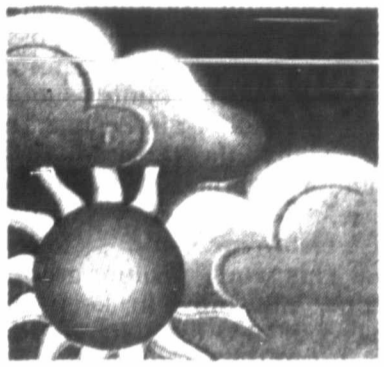


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PAMPA — Jeanne Willingham, director of Pampa Civic Ballet, has issued a cast call for the December performance of *The Nutcracker*.

Auditions for advanced dancers, ages 13 and up, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at Beaux Arts Dance Studio, 315 N. Nelson.

On Sunday, Oct. 13, little girls ages three through seven will be auditioned at 2 p.m. at the studio. Girls and boys ages eight through 14 will be auditioned at 3 p.m. the same day.

Anyone wishing to perform in the ballet production must be present for the cast call, Willingham said.

All dancers chosen to perform will be required to furnish their own costumes and to attend all rehearsals to which they are called.

The performance of *The Nutcracker* is set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium.

AMARILLO — U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (TX-13) will hold a meet and greet in both Shamrock and Wheeler on Tuesday, Oct. 8.

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

At 6:30 p.m., he will attend a reception in his honor at the Allen Webb's Clear Creek Ranch at Canadian.

The public is invited. For more information, contact the Thornberry for Congress Committee, (806) 371-8183.

PAMPA — Amarillo native Mark Little, jazz pianist, arranger and composer, will be opening the 1996-1997 Pampa Community Concert Association season at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium.

His concert will be recorded live.

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

PAMPA — Free hamburgers will be available to volunteers who help during a Celebration of Lights work day Saturday.

Workers will construct yard decorations at the Christmas lighting organization's new headquarters, 2123 N. Hobart, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"No talent needed, just bodies," President Kathleen Chaney said.

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Mechler brings ethics complaint against Mann

By CHIP CHANDLER
Staff Writer

The district attorney and his re-election campaign have illegally distributed campaign materials, alleges a complaint sent Thursday to the Texas Ethics Commission by Gray County Republican Chair Tom Mechler.

DA John Mann's "re-election campaign and its covert, front operation 'Republicans for the Right Mann' have been distributing smear documents of Mr. Mann's opponent without listing a disclosure," Mechler's complaint states.

The complaint, a copy of which was provided to *The Pampa News*, further says that the campaign "has not listed the printing of these documents as a political expenditure nor has he reported the printing as an in-kind contribution."

Mechler asserts the documents have been distributed "by individuals of the Mann campaign and the Republicans for the Right Mann organization" against Republican candidate Rick Roach.

Republicans for the Right Mann was formed as a political action committee by John Triplehorn and Bill Arrington in late July.

"John Mann said when he filed ... he did not intend to fling any mud in this campaign unless it was thrown at him first ... and he has done nothing but throw mud," Mechler said.

"His campaign is responsible

for the distribution of this material ... [and] he refuses to put a disclaimer on it," he continued.

"It's ludicrous," Mann responded, denying his campaign was responsible for the material.

"It's quite apparent he's afraid to see his record come out publicly ... It's the act of a desperate campaign and a desperate individual," the district attorney continued.

"I don't know that I've slung any [mud] yet. I said [when the campaign started] that if he started [mud slinging], I'd finish it. I'm just about ready to finish it," Mann said.

Contacted this morning, Triplehorn said, "This entire situation would be truly laughable if it were not so disheartening to the local Republican Party. I have gone from being a 'loose cannon' to being a 'covert front group,' whatever that is."

Triplehorn said he and Arrington have been involved in Republican politics for many years and share the belief that the Republican Party nearly always fields the best candidates.

"Tom Mechler has stated publicly that we have been 'distributing' copies of material pertaining to his DA candidate's personal history. Bill and I have read the same articles in *The Pampa News* and *The Amarillo Globe* that everyone else has," Triplehorn said.

"Could Mr. Mechler please produce one copy of anything that either Bill or I have 'distributed'?" Triplehorn added that

Mechler "seems determined to prove he can get any candidate elected as long as they run under the 'R' column."

"I don't believe that is the Republican philosophy," he said. "I have the utmost confidence in the voters of this area, and I don't see them as blind sheep to be led."

Arrington this morning said he had not seen Mechler's complaint yet and did not want to comment on it.

"I just can't understand where all this is coming from," he said.

"The district attorney can't come up with any solid convictions that his opponent has been involved in. They're just bringing up innuendo," Mechler said.

"If you live in glass houses, you shouldn't throw stones," Mechler continued. "In the remaining part of the campaign we will show what we mean by that."

But some of Roach's own campaign material lacks disclosure statements.

Five billboard signs in Pampa promoting Roach's bid for district attorney do not have apparent paid political advertisement notifications on them. Mechler said he was not aware of that, but that the billboards were part of Roach's campaign, not the Republican Party's. He said he would ask Roach about the signs.

Roach could not be reached for comment Thursday. His secretary said earlier in the week that he would be out of the office through Friday evening.

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Lake McClellan Heritage Fest set for Saturday

LAKE McCLELLAN — Activities for the first annual Lake McClellan Heritage Fest begin at noon Saturday with a free hamburger cookout and picnic at the George B. McClellan shelter.

Following the hamburger feast, the unveiling of Gray County historical marker honoring George B. McClellan will be conducted by members of the Gray County Historical Commission and county officials. McClellan was a U.S.

Army engineer who accompanied a mapping expedition led by Capt. Randolph B. Marcy in 1852 through Gray County.

The 4th U.S. Cavalry Division (Memorial) of Canyon will present the colors and lead the salute to the U.S. flag.

Bob Izzard, master of ceremonies, will tell stories on the history of the area, recounting the Battle of McClellan Creek.

Musical entertainment, cloggers, crafts and historical exhibits, will be provided for

the public enjoyment. Vendors will be available and the Kiwanis kid-barrel-train ride will carry the youngsters on a trip through the park.

The White Deer Land Museum and Texas Parks and Wildlife historical exhibits will be displayed, as well as campsite recreations set up by the Mountain Men, happy clowns from the Pampa Women of the Moose, and Smokey the Bear, representing the U.S. Forest Service.

State DAR regent visits Pampa chapter

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

Members of Daughters of the American Revolution, Division I, were honored with a visit by State Regent Virginia Stegall in Pampa on Thursday.

Las Pampas Chapter members hosted a luncheon in the home of Donna Burger for Mrs. Stegall and member guests representing approximately 19 chapters in the Panhandle and North Plains region of Texas, said Willie Mae Mangold, local DAR regent of Pampa.

"I can't recall that we've ever had a state regent to visit us in Pampa, and we are thrilled to have her here," Mangold said.

Stegall, who is from San Antonio, said she had lived in Dumas and Amarillo many years ago, and visiting in Pampa was almost like revisiting her hometown.

"I assumed the regent's position for the term from 1994 through 1997, and I have served the DAR organization for 29 years," Stegall said.

Stegall reviewed several sponsored projects that all DAR divisions are involved in serving communities and the State of Texas, including Constitution Week, community literacy programs, endowed scholarship programs, armed forces awards and historical recognition programs.



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)
Texas DAR Regent Virginia Stegall.

A particular historical project started between 1911 and 1914 by Mrs. Harry Hyman of Beaumont is still overseen by the DAR chapters. In the early years, markers were placed along the "Kings Highway" from the Louisiana border along the Sabine River down to Mexico's border at five-mile intervals along the historic trail. Members are now doing research to relocate and identify the marked site and replace markers that have disappeared, Stegall said.

"There are 194 Texas chapters with over 16,000 members, and

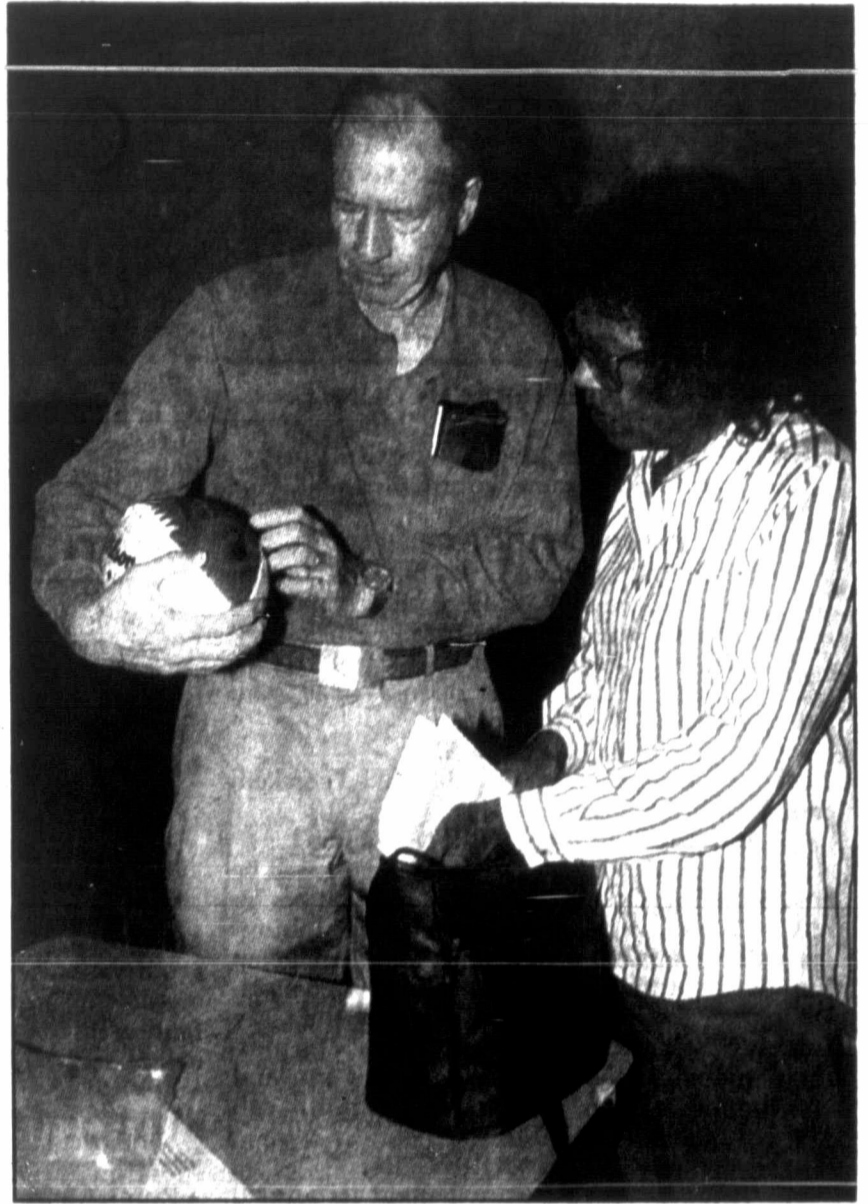
this year we will be added two more chapters," Stegall said. The goals of the organization are to promote community development and reach out to others through special services.

Mangold said the local chapter adopts projects to support the Pampa Literacy Council and Veterans Administration Volunteer Services (VAVS), contributing toward homeless veterans and veterans who are hospitalized or confined to the V.A. hospice care.

"Everyone works together to help another. DAR is not just another organization, it's a person thing to help individuals ... to help our communities promote special projects," she said.

"We are very concerned about the fact there is a lack of concern for teaching history in our public schools. Reference books are maintained in our libraries, and are on the shelves in the teachers' rooms, but teaching historical facts about our state and our nation is not being done effectively," said Stegall, emphasizing the importance DAR chapters can play in helping provide historic information through programs for youth.

Looking toward the future, Stegall encourages members of all the state's chapters to start planning for DAR's celebration of the year 2,000. The state chairman for Project 2000 is Nancy Tiner, of College Station.



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

United Way drive chairman Jack Reeve shows Southside Senior Citizens Center Director Bea Wortham the Miami Dolphins football autographed by Zach Thomas. The football will be raffled off to raise funds for the Pampa United Way.

United Way reaches 11 percent of goal at first check-in meeting

The Pampa United Way fund-raising drive passed the 10 percent mark for its first reporting period, according to figures announced Thursday at the first check-in meeting for campaign volunteers.

Jack Reeve, drive chairman, and Katrina Bigham, Pampa United Way executive administrator, announced that \$32,989.32 had been collected in pledges, mail-in donations and contributions to date.

The total includes \$9,000 from Hoechst Celanese's Pampa Plant for its first report from its employees drive to date.

The collection total to date represents 11 percent of the goal of \$315,000 for the 17 agencies and organizations receiving funding assistance from the Pampa United Way in its 1996 fund-raising drive.

"I feel like we're doing really well," Bigham said, "since all the [pledge] cards are out" being worked by volunteers, except for some inactive commercial pledge cards left to work.

Those cards, for commercial representatives who have not donated in the past five years, are being distributed to volunteer workers, she reported.

"We're just asking for a little bit of money to help the United Way," she said. "If everybody gives a little, then none of us has to give a lot." Bigham told the volunteer workers and agency representatives at Thursday's check-in, encouraging them to get out and work their cards.

Bigham told the volunteers to remember to attend the check-in lunches, scheduled at 11:45 a.m. on Thursdays for the campaign period through Oct. 31.

Reeve said volunteers "are the heart of the United Way" in helping to raise funds to assist the agencies.

Reeve also announced that the Pampa United Way has received an official autographed Miami Dolphins foot-

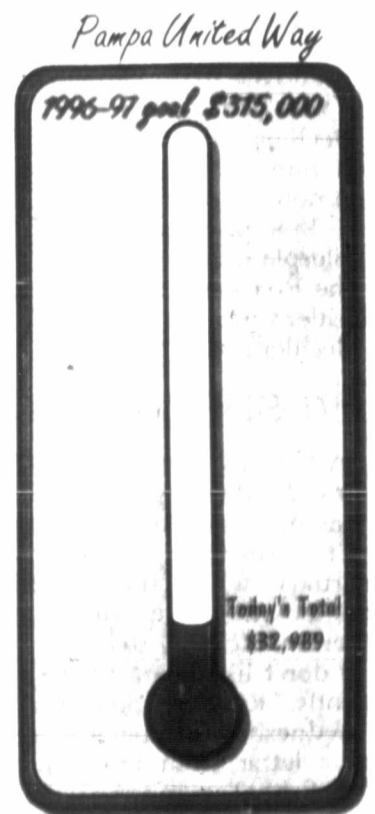
ball from Zach Thomas.

The football will be raffled off to raise funds for the United Way in Pampa. Reeve said the actual mechanism of the raffle will be decided later.

The football has an official certificate from the Miami Dolphins, listing the donated item's value as "priceless," Reeve said. The certificate will be returned to the Dolphins after the ball is awarded to the winner, but the winner will be given a copy of the certificate, he added.

Reeve also noted that cans are being placed in various stores throughout Pampa to allow people to donate extra change to the campaign. The cans also will serve as a reminder to people who might wish to donate to the United Way, he said.

Sponsoring the first check-in at the M.K. Brown Meeting Room of the Pampa Community Building were Genesis House, Pampa Community Day Care Center, Samaritan Pastoral Counseling Center and The Bridge.



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Services tomorrow

ANDERSON, Leonard E. (Gene) - 2 p.m., Miami High School auditorium, Miami.

Obituaries

JACK WESLEY RUSSELL

Jack Wesley Russell, 72, of Pampa, died Thursday, Oct. 3, 1996, at Amarillo. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Russell was born Sept. 21, 1924, at Oil City, Okla.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita, of the home; three daughters, Brenda Hoggard of San Francisco, Calif., and Diana Bush and Rita Folsom, both of Amarillo; three sisters, Joyce Rupp of Graham, Marge Smith of Duncan, Okla., and June Hubbard of Hereford; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

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

PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB

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

THEE PLACE

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

MOBILE MEALS

Mobile meals menu for Oct. 5 is baked chicken, carrots, spinach, bread, dessert.

LAKE McCLELLAN HERITAGE FEST

The first Lake McClellan Heritage Fest will be held Saturday, Oct. 5, with entertainment beginning at 11 a.m. at Lake McClellan. Free hamburgers will be served at noon by Lake McClellan Improvement Inc. with a dedication of a historical marker to George B. McClellan by the Gray County Historical Commission at 1 p.m. The public is invited to the lake for a day of fun and entertainment. For more information, call Marilyn Lewis at 669-7290.

SHRINERS BARBECUE

The Pampa Shrine Club will hold its annual Fall Bar-B-Que from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, at the Top O' Texas Sportsman's Club on South Barnes. For more information, call President James H. Lewis at 669-8056.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa:

Wheat	4.12	
Milo	4.50	
Corn	5.31	

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

Chevron	64 1/4	up 1/8
Coca Cola	49 1/8	up 1/4
Columbia/HCA	55 1/4	dn 1/4
Diamond Sham	30 3/4	up 1/8
Enron	40 1/2	up 1/8
Halliburton	54	up 1 1/4
Ingersoll Rand	45 3/4	dn 1 1/4
KNE	35 7/8	up 3/8
Kerr-McGee	62 3/4	up 5/8
Limited	19 1/4	dn 1/4
Mapco	30	up 1/4
McDonald's	46 3/4	up 1/4
Mobil	116 7/8	up 1
New Atmos	23 1/4	dn 1/8
Parker & Parsley	26 5/8	up 1/8
Phillips	53 1/4	dn 1/4
Phillips	42 3/8	up 1/4
SLB	88 1/4	up 3/8
SPS	33 3/8	up 1/4
Tenneco	50 1/8	dn 1/8
Texasco	94 1/2	up 1/2
Wal Mart	26 1/4	dn 1/8
New York Gold	380.60	
Silver	4.85	
West Texas Crude	24.75	

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

Magellan	76.94	
Puntan	16.62	

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

Amoco	71 3/4	up 7/8
Arco	128 1/4	up 1/4
Cabot	29	up 1/8
Cabot O&G	15 3/8	up 1/8

Correction

County commissioners elected Gray County Judge Richard Peet to serve on the board of Gray County Appraisal District for the term Jan. 1, 1997 through Dec. 31, 1998, during Thursday's meeting. Jim Greene, commissioner of Precinct 3, currently serves on the board. We apologize for the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

Police report

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

THURSDAY, Oct. 3

Suspected violation of narcotics drug laws was reported at Huff Road and Crawford at 10:28 a.m. Friday. Possession of marijuana under two ounces and possession of rolling papers was reported after a traffic stop was made.

A 10-year-old girl reported assault with injury at Horace Mann Elementary, 400 N. Faulkner, at 12:15 p.m. Sept. 30. A broken arm was reported.

A 1980 GMC pickup was reported stolen in the 1100 block of Sierra at 11 p.m. Wednesday. Value is \$3,000.

Theft of an air compressor, cubic zirconia ring, quarter-inch drill, drill, coffee can with bits and two sets of metric sockets were reported stolen in the 1100 block of Sierra. Total loss is \$260.

Criminal mischief to a carpet and pad valued at \$275 was reported in the 100 block of Lowry at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Arrest

THURSDAY, Oct. 3

Rosa Annette Jackson, 47, Amarillo, was arrested in the 1000 block of Huff Road on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Sheriff's Office

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

THURSDAY, Oct. 3

GCSO reported someone failing to identify as a fugitive in the 600 block of East Craven.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in McLean.

Stray animals were reported near Laketon.

Arrest

Gabriel Hernandez, 2600 N. Hobart, was arrested on a charge of violation of probation.

Mary Louise Sherman, 52, 604 E. Craven, was arrested on a charge of theft of property by check, failure to identify, issuance of bad check and eight charges of issuance of worthless checks.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls in the 24-hour period which ended at 7 a.m. today.

THURSDAY, Oct. 3

10:32 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to a residence.

11:09 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to High Plains Baptist Hospital.

11:29 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Russell on a welfare check. No patient was transported.

4:52 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of West Kingsmill on a possible trauma. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

8:04 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of South Nelson on a medical call. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

Fires

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

THURSDAY, Oct. 3

11:28 a.m. - Two units and four firefighters responded to a medical assistance call in the 1200 block of North Russell.

Emergency numbers

Energas	665-5777
SPS	669-7432
Water	669-5830

Allies consider extending troops in Bosnia

WASHINGTON (AP) - NATO allies should focus on preventing civilian massacres and a resumption of war in Bosnia, Germany's defense minister said today as he and top U.S. officials considered extending the allied troop presence in the Balkans.

"Obviously, we have achieved a lot," Defense Minister Volker Ruehe told reporters at the Pentagon. "But not enough to leave Yugoslavia totally... What we have to do is deter the return of the war and the return of massacres in the region."

Ruehe's meeting with Defense Secretary William Perry comes as the Clinton administration and NATO are weighing three options for extending the mission in Bosnia, possibly including an extended U.S. troop deployment.

Detering war or massacres might not require a continued ground force, however. Pentagon planners are considering ways that air power and a rapid-reaction force stationed in a nearby country could pose a sufficient threat to keep the warring factions from taking up arms.

With some lawmakers angry

that U.S. troops will not complete their withdrawal from Bosnia until mid-March, Perry and Gen. John Shalikashvili, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, outlined the plans and options to the Senate Armed Services Committee on Thursday.

For now, U.S. troops are heading - not out - of Bosnia. The Army is dispatching a 5,000-member "covering force" to maintain a presence while the main troop body of 15,000 troops gradually withdraws.

As of Dec. 20 - the date the Clinton administration originally billed as the end of the troop deployment - 10,000 soldiers still will be in Bosnia, Shalikashvili said. By Feb. 1 the force will be 7,500, with those leaving over the following six weeks.

"We need to retain a mission-capable force to ensure that we can, first and foremost, protect our soldiers properly until the very last day," Shalikashvili said.

What happens after that remains in question. European allies have floated proposals that would keep troops on the ground for an additional one to two years.

"I have not made up my mind" on what to recommend to President Clinton, Perry said. The basic question, he said, is whether a further deployment "is worth investing the resources, the time, the risk of being involved."

Perry described three options for future involvement in Bosnia:

- Total withdrawal. The administration would be satisfied to have restored peace during the time the NATO troops were deployed and would "hope for" but not guarantee peace after that.

- Deterrence. The United States would have air and possibly rapid-reaction ground forces in a neighboring country should fighting break out in Bosnia. The idea is that the threat of force would be enough to keep the peace.

- Deterrence and stabilization. This would require ground troops, not only to keep the peace but also to guarantee the movement of refugees and different ethnic groups throughout Bosnia.

Doug Cooper serving as district Scout executive

Bob McGinnis, Scout executive for the Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America, has announced the appointment of Doug Cooper to serve as district Scout executive for the Santa Fe District.

The Santa Fe District consists of the counties of Gray, Carson, Wheeler, Roberts, Hemphill, Armstrong, Donley, Collingsworth and Hall.

As the council staff representative in Pampa, Cooper will provide professional leadership to the district committees and coordinate all the available council support to the volunteers that lead the 42 Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops and Explorer posts in the district.

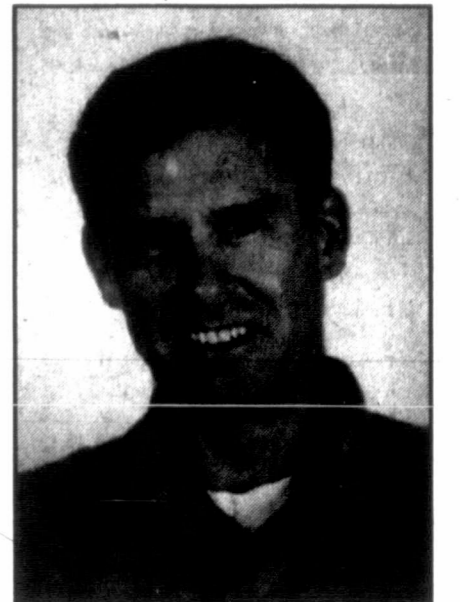
More than 1,200 youth members

will be reached by the scouting program this year, McGinnis said.

For the past four years, Cooper has taught junior high and senior high school in Austin and San Antonio. He also served 11 years as council program director for a Christian youth camp.

Cooper said he is very excited about his new position and working with the dedicated Scouters in the Santa Fe District. "I found children were not learning values, and I've watched scouting instill these values and believe no one does it better," Cooper said when asked why he chose scouting.

The Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts is one of the agencies assisted by funding from the Pampa United Way.



Doug Cooper

TEA extends review period for TEKS documents

The Texas Education Agency recently announced an extension to the review period for the second draft of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). This document will replace the current Essential Elements for state curriculum.

The extension lasts through Oct. 31 and means that teachers, other educators, parents and members of the community will

have more time to review and provide substantive recommendations for the TEKS.

In order to give all interested persons the opportunity to take advantage of the extension and to review the draft, Pampa Independent School District will have the TEKS available in the board room at Carver Center on Tuesday, Oct. 15, and Tuesday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If these dates are not convenient, residents are encouraged to call Carver for an appointment to review these documents.

The draft is also available on the Internet at: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/70/0/teks/index.htm>

Region XVI Service Center, 1601 S. Cleveland in Amarillo, will hold a public hearing on the TEKS Tuesday, Oct. 22, from 7-9 p.m.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Increasing cloudiness tonight with a low in the low 50s. Light southerly to southeasterly winds, and a 20 percent chance of showers. Saturday, variable cloudiness with a high near 80 and southerly to southwesterly winds 10-15 mph. Friday's high was 70; the overnight low was 53.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, cloudy southeast with a slight chance of light rain, otherwise partly cloudy. Lows 48 to 55. Saturday, mostly cloudy southeast, otherwise partly cloudy and warm. Highs in mid to upper 70s. Saturday night, mostly clear. Lows in mid 40s to mid 50s. South Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows in upper 40s to mid 50s. Saturday, partly

cloudy. Highs in upper 70s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in low 50s.

North Texas - Tonight, considerable cloudiness. Lows 60 to 64. Saturday, mostly cloudy north, cloudy south. Highs 77 to 83.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain or showers. Lows in the 60s to near 70. Saturday, cloudy with a scattered rain or showers. Highs in mid 70s to near 80.

Upper Coast: Tonight, mostly cloudy with increasing chances of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in low 70s coast to upper 60s inland. Saturday, cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs in low 80s. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Coastal flood warning is in effect. Tonight, cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms.

Lows in low and mid 70s. Saturday, cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Windy near the coast. Highs near 80 east, low 80s west.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Tonight, partly cloudy north and east. A slight chance for showers and a few evening thunderstorms north. Mostly fair skies southwest. Lows in the 30s to mid 40s mountains with mid 40s and 50s at lower elevations. Saturday, partly cloudy. A little warmer most areas. Slight chance for showers northern mountains and near the southern border. Highs in the 60s to mid 70s mountains and north with mid 70s to low 80s south.

Oklahoma - Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows in the 50s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs 75 to 80.

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Mann

At issue is a 65-page packet containing arrest reports, an investigation report from the Texas Railroad Commission and a petition for divorce filed by Cindy Roach in Roberts County. "Evidently a restraining order [was filed against Rick Roach] as part of that," Mechler said. "I have personally spoken to Mrs. Roach... and she said her husband has never harmed her in any way," he continued. Mechler said attorneys have told him restraining orders are common in divorce filings and that this particular order had "boilerplate language." The Roaches are still married, Mechler said. Mechler's complaint also says

Freedom of Information requests for the documents were filed by Assistant District Attorney Tracy Jennings.

"It's our position that it's suspicious that the assistant district attorney is requesting this stuff and may be doing this on county time," Mechler said.

Jennings flatly denied that she had made any requests in her capacity as assistant district attorney.

"They were filed by me in my capacity as a private individual. Freedom of Information Act [material] is available to everybody that makes a request, not just law enforcement officials," she said.

She further said that none of the requests were made on district attorney letterheads nor done on county time.

Roach was arrested and indicted

on a charge of oilfield theft in 1988 in Breckenridge. The indictment was dismissed three years later following what Roach calls a settlement payment but court records refer to as a restitution payment of \$2,415.46.

Roach is pursuing an expunction, or destruction, of records pertaining to the indictment.

Court documents and investigation papers pertaining to Roach's arrest and indictment are the heart of what Mechler says is the illegally distributed campaign material.

Roach currently serves as Roberts County Attorney.

Mann and Roach are vying for the district attorney for the 31st Judicial District, encompassing Lipscomb, Hemphill, Wheeler, Roberts and Gray counties. The election is Nov. 5.

Girl suspended until February for giving Midol tablet

FAIRBORN, Ohio (AP) - A 14-year-old girl who gave a Midol to a classmate said it's not fair she can't return to school until February when the classmate who took the tablet was allowed to return to class Thursday. "I don't like being treated differently," Kimberly Smartt said.

Wednesday, Kimberly said she got a letter from Baker Junior High School saying she won't be allowed back to school until Feb. 12 for "transmission of a drug."

Kimberly already had been suspended for 10 days for violating the suburban Dayton school's code of conduct by giving a Midol tablet to 13-year-old Erica Taylor on Sept. 6.

Erica also was suspended for 10 days for possession of the Midol, but returned to school Thursday after nine days when she agreed to take part in a drug counseling and education session.

Kimberly said school officials never made her aware of the

counseling option.

Steve Clifton, superintendent of Fairborn City Schools, declined to comment on the case.

However, he said the school district's drug policy differentiates between possession and transmission and that drug transmissions are "treated severely and most generally through expulsion."

The policy does not distinguish between legal and illegal, or prescription and nonprescription drugs.

City briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

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

STOKES BARN Jubilee - North Fork Band, Saturday 5th, meal 7 p.m., band 8 p.m. Hwy. 60 East, across from Schwan's. 665-0190, 665-7896 leave message. Adv.

PAMPA SHRINE Club Spring Bar-B-Que, Sunday October 6th, 11-2 p.m. Sportsman Club on S. Barnes, take-outs available. Adv.

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GOP nominee to focus on delivery, style during upcoming debates

BAL HARBOUR, Fla. (AP) — Facing down President Clinton on the debate stage could well put Bob Dole's lagging campaign onto a winning upswing. With stakes that high, Dole's nerves are showing.

"I hope I don't miss it," Dole halfheartedly joked of Sunday's leadoff debate in Hartford, Conn. "No, I'll be there."

He'll take with him a list of do's and don'ts from aides and advisers:

—Do paint Clinton as a tax-and-spend liberal committed to big government.

—Do stick him with the blame for increased drug use by teenagers.

—Do remind voters of Clinton's broken 1992 tax-cut promise and convince them you would be different.

—Do raise questions of "character," but without appearing negative or mean-spirited.

—Don't dwell on your decades-long record in the Senate.

The slim profile of Dole's lone black briefing book betrays his mastery of policy minutiae after a 35-year congressional career. So it was delivery and style that worried the GOP presidential nominee, who's known for his stiff speech, broken syntax and flat Kansas cadence.

Heading Thursday to the small 12th-floor condominium that is his Florida haven, Dole appeared preoccupied by his opponent's reputation to the contrary: "I read so much about this guy — how good he is — I'm not too anxious to get up there."

As Dole hunkered down today for a final burst of debate rehearsals, his self-deprecating one-liners were a promising sign to advisers who worried the former senator might come across as dour up against Clinton.

"I want to see the wit and wisdom that I know him to have — the warmth," said former Sen. Howard Baker, who campaigned with Dole Thursday. "After all, that's been his stock in trade for 30 years almost."

Dole was to practice today on Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson, the former movie actor who played Clinton in Dole's two other mock debates this week. With press secretary Nelson Warfield playing the part of moderator Jim Lehrer, the entire cast was rehearsing in a first-floor ballroom of the Miami-area hotel where Dole's wife owns an apartment.

For weeks, Dole has studied videotapes of Clinton in the 1992 debates with then-President Bush and Ross Perot.

And on Thursday, Dole made clear that he would make credibility an issue now that it's his turn. Clinton "may be a better talker, and I may be a plain talker, but what I say you can believe and that's a big, big difference," Dole told an Atlanta rally.

Clinton aides believe their boss is most vulnerable to questions about Whitewater-related controversies, his integrity, drug policies and taxes, and Republicans gave every sign those issues would be aired.

Piecemakers donations



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

The Panhandle Piecemakers Quilting Guild recently made donations to three Pampa nonprofit agencies from money raised from the 1996 quilt show and raffle quilt. From left are Nancy Looper, Pampa Senior Citizens Center representative; Darlene Vespestad, Piecemakers vice president; Bea Wortham, Southside Senior Citizens Center representative; Susie Edwards, Piecemakers quilt show chairperson; Barbara Kirkham, Pampa Community Day Care Center representative; and Vallie Futch, Piecemakers president. The guild made donations of \$250 each to Pampa Senior Citizens Center, Southside Senior Citizens Center and Pampa Community Day Care Center.

Colorado considers taxing churches, charities — outcome in voters hands

By HELEN O'NEILL
Associated Press Writer

At St. Rose of Lima in the heart of Denver, the Rev. Jim Brennan ruefully wonders how his parish will survive if voters decide to tax his church.

"We're fighting for our life," says the Roman Catholic priest of the ballot proposal that he estimates could cost his inner-city church \$35,000 in property taxes. "We will have to close the church and the school."

St. Rose's isn't the only religious community that is praying for voters to say "no."

Tax-exempt status for churches and charities — long considered an American tradition — is under fire in Colorado, where voters will consider a constitutional amendment that would tax the properties of nonprofit organizations for the first time.

"It's a matter of drawing the line," says John Patrick Murphy, a Colorado Springs lawyer, who led the petition drive to put the issue on the ballot. "If I can't

walk past it and sleep at night — like a homeless child or a sick elderly person — it is a duty, and should be supported. But government should not be in the business of subsidizing churches, charities and clubs."

If Amendment 11 passes, Colorado would be the first state in the country to require its nonprofit institutions, including churches, the Boy Scouts and the Elks Lodge, to pay property taxes.

Orphanages, public schools, homeless shelters, housing for the elderly poor and the disabled, and hospices would remain exempt.

The proposal has prompted some of the most emotional debates in Colorado this election — and some of the most unlikely alliances. "Don't hurt the helper" lawn signs are popping up all over the state, planted by such diverse groups as Planned Parenthood and the Catholic Church.

"Everyone is threatened by this," Chris Paulson, campaign chairman of Citizen Action for Colorado Nonprofits. "How does society benefit by having

less charity and less religion?"

If the measure passes, about 7,500 properties would be added to the tax rolls, the state says. At least \$70 million in additional property taxes would be collected — an estimate the state says is low because properties belonging to charitable and religious groups haven't been evaluated in years.

The outcome is being closely watched in other states, where a variety of more traditional tax measures dot the ballots.

In Oregon, voters are being asked to consider a strict "cut and cap" proposal that would roll back property taxes by ten percent in the 1997-98 fiscal year and then limit increases to no more than three percent a year.

Gun advocate brings past into campaign

COPPERAS COVE, Texas (AP) — Suzanna Gratia Hupp isn't a one-issue candidate. But one issue brings lots of attention as she campaigns for the Texas House of Representatives.

Five years ago, Hupp was having lunch with her parents at the Luby's Cafeteria in nearby Killeen when George Hennard crashed his pickup truck into the dining room, leaped out and opened fire.

Al and Ursula Gratia were among Hennard's 23 victims in the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history. Their daughter's own gun was 100 yards away, in her car, as then required by state law. Had it been in her purse, she says she might have stopped him.

"The next day, I said I was not really mad at the guy that did it. We're talking about somebody that went insane. But I was mad at my legislators because they legislated me out of the right to protect myself and my family."

After the tragedy, she became a vocal supporter of the right to carry concealed weapons. And when the Texas Legislature debated the issue last year, Hupp was an effective advocate.

At a committee hearing, she walked around the table, holding her fingers like a gun and pointing at senators. When she came to one opponent, she asked the lawmaker, "If this were you, would you like (the person next to you) to have a concealed weapon at this point or not?"

The law passed. Hupp is, among the 100,000 Texans now licensed to carry. She has testified before state legislatures from Hawaii to Pennsylvania.

"The gun issue is certainly what put me in the limelight and apparently gave voice to a lot of people's views and what a lot of people were thinking," she said.

"People began to come to me and say, 'Since you're so good at this why don't you go down there' (to the Capitol) and pound on them about such-and-such an issue. It doesn't take long and they're asking you to run for this or that."

Mrs. Hupp, 37, is a chiropractor in Copperas Cove, a few miles from Killeen. She and her husband also raise Arabian horses on a ranch in Lampasas.

Seven-year-old Oregon girl relates kidnapping, subsequent shooting

ROSEBURG, Ore. (AP) — Seven-year-old Kristina Jacobson hugged two new teddy bears and arranged her candies by color on a hospital blanket, apparently unfazed by seeing police kill her kidnapper after a wild 100-mile car chase.

The gunman was shot in the head as he sat with Kristina in an overturned car on the median of Interstate 5 in southern Oregon.

"I can still picture him right in my head when he died. From here and up the head was off," Kristina told The Associated Press a few hours after the ordeal, pointing to her forehead.

Kristina said she used her Bambi book to smash a window after the man was killed because she didn't want the kidnapper's blood to get on her sun dress.

The man, Lance Sterling Alexander, 25, abducted the girl at gunpoint from a day-care home Thursday and led police on a chase at speeds up to 110 mph while shooting at other drivers, authorities said. The 100-mile chase ended after

Alexander's car ran over spikes set up by police and flipped over.

Before a police sharpshooter killed him with a single shot, Alexander negotiated with police for about an hour while holding a gun to the girl.

Kristina, a second-grader from Salem with long curly brown hair and a sparkling smile, spent 3 1/2 terrifying hours with the gunman after he forced his way into the day-care center where her parents left her. She was bound with tape.

"He had this little silver gun he put up on my head," Kristina said. "He said if I don't behave, he will put me in the trunk or shoot me."

"I was crying and asking him lots of questions. Where are you going to drop me off? When are you going to drop me off?"

Kristina spoke with the AP from a bed in a hospital emergency room, where she was treated for three small metal fragments in her right leg from the crash. She later went home with her parents.

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Texas Editorials

Austin American-Statesman on initiative and referendum: Initiative and referendum laws are notable primarily for the mischief they have allowed over the years in states from California to Florida.

Initiatives placed the anti-affirmative action measure on the ballot in California, an issue that has bitterly divided that state. An initiative also developed the law in Colorado limiting homosexual rights, a law recently ruled unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Initiatives, which give voters a direct voice in passing laws, frequently are problematic because they are divisive, mean or illegal. An initiative is also a way for special interests to skirt the studios, contemplative legislative process.

Initiatives and referendums, which allow voters to repeal laws directly, are often popular because they are visceral. They give vent to voter frustration and anger.

Avoiding legislative contemplation and negotiation may appeal to voter frustration, but it does not serve the state well. Representative democracy has evolved over the centuries because it gives a voice but is deliberate enough to turn down the heat so emotional issues can get a long look.

Although a number of state officials, including Gov. George W. Bush, say they are inclined to support initiative and referendum, none seem devoted to it. Before that support results in approval of a law providing for it, the legislators and the governor should study the effects of initiative and referendum in other states.

They will find that representative democracy works better for Texas than initiative and referendum.

El Paso Herald-Post on lack of progress in the Republican Congress:

When President Clinton said in January that the era of big government was over, it looked to many like he had abandoned the Democrats and adopted Republican philosophy. Take a close look today, though, and what you see is Republicans jumping the GOP ship and swimming from all they're worth to Democratic shores.

The Republican Congress — as politically embattled today as Clinton was when he first started edging away from ambitious programs and indulging in more conservative rhetoric — has recently passed any number of feel-good measures advocated by Democrats, but without resort to taxes. Instead, Congress is imposing their multimillion-dollar costs on businesses.

This regulatory burden — which translates into fewer jobs and less wealth for Americans — was the sort of thing Republicans were planning to attack not so long ago. Don't look for their help today, at least not until after the November election. Now they're part of the problem.

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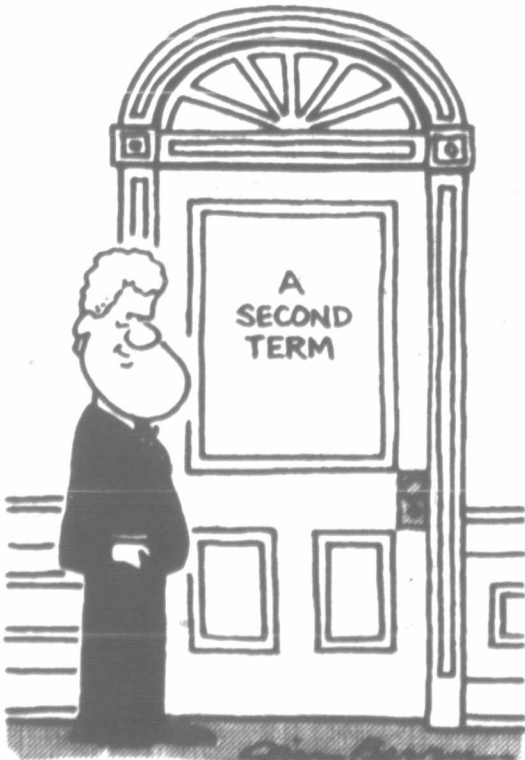
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Look for governors for 2000

Bob Dole is far from out of the presidential race. And it is hardly inconceivable that he will make up his 8- to 16-point deficit in the polls in the six weeks remaining until Election Day.

But in the event that the Republican standard-bearer falls shy, it is not too early for the GOP faithful to start looking ahead to 2000.

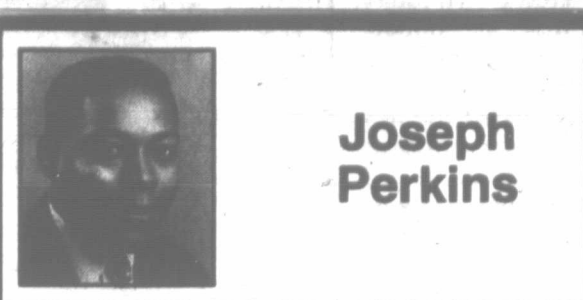
Indeed, if Bill Clinton is returned to the White House this November and the presidential race is wide open four years from now, the Republicans have several rising stars within their ranks to take on Al Gore (presumably) or Dick Gephardt or some other Democrat.

Most of the names are familiar.

New Jersey governor Christine Todd Whitman rose to prominence in 1993 by upsetting incumbent Democrat Jim Florio. Her claim to much deserved fame is that she promised to cut state taxes by 30 percent — which critics dismissed as nothing more than a campaign ploy — and she made good.

Wisconsin governor Tommy Thompson has done more to advance welfare reform than any political figure in the nation. During his first six years in office, he shrank his state's welfare rolls by 17%, a remarkable achievement considering that all but two other states had rising caseloads. He was among the first governors to impose a work-for-welfare requirement and the first to set a two-year limit on welfare benefits.

Michigan governor John Engler inherited one of the worst state economies in the country from his Democratic predecessor, Jim Blanchard. But the fiscally conservative Engler wiped out Michigan's \$1.8 billion deficit, balanced the state budget five years in a row, cut taxes 21 times and downsized the state's bureaucracy.



Joseph Perkins

Any one of these three GOP governors would be a formidable presidential candidate in 2000, but the Republican who may emerge as the man (or woman) to beat is New York's governor George Pataki. While he has yet to earn national visibility, he is building a record that compares favorably with that of any governor in the country.

Pataki proved his political mettle in 1994 when he vanquished three-term incumbent Mario Cuomo, making up a nine-point deficit in the polls in the final week of the gubernatorial campaign.

Pataki's transformation of the high-tax, high-crime, over regulated welfare state of New York into a model of conservative governance is only slightly less dramatic than the conversion of the Communist Soviet Union into democratic republics.

During his first year in Albany, Pataki pared taxes 25 percent for three-fourths of New York's taxpayers (after originally seeking an across-the-board tax cut). Combined with his second year tax cut, Pataki will spare New Yorkers \$2 billion annually in taxes. And the governor is not through yet. "We will lead the nation in tax cuts in 1997," he promises.

Disproving the Clintonesque myth that you

can't cut taxes and balance the budget at the same time, Pataki actually shrank the state budget in year one of his governorship. That was the first time that New York had actually reduced state spending in more than four decades. By Pataki's second year in Albany, the state was spending \$500 million less than during the final year of the Cuomo administration.

In complete contrast with the solons in Washington who've never met a regulation they didn't like, Pataki persuaded his state legislature to pass a reform requiring both risk assessment and cost-benefit analysis before a new regulation is added to the state's books.

New York's governor has been similarly active on welfare, reducing the state rolls by 200,000 even before Congress (and the reluctant president) granted the states wider latitude to undertake reforms.

Pataki also has converted New York from a state that was soft on crime to one in which law and order prevails. Indeed, one of his first orders of business after inauguration was to sign the death penalty into law, after 18 years of vetoes by his Democratic predecessors Cuomo and Hugh Carey.

Finally, the Republican governor has taken on New York's notoriously liberal judges, who have proven themselves over the years to be more sympathetic to the state's violent criminals than to their victims.

As a good party soldier, he has not allowed his thoughts to drift beyond the 1996 presidential race. He genuinely wants Bob Dole to win in November. But, again, if Dole is unable to deny Clinton a second term, Pataki becomes one of the front-runners for the Republican presidential nomination in 2000.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Oct. 4, the 278th day of 1996. There are 88 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 4, 1957, the Space Age began as the Soviet Union launched Sputnik, the first man-made satellite, into orbit.

On this date:

In 1777, George Washington's troops launched an assault on the British at Germantown, Pa., resulting in heavy American casualties.

In 1822, the 19th president of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes, was born in Delaware, Ohio.

In 1895, silent film comedian Buster Keaton was born in Piqua, Kan.

In 1895, the first U.S. Open golf

tournament was held, at the Newport Country Club in Rhode Island.

In 1931, the comic strip "Dick Tracy," created by Chester Gould, made its debut.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini conferred at Brenner Pass in the Alps, where the Nazi leader sought Italy's help in fighting the British.

In 1958, the first trans-Atlantic passenger jetliner service was begun by British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC) with flights between London and New York.

In 1965, Pope Paul VI became the first reigning pontiff to visit the Western Hemisphere, as he addressed the U.N. General Assembly.

In 1970, rock singer Janis Joplin, 27, was found dead in her Hollywood hotel room.

In 1976, agriculture secretary Earl Butz resigned in the wake of a controversy over a joke he'd made about blacks.

In 1985, Islamic Jihad issued a statement saying it had killed American hostage William Buckley. (Fellow hostage David Jacobsen, however, later said he believed Buckley had died of torture injuries four months earlier.)

Ten years ago: The Soviet Union informed the United States that a fire had broken out aboard a Soviet nuclear submarine in the Atlantic Ocean, but that there was no danger of an explosion or radiation leakage.

Five years ago: In Madrid, Spain, 26 nations, including the United States, signed the Antarctic Treaty, which imposed a 50-year ban on oil exploration and mining in Antarctica.

One year ago: Pope John Paul II, proclaiming himself "a pilgrim of peace," arrived in the United States for a five-day visit. Hurricane Opal battered the Florida Panhandle.

Today's Birthdays: Critic Brendan Gill is 82. Comedian Jan Murray is 79. Actor Charlton Heston is 72. Country singer Leroy Van Dyke is 67. Author Jackie Collins is 55. Actor Clifton Davis is 51. Actress Susan Sarandon is 50. Actor Armand Assante is 47. Musician Chris Lowe (The Pet Shop Boys) is 37. Actress Alicia Silverstone is 20.

Senate races look good for GOP

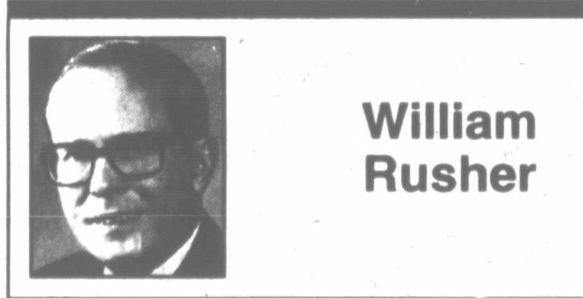
Republicans discouraged by the poll results in the presidential race ought not to forget that the debates are still ahead — two between Clinton and Dole, and one between Kemp and Gore. No doubt Clinton's famous glibness makes him the favorite, but these debates are notoriously tricky things. Just one blunder by the Boy Wonder, and it could suddenly become a brand new ball game.

Meanwhile, Republicans are entitled to take very considerable encouragement from developments in two crucial Senate races.

The Democrats' hopes of taking control of the U.S. Senate aren't realistically very high, but such as they are they depend on ousting vulnerable Republicans who must run for re-election this year, while holding on to the seats that are now held by Democrats.

In particular, they have hoped that Republican veteran Jesse Helms of North Carolina could be toppled by Harvey Gantt, a popular black politician who ran against him unsuccessfully six years ago and won this year's primary in a second bid. Liberals, especially media liberals, tend to make the mistake of assuming that just because they detest some particular conservative intensely, the public at large can't possibly like him very much. Senator Helms has headed the liberals' senatorial Hate List for decades, and was therefore assumed to be a pushover whose defeat would narrow the gap between the parties in the Senate.

But the good people of North Carolina have a



William Rusher

different view. They know that their senior senator is one of the powerhouses of the U.S. Senate, and by conservative standards practically a national treasure. They have elected him to four six year terms, and recent polls indicate that they are about to elect him to a fifth. There could be no better news.

Meanwhile, down in Louisiana, longtime Democratic Senator Bennett Johnston is retiring. Much, therefore (from a Democratic standpoint), depends on holding onto that seat. Alas, their prospects have just gotten substantially dimmer.

Louisiana has a peculiar primary system, in which everybody — Republicans, Democrats, even David Duke — run against each other, and the general election in November becomes in effect a run-off between the two candidates who emerge from the primary with the most votes.

This year just two Democrats, but seven Republicans, were in the primary. The betting was that the Republicans would split their vote

seven ways from Sunday, leaving the two Democrats — former State Treasurer Mary Landrieu and Attorney General Richard Ieyoub — to face each other on Nov. 5, thereby guaranteeing that a Democrat would hold the seat. The polls confirmed this, showing the two Democrats comfortably ahead of the Republican pack.

But lo and behold, on primary day (Sept. 21), one of the Republican candidates — State Representative Woody Jenkins — outpolled both Democrats, winning 26 percent of the total vote to 21 percent for Landrieu and 20 percent for Ieyoub, with the rest of the Republican field bringing up the rear. So it will be Jenkins vs. Landrieu on Nov. 5, and Republican chances of capturing the seat from the Democrats have suddenly improved hugely.

As it happens, I have known Woody Jenkins for over 30 years. He is tremendously impressive, solidly conservative, unbelievably persistent (he even challenged the formidable Bennett Johnston six years ago), and has the cutest and smartest wife in American politics. My guess — based, I admit, on instinct rather than polls or inside knowledge — is that he is going to run rings around Ms. Landrieu.

The prospects for the Senate races in North Carolina and Louisiana make it far harder for the Democrats to pretend they have any serious hope of taking control of the Senate this year. And that fact means almost as much to the determination of America's future course as the battle between Bill Clinton and Bob Dole.

Have pols learned their lessons?

Walter Mears
AP Special Correspondent

To hear the Republican leaders of Congress, Democrats and President Clinton tell it, they've all learned the lessons of their own political reversals and know better ways to get things done next time.

No government shutdowns like those that backed up the GOP and marked the beginning of Clinton's comeback from the doldrums of off-year defeat.

No Democratic left turns, Clinton said, because his party was sobered by the loss of Congress and now has a better focus on the future.

The president not only disputed Bob Dole's attempts to mark him a liberal, he claimed that he should be getting conservative credits for reducing budget deficits for four years in a row.

He's campaigning for a balanced budget within seven years, another lesson learned although not acknowledged, since Republicans pushed that first, and it boosted them in the last campaign.

Clinton in campaign speeches and interviews, and congressional leaders in their televised debate Sunday night, all have been talking about what's been learned in the past two years of divided government.

While Republicans in that PBS debate spoke periodically of getting more achieved with Dole as president next year, they often sounded as though they expect to keep control and to be dealing with a re-elected Clinton.

Pragmatic, bipartisan settlements were the style as the first Republican Congress in 40 years prepared to adjourn for the final five weeks of the campaign, with both parties claiming credits. Republicans said they'd delivered \$53 billion in federal budget savings over the next two

years; the White House won about \$6.5 billion for programs Clinton sought, and compromise on disputed points in a tough immigration bill that will be a presidential campaign issue.

Indeed, to the frustration of the Dole camp, Clinton is taking campaign credit for measures produced by the Republican Congress, notably the welfare overhaul that ends federally-guaranteed assistance. He points also to the new law that insures health insurance coverage for people who change jobs, even those with medical problems. Another health care law entitles new mothers to at least 48 hours of insured hospitalization.

Two more lessons. Clinton promised to end the current welfare system when he ran in 1992, but shelved that in favor of his massive plan for universal health insurance, shunning more limited steps. Those were two points in the GOP campaign that cast him as a big government liberal two years ago.

"I think the Democratic Party was sobered by what happened in the '94 elections," Clinton said in a PBS interview, "and I believe we have a high degree of focus on the future."

As sobering for Republicans was the plunge in their standing after the partial government shutdowns that followed Clinton's vetoes of their 1995 budgets over sharp cuts in spending and disputed tax reductions. They were blamed, and Clinton gained political headway.

"I think we did learn a lot on that," House

Speaker Newt Gingrich said of the shutdowns. "And I think it's a tribute to the bipartisan way that we have passed things recently that we have learned a lot."

"Gridlock is a loser for everybody," said Sen. Trent Lott, the majority leader.

Especially for Republicans in 1995, so Democratic leaders repeatedly raised the government shutdowns during the Williamsburg debate, calling it irresponsible and a waste of \$1.4 billion.

"For our part we will never, ever shut the government down," said Rep. Richard A. Gephardt, the minority leader. But there were shutdowns in budget disputes when the Democrats controlled Congress and Republicans held the White House.

In these budget negotiations, Clinton's chief of staff said, the White House had leverage in bargaining with Republicans because of what happened before. "They did not want to repeat the same mistakes that had been made," Leon Panetta said.

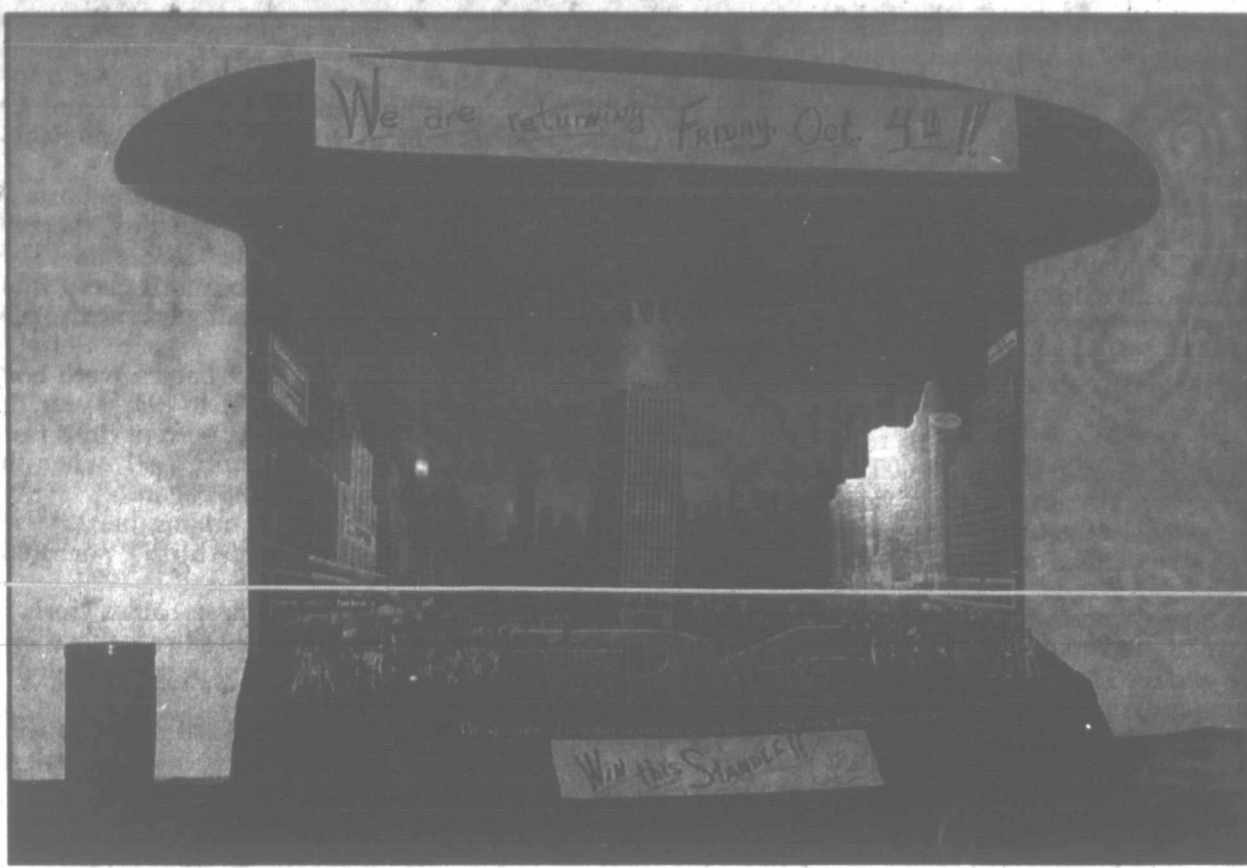
Lott said the pressure of the campaign calendar, and prior Clinton vetoes of Republican budgets, led to compromises, but that the overall record is one of productivity and progress toward GOP goals.

"We learned as we went along," Lott said of his first months as majority leader, successor to Dole. He said there's more to be done next year, "but we need a president that will work with us."

Clinton said he needs "a Congress that agrees with me ..."

"What I want is like-minded people," he said. "I hope in my second term I'll get more Republicans to work with me."

'Independence Day' display



(Pampa News photo by Skyla Bryant)

Cinema IV will be offering a chance for some film enthusiast to win the *Independence Day* 4 lobby standee, pictured above. Chances are \$1 each, with Cinema IV matching each dollar; all proceeds from the drawing will go to the winner's favorite charity, whether it be church, school, scouts or organization, according to Cinema IV manager Lyndon Craven. Craven said drawing forms are available at the theater, with a space to list the charity. The drawing will be held at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 21. Winners need not be present to win.

GOP launches campaign to counter AFL-CIO

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a sharply worded counterattack against the AFL-CIO, Republicans are launching a television advertising campaign accusing organized labor of "spreading big lies in order to buy their control of Congress."

"The big labor bosses. Big money. Big Lies. Big liberals," says the announcer in the commercial, expected to begin airing today in about 25 television markets around the country.

Ed Gillespie, communications director for the Republican National Committee, said the GOP would spend millions of dollars, or "enough to counter" the commercials aired against

GOP incumbents this year by organized labor. The AFL-CIO has vowed to spend \$35 million in an effort to topple the Republican majority of the House.

Democrats need to gain 18 seats this fall to retake control of the House, which they lost to Republicans in 1994 for the first time in 40 years. They and their allies have targeted much of their campaign effort against the 74 GOP freshmen.

Republican National Committee Chairman Haley Barbour and Rep. Bill Paxton, chairman of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, were unveiling the commercial today at a news

conference. Gillespie said it would be the first in a series of ads, likely to remain on the air through Election Day, as Republicans try to combat the damage done to their candidates by organized labor.

The commercials are beginning at an important time in the campaign.

Congress has just wrapped up its work for the year, meaning that lawmakers are now free to campaign full time.

In addition, many Republicans have more campaign money available than their Democratic challengers and are beginning to air their own advertisements for the first time this year.

Clarendon College has art classes at Pampa Center

CLARENDON — Several art classes are being offered this semester at the Clarendon College Pampa Center.

Individuals have the opportunity to take either Oil Painting and Drawing or Beginning Painting and Drawing classes. Beginning Painting and Drawing does not have a prerequisite and accepts students of any skill level.

The classes are taught by Jo Beth Shelley, CC fine arts instructor. The classes possess the ability to combine both beginner and more experienced artists.

"On Wednesday, the Introduction to Oil Painting and Oil Painting classes are combined," Shelley said. "This gives students the opportunity to

exchange ideas and learn from each other."

According to Shelley, subject matter is not limited, thus allowing the painter the freedom to choose images which are of personal interest.

On Wednesday evenings, Drawing I is offered to those who wish to learn about basic drawing skills and different techniques. Classwork is generally done in unison, while work done outside of class emphasizes personal expression.

Clarendon College fine arts classes are open to anyone. Many choose to audit the courses, enjoying the studio space and company of other artists without the pressure or necessity of grades. Of course, for those students simply needing a fine art credit as part of their degree plan, these classes open up new areas of exploration.

For more information about Oil Painting or Drawing I at the CC-Pampa Center, call (806) 665-8801.

State briefs

State child support collections up 20 percent

AUSTIN (AP) — The state child support program collected more than \$619 million in the recently ended fiscal year, up from \$514 million the year before, Texas Attorney General Dan Morales said.

"These accomplishments translate into food, clothing, housing, and education for children who might otherwise be without those basic needs," he said.

In the 1996 fiscal year, which ended Aug. 31, the child support program established paternity for almost 44,000 children and obtained more than 45,000 court orders for support, Morales said Thursday.

His office is responsible for locating parents and establishing paternity in state ordered child support cases.

In more than 300,000 of about 800,000 current cases, the legal identity of one parent has not been established, Morales said. In those cases, the attorney gener-

al's office has to track down the parent before child support can be ordered, he said.

Man sentenced to life for raping stepdaughter

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas man has been sentenced to life in prison for having sex with his stepdaughter when she was ten years old.

The girl, who is now 13, is one of two sisters who say they were sexually assaulted on repeated occasions by Richard Sanchez, Jr., 40. He must serve at least 30 years before he is eligible to seek parole.

The victim's older sister, now 15, has told officers her stepfather raped her and ordered her to have a Norplant birth-control device surgically implanted in her arm.

The 13-year-old victim showed little emotion Thursday when District Judge Mike Keasler announced the sentence.

Prosecutors, who had asked for a life sentence, said they were pleased with the punishment.

Ross Perot loses bid for more TV time

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Communications Commission has rejected Ross Perot's request to force the major TV networks to sell his presidential campaign more commercial air time.

In a 4-0 vote Thursday, the FCC said the networks have provided Perot with adequate access to airwaves by selling his Reform Party campaign blocks of time during prime-time programming.

In his FCC petition, the Texas billionaire complained he hasn't been able to buy desirable broadcast times for his 30-minute infomercials — a staple of his campaign — during the fall TV season.

Meanwhile, Perot and the Natural Law Party's presidential candidate are waiting to hear if a federal appeals court will overturn a lower court decision keeping them out of the debates with the two major party candidates.

North Fork Band at Stokes Barn

The Stokes Barn will present The North Fork Band on Saturday in a night of country, traditional and gospel music.

The entertainment will begin at 8 p.m. at the barn, located east on Hwy. 60 past Schwan's warehouse.

For those wanting to come

early to eat before the show, a chili supper will begin at 7 p.m., featuring chili with all the fixings and sourdough cobbler.

Admission to the show, held in an alcohol-free facility, is \$5 a person, and the supper is \$6 a person.

For more information, call 665-0190 or 665-7896.

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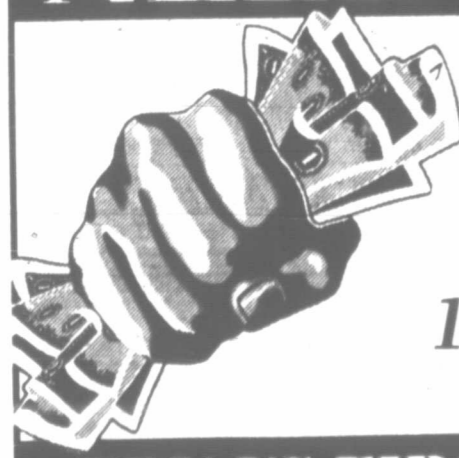
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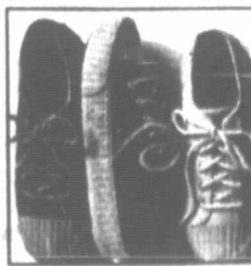
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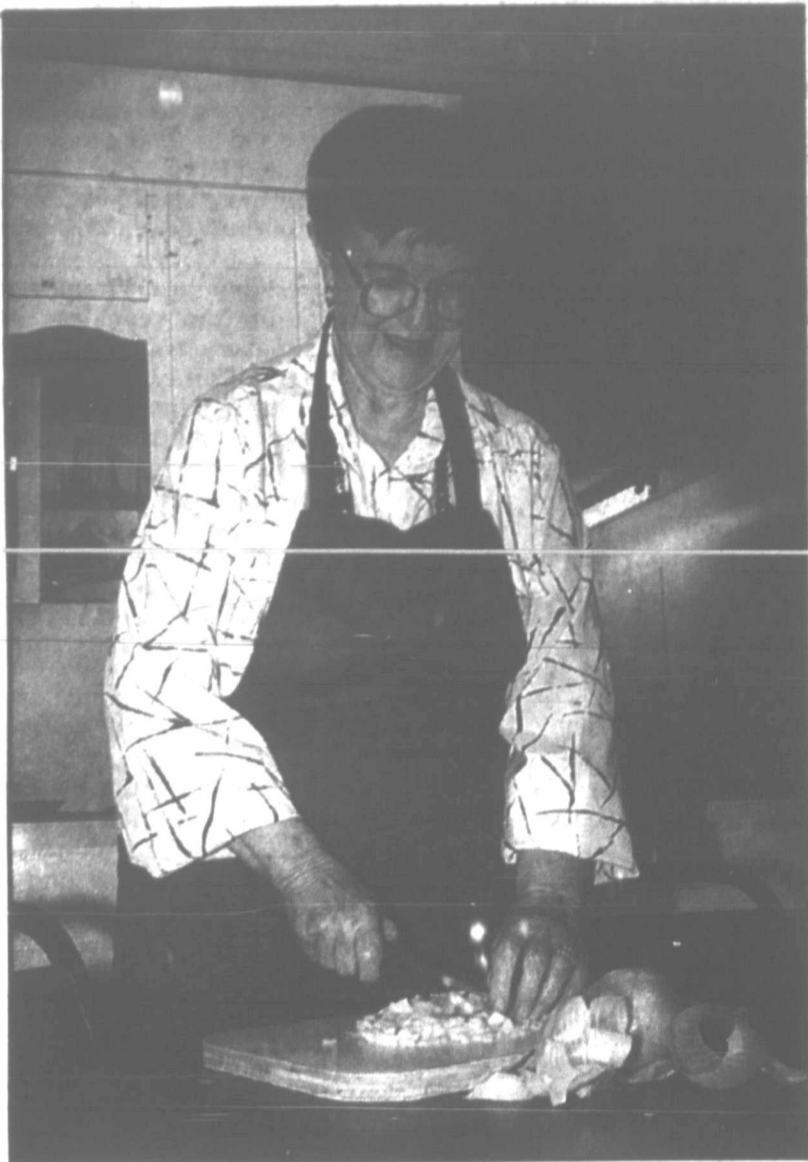
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Barbecue preparations



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Peggy Soukup slices up onions in preparation for Sunday's annual Fall Bar-B-Que fund-raiser for the Pampa Shrine Club. The meal will be served at the Top O' Texas Sportsman's Club on South Barnes from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Adult tickets are \$6, children's tickets are \$3 and children 5 and under are free. Proceeds are used for the transportation cost to and from the Shrine hospitals for burned and crippled children.

Authorities say teen killed in date rape death took drug voluntarily

EL PASO (AP) - Two El Paso teenage girls who were gang-raped last month had voluntarily taken a so-called date rape pill earlier in the evening, officials say.

"They thought it was just a way to get high," police sex-crimes detective Millie Hinojos said Wednesday.

Thelma Rascon, 15, died last month following a party at a downtown hotel during which a 16-year-old girl was also sexually assaulted.

Police are awaiting a full toxicology report to confirm how much of the tranquilizer Rascon took. They say Rascon had also been taking other drugs and drinking beer.

Five men charged with aggravated sexual assault in the Sept. 16 attacks also were under the influence of the same mix of drugs and alcohol as the victims, Hinojos said.

Rascon's death was the second in Texas to be linked to so-called date-rape drugs, which get their name because they are sometimes used to incapacitate women so they can more

easily be overcome sexually.

"We are right at the beginning of the trend locally," said Liz Suarez-Call, victim services and volunteer coordinator for the Rape Crisis Center of El Paso.

Hillery Farias, a 17-year-old high school student, died in August near Houston after someone apparently slipped the depressant Gamma y-hydroxybutyrate, also known as GHB or Easy Lay, into her soft drink.

It is almost impossible to overdose on Rohypnol by itself, said Joe Rico, pharmacist at the West Texas Poison Control Center. "Only when you combine it with alcohol, other drugs, that's when it becomes lethal," he said.

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Feds report fewer out-of-wedlock births

WASHINGTON (AP) - The government reported some good baby news today: Fewer were born to unmarried mothers last year, the first drop in nearly two decades, and more infants lived to see their first birthday.

The drop in the out-of-wedlock birth rate was small, just four percent, says the annual U.S. birth-and-death count by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

But it was largely fueled by a fourth consecutive decline in the teenage birth rate, which has dropped eight percent since 1991.

"Teens only make up about a third of unmarried mothers, but a third is a lot when you're looking at changes," said Stephanie Ventura, the demographer who coauthored the report.

A 16-year rise in the number of unwed women choosing to become mothers began slowing in the early 1990s, so a reversal "was coming," she said.

The decline in the number of unwed and teenage mothers didn't surprise Deanna Helber, who runs Hawaii's Pregnancy and Parenting Program. The program encourages teenage parents to stay in school, and more youth are getting the message, she said.

"If they're going to be out in the job world and they don't want to be flipping hamburgers and whatever, they realize they're going to need more skills," she said in an interview late Thursday.

"Kids that do not have goals are the more likely ones to have teenage pregnancy. We're trying to make sure they do have goals."

Other studies have shown a slowing in the rate of increase of sexual activity among teenagers, and that youths are becoming more likely to use condoms - changes that help explain their lower birth rate, Ventura said.

And while these birth rates were dropping, so were abortions. In March, the CDC reported that the number of U.S. abortions was down 2.1 percent in 1993, the third consecutive decline.

Every year, the CDC does an exhaustive search of U.S. birth and death records to track the nation's health. Once again, heart disease and cancer proved the leading killers of 1995, although the death rates for each continued to drop slowly, the CDC found.

As predicted, the death rate for AIDS held steady last year for the first time in the epidemic, reflecting treatment gains that help patients live longer. Still, the number of Americans who died of AIDS reached a record 42,506 last year.

More promising were changes affecting American babies. The CDC said there were a record low 7.5 infant deaths for every 1,000 babies born last year.

"We still have challenges in every category, but we are making significant progress," said Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, who released the report today.

Infant mortality dropped six percent from 1994, with gains in both the infants under a month old who are most at risk of dying as well as older babies.

Ventura said a larger portion of babies were surviving to age 1 because of gains against AIDS, the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome that still is little understood but that mothers can attempt to ward off by ensuring their babies sleep on their backs.

Some 1.2 million infants were born to unmarried mothers last year, three percent fewer than in 1994, the CDC said. That meant 46.9 babies were born for every 1,000 unmarried women, a four percent drop in the birth rate.

Among teenagers, 56.9 babies were born for every 1,000 girls ages 15 to 19 last year, the report said. That's a three percent drop from 1994 and eight percent since 1991, when the slow but continual decline began.

The largest drop was among black teens, who accounted for 95.5 births per 1,000 women, down nine percent from 1994.

The areas with the most babies born to unwed or teenage mothers still are those with the greatest poverty and numbers of minority women, Ventura said.

In Mississippi, 22.2 percent of births were to teenagers, followed by 19.6 percent in Arkansas and 18.5 percent in Alabama.

Again in Mississippi, 45.3 percent of births were to unwed mothers, followed by 42.6 percent in Louisiana and 42 percent in Nevada. (The District of Columbia saw 66 percent of births to unwed mothers, a proportion Ventura cautioned was comparable to other major cities.)

Young Astronauts Club forming

AMARILLO - The Don Harrington Discovery Center's Young Astronauts Club, which began in 1995, is gearing up for another year.

This group, which is geared for children grades 3-5, will meet at the Discovery Center twice each month and will participate in a great deal of fun aerospace and astronomy activities, crafts and planetarium shows.

The Young Astronauts group will help students experience the fun and adventure of learning, which results in continued interest and better performance, Discovery Center staff members said.

The meetings will be held on the following days at 4-5:30 p.m. or 6-7:30 p.m. at the Discovery Center: Oct. 15, Nov. 5 and 9,

Dec. 3 and 17, Jan. 7 and 21, Feb. 4 and 18, Mar. 4 and 18, April 1 and 15, and May 6 and 20.

"Astronomy is one of the most popular sciences, and we can use that to encourage an interest in science. We will have experiments, crafts, and activities at every meeting, and we will utilize the Discovery Center's planetarium to conduct them. This will be a great opportunity for all young people who want to have fun learning about space," said Planetarium Coordinator Christine Brunello.

The annual fee for joining the club is \$20 for Discovery Center members and \$30 for non-members.

For further information regarding Young Astronauts, contact Christine Shupla at 355-9548, Ext. 13.

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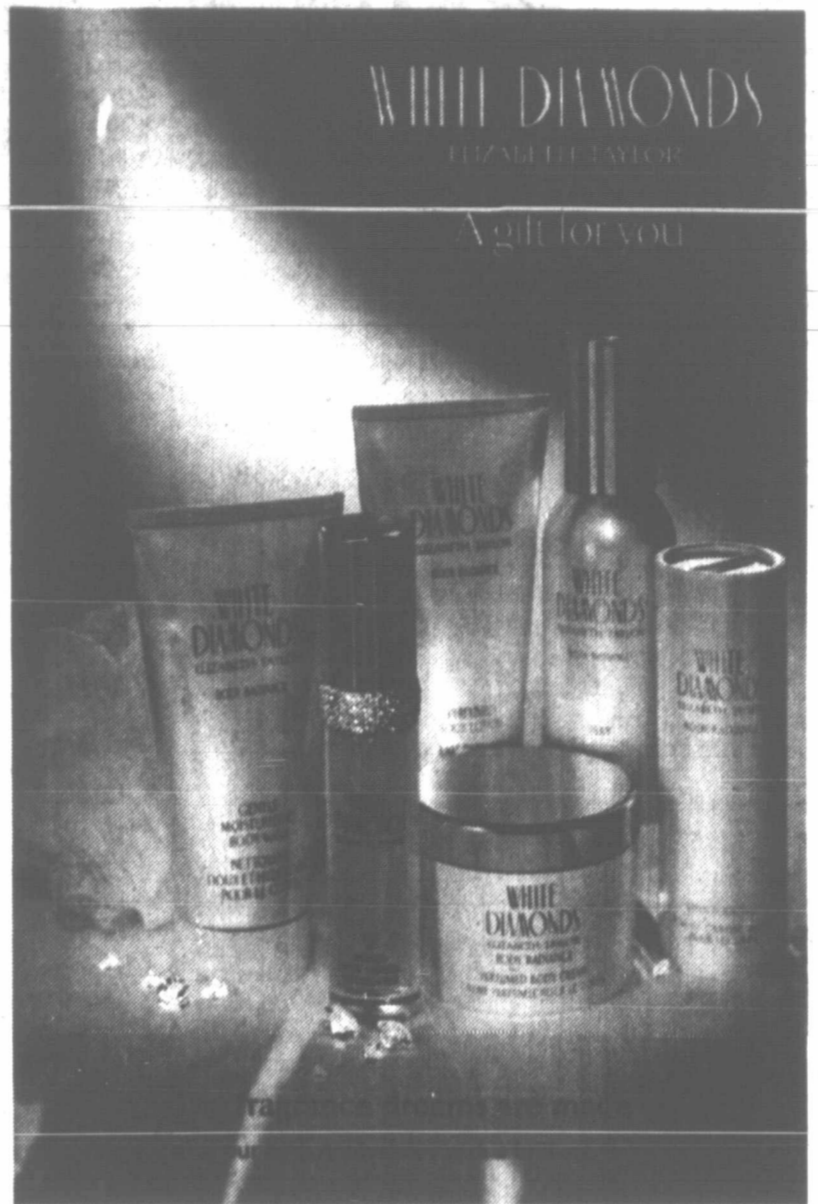


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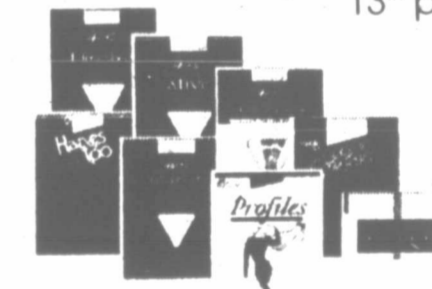
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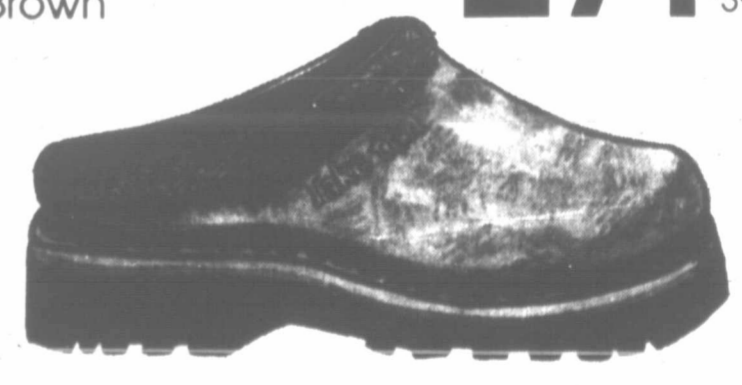
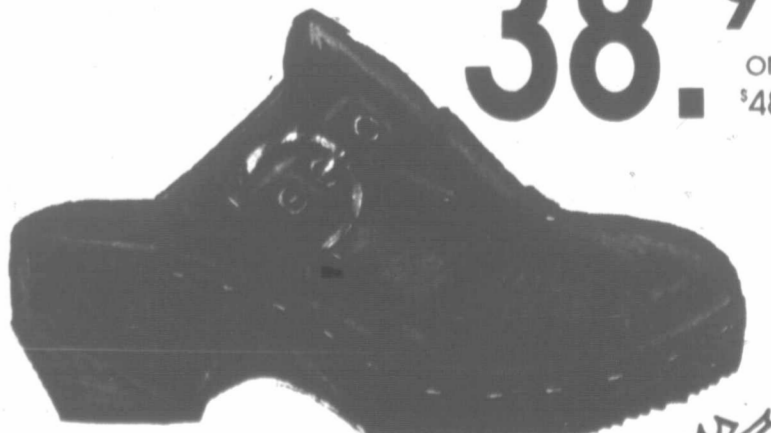
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AT THE TIME OF THE "WANDERING IN THE WILDERNESS," AT THE FIRST CENSUS, THE TRIBE NUMBERED 57,400 FIGHTING MEN (NUM. 1:31) AND AT THE SECOND CENSUS 60,500 FIGHTING MEN! MOSES, IN HIS BLESSING OF ZEBULUN, AS A TRIBE, SAID, "REJOICE, ZEBULUN, IN THY GOING OUT... FOR THEY SHALL SUCK THE ABUNDANCE OF THE SEAS AND THE HIDDEN TREASURES OF THE SAND!" (DEUT. 33:18,19)



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'Scent-Free' Magazine Service Will Send One Free With Call

DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter from "No More Noxious Ads." I, too, didn't dare to bring some magazines into the house because the perfume was so strong. Then I found out my favorite subscriptions could be sent to me scent-free. I just called 1-800-374-4545 for Ladies Home Journal and 1-800-888-7788 for Good Housekeeping and asked to be put on the "scent-free" list. Other magazines probably offer the same service and most have 800-numbers. PAT KELCH, JOELTON, TENN.



Abigail Van Buren
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DEAR PAT: You're right. Many readers wrote to say that having one's name added to the "scent-free" list is as easy as calling the publisher and requesting it. The toll-free number is usually included along with the publisher's address inside the magazine. Look for the masthead, the section that lists the publisher, editors and other key personnel.

DEAR ABBY: Several nights ago, I was awakened by our 7-month-old Caroline. She had trouble sleeping lately because of teething pain. Tired and frustrated, I finally laid her in bed between my husband and me, and we all fell back to sleep.

Our mattress had become separated from the headboard, leaving a big gap, large enough for our baby's head to slip through. When we

awakened, she was lying on her back with her head hanging backward, pinned between the headboard and mattress. Her muffled cries for help had been barely audible, but miraculously we were able to wake up and save her.

Caroline is our third baby, and we thought we knew all there is to know about safety with children. I would strongly advise parents never to let their infant sleep with them.

SHAKEN IN SIMPSONVILLE, S.C.

DEAR SHAKEN: Thank you for writing to warn all parents of a freak accident that could result in the loss of their precious infant.

DEAR ABBY: May I share the following with "R.H.G." in Elk Grove, Wis.? She's the lady whose mother refused to wear a hearing aid because she thought it would

make her look old. At age 50 I had a pacemaker installed. One morning after the surgery, I told a co-worker that I was feeling old. She just smiled and said she wanted to introduce me to someone.

The next day she brought in her adorable 4-year-old nephew and said, "Cody, show her your pacemaker." The boy promptly lifted his T-shirt and there was the telltale bulge of a pacemaker in his little abdomen. Then she added, "When he reaches adolescence he will get one over his heart where yours is."

Abby, after seeing that child with a pacemaker, I suddenly didn't feel old any more.

"R.H.G." needs to introduce her mother to some young person who wears a hearing aid.

MARY ANN SUTTER, DE SOTO, TEXAS

CONFIDENTIAL TO "BURNED UP" IN MILWAUKEE: Please reconsider. Do not call your sister-in-law on the telephone and tell her off. Instead, sit down and write her a letter telling her exactly what you think of her — which isn't very flattering. It's a lot easier to tear up something you wrote than to take back what you said.

Horoscope



Sunday, Oct. 6, 1996

Transforming old systems into newer and more useful things could be your strong suit in the year ahead. You may stumble on several exciting opportunities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Everyone in your peer group will be aware of your leadership qualities today. You will be expected to resolve intimidating developments. Libra, treat yourself to a birthday

gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Defeat can be turned into victory today in a situation that's been going against you. An old adversary may try to help you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your imagination will be your most valuable asset today, so don't be afraid to experiment with bold new ideas and concepts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Influences that will affect your financial position directly will be more favorable than usual today. Give this area top priority.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If there is an important matter you don't understand, discuss it in detail with your mate today. He might have several solutions that won't be obvious to you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Eventually, you'll be acknowledged and rewarded for your efforts to help someone who is wrestling with a serious problem.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you have a tedious task to perform today, an extra pair of hands could prove to be a great labor-saving device. Solicit help from a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Express your creativity in your personal surroundings today and turn boring, domestic tasks into pleasant diversions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your warmth, wit and appealing manner will register well with your peers today. Prepare to be the center of attention wherever you go.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Something beneficial will occur and make both you and your spouse feel more financially secure. You will have good fortune.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Devote as much time and effort as possible today to arrangements that will bring material gains. Others won't chide you for trying to improve your lot in life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There are strong indications today that you could be luckier than usual in your commercial affairs. Stay on top of the situation.

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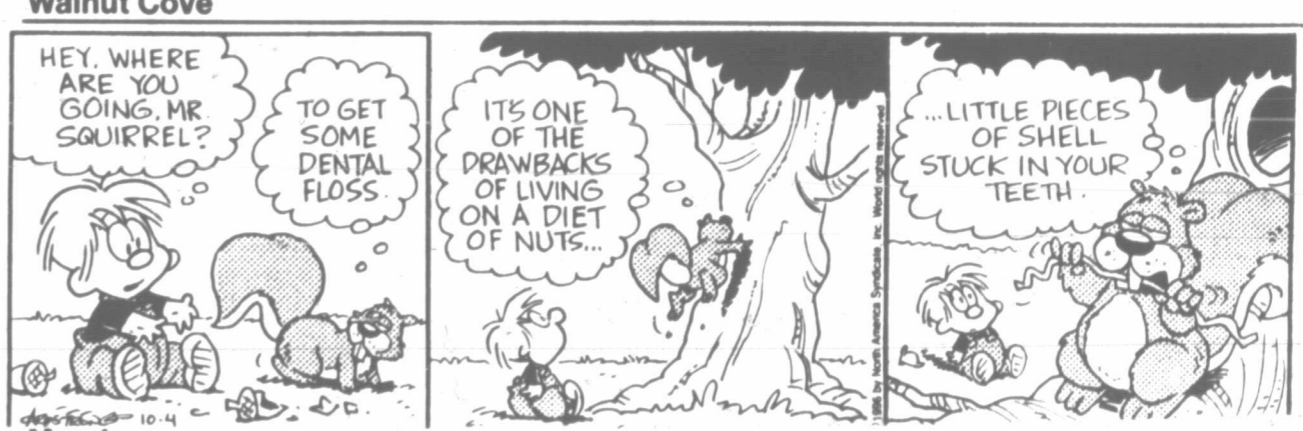
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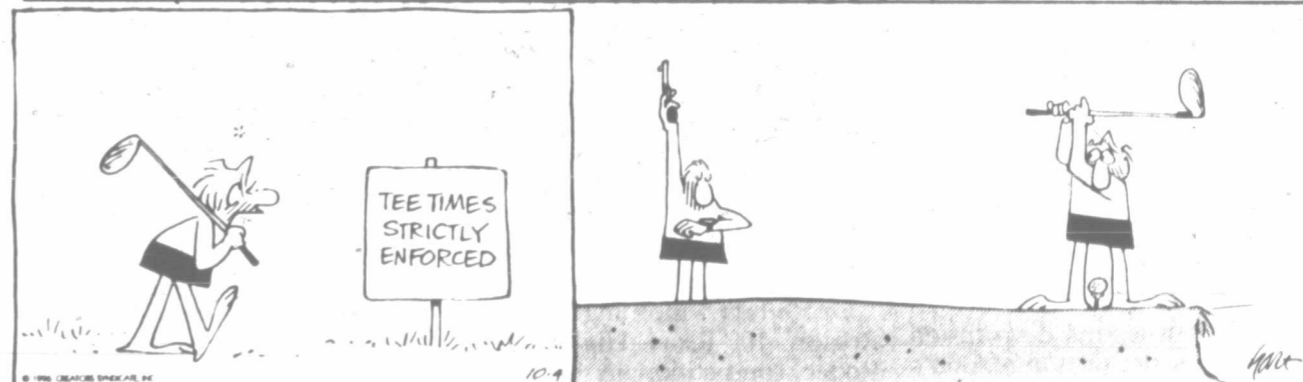
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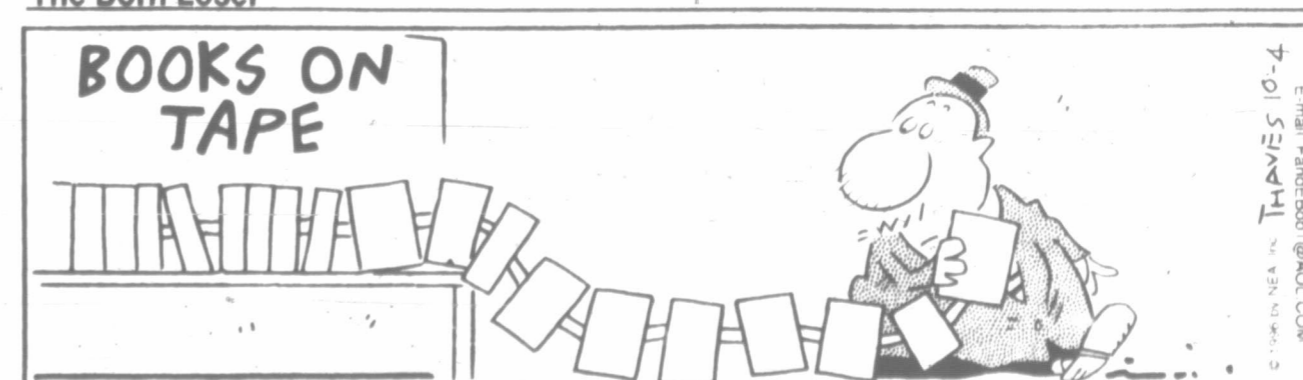
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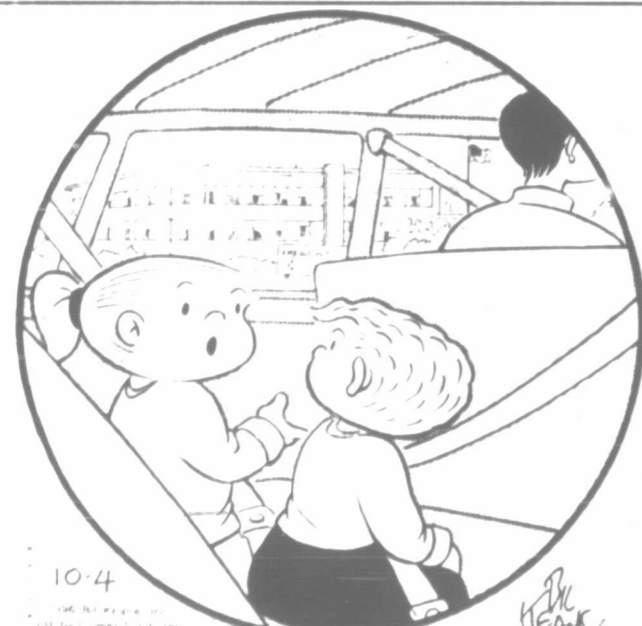
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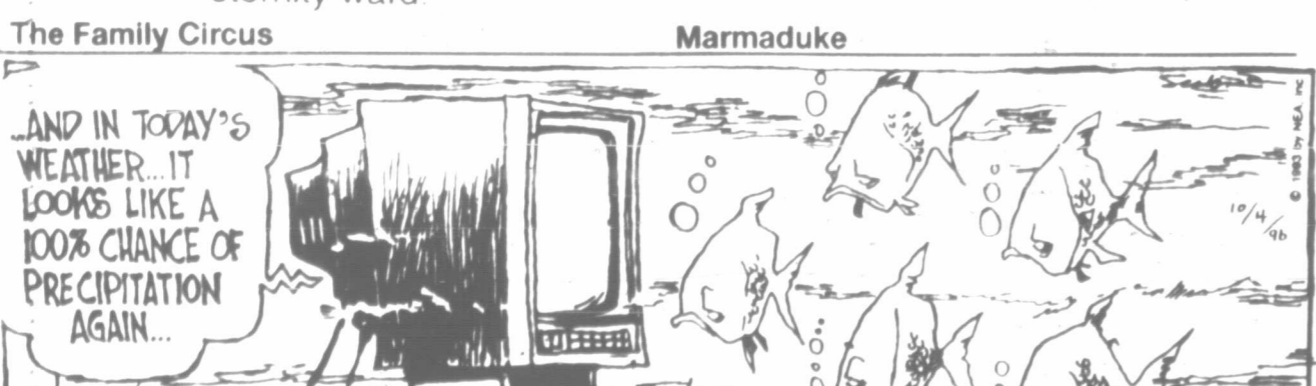
Frank and Ernest



"If somebody dies in the hospital, angels move them to the eternity ward."



"Now, remember, I'm taking a nap so you don't have to give me mouth-to-mouth."



Peanuts



Mallard Filmore

Discovery Center schedules Week of Discovery activities for preschool children

AMARILLO — The Don Harrington Discovery Center will present Week of Discovery Nov. 5-15. This program is designed to provide preschool children with educational hands-on activities which will increase their awareness of the sciences.

Week of Discovery will present hands-on programs hourly at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1:30

p.m. for children ages 3-5. The fee is \$1 per child per program.

Specific scientific areas will be highlighted each day including dinosaurs, rain forests, birds and the human body. These programs are made possible by contributions from Barrick Foundation.

"This year's Week of Discovery will offer each topic on two dates, four times a day in order to accom-

modate the numerous requests," stated Rebecca Woodland, programs coordinator. "Week of Discovery is a very popular program, and we have a lengthy waiting list each year. By adding additional days, we will be able to better accommodate all those children who wish to attend."

Reservations will be taken on Tuesday, Oct. 8, beginning at 9 a.m.

by phoning (806) 355-8865. If you need further information, contact (806) 355-9548, Extension 20. Messages left on the Discovery Center's answering machine are not valid reservations.

Prepayment must be received by Oct. 25, and will be accepted by mailing it to the Discovery Center's Gift Shop. Gift Shop hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5

p.m.; Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; and closed Monday. All spaces not confirmed by payment will be re-opened on Oct. 28 at 9 a.m.

Dinosaurs will be the topic on Nov. 5 and 6. Participants will dig up some fun and learn about dinosaurs.

Discovering the diversity of rain forest life, including monkeys and plants of the jungle rain forest, will be the topic on Nov. 7 and 8.

Children will gain first-hand knowledge about the many different species of birds on Nov. 12 and 13.

Exploring the importance of exercise and learning how the body functions during human body day will be held on Nov. 14 and 15.

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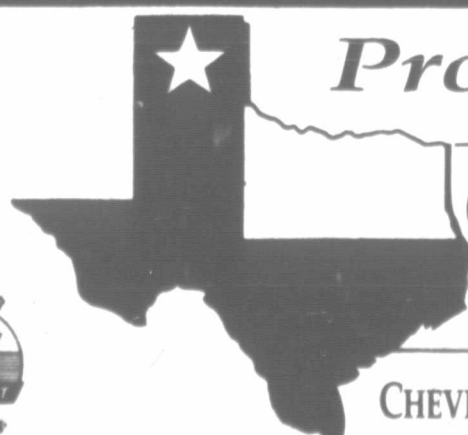
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