a waste of scarce taxpayer money. And the principle is wrong to begin with: The government ought not to be in the business of broadcast network programming. The Gingrich revolutionaries had the opportunity to privatize PBS through legislative fiat, but in the wake of a blistering lobbying campaign, they blinked. The privatization effort did get someone's attention, though, and the quality of PBS programs has improved. Witness *Adventures from the Book of Virtues*.

The series, which aired episodes Sept. 2 through the Sept. 4 from 8 to 9 p.m. Eastern time, with more new installments to be broadcast in January, is an animated cartoon adaptation of William Bennett's best-selling anthology. In the TV version, wise talking animals teach two children, eleven-year-old Zach and ten-year-old Annie, two lessons every hour about work, honesty and the like.

Sure, making Annie an American Indian smacks of a small sop to the politically correct crowd, but this choice doesn't dilute the show's message in any meaningful way. And that's about the most negative thing that can be said about the series.

The segment on compassion illustrates the point. The animals recount to Zach and Annie the story of three children looking after their elderly mother, motivated not by concern for her welfare but by greed, the desire to inherit her treasure box after her death. After the woman passes away, the story goes, her children open the box only to find glass and, at the bottom, a note reading, "Honor thy father and mother." Ashamed, the children dedicate themselves to becoming more considerate of the feelings of others. To further reinforce the theme, the tale of the Good Samaritan and the



L. Brent Bozell

fable of Androcles and the lion are told.

This material, dealing explicitly with ethics, conscience and character, is especially striking when contrasted with the values taught during the same time slot on the commercial networks. Last season between 8 and 9 p.m., during what not so long ago was known as the "family hour," vulgarity, promiscuity, disrespect for authority and general social irresponsibility were common. Shows like *Friends*, *Roseanne* and *Martin* are putrid enough in a vacuum, but *Adventures* serves as a spotlight, fully exposing the moral rot that has infected so much of the programming aimed at young audiences.

In fact, some of the networks that strive to out-outrage each other with series like those three shunned this eminently worthy family program. *Adventures* Executive Producer Bruce Johnson says that while NBC was not approached, CBS gave the show the thumbs-down and ABC was interested in it - only as daytime programming. Oddly, of the major commercial networks, it was Fox, which made its name belching forth steamy (*Melrose Place*) and crass (*Married ... With Children*) fare, that came closest to airing *Adventures* where Johnson insisted - in prime time. (It should be noted that HBO and the Family Channel also were interested in *Adventures*.)

It wasn't the prospect of political controversy that made the networks shy away. Though Bennett is a Republican, *Adventures* is non-ideological. Don't take my word for it; ask Edward Asner, who is as vehemently leftist as anyone in Hollywood yet provided one of the voices for a January episode. Other outspoken liberals, like Ed Begley Jr., Kathy Najimy and Paula Poundstone, have voiced characters as well.

The Book of Virtues, and now its television adaptation, do not advance a political agenda. Rather, they outline a tradition containing thousands of years' worth of wisdom, and in so doing provide the best possible response to the moral relativism that has so polluted the popular culture. The stories in *Adventures*, Johnson says, "illustrate something that connects and resonates within the human psyche, whether it's the 1890s, the 1990s or even the 2190s." In other words, they are timeless - another contrast with the prime-time plot lines on the networks, which strive for trendiness and ultimately do nothing for the public good.

So, why did the networks turn *Adventures* down for their prime-time lineups? Several months ago, I was meeting with a prominent California businessman, discussing the need to restore positive values to entertainment television. "Why is everyone so afraid," he interrupted at one point, "to use the right word: virtues?" He was, of course, correct - and it explains the reluctance so many in Hollywood have to explore topics they see as controversial. So kudos to PBS and its sponsors: CIGNA, the Arthur Vining Davis Foundation and the John M. Olin Foundation. Yes, PBS also used federal funds for the project. To the extent that the American taxpayer is forced to pay for PBS, I choose to believe that the totality of my tax bill was devoted to this show.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Sept. 20, the 264th day of 1996. There are 102 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 20, 1519, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan set out from Spain on a voyage to find a western passage to the Spice Islands in Indonesia. Magellan was killed en route, but one of his ships eventually circumnavigated the world.

On this date:

In 1870, Italian troops took control of the Papal States, leading to the unification of Italy.

In 1881, Chester A. Arthur was sworn in as the 21st president of the United States, succeeding James A. Garfield, who had been assassinated.

In 1947, former New York City Mayor Fiorello La Guardia died.

In 1962, black student James Meredith was blocked from enrolling at the University of Mississippi by Gov. Ross R. Barnett. (Meredith was later admitted.)

In 1963, in a speech to the U.N. General Assembly, President Kennedy proposed a joint U.S.-Soviet expedition to the moon.

In 1973, in their so-called "battle of the sexes," tennis star Billie Jean King defeated Bobby Riggs in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3, at the Houston Astrodome.

In 1976, Playboy magazine released an interview in which Democratic presidential nominee Jimmy Carter admitted he'd

"looked on a lot of women with lust."

In 1984, a suicide car bomber attacked the U.S. Embassy annex in north Beirut, killing a dozen people.

Ten years ago: Secretary of State George P. Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze reported progress after talks in Washington on preparations for a second summit between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Five years ago: U.N. weapons inspectors left Bahrain for Iraq to renew their search for Iraqi weapons of mass destruction. On Capitol Hill, Senate hearings on the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court concluded.

One year ago: In a move that stunned Wall Street, AT&T Corp. announced it was splitting into three companies. Bosnian Serb rebels pulled back enough heavy weapons from around Sarajevo to keep NATO airstrikes at bay. The House voted to drop the national speed limit and let states decide how fast people should drive.

Today's Birthdays: Boston Celtics President Red Auerbach is 79. Actress Peg Phillips is 78. Singer Gogi Grant is 72. Psychologist Joyce Brothers is 68. Actress-comedian Anne Meara is 67. Actress Sophia Loren is 62. Former hockey player Guy Lafleur is 45. Actor Crispin Glover is 32. Rock singers Gunnar Nelson and Matthew Nelson are 29.

Speaker's enthusiasm optimistic

The speaker is optimistic. "We're going to win," he told me. "This election is going to be about the future. Our bridge to the future leads to opportunity and freedom. Their bridge to the future is a toll bridge that leads to a swamp."

Autumn advertising and the presidential debates will have to do some amazing work if Bob Dole is to vindicate that prediction. "Truman did it," Newt Gingrich insists. But were polls as accurate then? The speaker shrugs and cites the 1980 race. Jimmy Carter led in the polls until the final debate, which changed everything dramatically. Ronald Reagan made up ten points almost overnight. "Eight weeks is plenty of time," he says soothingly. In New Jersey, Christine Todd Whitman's numbers were terrible until the very end. So were Michigan Gov. John Engler's.

Speaker Gingrich is surely the most maligned man in American politics today. He is routinely described as "extreme" by a press corps that is permanently hostile. But he is not an extremist, not even close. He is a dreamer.

Still, his optimism - at this moment - looks more courageous than realistic.

He maintains that because the election will be about pocketbook issues, i.e., the 15% tax cut, about cutting government waste and about drugs, Dole is sure to win. "It isn't that hard," he says as his interlocutor knits her brow.

Newt Gingrich has never lost faith in the judgment of the electorate. He believes the American people to be wise and fair (if not the elite media). "When our people go back to their districts and tell folks that we wouldn't cut their Medicare - that it's



Mona Charen

ally cut 10% out of the operating budget of the legislative branch? Remember President Clinton's promise to cut the White House staff by 25%? It didn't actually happen as advertised. President Clinton made cuts all right, but most of the 350 or so people who lost their jobs were non-political, career staffers in the Office of Drug Control Policy, the Office of Presidential Correspondence and the (ahem) travel office. The Clinton administration made no cuts in political appointees and, in fact, requested more funding for those positions.

Even if Gingrich turns out to be right about 1996 - two months is a long time in politics - there is still reason to be dismayed by President Clinton's standing with the American people. The Dick Morris scandal is just the latest tawdry installment in the all-too-long-running soap opera called the Clinton administration. The worst part is not that a Clinton friend's behavior was so sordid (though this president has surrounded himself with more scoundrels than any president since Ulysses Grant), but that the president himself, the first lady and the vice president called to console Morris!

How can large numbers of Americans nevertheless tell pollsters that they plan to vote for President Clinton? Here's my theory: People are much too cynical. They think everyone in Washington is corrupt and untrustworthy. And so, while they see Clinton's character flaws clearly, it is hard to convince them that anyone is better.

That cynicism is unfounded. There are honorable people in politics - and Dole is one of them. It would be a very great shame if cynicism prevented fair minded voters from perceiving that

Debate in midst of united front?

Politics doesn't stop at the water's edge, despite that catchy adage about foreign policy unity. Even the author of that vintage line added that every overseas issue should be totally debated - just as President Clinton's Iraq course is being argued now.

In theory, at least, partisan debate is a course toward solidarity.

That's an improbable outcome in this case, with a presidential election seven weeks away. The dispute over what to do about Saddam Hussein will go on. Indeed, neither Republicans nor Clinton's Democrats are fully agreed among themselves on what should be done.

It is a political role reversal of the Iraq policy debate nearly six years ago, before President Bush ordered, and won, the Gulf War to force Iraq out of Kuwait.

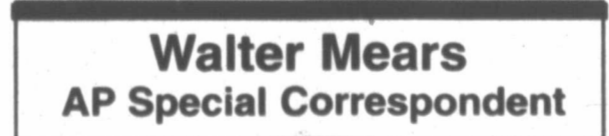
Congressional Democrats were the skeptics then, hesitant about the use of force, although some of those same critics later questioned whether Bush had gone far enough, ending the conflict short of ousting Saddam.

That's being repeated now. Bush calls it annoying revisionism about an operation in which the goal was to repel Iraqi aggression, not drive on to Baghdad to topple the regime.

At the same time, the former president is backing Clinton, in the missile strikes Sept. 3 and 4 against Iraqi air defense sites, and in the reinforced U.S. military presence since.

"The president will have my support as long as one American is in harm's way," Bush said.

Bob Dole, the Republican nominee opposing Clinton, has been cautious in dealing with Clinton's handling of the issue. "I've commented very little about Iraq because I don't want it to appear that Bob Dole was playing politics, and of



Walter Mears
AP Special Correspondent

course, he shouldn't play politics, either," Dole said in an ABC interview.

Dole did say that he would not back away from action against Saddam for lack of allied support, and that the punishment America inflicts should be more than pinpricks.

He said Clinton ought to define his policy and his goals, and should consult more closely with Congress about them. The latter is a recurring complaint, and not only from Republicans. While Democratic Sen. Patrick J. Leahy of Vermont complained at partisan sniping, he also said this administration consults less with Congress than its predecessors.

Republicans are, predictably, more vehement, saying there has been no consultation, no explanation, and no clear policy for the long term.

The complaint is familiar. Bush said he did not need congressional permission to wage the Gulf War, although he got it, over Democratic opposition, in 1991. At that point, he'd already sent U.S. forces to the region.

The White House is offering consultation with Congress, while taking the position Bush took, that Clinton needs no authorization to take further military action.

Clinton said Saturday that U.S. policy now is to contain Saddam, reduce the threat he poses in the Persian Gulf region, and make him "pay a price when he acts recklessly." The president said he seeks no confrontation with

Saddam. "We never did and we don't now."

But there is political confrontation at home. That's inevitable in a campaign setting. Ronald Reagan said he wouldn't make a partisan issue of the Iran hostage crisis that beset President Jimmy Carter in 1980, but he did, saying the administration had mishandled foreign policy and created the kidnap situation. In 1968, Richard Nixon said there could be only one president at a time, and that he wouldn't second-guess Lyndon Johnson on Vietnam - and added that new leadership not tied to past mistakes could end the war.

"It used to be that foreign and security policy stopped at the water's edge," James A. Baker III, Bush's secretary of state, told a Senate hearing recently. "Unfortunately, that's not the case ..."

"The idea that somehow Republicans should not feel free to speak their minds is a canard that just won't wash," Baker said.

Actually, there's been significant home front dissent to every American war except World War II, and only Pearl Harbor ended it then.

Indeed, Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan, the converted Republican isolationist who wrote the script for bipartisanship in foreign policy 50 years ago, left room for the kind of debate Republicans say is their right and duty now.

Vandenberg said bipartisanship meant a mutual effort "to unite our official voice at the water's edge so that America speaks with maximum authority against those who would divide and conquer us ..."

But he said that does not mean surrendering free debate.

And Vandenberg said the opposition party, Republicans then as now, are obligated to see that it occurs.

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ABC sitcom center of attention, focus of primetime advertising controversy

NEW YORK (AP) — Madison Avenue is staying tuned to *Ellen* these days as the ABC sitcom begins dropping hints its title character may be a lesbian.

Advertising buyers say some sponsors may avoid the show if Ellen comes out of the closet, but they suspect ABC could find others to step in. The reaction, they say, depends on how the issue is handled.

If Ellen gets a girlfriend and "the two of them are going to the zoo together, it's not a problem," said Paul Schulman, who specializes in buying network advertising time. "If they are in bed together, it's a problem."

The series has become the television season's hottest topic of conversation since TV Guide reported last week that the lead character, played by Ellen DeGeneres, might come out as a lesbian this season.

While gay characters have been turning up more frequently in supporting roles on TV, no network show has ever had a homosexual central character.

The Walt Disney Co., which produces the series and owns ABC, has refused to comment on the report. But the season's opening episode on Wednesday night heightened speculation that the series may be headed in that direction.

In the episode's opening scene, Ellen Morgan, having just woken up and looking frowsy in her robe, serenades herself in the bathroom mirror: "I feel pretty, I feel pretty, I feel pretty and witty and — whereupon she dips her toothbrush under the faucet, only to discover there's no

water. Instead of completing the lyric as written — "gay" — she says, "Hey!"

Later in the show, a real estate agent showing Ellen and a friend slides of new homes holds a girl doll against the screen and says, "Just think, Ellen, this could be you, walking up to your new home." Then the agent produces a boy doll, and says: "And here's your husband coming home from work."

"Oh, I think that puppet's in the wrong show," Ellen replies.

The show finished second in its 8 p.m. time slot in the national ratings with an 8.9 rating compared with 10.9 for *The Nanny* on CBS and 7.8 for *Wings* on NBC. Overnight ratings from big markets released earlier had *Ellen* narrowly ahead. A national ratings point is equal to 970,000 TV homes.

ABC said there have been no defections among advertisers since the TV Guide report.

Among the show's advertisers in the New York area are Microsoft, Intel, Sears, J.C. Penney, Toyota, Nabisco and General Mills.

J.C. Penney and Toyota said they would await developments before deciding if they should change their plans. Pepsi-Cola and Coca-Cola — each scheduled to advertise on the show later in the year — released similar statements.

Spokesmen for both Microsoft and Intel said they would continue their advertising regardless of the plot developments.

The Rev. Donald Wildmon, a frequent critic of sex and violence on television and head of the American Family Association, said it

would be a "troubling moment in network programming" if the lead character were revealed to be homosexual.

Wildmon threatened to organize a boycott of the show's advertisers if it happens. He said those advertisers that stay with *Ellen* will "reveal their true allegiances to themes which gnaw at traditional family values."

But Gene DeWitt, who heads his own media buying service, said companies are more aware of the economic muscle of the gay community and pursue that audience.

"I wonder if, except for a few overly sensitive advertisers, whether it really is an issue," he said.

John Lazarus, who heads network ad buying at Bozell's BJK&E Media Group, said the discussion about *Ellen* reminds him of the controversy that surrounded *NYPD Blue*, which debuted a few years ago promising to stretch television's boundaries with nudity and rough talk.

Lazarus said that the program had a hard time attracting advertisers but that the controversy has quieted, and "most advertisers have no problem with that show now."

Jon Mandel, who heads network broadcast buying for Grey Advertising, said an openly gay lead character may drive "one or two" advertisers away.

If being a lesbian becomes the primary focus of the show, he said, that could turn off advertisers. But if the character "happens to be gay just like she happens to have blonde hair, that would not be a problem."

Nation briefs

Report: Campbell to offer mail-order meals

NEW YORK (AP) — Campbell Soup Co. will soon add turkey sandwiches, pasta and meatloaf to its canned soup business with a new line of frozen mail-order meals intended to fight high blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes.

The Camden, N.J.-based company will begin test-marketing the program in January in Ohio, the newspaper said. The world's largest soup maker has been secretly developing the product for five years with the American Heart Association and the American Diabetes Association, the *Times* said.

The "Intelligent Cuisine" meal program, promoted as the first one proven to help the 60 million Americans who have high blood pressure, high cholesterol and high blood sugar, will be presented to not only individual customers but also to primary care physicians and cardiologists.

The frozen breakfasts, lunches and dinners will be delivered to customers' homes by the United Parcel Service. Entrees include pastas and hot open-faced turkey sandwiches, as well as grilled chicken, sirloin beef tips and meatloaf. Customers will be allowed to choose weekly menus from 40 items.

to treat mostly people with mild to moderate forms of the crippling disease of the central nervous system. The other two drugs, both new, are similar to each other.

Company transforms junk into hip fashions

PITTSBURGH (AP) — In a plastic shopping bag behind a bar lies a pungent pile of bottle caps, deposited one by one by bartender Sue Bakaj as she serves beer to rowdy college students.

Today the caps are trash. Tomorrow they'll be hip fashion statements, adorning belts and purses sold for \$65 apiece at retailers such as Giorgio Beverly Hills, Urban Outfitters and Nordstrom's department stores.

And the popularity of recycled accessories — with fans such as Brooke Shields, Chelsea Clinton and the cast of the TV sitcom *Friends* — will push sales to an estimated \$4 million this year for Littlearth Productions, which turns the trash into fashion, said co-founder Rob Brandege.

Started three years ago in the basement of a suburban Pittsburgh home, the company uses raw materials — bottle caps, hubs caps, rubber tires — to make their belts, checkbook covers, pocketbooks,

photo albums and duffel bags.

"You don't know whose license plate you have around your neck. But it's kind of fun to think that it's off the road and around your

shoulder," said Susan Subtle Dintenfuss, who uses some Littlearth products in a fashion-and-art show she produced for museums nationwide.

Former Houston exec claims ties with non-existent nation

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Houston executive Leon Melchizedek, the subject of a complicated investigation in the 1980s, has resurfaced as the self-professed former president of a non-existent island nation.

According to the *Houston Chronicle*, state insurance and securities regulators say Hooten ran several companies backed by millions of dollars in bonds issued by the fictitious Dominion of Melchizedek.

Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer said he has ordered Hooten and three related entities to stop doing business in Texas. He said Hooten's firms are not licensed to do business in Texas.

Unsuspecting businessmen paid Hooten for financial guarantees, then lost their investments when Hooten didn't back up letters of credit and guaranty bonds, regulators said.

"Hooten claimed more than \$100 million in assets with which to back these letters of credit," according to an affidavit filed in a Harris County state district court by John Fahy, an enforcement lawyer for the State Securities Board.

Among the assets claimed by Hooten were a \$15 million certificate of deposit from the Asia

Pacific Bank of the Dominion of Melchizedek, \$10 million in bonds issued by Melchizedek and \$20 million in bearer bonds from the St. Charles University in Louisiana, signed by Hooten as president, Fahy said.

The Texas Department of Insurance said the university has no assets, and Asia Pacific Bank has been ordered in another jurisdiction to stop presenting itself as a bank.

Fahy said Hooten, the former chief executive of Member Services Corp., told him in 1994 that he was president of Melchizedek, supposedly an island in the South Pacific.

Hooten first achieved notice in Houston business circles in the late 1980s when Members Services gobbled up several smaller companies. Hooten claimed the company, which reported 1989 revenues of \$3.8 million, was on its way to being a \$100 million company.

Hooten resigned in 1990 after the corporation sued him and Betty Hooten, then his wife, accusing them of converting company securities to their names. Members later dropped the lawsuit against the Hootens and agreed to buy back 2 million shares of its common stock held by Hooten.

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The drug, copolymer 1, got the go-ahead Thursday from an advisory panel of doctors and other scientists. The Food and Drug Administration usually follows such recommendations.

If approved, the drug would become the second type available

Mysterious death linked to infamous Michigan doctor

IONIA, Mich. (AP) — A 54-year-old woman who died last month may have committed suicide with help from Dr. Jack Kevorkian, say authorities who are investigating whether charges should be filed.

Loretta Peabody, who had multiple sclerosis, was visited in her home by the assisted-suicide advocate and his assistant Janet Good on Aug. 30, Ionia County Prosecutor Raymond Voet said Thursday.

"Dr. Kevorkian and Mrs. Good 'counseled' Mrs. Peabody and later were alone with Mrs. Peabody in her bedroom," Voet said. "Upon Kevorkian and Good's exit from the room, Mrs. Peabody was dead."

Voet said he will ask a grand jury to determine whether charges should be filed. Kevorkian has already been acquitted of assisted-suicide charges at three trials.

County authorities began investigating Peabody's death after they saw her on a videotape police seized Sept. 6 while Kevorkian was meeting with a Fresno, Calif., woman at a suburban Detroit motel.

The seized videotape shows Kevorkian, who routinely tapes interviews with people seeking his help in dying, talking with Peabody and her husband, Joseph.

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Religion

Methodists to celebrate 90 years in Pampa

By DARLENE BIRKES
Guest Writer

First United Methodists will celebrate their 90th anniversary Sunday, Sept. 29 with special services at 10:30 a.m. by Dr. Kenneth Wyatt of Tulia, Methodist pastor and recognized religious and western artist.

A luncheon and dedication of a Texas historical marker will follow. The church, in conjunction with Pampa Fine Arts Association, will present a special exhibit of Wyatt art in Lovett Memorial Auditorium from 2 until 5:30 p.m. The art show is open to the public.

During the luncheon, recognition will be made of FUMC members for 50 years or more. Mary McDaniel will present historical notes along with masters of ceremonies Don Lane and Doug Carmichael.

The church-sponsored Boy Scout Troop 480 will conduct the flag ceremony preceding the dedication of the marker by County Judge Richard Peet. Lillian Mullinax, daughter of the contractor for the present church building begun in 1925 at the Foster and Ballard corner, will unveil the marker.

At 6:30 p.m., a film on John Wesley, founder of Methodism in the 18th century, will be shown. An ice cream social sponsored by the Methodist Men will conclude the day's activities.

It was on Sept. 29, 1906, that a group of five Methodists met to begin the first denominational church organized in Pampa. The charter members were Oscar and Gertrude Cousins and W.W. and Ella Harrah with son Lee. These five had faith in Jesus' promise: "For where two or three are gathered together in My name there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20)

The organizing minister was J.A. Laney, pastor of the Miami Methodist church. The church was recorded as the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The group first met at the Johnson Mercantile Building at Cuyler and Foster streets, 105 N. Cuyler. Later they had services in the school. In 1908, a lot was purchased and another donated by the White Deer Lane Co. at the southeast corner of Foster and Starkweather streets.

A one room white church was built with a steeple above the entrance. The arched windows were of flowered opaque glass. The walls had wainscoting midway up of grooved lumber varnished in natural pine. There was a raised platform for the choir and pulpit. Charter member Lee Harrah, who served the church faithfully until his death in 1990, helped his father put up hail screens on the windows and a hitching rack for horses as his first church project.

The church expanded and became L-shaped in 1913, as Pampa's population increased. Mrs. W.G. (Harriet) Tinsley rode around the community in her horse and buggy recruiting members for the Ladies Aid Society, which has a had a variety of name changes through the years, although the women's mission purpose remained the same.

A temporary tabernacle for a two-week revival was constructed in 1923 at the corner of Cuyler and Francis streets. The event pointed out the need for a larger building. The present church site was purchased in 1924 just before the population boom and oil discovery. Mullinax drew up the plans and did much of the manual work himself, along with Joe Shelton and Lee Harrah who helped dig the basement.

The building was first a basement church, and after sufficient funds became available, the congregation built the sanctuary, completed in 1928 at a cost of \$100,000. Remodeling and additions have continued through the years. In 1950 the education building and chapel were completed, and by 1980 the entire block belonged to the church

membership. In 1934 during the pastorate of Rev. Gaston Foote, church members assisted in organizing two mission churches. They were McCullough, later moved to 511 N. Hobart and renamed St. Paul United Methodist. The second, Harrah Methodist, became the interdenominational church, The Carpenter's House in 1988.

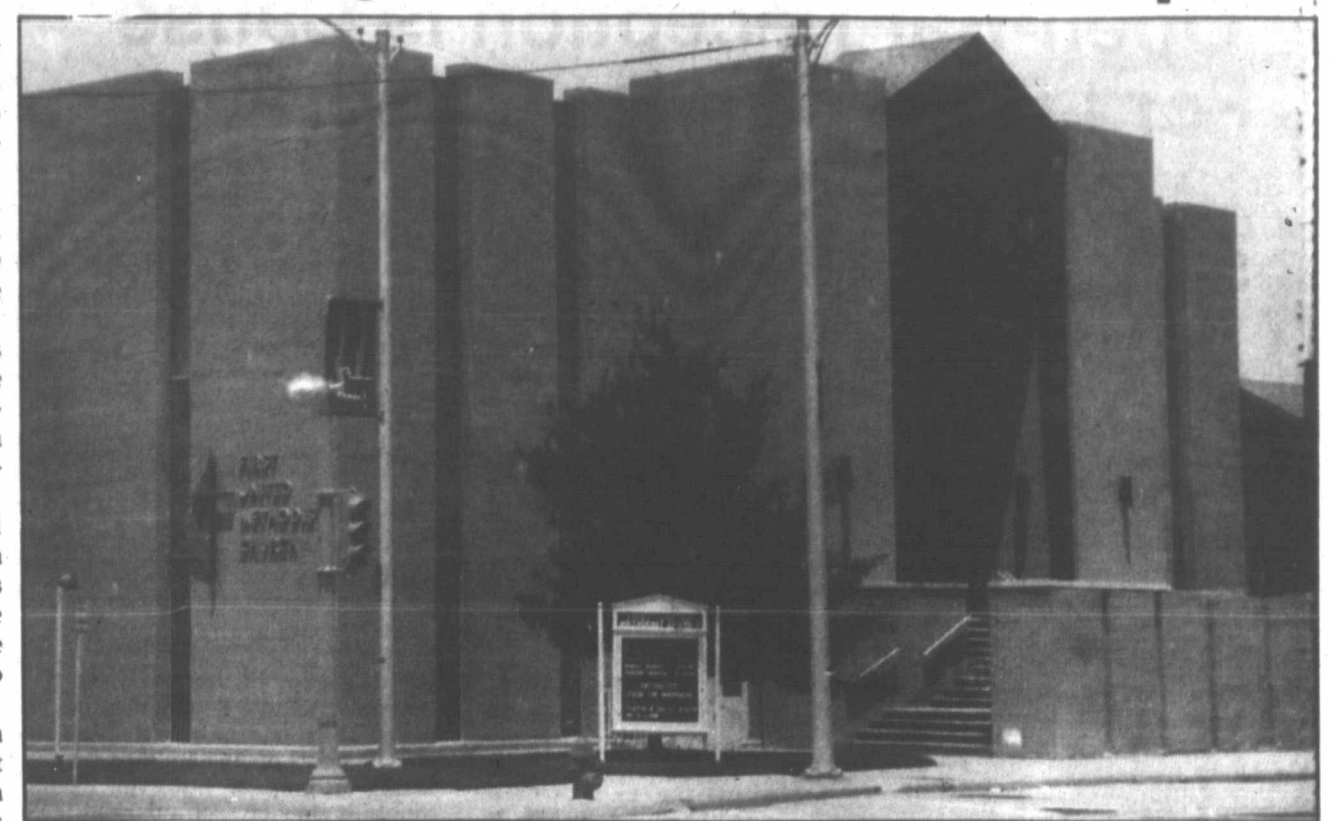
After a new parsonage was purchased at 1201 Williston, the original brick parsonage was converted into the senior high department. The current parsonage is at 1923 Holly.

The education building and chapel were dedicated in 1950. In 1973 a major renovation was begun to provide a ramp entrance on the north. Major changes were also made in the sanctuary and to the exterior of the building.

Music has always been an important part of the Methodist worship services, beginning with the music written by founders John and Charles Wesley in the 18th century. Piano, organ and instrumental specials are often included. The present Allen, three-manual digital-computer organ in the sanctuary was donated by the late Joe Gordon in memory of his wife Anna Lee. The pipe organ in the chapel was presented in the 1950s by Inez Carter in memory of her mother, Phoebe Worley.

Music directors included May Foreman Carr, have assisted with the community concerts of the "Messiah" a number of years, sometimes with the assistance of the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra. The members members of the Chancel Choir include John Skelly who began in 1934 and Mary McDaniel in 1937.

Many traditions in the church have included the children's Christmas programs which began with presentation of candy and fruit in the early years and evolved into a Christmas pageant. The church sponsors many students, primary age through senior, at summer camps at the Methodist campsite in Ceta



First United Methodist Church, Foster and Ballard. (Special photo)

Canyon. Vacation Bible school session are held each summer. Several college scholarships are awarded annually and donations are made to area colleges. The church sponsors Boy Scout Troop 480, organized Nov. 28, 1927, and the oldest continually organized troop in Pampa.

Morning church services have been broadcast over KPND radio since the early 1950s as a service to the shut-ins and the community.

The church has been a catalyst for keeping activities centered in downtown Pampa. The church first housed the Pampa library, which at one time consisted of only a shelf of books, with volunteers as the first librarians.

The Pampa Lions Club and the Pampa Kiwanis Club have held their weekly noon meetings in the church basement since before World War II. During the war, church women saved their own ration coupons to help with the meals.

The Methodist women began

their first missionary organization in 1908. Mrs. Walter Purviance, president 14 years, was awarded the first honorary membership.

The first Mother's Day Out program was initiated by Reed Echols in 1970, and since the program has grown to two days a week, Wednesday and Friday. The program includes a variety of activities for babies to preschoolers. A part time church staff member supervises the program, open to the community.

Since 1980 the kitchen staff has been preparing the hot lunches for Meals on Wheels program. Financed by the United Way and others, this program has grown to serve over 180 in the Pampa area with hot meals five days a week. The church provides an office and supply room for Meals on Wheels.

Another outreach program has been the monthly birthday parties held at the nursing homes

since 1968, when they were initiated by Mrs. J.B. Massa, Mrs. W.S. Exley and the Rev. Harry Vanderpool.

Several of the membership are involved in the Kairos and Rule Jordan prison ministry and the Walk to Emmaus spiritual program.

For many years the kitchen staff served breakfasts, luncheons and dinners for a variety of community events and organizations as the American Red Cross, Scouts, civic and high school groups.

The church staff includes Dr. R.L. Kirk, pastor; Jeff Knowles, youth minister; Virgil Smith, visitation minister; Cindy Theis, secretary; Billie Hupp, financial secretary; Suzanne Wood, chancel choir director; Donnic Bennett, organist; Beverly Alexander, child care and Mother's Day Out; Thomas Auwen, maintenance superintendent; Frank Rigney, custodian.

Coming events



Dr. Fred Hartman

PAMPA - The Bible Church of Pampa, 300 W. Browning, is to host its fall Bible conference on Sept. 21 and 22.

The theme of the conference is "Israel" What is Really Going On?"

Guest speaker is to be Dr. Fred Hartman, former national director for the Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry Inc. and contributing editor of *Israel, My Glory*.

The conference will be held in four sessions with a nursery provided at each session. "Who Has a Right to the

Land?" a discussion of Biblical promises, Israeli and Arab claims, the Palestinian question and the future is set for 7 p.m. Sept. 21.

"The Necessity of the Tribulation and Millennium" will be held at 9:45 a.m. Sept. 22 followed by "The New Russian/Islamic Connection and Israel" at 10:50 a.m.

The conference will conclude at 7 p.m. Sept. 22 with a discussion on "The Future of Jerusalem."

For more information call Bible Church, 669-2923. The public is invited.

PAMPA - Senior Saints Choir of the First United Methodist church, Foster and Ballard, is open to anyone over 50 who enjoys singing. The choir meets at 1:30 p.m. Thursdays in the choir room of the main building.

The group is preparing for the all-church Christmas program to be given Sunday, Dec. 15. They are also preparing songs for fall worship services.

The fall director is Rochelle Lacy. A director for the spring season is being sought.

PAMPA - Macedonia First

Baptist Church, 441 Elm, is to host its fellowship breakfast beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21. The menu includes pancakes, toast, eggs, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee.

The Rev. I.L. Patrick and church family invites the public. Donations accepted. For more information call 665-4926.

PAMPA - Calvary Baptist church, 900 E. 23rd, will host an adult choir festival at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22. The festival will take place in the church's worship center. Nine choirs from area Southern Baptist Churches will participate.

Dr. Scott Herrington, director of choral activities at Wayland Baptist University, will direct a combined choir at the end of the concert. The Singing Women of Texas will sing two selections.

Pampa churches participating are First Baptist, Central Baptist, Calvary Baptist and Highland Baptist. Other participants include Fairlanes Baptist, Bunavista Baptist, Central Baptist, Borger; First Baptist, Panhandle; and First Baptist, Groom.

FROM THE BACK PEW

Alive. Dead. Happy. Sad. In the twinkling of an eye, in the drop of a hat, before you can say "jack rabbit" a life is changed. Where there was once togetherness, there is loneliness. Where people led orderly lives, one life is gone and there is a raggedness that begs to be smoothed over by time.

As a police reporter as I see up close how life changes in a flash for people.

Their loved one went to the store for milk only never to return. Instead, they got a Department of Public Safety trooper who says, "Ma'am, I have some bad news."

He didn't even bring a jug of milk.

I've talked to and cried with the mothers of crime victims and the mothers of the accused. One woman's son is dead, another

woman's son is a killer. Either way, those women's lives changed that day in the flash of pistol muzzle.

Where there was life there is now death and all so fast. So many times in these last few years, I've heard the voices of paramedics struggle to resuscitate Code 99s - unconscious, unresponsive patients.

Sometimes the patient is a granny sick in bed, sometimes middle aged men with sudden heart attacks, and yes, sometimes, they are babies.

And just while EMTs are barking vital signs over the radio, life is ebbing leaving a family who may not have had a clue their Daddy was sick until he was dead.

And their lives changed in a heartbeat.

A couple of years ago, my aunt

was killed in a head on car crash on an icy Georgia road. Her son heard the call for emergency crews over his police radio. He knew his mother was dead because he knew where she was headed - to her sister's house - and he knew the route. His life, and the lives his cousin and my uncle changed that day all because Aunt Ona Belle wanted to see her sister and the roads were slick.

There is no turning back the clock. We can't make Aunt Ona Belle stay home nor the driver of the other car. We can't undo the weather.

I don't know what is spiritual about all this except I believe our lives are planned out by a God who has chosen us from the foundations of the earth. And because of that tragedy doesn't make me bitter, but it does break my heart.

Religion briefs

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Public schools need to teach about religion in an academic format that balances the concerns of spiritual promoters and civil libertarians, a representative from the Freedom Forum says.

Schools must find a fair way to explain religion's influence — on history, economics, literature, music and other subjects — without advocating any particular beliefs, said Oliver Thomas of the forum's First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt University.

Thomas, a lawyer and Baptist minister who has worked with more than 300 school districts on

religion issues, said schools must neither evangelize nor ignore religion entirely.

"Our job is to find a better way, not go back to the old way where you just push religion in and force people or proselytize, and not go to the way that some on one extreme would have, that we don't mention religion at all in the public school system," Thomas said.

About 100 leaders from various churches, schools and the community attended the session, sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Thomas said compromise and

discussion will help schools resolve conflicts over religious holidays, religion in the curriculum and prayer in the classroom.

BGC recommends Cooperative Program budget

DALLAS - The Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board voted Sept. 10 to recommend a 1997 Texas Baptist Cooperative Program budget of \$43.5 million, including more than \$1.5 million to help establish new churches.

The budget proposal from the BGCT Administrative Committee, an increase of \$811,375 (1.9 percent) over the 1996 budget, is subject to approval by messengers to the annual state convention slated for Nov. 11-12 at Fort Worth.

In addition to \$1,575,940 for new church support, the budget includes: \$10 million-plus to spread the gospel and strengthen churches; \$5.6 million-plus to minister through health care, child care and care of the elderly; about \$20 million for Christian education, Baptist Student Ministry and related programs equipping Christians and strengthening families; about \$6 million for missions and ministry support.

Roger Hall, BGCT treasurer and chief financial officer, notes that Texas Cooperative

Program during the first eight months of 1996 is 6.4 percent ahead of the year-to-date budget requirement and is 4.5 percent ahead of giving during the same period last year.

The 1997 budget proposal includes the provision that undesignated gifts from Texas Baptist churches be allocated 67 percent for BGCT related causes and 33 percent for worldwide causes unless churches direct otherwise.

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Open-Bar Reception Is Cause For Litigation, Not Celebration

DEAR ABBY: I usually agree with your advice, but you missed the boat when you sided with the woman who thought it was improper to have a cash bar at a wedding reception.

Serving liquor has become a liability even if you serve it to a guest in your home. If the guest leaves your home and is arrested or has an accident, is the guest blamed? No, the person who provided the alcohol is at fault. A nasty lawsuit can result, not to mention personal injury should an accident occur.

Did the woman feel she was entitled to free liquor because she sent an "appropriate gift" from one of the "best stores"? Attending the wedding, being part of the celebration and attending the reception wasn't enough? Does free liquor make the event more meaningful? I think not.

Unfortunately, people invariably drink more when the drinks are free. Paying for each drink is a reminder of how many drinks they have had. A cash bar at a wedding reception is indeed proper. Guests who must have alcoholic beverages can pay for them and bear the responsibility.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED, CAPE CORAL, FLA.

DEAR TIMES HAVE CHANGED: Ouch! I was soundly clobbered for having agreed that a cash bar at a wedding reception was improper. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: You told a reader



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

that a cash bar at a wedding reception was not proper. You are out of touch — it is proper. The key word is *liability*. An open bar may lead to overindulgence. Overindulgence may lead to automobile or other accidents. If the bar is free, the liability may be that of the host. If the wedding guests are charged for their drinks, it not only tends to slow them down, but puts the responsibility on the bar/restaurant/establishment.

Please do not use my name. My husband is a retired attorney and he refuses to acknowledge my law degree by osmosis. Sign me...

M. FROM OREGON

DEAR ABBY: In the great state of Minnesota where lawsuits are running rampant, a cash bar is the only way to go.

The hotel or restaurant has the necessary insurance to cover any liabilities. If you provide the liquor, you are liable for anyone leaving drunk and killing themselves or others.

Have you ever seen what happens when free liquor is provided? People drink three times as much as they would if they had to pay for it.

A good idea is to provide alcohol-free champagne and toast the couple; then let the guests buy their own drinks.

The last wedding reception we went to had a free keg of beer. When the keg was empty, they played "Taps." Tacky? Yes. Funny? Very.

JEANNE GRATES, PLYMOUTH, MINN.

DEAR ABBY: What do you do about a dog who barks and growls at every visitor who comes to the house?

Every time the doorbell rings, my dog growls viciously at the intruder. She's a Lhasa apso, a breed that originated in Tibet as guard dogs. I dislike scolding her for acting on instinct, but even I have to admit that my dog's bark is very threatening.

My parents are tired of my dog's bad manners, and I don't blame them one bit.

What should I do?

DOESN'T NEED A GUARD DOG DEAR DOESN'T NEED A GUARD DOG: Call a local veterinarian and find out where obedience training is available.

Your library may have a video on obedience training, but with such a high-strung breed, you will probably need a professional to help you train her.

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Sunday Sept 22 1996

In the year ahead, you might have an opportunity to embark on an amazing adventure. You might even generate some additional revenue from this trip.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Prepare to work hard today, not just for your benefit, but also for people who depend on you. They will count on you to produce results. Virgo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O.

Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your reputation could be on the line today if you make promises you do not intend to fulfill. You must honor your commitments.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your feelings of self-worth will be enhanced today if you use your time productively. Put away the fishing rod and tennis racket and get out the toolbox.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today, conditions will be conducive to having a serious discussion with a close friend. Make sure to use this opportunity wisely.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may derive benefits today from a seemingly valueless situation if you are willing to devote the time and effort to get it back on its feet.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A serious issue you've had on your mind for a long time looks as if it will be resolved today. The solution might come to you in flash of inspiration.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today, you

might realize your good fortune. However, you may have the ability to do something that usually is troublesome.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This could be both an interesting and fun day for you if you make arrangements for a reunion with some old friends you have not seen for a long time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your probability of success can be enhanced substantially today if you keep your motivations and objectives to yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Knowledge you acquire today could help you to conclude a long-term project. The best suggestion might come from an elderly, conservative associate.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The leadership qualities you display today will be gracious but forceful. Your peers will not question your motives or your authority.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Try to be supportive of your mate's judgments and decisions today. The stars indicate that he or she may see things from a better perspective than you will.

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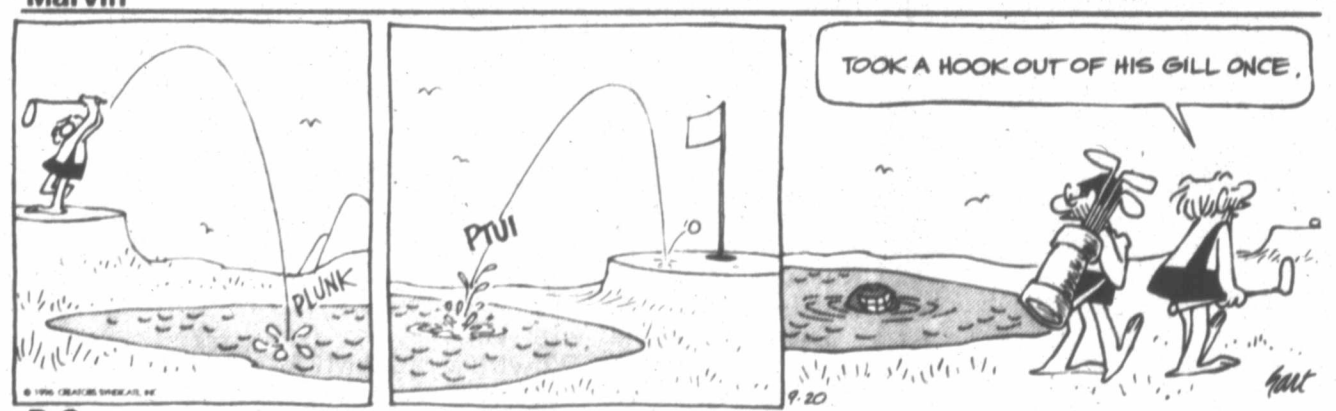
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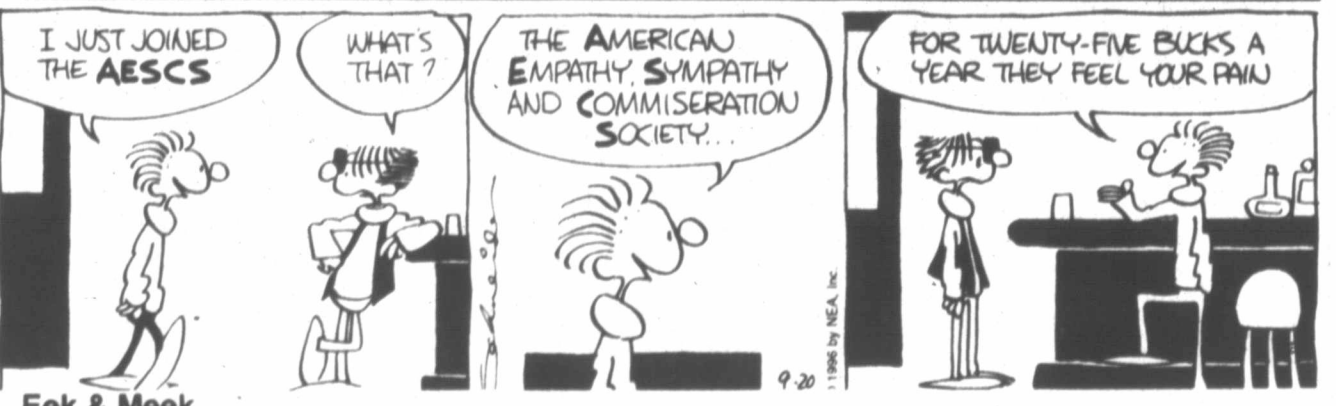
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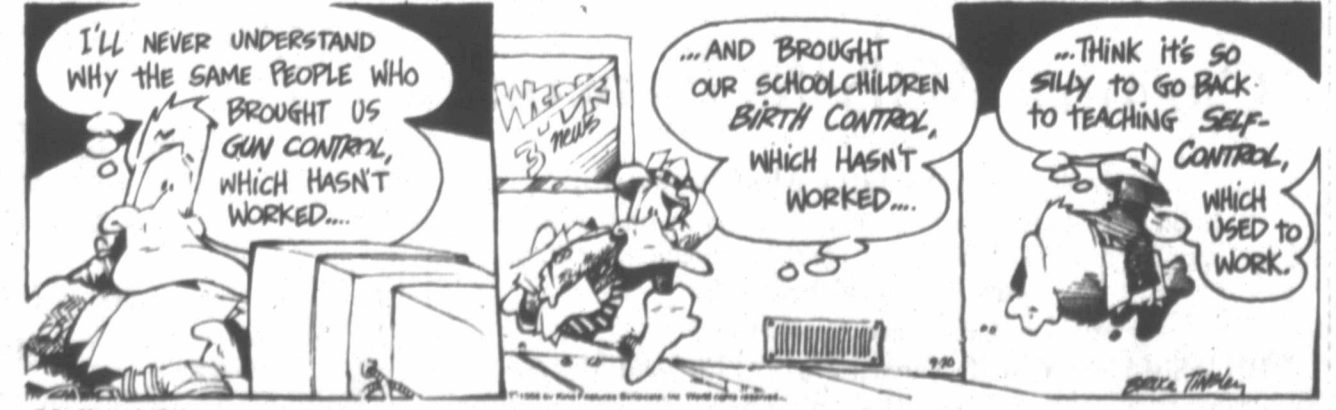
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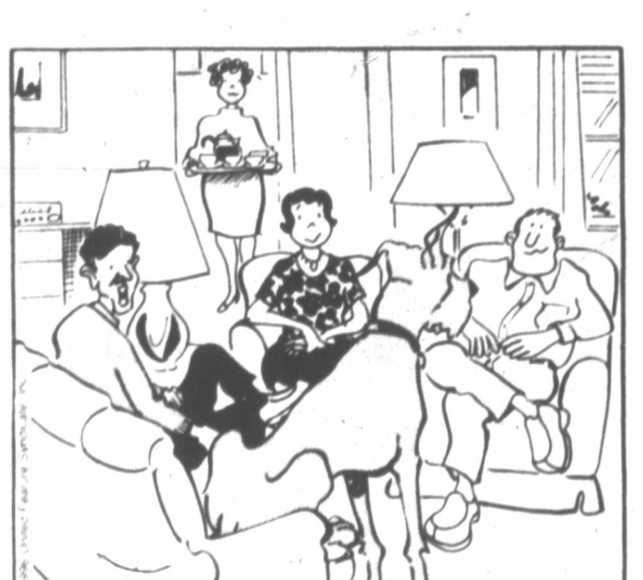
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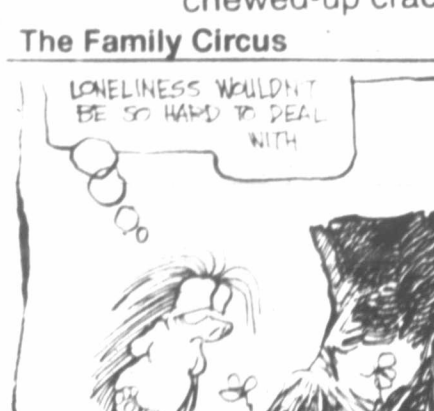
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"PJ's being a mother bird. He's feedin' you a chewed-up cracker."



"When I tell him to sit and stay, he really sits and stays."



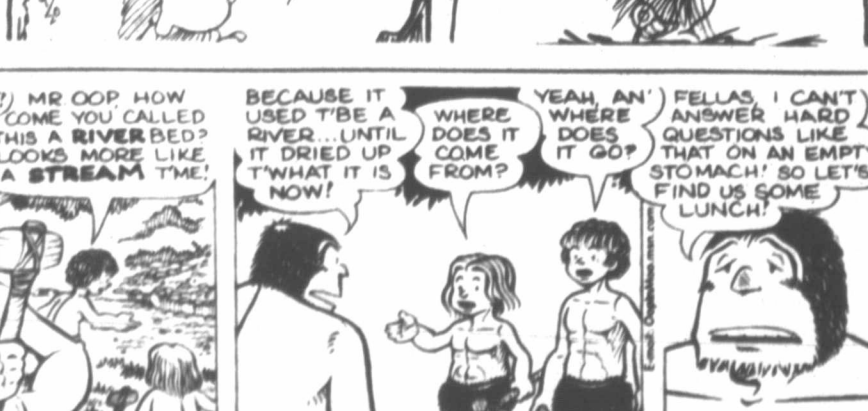
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Sports

Notebook

RODEO

AMARILLO — A co-approved National Barrel Horse Association barrel race was held in Amarillo in conjunction with the Tri-State Fair. The race was approved for Texas Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Area 1. There were 60 entries, with \$700 added money. Donors providing the added money included Tim Creek Vet Clinic, TeePee Trailer Sales, Basden Bail Bonds, McGunty Association, Marvin Sartin, Kenneth Pitman, Albracht Chiropractic Clinic of Pampa and Robert's Electric. The barrel race was held in conjunction with the Open Horse Show as a specialty event. Results from the Sept. 15 NHBA barrel race are as follows: Class 1D: 1. Kelly Garrison, Channing, 14.096 seconds. 2. Sandra Eddleman, Wildorado, 14.158. 3. Peggy Bleiker, Channing, 14.373. 4. Alicia Karr, Amarillo, 14.378. 5. Kimberly Travis, Oklahoma, 14.398. Class 2D: 1. Stephanie Spillers, Amarillo, 15.257. 2. Betty Gordon, Amarillo, 15.299. 3. Janel Presley, Amarillo, 15.345. 4. Molly Dudenhofer, Amarillo, 15.363. 5. Margaret Glasscock, Amarillo, 15.390. Class 3D: 1. Kelly Garrison, Amarillo, 16.201. 2. Anita Wright, Amarillo, 16.453. 3. Amanda Karr, Amarillo, 16.926. 4. Beverly Witcher, Higgins, 17.066. 5. Ashley Louis, Sayre, Okla., 17.628.

GENERAL
AMARILLO — The Fourth Annual "Panhandle Friends of the NRA Dinner" to be held this Saturday in the Sunset Center Convention Room at Amarillo. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for kids 18 and under. A reception will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served (catered by Joyce) at 7:30 p.m. A live auction is slated immediately following dinner. For more tickets and additional information, call George Parr at 353-5131 or Mel Phillips at 353-3654.

TENNIS
PAMPA — The Pampa High School tennis team nearly pulled off the upset of district favorite and Class 4A's #6 ranked team Canyon in losing a tight 10-8 decision at the PHS courts this past Tuesday. Junior McKinley Quarles won both her singles and doubles matches in leading the PHS effort. She improved to 6-1 on the year in singles. Sophomore Mandy Wells upped her singles mark to 6-0 while sophomore Valerie Lee and freshman Emily Curtis each improved their doubles record to 7-0. Junior Jason Vickery also remained undefeated in singles, upping his mark to 7-0. The team has another tough district matchup at 1 p.m. this Saturday at Borger. Results from Canyon are as follows:
Girls Singles
1. Katie Canon (C) def. Emily Waters (P) 7-5, 6-4
2. Cami Stone (P) def. Candl White (C) 6-3, 7-6 (8-6)
3. McKinley Quarles (P) def. Paige Brown (C) 7-5, 5-7, 6-4
4. Mandy Wells (P) def. Karen Tallant (C) 6-2, 6-0
5. Nicole McWhorter (C) def. Valerie Lee (P) 6-7 (5-7), 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (10-8)
6. Amanda Browning (P) def. Kim Ingham (C) 7-6 (7-5), 6-1
Extra Emily Curtis (P) def. Robin Lair (C) 8-2
Girls Doubles
1. E. Waters-Quarles (P) def. Canon-Brown (C) 7-5, 4-6, 6-3
2. White-N. McWhorter (C) def. Stone-Kellen Waters (P) 6-4, 6-2
3. Lee-Curtis (P) def. Tallant-Emily McWhorter (C) 7-5, 6-4
Extra Browning-Kimberlea McCandless (P) def. Lair-Criswell (C) 6-3, 6-3
Boys Singles
1. Greg Goodin (C) def. Kyle Easley (P) 6-2, 6-2
2. Eric Marable (C) def. Jamieson Hancock (P) 6-0, 6-0
3. Cliff Martin (C) def. Russell DuBoise (P) 6-2, 6-1
4. Kent Harris (C) def. Dustin Laycock (P) 6-3, 6-1
5. Jason Vickery (P) def. Sam McCause (C) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4
6. Ryan Witt (P) def. Robbie Vartabedian (C) 6-4, 5-7, 6-3
Extra Bounieth Manhkong (C) def. Brandon Coffee (P) 9-8 (8-6)
Extra Bryce Hudson (P) def. Brad Jones (C) 8-4
Boys Doubles
1. Goodin-Martin (C) def. Easley-Hancock (P) 6-2, 6-1
2. Marable-Harris (C) def. DuBoise-Vickery (P) 6-2, 6-0
3. Manhkong-McCause (C) def. Laycock-Witt (P) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4
Extra Vartabedian-Jones (C) def. Coffee-Hudson (P) 8-3

Guelker wins 7th consecutive SWWTGA title

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

PAMPA — LaNell Guelker of Andrews won her seventh straight Senior Women's West Texas Golf Association Tournament, beating Jo Dickson of Midland, 4 and 2, with a chip-in birdie on hole 16, to finish the match play competition Thursday at the Pampa Country Club Course.

Guelker complimented the local people for providing them with good entertainment and an enjoyable four days in Pampa. She said: "The Pampa ladies really did a super job on this tournament, and it takes a lot of support from the town, too."

About her game, she said: "It was up and down for me over the past three days, and being a new course, it is understandable about having good ones and then bad ones [scores at each hole]. Today I was 2-up, and then lost two holes in a row. On hole 11, I evened out, and played pretty good from then on. On hole 16 I chipped in the ball, and finished 4 and 2."

Dickson said: "As far as the place and hospitality, this tournament was wonderful, and we were lucky with the weather. We had great ladies to play with here, and made a lot of friends. LaNell and I have known each other and

played each other before, so we knew it would be a competitive game. She is always consistent."

Nita Hill won the consolation title with a 2-1 victory over Joan Daniel of Big Spring. This is Hill's first year to play in the Senior Women's West Texas Assn. Tournament, and this is the first year for it to be in Pampa. There were 14 Pampa women entered in the tournament, she said, and nine qualified. She said she was proud to represent her club.

"It was a real good match play, and I struggled back and forth, and finally evened out on hole 5. She [Daniel] got me down two again, and then I got even on hole 10, went up 3, then lost two holes. On hole 16, I won that one 2-up with two to one to go. We tied hole 17 to end the match."

18th Annual Senior Women's Amateur Championship at Pampa Country Club

Final round Championship flight
Winner's finals: LaNell Guelker, Andrews, def. Jo Dickson, Midland, 4-2.

Consolation finals: Nita Hill, Pampa, def. Joan Daniel, Big Spring, 2-1.

First flight
Winner's finals: LaVonna Dalton, Pampa, def. Ida Goad, Wheeler, 4-2.

Consolation finals: Wanda Henson, Brownfield, def. Jean

Abbott, Odessa, 2-up.

Second flight
Winner's finals: Alma Lamberson, Hedley, def. Joyce Rasco, Pampa, 1-up.

Consolation finals: Joyce Swope, Pampa, def. Ruby Holmes, Amarillo, 8-7.

Third flight
Winner's finals: Ruth Hall, Amarillo, def. Frances McAfee, Odessa, 1-up.

Consolation finals: Linda See, Amarillo, def. Georgia Bentley, Odessa, 6-5.

Fourth flight
Winner's finals: Sue Davis, Amarillo, def. Charlene Jarnagan, Odessa, 1-up.

Consolation finals: Gloria Robertson, San Angelo, def. Jane Jones, Big Spring, 4-3.

Fifth flight
Winner's finals: Mary Ford, Amarillo, def. Jane Nelson, Odessa, 2-up.

Consolation finals: Marjorie Bradley, Brownwood, def. Betty Miller, Granbury, 3-2.

Sixth flight
Winner's finals: Elaine Langley, Pampa, def. Phannon Dorman, 4-2.

Consolation finals: Babe Miller, Lubbock, def. Claudia Davis, Odessa, 6-5.

Seventh flight
Winner's bracket: Elizabeth Hobgood, Lubbock, def. Linda Walton, Amarillo, 4-3.



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)
Jo Dickson of Midland (left) congratulates LaNell Guelker of Andrews after her victory Thursday at the Pampa Country Club.

Plainview's Parr hopes to avoid repeat of a year ago

PAMPA — Coach Steve Parr brings his Plainview Bulldogs into Pampa tonight to meet the Harvesters and he's hoping there won't be a painful repeat of last year's clash between the two teams. "We've got scars from last

year's game which may never heal," said Parr, remembering Pampa's dominating 29-0 win. "Pampa had one of the better teams I've ever coached against. We had 22 total yards against them. They shut us down good."

Plainview finished with a 4-6 record, winning the last three games. This season the Bulldogs are 1-1 so far, beating Palo Duro, 14-3, in the opener and losing to Clovis, N.M., 16-3, last week. "We're better than we were at

this time last year, but we're far from being a good football team. We've got a few players back from last year. We've got seven returning on offense who started late in the season," Parr said.

One of the top returnees is 178-pound running back Barry Donham, who is averaging 3.8 yards per carry with one touchdown this season.

"I recall Donham from track last spring and he had success in that. He's very fast and in Plainview's two games he's either had the ball handed to him or they've thrown it to him 80 percent of the time," said PHS head coach Dennis Cavalier. "He's one of their main players on offense."

Seth Parr, the coach's son, quarterback the Bulldogs, and the 5-10, 158-pound senior has completed 18 of 32 pass attempts for 154 yards and one touchdown in two games.

"He was a parttime starter last year and he's been pretty impressive. He throws the ball quite a bit, but they spread it around pretty good," Cavalier said.

"Plainview has changed offenses this year and it's completely different than it was last year. They've gone to a one-back, 4-receiver type offense as compared to more of a tight end format last

year, so it gives us a lot more to prepare for."

After two games, Pampa's offense is averaging 297 yards and Plainview 186.5. Plainview has the edge on defense, allowing 223 yards per game compared to 255.5 for Pampa.

Leading the Harvesters' offense is senior running back Marques Long, who is averaging 4.4 yards per game and has scored four touchdowns. Sophomore line-backer Jared White leads the team in tackles with 31.

Long will be starting in the Pampa backfield tonight along with Josh Blackmon at quarterback and Aaron Wiseman at full-back. Up front, Willie Shaw will be at center, Tanner Winkler and Bryan Swift at guards; Burton Jones and Ryan Davis at tackles; Ryan Schumacher at tight end; Damion Nickelberry at split end; J.J. Mathis at flanker.

Defensively, Ronnie Proby and Aaron Hayden will be at tackles; Wiseman and Brian Gwin at ends; White at middle line-backer; Ryan Bruce at strong-side line-backer; Long at weak-side line-backer; Nickelberry and Jason McEwen at cornerbacks; Roy Tollener at strong safety; Mathis at free safety.



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Straite)

Pampa, receiver Jason Roark picks up some yardage after making a catch against Amarillo High last week. Pampa hosts Plainview at 7:30 tonight in Harvester Stadium.

Lady Harvesters host Dumas in crucial match

PAMPA — Pampa hosts Dumas in an important District 1-4A volleyball match for the Lady Harvesters Saturday afternoon in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Pampa is 2-0 in district play and a half-game behind Dumas (3-0) and Hereford (3-0) in the standings.

"I hope the girls are as pumped as I am. We're excited about it. The girls have had real good practices and they really feel they have a chance to beat Dumas," said Pampa head coach Sandra Thornton.

The junior varsity match starts at 2 p.m., followed by the varsity. Dumas, which has won two state championships during the 1990's, is coming off a 15-1, 11-15, 15-5, Tuesday over Randall. Pampa stopped River Road, 15-7,

10-15, 15-10, in a non-district contest Tuesday.

"Dumas has more size than we do, but I don't think they're as quick as they've been in the past. However, they still get the job done," Thornton said.

Against Randall, Mindy Ratliff led the Demonettes with 15 kills while Kilee McSpadden and Julie Williams added 9 kills each.

Against River Road, Lisa Dwight paced Pampa with 8 kills. Lisa Kirkpatrick and Nicole Meason had 5 each.

"I don't feel like we can go out and treat Dumas any different than another team," Thornton said. "We just want to go out and play as hard as we can against everybody. If we win that's great. If not, we'll have another chance at Dumas."

Packers win on White Deer turf

PAMPA — The 4th grade Dean's Pharmacy Packers beat the White Deer Bucks last weekend by the score of 18-0.

Playing in White Deer on a wet, soggy field, the Pampa offense struggled, turning the ball over seven times. They still managed to score three times on a 30-yard run by Cam Seger, a one-yard plunge by Keeton Hutto and a 45-yard reverse by Austin Morton.

The Pampa defense shined, holding White Deer to 40 total yards. The front line of Hunter Lewis, Kiley Carbone and Dustin Langley stuffed the middle of the field all game long. Linebackers Tyrel Bolin and Mitchell Carroll combined for four quarterback sacks. Safeties Shea Tarbet and Cody Russell stopped any plays from going outside.

The Packers play Memphis next in Pampa.

TIGER LEAGUE FOOTBALL

lar names like Richard Stowers, Bill Simon, Toddy Black, and Dale Francis. They either coached in Optimist sports or sent their youngsters through the program. Or both.

Football's past in a community always links up to the present at some point. Joe Curtis appears on the '66 roster and was the Harvesters' leading rusher in 1973. Twenty-three years later his son, Clint, is the starting quarterback for the Harvesters.

1966 Tiger League Football Roster

Lions
Monty Kernph, Douglas Jagger, Mitchell Freeman, Danny Langwell, Keith Romines, Kenneth Donner, Duane Brown, Ronny Young, Joe Curtis, Bill Cotech, Bill Gabelmann, Kenny Wilson, Terry Neslage, Bobby Hendricks, Tommy Cauthron, Chuck Reeves, Steve Reeves, Terry Allen, Lynn Hart, Jim Duggan, Tony Tragg and Keith Landy. Manager: David Jagger; Coach: Terry Bromlow.

Packers
Jammie Gallimore, Randy Blake, David Heath, Ricky Jones, Don Cole, Ed Williams, Danny Thornburg, Rusty Edwards, Tony Ferrell, Kim Snell, David Lanehart, Jeff Jetter, Carson Watt, Kyrle Ferrell, Mick Andrews, Steve Clark, Ronald Darnell, Bryce, Williams, Mark Williams, Mark Taylor, and Richie Royler. Coaches: T.L. Garner and Jim Enloe.

Cats
Paul Sadler, Ricky Smith Larry Miller, Bill Simon, Steve Richardson, Jack King, Ricky Wardlow, Tommy Miller, Rick Carpenter, Bruce Withers, Curtis Thornton, Allen Atchley, Ricky Diddle, Rick Ellis, Skipper Hlatt, Sean Mathis, Russell Senley, Charles Youngblood, Scottie Rosebuck, Kelly Newman, Clay Reeves, and Rocky Malcom. Manager: Wayne Jones. Coaches: Larry Ingrum and Don Carpenter.

Browns
Ray Adamsom, Steve Barber, Bill Baker, Johnny T. Cook, Darnell Danner, Terry Danner, Jimmy Davis, Marvin Elam, Dale Francis, Jimmy Kee, Allen Keeton, Lynn Lancaster, Shane Lee, Scotty Lowrance, Raymond Mallard, Ricky Van Smith, Harmon Staus, Jimmy Staus, Cliff Stevens, Mark Warren, Joe Zuerker, Phil Mangham, and Londell Morise. Manager: Warren G. Smith. Coaches: T.V. Lowrance and Bob Lowrance.

Red Skins
Gary Harper, Joe Johnson, A.J. Brewer, Randy Blumer, Richard McCampbell, Eddie Davis, Randy Kitchens, Darrell Kitchens, Tony Kidd, Ricky Martin, Johnny Kenner, Billy Kidd, Ricky Hoyle, Terry Moore, Dale Herring, James Williams, Damon Dewitt, Dan Cockrell, Mel Cockrell, Mike Archibald, Harold Baston, and Toddy Black. Manager: Cliff Daniels. Coaches: Jerry Martin and Clifford Hill.

Rams
Guy Goodwin, Wayne Ramsey, Don Gaines, Richard Smith, Ricky Musgrave, Mike Reed, Ricky McGuire, Vicky Anderson, Randy Cain, Fred Williams, Dennis Chance, Jim Hood, Terry Bowden, Dug Alpers, Mark Yost, Richard Stowers, Ray Powell, Larry Ziebarth, Monte Potter, Dwight Rice, Dan Casey, John Power, Steve McCarty, and Sam Britton. Manager: Chuck Bennett. Coach: Steve French.

PAMPA BOWLING ROUNDUP

HARVESTER COUPLES LEAGUE		
Team	Won	Lost
Team Two	3	1
Peggy's Place	3	1
Harvester Cafe	3	1
Team Five	3	1
Team Twelve	2	2
Easy's Inc.	2	2
Team Seven	2	2
Team One	1	3
Dave's Mini Mart	1	3
Team Eleven	1	3
Team Nine	1	3
Babb Construction	1	3
Week's High Scores		
Men		
High game: J.T. Lamberson, 233; High series: J.T. Lamberson, 508; High handicap game: Jim Logan, 242; High handicap series: J.T. Lamberson, 609.		
Women		
High game: Andre Roberson, 225; High series: Peggy Smith, 578; High handicap game: Peggy Smith, 597.		

HARVESTER WOMEN'S LEAGUE		
Team	Won	Lost
Hamburger Station	3	1
Clemens Home Repair	3	1
Chris' Pro Shop	3	1
Joanne's	3	1
Harvester Cafe	2	2
King's Row	2	2
Sandy's	1	3
Dorman Tire	1	3
Team Five	1	3
Mary's Ceramics	0	4

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BASEBALL

National League Standings

By The Associated Press				
All Times EDT				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Atlanta	90	62	.592	—
Montreal	85	67	.559	5
Florida	73	80	.477	17 1/2
New York	68	85	.444	22 1/2
Philadelphia	62	91	.405	28 1/2

Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
St. Louis	83	70	.542	—
Houston	78	75	.510	5
Chicago	74	77	.490	8
Cincinnati	74	78	.487	8 1/2
Pittsburgh	67	85	.441	15 1/2

West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Los Angeles	87	66	.569	—
San Diego	86	68	.558	1 1/2
Colorado	80	74	.519	7 1/2
San Francisco	82	91	.405	25

St. Louis 5, Chicago 3

Thursday's Games
 Los Angeles 7, San Diego 0
 Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 4
 New York 7, Philadelphia 2
 Montreal 5, Atlanta 1
 St. Louis 5, Chicago 4, 13 innings
 San Francisco 11, Colorado 4
 Only games scheduled
Friday's Games
 Chicago (Foster 7-4) at Pittsburgh (Lieber 8-5), 7:05 p.m.
 Houston (Reynolds 16-9) at Florida (Brown) 15-11, 7:05 p.m.
 New York (Wilson 4-12) at Philadelphia (Schilling 8-9), 7:35 p.m.
 Montreal (Paniagua 2-3) at Atlanta (Glavin 14-9), 7:40 p.m.
Saturday's Games
 St. Louis (Alan Banes 13-9) at Cincinnati (Burba 9-13), 7:35 p.m.
 Los Angeles (Candotti 9-9) at San Diego (Hamilton 14-8), 10:05 p.m.
 Colorado (Thompson 8-10) at San Francisco (Gardner 10-7), 10:05 p.m.
Sunday's Games
 St. Louis (Jackson 0-0) at Cincinnati (Portugal 8-2), 2:15 p.m.
 Colorado (Wright 4-3) at San Francisco (Rueter 5-8), 4:05 p.m.
 Los Angeles (Valdes 14-7) at San Diego (Sanders 9-4), 4:05 p.m.
 Chicago (Swartzbaugh 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Loseille 0-0), 7:05 p.m.

Houston (Drabek 6-9) at Florida (Leiter 15-12), 7:05 p.m.

New York (Harnisch 8-11) at Philadelphia (Mims 3-8), 7:05 p.m.
 Montreal (Fassero 15-9) at Atlanta (Neagle 15-8), 7:10 p.m. **Sunday's Games**
 Montreal at Atlanta, 1:10 p.m.
 Chicago at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
 Houston at Florida, 1:35 p.m.
 New York at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.
 St. Louis at Cincinnati, 2:15 p.m.
 Colorado at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
 Los Angeles at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.

Minnesota 75 78 490 18 1/2

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Minnesota	75	78	.490	18 1/2
Kansas City	71	82	.464	22 1/2

West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Texas	84	69	.549	—
Seattle	81	70	.536	—
Oakland	73	80	.477	11
California	66	85	.437	17

x-clinched division title

Wednesday's Games
 Milwaukee 2, Toronto 1
 Boston 4, Detroit 0
 New York 3, Baltimore 2, 10 innings
 Cleveland 4, Chicago 3
 Minnesota 7, Kansas City 4
 California 3, Oakland 1
 Seattle 5, Texas 2

Thursday's Games
 Boston 8, Detroit 3
 New York 9, Baltimore 3, 1st game
 Baltimore 10, New York 9, 2nd game
 Cleveland 9, Kansas City 1
 Seattle 7, Texas 6
 Chicago 8, Minnesota 3
 California 3, Oakland 1

Friday's Games
 Kansas City (Bevil 0-0) at Cleveland (Nagy 16-4), 7:05 p.m.
 Boston (Wakfield 13-12) at New York (Gooden 11-6), 7:35 p.m.
 Toronto (Hentgen 17-10) at Baltimore (Coppinger 8-6), 7:35 p.m.
 Detroit (Oliveras 7-11) at Milwaukee (Karl 13-7), 8:05 p.m.
 Minnesota (Robertson 7-15) at Chicago (Tapant 12-9), 8:05 p.m.
 Texas (Oliver 13-9) at California (Boskie 12-10), 10:05 p.m.
 Oakland (Wengert 7-10) at Seattle (Torres 2-2), 10:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games
 Minnesota (Racke 10-15) at Chicago (Alvarez 15-9), 1 p.m.
 Kansas City (Rosado 7-5) at Cleveland (Hershiser 14-8), 1:05 p.m.
 Boston (Maddux 2-2) at New York (Key 12-10), 1:35 p.m.
 Toronto (Williams 4-3) at Baltimore (Krivda 2-4), 7:05 p.m.
 Detroit (Van Poppel 3-7) at Milwaukee (D'Amico 5-6), 8:05 p.m.
 Texas (Burkett 3-2) at California (Abbott 2-16), 10:05 p.m.
 Oakland (Telgheder 3-6) at Seattle (Moyer 12-3), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
 Kansas City at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.
 Toronto at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m.
 Boston at New York, 2:05 p.m.
 Minnesota at Chicago, 2:05 p.m.
 Detroit at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
 Texas at California, 4:05 p.m.
 Gooden 11-6, 7:35 p.m.
 Oakland at Seattle, 4:35 p.m.
 Boston at New York, 8:05 p.m.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

Eastern Conference			
W	L	SOW	Pts GF GA
y-Tampa Bay	1	12	1 55 63 50
x-D.C.	14	16	1 43 60 65
x-NY-NJ	12	16	3 39 44 43
Columbus 10	17	4	34 58 60 60
New England	9	16	6 33 43 55

Western Conference			
W	L	SOW	Pts GF GA
x-Los Angeles	14	13	4 48 67 48
x-Kansas City	12	14	5 41 61 63
x-Dallas	12	14	5 41 49 46
x-San Jose	12	17	2 38 50 51
Colorado	9	20	2 29 43 56

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for shootout win and zero points for loss.

Thursday's Game
 Los Angeles 2, Dallas 1

Saturday's Games
 Columbus at New England, 7:30 p.m.
 Colorado at D.C., 7:30 p.m.
 NY/NJ at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
 San Jose at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
 Dallas at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDINGS

By The Associated Press				
All Times EDT				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
New York	87	65	.572	—
Baltimore	83	69	.546	4
Boston	79	73	.520	8
Toronto	68	84	.447	19
Detroit	51	102	.333	36 1/2

Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
x-Cleveland	81	59	.576	—
Chicago	81	73	.526	13
Milwaukee	75	78	.490	18 1/2

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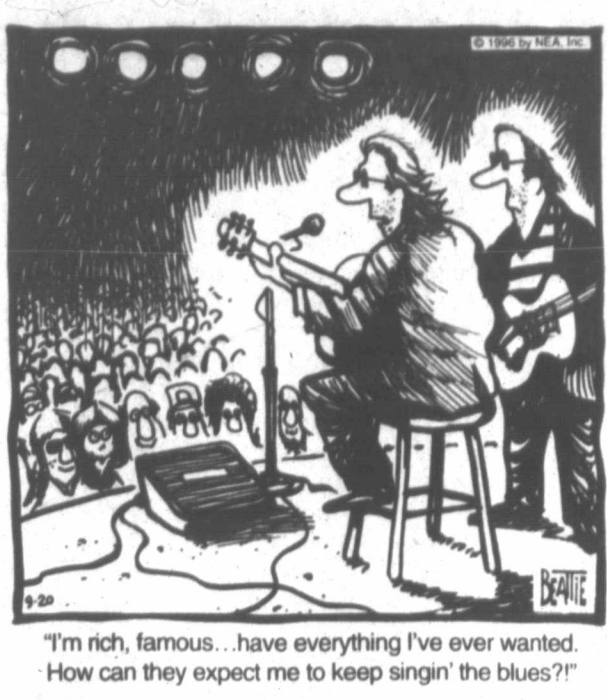
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World briefs

Defying EU, Britain suspends its cattle cull

LONDON (AP) — Defying its European partners, Britain has suspended cattle killing after new scientific research that questions the value of the mass slaughter program in eradicating mad cow disease.

"The new scientific evidence now available means that further work is needed on appropriate culling strategies," Prime Minister John Major's office said in a statement Thursday night.

At a European Union farm ministers meeting in Brussels this week, British Agriculture Minister Douglas Hogg cited new Oxford University research that says mad cow disease — bovine spongiform encephalopathy — will disappear by 2001 even without the slaughter.

But Britain's partners were not inclined to change the plan. That left Britain with the dilemma of either going through with the slaughter and alienating farmers and lawmakers at home, or calling it off and risking a confrontation with the 15-nation EU.

The mass slaughter has angered British farmers and lawmakers opposed to what they see as growing interference by the EU in British affairs.

Shanghai police arrest man in novelist's murder

BEIJING (AP) — A migrant worker has been arrested for killing a Chinese novelist and her niece with a kitchen cleaver, Chinese newspapers reported Thursday.

Dai Houying was author of *Humanity!*, a novel that provoked a national debate over humanism in the mid-1980s, and she took part in pro-democracy demonstrations in 1989.

She and her 19-year-old niece were killed in Shanghai on Aug. 25.

On Friday, police arrested Tao Feng, 22, who was the grandson of Dai's middle school teacher in her hometown in Anhui province, the Shanghai newspaper Wen Hui Bao reported.

Tao had been unable to find work in Shanghai and had worked as a temporary cook at a hotel in Anhui, the report said. Police found mention in Dai's diary of a letter from her former teacher, asking her to help his grandson.

Tao confessed to the killings, the report said. He was also accused of stealing a necklace, a bracelet, \$240 in bank certificates and \$500 cash.

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Political trickster laughs all the way to the bank

WASHINGTON (AP) — Is there anyone a politician won't take money from?

To find out, comic Michael Moore sent a \$100 check labeled "Hemp Growers of America" to President Clinton's re-election campaign.

And \$100 from "Abortionists for Buchanan" went to Pat and his political brigade, which sees outlawing abortion as nothing less than a crusade.

Another \$75 check hit Pat Buchanan's campaign mailbox from "The John Wayne Gacey Fan Club," a phony group for a real serial killer named Gacy.

Cashed. Cashed.

And cashed. "If it said \$100, we just saw the dollar signs," said Buchanan spokeswoman Connie Mackey.

Moore, best known for taking on General Motors in the satirical documentary "Roger & Me," got two thank you notes from the Clinton camp.

The professional prankster struck out a few times — Bob Dole's Republican presidential campaign apparently saw right through Satan Worshipers for Dole. Two checks bearing that name were returned uncashed.

And Texas billionaire Ross Perot, the Reform Party presidential nominee, sent back \$100 from Pedophiles for Free Trade.

"He returned the check with a very nice letter wishing me well and the people in my group well — one of those form letters," said Moore.

Perot wasn't yet accepting presidential campaign contributions at that time, a spokeswoman said, and all checks were returned automatically.

After a reporter alerted Clinton campaign officials to the gag Thursday, a spokeswoman said

the money would be returned — not because the check apparently endorsed marijuana farming, but "because it's not on the level."

Spokeswoman Lisa Davis said the check was accepted as a contribution from an individual, not a group, "and what people put on their checks is up to them."

Although the abortion check apparently slipped through unnoticed, Buchanan's GOP primary campaign treasurer Scott Mackenzie said he saw the "Gacey" check before it was cashed. He assumed it was a joke, but decided to deposit it anyway. (Moore said he misspelled Gacy's name on the advice of an attorney.)

"I thought we'd turn it around and have the joke on them," Mackenzie said.

Each check was signed by an assistant of Moore's, Gillian Aldrich, with the name of the dummy organization printed clearly in the top left corner. There was nothing else on the checks to indicate whether they were from Aldrich personally or a political action committee. They were mailed last spring.

"That's the dumbest thing!" Dole spokeswoman Christina Martin said of the stunt. She couldn't say who in the Dole camp returned the checks.

So what's the point of all this? Obviously, to help sell Moore's new book, *Downsize This!* But Moore, who pulled similar stunts on his sporadically aired TV show, said the results also tell a lot about politicians' addiction to money.

"I wanted to test this question: Will a politician accept money from anyone no matter how despicable the group may be or how contrary to that politician's stated point of view?" Moore said during a stop in Washington.

Constitution display



(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan) Patrons of Pampa's Lovett Memorial Library may enjoy a display on the U.S. Constitution in the front entranceway. The display was prepared by the Las Pampas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in observance of Constitution Week being observed Sept. 17-23. This year is the 209th anniversary of the adoption of the U.S. Constitution.

Gramm seeks speedy ruling in disaster relief process

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department isn't working fast enough in ruling on disaster requests by Texas Gov. George W. Bush for federal emergency loans for farmers and ranchers in dozens of Texas counties, says Sen. Phil Gramm.

The Republican senator complained Thursday that most of the disaster requests were filed months ago, one as far back as April.

Gramm said he has talked to Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman in a bid to speed up the process. Glickman or President Clinton must issue disaster declarations before farmers and ranch-

ers who have sustained losses can be eligible for emergency loans.

Bush has requested assistance for counties around the state that have been hit by drought, tornadoes, freezes, hail or windstorms.

"I have talked to the secretary and urged him to expedite consideration of these applications," said Gramm. "The governor has done his part, everyone has done their part except the Department of Agriculture."

Gramm said Glickman promised to "try to expedite" the rulings.

Bush spokesman Ray Sullivan said the governor "is concerned that these farmers and ranch-

ers in Texas get the assistance that they need as quickly as possible."

"In many cases, counties have been waiting for months with no response from the federal government," Sullivan added.

Gramm, who is up for re-election in November, telephoned a reporter to announce disaster declarations were imminent for Victoria and McMullen counties.

"Obviously I'm delighted about the decision concerning these two counties, but my concern is we have 76 other counties that have a disaster declaration request" awaiting decisions, he added.

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