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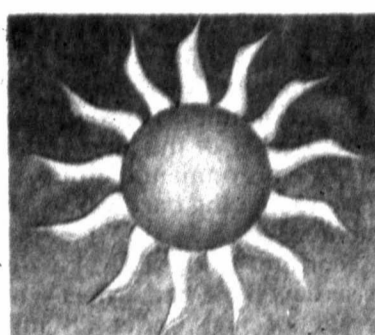
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PAMPA — Pampa Independent School District is currently planning another prekindergarten class for four year olds in the district.

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.

PAMPA — Pampa Crime Stoppers "Crime of the Week" occurred sometime in the late evening or night hours of Saturday, May 25, 1996.

An unknown person or persons reportedly stole \$54,000 worth of oil field drilling equipment from Down Hole Tool Company located at 601 S. Russell in Pampa.

Police believe more than one thief was involved due to the nature of the heavy equipment hauled off.

Crime Stoppers would appreciate any information to aid in solving this crime. Callers remain anonymous. Crime Stoppers pays cash. The Crime Stopper number is 669-2222.

AMARILLO — U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry will hold a Meet and Greet in both Shamrock and Wheeler on Tuesday, Oct. 8.

He will be at First Bank and Trust, 301 N. Main, in Shamrock from 3:15-4:15 p.m. He then will be in front of the Wheeler County Courthouse in Wheeler from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m. the same day, there will be a reception in honor of the congressman, who is currently campaigning for his second term, at the Community Center in Canadian.

The general public and media are invited to attend any of the meetings.

For more information, contact the Thornberry for Congress Committee at (806) 371-8183.

AUSTIN (AP) — There were no winners in Saturday night's Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$8 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 10, 12, 18, 20, 29, and 39.

There were 101 tickets sold matching five of six, winning \$1,597 each. There were 6,555 tickets matching four of six, winning \$89 each.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be \$12 million.

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Senate vote nears on new spending bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a race against the clock, the Senate is taking up a huge spending bill to keep hundreds of federal programs going just hours before the new fiscal year begins.

Unlike last year, when the who-will-blink-first confrontation over the budget led to two partial government shutdowns, both parties are determined to wrap up their work for the year with passage of the 1997 budget.

The Senate planned to vote late today on a budget package that would fund some \$389 billion in defense and domestic programs in the fiscal year that begins Tuesday. The House cleared the 3,000-page package by a 370-37 vote Saturday night. President Clinton has promised to sign it into law.

Democratic senators planned to discuss whether to seek further changes in the legislation, but there was consensus they would support the bill as written, said congressional sources who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle said today he would discourage any further tinkering. "I'll attempt to dissuade my colleagues from offering amendments, because I think this is as good as we're going to get."

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott also urged senators to put aside differences, saying, "It's incumbent on the Senate to do our job. It's all in our hands."

Almost all House members have already left for home to concentrate on their election campaigns, and any Senate changes would have to be of a kind that could be accepted unanimously by the House, without a roll-call vote.

Even with a last-minute hangup, leaders from the two parties said they were ready to pass a short-term measure to keep the government open.

Debating Sunday night in Williamsburg, Va., congressional leaders expressed their distaste for government shutdowns.

House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt called them "irresponsible." House Speaker Newt Gingrich conceded, "I think we did learn a lot over that."

The comprehensive budget package, called a continuing resolution, is necessary because Congress has completed work on only seven of the 13 appropriations bills for fiscal 1997.

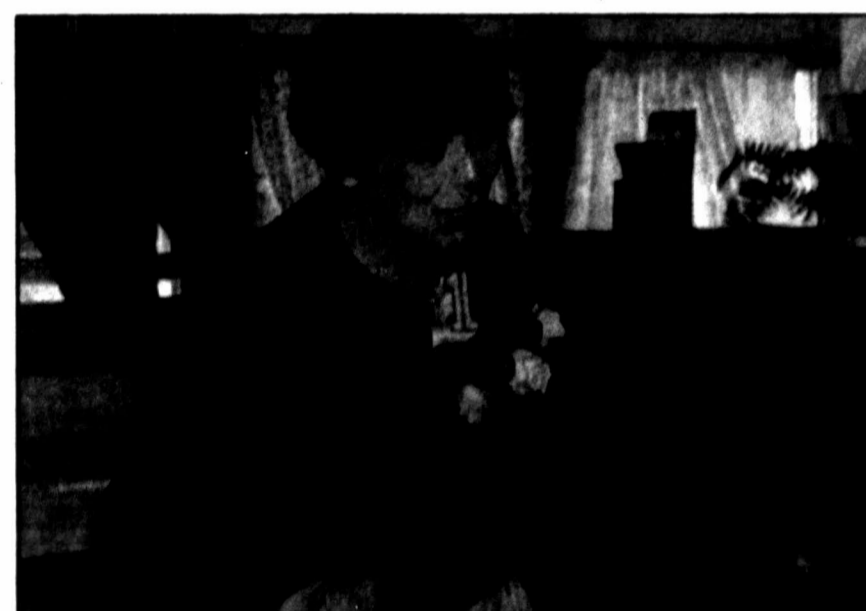
The measure includes \$244 billion for the military and \$145 billion for health, education, commerce, trade, foreign aid and natural resources programs.

Also included in the package is major legislation to tighten restrictions on illegal immigrants. Negotiators ended weeks of talks on the package after Republicans agreed to remove language, opposed by the administration, that would have put some new limits on legal immigrants as well.

Republicans, who last year strongly opposed Democratic attempts to increase federal spending, also acceded this year to Clinton's request for an additional \$6.5 billion for schools, anti-terrorism and anti-drug initiatives and a host of other domestic programs.

In addition to the spending package, the Senate also had before it bills to authorize funding for the Federal Aviation Administration and to expand and improve the national park system.

The FAA bill, which would provide \$19 billion over two years for airport improvement and maintenance and introduce new aviation security measures, has been held up by a provision that Democrats say would make it easier for Federal Express to stop its truck drivers from unionizing.



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Mary Sturgeon lectures a class earlier this month, soon after being named one of four finalists for Region XVI teacher of the year. She is a 20-year veteran of Pampa High School and currently teaches honors English and history.

Mary Sturgeon named finalist for Region XVI teacher of year

Pampa High School teacher Mary Sturgeon — called by her peers a "dedicated teacher that loves kids" — was recently named a finalist for Region XVI teacher of the year.

Sturgeon currently teaches honors English and history, but she says she has taught everything from seventh grade up in her 25-year career. She has taught in Pampa the last 20 years.

This year's students are juniors and seniors, and "challenging in that I have to study to keep ahead of them," she said.

"She's one of those teachers that really cares about kids," Kendall said.

"Kids don't learn today just because they have to. You have to work at keeping their interest," she said. "We're challenged to come up with innovative ways to teach them."

Teaching has evolved in the last quarter century, Sturgeon said.

"I think teachers have to work harder today, and I don't think that's bad. We should work hard — it's a large amount of trust we hold," she said.

Guten tag, y'all



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Harvie Harvester greets 13 German students, their principal and their English teacher to Pampa High School last week. The students hail from Hildesheim and are part of an exchange program that sent a number of PHS students to Germany this summer. They say Pampa is "great" though it's flat, lacks trees and the weather "changes from minute to minute." The students will be in America a total of three weeks, with a trip planned to New Mexico this week. Students and their chaperones include Daniela Brandes, Patrick Pachur, Henning Sundermeyer, Principal Rainer Dierkes, Wiebke Schindler, Moritz Graf, Dennis Loss, Nadine Alexander, Anna Minke, Henrike Vogel, Jasmin Kanani, Sonja Grebe, English teacher Peter Huuck and Suat Sahin.

Arafat agrees to attend Mideast summit

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's politically risky Mideast summit was back on track today as Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat shook off Egyptian advice and said he would attend as promised.

"Our expectation is he is coming tonight and we look forward to it," said State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns. "We understand there was some hesitation."

Other sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, disclosed the uncertainty was prompted by the Egyptian government. The Egyptians are furious at Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for opening a new entrance to a tourist tunnel near Muslim and Jewish holy sites in Jerusalem.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was invited to the White House summit with Netanyahu, Arafat and King Hussein of Jordan, but has not sent word he would attend.

The talks, due to open on

Tuesday, are designed to defuse tensions and revive faltering peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority over the future of Jerusalem and Palestinian aspirations for a state with its capital there.

In a phone conversation, Arafat assured Dennis B. Ross, the chief U.S. mediator for the Mideast, he will attend, State Department spokesman Glyn Davies said. "We are confident the meeting will take place in the first half of this week," Davies said.

"We expect Chairman Arafat will be here," presidential spokesman Mike McCurry said. "We expect the chairman to be here. He said he would be here. He accepted the president's invitation."

In Cairo today, Arafat refused comment on reports of a postponement in the summit, but Egypt's Middle East News Agency said he had asked if the talks could be moved back to

Sunday. It gave no attribution for the report.

"We have seen hesitations in advance of meetings here before," said Ross. "What I think this points to in the current circumstance is there has been a decline in the degree of trust. The environment is clearly very sour," Ross told ABC News today.

The summit was thrown into question by reports the Palestinian leader wants to postpone the meeting until its success can be assured.

Netanyahu left for the United States as planned, but Arafat drove to Egypt to meet Mubarak before heading later to Luxembourg to meet European foreign ministers.

In Jerusalem, Palestinian cabinet minister Hanan Ashrawi told ABC, "I think we would like to have this meeting be a success. We need to ensure all the ingredients are in place. We don't want to run the risk of a summit that will end in failure."

Gov. George W. Bush reports for jury duty

AUSTIN (AP) — Juror No. 536, also known as Gov. George W. Bush, was assigned to a jury panel after making the most-noticed entrance to a jury selection pool this morning.

Bush, who said he would be happy to serve, will report Oct. 8 to Travis County Court No. 3 for jury selection.

The Republican governor said while he would rework his schedule to serve, he would likely be dismissed from duty.

Bush said his job as governor might keep him from being selected for a criminal trial, since there might a conflict because he

has pardoning powers.

"In a civil trial, I've made some very strong comments on tort reform," Bush said. "Generally, someone who has such well known opinions may well be struck."

Bush helped push through a series of laws during the 1995 Legislature that were considered pro-business and limited the damages available to those suing in a civil case.

The governor, joking and talking with Travis County residents seated around him, listened to about an hour of instructions before getting his assignment.

He cut in line after jurors numbered one through 200 were called forward to get their assignments.

"I have to get to work," he said, joking with several people already lined up.

The governor said he didn't try to dodge the jury summons because no one is too important.

"My message is that's a feeble excuse" to say I'm too busy or too important, Bush said. "If you're going to live in a democracy, take advantage of a fantastic system you need to participate."

Museum to feature tale of Indian's life

OLD MOBEETIE — The life of a Comanche who died over 100 years ago will be told in script by Uzziel Martinez, a San Antonio actor and high school teacher, in a one-man performance at the Old Mobeetie Jail Museum on Saturday, Oct. 5.

Tasura: A Comanche Remembers, written by Richard Slocum and directed by Camilla Richey, as told by its character actor, is a story which closely parallels the demise of the Comanche people, who were a dominant power in what is now the

Southwestern U.S. and northern Mexico. They were considered the Lords of the Plains, according to the story.

Tasura tells the audience of his life as a Comanche boy, becoming a man. He tells of the importance of the Indian horses and the buffalo, the fate of the Indians as settlers pushed into their territory and how the Comanches fought back.

According to Bobbie C. Hill, vice president of Old Mobeetie Texas Association, the free per-

formance is an educational outreach program sponsored by the Jail Museum in conjunction with the Fort Elliott cross country meet.

A chuckwagon dinner will be served from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Old Mobeetie jail park grounds. A \$5 charge for adults and \$3.50 for children and students through 12th grade will be charged for the meal.

Any other contributions to support the museum's educational programs will be appreciated, Hill said.

State briefs

Former first lady of Texas Marialice Shivers dies

AUSTIN (AP) — Former first lady of Texas Marialice Shary Shivers died after a lengthy illness Sunday. She was 86.

Mrs. Shivers was the wife of Allan Shivers, who was governor from 1949 to 1957 and died of a heart attack at age 77 in 1985. Family members said Mrs. Shivers died of failure of her digestive system.

From 1965-1978, Mrs. Shivers was a member of the board of regents of Pan American University, now the University of Texas-Pan American. The Marialice Shary Shivers Administration Building at UT-Pan American was named in her honor in 1990.

She was born in Omaha, Neb., before moving to Texas with her parents, John H. Shary and Mary O'Brien Shary. She graduated from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio and married Allan Shivers in Mission in 1937 after meeting him at a yachting party in 1935.

She is survived by her brother, Paul Roettele of Aurora, Colo., and her four children: John Shivers Sr. of Fort Worth, Allan Shivers Jr. of Austin, Cissie Shivers Ferguson of Austin and Brian Shivers of Dallas.

Services will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral in Austin at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday. Following the mass, she will be buried next to her husband in the Texas State Cemetery.

Gay pride event draws over 100 marchers

WACO (AP) — After three years of peaceful rallies, gay rights activists in Waco decided the time was right for a full-fledged parade.

Some 100 marchers, including men in evening dresses and suits, parents supporting their homosexual sons and daughters and

few Confederate flag-waving protesters, hit downtown Waco streets Saturday.

All along the route, crowds clustered on street corners shouting words of encouragement — and protest.

Organizers said they were impressed with the participation they estimated at about 150 by the parade's end.

"I was proud that we had so many people join in," said Harold Alexander of Waco. "We didn't do it to disturb anyone. We did it because it's a freedom we have. It's one of the few rights homosexuals have."

Girl makes wish known in handwritten statement

FORT WORTH (AP) — A 10-year-old girl whose treatment for a colon condition has resulted in an extended court battle says she does not want surgery, according to a published report.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported today that Rachel Stout has said in a handwritten statement that she does not want surgery.

A judge in Fort Worth is scheduled to decide today where she will go for further treatment.

In two carefully written paragraphs Rachel indicated on Sept. 25 that she did not want to return to Children's Medical Center in Dallas. The note was released Sunday by friends.

Steven Stout, her father, took her out of the hospital and took her to Canada, where she is hospitalized. "I was getting better at Dr. Devgan's clinic and I want to go back," she said, referring to Dr. Ravi Devgan of Toronto, who practices alternative medicine and treated her. "But if they won't let me go back to Dr. Devgan's clinic, please send me to some institution where I have a real chance to save my colon."

It was the first public statement the girl has made concerning what she wants to do.

Hoopla surrounds opening of runway at DF-W Airport

IRVING (AP) — After eight years of planning and fighting with its neighbors, Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport on Tuesday will open a new \$300 million runway expected to help ease the nation's congested airspace.

The 8,500-foot runway, dubbed 17 Left/34 Right, was constructed over the past three years with enough concrete to build a 2,200-mile sidewalk from the airport to British Columbia.

Federal transportation officials say the strip, which gives DFW seven runways in all, will make the airport the nation's busiest — busier even than Chicago's O'Hare — by the year 2000.

It also will add 18 percent to the nation's airspace capacity, relieving airborne traffic jams that now stretch up to 600 miles, officials say.

"The new runway will be a wonderful development in transportation," said Federal Aviation Administration chief David Hinson. "With the new air traffic system that will begin in October, DFW could definitely become the most efficient major airport in the country."

The runway is on the eastern side of the sprawling airport, which straddles Tarrant and Dallas counties between Fort Worth and Dallas.

Planning for the airport expansion, which continues with work toward a 9,700-foot runway on DFW's west side, began in 1988. Officials said they needed more capacity to handle a predicted explosion of air traffic.

That was followed by years of bitter legal battles with DFW's neighbors — the cities of Irving to the east and Grapevine and Euless to the west. Homeowners in the cities feared increased noise and pollution from the additional jet traffic.

"We accept the fact that the runway is a reality," said Irving Mayor Pro Tem Harry Joe. "At the same time, we hope that the operation and use of the runway are not detrimental to the adjacent area."

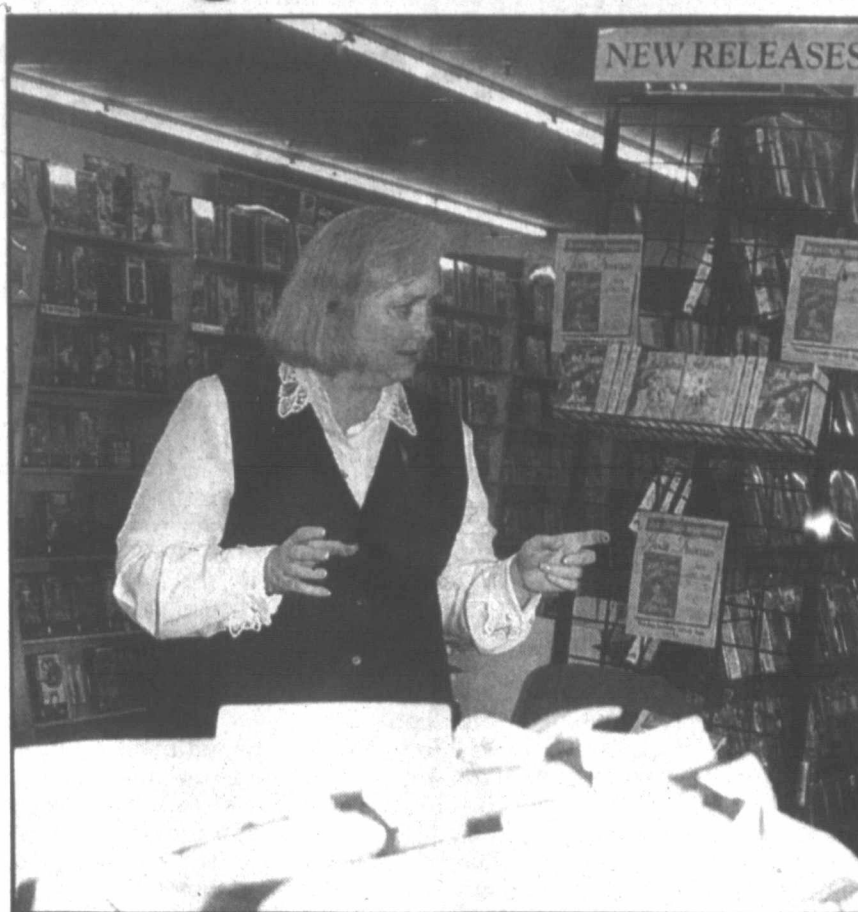
In areas where noise will be a problem, the airport bought and demolished 426 homes, three churches and an apartment complex. Other homeowners accepted payment in exchange for overflight rights.

Grapevine and Euless are still fighting the west-side expansion, which isn't expected to start for at least two more years.

"In a word, it has been laborious," said Dallas businessman Jan Collmer, the only current airport board member who was on the board when the project was conceived.

Author encourages adult literacy programs

By LARRY HOLLIS
Managing Editor



(Pampa News photo by Skyta Bryant)

Jodi Thomas may be an award-winning author now, but there was a period in her life when she was uncertain if she would ever read, much less become a writer.

For that reason, the Amarillo author is a big supporter of adult literacy programs. At an appearance at Pampa's Hastings Thursday night, accompanied by her mother, Sally Price, Thomas spoke with members of Pampa's Area Literacy Council, offering her support.

"You do a very important job," she told the council members who were present to greet her.

Thomas (her real name is Jodi Koumalats, Thomas being her pseudonym for her novels) said she is a good example to young people of they can be when given help and encouragement to improve their reading skills.

Now a writer of historical romances about Texas — *Texas Love Song*, *Forever in Texas*, *To Tame a Texan's Heart*, *Tender Texans*, among others — Thomas said she didn't learn how to read until the fourth grade.

"If I hadn't gone to a special school, I may never have read," she recalled.

At that time, she was sent to an elementary school in Amarillo which specialized in teaching students with reading disorders. A victim of a type of dyslexia, she received special training which enabled her to overcome her reading disorder. She said she really didn't catch up on her reading skills until high school, but then later became an avid reader.

Thomas also attended college, later obtaining degrees in family relations and counseling and becoming a marriage and family counselor.

Working on her college thesis helped her to learn writing organization — research, style, chapter divisions and so on.

In the early 1980s, she decided she wanted to start writing books. Since then, she has had 10 books published, with others already in progress. In that period, she also has won two Ritas — the highest award given to writers of

Amarillo author Jodi Thomas speaks to members of the Pampa Area Literacy Council while appearing for a book signing event at Hastings.

women's fiction. She also won the national Best Historical Romance honor for *To Tame a Texan's Heart*.

Though concentrating on the historical romance genre for her books to date, Thomas said she is hoping to move into mainstream fiction within a few years.

But her success didn't come easy. It took her four years to find a publisher for her first book.

"That first book I sent to everyone," she said. She mailed it to all the publishing houses in New York and others elsewhere, and they all sent it back.

Later, while attending a writer's conference, Thomas met an editor and told her about her book. The editor asked to see a copy of the book, so Thomas sent it to her and it was accepted. The editor represented one of the publishing houses to which Thomas had previously sent her book, only to have it rejected.

Thomas said her experience has taught her that would-be authors should attend writing and editing

conferences where they can meet people in the publishing business. It often helps for editors and publishers to be able to put a face with writers seeking to become published, she said.

Of her Texas historical romances, Thomas said, "Texas is colorful enough that there's a number of stories here" because of a great cultural and ethnic diversity in its history.

She researches history and locations for her books, assisted by her husband. While visiting locales she is considering for a novel, she will visit with people there, who tell her local history, tales of people, legends about the area and other information that she often incorporates into her books.

Once she decided to become a regular writer, Thomas found that it involved a lot of time. For each novel, she has generally spent three to six months in research, with about six months for the actual writing, plus several other

Literacy Council

The Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

The council, which currently is working with more than 30 students, offers assistance for adults or older students wanting assistance in learning to read or to improve their limited skills in reading.

Tutors are volunteers who have attended training sessions to learn how to instruct adults needing to learn to read. Sessions are available for individual instruction or for classes with others.

For more information on participation in the adult literacy program or on becoming a tutor, call 665-2331.

months for revisions in consultation with her editor. She is generally researching one novel while involved with the writing process for another.

Thomas warned would-be writers that there are some problems of which they need to be aware.

"Writing so many words a day, constantly, sometimes you just have to take a break and get away from the computer," she said.

There are also physical problems, such as wrist problems from typing at the computer, blurry vision, distractions to concentration. When these happen, perhaps a break is needed, some rest, before plunging back into the work, Thomas said.

But she enjoys writing and being a published author. She also enjoys getting out and meeting the public, attending book signings, visiting conferences or talking before writers' groups such as the Romance Writers of the Texas Panhandle.

"Sometimes you have to build your readership one at a time," Thomas said, noting that people who actually meet an author may be more likely to buy the book.

As Thomas looks back upon her career, though, she still remembers that time in the fourth grade when she was wondering if she would ever learn to read.

After tanker crash, oily birds rescued, harbor cleanup begins

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — A 170,000-gallon oil spill that covered parts of Portland Harbor with a rainbow sheen is keeping some local fisherman and lobstermen from work.

The spill happened Friday, when a tanker slammed into a drawbridge.

Portland Harbor remained closed, but the Coast Guard said it would allow small commercial vessels to come and go today as long as they called in their plans first.

"We don't want to impede the commercial fishing industry,"

Coast Guard Cmdr. Burt Russell said to more than 200 fishermen who turned out for a meeting Sunday afternoon about the effects of Friday's spill.

But Eugene Bellanceau, from Windham, said his son couldn't use their boat even if he wanted to because it's covered in thick, black oil.

"Our boat was white, but it's black now," he told officials. "We set 300 lobster traps a year and now we can't set any."

Bellanceau and other fishermen with oily boats, were urged not to use their vessels, because it

would just create small oil slicks.

George Blake, executive vice president of Maritime Overseas Corp., which owns the tanker, the Julie N, apologized to fishermen for the spill. He said they would be compensated for damage to their boats, gear, and lost income.

Containment and cleanup efforts started shortly after the Liberian-flagged tanker hit the

Million Dollar Bridge on Friday morning, tearing a 30-foot gash in the ship's hull and damaging the quarter-mile drawbridge.

As of Sunday afternoon, 300 cleanup workers from up and down the East Coast had recovered about 300,000 gallons of oil and water. Officials refused to speculate on what percentage of the spilled fuel had been recovered.

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Opinion

Large scale demagoguery

Can we please be treated to a measured, intelligent debate over the California Civil Rights Initiative Proposition 209 — rather than to volleys of cliché and deception?

Unfortunately, this may be asking too much of the organized opposition, some of whose leaders seem anxious to drown out reason with the sound of splattering mud. An early tip-off that prominent foes planned to dish up demagoguery a la mode came last year when then-California Assemblyman Willie Brown began tossing around the word "racist" to describe the initiative.

More recently, a softer version of the don't-confuse-voters-with-the-facts strategy has come to the fore: Some critics have taken to suggesting the CCRI is unworthy because it is "divisive."

In other words, don't bother with any of the specifics of the initiative; the mere fact it stirs up snarling opposition in some quarters is enough to warrant its defeat. And pay no attention to the irony that an anti-quota, anti-preference initiative, barring government from dividing society by race and sex, should be branded divisive.

Even the line of criticism which has been advertised as carrying intellectual respectability turns out to be empty — indeed, bogus — upon inspection. This is the "clause (c)" argument, advanced by a couple of Los Angeles law professors who surely must know they're peddling hokum.

Clause (c) of the CCRI says the initiative's ban on racial and gender discrimination by government shall "not be interpreted as prohibiting bona fide qualifications based on sex which are reasonably necessary to the normal operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting."

Aha! say some opponents. A loophole for anti-female policies, lowering the constitutional bar against discrimination!

The truth is more prosaic — and benign. Clause (c) parallels a similar exception in the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964. The intent is to make sure common sense doesn't get trampled. For instance, clause (c) means the state won't be forced to hire male guards to do body searches of female prison inmates.

The similar language in federal civil-rights law has always been interpreted by courts in this narrow manner, as the drafters intended. It is no license for sexist bias.

By its very terms, clause (c) applies only to the CCRI itself. So it would have no impact on any other anti-discrimination laws. Nor would it affect the so-called "heightened scrutiny" standards that courts use in finding gender discrimination unconstitutional in all but the rarest cases.

The attempt to raise fears about the CCRI based on clause (c) is "quite simply, ludicrous," as Stuart Taylor, a politically centrist writer for the *Legal Times*, put it. That view is endorsed in an open letter signed by noted law professors from across the ideological spectrum, including Michael McConnell of the University of Chicago, Sanford Levinson of the University of Texas, Daniel Polsby of Northwestern, Jesse Choper of Boalt Hall at Berkeley, and Mark Grady of UCLA.

"Some of us support the California Civil Rights Initiative," their letter begins. "Some of us oppose it. But all of us oppose statements that mislead the public. We welcome honest, thoughtful debate on affirmative action. But we oppose erroneous statements such as those made about clause (c)."

Let us hope most voters are just as demanding. The CCRI offers an opportunity for enlightening dialogue on a critical issue. Honest people of all persuasions should reject efforts to poison debate with confusion and dishonesty.

Thought for today

"To most people nothing is more troublesome than the effort of thinking."

James Bryce, 1838-1922
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Some feel Dole needs a miracle

So, Bob Dole needs — according to Pat Robertson — a "miracle" to get elected? As of early September, the Rev. Pat's theology and political science would seem in perfect alignment. Everywhere one goes, Republicans are shaking their heads in wonder and disappointment. Is it all over?

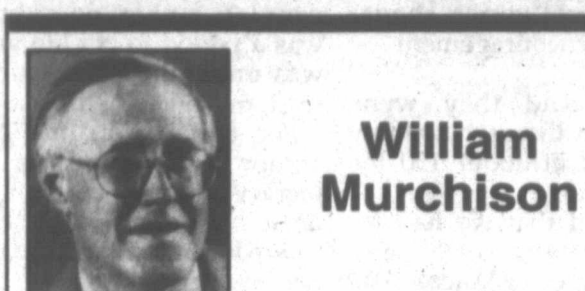
The answer, clearly, is no, it isn't all over: not with seven weeks left in the campaign. That questions of this sort surface anyway shows the altered nature of our times. We're not living in the '70s or the '80s anymore — and how it shows!

Two considerations seem salient:
1. There's no crisis. Well, no fresh crisis, sending shivers of apprehension up and down the back. Our crises are as old and housebroken as your great-aunt's cocker spaniel.

The economy was in crisis in 1980, when Ronald Reagan beat Jimmy Carter. Politics was in crisis in 1976, when Carter ousted Gerald Ford, and the whole country was in crisis in 1968, when Lyndon Johnson, the ultimate political animal, announced his premature retirement from the presidency. Such crises shaped our times.

It could be stated as a universal political axiom: No crisis, no change. Well, no sweeping change, anyway. Voters, bless their overtaxed hearts, get worked up only when things are going definitively to the hot place. In 1996, despite sluggish economic growth and average wage gains of a measly dime an hour under Clintonism, the times aren't positively awful.

Abroad, the Iraqi-Kurdish crisis seems a tele-



William Murchison

vised flicker — a reminder of danger in the New World Order — but danger, right now, at a manageably low level.

The country's moral condition shows few signs of improvement. And what else is new? Even Clinton's veto of the bill to end partial-birth abortions doesn't make things worse — it merely leaves them as dismal as before.

This feeds into the second consideration as to why our times are different and why Dole needs a miracle.

The "character" issue so far hasn't caught on. Voters seem anesthetized. They may not admire the Clintons; at the same time, the Clintons' foibles and failings — Whitewater, the FBI file caper, Dick Morris, conversations with the late Eleanor Roosevelt — seem not to bother.

With so many Clinton contemporaries sharing his values — and populating the media — the president's immunity to moral reproach isn't too surprising. What's surprising is to see that immunity

proffered by folk who might be expected to have higher standards and better taste.

Example: Clinton goes to Sun City, Ariz., and large numbers of resident codgers — people who grew up taking their hats off to ladies, back when there were ladies, and fulfilling their wedding vows — cheer the baby boomer president with abandon. He's going to protect Medicare, see; or, anyway, he says he is. Whether it's wise taking the word of a man who gets his ideas from Dick Morris — better perhaps not to talk about it.

The things we'll put up with now that we wouldn't formerly have tolerated! The character issue would have killed Clinton during his school years and even afterward. It seems today a non-starter. We've leveled all the moral markers. It's official in modern America: You can do whatever you want, and most folks will look the other way. Even when you're president.

It may be no wonder the campaign is so dull. No crises, no expectations, no large hopes — at this point — for Bob Dole.

Will the Dole-Kemp ticket benefit from a miracle? Maybe Pat Robertson, utilizing his connections, can procure such an event, and again, maybe not. "Four more years!" — as the Clintonites chant — seems a larger and larger prospect. All that drives this lethargic contest is Bill Clinton's absolute, consuming fervor for re-election — a fervor that Dole, at his most fired-up, cannot match. When all is said and done, Clinton wants to be president more than Dole wants not to be chief victim in the strangest election of modern times.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Monday, Sept. 30, the 274th day of 1996. There are 92 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
Fifty years ago, on Sept. 30, 1946, an international military tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany, found 22 top Nazi leaders guilty of war crimes.

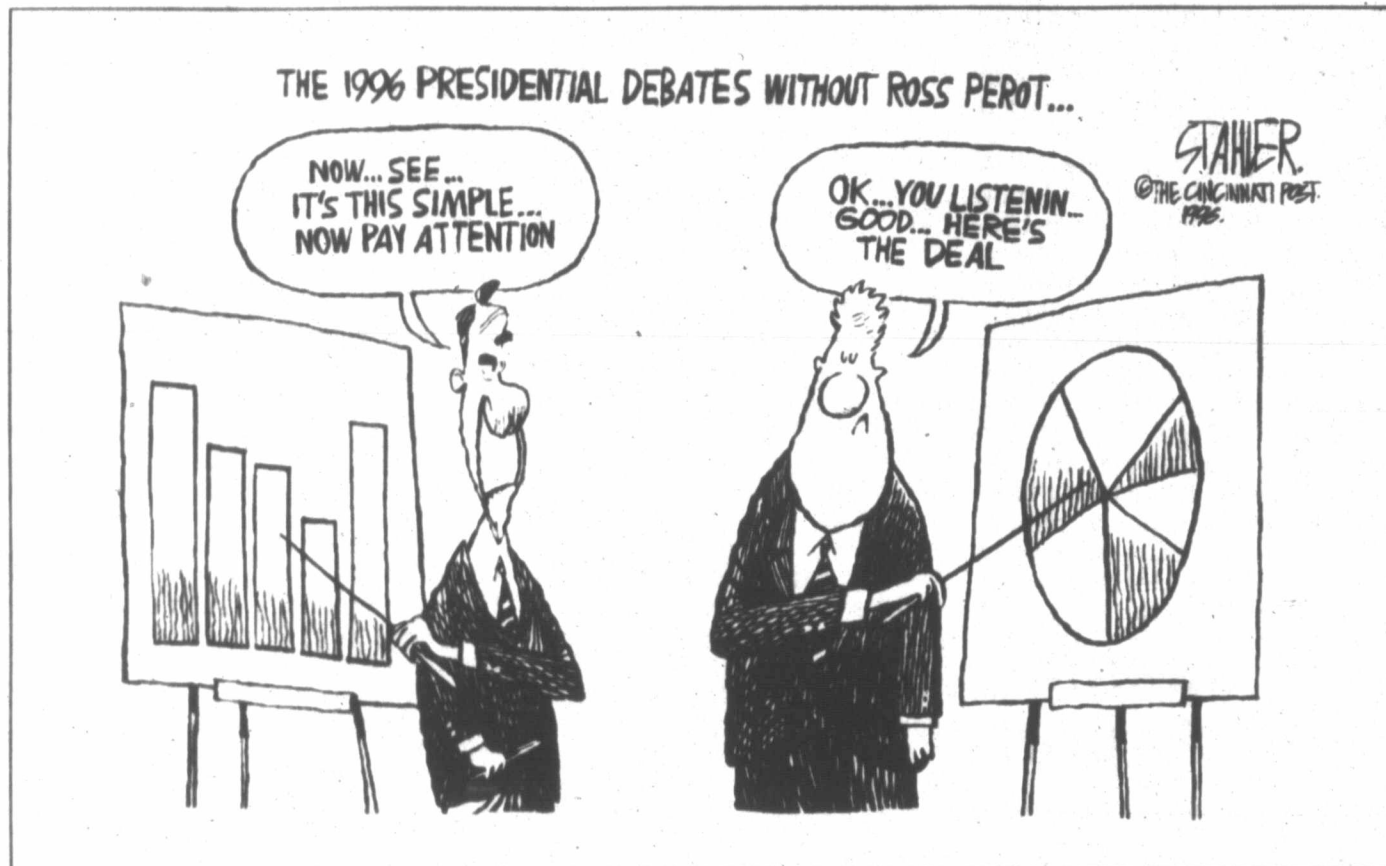
On this date:
In 1777, the Congress of the United States — forced to flee in the face of advancing British forces — moved to York, Pa.

In 1791, the opera *The Magic Flute* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart premiered in Vienna, Austria.

In 1846, 150 years ago, Dr. William Morton, a dentist, used an experimental anesthetic — ether — for the first time on a patient in his Boston office.

In 1927, Babe Ruth hit his 60th homer of the season to break his own major-league record.

In 1954, the first atomic-powered vessel, the submarine *Nautilus*, was commissioned by the Navy at Groton, Conn.



Another look at the gender gap

"We never should have given women the vote," grumbled a well-known conservative at a recent Washington, D.C., gathering. The pundit was joking — but the persistent gender gap in polling has led many conservatives to despair about what they perceive as soft-headedness on the part of American women.

This is the political year in which both parties did everything except don lipstick and pantyhose to appeal to the female voter. The major parties' political conventions were pitched to female viewers the way "Disease of the Week" TV movies are marketed.

But it is quite possible that both parties are mistaken about women.

Women may be, on average, more liberal than men, but they are a lot more conservative than nearly all Democrats. According to a Richard Wirthlin poll commissioned by Concerned Women for America, 40 percent of women called themselves Democrats, 29 percent identified themselves as Republicans, and 25 percent said they were independents. Yet 53 percent said they were conservative, compared with 31 percent who called themselves liberal and 10 percent who said they were moderate.

How about women's feelings on abortion? Well, this is a case of everybody knowing something that just ain't so. Everybody knows that women are liberal on abortion and that's the biggest reason for the gender gap. But the Wirthlin survey found that 55 percent of women consider themselves pro-life (25 percent would outlaw all abortions; 30 percent would permit abortion only in hard cases like rape, incest or to save the life of the mother), and only 43 percent are pro-choice. Moreover, among those who call themselves pro-choice, 30 percent would limit the availability of abortion to the first three



Mona Charen

months of pregnancy — a position at odds with the "anything goes" philosophy of President Clinton and the Democratic Party.

Asked to name the single most important issue facing the country today, crime topped the list (25 percent), followed by concern over declining moral values (8 percent), but no issue garnered huge percentages, and abortion languished at the bottom with only 1 percent.

Women are liberal on other social issues, aren't they? Not according to the Wirthlin survey. A large majority, 68 percent, favors welfare reform that includes a family cap (no increased funding for additional children born while the mother is on welfare), and 72 percent favor a requirement that welfare mothers identify the fathers of their babies before becoming eligible for benefits. Ninety-two percent of women believe able-bodied welfare recipients should be required to work, and 69 percent favor limiting benefits to two years.

When asked, "Do you consider yourself a feminist?" 60 percent said no, and 26 percent said yes. The rest weren't sure. Asked whether government leaders

should "support traditional family values" or "promote tolerance for alternative lifestyles and family structures," 66 percent chose "support traditional family values," while only 23 percent said "promote tolerance."

Respondents to this survey were from every major ethnic group, age, income category and marital status. Seventy-three percent were Caucasian, 11 percent black, 10 percent Hispanic, 3 percent Asian, 1 percent American Indian. Sixty percent were married, 10 percent divorced, and 17 percent single. Sixty-one percent worked outside the home.

Now for the bad news: Bill Clinton out-polls Bob Dole in most of the categories that are important to women. He is credited with doing more to promote adoption, reform welfare, make health care affordable and protect women from violence than his opponent. Kellyanne Fitzpatrick, a Republican pollster, says women are conservative in both ideology and temperament. Bill Clinton is appealing to both. He takes credit for Republican ideas like the adoption tax credit and welfare reform, and he also appeals to their "don't rock the boat" impulses. "Republicans have the ideology; Democrats have the phraselogue," says Fitzpatrick.

OK, full disclosure. The conservative pundit who lamented giving women the vote was me. I've been frustrated by their credulousness regarding the president and willingness to believe that something with a nice name — like the Violence Against Women Act — is necessarily a nice law. But the Wirthlin poll and the Fitzpatrick insight add up to only one prescription: educate, educate, educate. The more women know about ideas and legislation, the more conservative they become.

Can we bank on Parson Pat's prayers?

I think I have chanced upon a solution to Bob Dole's sagging political fortunes.

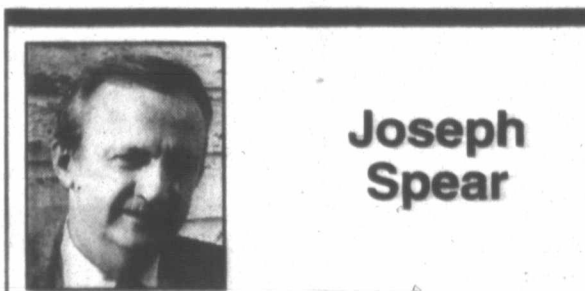
The answer was buried in the back pages of the Sunday papers on Sept. 15. Dole had made a surprise appearance at a Christian Coalition conference, and the coverage had been dominated by his vow to outlaw late-term abortions. Unless you read into the meat of the stories, you wouldn't have noticed what the group's founder told them a few hours before Dole showed up.

The future was looking mighty bleak for Republicans, Parson Pat Robertson said, because Dole was so far behind. "Twenty-three points is about as insurmountable an obstacle as I can think of," the Parson said. "And in my personal opinion, there has got to be a miracle from Almighty God to pull it out." Well, I said to myself, I hope the Republicans are reading the papers, because there's the answer right there. They simply have to get Parson Pat to pray for a Dole victory.

I mean, this is the same guy who diverted a hurricane with a prayer. Pulling off a win for Bob Dole ought to be a cinch.

You may not recall the event to which I refer, so I will refresh your memory. In September 1985, Hurricane Gloria was churning toward the mainland and there was deep concern it might come ashore in the Tidewater area of Virginia. This is where Parson Pat's Regent University is located, and where he has built a 380-acre campus for his Christian Broadcasting Network.

Fearing for his empire, Parson Pat stood before the cameras and prayed that it be spared. He told



Joseph Spear

Gloria to turn north, and then said: "In the name of God, I command you!"

And the sucker turned. He later bragged to his TV audience: "We rebuked that thing. We commanded it." He also wrote in a book called *Beyond Reason* that he had turned Hurricane Betsy away from Virginia in September 1965. "Skeptics may offer other explanations," he said, "but I know it was God's power that spared this region and also our CBN tower."

Which brings to mind something that has always puzzled me. Although Hurricane Betsy stayed south of Virginia, it killed 74 people along the Gulf Coast. How come Parson Pat didn't use his influence to keep the tempest away from there as well?

And why didn't he do anything to deter Hurricane Hugo, which leveled great chunks of South Carolina in 1989? Or Andrew, which devastated Florida in 1992? Or Fran, which ripped up the North Carolina coast a few weeks ago? Does Parson Pat care about noth-

ing but his television tower?

OK, OK, I'm getting off the point.

The point is that a Parson Pat prayer just might win this thing for Bob Dole, and the Republicans ought to beseech him to compose an extra special humdinger of an invocation. Maybe even woo him with a big donation to the Christian Coalition. It's tax deductible because the Coalition is a nonpartisan organization which distributes "voter guides" to inform the electorate which politicians are good and which are misguided. The fact that the misguided are always Democrats is an unfortunate coincidence.

There are no guarantees, of course. Parson Pat has occasionally been wrong, such as he was in February 1988, when he said he spoke with God about running for the White House and then flatly predicted, "I am going to be the next president of the United States." Or his 1980 prophesy, reported by disaffected staff, that the world would come to an end in 1982.

Still, a Parson Pat prayer might help. "In the name of God, I command Slick Willie to lose!" he could say. Or, "Lord, help us to turn out Bubba's lights."

And then Bob Dole could take over and cut our taxes, conquer crime, vanquish drugs, ban abortion and maybe even create a special position for Parson Pat. National Soothsayer. Presidential Prophet. Something with a ring to it.

And write a federal insurance policy for his TV tower. Men as gifted as Parson Pat shouldn't be sweating the small stuff.



Reagan Brown

Humorist set to speak at Knife & Fork

Humorist Reagan Brown will be the featured guest at the next meeting of the Top O'Texas Knife and Fork Club. The meeting is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, at Pampa Country Club, according to Julia Dawkins, president.

Brown's topic will be "Hang the Picture a Little Higher on the Wall."

Tickets may be picked up at Dunlap's beginning today. The will be available through Saturday, Oct. 5. Tickets for members are \$9.50 each.

Brown's career includes more than 25 years with Texas A&M University, service as special assistant to the governor of Texas and as Texas Commission of Agriculture.

Texas billionaires give Duke money

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — A Texas couple known for making sizable donations to elite universities has promised Duke University \$10 million to help improve teaching on campus.

The gift from Robert and Anne Bass of Forth Worth is the largest donation Duke has ever received to bolster teaching.

"The gift allows us to recognize teachers who have excelled in research and instruction," said President Nan Keohane. "Those are the ones we want to use as models for others."

The bulk of the donation is a matching grant, meaning Duke will have to raise money to spend it.

The \$10 million gift is intended to contribute to a \$40 million initiative to institute 25 chaired professorships, which distinguished teachers would hold for five years.

The school expects 20 of those chairs would go to current faculty and five would go to new professors.

Pianist to open Community Concert season

Mark Little, jazz synthesist, arranger and composer, will bring his acoustic, straight-ahead jazz with contemporary chordings and fresh arrangements to the Pampa Community Concert Association at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, in the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium.

During his appearance in Pampa, the concert will be recorded live.

Attendance at the concert is by membership in the concert association and by reciprocal agreements with associations in Borger, Hereford and Plainview.

Little, who also plays gospel, blues, pop, country, western and classical, prefers jazz because, in his words, "it is music with spirit."

While still very young, he developed a feeling for jazz. At age 4 he began piano lessons with the director of his church choir in Amarillo, where he was born and raised. He mastered music quickly and expanded with his own versions. His teacher encouraged him toward innovation, a path Little has followed since.

At age 14, Little joined a rhythm and blues group and toured with it for four years. In 1970 he began playing country and western music with Willie Nelson and others.

His first performance on the West Coast in 1980 was in the legendary Keystone



(Photo by Calvin Roberts)

Amarillo native Mark Little, jazz pianist, arranger and composer, will be performing for the Pampa Community Concert Association at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium.

Center at San Francisco.

Jazz artists with whom Little has worked include Joe Henderson, Pharoah Sanders, Grady Tate, Calvin Keyes,

Morgana King and Ted Curson.

He has recorded two albums, *Dream Walkin'* and *The Tribe*, both with a saxophonist, bassist and drummer.

World briefs

Flood waters kill 41 in Cambodia, Laos

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Flood waters caused by seasonal monsoons flowed into the Cambodian capital today. At least 11 people have died in flooding elsewhere in the country and 3 million others have been affected.

Underground water pipes were ordered shut in Phnom Penh and sandbags were piled on the banks of the Tonle Sap River.

Rescue teams have been sent to rescue flood-stranded people and bring food to victims gathered on hills and other higher ground in the countryside, officials said.

Two nation roads leading from Phnom Penh to eastern provinces were blocked by flood waters.

In neighboring Laos, some of the worst floods in memory have devastated rice fields, destroyed homes and killed at least 30 people, the U.N. World Food Program said today.

Rival calls for ailing Yeltsin to step down

MOSCOW (AP) — Boris Yeltsin should do the "decent" thing and step down because of ill health, his Communist rival said today in what is becoming a daily refrain by the president's political foes.

"It would be good for Yeltsin

himself, for his family and for the country as a whole if he steps down," Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov told a news conference. "It would be the most decent way out."

The president, hospitalized since Sept. 13 with heart trouble, faces a multiple bypass operation in November or December. Doctors say he will probably need two months after that to recuperate.

If Yeltsin dies or is incapacitated, the prime minister would take over and new elections would be held within three months.

Vatican confirms pope's hospitalization next week

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II will enter the hospital next week for previously announced surgery on his appendix, the Vatican said today.

All audiences with the pope have been suspended starting Oct. 7 because of the hospitalization, the Vatican said. It did not say if he will enter the hospital that day or the night before.

A beatification in St. Peter's Square will take place as planned Sunday.

The 76-year-old pontiff has been stricken three times since December by what the Vatican described as an intestinal ailment.

After he looked particularly weak during a trip to Hungary Sept. 6-7, the Vatican he was suffering from an inflamed appendix and would have surgery sometime after Oct. 6.

Reports say Arafat wants to postpone meeting

JERUSALEM (AP) — President Clinton's Mideast summit was thrown into question today by reports that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat wants to postpone the meeting until its success can be assured.

Clinton had called Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Arafat to arrange a summit Tuesday in Washington on the violence that killed 73 people last week — the worst Israeli-Palestinian fighting in decades.

A top PLO official in Cairo, speaking on condition of anonymity, said today that both Arafat and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak were hesitant to attend without assurances Israel was ready to make concessions in the peace process.

Report: Texas death toll has risen with speed limit

AUSTIN (AP) — Traffic deaths on state highways have increased since speed limits were raised, and some transportation safety experts say it's no coincidence.

A computer-assisted analysis of state records by the *Austin American-Statesman* found that traffic deaths have increased 30 percent on rural interstate highways and 17 percent overall since the speed limits were raised in December.

"It's a nightmare. It's worse than I even thought it would be," said Bob Draper, senior vice president of the National Traffic Safety Institute. The institute advises companies and teaches safe-driving courses in 20 states, including Texas, where it helps train state troopers.

"But it's not totally unexpected," Draper said. "You now have people driving not just 70 but 80, 85, even 90 mph. At those speeds, when an accident happens, people die."

The study, published Sunday, also showed: — On average, 40 or more people will die each month on state highways,

— Fatalities increased 28 percent in rural areas,

— At the current pace, about 3,600 people will die in traffic accidents in Texas this year — the highest toll since 1985.

Some traffic safety advocates said the numbers confirm their worst fears about Congress' decision to repeal the federally mandated speed limits of 65 mph on rural interstates and 55 mph on most other roads.

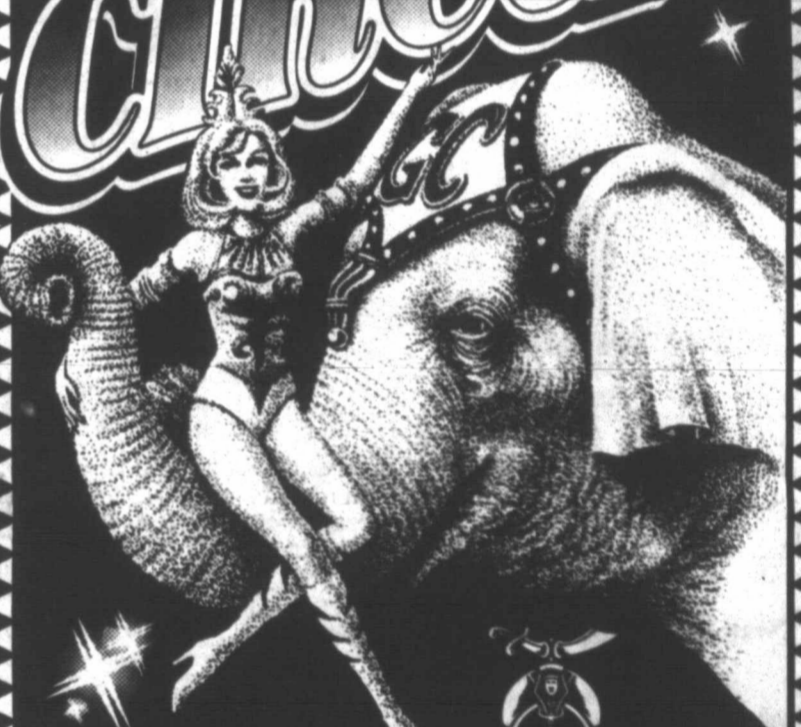
But some experts, including state transportation officials, say it is too early to tell whether higher speed limits are causing more traffic deaths.

"It's possible, but it's only one possibility," said Dev Tulsiani, an engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation, adding that another factor could be an increase in the number of drivers on the roads.

The *American-Statesman* analyzed data from accidents statewide between Dec. 8, 1995, when Texas officials declared it legal to drive 70 mph, and June 30, the most recent records that the Texas Department of Public Safety has entered into its computer.

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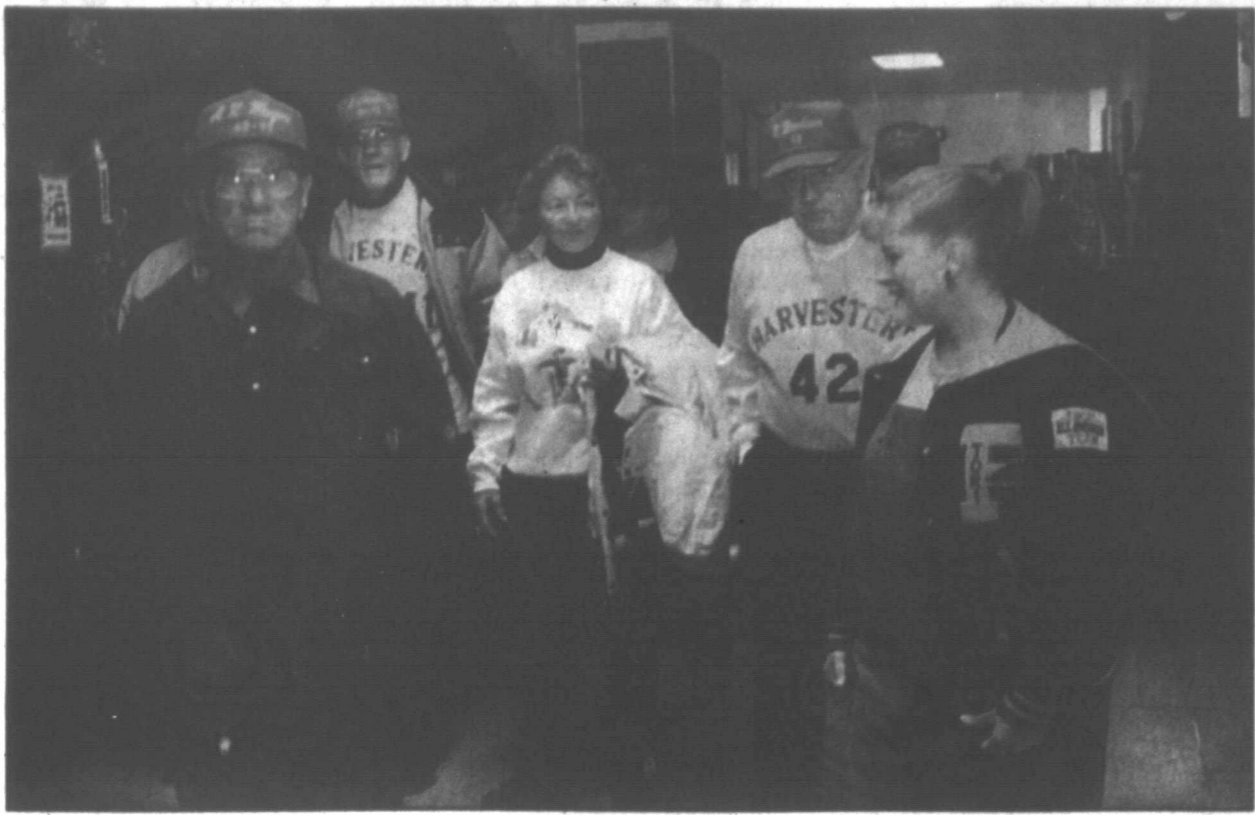
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Returning to the old school



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Senior Tori Street leads alumni Harvester football team members from the 1920s to the 1940s through the halls of Pampa High School during Homecoming festivities Friday. Street explained to the alumni and their wives that the hall's decorations were based on the movie *Twister* and done to show school spirit.

Circle of Friends sets membership party

McLEAN — McLean will host its annual Circle of Friends membership party at the Devil's Rope Museum in McLean at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 8, to help raise funds for the projects of the cancer patient support organization. Included in the ticket price are a dinner, entertainment by The Mason Jars of Wheeler and an auction of homespun items. In addition, the museum will be open after the activities. Beverly Odom, who serves on the Circle of Friends board, explained that everyone is invited to the fund raiser, whether or not they receive an invitation. Tickets are \$25 a couple or \$15 for singles, and can be obtained from Odom. Those planning to attend should call her by Wednesday, Oct. 2, at (806) 779-2309.

Donated items needed for the auction in conjunction with the dinner are homemade crafts, canned or baked goods, paintings, needlework or "found treasures." These should be brought to the museum the night of the party. Please contact Odom in advance if you have an item to donate but do not plan to attend the party. Circle of Friends is a non-profit volunteer organization founded to support the philosophy and goals of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center. The organization is dedicated to helping cancer patients and their families in times of need. The Circle of Friends develops and implements fund-raising activities

to provide financial assistance and support programs in cancer treatment, education and research. That assistance has included helping pay utility bills and rent or mortgage payments, and providing gas money for cancer patients who are unable to afford those things as they seek treatment. The Circle of Friends also maintains a furnished apartment in Amarillo that is available to cancer patients from outlying areas who come to the Harrington Cancer Center for treatment. Residents of Shamrock, Samnorwood and Wellington as well as anyone else interested are invited to attend the McLean party.

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Nation briefs

Murderous rampage leaves 4 dead, 3 wounded
BALDWIN PARK, Calif. (AP) — An ex-boyfriend bent on revenge tore through a house in a shooting and stabbing rampage Sunday that left two little girls and two men dead, police said. Three other people were seriously wounded.

The suspect, who was being sought late Sunday, was a former boyfriend of a woman who lived in the home. Investigators say when he found she wasn't there, he bound and gagged others who were there, forced them to lie face down and began shooting and stabbing.

Two girls, 12-year-old Massiel and 8-year-old Evelyn Torres, were found dead with stab and gunshot wounds. Also dead were the ex-girlfriend's uncle, 32-year-old Roberto Diaz, and the family's gardener, whose name was not immediately available.

The suspect was identified as David Alvarez, 29, who had once been arrested on a murder charge.

other people Saturday when he suddenly sent out a message for help.

Drafts typed, "I'm disabled and havingshortness (sic) of breath, call ambulace (sic)." He also managed to type in his address.

While several users tried to find out what symptoms Drafts was suffering, Andy McFarland of Owensboro, Ky., was calling Boston's emergency medical services on his second phone line.

When he finally got through, he told dispatchers where he was calling from and explained the situation.

Firefighters rushed to Draft's home, but no one answered the door. They called McFarland back to verify the address.

About 20 minutes later, a Boston dispatcher called to tell McFarland that they had found Drafts inside and that he had needed help.

Drafts was in stable condition at Beth Israel Hospital this morning. Hospital officials would not describe the nature of his illness and Drafts declined comment.

Man rescued by help summoned online

BOSTON (AP) — A disabled man who became ill while logged onto an Internet chess site managed to summon help from a fellow player hundreds of miles away.

Charles Drafts, a double amputee who types using a stick in his mouth, was online with 159

Chrysler, UAW reach tentative agreement

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — With tentative contracts signed with Chrysler and Ford, the United Auto Workers union is turning its attention to its biggest and toughest target: General Motors.

UAW President Stephen Yokich announced late Sunday

that the union had reached a deal with Chrysler Corp. that is similar to the three-year pact reached Sept. 16 with Ford Motor Co.

"Is there a pattern that's been set? The answer's yes," Yokich said. No details of the Chrysler contract were released pending a meeting with union local leaders on Thursday.

A Chrysler source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, also said the agreement was "very similar" to Ford's.

The Ford contract guarantees the automaker will maintain at least 95 percent of its 105,025 UAW jobs.

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Antics of band members due to improper example by adults

Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to The Plainview Daily Herald, with the author providing a copy for publication here.

Guest column

By MIKE SUBLETT

I am a minister of a church in Pampa, Texas, and did not think that I would ever write a "letter to the editor" to a newspaper outside the town in which I live. However, I have decided that if I were the parent of a student in the Plainview High School Band and were unable to attend the football game at Pampa, I would want to know some of the things that happened, so that I could personally remind my child that decent manners and sportsmanship are still important.

Let me be very straight forward and say that I do not blame the students for the bad sportsmanship and thoughtless manners. Those had to originate with the "adults" who were involved with the band. Also, you should know that I do not have a child on the

football team, in the band or on the cheerleading squad. My letter is not prompted by personal motives.

Let me first preface all this with a compliment. Your band was the most impressive high school band that I have ever heard or seen perform in all of my 46 years (and that includes some very good Pampa bands); I have nothing but praise for your band "on the field."

However, "off the field" is a different story. The first example of poor manners occurred with about two minutes 30 seconds left in the first half. Pampa had just scored and was lining up for the kickoff. The cheerleaders had lined up in front of the Pampa stands to perform a routine that they do for every kickoff. The Plainview band literally marched right through the cheerleading squad and

bodily nudged them right out of the area. It was not done tastefully, with good manners or with permission. I verified this with one of the cheerleaders who attends the church for which I preach.

The next occurrence of terrible manners was just after the cheerleaders had been booted out of their place. The Plainview Band evidently did not feel that they had enough room, so with over two minutes left in the first half they began to move the football team's bleacher, their training table and the table for the supplies. All this was done without permission and with very poor manners.

The next situation was simply that the things which were moved were not returned to their proper place. Not only did the Pampa trainers, football team and cheerleaders have their

equipment moved without permission, but they had to return everything to its proper place themselves. Four or five adults stuck around until all the band had left, and I was hopeful that they had remained to do the mannerly thing. I even commented to several upset fans that that's probably why those adults had remained. However, they just walked away.

Next came the positioning of the band near one of the end zones. That would not have been a problem, but then an adult that I assume was the director fired up the band as Pampa tried to call plays near the goal line. If they had been in the stands and fired up the band, that would just have been spirited competition and not a problem. However, they were positioned near the end zone and only fired up when it was time to call the signals. And by the way, they were successful in disrupting one of the plays. Poor taste, bad manners and at least one adult who should know better.

Finally, when the head referee went over to the director of the band to tell him not to do that again, the band broke out into cheering. Not only did they not get the point of the rebuke, but they took the rebuke as a compliment. That is not a student problem, that is an adult one.

You can ask many people in Pampa, and they will tell you that each year I write a letter to our local paper about our own fan's poor sportsmanship. So do not think that I am just another picky Harvester fan. I am writing this letter as a parent who would

want the same courtesy from a Plainview fan who witnessed poor sportsmanship and bad manners.


May God bless us all, especially us adults, with a better understanding of how much more important sportsmanship and manners are than football games and other performances.



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Baby Boomer Wives Won't Give Up Their First Names

DEAR ABBY: I am constantly amazed at what irks people. Why are we so intolerant? This time, I am referring to "William's Widow in Mesa, Ariz.," who was upset that others were not using her "legal signature" since her husband's death. Why would her legal name be "William"?

When I married, I took my husband's last name, not his first. I have a first name my parents gave me and I am proud to have added my husband's surname to my own. That combination is my "legal name."

I believe that most women of the baby boom generation prefer to be known by their own names.

MY OWN PERSON

DEAR PERSON: I received many letters from younger women who disagreed with my answer that "only divorced women are addressed as 'Mrs.' followed by their first names. A widow keeps her husband's name until she remarries." Read on:

DEAR ABBY: May I respond to the letter from "William's Widow in Mesa, Ariz.?" She wanted to be known as "Mrs. William Jones," not "Mrs. Mae Jones." I was surprised that you agreed with her.

I have been married to a wonderful man for 2 1/2 years, and I was happy to change my maiden name to his. However, my first



Abigail Van Buren

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name is not "Robert," and I do not want to be called "Mrs. Robert Anybody!"

Isn't it enough for women to give up their last names? Must we surrender our first names as well? If so, then I'll have to be branded a breacher of etiquette because I insist on being known, socially and professionally, as "Susan," not "Robert."

SUSAN IN CHESAPEAKE, VA.
DEAR SUSAN: Traditionally, a widow retains her husband's name, and that custom is supported by the etiquette books. However, in view of the protests I received (which appear to be generational), I hereby revise my answer: A widow should be addressed by the name she prefers. In this matter, her wishes should prevail.

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend who is incredibly self-conscious about her appearance. She is only 30 years old, petite, beautiful (both

inside and out), but Abby, she wears so much makeup she looks like a hooker.

Friends have hinted that she doesn't need so much makeup. I have also tried to suggest tactfully that she would look much better if she toned down the cosmetics, but she insists she "needs" it to hide her wrinkles. Abby, she should not worry about the wrinkles — it's her makeup that ages her by at least 10 years.

Because she is my friend, the comments people make about her bother me. Telling her again is useless, but maybe if she reads this letter in your column she will recognize herself and take the hint.

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DEAR TRUE FRIEND: Don't bet on it.

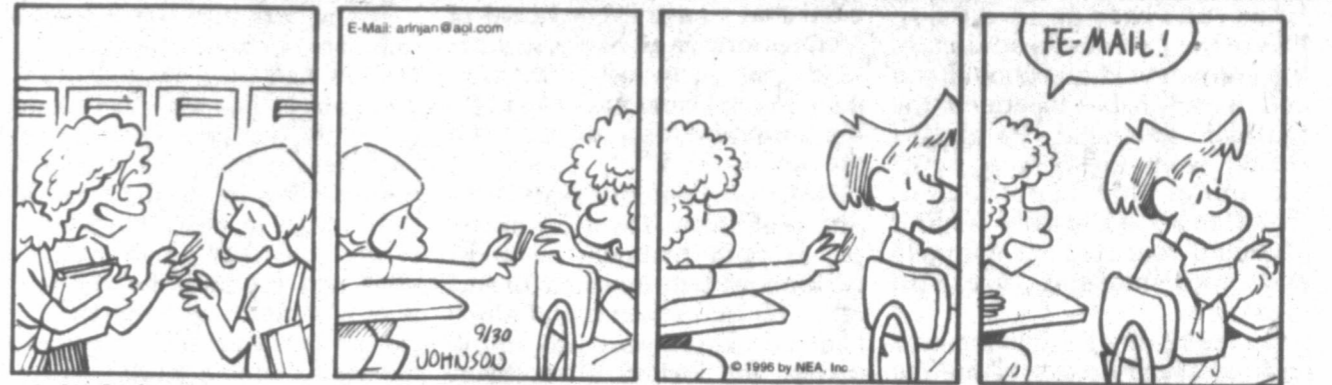
One of the most thankless of all well-meaning gestures is offering a friend unsolicited advice. Instead of criticizing her appearance, ask her to join you in a visit to a department store's cosmetic counter for a makeover to learn the latest makeup "tricks."

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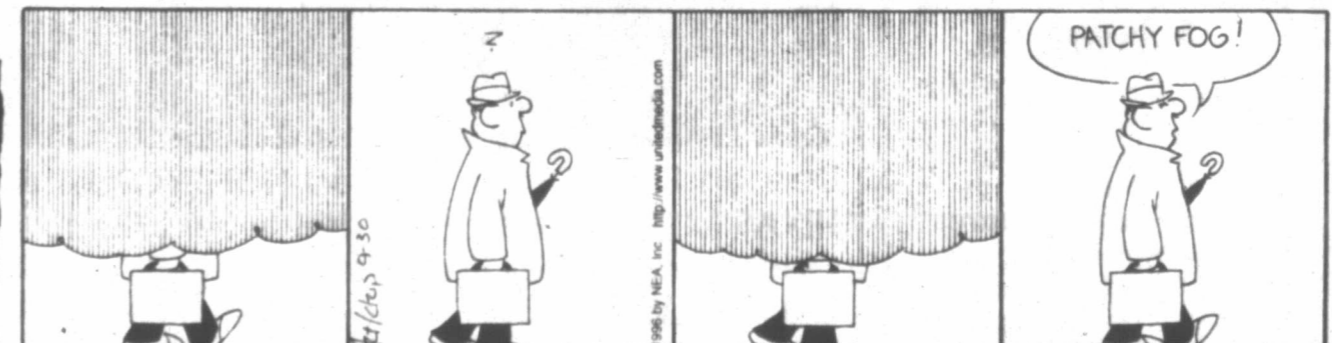
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Your Birthday

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 1996

In the year ahead, the less structured your life is, the more opportunities you will have. Avoid carelessness and try to be open and receptive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Doing things your way will not be without merit today, but you must be considerate of the feelings of others. 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 news-

paper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You will be inspired to be generous with everyone today. However, it may not be wise to extend your generosity to someone who doesn't appreciate it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone who knows how to manipulate you might try to use you as a puppet today. You won't like yourself later if you've been too naive, so remain alert.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may have a hard time keeping quiet about some juicy gossip you've heard. However, if you talk, someone who trusts you now might not trust you again.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If today ends on a sour note, it could be your fault for listening to a negative individual who has influenced your thinking.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You seldom have problems getting along with others, but today you might run into a self-serving person who will make you angry.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Productivity will diminish today if you rely solely on

someone else's performance. This person will not be in a position to help.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not volunteer to take on a program that others in your peer group have chosen to ignore. It will be more complicated than it appears, so use caution.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Try to avoid discussing a delicate family matter with an insensitive friend today. This problem will become worse if he or she starts to broadcast it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today you and your mate might take opposing positions on several important issues, and this could cause problems. You should offer a constructive compromise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You will get off to a good start today, but you may not finish strong. Things you leave undone might not receive attention for a long time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Associating with friends who can spend more freely than you can might cause you to blame your diminished circumstances on your spouse today.

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FOOTBALL

PAMPA — Pampa continues District 1-4A play Friday night, meeting Hereford at 7:30 in Hereford.

Pampa is 3-0 overall and 1-0 in district play. Hereford is 1-3 overall and 0-1 in district.

The Harvesters defeated Dumas, 20-14, and the Whitefaces lost to Borger, 40-19, last week.

Randall defeated Amarillo Caprock, 40-36, in one other district game last week.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball's Year of the Homer went out with a blast.

Brady Anderson, Andres Galarraga and Vinny Castilla hit historic homers Sunday, and hitters finished with a record 4,962. Seventeen players hit 40 or more, smashing the previous mark of eight in 1961.

Mark McGwire's 52 homers in 130 games for Oakland were the most since George Foster hit 52 for Cincinnati in 1977. Anderson hit No. 50 for Baltimore on Sunday, marking the first time since 1961 that two players reached 50 in the same season.

Baltimore set a record for a team with 257. Seattle (245) and Oakland (243) also topped the previous mark of 240 by the 1961 Yankees.

Colorado became only the second team with three 40-homers players. Galarraga hit his NL-leading 47th on Sunday and Castilla hit his 40th to tie teammate Ellis Burks. The Rockies tied the NL record with 221.

Galarraga had 150 RBIs, the most since Tommy D. is had 153 in 1962.

Cleveland's Albert Belle had 148, the highest AL total since Ted Williams and Vern Stephens each had 159 in 1949.

San Diego's Tony Gwynn won his third straight NL batting title and seventh overall. Gwynn, who hit .353, was four plate appearances short of the 502 needed, but still topped Burks (.344) when four hitless at-bats were added. Seattle's Alex Rodriguez led the AL at .358.

HOUSTON (AP) — Nolan Ryan, whose number previously was retired by California and Texas, had his No. 34 retired Sunday by the Houston Astros.

Ryan pitched his fifth no-hitter while playing with the Astros in 1981. He had a record seven no-hitters and struck out a record 5,714 batters.

CHICAGO (AP) — Fergie Jenkins, who won 284 games in a Hall of Fame pitching career that included 10 seasons with the Chicago Cubs, was fired Sunday as the team's pitching coach.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The murder trial of a man accused of killing an Atlanta Braves replacement player ended Saturday in a mistrial after the jury failed to reach a verdict. Neal Evans, 31, faces the death penalty if convicted of killing David Shottoski in March 1995.

GOLF

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — Sweden's Per-Ulrik Johansson birdied the final two holes for a one-stroke victory Sunday over Italy's Costantino Rocca in the European Open.

Johansson, who earned \$193,750, shot a 2-under-par 70 for an 11-under 277 total on The "K" Club course. Rocca shot a 69.

TENNIS

BASEL, Switzerland (AP) — In his first tournament since winning the U.S. Open, Pete Sampras beat Hendrik Dreckmann of Germany 7-5, 6-2, 6-0 on Sunday in the final of the Swiss Indoor.

Sampras earned \$137,000 for his seventh victory of the year and 44th overall.

Florida, Florida State remain 1-2 in AP poll

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Football Writer

Florida and Florida State were 1-2 for the second week in a row, while Notre Dame fell out of the Top 10 in The Associated Press' college football poll.

The Fighting Irish (3-1), 29-16 losers to Ohio State, fell six places from No. 5 to No. 11. The Buckeyes, meanwhile, slipped past Penn State and moved up a spot to No. 3.

The Nittany Lions, who needed a 25-yard field goal by Brett Conway with 1:23 left to beat

Wisconsin 23-20, dropped to No. 4.

Penn State is at Ohio State on Saturday.

In their first game as No. 1 this season, the Gators (4-0) beat Kentucky 65-0 and received 57 first-place votes and 1,664 points Sunday from the 67 sports writers and broadcasters who vote in the Top 25 poll.

Florida State (3-0), a 13-0 winner over North Carolina, had eight first-place votes and 1,586 points. The Gators picked up five more first-place votes than they had a week ago, while the

Seminoles lost five.

The Buckeyes (3-0) had one first-place vote and 1,533 points; Penn State totaled 1,459 points.

Arizona State moved up one spot to No. 5. The Sun Devils, with one first-place vote, beat Oregon 48-27 the week after their upset of Nebraska.

Michigan (4-0) was sixth after its 38-9 win over UCLA, giving the Big Ten three teams in the top six. Nebraska, which beat Colorado State 65-9, moved up a notch to No. 7, followed by Miami, Tennessee and

Colorado, 24-10 winners over Texas A&M.

The Hurricanes (4-0) moved up two places after their second shutout in a row — 45-0 against Pittsburgh.

After Notre Dame was No. 12 Virginia, a 37-13 winner over Texas, followed by Alabama, Louisiana State, North Carolina, Kansas State, Southern California, Washington, West Virginia and Auburn.

Brigham Young, which beat SMU 31-3, was 21st, followed by Northwestern, Texas, Utah and Wyoming 25th. The

Longhorns fell 10 places after their second loss in a row. Two weeks ago, Texas was No. 6.

Virginia Tech, beaten 52-21 by Syracuse, and Kansas, a 45-42 loser to Utah, fell out of the Top 25.

Utah (4-1) made the Top 25 for the first time since the final poll of the 1994 season, while Wyoming (5-0), after its 33-21 win over UNLV, made it for the first time since Nov. 7, 1993.

Thirteen Top 25 teams are undefeated, including three each in the Big Ten and Southeastern conferences.



Pampa's Kellen Waters defeated Chasity Rodriguez of Palo Duro in girls' singles Saturday.

(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

Harvester tennis team notches victory against Palo Duro Dons

PAMPA — The Pampa High School tennis team defeated Palo Duro, 14-4, this past Saturday at the PHS courts in non-district play.

The girls' team won all nine of their varsity matches in straight sets, losing only 13 total games in the process.

Sophomore Mandy Wells improved her singles record to 8-0 while sophomore Valerie Lee and freshman Emily Curtis both improved their doubles record to 9-0.

Players of the week are senior Jamisen Hancock and freshman Emily Waters.

The team resumes district play this Saturday against Caprock at home.

Results from the Pampa-Palo Duro match are listed below:

- Girls Singles**
- Emily Waters (PA) def. Celseste Soto, 6-0, 6-0.
 - Cami Stone (PA) def. Kim Tran (PD), 6-1, 6-0.
 - McKinley Quarles (PA) def. Soon Vongkaysone, 6-2, 6-1.
 - Mandy Wells (PA) def. Thip Phongsavang, 6-0, 6-1.
 - Valerie Lee (PA) def. Donna Sithivong, 6-2, 6-1.
 - Kellen Waters (PA) def. Chasity Rodriguez, 6-2, 6-0.
 - Extra: Amanda Browning (PA) def. Noo Sadakhoun, 6-1, 5-7, 6-1.
- Girls Doubles**
- E. Waters-Quarles (PA) def. Soto-Vongkaysone, 6-2, 6-0.
 - Stone-K. Waters (PA) def. Tran-Sithivong, 6-0, 6-0.
 - Lee-
- Emily Curtis (PA) def. Phongsavang-Rodriguez, 6-0, 6-1.
- Boys Singles**
- Jamisen Hancock (PA) def. Michael Little, 6-1, 6-2.
 - Russell DuBoise (PA) def. Bonsack Phrisivath, 6-3, 6-0.
 - Nikome Mixaydy (PD) def. Dustin Laycock, 7-5, 6-3.
 - Jason Vickery (PA) def. Chant Thommvong, 6-4, 6-2.
 - Danh Hoang (PD) def. Brandon Coffee, 6-3, 6-2.
 - Manuel Allen (PD) def. Bryce Hudson, 6-3, 6-3.
 - Extra: Jimmy Phonsana (PD) def. Matt Rains, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.
- Boys doubles**
- Hancock-DuBoise (PA) def. Little-Phrisivath, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3.
 - Laycock-Vickery (PA) def. Mixayda-Thommvong, 6-4, 7-5.
 - Coffee-Hudson, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1.

Sunshine State sizzling in collegiate football

By The Associated Press

As expected, the Big Ten is making its presence felt in college football's national title picture. Not to be outdone, however, is the Big Three in the state of Florida.

Top-ranked Florida, No. 2 Florida State and No. 8 Miami won convincingly on Saturday to keep the Sunshine State front and center in the national title race — at least for now.

"They're a great football team," Kentucky quarterback Tim Couch said after an embarrassing 65-0 loss to Florida on Saturday in his first start. "They gave us a lot of problems."

As did Florida State and Miami to their opponents. Florida State beat No. 15 North Carolina 13-0 and Miami routed Pitt 45-0 as the three teams from the state combined to win by a margin of 123-0.

"I don't think I've ever seen anything like it," said North Carolina coach Mack Brown. "You have to give them credit ... they make the plays."

The same could be said for the Big Ten powers in Saturday's college football action. Ohio State defeated Notre Dame 29-16, Penn State beat Wisconsin 23-20; Michigan trounced UCLA 38-9 and Northwestern turned back Indiana 35-17.

That set up some important Big Ten matchups this weekend which could go a long way toward determining the national champion. On Saturday, No. 4 Penn State plays at No. 3 Ohio State, and No. 6 Michigan plays No. 22 Northwestern, the defending Big Ten champion.

In other games involving the Top 25, it was No. 5 Arizona State 48, Oregon 27; No. 7 Nebraska 65, Colorado State 9; No. 10 Colorado 24, Texas A&M 10; No. 12 Virginia 37, No. 23 Texas 13; No. 14 LSU 63, New

Mexico State 7; No. 19 West Virginia 13, Maryland 0; No. 21 Brigham Young 31, SMU 3; No. 24 Utah 45, Kansas 42; and No. 25 Wyoming 33, UNLV 21.

Virginia Tech, ranked 18th last week, fell out of the Top 25 with a 52-21 loss at Syracuse.

At Gainesville, Fla., Danny Wuerffel threw for three TDs, Jacquéz Green returned two punts for scores and the Florida defense held Kentucky to five first downs. Green's second-half returns were 66 and 79 yards as the Gators led 41-0 at halftime. Couch was intercepted on his first pass and was 6-of-18 for 13 yards.

At Tallahassee, Fla., Warrick Dunn's 11-yard run late in the first half provided the only TD as Florida State sacked Chris Keldorf eight times and blocked two punts and a field goal.

At Miami, the Hurricanes rolled to their second straight shutout in what amounted to a pit stop over Pittsburgh. Tony Gaiter, making his first career start, caught three touchdown passes — including an 85-yard score — while tailback Danyell Ferguson ran into Miami's record books with 117 yards and a TD.

Ferguson went over the 2,000-yard career mark in the first half. His 2,039 yards moved him into second place on Miami's rushing list behind Ottis Anderson's 3,331 yards.

"We did what we had to do. We got this one out of the way," said Miami quarterback Ryan Clement, whose team faces Florida State on Oct. 12 after a week off. "We have been thinking about Florida State since the season started. It has been on everybody's mind."

At South Bend, Ind., Pepe Pearson ran for two TDs and 173 yards, and Stanley Jackson threw for two TDs as the Buckeyes held the Irish to 126

yards rushing.

"The better football team won this game, make no mistake about that," Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz said. "If they can play the way they did today and control the line of scrimmage, they can go a long way."

At Madison, Wis., the Nittany Lions almost gave themselves a long trip home before Brett Conway kicked a 25-yard field goal with 1:23 left for the winning points over the Badgers. Jeff Hall's 58-yard field goal attempt was wide left as Wisconsin just missed sending the game into overtime.

"Wisconsin is a great team," Conway said. "They're going to upset a lot of people."

At Ann Arbor, Chris Howard scored on runs of 31, 10, 6 and 7 yards as Michigan beat UCLA. Scott Dreisbach completed 13 of 25 passes for 236 yards, including a 53-yard TD bomb to Clarence Williams.

At Bloomington, Ind., Northwestern got off to a good start in defense of its Big Ten title as Darnell Autry topped 100 yards for the 17th straight game. Autry ran for 128 and three TDs, and Steve Schnur added two TD passes to D'Wayne Bates.

"More than anything, we're playing consistent. It comes

with chemistry," Schnur said. "Guys are starting to see their role on the team, and we're playing with a little more consistency and a little more focus."

At Tempe, Ariz., Jake Plummer threw for 282 yards and four TDs as Arizona State improved to 4-0, its best start since 1982.

At Lincoln, Neb., Scott Frost threw two TD passes and ran for another as Nebraska bounced back from last week's shocking 19-0 loss to Arizona State. The victory was the 700th for Nebraska, a milestone figure that Penn State also reached on Saturday.

In other highlights:

- Troy Davis ran for 378 yards — the third highest total in NCAA Division I history — in Iowa State's 45-31 win over Missouri.
- Texas A&M's Brandon Stewart was 34-of-64 for 385 yards — all school records and Albert Connell had a school-record 18 catches for 208 yards.
- Tiki Barber had first-quarter TD runs of 16, 26 and 12 yards for Virginia.
- Rondell Mealey ran for 121 yards and four TDs as LSU improved to 3-0, its best start since 1987.
- Syracuse ended Virginia Tech's 13-game winning streak — longest in

Division I-A — with a 52-21 rout of the Hokies, the 600th victory for the Orangemen. ... Mike Fouts' fourth TD pass — a 5-yarder with 1:39 left, lifted Utah over Kansas. Fouts, a nephew of Dan Fouts, was 21-of-35 for a career-high 476 yards.

Also, June Henley had 216 yards on 41 carries for Kansas. ... Oklahoma, 0-3 after a 24-3 loss to Tulsa, is off to its worst start since 1965 and has a school-record six-game losing streak. ... Cincinnati beat Miami, Ohio, 30-23 in the third round of OT as each team kicked field goals in the first two rounds before the Bearcats scored a TD in round three to win. ... Cal beat Oregon State 48-42 in the third round of OT. Both teams scored TDs in the first round, went scoreless in the second and the Bears scored a TD in the third. ... Demetrius Perry and a slew of other runners picked up the slack caused by the loss of quarterback Ronnie McAda as Army beat North Texas 27-10. The 600th victory in school history made the Cadets 3-0 for the first time since 1985. This is the first time since 1966 that Army has opened a year with three straight victories over Division I-A teams.

Memphis outlasts Wheeler, 33-25

Wheeler had a tough time defending Memphis running back Richard McGuire Friday night as Memphis was able to hold off the determined Mustangs by 8 points, 33-25.

McGuire almost single-handedly led Memphis over the Mustangs rushing for an amazing 349 yards and scoring four touchdowns in this non-district touch.

McGuire was able to score on runs of 14, 33, 77, and 58 yards

respectively against the Mustangs. Memphis's scoring duties were completed by Jason Fowler, who scored off of a 37 yard pass from David Wiggins.

Wheeler was led by Bryan Judd, who scored three times for the Mustangs, off runs of 11, 55, and 8 yards while rushing for a total of 146 yards. Rounding out Wheeler's scoring was Travis Stevens, who scored off of a 22 yard run of his own.

Memphis took the statistical advantage also, gaining a total of 499 yards, only 63 of which came through the air, while Wheeler gained a total of 320 yards, only 24 of which came from passes.

Memphis moves to 2-2 with the win while the loss brings Wheeler down to 1-3 on the season.

Wheeler's next game is against an undefeated White Deer October 4th at home.

Burn beat Wiz to tie series

DALLAS (AP) — Dante Washington's header went off goalkeeper Garth Lagerwey's fingertips in the 32nd minute Sunday night as the Dallas Burn beat the Kansas City Wiz 2-1 to tie the best-of-3 series.

Game 3 of the MLS Western Conference first-round series is Wednesday night in Dallas. The Wiz won the opener 3-2 on Thursday night in Kansas City.

The Burn took a 1-0 lead on a fifth-minute goal by Jason Kreis, who was not expected to

play because of a dislocated elbow. The shot was set up by Hugo Sanchez off a centering pass from Washington.

Preki, whose 89th-minute goal won the opener for Kansas City, tied it in the 30th minute when he lobbed a shot over two defenders.

Washington scored the game-winner on a pass from Lawrence Lozano, heading it into the right corner.

The game attracted 10,125 fans at the Cotton Bowl.

McLean downs Lefors in 6-man contest

LEFORS — McLean was able to roll over the Lefors Pirates Friday night with the help of Derek Glass, who scored four touchdowns for the Tigers in a 52 to 20 victory.

McLean started out strong, scoring 12 points in the first quarter, starting with a one-yard touchdown by Aaron Rice and followed by Derek Glass's first touchdown of the game, a 2-yard run into the end zone that put the Tigers up 12-0.

Lefors scored all of their 20 points in the second quarter, with their first touchdown of the game stemming from a 65-yard Brett Ward reception from Chris

McKean that was followed by a 50-yard kickoff return by Justin Howard. Howard's TD was followed by a Howard pass to McKean to round out the Pirates scoring.

McLean was able to match Lefors scoring in the second quarter by generating 34 points of their own. Quarterback Ike Hanes hooked up with Chad Richards for a 10 yard touchdown pass for the Tigers first points of the quarter. Chris Flores was able to follow the scoring trend by scoring off of a 3-yard run that was followed by another touchdown from Aaron

Rice, who scored off of a 50-yard interception return. Glass scored the last touchdown of the quarter off of a five-yard scramble into the end zone.

McLean's scoring was rounded out by Glass' final touchdown, a run from 2 yards out.

McLean had 322 yards total offense and Lefors, 230. McLean had 13 first downs compared to four for Lefors.

The Tigers second now stands at 2-2 while Lefors drops to 1-3 on the season. McLean travels to Groom next Friday night while Lefors is at Higgins.

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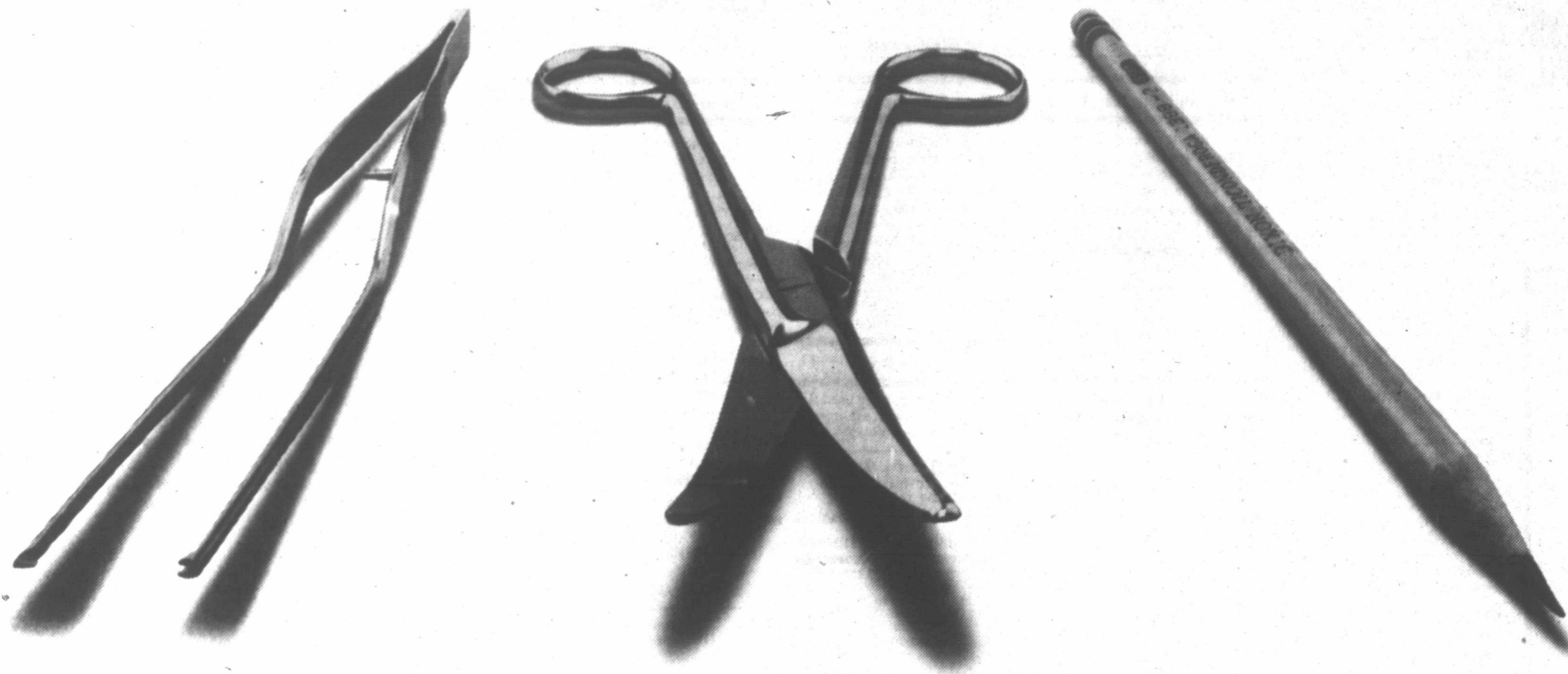
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