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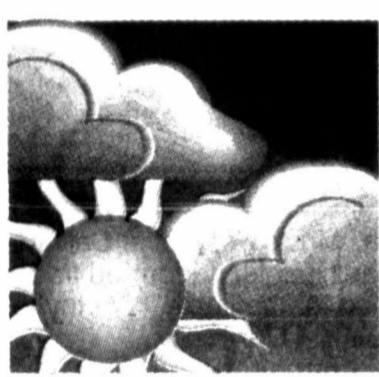
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FRITCH - Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument will be hosting their second annual Volunteers in Parks (VIP) recognition dinner at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Huber Park Gazebo on Cedar Street in Borger.

After "dinner in the park," an awards ceremony will be held.

Volunteers in Parks are men, women and children, either as individuals or groups, who work side by side with National Parks Service employees in a variety of jobs.

Some of the VIP service includes working at information desks, handing out NPS material, serving as campground hosts, building fences, painting buildings, answering mail requests, giving environmental education programs, picking up litter, planting trees and taking part in other projects.

Those interested in becoming a VIP can contact Mary Gossett, VIP coordinator for LAMR/ALFL at (806) 857-3151 and ask for an application and more detailed information.

PAMPA - Road construction will alter this year's route in the traditional Homecoming parade for Pampa High School, organizers say.

This year's route will begin on Randy Matson Avenue between the fieldhouse and the football field, turn right on Duncan for one block to Harvester, turn right on Harvester to Mary Ellen, down Mary Ellen to Cuyler and then through downtown ending at Atchison.

The parade begins at 4:30 p.m. Friday. The Harvesters play the Dumas Demons at 7:30 that night.

PAMPA - Pampa Independent School District is currently planning another pre-kindergarten class for four year olds in the district.

If there is enough interest, the district will enroll students for class in mid-October and begin the class around the first of November, according to elementary curriculum director Betty Beyer.

Those interested in enrolling their child in the class should contact Beyer at Carver Center, 669-4700.

AUSTIN (AP) - One ticket bought in Lytle, south of San Antonio, correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$4 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 4, 27, 32, 34, 36 and 45.

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Democrats say education can end drug abuse

WASHINGTON (AP) - Clinton administration officials dispute Republican allegations they've been remiss in fighting drugs among the young, saying they're taking the lead in educating teenagers and their parents against substance abuse.

"We unquestionably have the commitment of this president, vice president and his Cabinet to creating a non-drug, non-stoned America," White House drug policy director Barry McCaffrey said Sunday on ABC's *This Week With David Brinkley*.

Teenage drug use has become a dominant issue in the presidential campaign, with Republican nominee Bob Dole hammering away at what he says is President Clinton's failure to speak out against skyrocketing drug use among teenagers. Democratic ads have responded by pointing out times when Dole voted against spending for anti-drug programs.

"I think it's important that we work together and stop blaming each other," Attorney General Janet Reno said on CBS' *Face the Nation*.

Both Reno and McCaffrey urged the Republican-run Congress to come through with more money for education and prevention programs. McCaffrey said this year's budget request of \$15 billion for fighting drugs was the largest ever.

Congressional Republicans have faulted the administration for shifting priorities away from interdiction and toward treatment and have been skeptical of funding some treatment and prevention programs.

"We are not going to win this war on drugs with a military campaign at the border," said McCaffrey, a retired Army general. He said interdiction was important but the real issue was

getting parents, teachers and children to work together to reduce demand for illegal drugs.

Recent studies have shown that one problem is that today's parents, many who tried drugs during the 1960s and 1970s, are more tolerant of experimenting by their teenage children.

"At root here is neither Dole nor the Congress nor the president's fault. At root here is we have a generation of children now in that 'drug age' who are being parented by a generation of people many of whom used drugs," Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, ranking Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee, said on CBS.

But Republicans said Clinton has set a bad example with his past joking about his youthful encounters with marijuana. "Literally, there is no leadership from the White House on this issue," Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, told CBS.

Former Bush administration drug czar William Bennett, now a Dole adviser, said Clinton should devote the same energy to fighting drugs that he has to opposing tobacco use among the young. "I wish he could develop the same kind of animus toward the Cali cartel as he has toward Philip Morris," he said on ABC.

All agreed that the problem could worsen if strong steps aren't taken. While overall drug use is down in recent years, use among the young has doubled in the past four years and "if we don't get organized it will get worse," said McCaffrey.

He said about 11 percent of young people now use drugs, still only half the levels of the 1970s.

"Violent crime is going to go off the charts because of this upswing in drug use among our children," Hatch said.

Plane phone calls to cost less

WASHINGTON (AP) - Calling home from the friendly skies just got cheaper.

Airplane telephone companies are cutting prices for in-flight calls to try to lure non-business travelers as the holiday season begins, *USA Today* reported in today's editions.

GTE Airfone, which launched a \$15-a-call rate in March, is testing flat-rate pricing for shorter calls, the newspaper said.

Under the new pricing plan, a one-minute call costs \$5, two-minute call \$10, and calls over three minutes go back to the regular \$15 rate.

GTE, with phones on United, USAir, Delta, TWA, Midwest Express and Reno airlines, also will offer a holiday calling card,

the paper said. For \$24.95, card holders have unlimited use of Airfones in December.

In-Flight Phone will introduce in mid-October a flat fee for weekend calls, the paper reported. A two-minute call on Saturday or Sunday will cost \$5.99, and calls up to 10 minutes will cost \$9.99. Calls longer than 10 minutes will cost the regular price of \$2.50 per call, plus \$2.99 per minute.

In-Flight Phone provides service on Continental, America West and Carnival airlines.

AT&T Wireless, with service on American, Northwest, Southwest and Alaska airlines, is considering cuts in off-peak and weekend rates, the paper reported. AT&T charges \$2.50 a call plus \$2.99 per minute.

Welcome for fall



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Cheryl and Jerry Ely greet the arrival of fall, which arrived Sunday, with some colorful decorations at their home at 633 N. Sumner. Taking a break on the porch amid the fall-colored flowers and fall-harvest decorated figures is the Ely's dog Liberty, a West Highland white terrier.

Mexico's ruling party now demands elected experience for its candidates

MEXICO CITY (AP) - Fed up with years of technocrat rulers, leaders of Mexico's ruling party demanded Sunday that future presidential candidates have elected office experience - an implicit slap at the last five heads of state.

Some 4,000 delegates at the party's National Assembly on Sunday rapidly approved a thick stack of policies and party rules, in sharp contrast to the often bitter, nearly violent debates that erupted Saturday night during working sessions.

The assembly offered a window on the infighting within the party, known as the PRI, which has long tried to present a monolithic image of unity.

With Mexico's economy in crisis, the party last year suffered an unprecedented series of defeats on the state level following election reforms aimed at creating

greater competition for the PRI. Polls show the PRI could lose control of Congress next year.

Many activists at the assembly were plainly unhappy about the present and worried about the future of the party, which is gradually evolving from a virtual part of Mexico's government into a normal political party.

Speaking to delegates, President Ernesto Zedillo praised the new signs of independence by the Institutional Revolutionary Party, which has almost slavishly followed presidential dictates throughout its 67 years in power.

He won rousing cheers when he proclaimed his support for the party, but repeated that he would "not intervene in any form" in party decisions - a historic commitment by a Mexican president.

In closing the party's 17th National Assembly, he said that would create a PRI closer to pop-

ular will, "a PRI which has to listen to its own voice."

Like Zedillo, a Yale-trained economist, and his predecessor, the Harvard-graduated Carlos Salinas de Gortari, Mexico's recent top officials have generally been highly educated bureaucrats. They gained prominence without ever running for office or having much contact with the rank-and-file party members who are expected to rally voter support.

"Enough with technocrats coming to power!" party leader Nabor Ochoa shouted to loud applause on Saturday night.

Sen. Layla Sansores added: "PRI-ism is waking up. PRI-ism is maturing."

According to the rule approved Sunday, candidates for president, governor or senator have to have served in elected office and have 10 years' membership in the PRI.

Morales downplays Florida tobacco case ruling

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas Attorney General Dan Morales says Texas and 14 other states suing the tobacco industry shouldn't be worried about a Florida judge's ruling that each alleged smoking victim's case must be documented.

Morales called the ruling "nothing more than a quasi-technical obstacle for Florida."

The ruling, if imitated in other states, could complicate the lawsuits by forcing the various attorneys general to introduce evidence of an individual's smoking to impose

liability on the tobacco industry.

"It certainly would be a helpful ruling for the defense," said Jack Maroney, an Austin lawyer representing tobacco giant Philip Morris in the Texas lawsuit.

"It certainly would be a burden for the state, but when you start asking for the kind of money the state is asking for, there should be a burden."

The lawsuits, each filed separately, seek to recover money that the state and federal governments have spent to treat Medicaid patients who suffered

from smoking-related illnesses.

Texas wants more than \$4 billion to reimburse costs for hundreds of thousands of Medicaid recipients dating back to 1980.

Each state wants to argue the case on statistics and thereby avoid having to demonstrate on an individual-by-individual basis that smoking caused each Medicaid patient's illness.

The Florida judge, however, ordered last week that the Florida attorney general must identify each Medicaid recipient it plans to include in its case.

Perry says Saddam 'backing off' from belligerent positions

STOCKHOLM (AP) - Signaling an easing of tensions in the Persian Gulf, Defense Secretary William Perry said Sunday Iraq is "backing off" the threatening moves it was making a week ago. One of two U.S. aircraft carriers in region might leave next month, he said.

"All the evidence I've seen the last four or five days is positive," Perry said on a flight from Finland to Sweden. "I truly believe Iraq is backing off the threatening actions they were taking a week ago."

"But we will watch it very carefully, very carefully, every day, every hour."

On Sept. 11, Perry said U.S. forces would inflict punishment "disproportionate to the provocations" after Iraqi rocket

launchers erratically fired a missile toward a U.S. aircraft enforcing a flight-interdiction zone over Iraq. The Iraqis stopped harassing the American fighters rather than confront a major forces buildup ordered by President Clinton. In the face of criticism from many U.S. allies, the administration demurred on any counterattack.

As part of the buildup, the carrier USS Enterprise joined the USS Carl Vinson in the Persian Gulf, and its planes began patrolling an expanded no-fly zone in southern Iraq.

Perry raised the possibility that if there is no increase in tension, the Vinson would leave the Middle East next month and return to Bremerton, Wash., its home port.

"When it gets to the date of decision for it to go, we'll look carefully at what's going on in Iraq," said Perry.

The current U.S.-Iraq problem began when Saddam Hussein, Iraq's president, helped one of two battling factions gain control of Kurdish-populated northern Iraq over formerly U.S.-aligned Kurds. In congressional testimony last week, CIA director John Deutch said Saddam emerged from the episode stronger politically than he had been.

Perry, in northern Europe to confer with his counterparts and attend a NATO meeting in Norway, said the 5,000 U.S. troops now engaged in war games in Kuwait will remain several months to complete their training.

"We have no plans at this time to send any more forces than we've already sent in," said Perry. When the training exercise in Kuwait ends, he said, "we'll take a look at what the situation is."

In an interview on Fox television Sunday, Nizar Hamdoon, Iraq's ambassador to the United Nations, said the U.S. troops in Kuwait "are only going to raise the tension in the area." Saddam's Aug. 2, 1990, invasion of Kuwait started a process that led to a 100-hour ground war in February 1991 to drive the Iraqis out.

He said Iraq wants "some sort of dialogue between the two governments. I think there are lots of ways to try to figure out how to get an improvement to the situation, to lessen the tension."

U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf
The U.S. military presence as of Sept. 23:

- About 30,000 soldiers
- A Patriot missile battery
- 200 planes including eight radar-evading F-117 warplanes
- 35 ships including two aircraft carriers

AP/Wm. J. Costello

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Services tomorrow

CLARK, Harlen - 1 p.m., Vega United Methodist Church, Vega.

McLEAN, Roberta Bertrand - 4 p.m., Carmichael-Whattley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

SMITH, Jessie Lee - 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whattley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

VINSON, Jack - Memorial service, 2 p.m., 3225 Commerce St., Hobbs Plaza, Amarillo.

Obituaries

HENRY GORDON BOZEMAN

DUBLIN, Ga. - Henry Gordon Bozeman, 66, brother of a Pampa, Texas, resident, died Friday, Sept. 20, 1996, at a hospital in Dublin. Services were held Sunday in the First Baptist Church with Dr. Jim O. Dorriety, minister, officiating. Burial was in Dublin Memorial Gardens under the direction of Townsend Brothers Funeral Home of Dublin.

Mr. Bozeman was born to Henry and Carrie Bozeman. He was a native of Wewoka, Okla., and spent much of his younger years in Elk City, Okla. He was a Navy carrier pilot, retiring after 22 years of service. He moved to Dublin in 1971. He graduated from Mercer Law School as an attorney and was a member of the Dublin Bar Association, the State Bar of Georgia, the First Baptist Church of Dublin and the Kiwanas Club.

Survivors include his wife, JoAnn Bozeman of Dublin; a daughter, Michelle Cleveland of Santa Barbara, Calif.; two sons, Skip Bozeman of Macon, Ga., and Scott Bozeman of Hilton Head, S.C.; a sister, Ruby Royse of Pampa; and two grandchildren, Alyssa Bozeman of Clearwater, Fla., and Reiley Bozeman of Hilton Head.

The family requests memorials be to Trinity Athletics, Trinity Christian School, 200 Trinity Road, Dublin, GA 31021.

HARLEN CLARK

VEGA - Harlen Clark, 68, father of a Miami resident, died Saturday, Sept. 21, 1996. Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Vega United Methodist Church with the Rev. Rob Lindley officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Vega Funeral Home.

Mr. Clark was born at Stratford, Okla. He married Letha Perry in 1977 at Slaton. He had been a Vega resident for the past 21 years. He worked for Western Sand and Gravel as a plant man before retiring. He had served in the Golden Spread Foster Parent Organization for 18 years.

Survivors include his wife, Letha; three daughters, Tina Clark, Teri Clark and Kimber Clark, all of Vega; three sons, Richard Clark of Slaton, Randy Clark of Miami and Tom Clark of Vega; a stepdaughter, Wynne Beavers of Fort Worth; a stepson, Ardell Meador of Fort Worth; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 110 South Fifth Street and requests memorials be to Golden Spread Foster Parents, Box 112, Vega, TX 79092.

JACK VINSON

AMARILLO - Jack Vinson, 69, father of Pampa residents, died Tuesday, Sept. 17, 1996, at Milwaukee, Wis. The body was cremated. Private memorial services were held for the family by his children on Friday. Public memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at 3225 Commerce St., Hobbs Plaza, in Amarillo.

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 attended Rutgers University, where he received much of his training. He had a master's degree in counseling and was a licensed alcoholic counselor in the state of Texas. 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 was a charter member of the Amarillo Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and had formerly served as past president of that organization twice. He was a member of the State Board Council of Alcohol and Drug Abuse. He wrote the first program for the Panhandle Alcoholic Recovery Center, the first licensed free-standing program in Texas. He was instrumental in organizing a chapter to increase professionalism and ethics among alcohol and drug abuse counselors and served in various capacities in the alcohol and drug rehabilitation field, from administrator to counselor.

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 Scott Vinson, Jeff Vinson and Hank Vinson, all 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.

The family requests memorials be to the American Heart Association or to a favorite charity.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Antebay Group of Pampa.

Wheat	4.08	in 1/4
Milo	4.98	in 1/4
Corn	5.70	in 1/4

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation.

Occidental	23	dn 1/4
Chevron	52	dn 1/4
Coca Cola	51	dn 1/8
Columbia/HCA	56 3/8	dn 1/4
Diamond Sham	29	dn 1/4
Enron	40 1/8	dn 1/8
Halliburton	51 5/8	dn 1/8
Ingersoll Rand	45 3/8	dn 1/8
KSE	43 5/8	dn 1/4
Kerr McGee	59 1/2	dn 1/2
Limited	19 3/8	dn 1/8
Mapco	58 3/8	dn 1/4
McDonald's	47 1/4	dn 1/4
Mobil	118 1/4	dn 1 3/8
New Atmos	23 3/8	dn 7/64
Parker & Parsley	25 3/4	NC
Penney's	56 1/4	dn 1/4
Phillips	42 5/8	dn 3/8
SLB	84 1/4	dn 1/4
SPS	51 7/8	dn 1/4
Tenneco	51	NC
Texas	94 3/4	dn 1/2
Wal-Mart	27 1/4	dn 1/8
New York Gold	380.70	
Silver	4.80	
West Texas Crude	23.63	

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation.

Magellan	15.93	
Puritan	16.12	

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.

Amoco	69 1/4	dn 3/4
Arco	125 3/8	dn 1/8
Calor	24 3/8	dn 3/8
Calor O&G	14 3/4	NC

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests in the 40-hour period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, Sept. 21

Burglary was reported in the 300 block of Jean which occurred between 12:30 and 4:40 p.m. Saturday. Entry was through the front window and exit through the back door. Damage to the screen is estimated at \$10. Nothing was taken.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in a room at the Davis Hotel. It occurred between 2:30 and 5 p.m. Saturday. A wallet valued at \$15, Social Security card, driver's license and \$55 in food stamps were reported taken.

A runaway was reported in the 800 block of Brunow at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 200 block of Miami with occurred within the last two weeks. A \$223 30-30 lever action rifle was taken.

Criminal mischief was reported to a 1984 Chevrolet pickup in the 1000 block of East Frederic which occurred between 11 and 11:30 p.m. Saturday. Estimated damage is \$95.

SUNDAY, Sept. 22

Officer Tony Woolley reported someone evading arrest with a motor vehicle at 25th and Aspen at 1 a.m. Sunday.

A 22-year-old woman reported assault - family violence in the 500 block of North Starkweather at 2 a.m. Sunday.

Domestic violence - assault was reported by a 22-year-old woman in the 1500 block of Coffee at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. She suffered a bloody and swollen lip.

A missing person was reported in the 1200 block of Finley or 1200 block of Osborne on Saturday.

MONDAY, Sept. 23

Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilk, reported theft \$50 to \$500 which occurred about 2:30 a.m. Monday. Taken were cigarettes, batteries and lottery tickets. Total loss is \$18.65.

Arrest

SATURDAY, Sept. 21
Tammie Bennett, 1104 S. Sumner, was arrested at 1233 N. Hobart on five capias pro fine warrants, and a charge of theft under \$50.

SUNDAY, Sept. 22

Joseph George Blakey, 29, 2702 Cherokee, was arrested at 25th and Aspen on a charge of evading arrest with a motor vehicle. He was transferred to Gray County jail, where he was released on bond.

MONDAY, Sept. 23

Theresa Jernigan, 30, 1108 Prairie Dr., was arrested in the 900 block of South Faulkner on a charge of theft over \$50; capias pro fine warrant and alias capias warrant - probation violation.

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS

Smooth Talkers and Knee Knockers Toastmasters Club meets 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the dining room of Coronado Inn. For more information, call Daniel Silva at 669-6351 or Gary Casebier at 665-4212.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON

Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-0407 or 669-3988.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

Celebration of Lights needs help painting, welding, sawing and tracing patterns for decorations every Monday. Volunteers should go to 2125 N. Hobart between 6 and 10 p.m.

REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS

Gray County Republican Party and Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club will be hosting the grand opening of Republican headquarters, 416 N. Somerville, first floor of the Hughes Building, 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.

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents and arrests in the 40-hour period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

SUNDAY, Sept. 22

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 2200 block of North Dwight and at Campbell and Henry streets.

Arrests

SUNDAY, Sept. 22
Robert Kevin DeWeese, 48, 314 W. Browning, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. He was released on bond.

Marrufo Enrique Sanchez, 30, 845 E. Scott, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. He was released on bond.

Johnny Thomas Kirkland, 50, McLean, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. He was released on personal recognizance bond.

Fires

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

SUNDAY, Sept. 22

4:32 a.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to a dumpster fire in the 1200 block of Wells.
11:25 a.m. - Two units and three personnel responded to the Halliburton plant east of town on a good intent call.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident in the 72-hour period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

FRIDAY, Sept. 20

3:10 p.m. - A 1996 Cadillac driven by Kathy Ballantyne Logan, 53, 1820 N. Christy, was in collision with a 1991 Ford Explorer driven by Virginia Huff Horton, 69, 1132 S. Nelson, in the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

Fall Music Festival



(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

Church choir members from across the Panhandle gather for the Fall Music Festival at Calvary Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon. The choirs, with some 250 participants, performed traditional hymns and contemporary music. The choir members combined for the finale, "Worthy Is the Lamb," under the direction of Dr. Scott Harrington of Wayland Baptist University.

Meetings

PANHANDLE - Carson County commissioners will hold two separate meetings this week.

The commissioners will meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, in County Judge Jay R. Roselius' courtroom at the Carson County Courthouse, in Panhandle.

Friday, Sept. 27, at 10 a.m., a special session of commissioners' court will be held in the Carson County Courthouse to consider bids on concrete work and contract mowing in the Precinct 3 area.

In Wednesday's session the county budget hearing will be held and the commissioners will set the county tax rate. Also, the commissioners will take action on a decision concerning a data

processing contract; set county fees, service fees and notices, and hear a presentation by Ann Banister of Texas Employment Commission. There will be a closed session concerning real estate sale matters.

Other items include county approval of the salary for the jailer/dispatcher, payment of county claims and invoices, discussion of rights-of-way areas and easements, indigent care cases, road improvements, labor and machinery.

PAMPA - Pampa city commissioners are to meet at 4 p.m. in work session and 6 p.m. in regular session Tuesday to consider:

the ad valorem tax rate, and water rate increase.

- Awarding a bid of \$102,726 to Texas Political Subdivision for workers' compensation insurance.

- Approval of the Energas rate settlement.

- A resolution authorizing the sale of delinquent tax properties to the highest bidder with no minimum bid. Bids will be opened on the first working day of the month.

During the work session, which is held in the third floor conference room, commissioners will review the five year contract with OMI for water/wastewater operations.

The regular session is held in city commission chambers of the City Hall.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, Sept. 21

10:43 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to the VA Hospital in Amarillo.

SUNDAY, Sept. 22

1:42 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility on a trauma and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

3:35 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transport to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

8:35 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

10:12 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th on a medical assist and

transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

10:42 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to a local nursing facility.

11:02 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of North Russell on a trauma and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

2:43 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of South Russell on a trauma and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

6:08 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Wells on a lifting assistance. No patient was transported.

11:38 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of East Kingsmill on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Increasing cloudiness tonight and Tuesday with a low tonight near 55 and a high tomorrow near 75. Less than 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Wednesday, variable cloudiness with a chance of isolated showers and a high near 85. Sunday's high was 89; the overnight low was 62.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy. A slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows from upper 40s northwest to mid 50s southeast. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. High in low to mid 70s. South Plains: Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy. Turning breezy. Lows in the 50s. Tuesday, mostly cloudy and cooler. High in mid to upper 70s.

North Texas - Tonight, increasing cloudiness. A chance of thunderstorms north, a slight chance of thunderstorms south. Turning cooler late northwest third. Lows 63 northwest to 70 south. Tuesday, mostly cloudy and cooler with a chance of rain or thunderstorms. High 80 northwest to 88 southeast.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, mostly clear with increasing clouds late. Lows in low 70s. Tuesday, morning low clouds becoming partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. High near 90. Upper Coast: Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in mid 70s inland to near 80 coast. Tuesday, partly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. High in mid to upper 80s. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, mostly clear. Lows near 80 coast to mid 70s inland. Tuesday, partly cloudy. High in mid 80s coast

to near 90 inland.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Tonight, partly cloudy west and south. Cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms northeast. A slight chance of thunderstorms southwest. Gusty east canyon winds developing Rio Grande Valley. Lows mid 30s to low 50s mountains and north, mostly 50s south. Tuesday, cooler with a chance of showers east. Variable clouds with a chance of thunderstorms southwest. Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms northwest. High from upper 50s to low 70s central mountains and northeast to upper 70s and 80s southern lowlands.

Oklahoma - Tonight, mostly cloudy. Showers and thunderstorms more numerous south. Lows from low 50s northwest to mid 60s southeast. Tuesday, considerable cloudiness and cooler. High upper 70s and low 80s.

City briefs

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HOME COMING MUMS and Garters. Richelle's Flowers 665-7622, 1116 Garland, call or come by. Adv.

KRISS KROSS Quilting can machine quilt your quilt tops, new or old. Also placemats, bedspreads or quilting by the yard. 665-8410. Adv.

FLU VACCINE Clinic - Come on down!! Dr. Phillips - Wednesday, September 25th, 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Hughes Bldg. \$15. Adv.

1986 FORD Bus, 49 passenger, runs good. Excellent heat and air. 665-7201. Adv.

MEN'S NIGHT - The Landmark Club, Monday Night Football. Come check out the specials! 618 W. Foster, 665-4404. Adv.

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GOLDEN AGERS Luncheon - Tuesday 24th; 12 noon, Salvation Army, 701 S. Cuyler. Everyone 55 or older or handicapped welcome.

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Pampa's Jennifer Jones nominated for Wendy's Heisman Award honor

Jennifer Jones, a senior at Pampa High School, has been nominated for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award.

The national awards program, created by Wendy's, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and the Downtown Athletic Club in New York City, recognizes the accomplishments of high school senior men and women who excel in the following areas: academics, athletics and community involvement.

"This young adult represents exactly what today's youth should be — a leader in the classroom, in the athletic arena and in the community," says Dave Thomas, founder of Wendy's. "We are proud to recognize Jennifer and are honored to associate Wendy's with this remarkable individual."

Principals at more than 20,000 high schools were invited to nominate one male and one female student-citizen-athlete for the awards competition. Entries will be evaluated by the scholastic review service CTB/McGraw-Hill to narrow the field to 1,020 State Finalists and soon to 102 State Award Winners, including the District of Columbia.

A distinguished panel of judges, including past Heisman Memorial Trophy recipients and education, business and community leaders, will review the 102 State Award Winners and name 12 National Finalists, one male and one female representing six geographic regions, who will each be invited to New York City to participate in the Heisman Memorial Trophy Week activities at the Downtown Athletic Club.

One male and one female will then be selected as the National Winners and honored during the Heisman Memorial Trophy national telecast on Saturday, Dec. 14, on ESPN.

The awards presentation will be made by Dr. Timothy J. Dyer, NASSP executive director, Wendy's founder Dave Thomas and program spokesman Archie Griffin, the only two-time Heisman Memorial Trophy winner and current assistant director of the Ohio State University.

Founded in 1916, NASSP represents more than 42,000 middle level and high school principals and assistant principals. NASSP sponsors the National Honor Society and the National Association of Student Councils.

Nation briefs

VMI declares women will be treated to exacting standards

LEXINGTON, Va. (AP) — Virginia Military Institute says women enrolled at the school will be held to exactly the same standards as male cadets — right down to the haircut.

VMI's governing board agreed Saturday to comply with a Supreme Court order and admit female cadets next year, ending an all-male tradition that began three decades before the Civil War.

The 9-8 decision came a day after alumni argued against letting women into the historic military college in the Blue Ridge Mountains. A resolution to forego state funding and become a private school failed by the same one-vote margin.

VMI, which fought the Justice Department for six years to keep women out, vowed to make fewer changes to accommodate female cadets than The Citadel, which enrolled four women this fall, or the U.S. military academies.

GTE, with phones on United, USAir, Delta, TWA, Midwest Express and Reno airlines, also will offer a holiday calling card, the paper said. For \$24.95, card holders have unlimited use of Airfones in December.

In-Flight Phone will introduce in mid-October a flat fee for weekend calls, the paper reported. A two-minute call on Saturday or Sunday will cost \$5.99, and calls up to ten minutes will cost \$9.99. Calls longer than ten minutes will cost the regular price of \$2.50 per call, plus \$2.99 per minute.

In-Flight Phone provides service on Continental, America West and Carnival airlines.

AT&T Wireless, with service on American, Northwest, Southwest and Alaska airlines, is considering cuts in off-peak and weekend rates, the paper reported. AT&T charges \$2.50 a call plus \$2.99 per minute.

Survey: Gasoline prices rise slightly in two weeks

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP) — The average price for a gallon of gasoline at the nation's pumps rose slightly in the last two weeks to \$1.2918, an analyst said.

The average was up just 0.17 cents since the Sept. 6 Lundberg Survey of 10,000 gasoline stations nationwide. Consumers are now paying just over 9 cents a gallon more than this time last year, survey publisher Tribby Lundberg said Sunday.

In Friday's survey, the average price for unleaded gas at self-service pumps was \$1.2243 per gallon for regular, \$1.3249 for mid-grade and \$1.4078 for premium.

At full-service pumps, the average was \$1.5759 per gallon for regular unleaded, \$1.6647 for mid-grade unleaded and \$1.7337 for premium unleaded.

Airplane calls to become more affordable

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Calling home from the friendly skies just got cheaper.

Airplane telephone companies are cutting prices for in-flight calls to try to lure non-business travelers as the holiday season begins, *USA Today* reported in today's editions.

GTE Airfone, which launched a \$15-a-call rate in March, is testing flat-rate pricing for shorter calls, the newspaper said. Under the new pricing plan, a one-minute call costs \$5, two-minute call \$10, and calls over three minutes go back to the regular \$15 rate.

'Buster Brown' was a former Pampa resident

Some Pampans may recall wearing Buster Brown shoes when they were children and may remember Buster Brown and his dog Tige (Tiger). But few know that the real Buster Brown was four-foot tall Jack Fox, an early Pampa resident.

John Alexander Fox, born Aug. 21, 1883, in Tennessee, was a son of the Rev. William Petway Fox and Nancy J. Fox. In 1885, the Fox family moved to Peaster (Peaster) in Parker County, Texas.

When Jack entered Peaster School, the teacher thought he was in the wrong class because of his small size. He was quick to inform the teacher that he was right where he belonged.

In 1903, Fox came to Pampa as timekeeper for the Santa Fe

Museum Mementos

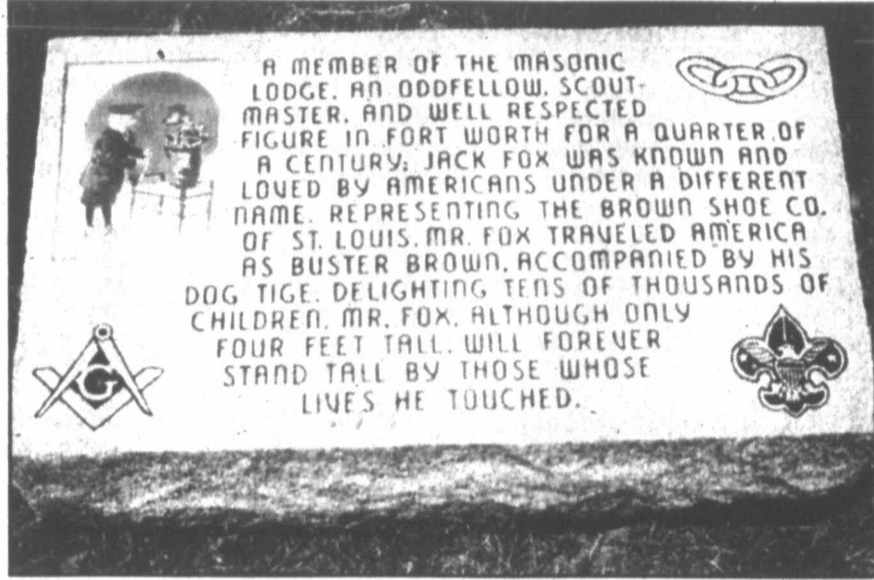
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Railroad. About two years later, his friend, J.E. Whitsell of the First National Bank at Weatherford, Texas, brought an offer from the Brown Shoe Company of St. Louis. The shoe company, manufacturer of Buster Brown shoes for children, wanted an advertising agent to portray Buster Brown, the

famous Outcault cartoon character.

Fox, who had never done any acting, was reluctant to leave the railroad for he had become chief clerk at Pampa. However, persuaded by his banker friend, he changed his career and trooped to the nation's movie houses, delighting thousands of children for nearly a quarter-century.



(Photo courtesy of Doris Dodson)

The Buster Brown monument in Peaster Cemetery near Weatherford, Texas, shows a plastic enclosed photograph of Buster Brown and Tige in the upper left and these symbols: Masonic in lower left; I.O.O.F. in upper right and Boy Scout in lower right.

Richard F. Outcault's popular comic strip first appeared in newspapers in 1902. Later the strip made its way into comic books dealing with the devilish mischief of Buster Brown and his companions. The strip often included the consequences of their misdeeds and some sermonizing. The serial was so popular that thousands of baby boys were named Buster and countless canines were given the name of Tige.

The character Buster Brown wore a pageboy hair style and dressed in a Little Lord Fauntleroy suit consisting of knee-length pants and a jacket with a round collar and loose neck-bow.

About 1930, Fox retired to the Meadowbrook section of Fort Worth in Tarrant County, where he was scoutmaster of a troop for

several years. Because of his four-foot-height, he was given the title, "Smallest Odd Fellow in the World," by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows where he was a familiar figure. He was a Methodist and a Mason.

Fox died of natural causes on May 14, 1961, in Fort Worth and was buried beside his parents in Peaster Cemetery. He was survived by three brothers and three sisters.

On Saturday, March 16, 1996, a ceremony was held at Peaster Cemetery, which is on FM 920 between Bridgeport and Weatherford. The ceremony was to dedicate a Texas Historical Marker for Peaster Cemetery and a monument for Jack Fox, Peaster's most famous citizen.

Crystal McCarty, president of the Peaster Cemetery Association, spearheaded the effort to obtain the marker and monument and donated funds necessary for the marker. Her sister-in-law, Doris Dodson, spent two years researching facts about Jack Fox and the cemetery.

Ron Gaskill donated the granite for the Buster Brown Monument and also did the etching and engraving. In addition to the inscription, the monument shows a plastic-enclosed picture of Buster Brown and Tige. Boy Scout, Oddfellow and Masonic symbols are also shown.

Bernice Maddux wrote an article about Jack Fox which appeared in the August 1996 issue of *Texas Highways*. Ann Galloway, senior editor of the publication, supplied pertinent information and contacts for this article.

Plans in offing for biological, chemical war against fire ants

FORT WORTH (AP) — Few in Texas would defend fire ants, killer bees, the Mexican fruit fly or the boll weevil. All are either destructive to crops or nuisances — sometimes even life-threatening.

Fire ants alone are described as a \$90 million-a-year problem in Texas.

Lawmakers have proposed an unprecedented biological and chemical counter-offensive to eradicate fire ants once and for all in Texas. It's a concerted county-by-county, landowner-by-landowner effort.

The take-no-prisoners effort — which also would target killer bees, the fruit fly, the boll weevil and a dozen other pesky creatures — could cost taxpayers up to \$16 million over the next six years, the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram's* Austin bureau reported Sunday.

State officials are pouring millions of dollars into research, education and obliteration.

But critics are raising questions about the wisdom behind state-funded attempts to fine-tune nature. They say the efforts are futile and often create more problems than they solve.

Just last year, South Texas cotton farmers were outraged when a state-sponsored program to eradicate boll weevils resulted in an invasion of beet army worms, which took advantage of an ecosystem in disarray.

Cotton production in South Texas fell from 350,000 bales to 54,000 bales as a result.

The same thing happened with fire ants. During the 1970s, Texans gleefully blitzed mounds in their yards with poisons, only to discover decades later that the poisons more effectively killed other types of ants than helped contain the fire ant population.

Critics are pointing out that the fire ant plan doesn't take into account that fire ants, however distasteful, help check the state's growing population of killer bees because the bees and ants are natural enemies.

Much of the debate is over whether to continue the heavy reliance on traditional chemical treatments or turn to more innovative and environment-friendly biological methods.

There's a state effort, for example, that denies boll weevils food for the winter by having farmers clear their fields of stalks after the cotton is harvested.

There is also a Mexican fruit fly program in which 18 million sterile fruit flies a week are released in the state's citrus-growing region. The flies break the life-cycle by mating and not reproducing.

But critics note that the traditional warfare involves chemicals. Texas ranks seventh nationally in pesticide usage, according to the National

Center for Food and Agricultural Policy.

The state budget devotes three times as much money to pesticide-related functions than to developing integrated pest management strategies.

Gene Acuna, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Agriculture, said his agency doesn't favor one method of warfare over another.

"Farmers use different methods for their production," he said. "Our job is to be a resource, not an advocate."

At least a half-dozen state agencies have some involvement in Texas' fight against pests. The Agriculture Department takes the lead role, particularly where the state's \$14 billion-a-year agriculture industry is concerned.

Pesticides have their defenders.

"Pesticides are a necessary approach to the overall component," said Osana el-Lissy, statewide director of the Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation. His group is being blamed for the problems experienced by South Texas cotton farmers last year.

El-Lissy said that after one season of chemical treatment, South Plains farmers who used to spray their field as much as a dozen times in years past enjoyed a weevil-free growing season this year without a single chemical treatment.

Who enticed whom? That is the question setting Brenham abuzz

BRENHAM, Texas (AP) — On a summer night last June, either four local high school boys enticed a 13-year-old classmate away from a party, took her to a secluded spot nearby, then raped her.

Or the 13-year-old girl, seeking attention, enticed the four boys away from the party, went with them to a secluded spot nearby, then had sex with them and bragged about it later.

Those choices will face jurors when the boys go on trial sometime this winter on sexual assault charges.

Three of the boys are 17, which makes them adults under Texas law. The fourth boy is 16, and as a juvenile his case is being handled separately.

Arraignment is scheduled for Oct. 8.

It was almost two months after the incident that the girl and her father went to the Washington County sheriff, who turned the case over to the district attorney for presentation to a grand jury.

Indictments were returned on Sept. 4.

According to the indictments, the girl and the four defendants were at a party on June 28 at a group rental facility in Brenham called Bilski's Camphouse.

The party, ostensibly to celebrate the recent graduation of some of those present, was a come-and-go affair where alcohol was generally available. The girl and at least some of the boys were drinking.

The girl and the boys left the party about midnight and went to a nearby spot at the Brenham Country Club. There, one or more of the boys had sex of some sort with the girl, and some time after midnight all returned to the party.

One of the defendants is represented by Houston attorney Dickie DeGuerin, who has argued on TV and in newspapers that the 13-year-old girl willingly joined in on whatever happened June 28. That amounts to consent, which he says is a defense against rape charges.

"It's all pretty clear," he says. "We've been able to establish that this young lady planned to have sex with the defendants, that she lied about her age and that she bragged about it all afterward."

District Attorney Charles Sebesta says that's a moot point because Texas law prohibits sex of any sort between a girl under age 14 and anyone else, period. If it happens, it is a first-degree felony.

DeGuerin noted that it was actually June 29 by the time the teenagers returned to the party, and June 29 was the girl's 14th birthday.

DeGuerin said he wonders why Sebesta is so dogged about the case, unless "maybe he just wants to make an example." But he says "you can't hold 16- or 17-year-old boys to the same standards as adults."

Sebesta says he'll answer that by letting his case speak for itself when it is time for trial.

"A lot of people are going to be ashamed," he predicts. "This is a whole lot worse than many people think it is."

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Opinion

President is flying blind on terrorism

Some news stories say President Clinton's new orders to tighten airport security - unveiled along with proposals to spend another \$1.1 billion on putatively anti-terrorist measures, on top of \$1 billion authorized but not yet spent by a bill signed in April - were designed to "reassure jittery Americans."

The measures could well make travelers even more jittery, as well as poorer, more hassled and less in control of their time, without doing much if anything to stop terrorism.

These new restrictions come even as authorities admit they don't know for sure what caused the crash of TWA Flight 800 off Long Island, nor do they know who planted the pipe bomb at the Atlanta Olympics. Maybe these examples of violent aggression were the acts of organized terrorists and maybe they were the twisted acts of nutty loners. If the latter, none of the contemplated increases in federal police power would have prevented them.

It is difficult to face the fact that nothing can reliably stop all bombing attacks. Considering the easy availability of materials and knowledge about how to make explosive devices and the panoply of people who think they have a grievance, it might even be surprising that more terrorist attacks haven't occurred. Some measures might deter or prevent some bombings, but it is important to weigh the full costs of such restrictions - not only in money spent by taxpayers directly, but in mandates on private companies or local airports and in the time and convenience of travelers.

If safety were the only consideration - if people didn't care about time - nobody would fly or drive automobiles. But people do care about time. And some care about overweening government power.

The Clinton administration is the most wiretap-happy in our history. From the standpoint of security, Atlanta during the recent Olympics might well have been the most buttoned-down city in - well, perhaps in history. Yet the pipe bombing and Flight 800 happened anyway, and authorities still haven't solved either case.

Federal officials have had most of these proposals, all of which involve more money and power for their agencies, sitting in draft form for years. Why the haste to implement them now, when the recent cases that have triggered new concern have not yet been solved? Allowing emotion to prevail over sober considerations of cost and benefit is a recipe for increasing government power without making flying appreciably safer.

When life - and death - imitate art

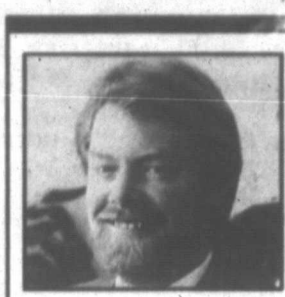
Sitting at a traffic light in Los Angeles one night a couple of years ago, I heard the sound approaching, the booming, heavy bass, thum-thum-thum beat of rap music blasting forth from the car pulling alongside me. My window was up, but it made no difference. The air was filled with the rapper's lyrics - the angry, loud, obscenity-laden lyrics boasting of rape, of illegal drug use and of the desire to murder the police.

I'm sure I was exposed to this "music" for less than a minute before the light turned green and the other car pulled away, but I kept thinking that as much as I abhorred this genre, there was something frighteningly authentic about it.

This authenticity has been proven again with the violent killing of gangsta rapper Tupac Shakur, who lived, and died, as he rapped. On Sept. 7, the 25-year-old Shakur was shot four times in a Las Vegas drive-by assault, and he passed away six days later.

The incident was the last of Shakur's many encounters with crime. His rap sheet includes three convictions for assault and battery, an arrest in connection with the shooting of two off-duty police officers and a four-and-a-half year prison sentence (he served eleven months) for a 1993 sexual assault at a Manhattan hotel.

In 1994, also in Manhattan, Shakur was shot five times by a robber; he subsequently claimed that the robbery was a cover for an assassination attempt masterminded by another rapper and some music-industry executives. Shakur was acquitted in 1993 of charges that his soundtrack - "Cops on my tail... / They finally pulled me over and I laughed / Remember Rodney King? / And I blast on his punk ass" - inspired the murder of a Texas state trooper.



L. Brent Bozell

Last fall, Shakur gave an interview to the *Los Angeles Times* that indicated he was profoundly in denial about his life, his image and his career. "I am not a gangster and never have been," he asserted. "I'm not down with people who... hurt others. I'm just a brother who fights back... I'm an artist."

No, Shakur was a criminal, a punk, a thug. But let's put his criminal record aside, if that's possible, and examine the - ahem - artist. Shakur's "art" alone indicates that he glorified gangsterism of the ugliest kind. His 1993 LP *Strictly 4 My N.I.G.G.A.Z.*, released in the wake of the Texas trial, copiously, coldbloodedly bashed police. The title track declared, "Mister F - a Cop is back / And I still don't give a f - / *Souljah's Revenge* is even more venomous: "Can't find peace on the streets / So the niggers get a piece / F - the police / F - 'em / Motherf - in' punk police / I hate 'em" *Last Wordz* stated, "Pigs wear blue / I wear black / ... Motherf - in' police can't stop me / ... That's why we burned s - and wrecked / Cause the punk

police ain't learned s - yet."

Predictably, for all the vituperation Shakur directed at law enforcement, he was slain not by a corrupt policeman but, presumably, by another common thug, perhaps a member of the Los Angeles gang the Crips. (Suge Knight, the head of Shakur's record label, Death Row, is said to have ties to the Crips' rival gang, the Bloods.)

During an MTV show that aired three days before Shakur was shot, gangsta rap pioneer Dr. Dre, who recently left Death Row to start his own company, remarked, "I feel like the gangsta rap era is over." He went on to promise, "I'll be able to sell records without any profanity, keeping it real, keeping it positive."

I hope Dre is true to his word, though as the former producer of such performers as Shakur's crony Snoop Doggy Dogg he has a lot to make up for. Apparently, Shakur himself never wanted to abandon, as his stomach tattoo called it, "Thug Life."

At the root of Shakur's world view was a moral vacuum. He told the *Los Angeles Times* last year that "almost everyone in America is affiliated with some kind of gang. We got the FBI, the ATF, the police departments, the religious groups, the Democrats and the Republicans. Everybody's got their own little clique, and they're all out there gangbanging in their own little way." That reasoning is about as meaningless as Shakur's life. The record producers who lined their pockets promoting him surely will find another smart-mouthed punk to take his place. Meanwhile, Shakur has gone off to another place. Some call it hell.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today in History
Today is Monday, Sept. 23, the 267th day of 1996. There are 99 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 23, 1779, during the Revolutionary War, the American warship *Bon Homme Richard* defeated the HMS *Serapis* after the American commander, John Paul Jones, is said to have declared: "I have not yet begun to fight!"

On this date:
In 63 B.C., Caesar Augustus was born in Rome.

In 1642, Harvard College in Cambridge, Mass., held its first commencement.

In 1780, British spy John Andre was captured along with papers revealing Benedict Arnold's plot to surrender West Point, N.Y., to the British.

In 1806, the Lewis and Clark expedition returned to St. Louis from the Pacific Northwest.

In 1846, 150 years ago, the planet Neptune was discovered by German astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle.

The case for gender oriented schools

Whenever I hear the arguments against the Young Women's Leadership School, I reluctantly nod in agreement.

Yes, the all-girls' public school, which recently opened in New York's East Harlem, is actively segregating young people by gender.

Yes, women's rights activists recently fought to integrate all-male institutions like the Citadel and the Virginia Military Institute.

Yes, the concept of "separate but equal" is indeed a shaky one.

And yet, the arguments never quite sway me. Something always nags at me. It is the fact that single-sex education has been consistently proven to be good for girls - and, for that matter, boys.

Numerous studies - such as those published in the *Journal of Educational Psychology* and the *Comparative Education Review* - have shown that girls who go to single-gender schools have greater self-confidence, higher educational and career goals, and less stereotypical views toward women. They also take more math and science courses.

And both boys and girls have benefited from environments that are devoid of the distractions of the opposite sex.

To me, it is as much a class issue as a gender issue. Wealthy parents have the option of sending their children to single-sex schools, why shouldn't low-income parents? The developers of the Young Women's Leadership School have offered to create a similar facility for boys, and this seems the best solution. (The YWLS also says it will consider applications from boys, though it's clear they



Sara Eckel

are not wanted and none have applied.)

The National Organization for Women, which opposes the Young Women's Leadership School, argues that allowing public schools to segregate by gender will simply leave girls on the short end of things. The boys will get the better resources, better teachers, etc.

It's a valid point. Traditionally, separations between men and women have rarely favored women. But school districts would still be required to spend equally on their male and female students. And, given such strong interest in girls' education these days, I don't think we should assume that all of the best teachers and administrators would necessarily leap to the boys' side.

There is also the point that programs for girls are condescending to young women, that creating different educational opportunities for girls suggests that they are less capable than boys. However well intentioned, this is ultimately a sexist assumption, since it plays into the idea that any

acknowledged difference between girls and boys (or men and women) necessarily means that girls are inferior. Boys and girls have different ways of learning, that does not mean that girls are less intelligent. And the fact that girls are, on balance, more well behaved - and thus demand less discipline time from teachers - is nothing for them to be ashamed of. Indeed, it is to their credit.

In its ruling on the VMI case, the Supreme Court stated that gender-segregated programs could be permitted if there was an "exceedingly persuasive justification." It allowed gender classifications that "advance full development of the talent and capacities of our nation's people" but not those that are used to "create or perpetuate the legal, social and economic inferiority of women."

Supporters hope that this language will enable the Young Women's Leadership School to stay open. However, it doesn't look good. Already the Supreme Court has ruled that single sex public schools for underprivileged boys are unconstitutional.

That's unfortunate. Because while single-sex public education is certainly not the answer to the education crisis in this country, it does at least address the most glaring inequity in the nation's public schools - the one between rich kids and poor kids. The grossly unfair system of using property taxes to fund public schools has meant that kids living in low-income neighborhoods almost always get the shaft. A sprinkling of experimental schools will not solve this problem, but if educators and investors want to do something for inner-city girls and boys, we owe it to these kids to let them.

Clinton won't reveal his medical history

The *Wall Street Journal* has performed a signal public service by calling renewed attention to President Clinton's curious reluctance to release his medical records.

It has been traditional, at least since the days of Lyndon Johnson, for presidents to be scrupulously open about their medical problems, and to make their medical records, and indeed their doctors, available to the probing members of the media. There is sound reason for this: The health of an American president is of legitimate worldwide concern. Any disability that might incapacitate him mentally or physically, let alone kill him, is a fact of critical importance in both domestic and international affairs.

We can see a spectacular analogy in the current global concern over the health of Russian President Boris Yeltsin. In Russia the tradition is very different: Successive Soviet bosses lied wholesale about their physical condition, right up to the minute they died. Yeltsin, who is seriously ill with heart trouble (and in fact had two heart attacks last year), apparently first intended to follow that precedent. But he seems to have realized at last that in a democracy things are different, and has now announced that he will have heart surgery (presumably bypass surgery) before the end of September.

Whether Yeltsin survives is of enormous importance to the immediate future of Russia, as well as the longer range prospects for international stabil-



William Rusher

ity. If he dies, he will have to be replaced - but by whom? And what will be that new leader's policies on a whole host of pressing problems, both foreign and domestic?

In the case of Clinton, he has undergone annual medical checkups, and his physicians have invariably announced afterward that he is in fine condition. But requests to see his past and present medical records, and to interview his physicians, have been met by a stone wall. When President Bush's doctor, who had been held over in the transition, asked to see Clinton's past medical records before authorizing an allergy shot, he was dismissed and replaced within hours.

So there is something there. The only question is: What?

There are three possibilities: (1) It may be potentially fatal (like Paul Tsongas' cancer), or (2) it may be in some way incapacitating or at least distract-

ing (like John Kennedy's Addison's disease), or (3) it may be mostly just embarrassing (e.g., a case of herpes, or of some chronic venereal disease).

Assuming that Clinton's doctors would be reluctant to pronounce him hale if he were harboring a cancer, even in remission, we are probably safe in assuming it's number two or number three. If its number three, it could be argued that it's nobody else's business. But if it's number two, it is a matter of legitimate national concern.

It is the job of the media to find out if it's number two, and the real scandal (thus far) is how utterly they have failed to discharge that obligation.

You can be quite sure that if any other president since JFK had tried to conceal his medical records, the hue and cry of the media would have been deafening. But they have given Clinton a free pass on this issue - just as they did in the Gennifer Flowers case, when that exploded in the midst of the 1992 primary campaign.

It is this sort of double standard that makes the media's pro-Clinton bias so obvious, even if a poll hadn't revealed that 90% of them voted for him.

It is altogether proper for the Dole campaign (which has been refreshingly forthcoming about the senator's medical history) to make an issue of Clinton's secrecy in this regard. The more the president resists full disclosure, the surer we can be that there is something there that the American people deserve to know.

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Texas Poll shows Gramm leading Morales by double-digit margin

By STEVE RAY
Harte-Hanks Texas Poll Syndicate

Fifty percent of likely Texas voters would vote for Republican U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm compared with 34 percent for Democratic challenger Victor Morales, according to The Harte-Hanks Texas Poll.

Both candidates in the U.S. Senate race enjoy high favorable ratings and almost one in three Texans say they don't know the most important issue in deciding how they will cast their vote.

Analysts say the poll — which shows little movement for either candidate since June — could indicate that Texans haven't paid much attention to the race. Fifteen percent are still undecided.

Thirty percent don't know the most important issue in deciding who to support.

"Some people don't get revved up until closer to election time," said Janice May, a government professor at the University of Texas.

"This may seem close to us because we follow politics. But it's still a little early for many people to decide."

But Texans know what they think about Gramm and Morales. Sixty-two percent said they had a favorable opinion of Gramm compared with 51 percent for Morales, a Mesquite schoolteacher.

Twenty-nine percent of Texans had an unfavorable opinion of Gramm and 25 percent had an unfavorable opinion for Morales.

"I'm hard-pressed to explain Gramm's favorable ratings," said University of Texas political science professor Bruce Buchanan. "He's the most unlovable guy in politics and yet he seems to speak the language that appeals to Texans. I would think he would get the same kind of reception as he did on the national stage but maybe people regard him favorably because they see him

as an unyielding partisan for Texas."

Gramm spent millions of dollars on a failed presidential bid this year. He withdrew after losing primary battles in Louisiana and Iowa.

Many Texans thought Gramm's presidency bid would hurt him, but Buchanan said the Republican's recent political advertising could have increased Texans' favorable impression of Gramm and negative reaction Morales.

But Democrats said Gramm's money and advertising hasn't done him much good.

"This poll shows that the hundreds of thousands of dollars Sen. Gramm has spent on negative ads in the last several weeks have done absolutely nothing," said Morales Campaign Coordinator Greg Weiner.

"There has not been this much money wasted in politics since Phil Gramm ran for president and spent \$30 million to come in second in Louisiana and fifth in Iowa."

Gramm's campaign officials said they have been running radio ads since early summer and began television ads early this month, when The Texas Poll was surveying likely voters.

"Most people don't really know Phil Gramm," May said. "But in Texas the Republican Party label and the conservative label attracts voters. He has had an enormous war chest of campaign contributions and he can saturate the market ... if you don't have the money, you can't hit all the markets in Texas."

And Gramm has plenty more money to spend on the campaign. As of June 30, the Gramm campaign had \$3.6 million on hand, campaign press secretary Julie Hillrichs said.

That dwarfs Morales' campaign coffers, which had \$120,000 at the end of the same reporting period. The Morales campaign has not spent money on

television, radio or newspaper advertising — unless it was paid for by individual supporters, Weiner said.

But Republicans say The Texas Poll results indicated an end to Morales' dreams.

"We've now seen three consecutive statewide polls that show Phil Gramm is ahead by double digits statewide," Hillrichs said. "We've increased our lead since the last Texas Poll and lead in every region of the state but one. That has to be devastating for Mr. Morales."

In June, the poll showed a 47-33 margin. With a three percentage point margin of error in the poll, the changes are insignificant, analysts said.

"What you look for in a poll is movement, who has momentum in their direction," Weiner said. "This tells me Phil Gramm is absolutely stagnant. If he can't get a majority of Texans to say they will vote for him with seven weeks left, he's in big trouble."

Gramm is leading in all parts of the state except for Central Texas, where he is tied with Morales. He also leads by a wide margin — 59 to 29 — among Anglo voters. Morales has a wide margin of support from minorities.

"This is clearly another hard blow to the Morales campaign as Texas voters focus on issues like the balanced budget, same-sex marriage and crime," said Gramm spokeswoman Hillrichs. "They don't like what Victor Morales says but they do like what Phil Gramm is."

The poll shows that Texans really don't know much about the issues in the U.S. Senate race.

Thirty percent said they didn't know what the most important issue was in deciding which candidate to support for the U.S. Senate. Eighteen percent listed character or the quality of the candidate and 11 percent said the economy and deficit.

"There is no hot button issue driving this race," Buchanan said.

"These results just reinforce the point that people are making generic decisions about what will help Texas most overall. May and Buchanan said it would be hard for Morales to overcome Gramm's lead.

"His problem is that the Mr. Smith goes to Washington hype has worn off," Buchanan said. "The message out there is that this guy has got too much to learn to supplant a senator with the kind of clout Gramm has in Washington. Now to win, he's got to put all his eggs in the get-out-the-vote basket. He has to press for debates, try to get some money for ads and sponsor a huge voter turnout effort. To win, there would have to be a huge Hispanic turnout. That's his only hope at this point."

May said she doesn't see anything that would put Morales over the top but said if Clinton carries Texas, it could also benefit Democrats down the ballot.

The Texas Poll showed Clinton and Republican candidate Bob Dole in a deadheat, each with 41 percent support.

Mat said it would almost take a miracle for Morales to win, but it has happened before.

"He would have to hammer away at Gramm's negatives) on statewide TV. A media blitz could change the ratings," May said. "But he's a long shot. The miracle could be that he beat (former Congressman) John Bryant and Jim Chapman in the primaries. Still, I would hesitate to say it's over. Lots of things could happen."

The poll was conducted Sept. 3-13 for Harte-Hanks Communications Inc. by the Office of Survey Research of the University of Texas. It surveyed 1,001 adult Texans and has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Chamber welcomes new business



(Chamber photo)

Fins and Feathers owners James and Patricia Stone, center, are welcomed to the Pampa business community by Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats Jim Davidson, left, and Duane Harp, right. Fins and Feathers, 107 W. Foster, offers a variety of fish and chicken dinners.

Trial set to begin for high school science teacher accused of murdering his family

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — Jon Feeney was so pleased with the gift he'd bought for his 17-month-old daughter that he showed it to his high school chemistry students.

"It was a pop-up book," recalled one of them, Debbin Phillips. "I just remember him reading the book to the class."

It's uncertain, though, whether young Jennifer ever got to enjoy her present. Within two days, the toddler was found dead along with her brother, six-year-old Tyler, and 36-year-old mother, Cheryl.

Her father is accused of strangling her with a shoelace and beating the life from her brother and mother with a pipe. The state is seeking the death penalty on three counts of first-degree murder; the trial begins Tuesday.

Feeney, 36, claims he was at a teachers' conference at the Lake of the Ozarks, about 90 miles northeast of Springfield, when his wife and children were killed Feb. 26, 1995.

Thus far, the state has stumbled in trying to gather evidence to the contrary.

In the 14 months prosecutors took to get an indictment, Feeney lived in his home, repeatedly walking through the murder scene. An insurance investigator found Feeney was not at fault in the deaths, allowing him to collect insurance money for 300 items he said were stolen in the attack.

Assistant Greene County Prosecutor Darrell Moore acknowledges the case is not clear-cut. In numerous pretrial hearings, no mention has been made of any physical evidence linking Feeney to the crime scene, and Moore has said no witness puts Feeney in Springfield around the time of the slayings.

But there was a witness when the grand jury handed up its indictment in April. That man, a convenience store clerk named Ron Gann, is certain to play a central role in the trial, which is expected to last two weeks.

Defense attorneys initially wanted a judge to suppress Gann's testimony. Under oath, he claimed to have sold gas to a man resembling Feeney in the early morning hours after his family was killed. Gann also said he remembered Feeney's car: a red Mustang convertible.

Gann's story — through depositions, police interviews and grand jury queries — was pocked with inconsistencies.

Nevertheless, Judge J. Miles Sweeney ruled Aug. 21 that Gann could testify and the jury would decide whether to believe his story.

Then, a twist:

Lucid, a 53-year-old biochemist

The defense found time sheets that showed Gann was not even working during the hours he was supposed to have waited on Feeney.

It was a blow to the prosecution, which lost its only witness. And it was a coup for the defense, which plans to call Gann to the stand to highlight problems in the investigation.

The prosecution case now seems to rest on character assault. The state is expected to call witnesses who will testify Feeney had extramarital affairs and was not an attentive father.

Neither Moore nor lead defense attorney Shawn Askinosie could comment on the trial because of a gag order imposed last week by the judge. But that did not stop residents from buzzing about the case, which many people have called Springfield's "Simpson trial."

The local cable station said last week it would broadcast the trial live using a feed from Court TV.

That news was not welcomed at Glendale High School, where Feeney was working at the time of the slayings.

"There will be no classroom discussion and there will be no viewing of TV, not a 30 seconds worth," Principal Barbara Buffington said. "That situation has impacted us as much as it's going to."

Shannon Lucid says she's ready to return to Texas

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Astronaut Shannon Lucid finally says goodbye today to the orbital laboratory she loved, the treadmill she couldn't stand and life aboard Russia's Mir space station.

"I'm really happy and I also feel just a little sad," Lucid said a few hours before her shuttle Atlantis crewmates were to seal its hatch to undock from Mir tonight.

"This has been my home for six months and I've had a great time here, but obviously I'm very, very anxious to go back to my real home, back in Houston with my family."

Astronaut John Blaha, a 54-year-old retired Air Force colonel and five-time space flier, replaced Lucid on Mir after Atlantis docked with the station last week. He will live on the orbiting outpost for four months.

In a farewell ceremony today,

Lucid hugged Blaha and his two Russian cosmonaut crewmates, who arrived on Mir a month ago. Two other cosmonauts stayed on the space station during Lucid's first five months.

The Atlantis crew presented the Russians with wrist watches set to Houston time and a space shuttle-shaped piece of chocolate.

John F. Kennedy Jr. weds on secluded Georgia island

By A.J. HOSTETLER
Associated Press Writer

First Son, sex symbol, lawyer, editor and now — husband?

John F. Kennedy Jr., who as a child endeared himself to the nation as he stood to salute the casket of his assassinated father, married longtime girlfriend Carolyn Bessette on Saturday.

The dashing 35-year-old, once dubbed "The Sexiest Man Alive," tied the knot in a private ceremony kept

secret from reporters. It took place on Cumberland Island, a secluded retreat known for unspoiled beaches and wild horses along the southeastern Georgia coast.

"My cousin John did tie the knot yesterday," Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., confirmed Sunday morning at a fundraiser for congressional candidate Robert Burch in Steubenville, Ohio.

His spokesman confirmed the bride was Bessette, a 29-year-old blonde from Greenwich, Conn., who until last spring worked in

public relations for Calvin Klein Ltd. in New York City. The couple have been romantically involved for about five years.

The couple were said to be honeymooning on a yacht off the coast of Georgia and Florida. State Rep. Charlie Smith, a resident of the island, said he saw the former presidential yacht Honey Fitz — named for Kennedy Jr.'s great-grandfather, former Boston Mayor John Fitzgerald — docked at the marina at nearby Fernandina Beach.

World briefs

Bangladesh farmers kill vermin to save food

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — Armed with traps, poison and cats, more than a million farmers fanned out across Bangladesh today in an annual drive to kill the rats that destroy nearly a third of the country's grains each year.

Every rat tail turned over to the government during the month-long drive fetches 14 cents, and anyone who kills more than 10,000 rats gets a color TV, a hefty bonus in a nation where many people can't afford a portable radio.

Unlike previous years, authorities this year went into villages and trained more than 1.2 million peasants on how to kill the rodents efficiently. They also equipped them with cats, traps and pesticides.

Despite protests, Pope wins respect of French

REIMS, France (AP) — Embracing the downtrodden and refusing to let age or illness slow him down, Pope John Paul II eventually earned the grudging respect of a public that had scorned him for being out of touch.

The pope's trip to France was hardly smooth. Five thousand leftist demonstrators marched through Paris on Sunday denouncing not only the pontiff but also the French government for paying for John Paul's security

and aircraft during the visit. Smaller protests were organized elsewhere.

But the anti-pope movement seemed to fizzle, drowned out by the faithful's shouts of "Vive the pope!" and "Holy Father, we love you!"

The opposition "may have poisoned the climate of the visit, but it didn't poison us," said Olivier de la Brosse, spokesman for the French bishops' conference. "It went much better than the pessimists expected."

Turnout at most stops met or exceeded expectations. Two hundred thousand jubilant pilgrims cheered the 76-year-old pope like a rock star at Sunday's papal Mass in Reims, about 80 miles northeast of Paris.

Typhoon veers into northern Pacific

TOKYO (AP) — Tropical storm Violet headed out over the northern Pacific today after roaring through Tokyo with typhoon winds that killed at least seven peo-

ple and shut down train and air traffic. The typhoon, downgraded to a tropical storm today, drenched Tokyo on Sunday, setting off hundreds of landslides in surrounding areas and knocking down trees. Three people were missing and 44 were injured.

As skies cleared in Tokyo today, officials said the worst was over.

A weaker Violet was off the northern island of Hokkaido, 650 miles northeast of Tokyo early today, the Central Meteorological Agency said. Maximum winds were at 56 mph — down from 116 mph on Sunday.

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Back-to-School Lessons Include Learning the Dangers of Drugs

DEAR ABBY: I am asking you to please help us alert all Americans about the danger of children becoming involved with drugs. The best preventative is for parents to take the time to consistently talk to their children about drugs, alcohol and tobacco from the time they are old enough to understand. I can think of no better way to get this important message before the public than your column, and that's why I hope you'll print my letter to parents.

GEN BARRY MC CAFFREY (RET.), DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

DEAR GEN. MC CAFFREY: It is a pleasure to help spread the word. Your vital message is one that all parents should take to heart:

DEAR PARENTS: As your children begin this new school year, take the time to talk to them about the dangers posed by illegal drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

Some questions and answers to get you started discussing these topics with your children:

— Why should you avoid illegal drugs like cocaine, heroin, marijuana, methamphetamine and LSD? Because your central nervous system is still developing. If you use these drugs, you risk impairing that development and causing permanent brain damage.



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Psychoactive drugs affect your brain and impair judgment. Under their influence, you are more likely to endanger your life or a friend's. You will be less able to protect yourself from physical or sexual assault.

These drugs are addictive. You are not in control of how they affect you. You could become dependent on them very quickly. Smoking marijuana is illegal and a possible gateway to more dangerous drugs. A 12-year-old who smokes marijuana is 79 times as likely to have an addictive problem later in life as a non-marijuana-using child.

— Why should you avoid alcohol (including beer, wine, wine coolers and mixed drinks)? Because alcohol is the second leading cause of preventable death in our nation, claiming more than 100,000 lives a year.

Adolescents are twice as likely to be involved in a fatal, alcohol-related crash as adults.

Half of sexual assault and date-rape cases involve alcohol.

Alcohol-related driving accidents, violence and suicide are the three greatest causes of death among American youth.

Drinking is illegal if you are under 21.

— Why shouldn't you smoke cigarettes? Because nicotine is the leading cause of preventable death in our nation, claiming more than 400,000 lives a year.

Each day another 3,000 kids will begin smoking. One-third of them will probably have their lives shortened as a result.

Children who smoke cigarettes are 5.9 times more likely to use other illegal drugs. A 1994 study by Columbia University's Center for Alcohol and Substance Abuse found that 83 percent of those who used cocaine identified smoking cigarettes as a gateway behavior.

It is important to speak consistently to your children about these dangerous drugs throughout the year, not just at the beginning of the school year. About one in 10 of our children aged 12 to 17 are now using illegal drugs. They do not understand the associated risks. You can help your children appreciate what's at stake if they smoke cigarettes, drink alcohol or use illegal drugs. If you don't, your child is more likely to risk his or her mental and physical health.

Horoscope



Tuesday Sept 24, 1996

Events and circumstances might inspire you to pursue new ambitions in the year ahead. You will probably succeed, but make sure you repay favors to the people who help you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Issuing directives is easy, but if you want others to obey you today, make sure to set a good example. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Before you offer to pick up the tab for your friends today, it would be smart to check the prices on the menu. Make sure that this is something you can afford.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Demands placed on you by family members or relatives might be heavier than usual today. Weigh the costs before you volunteer your time and talent.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today you might be unusually sensitive to comments made by your friends. Your feelings could be hurt if you read too much into what they say.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Social sports will be more fun if betting is kept out of the picture. Someone within your group might be a poor loser today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) This will be the wrong day to dredge up an old, unpleasant issue which is painful for a friend. You should let sleeping dogs lie.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do not focus too intently on having your own way today. If you start to get pushy, someone

will push you right back.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Use caution regarding the advice you give a friend today. If the matter is not concluded satisfactorily, you might be blamed for its failure.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Collective endeavors could be more complicated than usual today. Avoid having to rely on someone else. Similarly, you should not be responsible for your partner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Usually, you do not hesitate to lend a helping hand when you are needed. Today, however, you might suggest someone else who can play this role.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Try to steer clear of financial deals if someone else calls the shots. If you can't be the captain of the ship, don't settle for a less-important position.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If your mate walks around the house with a long face today, you could be partly to blame. Strive to be tolerant instead of being temperamental.

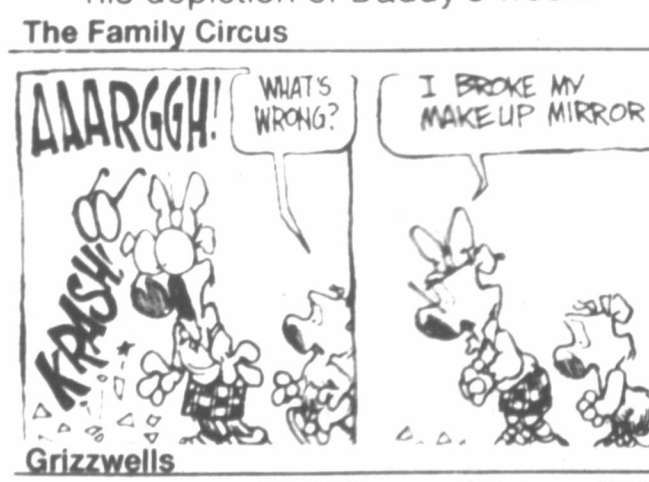
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While Bil Keane is out of town to make a speech, Billy fills in with his depiction of Daddy's week.



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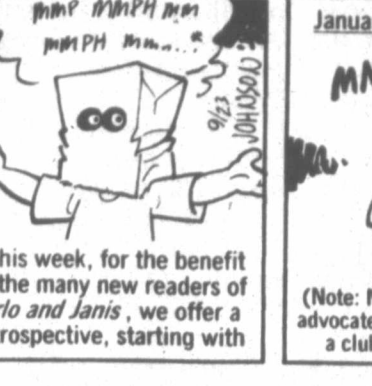
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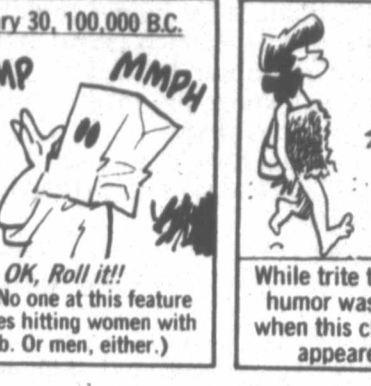
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FOOTBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa Harvesters host the Dumas Demons at 7:30 Friday night in football homecoming at Harvester Stadium.

Pampa has a 2-1 record while Dumas is 3-0.

McLEAN — Silverton downed McLean, 32-21, Friday night in six-man football action.

McLean is now 1-2 on the season while Silverton improves to 2-1.

Silverton held a 12-0 lead at halftime.

Brett Montgomery hooked up with Chad Richards on a 27-yard pass for McLean's first touchdown in the third quarter. Aaron Rice scored on a 4-yard run and Chris Flores on a 1-yard run for the other Tiger touchdowns. Rice accounted for the McLean conversion points, one on a run and the other on a kick.

Arnold Garza ran for three touchdowns and rushed for 210 yards to pace Silverton. Trey Ziegler and Jeremy Holt also ran for touchdowns.

Silverton led McLean in total offense, 310-202. Each team had 12 first downs.

McLean had four turnovers and Silverton two.

McLean plays at Lefors Friday night. Silverton is at home against Guthrie.

GOLF

PAMPA — The annual Harvester Basketball Golf Tournament is scheduled Oct. 5 at Hidden Hills. The tournament will be a 4-man scramble with a \$160 entry fee per team. To sign up, call 669-5866.

Major tournament sponsors are Service Insurance Company and John T. King & Sons.

Tournament proceeds go to the high school basketball program.

BASEBALL

CINCINNATI (AP) — Cincinnati's Barry Larkin became the first shortstop in major-league history to hit 30 homers and steal 30 bases in a season Sunday.

Larkin hit a solo homer in the fifth inning, his 30th, off St. Louis starter Donovan Osborne, to become the 17th player to reach the 30-30 mark. Larkin has stolen 36 bases.

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — Baseball's world governing body on Saturday opened the sport to professionals for the Olympics, although there's no guarantee major leaguers will play in Sydney in 2000.

With its long-term status as an Olympic sport in jeopardy, the International Baseball Association voted to rescind its amateur-only rule for the Olympics, world championships and other IBA-sanctioned events.

The motion, which required a two-thirds majority, passed with 56 votes in favor, 7 against and 2 abstentions.

TENNIS

PAMPA — The Hidden Hills senior championship was held last week.

There were 61 golfers entered in four flights.

Flight A

Low gross: Elmer Wilson 148, Carl Johnson 158; Low net: Bob McGinnis 147, Whitey White 154.

Flight B

Low gross: Leroy Morris 155, Willie Nickelberry 162; Low net: Richard Abbott 161, Oscar Sargent 162.

Flight C

Low gross: Herb Harvey 169, Jerry South 175; Low net: Preston Cox 170, Charles Terrell 171.

Flight D

Low gross: Calvin Lacy 177, Mike Porter 194; Low net: C.C. Lewis 190, Gene Gates 196.

Closest to the hole: Ralph Ridgway No. 6; Ted Erickson No. 15.

Florida jumps to No. 1 in AP football poll

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Football Writer

First, Nebraska lost its grip on the ball, then it lost the No. 1 ranking as Florida took over the top spot in The Associated Press' college football poll.

The Gators, back at No. 1 after nearly two years, beat Tennessee 35-29 on Saturday and jumped three places in this week's new-look Top 25. The two-time defending national champion Cornhuskers, surprising 19-0 losers at Arizona State, tumbled to No. 8, while the Volunteers fell from No. 2 to No. 9.

Florida (3-0), received 52 first-

place votes and 1,659 points Sunday from the 67 writers and broadcasters who vote in the AP poll. The Gators were the clear choice over No. 2 Florida State (2-0), which received 13 first-place votes and 1,612 points. The Seminoles (2-0) beat North Carolina State 51-17 last Thursday night.

Penn State moved up a spot to No. 3 with one first-place vote and 1,505 points, while Ohio State was fourth and Notre Dame fifth, up four positions. The Fighting Irish (3-0) got a last-play, 39-yard field goal by John Sanson for a 27-24 win over Texas (2-1), which fell from sixth to No. 13. The Buckeyes (2-0) beat Pitt 72-0 and

play at Notre Dame on Saturday.

The changes at the top marked the first time in six years the No. 1 and No. 2 teams lost on the same day in the regular season. On Oct. 6, 1990, Stanford beat a No. 1 Notre Dame 36-31 and Miami topped a No. 2 Florida State 31-22.

Florida was also ranked No. 1

by the USA Today-CNN poll.

"It's nice to be No. 1 and we appreciate it," Florida coach Steve Spurrier said. "It's not like I'd say we're the best team in the country. I don't think anyone knows for sure who is. By the end of the season, everything should play out and it'll all be worked out. We'll try to hold onto it as long as we can."

The Sun Devils, meanwhile, vaulted to No. 6 — up 11 places from a week ago — for their first Top 10 ranking since finishing fourth in the 1986 final poll. Arizona State (3-0), which had three safeties against Nebraska, also received one first-place vote.

Michigan (3-0), a 20-14 winner over Boston College, was seventh, followed by Nebraska, Tennessee and Miami.

North Carolina, 3-0 after a 16-0 victory over Georgia Tech, was 11th, followed by Colorado, Texas, Alabama, Southern California, Kansas State, LSU, Virginia Tech, Virginia, Kansas, Washington, Auburn, West Virginia, Brigham Young and

Northwestern. Auburn fell nine places after a 19-15 loss to LSU, which moved up four spots.

Florida was No. 1 in 1994 before losing to Auburn 36-33 on Oct. 15.

Nebraska, which had its 26-game winning streak ended, held the No. 1 ranking for 12 consecutive polls dating back to last season. The Cornhuskers lost their first regular-season game since Iowa State beat them 19-10 on Nov. 14, 1992.

West Virginia makes its first appearance in the Top 25 this season, while the Cougars and Wildcats return after brief absences.

Dropping out of the Top 25 were Iowa, Syracuse and Oregon.

Volleyball action



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

Pampa junior Keili Earl (above) had two kills on 6 of 7 attempts and was successful on 10 of 11 dig attempts against Dumas last weekend. The Lady Harvesters meet Hereford Tuesday night in Hereford. Their next home match is Sept. 28 against Canyon.

Braves wrap up NL East championship

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

3 and 6-0.

In other games, Pittsburgh beat Chicago 11-3 in a game shortened to eight innings by rain. San Francisco defeated Colorado 7-3 and Philadelphia defeated New York 4-3.

Only two other franchises, the New York Yankees and Oakland Athletics, have been to the postseason five years in a row. Atlanta's streak of reaching the playoffs has only been interrupted by the 1994 strike.

The Braves ensured this latest trip behind Smoltz, who leads the majors in wins and strikeouts. They became the second team in the majors to clinch a playoff spot, joining Cleveland, who lost to Atlanta in last year's World Series.

"It's not as easy as some people think," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "To win five in a row, that's some feat. ... The only fun you have in this game is when you win, and we've had a lot of fun."

The early clinching gives the Braves time to rest their regulars and set up their playoff rotation.

"I think it will be an advantage," Braves third baseman Terry Pendleton said. "We've got some guys — Fred McGriff, Marquis Grissom, Chipper Jones — who have played a lot of games. Those guys need a day off."

Padres 3, Dodgers 2

San Diego broke up Hideo Nomo's no-hit bid in the first

inning and went on to edge visiting Los Angeles.

Nomo (16-11), coming off his no-hitter Tuesday in Denver, took a 1-0 lead into the fifth, but Tony Gwynn hit an RBI double and Steve Finley followed with a two-run homer.

Andy Ashby (9-5), pitching on three days' rest, won for the first time since June 28 — a span covering seven starts and two stints on the disabled list.

Mike Piazza hit his career-high 36th homer leading off the eighth against Tim Worrell. Trevor Hoffman pitched 1 2-3 innings for his 39th save.

Reds 6, Cardinals 3, 1st game

Reds 6, Cardinals 0, 2nd game

In the opener, Barry Larkin became the first shortstop to hit 30 home runs and steal 30 bases in the season. In the second game, John Smiley pitched a one-hitter, allowing only Royce Clayton's single in the fourth inning.

St. Louis has lost the first three games of the series in Cincinnati, stalling its drive to clinch a playoff spot for the first time since 1987.

Hal Morris stretched his hitting streak to 22 games, the longest by a Reds player since Pete Rose had a 44-gamer in 1978.

Cincinnati manager Ray Knight went to a hospital before the games to get treated for kidney stones.

Wheeler shoots down Skyrockets

WHEELER — Wheeler's Brian Judd scored two touchdowns Friday night helping the Mustangs dominate their game with the Wellington Skyrockets 35-6.

Wheeler scored the only points in the first half after Judd scored the first of his two touchdowns of the game with a one-yard run in the first quarter and Dusty case scored on a 3-yard run in the second to give the Mustangs the lead at the half, 14-0.

Wellington tried to get back into the game in the third quarter, driving the ball for their first touchdown, a two-yard run by Kevin Thomas

that threatened to put the Skyrockets back into the game.

Wheeler's Judd was able to answer for the Mustangs, scoring from 38-yards out to give the Mustangs a comfortable lead going into the final quarter.

In the fourth Wellington hurt themselves by fumbling the ball for one of their 7 turnovers and allowing Jorge Salas to return the fumble 75-yards for another Mustang touchdown. Casey Childress put the game out of Wellington's reach after he scored on a two-yard run for Wheeler's final touchdown of

the game.

The Mustangs rushed 286 yards in the game while the Skyrockets only rushed for a total of 110. The Mustangs total yards gained were 365 yards compared to Wellington's 131 yards of total offense.

The Mustangs also led with 22 first downs compared to Wellington's 8 first downs total.

Wheeler's record improves to 2-1 on the season while Wellington falls to 0-3. The Mustang's next game is against Memphis at home on the 27th at 7:30 p.m.

Groom tops Eagles

CHILLICOTHE — The Groom Tigers outlasted Chillicothe in a high scoring game Friday night by 8 points, 62-56.

Both teams started the contest with a high scoring first quarter. Groom was able to make it to the end zone twice for 14 points while Chillicothe answered by scoring 24 of their 56 total points in the first quarter.

Groom took over in the second quarter however, scoring 23 points and giving the Tigers a total of 37 points in the first half. Chillicothe scored only 8 points in the second quarter but were still within striking distance at the half with 30 points of their own, making the score 37-30 going into the third quarter.

The third quarter went much like the second quarter, with Groom dominating offensively with 19 third-quarter points. Chillicothe couldn't match Groom's total, scoring a total of

only 8 points in the third quarter and going into the final quarter of the game down by 16.

Chillicothe made a valiant effort to try and win the game in the fourth, scoring two touchdowns for 16 points to help close the gap. Groom scored only one touchdown in the fourth quarter, but it was an important one, putting the Tigers up by one touchdown and eventually winning the game for Groom.

Statistically Groom dominated the game in rushing, pushing the ball for 404 yards on 46 carries compared to Chillicothe's 34 carries for 275 yards. Chillicothe held a slight edge in the passing category, going 6 of 13 for 71 yards while Groom went only 1 of 6 for 55 yards.

Groom's leading rusher was Justin Ritter, who carried 29 out of Groom's 46 times and ran for a total of 319 yards. Ritter also caught one pass for a 55 yard touchdown reception.

Pampa girls take 2nd at Dumas c-c meet

PAMPA — Pampa placed second behind Amarillo in the girls division at the annual Dumas Cow Patty Classic last weekend.

Pampa scored 46 points while Amarillo High had 37.

Individually, Jenny Fatheree for Pampa placed third with a time of 13:12. Samantha Hurst was fifth (13:28) and Beth Lee was seventh (13:38) for the Lady Harvesters. Others who placed were Robin Williams, 15th (13:56); Anna Resendiz, 20th (14:16); Jennifer Booth, 28th (14:32) and Jennifer Jones, 52nd (15:05).

In the junior varsity division,

those who placed for Pampa were John Resendiz, 58th (19:01); Kevin Valez, 60th (19:02); Sammy Ledford, 67th (19:20); Erich Crosswhite, 70th (18:21); Kyle McCullough, 86th, 20:00; Fabian Silva, 100th (21:21); Jared Prock, 101st (21:32) and Ruben Leal, 105th (22:36).

The Pampa girls are currently ranked fourth in the state in cross country. Canyon is third and Hereford fifth out of Pampa's district. Dallas Highland Park is ranked No. 1.

Pampa competes in the Amarillo meet Saturday at Thompson Park.

Cowboys lose to Buffalo

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — The Buffalo Bills have had three games in which their defense played well and one when it played lousy. It's no coincidence they've won three of their first four games.

The Bills shut down Emmitt Smith and Troy Aikman on Sunday, and backup quarterback Todd Collins made few mistakes in his second career start in a 10-7 victory over the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday.

"It was a big win for us," said Bills cornerback Thomas Smith, who had one of three interceptions thrown by Aikman. "We came back and put everything together. The whole team played well."

For three quarters, it appeared Buffalo would post a shutout. The Bills allowed a late touch-

down, but they stopped the Cowboys when it counted most and, without an injured Jim Kelly, beat the defending Super Bowl champions.

Smith was held to 25 yards on 15 carries, his worst performance since Oct. 16, 1994, against the Phoenix Cardinals. Aikman was 16-of-33 for 164 yards and the three interceptions.

The Cowboys had just 192 yards total offense against a defense that had allowed 222 yards rushing in a 24-7 loss to Pittsburgh on Monday.

"There's no doubt this is sweet for me," said Bills defensive end Jim Jeffcoat, who played 12 years with the Cowboys. "To play them in Buffalo and win is almost indescribable. To come back and give a performance like that shows you the character of this team."

Pampa 8th grade teams second in vb tournament

BORGER — Both the Pampa 8th grade A & B volleyball teams placed second in their respective divisions at the Borger Tournament Saturday.

In the A division, Pampa split with Borger, 15-9, 13-15, and Valleyview, 15-13, 8-15, in pool play. Cassie Meadows and Ashleigh Patton had 5 points each to lead Pampa's service attack against Borger. Chelsea McCullough had 8 points to lead Pampa against Valleyview.

In tournament play, Pampa defeated Hereford, 15-5, 13-15, 15-8, to advance into the championship match. Kandy Odom led Pampa with 12 service points.

Pampa lost to Dumas, 5-15, 2-

15, in the finals. Odom again led Pampa with 4 points.

In the B division, Pampa defeated Borger, 15-5, 15-4, and split with Valleyview, 11-15, 15-10. Brandy Odom led Pampa with 16 points against Borger and Stephanie Cameron had 6 points against Valleyview.

In tournament play, Pampa defeated Hereford, 9-15, 15-8, 15-12, to reach the championship match. Destiny Engel had 9 points to lead Pampa.

Pampa lost to Dumas, 1-15, 1-15, in the finals. Odom had 2 points for Pampa.

The Pampa Middle School teams play Canyon at home on Monday.

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Scoreboard

FOOTBALL

How Top 25 Fared

By The Associated Press

How the top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college football poll fared this week:

No. 1 Nebraska (1-1) lost to No. 17 Arizona State 19-0. Next: vs. Colorado State, Saturday.

No. 2 Tennessee (2-1) lost to No. 4 Florida 35-29. Next: vs. Mississippi, Oct. 3.

No. 3 Florida State (2-0) beat North Carolina State 51-17. Thursday night vs. No. 11 North Carolina, Saturday.

No. 4 Florida (3-0) beat No. 2 Tennessee 35-29. Next: vs. Kentucky, Saturday.

No. 5 Penn State (4-0) beat Temple 41-0. Next: at Wisconsin, Saturday.

No. 6 Texas (2-1) lost to No. 9 Notre Dame 27-24. Next: at No. 20 Virginia, Saturday.

No. 7 Ohio State (2-0) beat Pittsburgh 72-0. Next: at No. 9 Notre Dame, Saturday.

No. 8 Michigan (3-0) beat Boston College 20-14. Next: vs. UCLA, Saturday.

No. 9 Notre Dame (3-0) beat No. 6 Texas 27-24. Next: vs. No. 7 Ohio State, Saturday.

No. 10 Miami (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Saturday.

No. 11 North Carolina (3-0) beat Georgia Tech 16-0. Next: at No. 3 Florida State, Saturday.

No. 12 Colorado (2-1) did not play. Next: at Texas A&M, Saturday.

No. 13 Alabama (4-0) beat Arkansas 17-7. Next: vs. Kentucky, Oct. 5.

No. 14 Auburn (3-1) lost to No. 21 LSU 19-15. Next: vs. South Carolina, Saturday.

No. 15 Southern Cal (3-1) beat Houston 26-9. Next: at California, Saturday.

No. 16 Kansas State (4-0) beat Rice 34-7. Next: vs. No. 1 Nebraska, Oct. 5.

No. 17 Arizona State (3-0) beat No. 1 Nebraska 19-0. Next: vs. No. 25 Oregon, Saturday.

No. 18 Virginia Tech (3-0) beat Rutgers 30-14. Next: at No. 23 Syracuse, Saturday.

No. 19 Iowa (2-1) lost to Tulsa 27-20. Next: vs. Michigan State, Oct. 5.

No. 20 Virginia (3-0) beat Wake Forest 42-7. Next: vs. No. 6 Texas, Saturday.

No. 21 LSU (2-0) beat No. 13 Auburn 19-15. Next: vs. New Mexico State, Saturday.

No. 22 Kansas (2-0) did not play. Next: at Utah, Saturday.

No. 23 Syracuse (0-2) lost to Minnesota 35-33. Next: vs. No. 18 Virginia Tech, Saturday.

No. 24 Washington (2-1) beat Arizona 31-17. Next: vs. Stanford, Oct. 5.

No. 25 Oregon (3-1) lost to Washington State 55-44. Next: at No. 17 Arizona State, Saturday.

National Football League

At A Glance

By The Associated Press

All Times EDT

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Miami	3	0	0.1000	98	47
Indianapolis	3	0	1.0000	66	44
Buffalo	3	0	0.7500	56	61
New England	2	2	0.5000	79	66
N.Y. Jets	0	4	0.0000	46	101

Central

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Houston	2	1	0.667	82	60
Pittsburgh	2	1	0.667	64	47
Baltimore	1	2	0.333	49	74
Cincinnati	1	2	0.333	60	68
Jacksonville	1	3	0.250	79	88

West

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Kansas City	4	0	1.0000	91	53
Denver	3	1	0.7500	102	66
San Diego	3	1	0.7500	106	97
Oakland	1	3	0.2500	68	81
Seattle	1	3	0.2500	61	107

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Philadelphia	3	1	0.7500	87	88
Washington	3	1	0.7500	72	40
Arizona	1	3	0.2500	51	103
Dallas	1	3	0.2500	64	57
N.Y. Giants	1	3	0.2500	43	87

Central

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Minnesota	4	0	1.0000	90	85
Green Bay	2	1	0.667	136	56
Detroit	2	2	0.5000	86	63
Chicago	1	3	0.2500	55	71
Tampa Bay	0	4	0.0000	45	99

West

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Carolina	3	0	1.0000	74	33
San Francisco	2	1	0.667	68	34
St. Louis	1	2	0.333	36	67
Atlanta	0	3	0.0000	41	85
New Orleans	0	4	0.0000	60	107

Sunday's Games

Arizona 28, New Orleans 14
Kansas City 17, Denver 14
Minnesota 30, Green Bay 21
New England 28, Jacksonville 25, OT
New York Giants 13, New York Jets 6
Carolina 23, San Francisco 7

Open date: Baltimore, Cincinnati, Houston, Seattle 17, Tampa Bay 13, Detroit 35, Chicago 16, Buffalo 10, Dallas 7, San Diego 40, Oakland 34, Philadelphia 33, Atlanta 18

Next: Baltimore, Cincinnati, Houston, Pittsburgh

Monday's Games

Miami at Indianapolis, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 29

Carolina at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.

Danver at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.

Detroit at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.

Houston at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.

Minnesota at New York Giants, 1 p.m.

New Orleans at Baltimore, 1 p.m.

Oakland at Chicago, 1 p.m.

Atlanta at San Francisco, 4 p.m.

Green Bay at Seattle, 4 p.m.

Kansas City at San Diego, 4 p.m.

St. Louis at Arizona, 4 p.m.

New York Jets at Washington, 8 p.m.

Open date: Buffalo, Indianapolis, Miami, New England

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Texas 7, California 1

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Sunday's Games

Cleveland 6, Kansas City 5

Chicago 5, Minnesota 1

Baltimore 5, Toronto 4

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New York 4, Boston 3

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Oakland 13, Seattle 11

Actress Dorothy Lamour, of 'Road' fame, dies at eighty-one

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dorothy Lamour, the sarong-wearing, straight-faced foil to Bob Hope and Bing Crosby as they traveled the world in their *Road* pictures, is dead at 81.

Lamour died Sunday at her North Hollywood home. The cause of death was not disclosed, said longtime friend Frank Liberman.

In a statement, Hope called Lamour his "No. 1 leading lady," and said he would remember her not just as a colleague, but as a close friend. "She was one of the grandest ladies on screen, in life," he said. "She was a lady of quality, beauty and class, which always made me look good."

At Hope's 90th birthday four years ago, Miss Lamour told the audience what it was like to work with the two legends.

"I felt like a wonderful sandwich, a slice of white bread between two slices of ham," she quipped.

Lamour, wearing the wraparound garment that helped win her fame, was typecast as a female Tarzan in a string of island-theme movies in the late 1930s and early '40s.

She donned the costume in her first film, the 1936 movie *Jungle Princess*, a story about a pilot who crashes his plane in a jungle and finds a native girl in a sarong.

Paramount signed her for \$200 a week, and she went on to play similar parts in *Typhoon*, *Beyond the Blue Horizon* and the 1937 John Ford film *The Hurricane*.

She also wore her sarong in the first of the Hope-Crosby *Road* pictures, *The Road to Singapore*, in 1940.

The trio went on to make six more films over the next 22 years: *The Road to Zanzibar*, *The Road to Morocco*, *The Road to Utopia*, *The Road to Rio*, *The Road to Bali*, and *The Road to Hong Kong*.

Of the seven films, she liked to joke: "We only count six, because *Hong Kong* created a bomb."

The films combined adventure, slap-

stick, zany ad libs and inside-show-biz satire. Lamour played the exotic brunette who fell in league with the playboy with the ski-jump nose and his smooth-voiced pal who vied for her attentions.

"I was the happiest and highest paid straight woman in the business," she recalled years later.

Among her more serious films were the 1940 crime melodrama *Johnny Apollo* and the 1945 film *A Medal for Benny*.

In 1987, she played a sloppily-dressed housewife who is murdered in *Creepshow 2*. "Well, at my age you can't lean against a palm tree and sing *Moon of Monakoora*," she said. "People would

look at that and say, 'What is she trying to do?'"

Lamour performed frequently on television in later years, showing up for guest appearances in *The Love Boat*, *Murder, She Wrote* and Bob Hope specials.

In the 1980s, Lamour performed around the country in a one-woman show in which she sang, reminisced and answered questions from the audience.

"When I sing *Moonlight Becomes You* or *Tangerine* or *Personality*, I can look in the audience and see smiles on people's faces," she said. "I feel I'm bringing back happy memories. That's the great thing about show business."

Institute, Massachusetts company awarded contract to test totally artificial heart

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Heart Institute and a Massachusetts company have won a four-year, \$8.5 million federal grant that will allow them to complete testing a totally implanted artificial heart.

The battery-powered pump should be ready for human use by the year 2000, the *Houston Chronicle* reported today.

Dr. Robert T.V. Kung, senior vice president for research and development at ABIOMED Inc., the Massachusetts company, said the heart is intended for permanent use in humans.

Implanting it will cost less than current heart transplants, ABIOMED officials said. Estimated cost of the artificial heart is \$30,000.

"We intend it to last as long as the person lives," Kung said in a telephone interview with the newspaper.

However, he said, the government contract calls for developing a heart that will last at least five years.

The project calls for testing the pump in the laboratory for two years, Kung said. The pump has been implanted in calves for as

long as four months, he said.

Dr. O.H. Frazier has led the Texas Heart Institute group that has teamed with ABIOMED for the past nine years to perfect a prototype. Frazier is chief of cardiopulmonary transplantation and director of surgical research at the institute.

Frazier said that only the Texas Heart Institute-ABIOMED and Pennsylvania State University

artificial heart programs were funded in this final period before human testing begins.

Initially, the artificial heart may be used to keep patients alive until they receive a transplant, he said. That could occur before the year 2000, he said.

The studies were funded by grants from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. The new

grant is from the same agency.

The ABIOMED total artificial heart has two main pumping chambers, batteries and control electronics. It is designed to replace a diseased heart.

Unlike heart-assist pumps that are being used more frequently now, the total artificial heart requires that the person's natural heart be removed.



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