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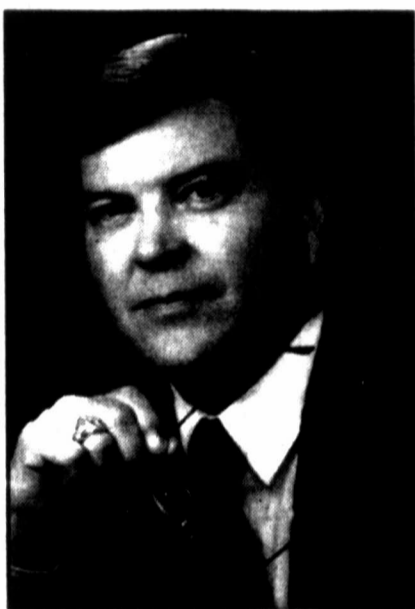
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Candidate denies indictment charges

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Rick Roach

The Republican candidate for 31st District attorney was indicted in 1988 for oilfield theft, court records show. But Richard J. Roach, 47, denied the charges in an interview late last week.

Roach was indicted following a month-long Texas Railroad Commission investigation into a tapped gas line that crossed Roach's land near Breckenridge. The indictment was dismissed three years later following what Roach calls a settlement payment but court records refer to as a restitution payment of \$2,415.46.

Roach has sought to have the indictment expunged from his record since August 1995. Roach officially entered the race for district attorney Jan. 2 this year.

Files obtained by *The Pampa News* show the investigation began with a report of missing gas filed by Compressor Rental Service on July 21, 1988.

But in an interview Thursday afternoon, Roach said there were several statements in the

and field charts were off. The report estimates "about 98 mc of gas a day missing."

Checks on sales lines indicated the line showed four pounds of pressure before being shut off; after that line was shut off, the pressure dropped to two pounds. When the investigators looked further, they found a tap on the line.

That tap was found next to a lease owned by CDR Exploration Company, of which Roach was sole proprietor.

The tap was closed by investigators on July 26, 1988, but Knight's report says the valve was reopened and covered with loose dirt on or before Aug. 3 of that year.

Roach was arrested on a warrant alleging oilfield theft Sept. 2, 1988, by then-Stephens County Sheriff James Cain. He was released on \$7,500 bond.

The arrest report indicates Roach had previously been arrested, though it does not list a charge. Further reports from the sheriff's office indicate Roach had been previously convicted of a crime. Roach, however,

claims that he had never been arrested before.

"That is an absolute lie. ... I'm certain that was the impression that was intended to be conveyed but that's not the truth," he said.

The arrest record was obtained through an open records request from the Stephens County Sheriff's Office.

Roach said he never saw the alleged tap and refutes the witness statement of a former employee who said Roach both told him of the tap and asked him to turn it back on after investigators shut it off.

"That's a lie. Well, that's an absolute misrepresentation of the truth," Roach said. "I don't know why [he would say that]. I've never seen that statement."

Roach maintained his innocence of the charges.

"Well, I've got my own ideas as to why they [the charges] were filed, the possible reason. I won't go into any of that because I can't prove it," Roach said.

"All I know is that the charges that were filed against me were done so in error. I have main-

tained my innocence throughout ... and was ultimately able to obtain documentation from the Railroad Commission" that he says proves his innocence.

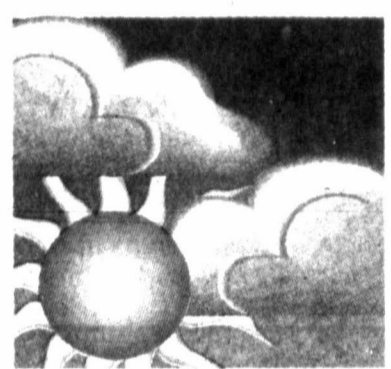
"I think it was a mistake. I am innocent, I never took anything from anybody," he continued.

Continuances were granted in October 1988 and January 1989 while Roach was represented by Chuck Laneheart of Lubbock. By December 1989, Roach was representing himself, the documents show.

The continuances were sought, Roach said, "because we were scrambling to try to figure out what in the heck was going on." One way of doing that, Roach said, was requesting documents from the Railroad Commission he said would prove his innocence.

In December 1989, he wrote a letter to then-Stephens County District Attorney John Neal asking for assistance in getting those documents. An court order was entered Feb. 2, 1990, for Mary Anne Wiley, Railroad Commission investigative division director, to produce those documents.

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High today near 90, low tonight near 60. See Page 2 for weather details.

PERRYTON — US 83 at Wolf Creek Bridge was officially opened to traffic at 6 p.m. Friday.

Texas Department of Transportation maintenance crews worked long hours to complete repairs and open the highway after heavy rains and water damage forced its closing between FM 281 and FM 2711 on Tuesday, Sept. 17.

Portions of the roadway approaching the bridge were damaged by storms Tuesday night.

"The roadway on both sides of the bridge was washed away by the fast moving waters, but the bridge itself was not damaged," said Bruce Nipp, TxDOT assistant director of operations.

"Quick repair work by our Ochiltree County and special jobs crews allows us to open the roadway much sooner than we thought," Nipp said.

PAMPA — Buckner Community Based Services will be offering counseling services to the residents of Pampa and vicinity.

A therapist from Children and Family Services will be at First Baptist Church, 203 N. West, from 1-5 p.m. on Thursdays. Families and individuals who are experiencing difficulties can receive counseling services on a sliding scale. Insurance and Medicare/Medicaid will also be accepted.

To obtain more information or to schedule an appointment, call 669-1155.

FORT HOOD (AP) — The last of 12 flights of Kuwait-bound Fort Hood soldiers departed Saturday morning from Robert Gray Army Airfield.

About 3,000 soldiers were deployed beginning Wednesday to join 1,200 Fort Hood soldiers who have been in Kuwait since August.

The length of the deployment is not known.

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Some 200,000 marijuana plants planted over 156,000 square yards have been detected and destroyed in recent days, the Attorney General's office announced Saturday.

The plants were discovered in the western states of Jalisco, the central states of Mexico and Zacatecas and the northern state of Nuevo Leon, the agency said in a news release.

Mexico is a major producer of marijuana, as well as poppy plants used to produce heroin.

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Early Christmas gift



Celebration of Lights President Kathleen Chaney donates a yard decoration to Community Day Care Director Barbara Kirkham and children Lacie Oxley and Kolton Henderson. The decoration was an unclaimed door prize from Christmas in July Trade Days.

Feds issue guidelines for animal transplants

WASHINGTON (AP) — Weighing the risk of spreading diseases against a shortage of human donors, the government is offering guidelines for transplanting animal cells, organs and tissues into people.

The Food and Drug Administration guidelines, issued Friday, come as the number of people needing transplants grows faster than the number of willing donors. Some 3,000 people die each year waiting for transplants, the government says.

Doctors and other scientists are working to bridge the gap, from transplanting whole animal organs to genetically engineering animal tissue that the human body won't reject.

For kidney patients, the need for sources other than humans is especially acute. More than

33,000 patients were awaiting kidney transplants in August.

"I think the viewpoint is that at some point in the next five years people are going to start to use xenotransplants (from one species to another), and I think the FDA wanted to be ahead of the curve," said Dr. Alan R. Hull, a Dallas nephrologist and medical professor and president of the National Kidney Foundation.

The promise is tempered with worry, however, about how humans might react to unknown viruses and other microorganisms.

Monkeys can spread the Ebola virus to humans, and primates carry simian immunodeficiency virus, closely related to the human AIDS virus. Scientists are exploring possible links between mad cow disease and Creutzfeldt Jakob disease in humans.

The FDA guidelines offer a number of steps from the breeding of animals to the makeup of transplant teams to ensure that cross-species transplants are safe. They say patients should be told of the risks to themselves, families and other close contacts, including sexual partners.

"There's a very real problem," FDA Commissioner David Kessler said, noting the shortage of human donor material.

"I think because of this problem we are willing to take some very real risks," he said. "But the watchword is caution. This needs to proceed scientifically and cautiously."

Some animal-to-human transplants have received widespread attention, such as the transplant of a baboon heart into Baby Fae nearly 12 years ago.

Couple pleads guilty to robbing McLean store

McLEAN — A man and woman accused of aggravated robbery in connection with the April 1 hold-up of Corinne's Style Shop in McLean have pleaded guilty in District Court.

Kathy Ann Evans, 38, also known as Kathy Short, was sentenced to 20 years in prison by District Judge Lee Waters on Friday. Her companion, Willie Douglas Ramey, 51, was assessed a 15-year prison sentence following his guilty plea earlier this year.

According to District Attorney John Mann, Evans and Ramey entered the store on the pretext of purchasing some clothing.

Evans left the fitting room and pointed a gun at the victim, Rebecca Johnson, and demanded money from the store. Johnson was tied up in the back of the store before Evans and Ramey left the shop.

Taken in the robbery were cash and merchandise, he said.

Johnson was able to free herself and ran to another business

where a customer at that store, Mark Simmons, was able to follow and identify the vehicle carrying Evans and Ramey.

Evans and Ramey drove west on Interstate 40, then turned toward Alanreed and Lefors before being stopped at the intersection of Barnes and Loop 171 by Lt. Jesse Wallace of the Gray County Sheriff's Office and Department of Public Safety Trooper Randy Ratzlaff. They were assisted by Pampa Police Department.

United Way plans luncheon kickoff for '96 fund drive

Pampa United Way will launch its 1996 fund drive with a kickoff luncheon on Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Pampa Country Club.

Guest speaker for the luncheon, which begins at 11:45 a.m., is former Pampa resident William F. (Bill) Dingus, now a geologist and United Way leader in Midland.

Born in Pampa, Dingus is a 1977 graduate of Pampa High School, where he served as Senior Class president. He graduated from Rice University in 1981 with a bachelor of arts degree in geology. He later attended the University of Texas at Austin, where he was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and graduated with master of arts degree in geology.

He moved to Midland upon graduation from UT to work for Exxon Co. USA, remaining with the company from 1987 to 1993. He currently is president of Dingus Investments Inc. in Midland.

He and his wife, Mary Anne, were married in 1990. They have a daughter, Lizby, who is four, and a son, Paul, who is two, plus another child on the way.

Dingus became involved with the Midland United Way in 1988. He served as master of ceremonies for United Way events from 1990 through 1996. Currently, he is serving on the Midland United Way Board of Directors and Executive Board of Directors.

He also is a member of the Midland Boys and Girls Club board.

"This year's slogan is 'Paint a Brighter Tomorrow' because that really tells us the story of our Pampa United Way," said Jack Reeve, 1996 campaign chairman.

Some 125 to 150 volunteers will make up the fund drive team this year, Reeve said. "For six weeks they tell the community what the 'Good Guys' (17 United Way assisted agencies) are doing."

These agencies address problems of all age groups, Reeve said, noting that annually more than 9,000 people by name in the Pampa area are served through the agencies, organizations and charity groups receiving assistance from United Way funding.

Reeve said the agencies generally can be categorized by the services they provide, some helping in more than

one category:

Youth — American Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Genesis House, Gray County Latch Key, Gray County Child Protective Services, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Panhandle, The Bridge, The Salvation Army.

Family — Pampa Community Day Care Center, Texas Panhandle Mental Health Association, Pastoral Counseling, Tralee Crisis Center, Pampa Sheltered Workshop.

Elderly — Pampa Meals on Wheels, South Side Senior Citizens.

In addition, the American Red Cross and The Salvation Army provide trauma assistance, and the High Plains Epilepsy Association offers specific medical assistance.

Reeve suggested there are two major reasons why Pampa area residents should share in this campaign by donating to the Pampa United Way in the upcoming fund drive.

First, to help neighbors, friends and fellow Pampans to overcome their problems. These agencies offer services showing that "we are our brother's keeper — in reality," he said.

Second, to help maintain the community in terms of safety, sociability, property values and other factors.

"Can you imagine what it would be like if the 17 agencies closed their doors?" Reeve asked.

Sharing in this goal by contributing to the United Way means Pampa area residents are there when, for example, Meals on Wheels serves 205 meals daily, Tralee Crisis Center handles 1,202 crisis calls and the Community Day Care Center supports 83 families so Pampans can work, Reeve said.

Contributions also help people to be there when the Red Cross and Salvation Army assists families in need during tornadoes, fires and other disasters or when youths are given direction and guidance through activities in scouting, he added.

"You will feel better, be safer and live in a better community because you gave," Reeve said.

Those wanting to donate to the campaign and not being visited by one of the drive volunteers can send their checks or pledges to Pampa United Way, P.O. Box 2076, Pampa, TX 79066.

Daily Record

Services

Services today
PAETZOLD, Edward Bud — Rosary services, 7 p.m., Rix Funeral Directors Chapel, Hereford.

Services tomorrow
BYARS, Loleat V. — 4 p.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.

HINDS, J.D. — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Amarillo.

PAETZOLD, Edward Bud — 10 a.m., St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Hereford.

RICENBAW, David Lee — Graveside services, 3 p.m., Llano Cemetery, Amarillo.

WARD, Irene — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

LOLEAT V. BYARS

Loleat V. Byars, 95, of Amarillo, a former Pampa resident, died Saturday, Sept. 21, 1996, at Amarillo. Services will be at 4 p.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Jim Prock, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.



Mrs. Byars was born Sept. 15, 1901, in Indian Territory, Oklahoma. She came to Pampa in 1941 from Hemphill County. She had resided in Amarillo for the past three years. She married Elmer Byars on Dec. 13, 1941, in Arnett, Okla.; he died in 1987. She co-owned and operated the Lad and Lassie Children's Shop for 21 years, retiring in 1977. She was a member of the Pampa Chapter #65 Order of the Eastern Star. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, where she was active in the Sunshine Club and the youth department. Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Dale and Venita Richerson of Fritch and Don and Jody Byars of Amarillo; two brothers, J.F. Cook of Hurley, N.M., and John Cook of Bartlesville, Okla.; four sisters, Mary Finsterwald of Wheeler, Lillian Gressett of Amarillo, Fern Murrell of Canyon and Tommie Cummings of Borger; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 2234, Pampa, TX 79066; Gideon's International; or a favorite charity.

J.D. HINDS

AMARILLO — J.D. Hinds, 84, a former Canadian resident, died Friday, Sept. 20, 1996. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the First Baptist Church with Dr. Howard Batson officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery under the direction of Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mr. Hinds was born at Canadian and moved to Amarillo in 1922. He married Inez Hefley in 1934 at Amarillo; she died in 1992. He had been employed with Santa Fe Railway since 1929, retiring in 1974 as head payroll clerk after 45 years of service. He was a charter member of First Baptist Church and Amarillo Senior Citizens Association. He was a master Mason with the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include a daughter, Dr. Kelly Gerow of Aurora, Colo.; and two sisters, Claudia Hinds and Austa Amanda de Vries, both of Amarillo.

The family will be at 3714 Patterson Drive and requests memorials be to the First Baptist Church.

EDWARD BUD PAETZOLD

HEREFORD — Edward Bud Paetzold, 74, brother of a White Deer resident, died Thursday, Sept. 19, 1996. Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. today in Rix Funeral Directors Chapel. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in St. Anthony's Catholic Church with Monsignor Orville Blum, of the church, officiating. Burial will be in St. Anthony's Cemetery.

Mr. Paetzold was born at Groom. He had been a Hereford resident since 1946. He was a farmer and a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Hereford Senior Citizens and American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Teresa; a daughter, Patsy Douglas of Annadale, Va.; a son, Larry Paetzold of Hereford; two sisters, Alice Konig of Hereford and Eleanor Williams of White Deer; six brothers, George Paetzold, Bill Paetzold, James Paetzold, Bobby Paetzold and Walter Paetzold, all of Hereford, and Raymond Paetzold of Amarillo; and seven grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to St. Anthony's School; Hereford Senior Citizens Center; or D.L.J.C. at Prayer Town, Box 17, Channing, TX 79018.

DAVID LEE RICENBAW

David Lee Ricenbaw, 54, died Friday, Sept. 20, 1996, at Pampa. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Llano Cemetery in Amarillo, with the Rev. Darrell Evans, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Ricenbaw was born June 17, 1942, in Seward, Neb. He had been in the motel business since 1974, and he drove a school bus for the Hereford Independent School District for the past two years.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Nancy Jo Ricenbaw, in 1973.

Survivors include three sons and a daughter-in-law, Karey David Ricenbaw of Denver, Colo., Jeffery Allen Ricenbaw and Joseph David and Tracy Ricenbaw, all of Hereford; a daughter, Lezlie Rene Triplett of Denver; his mother and father, Lester and Bonnie Ricenbaw of Pampa; a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Beverly Ricenbaw of Amarillo; two granddaughters, and many uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and lots of friends.

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

Obituaries

ROBERTA BERTRAND McLEAN

Roberta Bertrand McLean, 85, of Pampa, died Saturday, Sept. 21, 1996, of cancer. Services will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, and John Thomas Bertrand officiating. Burial will be in the Bertrand family plot at White Deer Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. McLean was born in Gray County near Pampa on March 9, 1911, descended from families that entered Texas prior to the Texas Revolution, among them Bertrand, Cayce, Slade and Studer. She was the second of four children of Bell Otis Bertrand and Eugenia Theresa Studer. Growing up with her on the same Bertrand farmstead were an older sister, Hilda Bertrand Brown, and two younger brothers, John Raney Bertrand and Bell Olur Bertrand. She was a popular student at White Deer High School, where she graduated in 1929. She later earned a bachelor of science degree in home economics from West Texas State Teachers College in 1939. She helped to raise two nieces on the family farm near White Deer during the Depression years; they remember her sewing their clothes out of feed and flour sacks.

In 1942, she began working as office assistant to Pampa optometrist Dr. L.J. Zachry, a position she held faithfully for 46 years until her retirement in 1988. Dr. Zachry credits her with remembering every customer who ever walked through his door and with helping to raise his daughter, Diane. She was known to thousands of people in the Panhandle for her twinkling eyes, animated talk and kindly ways as she fitted them with glasses over the course of almost half a century.

On April 2, 1944, she married Fay (Mac) McLean, who had been based at the Pampa Army Air Field. Their life together in Pampa lasted until his death in 1981. Thereafter, she remained close to her late husband's family, particularly his sister Ruth and niece Bogue Romero. She was a loyal supporter of the First United Methodist Church of Pampa.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Bell Olur Bertrand, and by a sister, Hilda B. Brown.

Survivors include a brother, Dr. John Raney Bertrand of Rome, Ga.; six nieces, Mary Gilliam of Green Valley, Ariz., Ann Wilgus of Dayton, Ohio, Arlene Owen of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Diana Williams of Gainesville, Ga., Karen Bertrand of St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, and J'May Rivara of Seattle, Wash.; three nephews, Otis Bertrand of Cherokee, N.C., J. Thomas Bertrand of Brevard, N.C., and Brian Bertrand of Rome, Ga.; 14 great-nieces and great-nephews; and four great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

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

JESSIE LEE SMITH

CANYON — Jessie Lee Smith, 90, a former Pampa resident, died Thursday, Sept. 19, 1996. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Bob Hudson, pastor of Bible Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Smith was born June 12, 1906, at Revena, 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, Theyrl 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; 59 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

JACK VINSON

AMARILLO — Jack Vinson, 69, father of Pampa residents, died Saturday, Aug. 17, 1996, at Milwaukee, Wis. The body was cremated. Private memorial services were held with family attending. Public memorial services will be scheduled at a later date.

Mr. Vinson was born in Arkansas. He moved to Dalhart at an early age. He had been an Amarillo resident since 1972, moving from Pampa. He was well known for his abilities as a chemical abuse counselor and led the chemical abuse program at Cedar Creek Hospital. He also worked at Panhandle Alcoholic Recovery Center in Amarillo and served as a private counselor. He received most of his training at Rutgers University.

He was preceded in death by his parents, in 1993; and by a grandson, Steven Wayne Vinson, in 1970.

Survivors include five daughters, Cheryl Varner and Kelly Richey, both of Amarillo, and Terry Searl, Julie Vinson and Karla Cho, all of Pampa; seven sons, Tracy R. Vinson and Jimmy Vinson, both of Austin, David Vinson of Houston, Steve Vinson of Amarillo, and Jeff Vinson and Hank Vinson, both of Pampa; a sister, Deana Davis of Everton, Ark.; five brothers, Mic Vinson of Everton, Charles Vinson of Utah, Lowell Vinson and Don Vinson, both of Dalhart, and Larry Vinson of Dumas; several grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.



Calendar of events

T.O.P.S. #149
 Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

T.O.P.S. #41
 Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

AL-ANON
 Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-0407.

TRALEE CRISIS GROUP COUNSELING
 Tralee Crisis Center, 119 N. Frost, is to offer group counseling for battered and abused women 11 a.m. to noon Mondays. Facilitator is Priscilla Kleinpeter, LMFT. For more information, call Ann Hamilton at 669-1131. Space is limited. Call ahead.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR
 Preschool story hour will be held at Lovett Memorial Library 10 to 11 a.m. each Tuesday. Children ages three to five are welcome.

AMARILLO INVENTORS ASSOCIATION
 The Amarillo Inventors Association meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the President's Room in the base-

ment of Boatmen's First National Bank in Amarillo. Updates on actions taken this summer on new patent legislation will be discussed.

REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS
 Gray County Republican Party and Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club will be hosting the grand opening of Republican headquarters, 120 W. Kingsmill, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25. The public is invited to join in the opening for sandwiches, chips and dip and to meet the candidates. Susan Winger with Congressman Mac Thornberry's Amarillo office will be present.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
 The Texas Department of Health Immunization Clinic will be offering vaccines that give protection against polio, diphtheria, tetanus (lock jaw), pertussis (whooping cough), measles, rubella and mumps. The clinic is located in the Canadian city hall, 6 Main Street, and will be open 11 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23. The fee is based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

GRAY COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
 Gray County Republican Party will have an executive committee meeting at 6:59 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23, at the Republican headquarters, 120 W. Kingsmill.

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests in the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, Sept. 20
 Theft of a Texas license plate from a 1985 Volkswagen Jetta was reported in the 400 block of North Wells.

A 17-year-old male reported assault with injury at Pampa High School. The victim suffered a sore right shoulder, an abrasion on the bridge of the nose, scratches and general soreness. The case is under investigation by Pampa police officers and the high school administration.

Theft of a \$52 wallet and \$40 cash was reported by a 67-year-old man at the intersection of 19th and Hobart.

Sgt. Terry Young reported an abandoned bicycle in the 100 block of North Hobart.

Arrests
 Elitha D. Calloway, 21, was arrested at the Gray County Sheriff's Office on a charge of theft under \$50 and capias pro fine warrants. She remained in custody.

Max Allen Crow, 39, 1033 Twiford, was arrested at his address on charges of evading detention with a motor vehicle and resisting arrest. He was transferred to Gray County Sheriff's Office, where he was released on bond.

Shanna Eve Tambunga, 34, 1013 Roberta, was arrested at the Gray County Sheriff's Office on two capias pro fine warrants. She remained in custody.

Julio Lopez Soto, 37, 309 Canadian, was arrested at 1004 E. Kingsmill on a charge of violation of a protective order. He was transferred to Gray County Sheriff's Office, where he released on bond.

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents and arrests in the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, Sept. 20
Arrests

Michael Shane McGavock, 31, 436 Crest, was arrested by Constable Chris Lockridge on a bond forfeiture. He was released on cash bond.

Carlos C. Cruz, 21, 702 E. Browning, was arrested on a charge of engaging in criminal activity. He was released on bond.

Sherman Kermit Phillips, 28, 1073 Varnon Dr., was arrested on a charge of violation of probation. Bond was denied.

Jamie Ruth Shook-Wine, 20, 1141 Huff Rd., was arrested on a charge of theft over \$50 and under \$500. She was released on bond.

Lazaro Beltran Rosalez, 42, 216 E. Tuke, was arrested on U.S. Marshal warrants. He remained in custody.

Rickey Lee Daugherty, 38, 528 Doucette, was arrested by court bailiff J.D. Barnard on a charge of violation of probation. He was sentenced to 45 days in county jail.

Jerry Lee Hicks, 30, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. He was released on bond.

SATURDAY, Sept. 21
 Domestic violence was reported in the 1500 block of Ripley.

Police captain suspended for lying to the media

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio police captain nicknamed "Captain Video" for his frequent television interviews has been suspended without pay for three days for lying to reporters.

Capt. Jimmy Kopeck likely appeal the punishment, Police Chief Al Philippus said Friday.

Philippus said Kopeck, who headed covert operations, believes he did nothing wrong in telling reporters \$100,000 in cash had been confiscated when the money in fact belonged to the police department.

Kopeck defended his decision, saying the lie was necessary to protect an informant who had

cooperated with undercover officers. The lie, he said, was a ploy to make the suspect in a marijuana arrest believe he was dealing with other drug dealers.

Philippus, though, said Kopeck's lie brings up "a credibility issue."

"The public has to know we tell them the truth," Philippus said.

City briefs

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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.

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Charges

He received a few, but not all, of the documents he requested, so in February 1991, he filed a motion to re-urge discovery. That was after a series of letters between October 1990 and January 1991 from Roach to Neal seeking the documentation.

In January 1991, following Roach's election as Roberts County attorney in November 1990, he filed to receive a court-appointed attorney, saying he was involved in a pending Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding and was not making sufficient money as both a private attorney and as county attorney to afford a lawyer. He requested Laneheart as his attorney, but the appointment was never granted.

Trial was set for April 15, 1991. However, a settlement was reached in court March 8 of that year, and Roach agreed to pay \$2,415.46.

Sometime prior to the hearing set for the motion to re-urge discovery, Roach said he received a call from Wiley "offering to dismiss the case."

"She said, 'we've got your documentation,' and as I recall, she told me ... she did not believe that I had done it and basically that they wanted to dismiss the case. ... She said, 'Well, we're probably going to have to have some settlement money to get it done.' And I said how much," Roach recounted.

"She told me at the time ... 'how about one month's production,' and I said I believe that's fine. ... So I did the calculations

... and I viewed as this is a way to get this over with, to get it behind me. I was buying peace," Roach said.

On April 5, 1991, a motion signed by Neal and approved by Wiley was entered. An order to dismiss was signed by 90th Judicial District Judge C.J. Eden on the same day.

Roach says he was never shown a copy of the order before it was signed, and that if he had been he would have fought the wording "full restitution." He said he agreed to make a settlement payment, but he never admitted guilt.

Letters from Roach following his payment refer to the money only as a "settlement agreement."

"This was in no way an admission of guilt on my part ... and that I specifically denied these charges and that I was paying this money basically to get the matter behind me," Roach said he told the judge.

Documents Roach said he later discovered show that Compressor Rental Services purchased 93,340 mcf of gas in July 1988 after receiving 97,671 mcf in the plant. He said if he had been stealing gas, the plant would have received less than they had produced.

On Aug. 24, 1995, Roach filed papers seeking to have the incident expunged from his criminal record. He asked for a hearing in early October of that year, but as of this date, no order has been entered on his petition. Stephens County District Clerk Shirley Parker said that though people appeared for the scheduled

October hearing, no paperwork was filed and no official hearing was held.

Roach said that Judge Eden refused to sign the order and later resigned in November 1995. After that, Roach said he hired another lawyer to handle the hearing. That lawyer learned in June 1995, the day of another scheduled hearing, that he had a conflict and could not represent Roach.

Roach said he does not plan to pursue an expunction until after the election in November.

The Texas Code of Criminal Procedure says someone is entitled to an expunction, or destruction of records, if he or she was acquitted by the trial court or convicted and subsequently pardoned. An expunction may also be granted if "an indictment ... has been dismissed and the court finds that it was dismissed because the presentment has been made because of mistake, false information, or other similar reason."

Michael Knight could not be reached for comment; a Texas Railroad Commission attorney said Knight couldn't comment on the investigation because the RRC still considers the case open due to Roach's expunction request. Wiley declined to comment, as well.

Roach currently serves as Roberts County attorney.

His opponent is incumbent John Mann, a Democrat. They are vying for the district attorney for the 31st Judicial District, encompassing Lipscomb, Hemphill, Wheeler, Roberts and Gray counties.

Women roofers



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)

Emma Feltner, with pitchfork, and Janna Wuentd are working "while the sun shines" to clean off a roof in the 500 block of North Sumner, readying it for new composition shingles. They are contract workers for Milton David Roofing of Pampa. Because of the wet weather, some of their work days have been cut short, but Thursday's warm, sunny weather made them enthusiastic about their work. The women said they have helped roof about eight houses this spring and summer. Each is a mother to three children, working to pay bills and take care of their homes, they said. Feltner said, "I'm trying to get off welfare as soon as I can, and this kind of work keeps me busy. I am a painter, too, and a cabinet builder, and I do landscaping." Before learning to install shingles, Wuentd worked in health care.

Briefs

PAMPA — Extended hours are being planned for this year's 13th annual Festival of Christmas Trees and Gift Boutique, scheduled for Dec. 6-8 at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center.

"The membership is grateful for the support the community has extended over the years," said Festival spokesman Forrest Cloyd. "We hope extending the hours will be helpful to the exhibitors and the shoppers."

New hours for the upcoming show will be as follows: Friday, Dec. 6, 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 7, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 8, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cloyd noted the Festival of Christmas Trees is a non-profit organization, with all proceeds going to a special project. This year the proceeds again will benefit Shepherd's Helping Hands.

"Last year we were able to give \$2,500 to them, and 35 donated decorated Christmas trees were given to the young and old in our community who would not have had a tree for Christmas if those who gave their time and help had not cared," he said.

Entry forms for the 1996 show have been sent out to exhibitors on the mailing list.

For further information, contact Forrest or Peggy Cloyd, 808 N. Dwight, Pampa, TX 79065, or phone (806) 665-4186.

Inn ballroom.

Age limits in competition for the scholarship pageant are up to age 21 for girls and up to age 15 for boys. All contestants will receive a trophy and gift.

Winners of the Pampa pageant will be eligible to advance to the state finals to be held in Dallas in June 1997.

For more information on the pageant, contact the national office in Dallas at (972) 259-9618.

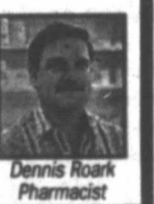
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Lake McClellan Improvement Inc. hears plans for more developments at lake

Update reports discussed at last week's meeting of the board of directors of Lake McClellan Improvements Inc. were all good news about improvements and developments at the lake recreation facilities and camping areas.

Marilyn Lewis, secretary of the board, said plans were decided for the first annual Lake McClellan Heritage Fest, set for Oct. 5, with a dedication of a historical marker to George B. McClellan by the Gray County Historical Commission, which will be held at 1 p.m.

Bob Izzard of Amarillo, as master of ceremonies, will present the history of the Battle of McClellan Creek.

The 4th U.S. Calvary Division from Canyon will be on hand for the day's festivities, and the Mountain Men group of the area will attend.

Other special entertainment will be provided throughout the day, following a free hamburger feast at noon, said Lewis.

Vendor space will be available, and those needing further infor-

mation to reserve space should contact Roland at Lake McClellan's concession; (806) 779-2590, or Lewis at (806) 669-7290.

Special invitations have been mailed to state dignitaries, including Gov. George W. Bush, to attend the McClellan dedication, said Darlene Birkes of the Gray County Historical Commission. More information will be given at a later date concerning dedication details and those participating.

Although spring and summer rains have caused some problems for others, it has helped fill Lake McClellan. Fishing has been really good, and the lake stock is plentiful, according to Roland, concessionaire. The camping and park areas are in excellent condition.

Some of the log fencing is down near the creek area, due to rushing waters and because the creek overflowed its banks. But other than that, no other damages have been discovered, Roland said.

The board, at its Thursday

night meeting, discussed other improvements planned for the near future, including directional signs provided through efforts of the U.S. Forest Service, which will be placed at the I-40 cut-off and lake entries, as well as specific areas determined by boundary lines of the park.

Arrangements will be made by board members for supplies and materials needed to install the signs.

Reggie Blackwell, of the U.S. Forest Service, reported that dredging and drag lining will be continued at the lake, which help to make improvements toward cleaning out areas of weeds and silt.

Blackwell reported that recent action under the direction of U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison has caused approximately \$250,000 to be transferred to the Fish and Wildlife and Forest Division, earmarked for Lake McClellan improvements.

The money has been approved by the Senate, but still remains up for action in the House, he said.

Ambulance

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

FRIDAY, Sept. 20
10:25 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of East Kingsmill on a medical assist for a patient transport to High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo.

2:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

5:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transport to St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

7:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Harvester Stadium on a football standby.

11:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 200 block of West Tuke on a trauma and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

SATURDAY, Sept. 21
12:46 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of Doucette on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

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Opinion

Libertarian party is breath of fresh air

The decision has recently been made by the Commission on Presidential Debates to exclude all but Democratic, Republican contenders Bill Clinton and Bob Dole from the upcoming presidential debates, but let's consider Libertarian candidate Harry Browne and the substantive contribution he could make to the debates.

The most compelling reason to include Browne is that, in recent third-party history, none has had more elected officials across the country or more consistently qualified for the ballot than the Libertarian Party.

This year, the party's presidential candidate again will be on the ballot in all 50 states. And the party says that more than 180 Libertarians hold local or state elective positions throughout the country, and it has 1,000 candidates running for office this year — more than any third party since 1912.

At the grassroots level, then, these numbers offer evidence that the Libertarian Party has performed as well or better than any political organization denied the exposure and tax dollars available to the two major parties. And that is the kicker. Despite these successes, Browne and the Libertarian Party barely register in the public-opinion polls on which the debate commission and the dominant media culture rely so heavily to designate "legitimate" candidates.

If Browne were to be involved in the debates, his name and ideas would get the wider audience needed to register in public opinion polls. But to rise in those polls, he must be in the debates. It's a Catch-22.

In addition, Dole and Clinton have \$70 million of taxpayers' money each for their campaigns; Boss Ross has \$29 million (after spending even more of his own money in 1992). That buys a lot of exposure and support.

By contrast, Browne refuses to accept any of the taxpayers' money on principle, earning his support the old-fashioned way, by offering compelling ideas.

Browne has managed to attract attention in America's "alternative media": More than 127 radio talk-show hosts have called for his inclusion in the debates (as have ABC's Hugh Downs and David Broder of *The Washington Post*).

The Cleveland Plain Dealer, writing about what Brown would bring to the debate, said: "You won't hear big-government Democrats or even a smaller-government Republican touch (eliminating the income tax) with a 10-foot pole ... because the paradigm shift is just a little too awesome. But wouldn't it be fun to see them try?"

Maybe that's the best reason Browne should be included in the debates: to blow some fresh air through the stale smog of statism that passes for political discourse between the major parties.

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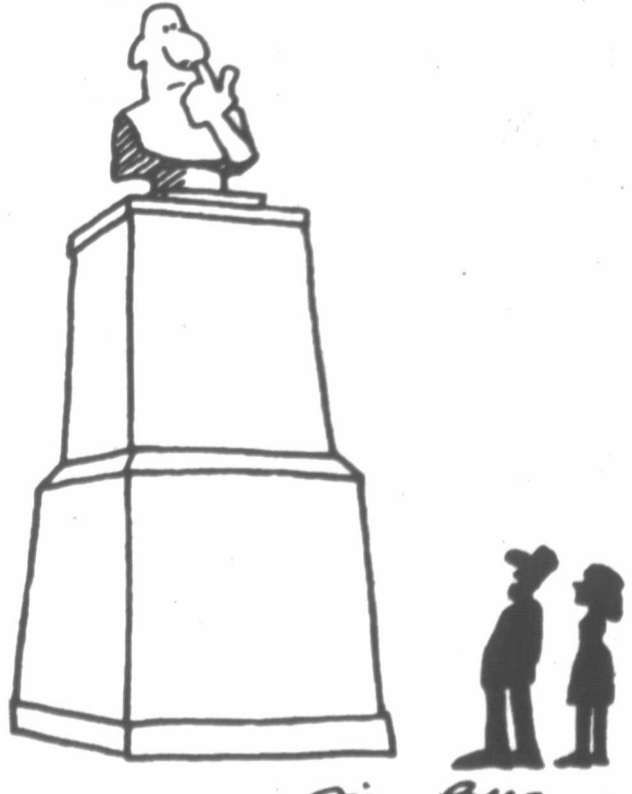
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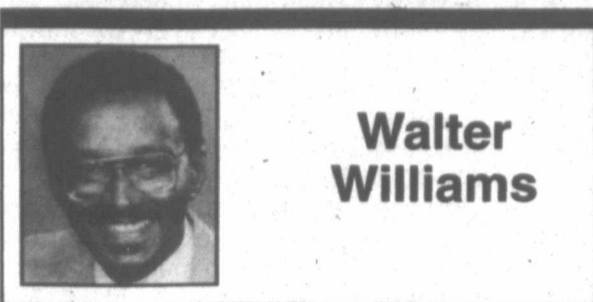
Victims of educational fraud

While there are some government schools doing a good job, by and large, our education establishment is corrupt beyond repair. "There you go again, Williams," you say, "beating up on teachers." Let's look at it. Dr. Karl Zinsmeister, fellow at the American Enterprise Institute and editor in chief of its magazine *The American Enterprise*, has written an article in its September/October 1996 edition titled "Doing Bad and Feeling Good."

American students rank No. 1 in the world in how good they feel about their math skills, but a 1992 international study by the Educational Testing Service showed American students ranking last in math achievement (behind Slovenia). Research surveys show self-esteem levels at least as high among black students as white students, but a majority of either are: unable to write a persuasive letter, date the Civil War or calculate simple interest.

Educationists love the humane-sounding idea of self-esteem. It gives them cover for low standards and low effort both on their part and that of students. After all, high standards, at least in the short run, provide grief for everyone. Teachers have to threaten, cajole and punish, and often parents have to be confronted. It's easier just to keep students feeling good about themselves — while they don't know theirs from the one in the ground — and give them social promotions.

Educationists cover up this tragedy with deceit



Walter Williams

and dishonesty. According to the College Boards, in 1972, 28 percent of college-bound seniors had an A or B high school average. By 1993, 83 percent had an A or B average. During that interval, SAT scores went south. This clearly indicates what some call grade inflation and I call educational fraud. Since SAT scores have gone permanently south, and the public is increasingly aware of that fact, the educational establishment has resorted to "re-norming" the SAT so as to give the appearance of progress.

That's the subtle dishonesty, but there are more blatant forms. Staten Island's Public School 5 ranked first among New York's public schools in standardized reading and math tests. One parent couldn't figure out how her daughter scored in the 99th percentile in reading, yet could not read street signs. An investigation ensued, and it

uncovered widespread cheating, but not by students. According to the schools chancellor of New York City, the school's principal, Murray Brenner, altered answer sheets. Wrong answers were erased and punched-out overlay sheets were used to make the correct circles. One student who originally scored in the 99th percentile in math plummeted to the 18th percentile after re-testing.

The half-baked, never-worked-anywhere ideas that have taken over today's education can be readily understood: education departments at most colleges are the academic slums of the campus. Students who become education majors have the lowest SAT scores. Students who earn education degrees have lower LSAT, GMAT and GRE scores (tests for graduate school admission) than any other major with the exception of social work majors. People with that kind of academic grounding fall easy prey to half-baked, never-worked-anywhere schemes.

More money, smaller classes and higher teacher pay will not cure our education problems. The long-term solution is privatization — make education subject to competitive pressure. After all, for the most part, production we are happy with is a result of ruthless competition and the profit motive. Think about it. Most of what pleases us (computers, clothing and food) is subject to that kind of pressure, and most of what displeases us is not (post office, police and schools.)



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Sept. 22, the 266th day of 1996. There are 100 days left in the year. This is the first day of autumn. The Jewish Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 22, 1776, Nathan Hale was hanged as a spy by the British during the Revolutionary War.

On this date:

In 1789, Congress authorized the office of Postmaster General.

In 1792, the French Republic was proclaimed.

In 1862, President Lincoln issued the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, declaring all slaves in rebel states should be free as of Jan. 1, 1863.

In 1927, Gene Tunney successfully defended his heavyweight boxing title against Jack Dempsey in the famous "long-count" fight in Chicago.

In 1949, the Soviet Union exploded its first atomic bomb.

In 1958, Sherman Adams, assistant to President Eisenhower, resigned amid charges of improperly using his influence to help an industrialist.

In 1964, the musical *Fiddler on the Roof* opened on Broadway, beginning a run of 3,242 performances.

The South invented airconditioning

One of these days I hope Hollywood will realize that the South has been air-conditioned for about 45 years now.

Recently I went to see the movie *A Time to Kill*. It's only a tolerable-to-bad film, but I will go see anything in which Miss Sandra Bullock appears, however briefly. I sort of feel about Miss Bullock the way that great Texas justice of the peace, Roy Bean, felt about Miss Lillie Langtry. Miss Bullock is a Virginia rose.

But in this film all the characters are forever bathed in dripping sweat — night or day, indoors or out, even though the story allegedly takes place in the present era. This seems to be the main visual device that Hollywood's uncreative types use to indicate to the folks in the audience that the film they are seeing is set in the South.

"See, everyone is sweaty. That means it's in the South."

Southerners in this film may be rich and have big houses and fancy cars, but they never have air conditioning.

Apparently the folks involved in this film have never heard of the Tennessee Valley Authority, Franklin D's great socialist scheme to bring cheap power to the upper South. Why, you knotheads in Hollywood, we Southerners get cheap power about the same time you did. Not only that, a Southerner invented air conditioning.

Charley Reese

Dr. John Gorrie, of Apalachicola, Fla., patented the process of making ice artificially in 1851 to cool the rooms of yellow fever patients.

Of course, Southerners are used to being lied about. We are the last of the politically correct stereotypes. The makers of this film are so committed to Southern stereotypes, one of which is the fat sheriff, that even though the sheriff in this film is black and a good guy, he's still fat. The South not only has air conditioning but also has sheriffs who can see their shoes without bending over.

I've been around a lot of Southern lawyers, but I've never seen one walk around in broad daylight in the middle of town with his shirt open to his navel, dripping sweat. Roofers, construction workers, sawmill hands, yes, but lawyers, no.

In fact, I cannot recall ever seeing a lawyer, Southerner or Yankee, sweat. You don't suppose they remove their sweat glands in law school, do you? But the question of glands notwithstanding, you'd be hard pressed to find a lawyer's office anywhere in the Confederacy without air conditioning. Heck, we even air-condition our pickup trucks and jails these days.

Of course, it's pretty obvious in this film that the director and his camera were a lot more enamored of the male actor cast in the lead than they were of Miss Bullock and the other two female characters. The women in this film get little attention from the camera, but there are so many close-ups of the male lead you can count his nose hairs.

I've heard stories about those Hollywood folks — their peculiar aesthetic standards, I mean. I got to see so little of Miss Bullock I thought about asking for three-quarters of my money back.

It does, I admit, get hot in the South but no hotter than in other parts of the country and not as hot as in some places — like Death Valley, for example. But next to football, grits and barbecue, we Southerners love our air conditioners.

I'd rather listen to the hum of a well-tuned, well-charged air conditioner compressor than I would an opera. Furthermore, many of us have turned the ability to avoid a hard sweat into a fine art. Whether it's inherited or developed, many of us are geniuses at avoiding yard work during the hotter part of the summer. You can always tell a native born Southerner from a tourist. The Southerner will be in the shade.

We'll trade air conditioning in the house for ozone in the atmosphere any old day. Hello, Hollywood, anybody listening? How about a film about dry Southerners?

What does FOB mean? Felons of Bill

R. Emmett Tyrrell Jr.

same embarrassments owing to his lively circle of friends? All right, maybe Jay Leno's circle of friends includes no felons or foot fetishists. Possibly he is a nerd. Our president is a modern.

Thus, his entourage has included since 1978 Dick Morris, he of the open marriage, as it was called in the 1960s. And, yes, he is the friend with the foot fetish. Well, it is a sickness. Doubtless, he will soon be announcing his admittance into therapy, though it better not be one of those 12-step programs — we journalists will endure only so much malarkey. And, by the way, was it not preferable for Morris to bring his fetish to a professional rather than impose it on his lawful wedded wife? Remember, Morris is the idealist who turned the Democratic National Convention toward family values. He had the good sense to resist the temptation to bring this fetish into his home, where it might upset the household pets and the children — if there are any children.

And then there are the McDougals, who, along with Clinton's successor as head of the Arkansas machine, Gov. Jim Guy Tucker (now former governor), stand convicted on 24 of 30 counts. The McDougals were the Clintons' business partners in Whitewater. It also appears that they and their confederates cost the American taxpayers some \$50 million to \$60 million by turning their Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan into the machine's piggy bank. These things happen in modern America. Let the American who hath not bilked a savings and loan

out of tens of millions of dollars cast the first stone!

The Clintons have also had a long friendship with Webb Hubbell, whom they brought to the third highest office in the Justice Department. There, he saw to it that all 93 U.S. attorneys were duly fired. Now, of course, he is cooling his heels in a federal hoosegow for bilking his clients of \$394,000 and refusing to cooperate sufficiently with an independent counsel. These things happen. And, yes, the Clintons do number Patsy Thomasson among their friends. She is on the White House staff. Among her other duties, she had administered the White House drug-testing program. But back in Arkansas, she ran Dan Lasater's operations, while he, another Clinton pal, served a stretch in jail for drug distribution. Yet, he was almost family. He had employed half-brother Roger Clinton before that unfortunate young man was sent to prison on his own drug charge. Drug Enforcement Administration documents show Thomasson flying to known drug transport places with Lasater in the 1980s, but is it not better for a person who had associated with drug distributors to administer the White House drug program than some greenhorn?

Perhaps all the above acquaintances of the Clintons will suggest to Leno a new joke. FOB now stands for Felons of Bill. Oh, that was a tasteless lapse. Everyone has had a friend or two in trouble. Bill Clinton would not be the target for this vast array of charges against him were it not for the fact that he has done so very much to retrieve this nation from the sleaze of Ronald Reagan and George Bush. He is the greatest engine for reform in this country since Franklin Roosevelt. Think of the change he has brought to our country.

Letters to the editor

Find factory outlets

To the editor:
I read, with interest, Mr. Braxton's letter in last Sunday's paper.
I, too, have wondered why the Pampa Economic Development Corporation has not looked into getting a Factory Outlet Mall in Pampa. I even talked to two persons whom I thought would talk about it to the commission. I feel like it would be a good business for Pampa.
There are no Factory Outlets in the whole Panhandle of Texas nor Oklahoma. There are none in western Kansas nor western Oklahoma. There are none south all the way to San Marcos, and the nearest one east is, I believe, Denton. There also is none between here and Albuquerque, I believe.
You'll find Factory Outlets all through Tennessee, the largest in Pigeon Forge. Tour buses stop there. They're all over North Carolina, some of them miles out in the country. Most are in small towns.
I've been to the one in Hillsboro and the two at San Marcos. The two at San Marcos are side by side. One is the Tanger Factory Outlet Mall and the other one, I don't know who owns it. They are beautifully landscaped and believe me, parking was hard to find.
Pampa is a few miles from I-40, and with billboards along the highway, they would attract travelers. I saw huge billboards in North Carolina, and I saw them in Tennessee.

It would be very easy for the Economic Development Corporation to go to San Marcos, Hillsboro, and find out if the Factory Outlets benefited the towns.
I'm surprised that, so far, there are no Factory Outlets in this area, their being so popular elsewhere.
Mrs. Dewey Palmittier
Pampa

Trail ride a success

To the editor:
The Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens held the annual Trail Ride on Saturday, Sept. 7. The Trail Ride was held at the Reynolds Ranch north of Pampa. Twenty-one riders participated in the ride and the fundraiser was a great success.
Members of the GCRCA served a barbecue beef dinner to the riders and some of the special friends, from the Pampa Workshop and Senior Development Class. After lunch, riders led their horses around the area providing rides for special friends having a desire to ride on the horses. The special friends enjoyed the rides very much.
Prizes were given to the top three riders raising the most pledges. First prize was a saddle, won by Stanley Davis, Borger. Second prize, a load of oats, was won by Randy Swires, Pampa. Third prize was three round bales of hay, won by Chelsie Douglas, White Deer. Each rider received a prize at the end of the trail ride.

The GCRCA members would like to thank each rider for their participation. Thank you to the individuals and businesses for their donations, pledges and gifts. Your support is what makes this event a great success. A big "Thank You" to Sharon Williams for all the time and work she put into the Trail Ride.
Proceeds from the trail ride are used to help fund special friends camps, sport events and numerous special friends activities in the area.
Thank you, we appreciate you all.
Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens
Gray County, Texas

Don't be a bad fan

To the editor:
With the high school sports seasons just beginning, I thought that it would be good to remind all of us "adults" about good manners and sportsman-

ship. Here is a poem that a fellow Christian shared with me. I think that it will act as a very good reminder.

He is Only A Boy!

Please don't curse the boy down there. He is my son, you see;
He's only just a boy, you know, and means a lot to me.

I did not raise my son, sports fan, for you to call him names;
He may not be a super star, but it's a high school game.

Please don't curse the boys down there, they do the best they can;
They never tried to lose a game, they're boys ... and you're a man.

The game belongs to them, you, see, and you are just a guest;
They do not need a fan like you, they need the very best.

If you have nothing nice to say, please leave the boys alone;
And if you can't enjoy the game, why don't you stay at home?

So please don't curse those boys down there, each one's his parents' son.
And win, or lose, or tie, you see, to us they're "Number One"!

And by the way, this poem fit all the girls too. May God help us all know what things are really important, and what things aren't.
Mike Sublett
Pampa

Thanks, Celanese!

To the editor:
Hoechst Celanese recently donated a computer to Hemphill County Hospice. This letter of appreciation can only touch the surface of our gratitude for the generosity and thoughtfulness of this company and the employees who were instrumental in directing this computer to us.
"Thank you," Hoechst Celanese, for a compassionate heart!!
Joline Jones, RN
Hospice director/patient care coordinator
Canadian

Thank you, Pampa

To the editor:
We are writing to express our appreciation to the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, the Rodeo Association, the Golden Spread Antique Machinery Association of Perryton, Proud Heritage Farm Equipment Club of Pampa and Tri State Tractor Club of Amarillo for the fine tractor show at Recreation Park on Sept. 7 and 8. Although our son has several tractors, we do not own a tractor; we were there as vendors with our hand crafted Mesquite, Oak and Bois D' Arc pens and pencils. We had a wonderful time.

We enjoyed the wonderful facilities of Recreation Park too. We were there for three nights in our travel trailer. Your park is beautiful. The people of Pampa should be very proud of this fine facility. We enjoyed the entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights as well as the church service on Sunday morning.

Thank you, Pampa - we still miss Pampa and the wonderful friends we have there. We will be back again next year.
Jo Velda and Bill Watson
Lake Brownwood, Texas

Junior Service League officers



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)
Officers for Junior Service League's new club year include, from left, Jona Smith, recording secretary; Marian Green, treasurer; Gina Greenhouse, corresponding secretary; Nancy Tanner, vice president; Shannon Buck, president; and Melanie Kirksey, parliamentarian.

Hospice schedules grief seminar series

Many people who have encountered loss may feel overwhelmed by the changes and emotions they are experiencing. They may wonder if they can ever live normally again.
Recognizing these feelings, Hospice of the Panhandle will sponsor a free grief seminar, "Putting the Pieces Back Together," on four consecutive Thursday evenings, Oct. 3 through Oct. 24.
"People experiencing grief sometimes compare it to a jigsaw puzzle," said Ellen Corcoran, Hospice bereavement coordinator and seminar facilitator.
"Seminars like this one can be

helpful to persons who are trying to put the pieces of their life back together after a loss by teaching them the grief process and by helping them better understand what they are going through," Corcoran added. "They will also see that they are not alone in what they are experiencing."
Seminar sessions are scheduled for 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Hospice of the Panhandle conference room, 800 N. Sumner in Pampa, on Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24. Presentations, videos and handouts will be used in the discussions.
Handling grief during the holidays is one of the topics to be dis-

cussed in the sessions, Corcoran said. People in grief often experience added stress during the holidays, and this session offers suggestions for specific ways of dealing with holiday-time pressures, she added.
"Putting the Pieces Back Together" is free and open to the public. Corcoran recommends that participants not have experienced a death of someone close to them within the past three months.
For more information or to sign up for the seminar, call Hospice of the Panhandle at (806) 665-6677. Participants may also enroll at the first session.

Field tour set for Pampa's composting project

A field tour on Wednesday will reveal what the City of Pampa and the North Rolling Plains Resource Conservation and Development Council are doing with grass clippings.
"The tour begins at 10:30 a.m., ending at noon, Wednesday, from the Gray County Annex building on East Frederic Street, and from there, the group will tour the composting facility at the landfill to see a demonstration of Pampa's 'Scarab' composting/windrowing machine," said John Crowell, of the RC&D office in Pampa.

From the landfill area, the tour moves one mile south of the landfill entrance to see a demonstration of equipment used to apply the composted grass clippings and wood chips to the land. At the test site the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service will also run the rainfall simulators to measure changes in soil brought about by the applica-

tion of the compost matter.
"Participants will see the actual testing, and will be given the opportunity to visit with the technicians while we are there," said Crowell.
The Pampa Compost Project, started in 1995, takes the grass clippings that have been composted at the landfill and puts them on farmland. By composting grass and tree trimmings the city is reducing the volume of waste stored in the landfill. At the same time, the project is producing high grade organic fertilizer that can be used to grow crops as well as fertilize gardens and lawns.
The North Rolling Plains RC&D Council, in partnership with the city and several federal and state agencies, is using the composted grass clippings and wood chips to improve the productivity of the soil and prevent erosion on agricultural land.
The public is invited to accompany the tour, said Crowell. For additional information, contact him at (806) 669-0312.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Today, mostly sunny and warmer, with a high near 90. Southerly to southeasterly winds 10-20 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy with a low near 60. Monday, partly cloudy and cooler, with a high near 80.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Today, mostly sunny and warm. Highs in upper 80s to near 90. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in mid 50s to near 60. Monday, partly cloudy and cooler. Highs in mid 70s to around 80. South Plains: Today, patchy morning low clouds and fog, otherwise mostly sunny. Highs in upper 80s. Tonight, clear. Lows from mid 50s to

around 60. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in upper 80s.

North Texas - Today, mostly sunny east. Partly cloudy elsewhere. Warmer with highs 86 to 90. Tonight, late night low clouds south, otherwise partly cloudy. Partly cloudy elsewhere. Lows 63 to 69.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Today, mostly cloudy morning with occasional drizzle. Partly cloudy afternoon and hot. Highs in mid 90s. Tonight, increasing cloud after midnight. Lows in mid 70s, near 70 Hill Country. Upper Coast: Today, sunny. Highs in mid 20s inland to upper 80s coast. Tonight, clear. Lows in mid 60s inland to near 80 coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande

Plains: Today, partly cloudy and hot. Highs in low 90s. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in upper 70s coast to mid 70s inland.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Today, mostly sunny and warmer. Locally breezy north with variable high clouds west. Highs 70s to low 80s mountains and northwest, 80s to mid 90s eastern and southern lowlands. Tonight, partly cloudy north with fair skies south. Lows 30s and 40s mountains, 40s and 50s lower elevations.

Oklahoma - Today, partly cloudy. Highs mid 80s to low 90s. Tonight, partly to mostly cloudy. A chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly central and east. Lows upper 50s to upper 60s.

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Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill
CRAY (PANHANDLE) Oilwell Operators, Inc., #7 Short (160 ac) 330' from South & 990' from East line, Sec. 2,1,H&GN, PD 3300'.
HANSFORD (WILDCAT & BERNSTEIN Upper Morrow) Canyon Exploration Co., #1 Valerie (640 ac) 1550' from South & 1250' from West line, Sec. 22,1,CIF, PD 7100'.
HANSFORD (WILDCAT & HANSFORD Lower Morrow) Midgard Energy Co., #2042 Blodgett Estate (640 ac) 1980' from North & 660' from West line, Sec. 42,R,AB&M, PD 8350'.
Rule 37
HANSFORD (WILDCAT & HANSFORD Lower Morrow) InterCoast Oil & Gas Co., #396-1 Courson (2338 ac) 1200' from North & 1650' from East line, Sec. 396,43,H&TC, PD 8700'. Amended to change Operator from Medallion Production
WHEELER (WILDCAT & WEST PARK Upper Morrow) Kerr-McGee Corp., #1 Fleetwood Trust '16' (640 ac) 1236' from North & 467' from East line, Sec. 16,RE,R&E, PD 16500'. Amended to change location
Oil Well Completion
HUTCHINSON (LILY ANN Ellenburger) Phillips Petroleum Co., #1 Hold-Eisenhauer, Sec. 52,5-T,T&NO, 3219 rkb, spud 7-31-96, drlg. compl 8-17-96, tested 9-5-96, pumped 395 bbl. of 31.9 grav. oil + 44 bbls. water, GOR 101, TD 7800', PBTD 7731' —
Gas Well Completion
HUTCHINSON (NORTH HUTCHINSON Krider) Texaco E & P, Inc., #4 G.C. Buchner, Sec. 4,B,DL&C, elev. 3209 kb, spud 7-13-95, drlg. compl 7-20-95, tested 8-25-96, potential 1500 MCF, rock pressure 479, TD 3489', PBTD 3441' —
Plugged Wells
CARSON (PANHANDLE) Losure Petroleum Co., #5 Burnett Estate, Sec. 93,5,I&GN, spud 4-20-75, plugged 8-5-96, TD 3175' (oil) —
CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Fora Company, #3 Lee Cady Percival, Sec. 199,3,I&GN, spud unknown, plugged 8-7-96, TD 3325', PBTD 2075' (gas) —
GRAY (PANHANDLE) McMahon Operating Co., L.C., #13W Ruby Sackett, Sec. 148,3,I&GN, spud unknown, plugged 8-19-96, TD 3313' (swd) —
HANSFORD (HANSFORD Lower Morrow) Sonat Exploration Co., #2 H.M. Shedeck, Sec. 4,1,W,NW, spud 8-7-95, plugged 7-1-96, TD 8500', PBTD 8467' (gas) —
HARTLEY (WILDCAT) Milargo MT, #1 Milargo-Lathem, Sec. 141,48,H&TC, spud 6-13-96, plugged 6-24-96, TD 6800' (dry) —
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Catherine C. Whittenburg Testamentary, #17 Catherine Whittenburg, Blk. 3, Wm. Neil Survey, spud unknown, plugged 8-15-96, TD 3265' (oil) —
LIPSCOMB (S.W. LIPSCOMB Morrow) Sonat Exploration Co., #1 Williams Trust, Sec. 245,43,H&TC, spud 10-26-88, plugged 6-5-96, TD 11525', PBTD 11323' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Woods Petroleum Corp.
SHERMAN (TEXAS-HUGOTON) Delta Producing Co., c/o Courson Oil & Gas, Inc., #1 I.A. Oldaker, Sec. 137,1-C,GH&H, spud 6-9-91, plugged 4-23-96, TD 2278' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Skelly Oil Co.

New loan company



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Juanita Flores, manager of Sun Loan Co., speaks with a potential client during last week's opening of the Pampa office. A division of Brundage Management Corporation, headquartered in San Antonio, Sun Loan Co. opened its Pampa branch at 1534 N. Hobart on Monday, Sept. 16, one of approximately 30 branches opened this year. Sun Loan Co. provides personal loans of \$100 to \$400, with secured collateral required, for those 18 and older. The loans are provided by check, with no cash on hand in the office. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Chamber Communique

United Way of Pampa is having its annual "Kick-off" luncheon Tuesday, Sept. 24, at the Pampa Country Club. Jack Reeve is this year's campaign chair.
 Gold Coats Duane Harp and Jim Davidson recently welcomed "Fins and Feathers" owners James and Patricia Stone located 107 W. Foster.
 Mark your calendar for the Country Fair scheduled Oct. 26.
Meetings:
 Monday - Noon, Membership Committee, Nona Payne Room, Pampa Community Building
 Tuesday - 2 p.m., Tourism Committee, Nona Payne Room
 Thursday - Noon, Country Fair Steering Committee, Nona Payne Room

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THE CHURCH OF THE LORD

"Take heed unto yourselves, and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit hath made you bishops, to feed the church of the Lord which He purchased with His own blood." (Acts 20:28.) Paul's admonition to the elders of the Ephesian church were prophetic words of warning of the apostasy to occur after his departing this life. The church of the Lord is the church Christ promised to build (Matt. 16:18.) The church of the Lord is built upon the deity of Jesus Christ (Matt. 16:16-18.) Paul states: "For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 3:11.) It should be abundantly clear from these passages of scripture that the church of the Lord was not built upon the apostle Peter or any other man. The church of the Lord had its beginning on the first Pentecost after the resurrection of Christ from the dead (Acts 2.)

Isaiah prophesied of the laying of the foundation in Jerusalem (Isa. 28:16.) He also prophesied that the Lord's house would begin in Jerusalem in the "last days" (Isa. 2:2-3.) Paul tells us that the Lord's house is the church of the living God (1 Tim. 3:14-15.) Peter told those Jews who were gathered in Jerusalem on Pentecost, that those were the "last days" (Acts 2:15-20.) So the prophecies of Isaiah and the prophecy of Christ were fulfilled when Peter and the rest of the apostles preached the death, burial and resurrection of Christ from the dead (Acts 2:1-42.) Some three thousand people gladly received the word and were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38-41.)

Baptism is the means of admission into Christ (Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:3-4.) It is also the means of admittance into the one body, the church of Christ (1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 1:22-23.) What was true in the days of the apostles is still true today. That is, those who believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, repent of their sins, confess Christ and are baptized for the remission of sins are saved and become members of the church of the Lord (Jn. 8:24; Acts 17:30; Rom. 10:10; acts 2:38.)

-Billy T. Jones

Address all comments or questions to:
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Minding your own Business
 By Don Taylor

Passing on wisdom

My column mailbox brings some refreshing common sense almost every week. Readers often pass along bad experiences they've had with business. Sometimes, they write to applaud exceptional service.

I enjoy reading all the mail. However, because of the volume I'm unable to answer each letter. I save all of your appropriate thoughts in topical files for future column ideas. When you see a column on customer service, it's usually a composite from the experience of many folks.

However, today's column is the result of a single letter from a Texas truck driver. In his note he told me he was in the market for a new pickup. He had visited several dealerships and was uncomfortable with the quality and appearance of sales professionals who came out to greet him.

"A couple of them looked like bums," he said. "You can put a bum in a white shirt and tie, but you still have a hairy bum with earrings." The reader went on to describe the rudeness of having to put up with secondhand cigarette smoke, pushy attitudes and general ignorance of the product they are selling.

Here is a gem of wisdom he shared with me in the last paragraph of his letter. "What are the owners of these business places thinking of? I will buy a pickup when I find a salesperson I would not mind inviting into my home."

Trust and Respect

I personally feel that the successful selling relationship hasn't changed too much over the years. You must build a relationship on trust and respect. Here are some tips for anyone in business on building trust and gaining the respect of those you serve.

1. Know your product or service well - Today's customers are smarter and have more access to information than ever before. Whether you're selling cars, computers or cowboy boots, know your product.

2. Take time to know your customer - One of the best ways to learn about folks is to ask a lot of questions. It may take a little bit longer to make the sale, but you will please your customer and make your relationship more secure.

3. Always tell the truth - You may lose a sale now and then, but you won't lose your customer in the long run. Many folks will take their business elsewhere if they catch you in a lie.

4. Sell the benefits, not the features - Customers really just have one question: What do we get for our money? Tell them. Show them. The value is in the benefits and advantages you give them.

5. Help your customers determine their needs - A few knowledgeable questions during the selling process may help you direct your customers toward perfect choices. You can base your product suggestions on knowledge.

6. Never argue with a customer - You may be right, and you may be able to prove it. However, all too often you may win the argument but lose the customer.

7. Follow up after the sale - Several months ago I bought a car. No one could find the owner's manual, so the salesperson promised to send it to me. Every couple of months I'd get a package or note from the salesperson. I enjoyed the gifts and thank-you notes, but later I had to write a letter to get my manual.

8. Keep your promises - The best way I know to kill repeat business is to forget or ignore what you promised. In the example above, the \$10 manual might have cost a future \$20,00 sale. You never know.

9. Be polite, friendly and well-groomed - Yes, if you're going to be successful in sales, you really do have to be the kind of person folks would be comfortable inviting to their home

Bank of America, First American Bank sign takeover agreement

BRYAN - Bank of America Texas and First American Bank Texas, SSB, announced they have signed a definitive agreement under which First American Bank Texas will acquire 11 Bank of America branches in Abilene (4), Bowie, Burkburnett, Henrietta, Iowa Park, Merkel and Wichita Falls (2).

Completion of the transaction is subject to approval of applicable regulatory authorities and is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 1996 or early 1997. Terms were not disclosed. Bank of America announced its intention to sell 68 branches in June. This is one of several expected announcements regarding agreements to sell these branches.

"First American Bank Texas is excited to acquire these Bank of America branches and believe the customers will be pleased with the community

bank brand of service we provide," said William C. Atkinson, president and chief operating officer of First American Bank Texas. "We are dedicated to making the transition a smooth one for customers."

Bank of America Texas is a subsidiary of BankAmerica Corporation, which has more than 1,900 branches in 10 western states. At June 30, 1996, BankAmerica has assets of approximately \$239 billion and deposits of approximately \$162 billion.

First American Bank Texas, SSB is a subsidiary of The Adam Corporation/Group and currently has 52 branches throughout West and North Central Texas. At July 31, 1996, First American Bank Texas had assets of approximately \$2.2 billion.

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Report: Texas needs more college graduates

DALLAS (AP) — Texas needs more college graduates to remain economically competitive, and it's going to need more than \$750 million in the next two years to do it.

That's the word in a draft report by higher education leaders from across the state, *The Dallas Morning News* reported in a copyright story in Saturday editions.

The recently formed Higher Education Coalition plans to ask the Legislature for the money in January.

The coalition includes members from the University of Texas System, the Texas A&M System, the Texas State University System, the University of Houston System, Texas Tech University, the University of North Texas and the Dallas County Community College District.

The proposal, called The Competitive Edge, is the first time all of the state higher education public institutions have approached the Legislature collectively asking it to fund a wide range of programs aimed at retaining and graduating students, said Bill Hobby, chancellor

of the University of Houston System and a former Texas lieutenant governor.

Texas, which graduated about 66,000 students with bachelor's degrees in 1993, the last year for which figures are available, will need to graduate more than 81,000 in 2003 and each year that follows to remain economically competitive, the report says.

The tax base could crumble without an educated workforce, members of the coalition say.

The largest chunk of proposed money — \$530.9 million — would go to the development of retention programs and the improvement of graduation rates. About \$200 million of that would be targeted at community colleges.

The proposal also calls for spending \$50 million for financial aid, mostly grants, scholarships and work study programs, and asks lawmakers to spend \$100 million on research and development that would meet the needs of industries in Texas.

A lot of the proposal is based on recent demographic studies that show historically disadvantaged groups have the fastest growing populations. Within 12 years,

Texas minorities could collectively make up a majority in the state, a Texas A&M study has shown.

Stanton Calvert, chief of legislative affairs for the Texas A&M University System, says a majority of potential college students will be coming from economically-disadvantaged backgrounds, creating the need for more childhood enrichment courses, more remedial reading courses, more bilingual training and more money to pay for college.

"This whole program is predicated on the fact that the state of Texas cannot afford to continue with business as usual," Calvert said.

Senate Finance Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said he hasn't seen the proposal but has talked to some chancellors and supports efforts to build bridges between universities and public schools to make education in Texas a more seamless process.

The coalition's first priority, members say, is to convince the Legislature that not spending money now on education could lead to more money spent in the future on entitlement programs and prisons.

Five Star Award for Excellence



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Chrysler representatives recently visited Robert Knowles Automotive, 101 N. Hobart, to congratulate the Pampa firm for being awarded the prestigious 1996 Five Star Award for Excellence by Chrysler Corporation. From left are Harold Bentley, sales manager; David Luedecke, parts manager; Fernando Falcon, Chrysler representative; Robert Knowles, owner; Nathan Bailey, general manager; Mike Lane, service manager; and Paul Sweeney, Chrysler representative. The Five Star Award for Excellence recognizes total commitment in both sales and service as determined by customer satisfaction ratings. Chrysler officials say the standards are so stringent that fewer than one out of every four Chrysler dealerships earn this distinction.

Oil, gas rig count jumps

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of oil and gas rigs operating nationwide increased by 17 this week to 825, Baker Hughes Inc. said Friday.

There were 775 rigs operating in the United States during the same week last year.

Of the rigs running this week, 511 were exploring for natural gas and 309 for oil. Five rigs were listed as miscellaneous.

Houston-based Baker Hughes has kept track of the count since 1940. The tally peaked at 4,500 in December of 1981 during the oil boom. It dropped to a record low of 596 in the summer of 1993, exceeding the previous low of 663 in 1986.

The rig count represents the number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas.

Of the major oil- and gas-producing states, New Mexico saw the biggest increase with 7 more rigs.

Texas added six and Oklahoma was up by five. Pennsylvania, Kansas and California each were up by one.

Desk and Derrick to meet Tuesday

Michael W. Kimbrel, founder of Confed Oil Inc., will be the guest speaker at Desk and Derrick Club of Pampa on Tuesday, Sept. 24.

Kimbrel is to discuss his cycle of buying, developing, selling, retiring debt and beginning again, financed entirely by internal capital and borrowing.

He founded Confed 11 years ago. The company has over 350 wells and operates in Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Louisiana and Illinois. Confed discovered the southwest Cherokee gas field, trail blazed in northwest Ohio with 250 Clinton sand formation wells and developed oil properties farmed out by a federal bankruptcy court, according to information from Desk and Derrick.

Confed was hired to develop natural gas reserves for a New York real estate developer and targets New Mexico for further work, according to the club.

The company aims for 2,000 wells by the year 2,000.

Social hour will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Pampa Country Club followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Guests are invited. Dinner and meeting cost \$10.

For reservations, call June Hall at 665-3701.

Six food service managers complete training program

Six food service managers in Pampa recently completed the 15-hour Food Protection Management Training Program to stay up-to-date on food safety and sanitation.

The program, sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in cooperation with the National Restaurant Association, the Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, and the Texas Department of Health, seeks to help reduce the incidents of foodborne illness by providing the latest information on food safety to food service establishments.

Those who completed the program were Dwight Dennis of Jay's Drive Inn, Mary Quarles of Heard and Jones, Ann Loter and Cindy Flaherty of Meals on Wheels, and Margaret Hall and Shirley Haddican of Gray County Jail Food Service.

The participants all took an 80-questions certification exam at the end of the 15-hour training. Those passing the exam will then be certified by the National

Restaurant Association. Extension's Food Protection Management Training Program provides high quality, effective food safety training for food establishment managers throughout Texas.

It is designed to increase the safety of food served to customers, thereby reducing the incidence of foodborne illness in the state.

Managers who have been trained and certified are encouraged to train their employees in food safety, further reducing the risk of sickness from contaminated or mis-handled food.

Training materials for the course are provided by the SERVSAFE program from The Educational Foundation of the National Restaurant Association. Additional Food Protection Management training will be offered after the first of the year.

For more information on Food Protection Management Training Program, call Donna Brauchi, Gray County Extension agent, at 669-8033.

Mexican ambassador sees good trade future

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — U.S. companies looking to do business in Mexico will find an economy on the mend and the potential for steady growth through the next century, U.S. Ambassador James R. Jones said Friday.

Mexico's comeback from the peso crash that plunged the country last year into its worse recession since the 1930s is expected to come at a 5 percent growth rate in the next few years, Jones said.

"We think that Mexico has great potential, great opportunity, great growth into the next century," he said.

Jones, a former Oklahoma con-

gressman, spoke to a group of 150 northeastern Oklahoma business representatives at a conference on trade with Mexico.

Jerry d'Aquin, an economic consultant attending the meeting, has worked with clients in Mexico for many years and agreed that the business climate is improving.

"The most important need for us is to realize it is a stable and viable economy," he said.

Jones said the standard of living in the country may not return to 1994 levels for another two years. But the improvements in macro-economic levels can be seen by a growth rate that is expected to

exceed the government's target of 3 percent, he said.

The notion that the North American Free Trade Agreement has failed is a myth, Jones said. Bilateral trade between the United States and Mexico increased from \$85 billion in 1993 to projections of \$140 billion this year, he said.

"Even last year, we did better in exports than any year previous to NAFTA," he said.

Jones equated political reform in the country to what the United States experienced during the Civil Rights Movement. Complaints and protests come with the changes, he said.

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BASKETBALL

PAMPA — There is still time to become a member of the Lady Harvester Basketball Sponsorship Program. Have your business name, family or individual name listed on the Lady Harvester Sponsor Board in the McNeely Fieldhouse or become a Diamond Club, Gold Club or Silver Club sponsor. It's a great way to advertise or show support, according to Pampa head coach Mike Jones.

For more information, contact coach Jones at 669-4830 or a Lady Harvester basketball player.

FOOTBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa Harvester JV lost a hard-fought battle with the Palo Duro Dons Thursday night by one touchdown, 6-0.

Palo Duro scored the only touchdown of the game early in the first quarter after Pampa turned the ball over.

For the rest of the quarter as well as the rest of the game, both teams played a gridlock-type game, seldom gaining any first downs.

Pampa and Dumas junior varsities meet at 7 p.m. next Thursday in Dumas.

VOLLEYBALL

PAMPA — Dumas defeated Pampa, 4-15, 4-15, Saturday in a District 1-4A volleyball match in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Pampa is now 2-1 in district play while Dumas improves to 4-0.

In hitting, Nicole Meason was 9 of 10 with 3 kills; Lisa Dwight, 9 of 10 with 2 kills; Keili Earl, 6 of 7 with 2 kills and Tiffany McCullough, 4 of 4 with 4 kills.

In setting, Deidre Crawford was 20 of 20 with 5 assists and April Lopez was 29 of 31 with 5 assists.

In digs, Earl was 10 of 11, Lopez 7 of 10, McCullough 7 of 11 and Meason 4 of 6.

"We did some good things offensively, but we just couldn't get anything going. I felt that Keili Earl had the best game she's had and the stats kind of showed that. She had been in a slump the past three or four games," said Pampa coach Sandra Thornton.

Pampa plays Hereford Tuesday night in Hereford.

Dumas also won the junior varsity match, 15-1, 15-7, and the 9th grade match, 15-13, 15-4, Saturday.

GOLF

PAMPA — The second annual Jordan Unit Charity Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, Sept. 28, at Hidden Hills Municipal Golf Course. Registration is at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

Golfers have a chance to win several prizes, including first through fifth-place gift certificates, longest drive for both men and women and the opportunity to double money on a gift certificate purchased in the pro shop for a hit on the green on hole No. 12.

The tournament is a fundraiser for the State Employees Charitable Campaign (SECC).

The United Way of Amarillo and Canyon was selected by the State Employees Committee to manage this year's SECC for all 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle.

The tournament entry fee is \$50 and includes green fee, cart, lunch and two mulligans. Registration is limited to the first 120 golfers.

PAMPA — The Pampa High boys golf team shot 310 to take second in a triangular held Saturday at Canyon. Hereford placed first with a 305 and Tascosa was third at 319.

Pampa's individual scores were Mike Smith 75, Nathan Banner 77, Brian Brauchi 79, T.J. Davis 79 and Grady Lockman 87.

"The kids are playing well. It's been pretty surprising," said Pampa coach Frank McCullough. "We've only got two back from last year, but Nathan (Banner), a freshman, has really stepped up for us. It should be a good race this year."

The Pampa boys play at Borger next Saturday. The Pampa girls team is entered in the Amarillo Invitational Friday and Saturday.

Rangers may be close to pushing panic button

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Manager Johnny Oates is running out of buttons to push as he tries to stop the Texas Rangers' free fall in the AL West.

Perhaps he should try the panic button.

"We've been telling our guys since spring training that it's OK to be nervous, but don't panic," Oates said. "Maybe it's time to panic, I don't know."

Heading into Saturday night's game against the California Angels, the Rangers had dropped five in a row, their longest losing streak of the year, and nine of 10.

During that span, they've also lost most of their division lead. They were nine games ahead of Seattle on Sept. 11, their largest lead in club history. But while the

Rangers have gone into a tailspin, the Mariners had won nine straight, including a four-game sweep of Texas.

Going into Saturday's game against Oakland, Seattle was just one game off the pace.

After a particularly disheartening, 6-5 loss in 10 innings at Anaheim Stadium on Friday night, Oates was searching for answers.

"Maybe it's pressing, swinging at bad pitches, a combination of things guys do when they're trying to do too much," he said. "I don't really have an answer."

"I guess, like the old saying of pulling yourself up by the bootstraps, we had better tie up our cleats and get moving. Now we will really see what we're made of."

Second baseman Mark McLemore tried to remain upbeat after Friday's loss.

"We just can't get down on ourselves," he said. "It's definitely not good, but hey, that's what tomorrow's all about."

Said center fielder Darryl Hamilton: "I know we don't have anybody in here quitting. It's a test for us. We've just got to find a way to get over this."

"We've had some stretches where we struggled and bounced back, but 'Whew,' I'll tell you the last 10 days have been hell."

Ironically, the Rangers beat California in two games of a three-game series as the Angels tied futilely to hang onto their West lead over Seattle last September.

"I know they're trying their best

to put the fate on us this year that they had put on them last year," Hamilton said of the Angels.

Texas wasted leads of 3-0, 4-3 and 5-4 Friday night.

McLemore hit an RBI single off Mike James in the top of the 10th for a 5-4 lead, and Mike Stanton got the first two outs in the bottom half. Then, after allowing singles to pinch-hitter George Arias and Rex Hudler, Stanton had two strikes on Garret Anderson.

Anderson then ripped a 1-2 pitch deep into the alley in left-center, his double driving in two runs for the victory.

Stanton, acquired by the Rangers from Boston on July 31, had given up only one run in his previous 17 innings before Anderson connected.

The Angels enjoyed turning the tables.

"I want to go out and be a spoiler," James said. "We've got nothing else to play for, so why not go out and beat somebody and make them sweat a little bit like we did last year?"

"Going through what we did, now playing Texas and Seattle over these last 10 games (of the season), I think that somewhere in the deep corner of your soul, beating them will make you feel a little bit better."

"No teams took it easy on us coming to the end last year."

After wrapping up this series, the Angels play host to Seattle for three games, then conclude with four games against Texas at Arlington.

Blackmon's field goal lifts Pampa past Plainview

PAMPA — With both offenses stalled by penalties throughout much of the game, Pampa and Plainview relied on the kicking game to put points on the scoreboard. It was the Harvesters who won out as Josh Blackmon booted a 30-yard field goal with 3:22 left in the game to give Pampa a 9-6 win Friday night in Harvester Stadium.

"With our starting quarterback out, we wanted to be conservative and maybe we played it a little closer to the vest than

we should have, but when we got deep in their territory late in the game, we decided to go for the field goal," said Pampa head coach Dennis Cavalier.

Blackmon, who started at quarterback in place of the injured Clint Curtis, hit three of four field goal attempts, including a 48-yarder in the third quarter to give Pampa a 6-3 lead.

"All Josh did was come in and play quarterback the entire game, plus do all the kicking for

us. That was quite a bit to ask of him, but he came through for us," said Cavalier.

Penalties hurt both teams. Pampa was flagged 14 times for 119 yards and Plainview 7 for 75. Several penalties were for unsportsmanlike conduct.

"When you've got a group of young guys out there, they're going to get caught up in the heat of the moment. Both teams were trying very hard to make something happen," Cavalier said.

Plainview took a 3-0 lead on its first possession of the night when Anthony Gonzales booted a 26-yard field goal with 6:30 remaining in the first quarter. The Bulldogs' 60-yard drive had faltered at the Harvester eight when Pampa cornerback Jason McEwen knocked down Steve Parr's pass on a third-down play.

After a Blackmon 43-yard field goal attempt went wide early in the second quarter, he had another chance two possessions later and made good on a 25-yard try to tie the score. Pampa's special teams played a part in the scoring drive when Vincente Martinez recovered a Pampa punt that bounced off the foot of a Plainview player, setting up the Harvesters on the Plainview 33.

With the score 3-all at half-time, Pampa went on a 7-play, 66-yard drive which ended with Blackmon's 48-yard field goal at the 4:34 mark of the third quarter. Two consecutive first-down plays — an 11-yard run by Marques Long and Blackmon's 15-yard pass to Aaron Wiseman — helped move Pampa past the midfield stripe.

Some stout defense by Pampa in the second half helped keep Plainview out of the end zone. Behind the line tackles by Brian Gwin, Ryan Bruce and McEwen with Plainview in Pampa territory on its first possession of the third quarter forced the Bulldogs to give up the ball.

Pampa forced Plainview to punt on the Bulldogs' next two possessions before Gonzales put through a 42-yarder with 8:49 remaining in the game to knot

the score. On the ensuing kickoff, the Harvesters went on an 11-play, 77-yard march which ended with Blackmon's winning field goal. The key play in the drive was fullback Aaron Wiseman's 19-yard run to the Plainview 20 for a Pampa first down.

On Pampa's kickoff, Plainview had to give up the ball at midfield after failing to make a first down. A penalty and Ronnie Proby's quarterback sack foiled the Bulldogs' last gasp.

Leading Pampa rusher was senior running back Marques Long, who ran for 134 yards on 19 carries.

Pampa improves to 2-1 on the season while Plainview drops to 1-2. It was Pampa's third consecutive win over Plainview.

Pampa	0	3	3	3-9
Plainview	3	0	0	3-6
Pla-Anthony Gonzales 26 field goal				
Pam-Josh Blackmon 25 field goal				
Pam-Blackmon 48 field goal				
Pla-Gonzales 42 field goal				
Pam-Blackmon 30 field goal				
First downs	11	9		
Yards rushing	168	19		
Yards passing	37	68		
Total yards	205	105		
Comp-Att-Int	4-10-0	8-17-0		
Fumbles-Lost	4-1	2-1		
Punts-Avg.	4-34	5-37		
Penalties-Yards	14-119	7-75		

Individual statistics

Pampa
 Rushing — Marques Long 29-134; Aaron Wiseman 5-47; Ronnie Proby 1-5; J.J. Mathis 3(-5); Josh Blackmon 2(-15).
 Passing — Blackmon 4-10-0-37
 Receiving — Damion Nickleberry 2-11; Wiseman 1-14; Long 1-12.

Plainview
 Rushing — Barry Donham 11-19; Richie Sigala 7-7; David Sigala 2-0; James Coleman 1-3; Seth Parr 7(-3); Anthony Gonzales 1(-7).
 Passing — Parr 8-17-0-86.
 Receiving — Matt Quebec 1-15; Trent Murphee 1-7.



(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

Pampa's J.J. Mathis moves upfield on a kickoff return against Plainview.

Attention: Harvester veterans needed for football homecoming

PAMPA — Attention! More Harvester veterans are needed to participate in homecoming activities later this week in Pampa.

"We're looking for anyone who played Harvester football to be at our reunion on Sept. 26 and 27," said Louie Allen, one of the Homecoming committee members. "We've got about 50 right now, but they're mostly the older players. We'd like to have some of the younger guys there."

Allen said 92-year-old Clyde Carruth, who played on the first PHS team in 1919, plans to attend some of the activities.

Veterans should contact Allen as soon as possible at (806) 665-5470 if they can attend.

"I really need to know something by Monday because we're having shirts and caps specially made for the veterans," Allen added.

Veterans will meet at 7 Thursday night for a visitation in the Club Biarritz at the Coronado Inn. Drinks will be available.

Homecoming is Friday and veterans will be taken on a tour of the high school facilities at 10 a.m. A pep rally is set for 3 p.m. at McNeely Fieldhouse, followed by a homecoming parade at 4 p.m. A dinner follows at

Dyer's Barbeque and then the veterans will gather at 7 p.m. for the Pampa-Dumas homecoming contest at Harvester Stadium. They will board their floats at the front east section of the stadium and transported to their reserved seats. Football tickets are five dollars each.

This year the veterans will be divided into two groups: the Golden Harvesters (from 1919 to 1946) and the Veterans (1947-1995).

There will be floats for each group.

The Harvester veterans first gathered in 1994 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Pampa High football.

Carruth and 1919 team member Lewis Meers served as homecoming parade marshalls.

Allen was a member of the 1941 Harvester team which upset powerful Amarillo High, 16-12, in Harvester Stadium.

AHS was considered one of the top high school teams in the nation and was riding a 27-game win streak at the time.

The Sandies that year had been featured in *Look* magazine.

Canadian handed first setback of season

DIMITT — The Dimmitt Bobcats scored only one touchdown Friday night against the Canadian Wildcats, but it was enough to win the game for Dimmitt and hand Canadian their first loss of the season, 7-0.

Dimmitt's defense played tough throughout the game, shutting down the Wildcat's offense on two potential scoring drives. One of those instances was when the Bobcats intercepted a pass when the Wildcats were on the 9 yard line trying to put it in the end

zone. Another instance occurred later when Dimmitt intercepted another pass after Canadian had drove all the way to Dimmitt's 26.

Dimmitt's Zack Matthews scored the only touchdown of the game in the fourth quarter when he was able to run the ball for a 17-yard touchdown.

Defensively both teams fought hard, with Dimmitt holding the Wildcats to only 130 yards, with only 13 of those yards coming through the air. Canadian's defense played equally as well,

stopping the Bobcats with only 132 total yards, with 3 of those coming from the passing offense.

Dimmitt's record now stands at 2-1, while Canadian's record drops to 2-1 with their first loss of the season. The Wildcat's next opponent is Childress, who they play next Friday at 8 for Canadians homecoming game.

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BASEBALL				FOOTBALL			
American League Standings				Notre Dame-Texas, Stats			
By The Associated Press				All Times EDT			
East Division				Notre Dame 3 14 0 10 — 27			
New York 87 68 .569				Texas 7 7 3 7 — 24			
Baltimore 83 70 .542				First Quarter			
Boston 80 73 .523				Tex—M.Adams 3 pass from J.Brown			
Toronto 69 84 .451				(Dawson kick), 3:56			
Detroit 52 102 .338 35 1/2				ND—FG Sanson 20, 9:33. Second Quarter			
Central Division				Tex—P.Holmes 3 run (Dawson kick), 6:30			
x-Cleveland 93 60 .608				ND—Farmer 18 run (Sanson kick), 10:52			
Chicago 82 73 .529				ND—Edwards 3 pass from Powilus (Sanson			
Milwaukee 75 79 .487 18 1/2				kick), 14:33.			
Minnesota 75 79 .487 18 1/2				Third Quarter			
Kansas City 72 82 .468 21 1/2				Tex—FG Dawson 47, 6:51.			
West Division				Fourth Quarter			
Texas 84 70 .545				Tex—Ri.Williams 1 run (Dawson kick), 4:07.			
Seattle 82 70 .539				ND—Denson 6 run (Sanson kick), 12:06.			
Oakland 73 81 .474				ND—FG Sanson 39, 15:00.			
California 67 85 .441				A—83,312.			
x-clinched division title				INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS			
Friday's Games				RUSHING —Notre Dame, Denson 24-158,			
Kansas City 6, Cleveland 4				Edwards 14-61, Kinder 8-51, Farmer 2-20,			
Boston 4, New York 2				Powilus 6-2, Texas, Ri.Williams 17-107,			
Toronto 5, Baltimore 1				Mitchell 10-50, Holmes 3-2, J.Brown 5-			
Detroit 10, Milwaukee 1				(minus-25).			
Chicago 7, Minnesota 3				PASSING —Notre Dame, Powilus 13-24-0-			
California 6, Texas 5, 10 innings				127, H.Smith 0-1-0-0. Texas, Brown 14-30-1-			
Seattle 12, Oakland 2				178.			
Saturday's Games				RECEIVING —Notre Dame, Mosley 3-41,			
Minnesota 4, Chicago 3				Chryplewicz 3-27, M.Johnson 3-24,			
Cleveland 13, Kansas City 4				M.Edwards 3-22, Nelson 1-13. Texas,			
New York 12, Boston 11, 10 innings				M.Adams 6-76, C.Jackson 3-42, Fitzgerald 3-			
Toronto at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.				33, D.Lewis 1-14, Ri.Williams 1-13.			
Detroit at Milwaukee, 8:05 p.m.				COLLEGE SCORES			
Texas at California, 10:05 p.m.				Brigham Young 17, New Mexico 14			
Oakland at Seattle, 10:05 p.m.				Montana St. 37, Minn.-Duluth 0			
Sunday's Games				Alabama 17, Arkansas 7			
Kansas City (Haney 10-14) at Cleveland				Notre Dame 27, Texas 24			
(McDowell 12-9), 1:05 p.m.				Ball St. 31, Cent. Florida 10			
Toronto (Quartrill 5-14) at Baltimore (Erickson				Bowling Green 14, Miami, Ohio 10			
12-11), 1:35 p.m.				Kent State 34, Liberty 28, OT			
Boston (Sele 6-10) at New York (Pettitte 21-				Cent. Michigan 38, W. Michigan 28			
8), 2:05 p.m.				Dayton 49, Wis.-Platteville 27			
Minnesota (Aldred 6-8) at Chicago				Drake 34, San Diego 7			
(Fernandez 14-10), 2:05 p.m.				Evansville 34, Quincy 21			
Detroit (Moehler 0-0) at Milwaukee				Iowa St. 42, N. Iowa 23			
(McDonald 12-10), 2:05 p.m.				Louisville 30, Michigan St. 20			
Texas (Hill 15-10) at California (Dickson 1-3),				Morehead St. 24, Valparaiso 0			
4:05 p.m.				Northwestern 28, Ohio U. 7			
Oakland (Prieto 6-7) at Seattle (Muholland 5-				Ohio St. 72, Pittsburgh 0			
2), 4:35 p.m.				S. Illinois 48, Winston-Salem 18			
Boston (Clemens 10-12) at New York				Wisconsin 14, Stanford 0			
(Mendoza 3-5), 8:05 p.m.				Charleston Southern 17, W. Virginia St. 14,			
Monday's Games				2OT			
Milwaukee at Baltimore, 3:05 p.m.				E. Tennessee St. 38, VMI 0			
Toronto at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.				Furman 33, Wofford 3			
Minnesota at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.				Howard U. 31, Virginia St. 7			
Seattle at California, 10:05 p.m.				Massachusetts 23, Richmond 17, OT			
Texas at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.				Louisville 34, Liberty 28, OT			
Only games scheduled				N. Carolina A&T 24, Hampton U. 20			
National League Standings				N.C. Central 21, Delaware St. 16			
By The Associated Press				Sewanee 17, Davidson 16			
All Times EDT				Virginia 42, Wake Forest 7			
East Division				Virginia Tech 30, Rutgers 14			
Atlanta 91 62 .595				Army 35, Duke 17			
Montreal 85 68 .556				Buffalo 34, Lehigh 20			
Florida 74 80 .481 17 1/2				C.W. Post 24, Wagner 6			
New York 69 85 .448 22 1/2				Columbia 20, Harvard 13, OT			
Philadelphia 62 92 .403 29 1/2				Cornell 33, Princeton 27, 2OT			
Central Division				Dartmouth 24, Penn 22			
St. Louis 83 71 .539				Delaware 21, West Chester 17			
Houston 78 76 .506				Duquesne 36, St. John's, NY 9			
Cincinnati 75 78 .490 7 1/2				Frostburg St. 24, Cent. Connecticut St. 6			
Chicago 74 78 .487				Georgetown, D.C. 59, Fairfield 14			
Pittsburgh 68 85 .444 14 1/2				Holy Cross 38, Colgate 21			
West Division				James Madison 38, Boston U. 7			
Los Angeles 87 67 .565				Maine 58, Rhode Island 19			
San Diego 87 68 .561				Marist 30, Iona 7			
Colorado 80 75 .516				Monmouth, N.J. 48, Pace 0			
San Francisco 63 91 .409				New Hampshire 21, Connecticut 13			
Friday's Games				Northeastern 38, Lafayette 6			
Pittsburgh 6, Chicago 4				Pepperdine St. 41, Temple 0			
Florida 3, Houston 1				Robert Morris 7, Towson St. 0			
New York 5, Philadelphia 2				St. Peter's 32, Siena 27			
Atlanta 3, Montreal 2				Villanova 49, Fordham 10			
Cincinnati 4, St. Louis 2				W. Illinois 16, Hofstra 9			
San Francisco 6, Colorado 2				William & Mary 47, Bucknell 0			
San Diego 4, Los Angeles 2				Yale 30, Brown 0			
Saturday's Games				National Football League			
Late Games Not Included				By The Associated Press			
St. Louis at Cincinnati, ppd., rain				All Times EDT			
Colorado at San Francisco				AMERICAN CONFERENCE			
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(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

White Deer running back Johnny Berry picks up yardage through the middle of the Shamrock defense Friday night. The Bucks remain unbeaten after a 25-0 win.

White Deer blanks Shamrock, 25-0

WHITE DEER — White Deer's impressive reversal of fortune continued last week as the Bucks were able to shut out Shamrock's Fighting Irish, 25-0, at White Deer's homecoming with 1,000 fans looking on.

White Deer's big victory over the Fighting Irish ends Shamrock's 14-game regular-season winning streak and was the Buck's first win over Shamrock in two years.

White Deer dominated every aspect of the game, especially defensively forcing 5 turnovers, three of which were interceptions by sophomore Jeremy Crook, and holding the Fighting Irish to only 230 total yards, 104 of those yards gained through the air.

The Bucks' offense was led by Graig Urbanczyk, who scored three of White Deer's four total touchdowns, the first of the three coming in the second quarter after a 7-yard scramble into the end zone to start the Buck's scoring. Crook scored White Deer's second touchdown of the game off of one of his three interceptions, running 17 yards into the end zone to give the Bucks a strong 12-0 halftime lead over the Fighting Irish.

Urbanczyk completed the scoring duties for White Deer in the fourth quarter scoring two touchdowns. The first of the two came after Crook's third interception of the game that ended a Shamrock drive at the Buck 16, Shamrock's deepest penetration of the game. Urbanczyk scored that touch-

down off of a 4-yard run and completed his scoring later in the quarter after breaking free up the sideline for an amazing 89-yard touchdown to give the Bucks a comfortable 25-point lead with only 5:43 left in the game.

Urbanczyk led the game in rushing with 226 yards off of 26 carries. White Deer's total yards gained were 409, with 142 of those yards gained through the air.

With the win White Deer maintains a perfect record of 3-0, totally reversing last year's start of 0-3 last year. Shamrock lost its first game of the season and now holds an 2-1 mark on the season.

The Buck's next opponent is Vega, who they play next Friday in Vega at 7:30.

Baylor romps over Oregon State, 42-10

WACO, Texas (AP) — Kalief Muhammad raced 100 yards with a kickoff and galloped 18 yards for another touchdown as unbeaten Baylor rolled to a 42-10 victory Saturday over winless Oregon State.

Jerod Douglas and Pearce Pegross also scored twice and linebacker Anthony Taylor contributed an interception for the Beavers, who extended the Beavers' longest current Division I-A losing streak to 13.

Douglas sped 32 and 47 yards for touchdowns and Pegross pulled down two TD passes as the Beavers (3-0) used the PAC-10 Beavers (0-3) as a final tuneup for their Big 12 Conference debut Oct. 5 against Texas Tech.

Pegross, a junior split end, scored on a 30-yard pass from starting quarterback Jeff Watson and a 48-yard shot from Jermaine Alfred but it was Taylor's interception that triggered the rout.

Taylor stole a Tim Alexander pass and returned it 44 yards to set up Muhammad's 18-yard scoring romp, awakening the slumbering Beavers late in the first period.

Until Taylor's theft, the Beavers were banging the Bears around almost at will, compiling 91 offensive yards to Baylor's 15 but misfiring on first-half field goal attempts of 37 and 21 yards by Randy Lund.

Watson winged passes of 11 and 15 yards to Muhammad and then hit Pegross with a 30-yard scoring pass as Baylor moved 80 yards in nine plays to take a 14-0 halftime lead.

Douglas capped scoring drives of 64 and 80 yards with his touchdown runs in the third period and Oregon State final got on the board with a 30-yard field goal by Lund.

The Beavers got their lone touchdown on a 53-yard pass from DeShawn Williams to Roddy Tompkins, but moments later Muhammad gathered in the ball in the end zone and streaked to the longest kickoff return in school history.

Pampa — The Pampa freshmen football team suffered a huge 54-point loss to the freshmen team from Hereford Thursday afternoon, 60-6.

Pampa started the game out well, stopping Hereford on their first drive and offensively scoring the first touchdown of the game with 4:37 remaining in the first quarter.

The freshmen Harvesters fell apart after that, letting Hereford score consistently throughout the remainder of the game. Pampa also had trouble getting anything started offensively.

Miami shuts down Hedley

HEDLEY — Five of Miami's Warriors were able to score as Miami rolled over the Hedley Owls Friday night in a game that was stopped at the half by the 45-point mercy rule.

Miami scored 32 points in the first quarter alone, with touchdowns coming from Marshal Flowers, who scored on a 50-yard punt return, Jammy Murray scored on a 6-yard run and Blake Hurst and Bradley Hale scored on runs of 5 and 17 yards, respectively.

Miami's second quarter of offense consisted of two touchdowns, one from Levi Lunsford off of an 8-yard scramble into the end zone and the final game-ending touchdown coming from Marshal Flowers off of a 45-yard interception return

for his second touchdown of the game.

Miami also blew away the Owls statistically, gaining an overall yardage total of 240 yards compared to only 52 yards total for the Hedley. Miami's defense forced three Hedley turnovers. Both teams also combined for only five first downs, three of which went to the Owls.

Miami's next game is the 27th against Higgins in Miami at 7:30.

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Positioning key to U.S. defense strategy

By JOHN DIAMOND
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The 3,500 Army tank crewmen deploying from Fort Hood, Texas, to Kuwait walked aboard chartered jets with just their own rifles and knapsacks.

Where was the heavy armor? Already in Kuwait as part of a massive U.S. supply strategy known as "prepositioning."

Pentagon doctrine dictates that volatile regions such as the Persian Gulf cannot remain undefended for the 26 days it would take to ship tanks nearly 9,000 miles to the battlefield. Moreover, despite an impressive looking fleet of cargo aircraft, the military lacks the capacity to fly sufficient U.S.-based forces into battle.

Instead, the United States has convinced allies such as Kuwait and Qatar to permit storage of substantial heavy supplies - tanks, armored personnel carriers, howitzers, ammunition and fuel.

"This military presence provides the deterrence that spares this region from another Gulf War," Defense Secretary William Perry said recently. "I believe that prepositioning is a key to our defense strategy in the Gulf."

Prepositioning means the military can, in a matter of days, dispatch troops by air to distant regions to "marry up" with their heavy equipment and get into battle quickly. It harkens to the dictum of the Confederate cavalry Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest of "getting there firstest with the mostest."

"The general concept behind having prepositioned equipment is so that our people can do exactly what we did this week - deploy to the theater without having to take 26 days to get stuff

there by sea," said Air Force Lt. Col. Nino Fabiano, spokesman for the U.S. Central Command, the military headquarters responsible for the Gulf region. "We just simply couldn't do it by air."

Army deployment plans envision putting a battalion task force of 60 tanks into the field in 24 hours. The lead division would be in place within 12 days of a crisis breaking out, with two more following 18 days later.

This force, of course, is far short of the 500,000-man Army the Persian Gulf War coalition launched against Iraq. It represents what Andrew Krepinevich of the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments calls a "trip-wire" force.

"It indicates to a prospective adversary that if they commit aggression, American blood is likely to be spilled and in that case the prospect for American intervention in the war is far higher," Krepinevich said.

The military has been prepositioning equipment in Europe and Korea for decades, dating back to the Cold War strategy of moving "10 divisions in 10 days" into fighting position in Europe, according to the Army's Center for Military History.

Since the end of the Cold War, the reduction in the size of the active-duty force created a huge surplus of weapons, some of which have now become part of the supply base for prepositioning, Krepinevich said.

The practice is not without its downside.

Prepositioning depends on the permission of host nations, and, as the Pentagon discovered in the most recent scrape with Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, that permission is not always forthcoming.

Report: Manuals had human rights abuses

WASHINGTON (AP) - A U.S.-run academy for Latin American military officers used training manuals that contained references to executions, beatings and other human rights abuses, the Pentagon says in a disclosure that prompted renewed calls for the school's closing.

The Pentagon on Friday released English translations of some of the phrases that officials said were contained in the original Spanish-language manuals used at the U.S. Army's School of the Americas from 1987 to 1991.

Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy, D-Mass., said it "shows what we have long suspected: taxpayer dollars have been used to train military officers in executions, extortion, beatings and other acts of intimidation - all clear civil rights abuses which have no place in civilized society."

He said "this further underscores the need to close" the school, which was established in Panama in 1946 and moved to Fort Benning, Ga., in 1984.

General information contained

in the manuals was sent to Congress in 1991 by then-Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, but the exact translations of the training manuals were not made public then, military officials said.

Lt. Col. Arne Owens, a Pentagon spokesman, said several Spanish-language copies of the six original manuals are now available for scrutiny.

"The Department of Defense did a review five years ago, and Congress was told about it five years ago ... but the manuals were not publicly released" at that time, Owens said. He said he could not say why that occurred.

"The review found that about two dozen isolated phrases, sentences or short passages, out of 1,100 pages in six of the manuals, were objectionable or dubious and "appeared to condone prac-

tices violating U.S. policy," a Pentagon statement said.

It said the phrases were taken out of context from chapters carrying titles such as "Handling of Sources," "Counterintelligence" and "Terrorism and the Urban Guerrilla."

The statement offered some of these translations:

"The employee's value could be increased by means of arrests, executions or pacification, taking care not to expose the employee as the information source."

"The (counterintelligence agent) must offer presents and compensation for information leading to the arrest, capture or death of guerrillas."

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Morales seeks regulation for rental trucks

AUSTIN (AP) - Attorney General Dan Morales says federal lawmakers will have to take steps to help Texas and other states make more safe the self-move, rental truck industry.

In a letter Friday to Congressman Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, Morales said there's an "enormous regulatory loophole" allowing unsafe rental trucks on the country's roads.

"There does not appear to be much regulation of these trucks at any level," Morales wrote. "Those who rent these trucks tend to be inexperienced as truck drivers, and deserve the protection offered by safe, well-maintained vehicles."

Morales and Doggett focused attention on the industry in Texas after media reports earlier this year about unsafe trucks. Doggett asked Morales to investigate.

Morales, reporting to Doggett about the ongoing investigation, said federal law does not affect most rental trucks because they weigh less than 10,000 pounds and are not considered commercial vehicles.

He also said state safety inspection laws affect only those trucks licensed in Texas and larger trucks that transport hazardous materials.

"Many trucks currently in use in Texas are not licensed here and thus are not subject to state inspection," he wrote. "Since so many of the trucks on Texas roads are registered in other states, it appears the only way to protect Texans is to subject all self-move rental trucks to more thorough regulation."

Evelyn Knolle, Doggett's press secretary, said, "We thought asking the attorney general was the first step in addressing the problem. But we will take a look at it. It's an issue that the congressman is concerned about. He is very concerned about it. Obviously, action is needed."

Ron Dusek, a spokesman for Morales, said the attorney general has not given up his efforts to clean up the industry. But Dusek said it is clear federal regulation will be needed.

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Red and white lights flashing, the truck pulls out of the bay. The screaming siren is switched on at the nearby intersection, as driver and partner debate which direction will allow them to avoid road construction.

This is the first call of several during a recent 24-hour ride around with Rural/Metro ambulance personnel.

The truck zooms down Foster Avenue, medicines rattling in the back of the truck as it races over the brick roadway. A few turns and rolling stops later, the truck comes to a stop in the 400 block of North Starkweather.

It's almost 9 p.m. on a Saturday night. A group of neighborhood children converge as the paramedics climb out of the truck's cab. Paramedic Sharmayne Stribling pulls what the medics call the "hitman" — a silver suitcase stocked with all supplies from the ambulance in smaller quantities — from the side door behind the passenger's front door.

Meanwhile, Paramedic Tim Lacy bounds up the steps and onto the front porch. The two are let into the small home by a middle-aged woman who says her father has fallen and is bleeding. As she moves out of the way, the paramedics spot an elderly man lying face down on the carpet.

Stribling and Lacy immediately move to their patient and carefully assist him as he rolls onto his back. Lacy asks the man his name and wipes blood from the bridge of his nose as Stribling returns to the truck to fetch the stretcher. When she returns, the two examine their patient and ask his daughter some questions about what happened.

Stribling places a backboard on the floor next to the patient as Lacy prepares him. The medics

roll the man onto his left side and slide the board under him.

"Okay, sir, here's that collar I was telling you about," Lacy says as he unwraps a neck collar that will stabilize the patient's head. Lacy gently places the collar on his patient, then tapes it to the backboard to insure immobility.

On the count of three, the medics lift the backboard and place it on the waiting stretcher.

"Okay, I'm going to cross your arms across your chest," Stribling says as the medics cross blue straps in an "x" over his body and further secure him with maroon straps straight across his chest and legs.

Though it's a tight fit out the door with the stretcher, the medics are soon wheeling their patient to the truck. They climb in after securing the stretcher — Stribling at the patient's head, Lacy just below her.

Lacy begins treatment by attaching a cuff to the man's left arm and taking his blood pressure, while Stribling informs her patient at every step what the medics are doing.

She attaches electrodes to his chest, helps Lacy establish an intravenous line and sets an oxygen mask over his nose and mouth.

"I bet your nose hurts, bless your heart," Stribling says as she slides the oxygen mask a little lower on the patient's face. She then exits through the side door and climbs into the driver's seat.

Lacy informs Columbia Medical Center that they are leaving the scene and says they are driving "code one" — no lights or sirens. He then attempts to relay the patient's medical condition to CMC, but his dispatcher patches him through to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo for medical control.

They are required to have communication with a doctor while treating patients on the field, and if Pampa is unavailable, they use Northwest.

Lacy informs the hospital that the patient is conscious, alert and well oriented, and that "the chief complaint on this patient is a fall."

While Stribling is en route to the hospital, Lacy folds up the blood pressure cuff and rips off a strip from the electrocardiogram machine. At 9:25 p.m., they arrive at the emergency room entrance at the hospital.

The medics wheel their patient into an examining room and lift him from the stretcher to a bed, turning the patient's care over to the waiting ER nurses. Stribling then strips the sheets from the stretcher and walks back out to the truck to get a new set. The partners then start filling out paperwork on the patient. After about 45 minutes, they return to their station at Browning and Gray.

Waiting for them there are fellow medics Betty Lyman, Peggie Day and Merlie Moore. The three women and members of their families had been visiting the station before the call came in and waited to see the outcome.

Forty-five minutes later, the visitors leave, and Stribling and Lacy decide to try to get some sleep. No such luck, though. At 12:32 a.m., the partners are told to go to the Pampa Country Club on "an unknown medical."

Road construction forces them to traverse a maze before hitting Harvester Avenue and arriving at the country club. EMT-Intermediate Corey Powell, who arrived in his private vehicle, is already with the patient, a young woman who appears to have had too much to drink.

The medics confirm that the woman collapsed and vomited several times, and her husband wants her to go be checked out at the hospital. She is strapped to the stretcher, and Stribling heads off for CMC on Loop 171.

Immediately after the patient has been dropped



off and the medics begin their paperwork, they get another call. This time they are sent to the 1300 block of Duncan and told to travel "code three with a code one arrival on patient's request." In plain English, that means Stribling drives with lights and sirens until a few blocks before the patient's home.

The patient, an elderly woman, is waiting in her dining room for the medics. Her son tells Stribling and Lacy that she is complaining of severe abdominal pain and nausea. After further evaluating the patient, the medics load her onto the stretcher, maneuver it down a difficult porch and place her into the ambulance.

When the truck reaches Hobart Street, Stribling switches on the lights and sirens, reaching speeds over 60 miles an hour on the near-empty highway.

The patient delivered, the medics try to catch up on their paperwork. Shortly after 3:30 a.m., they leave the ER to return to their station. Bedtime finally comes around 4 a.m.

It's a brief rest; at 6:45 a.m., the new day's workers arrive. Lacy and Stribling leave, and the station is now manned by senior medic Nancy Newhouse and paramedic Kevin Hull.

The first order of the day is morning radio check, but before that can be accomplished, dispatch tones the crew out to a fall in the 1200 block of North Russell. Hull slips behind the wheel as Newhouse climbs in the passenger side, and the partners take off.

After they arrive, Newhouse takes the hitman from the back while Hull goes to the front door. After entering, the medics find an elderly woman on the floor beside her bed.

"I just need someone to help

me get back into bed," she explains. "I fell out of bed."

The two lift her back into her bed, explaining with a smile that it's no bother.

Newhouse explains that she needs the patient to sign what is called a no-patient form: "It's not a bill, just a form that says you don't want to go to the hospital."

After the first call of the day, the pair decide to grab a quick breakfast. Back at the station, the pair manages to get a radio check and start inspecting the trucks before they are toned out again, this time to an unconscious and unresponsive patient in the 400 block of North Christy.

As Hull takes off at high speed down Foster Street, Newhouse grabs a pair of rubber gloves for him and herself. She again takes the hitman with her after they arrive at the address. They are led to the back of the house, where an elderly woman is lying prone on a bed.

Newhouse approaches her and tries to test her level of consciousness: "Ma'am. Ma'am! I need you to wake up for me. Can you wake up for me?"

Not long after the paramedics arrive, firefighters show up to offer their help. According to protocols written by Rural/Metro, the fire department is toned out to assist on selected medical calls, including unconscious/unresponsive calls.

Battalion Chief Paul Jenkins brings in a stretcher while Newhouse and Hull examine their patient. The cot is at least two-thirds the width of the narrow hallway and barely fits through the doorway to the bedroom. When the patient is finally brought to the truck, Newhouse begins more treatment while Hull takes off code three to CMC.

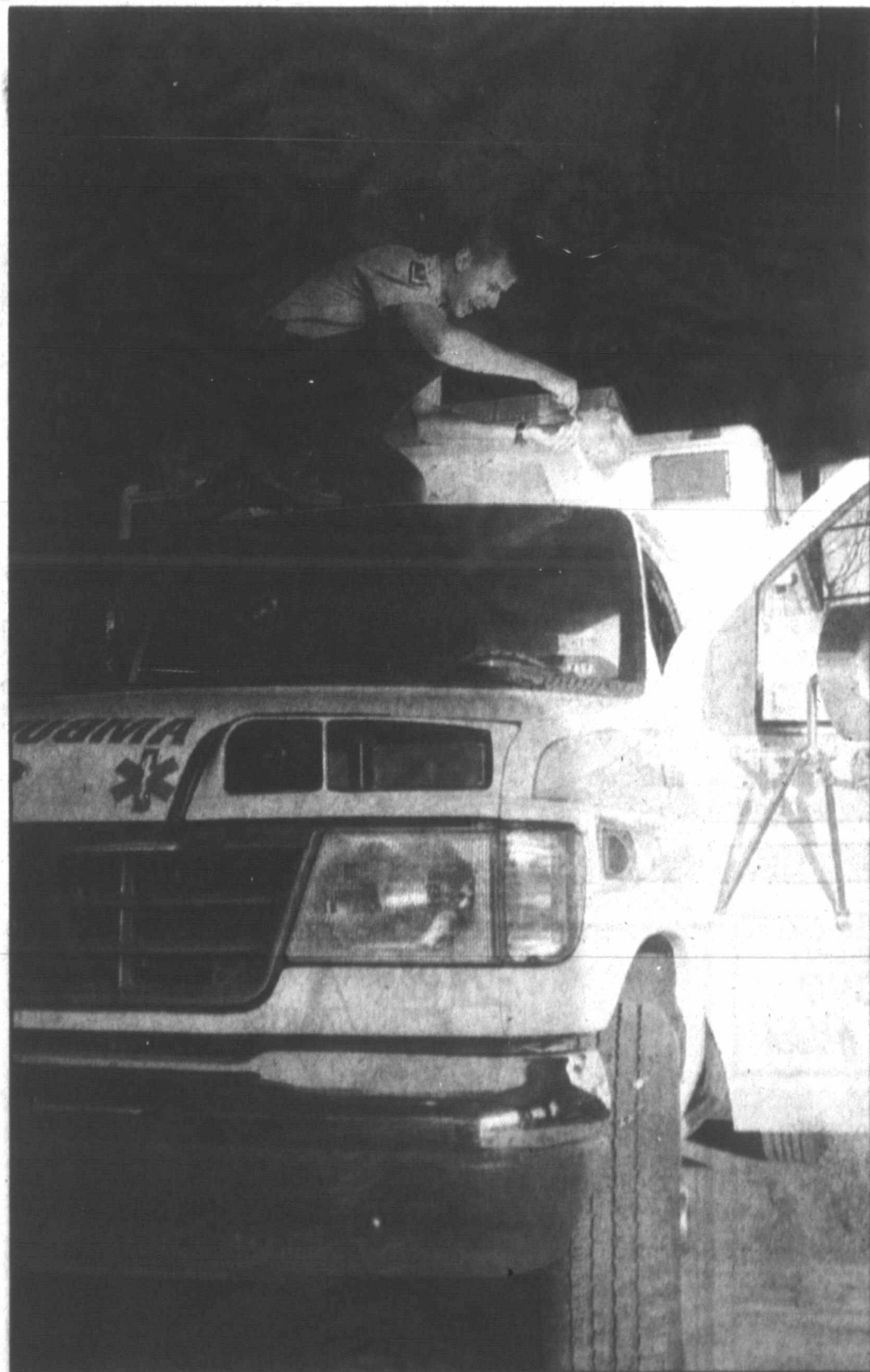
"C'mon darling, you're going to have to stay awake. C'mon sweetie! Squeeze my finger tight, tight, tight. C'mon darling, can you squeeze it?" Newhouse asks the still semi-conscious woman.

While kneeling at the side of the stretcher, Newhouse radios the patient's condition into the waiting staff at CMC's emergency room: "She has a recent history of alternating levels of consciousness in the past 24 to 36 hours. Slurred speech. She does not communicate verbally but does with her eyes. I note weakness of both upper and lower extremities."

Hull pulls up to the emergency room entrance, and the medics quickly bring their patient inside to turn over to the ER nurses. Then, possibly for the first time this morning, they can relax. The two begin their paperwork on the call, and Newhouse uses the ER telephone to order pizza for her four girls at home.

Shortly after lunch, the third and final call of the day comes in. The medics are toned out to the 700 block of North Nelson on an "unknown medical." When they arrive, they find a friendly and embarrassed elderly woman who says her "First Alert" medical alarm is sounding and she can't shut it off. Hull goes to examine the box and discovers that the sound is actually coming from the woman's alarm clock.

With a gentle smile, Newhouse asks the woman to sign a no-patient form, and the pair leave. The light nature of this call seems to serve to lighten their mood after the morning's serious call. The rest of the day is spent catching up on sleep and paperwork, and at 7 p.m., Newhouse's replacement Merlie Moore reports for duty.



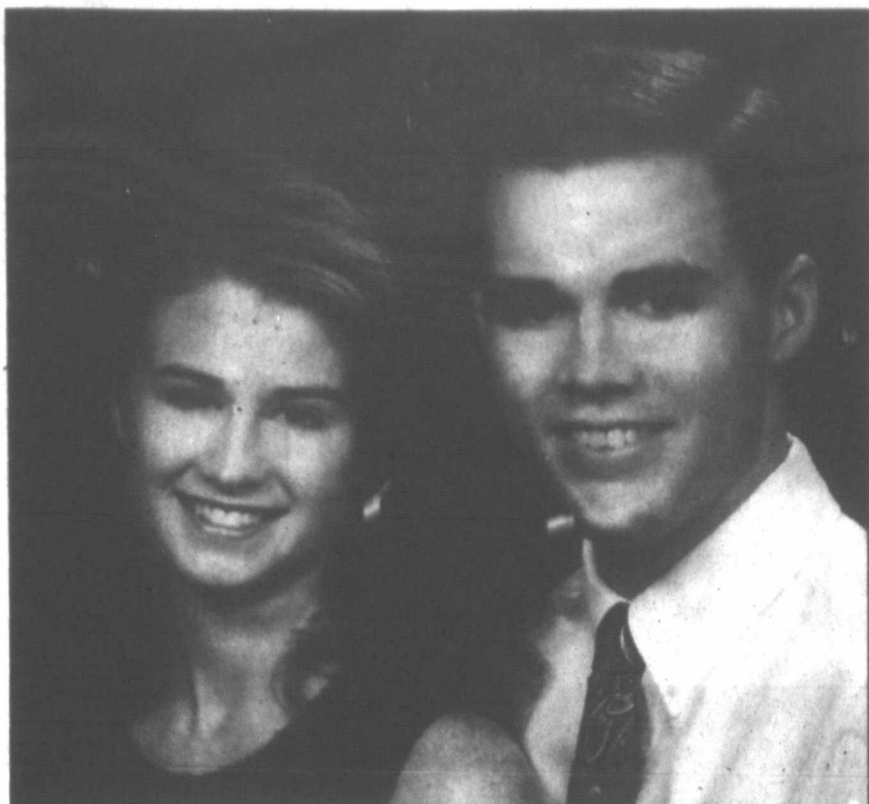
Top left: Paramedic Kevin Hull pulls out of the Rural/Metro ambulance bay on a code three call with senior medic Nancy Newhouse.

Top right: Newhouse enters paperwork into Rural/Metro's central information depository in Arizona.

Left: Paramedic Tim Lacy repairs a light on one of the company's four ambulances. Medics are responsible for keeping their trucks maintained as well as daily chores in the station.

Above: Newhouse jerks the "hitman" out of the back of the truck before rushing inside to a call.

Story and photos by Chip Chandler



Sandi Stevens and David Johnson

Stevens - Johnson

Sandi Stevens, Canyon, and David Johnson, Lubbock, plan to marry Dec. 21 at the First Baptist Church of Canyon. The bride-elect is the daughter of Gary and Jean Stevens, Canyon. The groom-to-be is the son of Sam and Jan Haynes, Pampa, and Mike and Cherry Johnson, Vernon. She attended South Plains College. She plans to graduate in May, 1997 from Texas Tech where she is a pre-pharmacy - chemistry major. He attended Southern Nazarene University. He is a senior at West Texas A&M University where he plans to graduate in May, 1997. He majors in exercise sports science.



H.L. and Nadine Meers

Meers anniversary

H.L. and Nadine Meers of Pampa were honored with a family dinner at the Dallas Petroleum Club on Sept. 14 celebrating their 50th anniversary. It was hosted by their children Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Meers, Pampa, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Meers, Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. Monte Meers, Flower Mound. Mr. Meers married Nadine Mauldin on Sept. 15, 1946 at First Christian Church with the Rev. Beauford Norris of Pampa officiating. They have lived in Pampa 68 years. Mr. and Mrs. Meers have owned Meers Oil Co. for 46 years. They are members of First Christian Church and are the grandparents of six.



Mrs. Spencer DeShane Neff
Katrina May Thompson

Thompson - Neff

Katrina May Thompson, Canyon, and Spencer DeShane Neff, Amarillo, were married Aug. 24 at First Christian Church with the Rev. Dr. Claude Cone, executive director of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico, Albuquerque, and former pastor of First Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. The bride is the daughter of Donald D. Thompson, Pampa, and the late Suritha May Thompson. The groom is the son of Raymond Dee and Elaine Neff, Pampa. Matron of honor was Kiona Thompson Smith, Pampa. Bridesmaids included Misty Shugart, Plainview, and Shely Melear, Jasper. Honorary flower girl was Taylin Suritha - Maey Neff. Standing as best man was father of the groom, Raymond Dee Neff. Groomsmen included Granvel Mark Wells, cousin of the groom, Wichita Falls, and Fred L. Epperly, Pampa. Douglas E. Smith, nephew of the bride, Pampa, was ring bearer. Candles were lit by Hiram Pickett, Jasper. Guests were registered by Mrs. Granvel Mark Wells, Wichita Falls. Music for the ceremony was provided by Chad Bridges, Pampa, and the groom. Mrs. Jerry Wilson, Pampa, was organist. Following the service, the couple was honored with a reception in the parlor of the church. Guests were served by Mrs. Fred Epperly, Mrs. Sam Condo, Mrs. Steve Hawkins, Mrs. Jim Richardson and Mrs. George Gamblin. The bride is a 1992 graduate of Pampa High School and a student at West Texas A&M University, Canyon. The groom is a 1991 graduate of Pampa High School and attended Tarleton State University, Stephenville. He is employed by Kast Marble, Amarillo. Following a honeymoon to Baltimore, Md. and Washington, D.C., they are making their home in Canyon.

Mini bazaar set for October 26 in Perryton

PERRYTON - The seventh annual mini bazaar sponsored by the Women's Fellowship of the Church of the Brethren at Waka is to be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 26. Seventy five exhibitors are expected. An 8-foot- by- 8-foot booth may be rented for \$15. For information call (806) 435-4515 or (806) 435-2104.



James and Joyce Gray

Gray anniversary

James and Joyce Gray are to be honored with a golden anniversary celebration from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 28 at their business, Gray's Decorating Center, 323 S. Starkweather. Mr. Gray married Joyce Maiden on Aug. 11, 1946 in Pampa. He has lived in Pampa since 1943. She has lived in Pampa since 1946. He has worked at the same location as a cabinet maker since 1946, when the business was Ward's Cabinet Shop. He subsequently partnered at Langley - Gray Cabinet Shop and for the last 21 years owned Gray's Decorating Center. She has worked at the center since 1975. They are members of First Baptist church. They are the parents of Debra A. Gray, Dallas; De Ann and Jay Young, Coppell and Dorinda and Tom Robinson, Albuquerque, N.M. They are the grandparents of Brandon Gray Young, Coppell.

Newsmakers

ALTADENA, Calif. - Pampa native Tom Carruth, research director at Weeks Wholesale Rose Grower in Upland, Calif., recently hybridized a unique new rose. Carruth's creation is a red and white striped floribunda called *Scintimental*. *Scintimental* is a 1997 All-America Rose Selection. It will be on the market to gardeners this spring. Carruth, son of Canara and Vontell Carruth, showed an interest in flora and fauna at an early age, planting his first garden when he was nine-years-old. Encouraged by his parents and his Pampa High School biology teacher, Ann McAnelly, Carruth developed an intense interest in plant genetics and decided to pursue a career in the development of new plant varieties. He earned his undergraduate degree and his masters degree in plant breeding from Texas A&M and began his apprenticeship as a professional rose hybridizer at Jackson and Perkins.

He blossomed under the tutelage of respected rose hybridizer, Bill Warriner, who died in 1991, and matured as a professional rose hybridizer under the direction of Jack Christianson of Armstrong Nurseries. Carruth joined Weeks Wholesale Rose Grower in 1987. He has instituted a sophisticated hybridizing program at Weeks Roses, and has introduced several new varieties of roses to the world in the past few years. His most well-known varieties include Crystalline, Columbus, Fire 'n Ice and Stainless Steel. *Scintimental* is his first All-America winner. Carruth currently resides in Altadena, Calif.

PORTALES, N.M. - Jimmy Davis of Pampa earned a bachelor of science in psychology from Eastern New Mexico University.

WEATHERFORD, Okla. - Edith Osborne, a Pampa fresh-



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Deon Thompson
Sandra Kay Spotts

Thompson - Spotts

Sandra Kay Spotts, Jasper, and Donald Deon Thompson, Pampa, were married Aug. 25 at First Christian Church with the Rev. Darrell Evans officiating. The bride is the daughter of Jewel Golden, Stamford. The groom is the son of J.M. Thompson, Farrar. Matron of honor was Jean Bassett, Hemphill. Standing as best man was Steve Phillips, Pampa. The bride was given in marriage by her son, Alan Spotts, Waco. Following the ceremony, the couple was honored with a reception in the parlor of the church. Guests were served by Linda Tidwell, Abilene, Vikki Shifflett, Post, and Kathy Horst, Pampa. The couple will make their home in Pampa where the groom is employed by K-N Energy.

man at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, was the winner of an \$800 tuition scholarship given during parents' weekend Sept. 14.

Osborne's name was announced at Saturday night's SWOSU - University of Central Oklahoma football game. Parents and students registered for the scholarship at 37 participating businesses. Osborne is majoring in chemistry at SWOSU. She is the daughter of David and Janyce Osborne.

KELLY AIR FORCE BASE - John D. Edwards has been promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of sergeant. He is a flight

operations specialist at Ford Monroe, Hampton, Va.

He is the son of Murel D. and Claire A. Edwards of Pampa. The sergeant is a 1986 graduate of Pampa High School.

CANYON - Pampa students earned degrees from West Texas A&M University on Aug. 15. Graduates include JoAnn K. Berner, master of education; Brandi E. Cayce, bachelor of science; Barry L. Coffee, bachelor of business administration; Jane M. Heiring, master of education; Ellen L. Montgomery, educational diagnostician; Lisa R. Neese, administration; and Sherille E. Ramirz, educational diagnostician.

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Menus

Sept. 23 - 27

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Mrs. Eddie Abraham Dawn Pepper

Pepper - Abraham

Dawn Pepper, Pampa, and Eddie Abraham, Canadian, were married Saturday, Sept. 21 at Sleepy Hollow, the country home of the groom's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Malouf Abraham, Canadian. The bride is the daughter of Scott and Jerre Pepper, Claude. Mert Cooper of Canadian officiated at the ceremony. Matron of honor was Kelley O'Brien, sister of the bride, Lamesa. Bridesmaids included Bonnie Abraham, Canadian, and Amber Thorp, Seymour. Kate and Maddie Abraham, nieces of the groom, were flower girls. Standing as best man was the groom's father. Groomsman included his brothers Salem Abraham and Jason Abraham, both of Canadian. Mitchell and Luke Abraham, nephews of the groom, Canadian, and nephews of the bride Mason and Cooper O'Brien, Lamesa, were ringbearers. Brother of the bride Kevin Pepper, Lamesa, and Foy O'Brien, brother in law of the bride, Lamesa, served as ushers. Guests were registered by Kelley Cooper, the groom's cousin of Grapevine. Music was provided by fiddler Frankie McWhorter. Following the ceremony, the couple was honored with a reception and dinner at Sleepy Hollow. The bride is a first grade teacher at Horace Mann Elementary in Pampa. The groom is a self employed rancher, ranch manager for Abraham Ranches and commodity futures trader for Abraham Trading Co. Following a honeymoon to Cancun, Mexico, they plan to make their home at the Bixler Camp of the Mendota Ranch, Canadian.

4-H Futures & Features

Dates
22- Swine Show at the South Plains Fair- Lubbock
23- Horse project, 6:30 p.m., Arena
24- Method demonstration training, Annex
27- Rabbit Raiders project meeting, 7 p.m., Annex

Tri State Fair Entries
Several Gray County 4-H members had entries in the youth textiles and photography divisions. Clothing entries belonged to Angie and Julie Davenport and Savannah Smith of Lefors. Cory Jackson entered the photography category.

District I 4-H Bake Show Results
Andrea Shank of the 4-Clover 4-H Club in McLean earned second place honors at the District 1 4-H Better Bake Show held Saturday at the Tri State Fair in Amarillo. The contest is co-sponsored annually by the Tri State Fair and Texas Wheat Producers Association in Amarillo, Arrowhead Mills of Hereford, and the Texas Agriculture Extension Service. The purpose of the contest is to promote the use of wheat, one of the Panhandle's leading agricultural products. Nineteen 4-H'ers from across the Texas Panhandle prepared a muffin recipe of their choice using a least one-third whole wheat flour. Bread making and baking skills and techniques as well as food safety are emphasized in the contest.

Method Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks
What are they? This is usually the response from leaders and 4-H'ers when asked if they plan to do one. These are public speaking activities that are designed to teach others about certain topics. You can either demonstrate something - such as how to saddle a horse by actually using a saddle or you can do an illustrated talk on the same topic by using posters. These can be done individually or as teams. You will have the opportunity to learn about these activities at two trainings this fall. Method Demonstration/ Illustrated Talks Training #1, where we will discuss how to start, selecting a topic, gathering information, and writing a demonstration. This will be on Sept. 24, at 7 p.m. at the Gray County Annex. At Method Demonstration/ Illustrated Talks Training #2, we will discuss doing posters and polishing your talks. This will be on Oct. 3, at 7 p.m. at the Gray County Annex. Every 4-H'er needs to try to do a talk this fall. Find a partner and come to the trainings. Contests for method demonstration and illustrated talks are listed below:
County Roundup- Oct. 20 (practice contest)
District Roundup at West Texas A&M University - Nov. 2
All senior 4-H'ers (14 by January 1996) who qualify for State Roundup by placing first or second at district will go to College Station next June for competition. It'd a great trip you won't want to miss. Call if you have questions.

Good nutrition based on variety, quality, not fads

Late breaking nutrition news: "You can be healthy without outrageous gimmicks!" Similar common-sense headlines about health and nutrition generally take a back seat to promotional articles that tout the wonders of botanicals, herbs, time-released vitamins, gender-specific supplements and an assortment of trendy weight loss diets. Be careful when tempted by a quick fix or simple solution to the challenge of eating well in the ever-changing world of nutrition. Diets and food fads will always be with us because they speak to the core of our human nature: Who we are, and what we choose to eat. This is selling hope through food, which capitalizes all too successfully on the evolving science of nutrition. How do you protect yourself from the food fad grab-bag of simplistic ideas the are usually based on minimal research but enjoy maximum media exposure? A coalition of food and nutrition scientists have identified ten red flags signaling junk science. Let the buyer beware of any diet, food plan, product or service that has any of these dubious characteristics.

- Recommendations that promise a quick fix.
- Dire warnings of dangers from a single product or regimen.

Homemakers' News Donna Brauchi



- Claims that sound too good to be true.
- Simplistic conclusions drawn from a complex study.
- Recommendations based on a single study.
- Dramatic statements that are refuted by reputable scientific organizations.
- Lists of good and bad foods.
- Recommendations made to help sell a product.
- Recommendations based on studies published without being formally reviewed by others knowledgeable in the same field.
- Recommendations from studies that ignore the differences among individuals or groups.

Here are simple tips for eating well in the ever-changing world of health and nutrition information that reflect current scientific recommendations. **Start with yourself** - You are the one who has to make the commitment to eating well for life. You have unique requirements for nutrients and personal food preferences that reflect social and cultural environment which are rarely addressed in fad diets. Is the diet or advice tailored to suit your needs? Can you and your family enjoy eating together at home and eating out while following the diet plan? Can you easily find, purchase and cook the foods or products recommended? **Remember the three words of nutrition wisdom** - Variety, moderation, balance. These three

words describe how you should approach your food choices over time. There are no good or bad foods, just wise and unwise eating habits. Vary the foods you eat from the food groups of the food guide pyramid. Don't eat too much, or too little, of any one food, nutrient or food group. **Enjoy foods from all the five food groups** - But choose more frequent servings from the base of the food guide pyramid which includes the grain, cereal, pasta, and rice group, the fruit group and the vegetable group. **Follow the Seven Dietary Guidelines** - Eat a variety of foods; balance the food you eat with physical activity - maintain or improve your weight; choose a diet low in fat, saturated fat, and cholesterol; choose a diet moderate in sugar and salt and sodium.

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Club news

Highland Hobby Club
Highland Hobby Club met Sept. 10 in the home of Johnnie Rhode. President Gloria Norris led the meeting and read a thank you note from the family of Ron Steel. Ferline Calvert is to host the next meeting. Members present include Jewel Holmes, Ferline Calvert, Helen Smith, Gloria Norris and Johnnie Rhode. Door prizes were won by Norris and Calvert.

Pampa Garden Club
Pampa Garden Club met Sept. 9 in the home of Holly Gray. Alice Gray, president, led the meeting. Plans were made to attend the northern zone meeting at the Amarillo Garden Club on Nov. 7. Others plans were made to have a sales booth at the Festival of Trees on Dec. 6, 7, and 8. Ten members and new member, Liny Howard, attended. Thelma Bray and Ruth Barrett presented the 1996-1997 yearbook. Bray reported on the Christmas tree and religious art show set for Dec. 13, 14 and 15 at Lovett Library sponsored by the club. The next meeting is set for 2 p.m. Oct. 14 at 1824 Chestnut.

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Devoted Son Finds A Little Kindness Goes A Long Way

DEAR ABBY: My father died when I was 10. My world spun out of control for a few years because I had lost my hero — the man I most admired. Since I wanted to grow up to be like my dad, I was always looking for someone like him to be my friend. Fortunately, I was blessed with several who served as mentors and taught me what my dad would have had to live.

Today, I am 51, and while I mentor others, I am still very close to two mentors of my own. May I pass on some advice from one who transformed the quality of my life and my mother's too?

I have the best mom in the world. She's tough as a water buffalo, opinionated, thanks I could have been president and still nags me to eat more vegetables.

Three years ago, my mentor suggested I call my mother every day just to hear her voice, to let her hear mine, to hear about her day — and tell her that I love her.

I eat one meal a week with Mom, usually dinner, but sometimes lunch or breakfast. This past week, I didn't get a chance to share a meal with her, and since she was leaving town Friday morning with an elderly friend, I drove over to see her Thursday night. While there, she asked me to review her map from AAA, and we spent about 20 minutes looking it over. Before I left, Mom told me how relieved she was that we had looked over the route and that I knew where she



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

was going.

The last time I was there, I changed two batteries in her garage door opener, and the time before, I used the blower to clean out her garage and she served me a delicious pot roast.

Today I have a priceless relationship with my mom, thanks to the advice of my mentor. I'm as attentive to her as my father would be if he were alive — I am indeed my father's son.

Diana Ross was right. You can reach out and touch someone, and in so doing, change their world — and yours too.

A DEVOTED SON, PHOENIX

DEAR DEVOTED SON: Those who spread joy invariably reap a good measure for themselves.

DEAR ABBY: About the husband who phoned his wife's boss to say she would not be in that day

due to a death in the family: When asked who died, he stammered, and it was obvious he didn't know. I can beat that.

The New York City Department of Corrections gives its officers three days of paid "bereavement" time. Since no one checks up, and the policy is so generous, relatives drop like flies. (Always during the holidays or when beautiful weather is forecast.)

One guy I work with has had the worst luck imaginable. This spring his mother died for the fourth time in seven years. I'm not kidding.

C.O. IN STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEAR C.O.: My condolences to the officer who lost his mother — again. But someone should warn this guy that by the time her ninth life is over, the personnel department may have learned to add. The Department of Corrections should be using only the most efficient time-management techniques, at least for those uniformed men and women on the right side of the bars.

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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Monday, Sept. 23, 1996

Role reversals are indicated for the year ahead. If you have felt as if you are always giving to others, this year you will finally have a chance to be on the receiving end.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) In order to make this a day of accomplishments, try not to get too involved with a friend who doesn't know how to utilize his or her time productively. Major changes are ahead for Libra in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$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.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Everything will work out to your advantage today if you give it time to develop. Do not let self-doubts or negative thinking influence you to alter your agenda.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today your faith in something significant might be put to the test. However, if you do not back down, everything will happen according to plan.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your imagination will be your most dependable ally today when you have to evaluate important developments. Listen to others, but don't suppress your views.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A difficult matter can be resolved today if you do not hesitate to take control of the issue personally. Do not doubt your ability.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today your most difficult obstacles will be those you place on your own path. Life is tough enough without making it harder for yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Make a point of acknowledging someone who goes out

of his or her way to assist you today. If you appear to be ungrateful, this person will not help you again.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you are fortunate, someone might cover for you at work today by fixing something you've done wrong. Why take a chance? Find your own mistakes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you are involved in a competition today, try to be a good sport regardless of whether you win or lose.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Joint endeavors could work out well for you today if you have a strong ally. However, it will be your responsibility to hold up your end of the bargain.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do not make hasty decisions today, because your initial assessments might be faulty. Fortunately, your judgment will improve if you study things in greater detail.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This could be a profitable day for you if you are motivated. You will want to generate extra income to benefit loved ones.

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"Spencer's dog is sick, so he's teachin' his little sister to fetch."



"I'm telling you, the doorbell that is ringing is on TV."

The Family Circus



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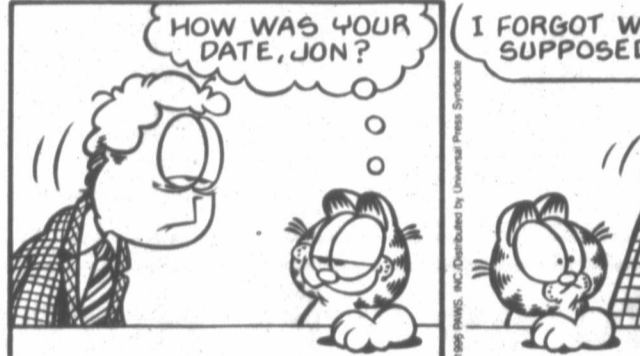
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Entertainment

TRAIL BLAZER

Biking's X-treme Missy

By MARK KENNEDY
Associated Press
Writer

Missy Giove's nickname says it all: The Missile.

Giove is the fastest female mountain biker in the world, routinely rocketing down cliffs on a knobby-tired bicycle like a bullet.

And with a dead piranha slung around her neck plus the ashes of her dog stuffed in her shirt, her extreme antics have made her a heroine of sorts to a disparate group of young women.

But don't let that grunge wardrobe fool you. Giove, 24, juggles more than a dozen corporate endorsements and will earn an income in the high six-figures this year.

Notorious for her, um, eccentricities, Giove's famous for, among other things, her two-toned, shaved haircut - long, braided dreadlocks and short bleach-blond sides. Plus she's as pierced as a pincushion and tattooed like a sailor.

She carries around the ashes of her beloved black lab, Ruffian, and stuffs a little of his remains in her sports-bra before races. The dead, dried piranha around her neck reminds her to be aggressive.

Not that she needs reminding - Giove is to aggressive what Dennis Rodman is to provocative. And Giove's antics might even make The Worm blush.

A friendly dare in college sent the former ski racer rocketing down her first mountainside in 1990. Never one to let a challenge go unanswered, Giove mounted a borrowed bike to shoot down Vermont's Mount Snow - though she had never ridden one before.

She crashed. Then got back up. And then crashed again. But she won.

"You're ill!" a race organizer told her. "You're insane! How long have you been racing?"

"Oh, this is my first race," the bruised hellion responded.

"I always knew I was fast, but I kept crashing," she recalls in her characteristic mile-a-minute rat-a-tat.

"I went fast for maybe 50 yards and then crashed. Then I went 100 yards and crashed. Finally one day I made it across the finish line without crashing and won. I never got faster. I just made it down farther."

Her specialty, the downhill, is like the Tour de France hosted on the moon. Downhillers storm out the summit gates like demented skiers, peddle furiously on adrenalin-fueled machines at teeth-shattering speeds approaching 60 mph and then catapult through gravity with their butts in the air.

Misjudge an angle and they somersault over the bike's aluminum frame, and tumble down the dusty, rocky gorge like a rag doll tossed from a speeding car.

Review: 'First Wives Club' a good time

By DAVID GOODMAN
Associated Press
Writer

The battle between the sexes is unlikely to completely cool down after the thorough working over it gets in *The First Wives Club*, an over-the-top farce that pits dumped wives against philandering husbands.

With excellent performances from Bette Midler, Goldie Hawn and Diane Keaton, and a host of super-snappy one liners, it's hard not to have a good time for much of the movie.

What might have been a truly great comedy is marred by a message that gets too heavy-handed and by a few truly ghastly cameo appearances near the end from Ivana Trump and Kathie Lee Gifford.

Elise (Hawn) has become a famous movie star, but also a lush and plastic surgery addict. For Elise, there are only three roles for women in Hollywood: "Babe, district attorney and Driving Miss Daisy."

Her movie producer spouse, whom she helped to get into the business, is absorbed with his new "project," the career of shapely Phoebe (Elizabeth Berkeley), while Elise is marked down to play the role of Phoebe's mother.

Brenda (Midler), now a sensible housewife, is mourning the loss of her electronics-magnate husband Morty to mincing, stiletto-wearing bimchette Shelly (Sarah Jessica Parker).

Then there's Annie (Keaton), a Connecticut mom in a suburban Martha Stewart home. She's recently separated from her rakish ad executive husband and naively believes that as soon as they finish working out their "issues," they'll get back together.

When the fourth member of their college gang (Stockard Channing) takes a swan dive off her sumptuous Fifth avenue apartment after her tycoon ex-husband remarries a twentysomething blonde, the roommates are reunited.

Over a boozy apres funeral lunch, the trio discover their common problems and spend several hilarious minutes dishing men and younger women.

Eventually, a plan is hatched - separate their wealthy husbands from their money and, by extension, their self-respect.

The project requires the help of Brenda's designer boss (Bronson Pinchot) and Mafioso uncle (Philip Bosco), Annie's lesbian daughter (Jennifer Dundas), wealthy socialite Gunilla Goldberg (Maggie Smith) and many implausible, but funny situations.

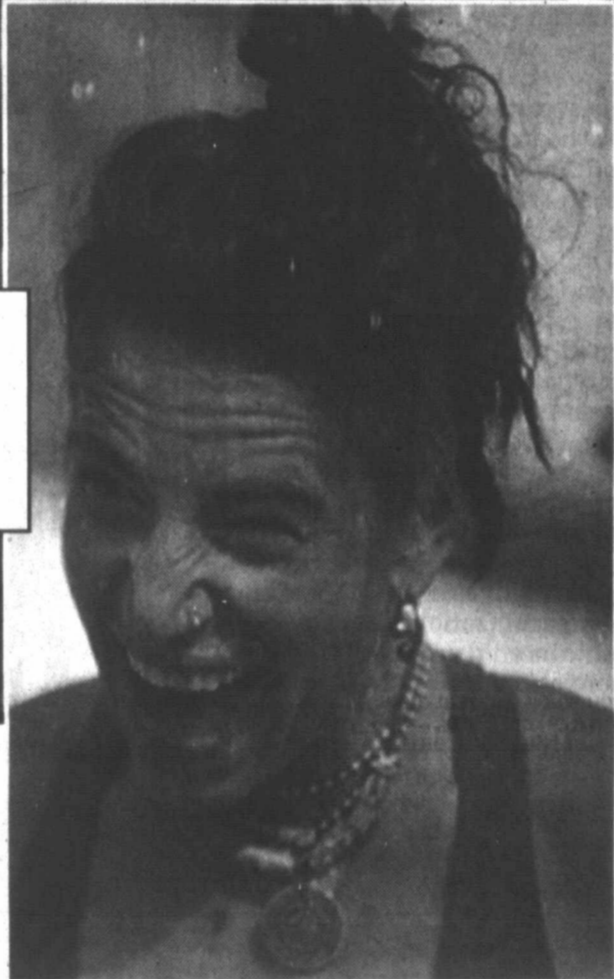
The three actresses perform throughout with tremendous comic flair and seem to be having the time of their lives.



BRUISED HELLION
Missy Giove eliminates the competition at Mammoth Mountain (above left). Giove bubbles in Honolulu after winning the World Cup Downhill Series (above right) and mugs for the camera (right).

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PHOTOS LEFT AND ABOVE: TONY CHENG/AP



These rides are hardly genteel Sunday jaunts in the park.

Even a career-threatening wreck that laid her up in a wheelchair for 15 weeks didn't slow her down. Giove wouldn't take the hint.

"I don't have a problem with crashing and dying," says Giove matter-of-factly. "I think being an athlete is in the mind. It's not in the body."

Giove burst on the racing scene as an 18-year-old, considered late, but she's already raised the stakes in women's racing by pushing herself and others to take bigger risks in the saddle.

The 5-foot-6-inch Giove is a bona fide mountain biking goddess - she claimed the overall women's title at the World Cup Downhill Series this month in Hawaii and is gunning for her second World Championship in Australia.

"She always had tons of energy. All the time," says her bearlike father, Ben Giove.

To young rebels, Giove's a heroine and a risk-taker. To fellow bikers, she routinely pushes the sport's limits. And to members of the gay community, Giove is a lesbian comfortable in her sexuality.

"She's out and outspoken. That's great," says Alan Klein, a gay activist. "Diversity and inclusion is a message I think advertisers are getting loud and clear now."

Giove's gonzo attitude hasn't scared off endorsements from such heavy hitters as Reebok, Tissot and Volvo-Cannondale.

Giove is said to make 10 times what most mountain bikers earn. This year she's been guaranteed half a million dollars, a figure that doesn't include either winnings or merchandising.

It has come at a cost. She's busted a total of 33 bones and countless teeth in her short career, including four compound fractures of her pelvis, a broken hip and a smashed collarbone.

Today she's the messiah of the mountainside, especially after establishing Team Amazon - a nonprofit organization offering urban girls an opportunity to ride in her equipment-heavy sport.

"I don't want cycling to become an elite sport like skiing," she says. "To me it's a soul sport, an art form." She says. "I see the world in a different light when I'm looking at it from a bicycle."

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Agriculture

Commercial production expected for two varieties of bluebonnets

COLLEGE STATION - Seed for two varieties of long-stem bluebonnets now may be licensed for commercial production exclusively by Texas nurseries, opening what's expected to be a blooming new money-maker for growers and florists.

"Texas Sapphire," which is the traditional blue, and "Texas Ice," which is white, are the first varieties in the Big Bend Bluebonnet "Texas" series to be released for commercial production by the Texas Agriculture Experiment Station.

"We look forward to seeing some growers work with us to develop the crop and make it available for more people in Texas," said Dr. Tim Davis, an Experiment Station horticulturist and director of the Texas A&M Research and Extension

Center in Dallas. Davis developed the flower with Dr. Wayne Mackay, a horticulturist at the Texas A&M Agriculture Research Center in El Paso.

Davis said long-stem bluebonnets probably will not be common in floral shops for at least two or three years, but trial agreements with several Texas growers who produced the flowers for florists last year indicated that demand will be high.

"The number of stems sold last year were considerably higher than the previous year," Davis said, "because producers have worked out and refined their production techniques."

Texas-sized bluebonnets were first introduced into the floral market on a trial basis in 1994. The idea for a floral bluebonnet stems from a

tall variety that was found in the Big Bend area. Mackay and Davis recognized the potential because there are practically no blue flowers that can be used in the cut-flower market.

Using seed collected for those plants several years ago, Mackay worked on breeding a long-stem version of the state flower, and Davis studied the flower's ability to withstand the rigors of shipping and handling.

"The development of the long-stem bluebonnet represents and exciting, new venture for the Texas floral market," said Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry. "The flower itself represents the very spirit of Buy Texas - developed in this state, promoted in this state, and will certainly flourish in this state."

The Texas Department of Agriculture supported a two-year marketing test which proved that the long-stem bluebonnets were very popular.

The Texas A&M University System will grant non-exclusive licenses to Texas nurseries for greenhouse production of the flowers under a sliding scale based upon the quantity of expected production. Only nurseries acquiring a commercial license will be able to purchase seed of these varieties.

License fees will range from \$1,000 to \$5,000, depending on the size of the numbers of stems or plugs sold. Licenses must agree to purchase and plant at least 50 percent of the annual seed allotment, and all production must be in Texas.

"In order to allow smaller nurs-

eries to produce the flowers and to allow larger nurseries to test the market, we have instituted a sliding scale license fee which has a built-in upgrade feature," said John C. "Trey" Key III, Texas A&M System Technology Licensing Office licensing manager. "This allows a company to begin growing the flowers with a relatively low license fee, while maintaining the option to expend production at a later date."

Key said that by controlling the movement of seed, the Texas A&M System is striving to protect these flowers and Texas nurseries from international competition.

As Texas Sapphire and Texas Ice hit the market, the researchers plan to continue improving and adding new varieties for consumers, Mackay said.

"We have managed to get these two on the market a lot sooner than other crops, partly because of the novelty of it," he said. "But we've got a lot we can do. We can improve the color range and release other colors like pink, bi-colors or different shades of blue. And we can continue to improve performance, to find better ways to keep them lasting longer in vases."

Mackay also expects the love of Texas bluebonnets to spread well beyond the state's boundaries.

"As the flower gains some acceptance, it will pick up markets in many other places, especially the blue because it is unique," he said.

For more information about obtaining a license to produce long-stem bluebonnets, contact Key at (409) 847-8682 or e-mail j-key@tamu.edu.

TBC board elects chairman, directors

The Texas Beef Council's board of directors has elected Chaunce O. Thompson Jr. of Breckenridge as its chairman and Jim Williams of Boling as vice chairman for its fiscal year starting Oct. 1.

Thompson, president of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, represents that group on TBC's board. He replaces Bob Nunley of Sabrinal, who represents the Independent Cattleman's Association. Williams represents the Texas Purebred Cattle Alliance on the TBC board.

The board also elected Danny Evans of Sulphur Springs and Jay O'Brien of Amarillo to join Thompson, Williams and Nunley on the TBC executive committee. Evans represents the southern division of Mid-America Dairymen Inc. on TBC and O'Brien represents Texas Cattle Feeders Association.

In addition, the board seated two new directors. They were Clay Birdwell of Hereford, representing the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, and L.C. Harrison of Wichita Falls, representing the Texas Farm Bureau.

Thompson, a commercial and registered beef producer, is a partner of C&S Cattle Co. in Stephens, Shackelford and Eastland counties with headquarters in Breckenridge. He has served

as TSCRA president since 1995. He also has served as a director to the National Cattleman's Beef Association and is former chairman of the NCA Private Land and Environmental Management Committee.

He is a graduate of the University of Texas with a bachelor of science in petroleum engineering. He and his wife, Peggy, have three sons and eight grandchildren.

Williams and his father, Sloan Williams, own V8 Ranch at Hungerford. The operation runs registered Brahman and Shorthorn cattle and commercial F-1 Braford. Williams also is a director and executive board member of the American Brahman Association. He also serves as a director of the Texas Purebred Cattle Alliance and the Texas Shorthorn Association.

Williams is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science in animal science. He and his wife, Luann, have two daughters.

The Texas Beef Council (TBC) is one of 44 state beef councils charged with collecting and administering the \$1 per head beef checkoff program. Congress created the checkoff program with the Farm Bill of 1985. It stipulates that producers nationwide must

pay \$1 per head every time any bovine (beef or dairy) changes ownership. These funds are invested in programs of research, education and promotion of beef.

By law, 50 cents of each dollar must go for national promotions through the Cattleman's Beef Promotion and Research Board. Members of that board are appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture. The remaining 50 cents can stay in those states that have state beef councils. However, because Texas is the largest cattle producing state, the TBC board of directors elects to send an additional 40 percent of the in-state funds for national and international promotions.

TBC's mission in Texas is to extend national beef programs that provide scientifically-based, factual information about beef to retail supermarkets, foodservice operators and distributors, educators and health professionals. TBC also conducts joint beef promotion programs with retailers and foodservice operators.

The TBC board is comprised of representatives of the 10 beef and dairy organizations that are certified to nominate Texas directors. There also are two at-large members to assure regional and industry-specific representation.

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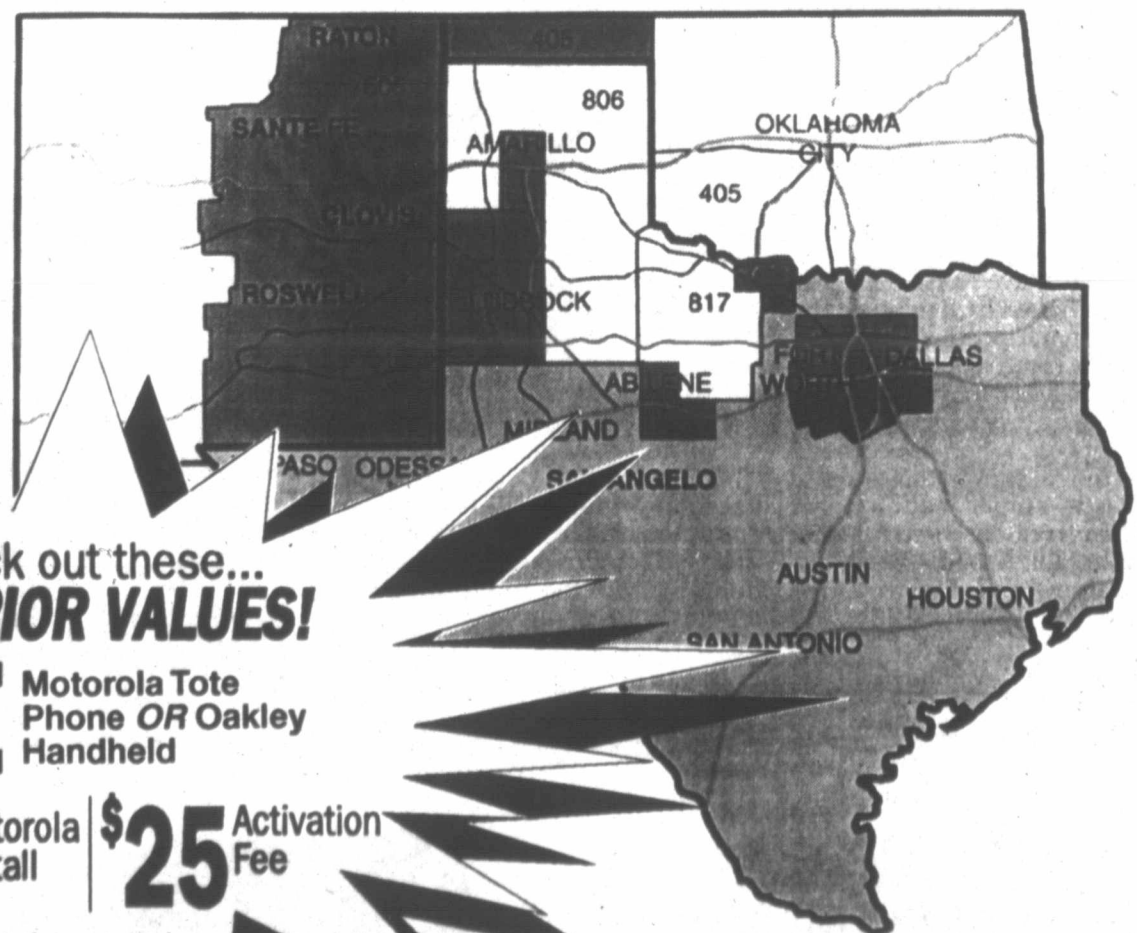
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Researchers hope to have new genetically engineered Bt cotton crops in five years

COLLEGE STATION — New versions of genetically engineered, insect-resistant Bt cotton and other crops will be in use within five years. And even though the original versions have just been planted, new strains will be necessary, according to an entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

That's because science may be able to control insect pests, but nature is equally adept in reacting to the wonders of science, said Dr. John Benedict of the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Corpus Christi.

Benedict, working with private industry, helped evaluate the genetically engineered Bt cottons containing genes that produce an insecticidal protein from the bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis*. The cotton strains were released for 1996 plantings.

The protein is toxic to many caterpillar pests when ingested. It can help farmers reduce use of insecticides that also kill beneficial insects that feed on cotton-munching whiteflies and aphids. However, there is a catch.

"Even though Bt cotton is resistant to tobacco budworms and bollworms, there's some concern that it may be too good at resisting them," Benedict said.

"The Bt gene is expressed in every cell of the plant, and because it's toxic to the worms, it puts pressure on the worm populations to become resistant to the toxin."

"In other words, the ones that survive are likely to be the ones that are resistant, and the more widely we use these Bt plants, the more likely we are to select for the most resistant worms."

That's why experiment station researchers and private industry are already working on the successors to Bt cotton. Despite the best efforts of scientists, some insects can or do develop their own resistance to plants that are toxic to their kin, meaning a cycle of continual improvement may be needed to keep crops safe from pests.

With conventional synthetic chemical insecticides, a cycle of about six to 15 is normal for its effective life span, and then pests begin to develop some resistance, Benedict said. Some computer simulation models predict Bt cotton, released in 1996, will remain effective for only two to five years, but Benedict said, "there are ways to keep a specific insecticide in the market longer than the standard period, particularly one as environmentally friendly as Bt cotton."

Benedict said private-industry scientists are "pyramiding" genes into cotton — that is, inserting into a plant additional genes that produce proteins capable of attacking specific sites on an insect's gut.

The method is the same as used originally to insert the Bt gene into cotton, but with more genes. Once new genes have been successfully expressed in a plant, that plant can simply be crossed with existing varieties to produce the new resistant variety with multiple genes.

The researchers expect to have, within five years, commercially available Bt cotton containing two genes contributing to resistance, Benedict said.

Station researchers are working in concert on the strategy with the Monsanto Corp., which is testing several potential proteins for pyramiding. Benedict said Bt cotton eventually will contain three different genes producing proteins that help resist insects.

"You can get a broader spectrum of insect control through pyramiding," Benedict said. "Monsanto is hoping to control beet armyworm and fall armyworm, which are not impacted much by current Bt cottons. Also, various proteins attack different targets within insects, so it's more difficult for pests to develop resistance to the pyramided cottons than to single toxins."

"It's rare event to find an insect that can cope with

one protein, and even rarer to find one that can cope with both."

The proteins have two other key advantages over traditional pesticides, Benedict said.

"Most of the new ones are not toxic to man and animals except the target pest, and they have no effect on the environment," he said.

Benedict added that other strategies may aid in the effectiveness of new, resistant crops.

One strategy is to leave limited amounts of acreage planted in non-resistant cotton so small populations of susceptible pests survive to mate with any potentially resistant pests, diluting the potential for resistant strains.

"Realistically, we need to understand that we need new strategies to keep resistance in pests to a minimum," Benedict said. "Monsanto has actually developed a resistance management strategy, and I know of no other company which has done that to get its insecticide registered with the Environmental Protection Agency."

Such planning is needed to help maintain the natural diversity among both plants and the pests that feed on them, as well as helping agriculture producers cut conventional pesticide use.

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The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

WHEAT — (BULL/BEAR)

Outlook: What can you say about wheat except that the trend has been down, down, down?

I don't believe even those lucky few who sold wheat at or near \$7 last May could have imagined prices would be close to \$4 only four months later. Back then, the market was rattled with worries about weather and disease and the lowest global supplies on record. However, the crops came in better than anticipated, both in the U.S. and overseas.

The U.S. spring crop is showing reasonable yields, and the acres are up. The Canadians are slated to have a record crop — Europe, Australia and Argentina are registering good crops as well. I do wonder if the market is now starting to overreact to the bear side, however. No doubt there was an overreaction up last May.

Now, most of the bear news is well known to the marketplace. Note the exports are starting to pick up. If prices are to come back, it will be the demand side of the equation which will do it.

It is hard to pick a major bottom, but my best guess is we are in the final leg down for this move. Perhaps less than 20 cents per bushel from a major bottom for the rest of the year.

Strategy: Hedgers: The recent weakness has underscored the advantages of our sell cash wheat/buy call options ownership strategy. By selling cash wheat and simultaneously replacing the bushels in the options market, you still have the potential benefits of high prices. However, unlike storage, you place a price floor on potential downside risk.

The most you could lose is the

cost of your options. Additionally, you free the cash stored in your wheat which can then be used more effectively. We previously bought the December 440 Chicago wheat call options close to 20 cents. Spring wheat farmers should use the Minneapolis at the money calls.

Traders: We continue to own December Chicago under \$4.50. Risk to \$4.25 for a \$4.80 profit objective. Aggressive traders can double up under \$4.32.

CORN — (BEAR)

Outlook: The USDA had a crop report last week, and the market didn't care. You see, the average crop size estimate was just over 8.8 billion bushels. The government placed the crop size right at 8.8.

The market should have yawned, but instead it tumbled. It seems the marketplace just doesn't buy the low ball estimates some of the advisory services are reporting. At least for right now, the futures are looking at a rising carryover supply met with a smaller demand base. The trend is down, and it looks to me as if rallies will be short lived into harvest (barring yield reducing weather).

Strategy: Hedgers: We remain 75 percent hedged in the December with an average price above \$3.36. We also own the December 350 calls to protect against sharply high prices should there be an early freeze. Feed users can still consider the purchase of at the money calls to protect against higher prices; however, I would stay away from futures at this time.

CATTLE — (BULL)

Outlook: The packers are finally paying over \$70 per hundredweight. This is the first time

the magic seventy mark has been breached all year.

Our outlook remains unchanged from a week ago. Basically, the total numbers on feed are sharply below a year ago, and we think the Cattle on Feed Report, due out this week, will confirm this.

Due to high priced corn, we look for the numbers to be over 15 percent down, and this is a whopping one million head under a year ago at this time. This is a bullish number, but an even more bullish number are the frozen beef stocks on hand. They are at a 10-year low and declining despite a belief that exports are way down. The reason has to do with very good demand in the U.S. The trend remains up, the fundamentals sound, and we still remain bullish!

Strategy: Feeders: Due to the discounts in the far months, we have not yet expanded hedge protection beyond October. If as a feeder you like the prices on the board but still wish to have some modicum of price protection, I suggest puts at this time as opposed to short futures. Put options act as price insurance and effectively place a price floor under the market.

The main advantage over selling futures or forward contracting is that they never limit your upside potential. That's an advantage in bull markets, and what we think will be bull markets.

Cow/calf operators: Puts are the preferred hedging tool here as well. While puts give price protection in down markets, they never limit upside potential. Lower feed prices combined with higher fat cattle prices are the type of combination needed for higher feeder values. This is our outlook.

True hedgers should use puts to protect against the seasonal tendency of feeder prices to fade into fall (which may not happen this year.) Selective hedgers are out of futures or options at this time.

Traders: Based on a previous recommendation, we still own the February futures under 64. Raise the stop to 6450 for an eventual objective above 70.

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Consultant firm offers ranch survival seminars

Ranch Management Consultants plan to offer three half-day Survival Seminars in Texas Oct. 3-5. These meetings are designed for ranchers who want to know what can be done to survive the difficult conditions currently facing cattle producers.

The implications of the crises facing cattlemen today are frightening. Dr. Stan Parsons of Ranch Management Consultants believes that the current low cycle in beef prices, combined with an all-time high in grain prices and the forecast of a four-year drought, is likely to have a devastating effect on many livestock producers across the nation.

"There are steps we can take to ensure that the drought has a little effect on the land as possible; much that we can do to improve the economic scene; and even some steps to get up to \$100 more a head from animals we sell,"

Parsons says. "In only a few hours, we can't offer complete solutions in detail, but we can make those ranchers who are serious about saying in business aware that much can be done to alleviate the situation."

Parsons has a broad knowledge and a wealth of practical experience in drought management, dating back to working with livestock producers during a seven-year drought in southern Africa in the late '70s and early '80s. Following that he has helped many cattlemen through the Australian drought of the '90s.

Other subjects he will address at the Survival Seminars will cover producing cattle to sell at top market prices and marketing cattle to get the best returns; working with nature and the seasons to improve conception rates and reduce feed costs; govern-

ment interference — what it is and what it means.

Parsons, a native of Zimbabwe, developed the Ranching For Profit School which has been presented over a period of almost 30 years in Zimbabwe, South Africa, the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Australia. He is one of the foremost international authorities on drought and ranch economics, and his management techniques are employed on ranches worldwide.

The seminars are scheduled for Giddings on Oct. 3; Carrollton on Oct. 4; and Amarillo on Oct. 5. The fee for the seminars will be \$20 for the first person and \$10 for each additional person from the same organization. To register or for further information on the Survival Seminars, contact Elaine Kelly at Ranch Management Consultants, Inc. at (505) 898-7417.

USDA wants to make conservation programs more flexible

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department has announced changes in conservation programs aimed at making the programs more flexible and reducing the chances that landowners will be penalized.

The rules, which take effect some time after a 60-day comment period, carry out the 1996 Farm Bill sections on wetlands and highly erodible land. The comment period ends Nov. 5.

Rules allow greater use of new technology in combatting erosion, more flexibility in offsetting

wetland loss and an exemption from penalty for farming land that had been previously used in agriculture but abandoned at some point long enough to take on wetland characteristics.

Comments may be sent to Lloyd E. Wright, Director, Conservation Ecosystems Assistance Division, Natural Resource Conservation Service, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, D.C., 20013-2890. Attention: HELWC. Fax: 202-720-1838. The proposed rules may also be accessed by Internet for comment: <http://astro.lic.nrcs.usda.gov:6500>

Oklahoma's home school laws likely to remain loose

By LIBBY QUARD
Associated Press Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Want to know how many Oklahoma parents teach their children at home, or how those students score on standardized tests? You won't find the answer.

Oklahoma is one of 16 states with virtually no regulations governing home schooling. And state lawmakers agree that any attempt to change the law is a losing political battle.

"There's been a couple of attempts to have home schoolers register in the school districts that they reside in, and that's been pretty much stopped every time," said state Rep. Carolyn Coleman, a Moore Republican who for two years taught her daughters at home.

"The reason you would want to change the laws regarding home school is because students were falling behind academically, and the evidence just is not there," said Ms. Coleman, a member of the House Education Committee. "The evidence always proves out home school children do very well academically and socially."

Educators on both sides of the issue concede that many of those students are well-educated; however, it's difficult to prove. According to the Purcellville, Va.-based Home School Legal Defense, home-schooled students scored above the Oklahoma average on standardized tests.

On the 1994 Iowa Tests of Basic Skills, Oklahoma third graders scored in the 63rd percentile on the basic testing unit, while more than 2,500 home-schooled third graders nationwide scored in the 74th percentile, meaning they performed better than 74 percent of the sample population. The nationwide average is the 50th percentile.

Oklahoma law does not require standardized testing or evaluation of such children, although 29 other states have adopted such requirements. Oklahoma also is among the 40 states that require no special teaching qualifications for parents.

Formed in 1983, Home School Legal Defense backs families who run into problems with truant officers, school administrators or government officials. About 50,000 families nationwide pay yearly dues of \$100 to the legal defense group.

In Oklahoma, an estimated 8,000 to 11,000 families teach their children at home, according to the state's home school association.

Christena Hansen, spokeswoman for the group, said the national trend reflects the atti-

tudes of Oklahoma lawmakers.

"The 1990s is not an era where home schooling is being challenged. It's becoming more accepted," Ms. Hansen said.

Rep. Betty Boyd prompted the last legislative squabble over the issue three or four years ago with a bill asking home schoolers to register with the school districts in which they live.

"That caused such a hue and cry from the home school people, who were quite sure we were trying to steal their children, that I withdrew the bill," Mrs. Boyd said.

The Tulsa Democrat said her reasons for introducing the bill were far from devious.

"There were a lot of problems about that time with people being accused of being truant when they really weren't," she said. "The other reason was that at that time in particular, many children, by the time they got to senior high school, entered public schools, and the district had no idea they were going to have this influx."

Boyd argues home schoolers must be held accountable for the sake of their children. One case that cast a pall across the practice was the death of 8-year-old Shane Coffman, whose body was found in February in an abandoned freezer.

Shane's mother, who is charged along with her boyfriend with first-degree murder in the boy's killing, wrote a letter last October to Little Axe school administrators to say she would be teaching her children at home.

Authorities estimate Shane had been dead since last August.

Home school supporters and others are quick to point out a larger, blacker shadow cast by the state's involvement in the case: Shane and his five brothers and sisters were taken into state custody for a month in 1994 before a judge returned them to their mother, Bertha Jean Coffman, 39. The Department of Human Services apparently investigated a complaint that one of her boyfriends had molested one of her children.

State Schools Superintendent Sandy Garrett said she does not want the Department of Education checking up on home-schooled students, but she had this to say about the Coffman case: "It is very, very troublesome to find cases like Shane Coffman. We are very dismayed to see some of the tragic conclusions."

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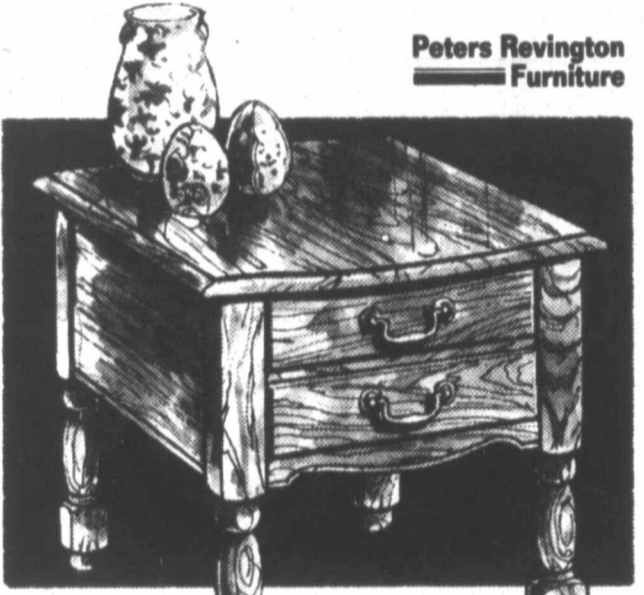
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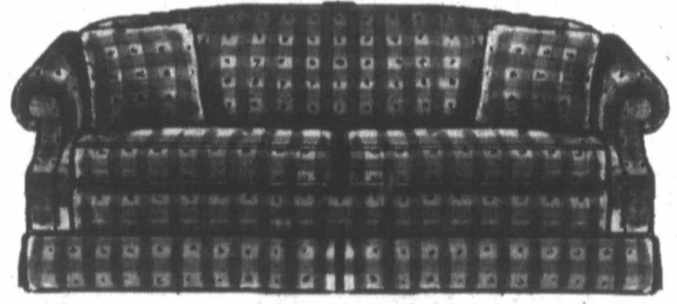
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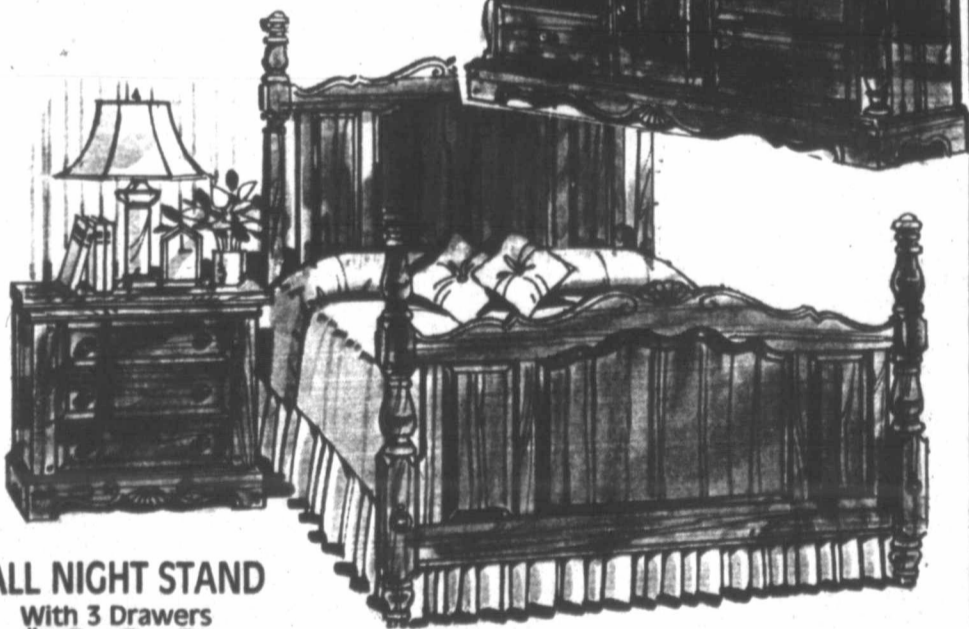
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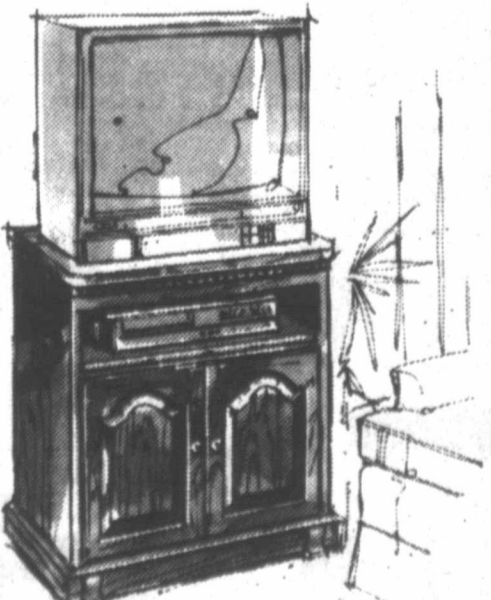
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