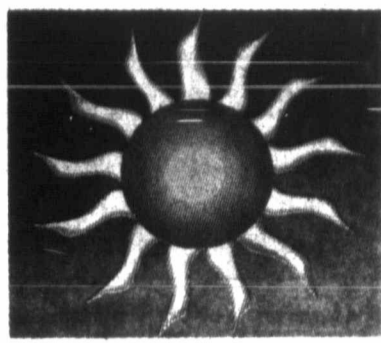


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Low tonight in mid 30s,
high tomorrow in upper
60s. See Page 2 for
weather details.

PAMPA — Local students
will kick off this year's Red
Ribbon Week Saturday with a
rally on the north steps of
City Hall.

The rally begins at 10 a.m.
with speeches from commu-
nity members and high
school students. Cars will be
decorated with red ribbons,
and posters will be displayed
in downtown stores.

Activities at Pampa Middle
School will continue through
the week, with themed days
encouraging students to stay
drug free. Students will wear
boots Tuesday for "Stomp Out
Drugs Day," sunglasses for
Wednesday's "Block Out
Drugs Day" and a necktie or
choker necklace for "Choke
Out Drugs Day."

Students will recite a drug-
free pledge Friday to round
out the week.

BORGER — Area bands
will compete Saturday in the
annual high school marching
competition, beginning at 10
a.m. at Borger Stadium.

Admission is \$2 for audi-
ence members.

Only bands from classes 3A
and 5A will advance to area
competition Oct. 26 in
Lubbock, though all band sizes
will be competing Saturday.

Bands rotate eligibility for
area competition year to year.

Area bands competing
include Shamrock at 10 a.m.,
Wheeler at 11:24 a.m., Groom
at 11:36 a.m., Canadian at
2:36 p.m., White Deer at 3
p.m., Panhandle at 3:12 p.m.,
Clarendon at 3:24 p.m. and
Pampa at 7:36 p.m.

PAMPA — High school
juniors and seniors and their
parents are invited to attend
College Night Wednesday,
Oct. 30, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.,
according to a release from
PHS Counselor Karla Howell.

Colleges, universities, armed
forces recruiters and represen-
tatives from vocational and
technical schools will be avail-
able to answer questions dur-
ing the come-and-go event in
the M.K. Brown Auditorium
Heritage Room.

Among schools expected to
have representatives: Texas
Tech University, University
of Texas at Austin, Texas
A&M and West Texas A&M
University.

For more information, call
Howell or Gail Cole at 669-
4806.

By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched
all six numbers drawn in the
Lotto Texas game Wednesday
night, state lottery officials
said.

The jackpot for the drawing
was an estimated \$4 million.

The numbers drawn Wednes-
day night from a field of 50
were: 7, 24, 28, 32, 40 and 49.

Saturday night's drawing
will be worth an estimated \$8
million.

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Dole more aggressive in final debate

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO (AP) — President
Clinton and Bob Dole both
searched for votes in Southern
California after a final debate
that set the tone for an aggres-
sive campaign home stretch.
Dole hoped to gain ground in
the key state, Clinton to keep it.

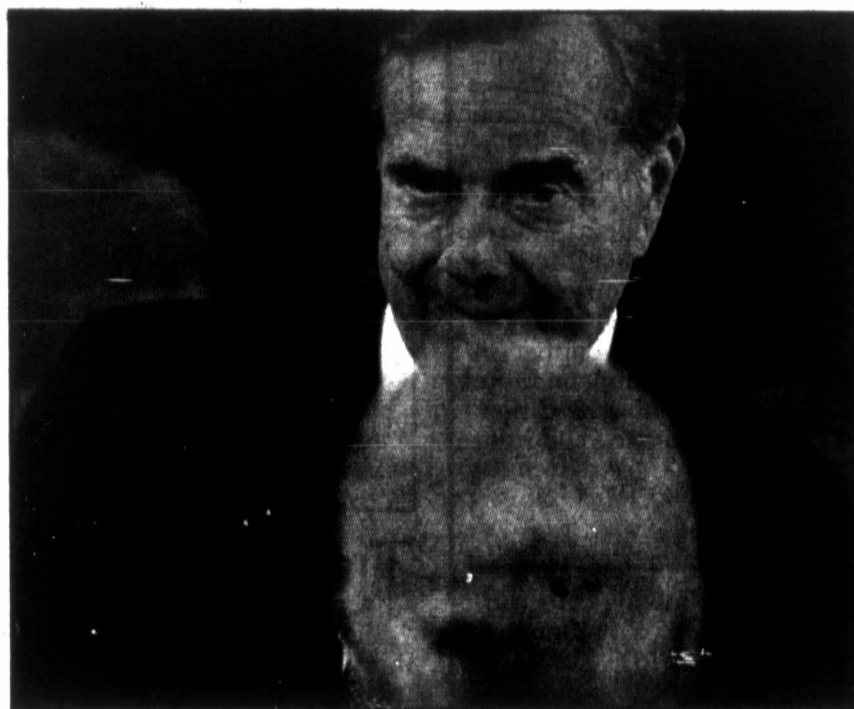
Dole's combative performance
in the debate included an asser-
tion that "we have the worst
economy in a century," a state-
ment immediately challenged by
Clinton as grossly exaggerated.

After the 90-minute televised
face off, the rivals were spending
today campaigning in Califor-
nia, a 54-electoral-vote prize that
has seemed beyond reach for
Dole, but which strategists now
say he will likely contest strong-
ly.

"We're going to be making
some final decisions in the next
24 hours on California," said
Dole campaign manager Scott
Reed. "We think the issues are
out here for us to win. We think
the ground game is out here for
us to win."

Dole was campaigning today
in two areas that often vote
Republican — Riverside, about 50
miles east of Los Angeles; and
Glendale, in the San Fernando
Valley north of Los Angeles.

He was expected to call for



(Freedom News Service photo)

Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole looks toward President Clinton during the televised debate Wednesday night in San Diego.

stronger action against illegal
immigration and stress support
for a California referendum to
end state affirmative action pro-
grams.

Clinton was to attend rallies in
Santa Anna and Tustin, both in
the GOP stronghold of Orange
County, before attending an
evening fund-raiser in the more
Democratic west Los Angeles.

Wednesday night's showdown
was the final of three schedu-
led debates, two presidential and
one vice presidential. Still, Dole
raised the prospect of a third
debate to focus on economics.
White House aides said it was
not in the cards.

Clinton's advisers felt confi-
dent enough that they planned
to campaign the remaining 19

days in many states that tradi-
tionally vote Republican.

In the debate, Dole sought to
attack Clinton at nearly every
turn, raising questions about his
ethical stewardship of the presi-
dency while stressing differences
on welfare, taxes, affirmative
action, health care and spending.
Dole claimed "scandals almost
on a daily basis."

For the most part, Clinton
ignored Dole's thrusts —
although at one point he coun-
tered, "No attack ever created a
job or educated a child ..."

Quick polls indicated more
viewers thought Clinton won
the town hall-style event than
Dole. In an ABC News telephone
survey, 56 percent said Clinton
won, 27 picked Dole and 14 per-
cent rated it a tie. A CBS poll
indicated 54 percent said Clinton
won, 26 Dole and 11 percent a
tie. A CNN poll had similar
results.

Still, Republicans expressed
pleasure with Dole's aggressive
words, far harsher toward
Clinton than in the first debate
Oct. 6 in Hartford, Conn., or than
running mate Jack Kemp was on
Vice President Al Gore a week
ago in St. Petersburg, Fla.

"Clinton was on the defensive
the whole time. Dole was on the
offensive," said GOP party chief
Haley Barbour. "We're going to
keep gaining."

Democratic spokesmen dis-
agreed.

"On balance, Senator Dole
learned that the insult approach
would not work. This audience
didn't want to hear it and the
American people don't want to
hear it," said Harold Ickes,
deputy White House chief of
staff.

Members of the audience had
mixed views.

"President Clinton did a much
better job than Senator Dole.
Dole was nervous, and he was
inarticulate," said Bridget
Giannotti, 37, of Carlsbad, a San
Diego suburb.

"Now I know I'm going to
vote for Dole," said Cecily Kelly,
45, who asked about jobs going
to other countries.

Michael Breen, 34, a San
Diego computer programmer,
said he had leaned toward
Clinton going in but found Dole
"much more personable and
friendly than I had thought. It
makes my decision much hard-
er," he said.

At one point, Dole asserted,
"We have the worst economy in
a century."

That would include even the
1930s' Depression, Clinton
immediately protested the claim.

Dole economic adviser Judy
Skelton said later that Dole was
referring to productivity growth,
not the overall economy.

Halloween yard



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

A scarecrow stands guard over jack-o-lanterns and other decorations in this yard on Gillespie, reminding Pampa residents that Halloween and fall harvest times lie ahead, along with cooler weather. A cold front is expected to drop temperatures into the mid 30s tonight and keep daytime highs in the 60s into the weekend.

Republic of Texas faces contempt charge

AUSTIN (AP) — Members of
the Republic of Texas organiza-
tion could face fines and seizure
of their assets if a judge grants a
motion for civil contempt against
the group, according to Attorney
General Dan Morales' office.

The group's ambassador,
Richard McLaren, said members
of the Republic don't want vio-
lence but will do "whatever it
takes" to defend their property.

"Nobody wants violence, but
if Mr. Morales has some stupid
judge violate the law, and some-
body's stupid enough to carry it
out, we will protect our rights
under international law,"
McLaren said Wednesday.

Members of the Republic of
Texas argue that the annexation
of the state in 1845 was illegal
and that it remains an indepen-
dent republic.

The group said it recently filed
an injunction with the United
Nations against the state of
Texas and the United States, say-
ing that they are operating
unlawfully on Texas soil.

In his motion against the
Republic of Texas and McLaren,

Morales alleges that they vio-
lated a court order prohibiting
them from filing any documents
purporting to be from an official
government agency.

He said the Republic recently
sent him, Texas Supreme Court
Chief Justice Tom Phillips, state
Department of Public Safety and
Texas judges a document declar-
ing the Republic of Texas to be "a
Sovereign Nation State Body
Politic." He said the document
claims all land in Texas and all
money and securities held by the
state.

Morales' court motion asks
that the defendants be ordered to
appear in court Oct. 28 and to
send a notice stating the organi-
zation's purported official docu-
ments are rescinded.

Failure to retract the docu-
ments and a finding of contempt
of court could mean civil pen-
alties for the defendants of \$10,000
on the seventh day after the con-
tempt order; a doubling of the
fine each day thereafter; and
compounding of each day's fine.
After five days, the sanction
could total \$210,000.

According to Morales, all
members of the organization
would be legally liable for the
financial sanctions and the state
could seize all of their assets not
exempted by law.

"Members of this organization
who joined purely for the novelty
of it and the camaraderie may find
it an extremely expensive social
club," Morales said Wednesday.

McLaren said, "They can serve
me with as many papers as they
want. I have no problem with that.
... If somebody comes in here that
is one of their people with a gun
on their side to serve me papers,
we're not going to shoot 'em."

But McLaren said if a state offi-
cial "pulls a gun, we're going to
feel our lives are in danger."

And, he added, "If they try to
seize our assets, seize our prop-
erty, we will defend our prop-
erty." He said the group will do
"whatever it takes" to do so.

McLaren said the group has its
own Texas Rangers, and that it
has organized the "Texas
defense forces," which he said
includes old militia groups and
ex-military people.

Lebanon's prime minister rules out separate peace

WASHINGTON (AP) — Leba-
non's prime minister said today
his government and Syria have
agreed not to sign separate
peace treaties with Israel to
avoid weakening their bargain-
ing position.

At the start of a two-day visit,
Rafiq Hariri told reporters each
country's terms for peace
include Israel yielding territory
but the outlook isn't promising.

"We hope things will change,"
Hariri said. "It's up to the
Israelis."

American officials hold out lit-
tle hope of reviving stalled Israeli
peace talks with Lebanon and
Syria as a result of Hariri's visit.

They suggest that when the
architect of Lebanon's recon-
struction meets with Secretary of
State Warren Christopher and
President Clinton the focus will
be on the Middle Eastern coun-
try's economy and not the drag-
ging peace process.

"We will do everything we can
to promote peace between Leba-
non and Israel and Syria and
Israel," State Department Nicholas
Burns said Wednesday. He offered
little hope the moribund talks,
which were broken off in May, are
likely to resume anytime soon.

Hariri, a Sunni Muslim and
billionaire, has managed to stabi-

lize a faltering currency and gen-
erate confidence in Lebanon's
economy since taking office four
years ago. His government also
is credited with bringing law and
order to the country.

He said the country now had
about \$4 billion in assets and
inflation had been forced down
to about 15 percent.

"One big problem is the peace
process, and the occupation of
our land in the south," he said,
referring to stalled negotiations
and a Lebanese militia backed
by Israeli troops in a security
zone inside the border.

Hariri made no direct refer-
ence, meanwhile, to the thou-
sands of Syrian troops in
Lebanon or to Hezbollah guer-
rillas who have fought a cross-
border conflict with Israel.

He said Syria was protecting
Lebanon's security.

"All the Arab countries are not
optimistic about the future of the
peace process," Hariri said.
"They see the government of
Israel is not ready."

Calling on the international
community to promote land-for-
peace agreements between Israel
and the Arabs, the Lebanese offi-
cial said the Arabs already had
made the "strategic choice" of
wanting peace.

If kids were president ...

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio (AP) —
You think Bob Dole and
President Clinton are making
campaign promises? Check out
what first-graders at Rosedale
Elementary School say they'd
do if elected president.

"I'd make everyone play
football — even babies and
girls," pledged 7-year-old
Mitch Viars, who thinks the
current president is George
Washington. "There will be
1,000 people on each team.
They'll play other countries
like South Carolina."

On the economy, Keegan
Varner pledged to give all poor
people \$100.

"I'd go to their house and
give it to them myself," he said.
"I'd do this whenever they get
poor."

On transportation: "I'll buy
people bikes," Scotty Ballard
said. "They are more fun than
cars."

On job benefits: "I'll let
everyone have a vacation any
time they want," Travis
Amburgey vowed.

As for health care, Lauren
Ritz said she'd pick her dad as
her running mate.

"He's a dentist and he could
brush everybody's teeth," she
said.

And what about that charac-
ter issue?

"I will never point my finger
at anyone," Katherine Gaker
pledged. "When you point at
someone, three of your fingers
point back at yourself."

Everyone can learn a lesson
from her kid, said Ann Veith, a
25-year teacher who does the
project with her class every
presidential election year.

"It's a different world in
here," she said. "That's why I
love teaching first grade.
They're so innocent and naive —
and happy."

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Services tomorrow

COLLIS, Loyd B. - Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
MEDINA, Silbestre Sr. - 2 p.m., St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Shamrock.

Obituaries

SILBESTRE MEDINA SR.

SHAMROCK - Silbestre Medina Sr., 76, died Wednesday, Oct. 16, 1996. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in St. Patrick's Catholic Church with Father Ramiro Trejo of Memphis officiating. Rosary will be held today in Wright Funeral Directors Funeral Home with the Rev. Father Calvin Stalter of Amarillo officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mr. Medina married Lucia Reyes at Paducah in 1958 and moved from Paducah to Shamrock in 1965. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lucia, of Shamrock; a daughter, Josephine Ramos of Shamrock; a son, Sylvester Medina Jr. of Shamrock; three sisters, Juanita Arriaga of Clinton, Okla., Simona Salazar of Lancaster and Fedelis Calderon of Amarillo; and seven grandchildren.

MAMIE SPENCER

Mamie Spencer, 92, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Oct. 16, 1996, at Wheeler. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Lyndon Glaesman, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Spencer was born Sept. 7, 1904, in Wise County, Texas. She married Charles Spencer on Oct. 31, 1925, in Wise County; he died June 5, 1994. She had been a Pampa resident for 55 years, moving from Wise County. She was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Morris Spencer, in 1975; and a daughter, Clarene Laycock, in 1979.

Survivors include three daughters, Charlene Blalock and Katrina Bigham, both of Pampa, and Janice Ferguson of Decatur; three sons, Don Spencer of Denver, Colo., Henry Spencer of Pampa and Paul Spencer of Hico; a brother, Clyde Morris of Houston; 18 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 2119 Lea and requests memorial be to Calvary Baptist Church Building Fund.

Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

A blood pressure check and blood sugar tests offered from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday in the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. A donation is accepted to cover expenses.

LAKE McCLELLAN IMPROVEMENT

Lake McClellan Improvement Inc. will hold its monthly membership/board meeting at 7 p.m. today in the Gray County Courthouse, second floor courtroom. The public is invited to attend the meeting. For more information, call Marilyn Lewis at 669-7290.

PAMPA SHRINE CLUB

The Pampa Shrine Club will meet at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, at the Sportsman's Club. For more information, call President James H. Lewis at 669-8056.

Sheriff's Office

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

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 16

Douglas Neal Lasater, 41, 630 N. Christy, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. He was released on bond.

Tammie M. Bennett, 35, 1104 S. Sumner was arrested on a charge of violation of probation. Bond was denied.

Mandy Renee Johnson, 20, 1010 W. Wilks, was arrested on a charge of violation of probation. Bond was denied.

Larry Dean Price, 45, 1905 Coffee, was arrested on a charge of theft of property by check - Class C. His bond is \$400.

Marc Martinez, 36, 1601 N. Somerville, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. His fine is \$200 and he was released to pay later.

Richard Aaron Dills, 30, 116 1/2 W. Foster, was arrested on a judgment nisi. His bond is \$2,500.

Fires

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

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 16

12:10 p.m. - One unit and four personnel responded to the 700 block of Hobart on a motor vehicle accident.

3:37 p.m. - Two units and six personnel responded to the intersection of 18th and Duncan on a motor vehicle accident.

Accidents

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

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 16

12:08 p.m. - A 1984 International truck-tractor and trailer driven by Michael Lee Mathis, 20, Amarillo, was in collision with a 1987 Pontiac driven by Judie Kay Mayberry, 52, 624 N. Sumner, in the 700 block of North Hobart. Mayberry was taken by Rural/Metro to Columbia Medical Center, where she was treated and released.

3:20 p.m. - A 1991 Ford driven by Socorro Mendoza Hernandez, 39, Canadian, was in collision with a 1978 Chrysler driven by Terry Lynn Osborn, 37, 2125 N. Banks, in the 1200 block of North Hobart. Hernandez was cited for failure to yield right of way from private drive.

3:36 p.m. - A 1990 Nissan driven by Sara Lynn Newhouse, 15, 1319 Mary Ellen, was in collision with a 1962 Chevrolet pickup driven by Brandon Chance Hogan, 16, 2421 Evergreen, at the intersection of Duncan and 18th. Hogan; Sara Newhouse; Amy Newhouse, 14; Katy Newhouse, 11; April Brown, 14; and Megan Coutts, 13, were taken by Rural/Metro to Columbia Medical Center, where Hogan and the Newhouse sisters were treated and released. Coutts was transferred in stable condition to High Plains Baptist in Amarillo, where she is listed in fair condition. Brown was admitted to CMC in stable condition. Sara Newhouse was cited for failure to yield right of way on a left turn.

Ambulance

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

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 16

12:12 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 700 block of North Hobart on a motor vehicle accident and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

12:18 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

3:38 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the intersection of 18th and Duncan on a motor vehicle accident and transported two patients to Columbia Medical Center.

3:43 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the intersection of 18th and Duncan on a motor vehicle accident and transported two patients to Columbia Medical Center.

3:55 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the intersection of 18th and Duncan on a motor vehicle accident and transported two patients to Columbia Medical Center.

6:05 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of North Ward on a medical assist. No patient was transported.

6:17 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to Baptist-St. Anthony's West Hospital in Amarillo.

Police report

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

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 16

Hindering a secured credit was reported by personnel of West Texas Ford-Lincoln Mercury, 701 W. Brown, which occurred Aug. 21. More than \$4,000 is reported owed on a note for a Monte Carlo.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1700 block of Buckler which occurred between 2:30 and 3 a.m.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of South Nelson which occurred between 5 and 6:40 p.m. Wednesday.

THURSDAY, Oct. 17

Officer Mike Shelton reported two men evading arrest in the 1200 block of South Finley at 1:02 a.m. Thursday. They abandoned their 1981 Ford F150 pickup and ran away in the west alley of Finley. The pickup was impounded and one man's driver's license were confiscated, Shelton said.

Arrests

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 16

Gloria Slater, 38, 1114 E. Francis, was arrested at Gray County courthouse on a warrant alleging theft.

Brandy Rose Mobley, 18, San Jacinto, Calif., was arrested at Gray County Sheriff's Office on four capias pro fine warrants totaling \$460.

Stocks

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

Wheat	4.18	Diamond	30.12	dn 1/8
Milo	4.93	Ernon	42.34	up 1/4
Corn	5.15	Halliburton	59.58	up 1 3/4
		Ingersoll Rand	45	up 1/4

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

Occidental	25	up 1/8
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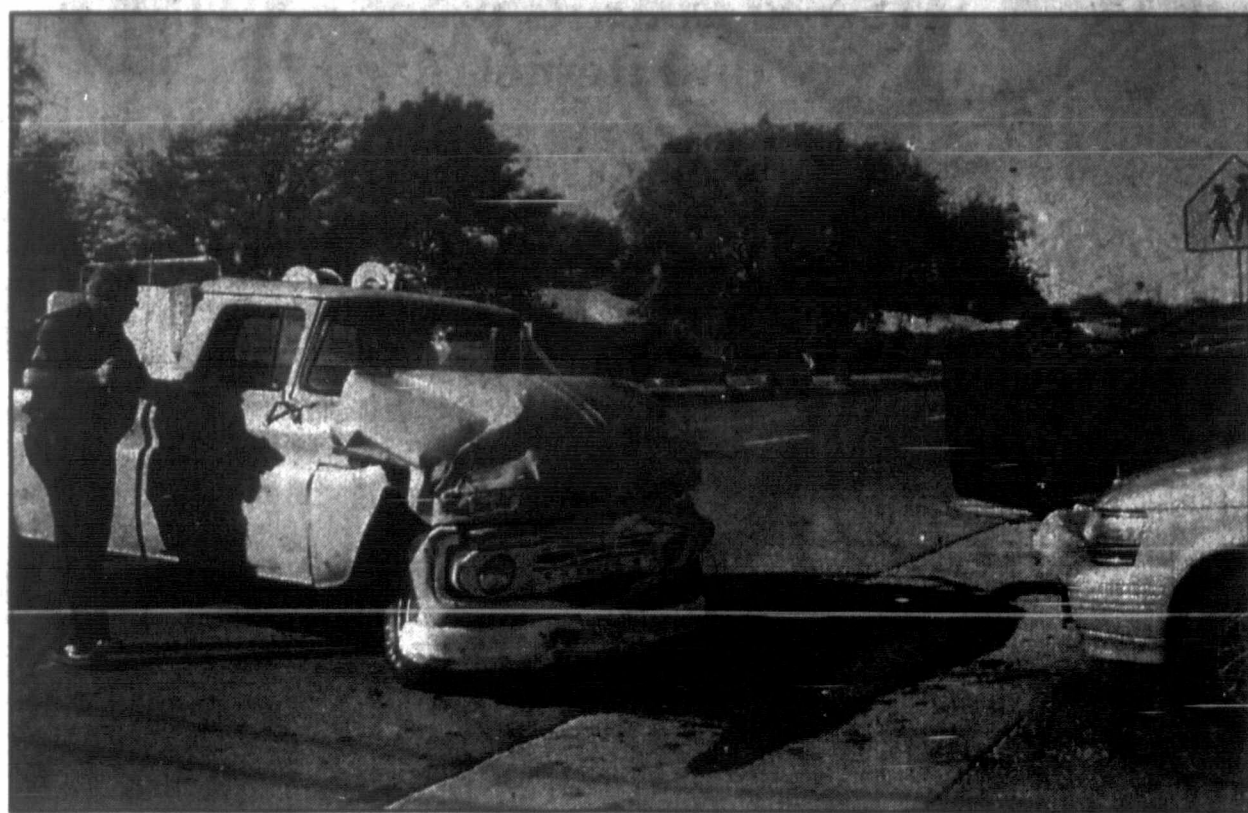
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation.

Magellan	78.03	
Puritan	16.73	

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

Amoco	73.78	up 1/4	New York Gold	380.80
Arco	131.38	up 1/4	Silver	4.92
Cabot	28.14	up 1/4	West Texas Crude	25.21
Cabot O&G	14.78	NC		

Accident scene



(Pampa News photo by Cheryl Berzanekia)

Sgt. John Goes takes inventory of a 1962 Chevrolet pickup driven by Brandon Chance Hogan, 16, that plowed into a 1990 Nissan Pathfinder driven by Sara Newhouse, 15, Wednesday afternoon at the intersection of 18th and Duncan. Newhouse was ticketed for turning left without yielding to Hogan. Hogan; Sara Newhouse; Amy Newhouse, 14; Katy Newhouse, 11; April Brown, 14; and Megan Coutts, 13, were taken by Rural/Metro to Columbia Medical Center, where Hogan and the Newhouse sisters were treated and released. Coutts was transferred in stable condition to High Plains Baptist in Amarillo, where she is listed in fair condition. Brown was admitted to CMC in stable condition.

Tickets on sale for Zach Thomas football

Tickets are now on sale for those wanting a chance to win a football autographed by Pampa's Zach Thomas and at the same time help the Pampa United Way.

The official NFL Miami Dolphins football, signed by No. 54 Zach Thomas, rookie middle linebacker for the pro team, was donated to help the United Way in its 1996 fund-raising campaign currently in progress.

The Dolphin Public Relations Department, which made the memento available to the Pampa United Way, places the football's value as "priceless."

Jack Reeve, United Way drive chairman, said tickets are \$5 each and will be sold until the end of the 1996 campaign on Oct. 31.

The drawing for the winner of the football will be conducted during the halftime of the last home game of the Pampa Harvester football team on Nov. 1 at Harvester Stadium.

The winner does not have to be present to win the football, Reeve said.

Drawing tickets are \$5 each, with all ticket sales receipts being donations to the Pampa United Way.

Various businesses and civic clubs are assisting in the sale of the tickets, Reeve noted.

Tickets may be purchased at the Pampa United Office in the Pampa Community Building, Boatmen's First Pampa Banking Center (see Kathie or Louise),

Culberson-Stowers Inc., First Bank Southwest, Heard-Jones Health Mart, Pampa Office Supply and Wayne's Western Wear.

Civic club members selling the tickets include Pampa Kiwanis Club, Pampa Rotary Club and the Pampa Shrine Club.

Reeve said a competition for which club can sell the most tickets is rumored between the Rotarians and the Kiwanians.

"Help Paint a Brighter Tomorrow" to give hope and help to fellow Pampans and take a chance at winning a 'priceless' gift, all with the same raffle tickets," Reeve said, adding, "The United Way thanks everyone for their support."

Hospice schedules public memorial service

A public memorial service celebrating the lives of Pampa-area residents served by Hospice of the Panhandle is set for 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, at First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, in Pampa.

Hospice of the Panhandle, a not-for-profit organization which serves the northeast Texas Panhandle, has provided hospice care for more than 170 ter-

minally-ill persons and their families in this area during the past year.

The non-denominational service, "Celebration of Life: A Time to Remember," will include a brief message by the Rev. Robin Gantz, Presbyterian minister; special music by the First Christian Church Quartet; a candlelighting ceremony conducted by Hospice of the Panhandle

staff; and special readings.

Family members will be presented with long-stemmed roses, donated by Pampa's florists, at the conclusion of the program. A reception in Fellowship Hall will follow the service.

For more information about the memorial service or about hospice care in general, call Hospice of the Panhandle at (806) 665-6677.

Man charged with knowingly donating HIV-infected plasma

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) - A man accused of knowingly giving HIV-infected blood plasma at a donor center last year has been charged with a felony.

Delton Delano Johnson, 31, was held Wednesday at the Boone County Jail on \$5,000 bond after an initial court appearance on a charge of risking infection of another with

HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Prosecutors said Johnson knew he was infected with HIV when he donated blood Jan. 26, 1995, at the Alpha Therapeutic Plasma Center.

Columbia police arrested Johnson on Tuesday. If convicted, he could be sentenced to two to five years in prison.

Boone County Prosecutor

Kevin Crane said his office learned of the case from the Missouri Department of Health.

"We looked at the facts of this thing and, based on those, felt we could proceed," he said.

Beth Meyerson, spokeswoman for the state health department, refused to comment on the case, citing confidentiality of health records.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Clear and cold tonight with icy winds and lows in the mid 30s. Friday, sunny and mild with a high in the upper 60s and west winds 10-20 mph. Wednesday's high was 86; the overnight low was 46.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, mostly clear and cold. Lows in the 30s. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs in mid 60s to near 70. Northwest Panhandle: Freeze warning tonight. Mostly clear and cold. Lows around 30. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs in mid 60s. South Plains: Tonight, clear. Lows from low 30s north-west South Plains to near 40 southern low rolling plains.

Friday, sunny. Highs in mid to upper 60s.

North Texas - Tonight, a chance of evening thunderstorms east then clearing. Clear and windy central and west. Much cooler with lows 42 north-west to 53 southeast. Friday, sunny and cool. Windy central. Highs 64 to 70.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, windy and cooler. A slight chance of evening showers or thunderstorms. Lows in upper 40s Hill Country, mid 50s south central. Friday, sunny and cooler. Highs in mid 70s. Upper Coast: Tonight, partly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms, some storms possibly severe. Turning windy and cooler. Lows in upper 50s

to near 60. Friday, sunny, breezy and cooler. Highs in low to mid 70s. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy with isolated showers or thunderstorms. Lows from low 60s coast to upper 50s inland. Friday, partly cloudy, windy and cooler. Highs in mid 70s.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Tonight, mostly clear and colder. Lows teens to mid 30s mountains and north with 30s to low 40s lower elevations south. Friday, mostly sunny. A little warmer north. Highs 50s to low 70s mountains and north with 60s to mid 70s lower elevations south.

Oklahoma - Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the 30s. Friday, clear. Highs in the 60s.

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Lili upgraded to hurricane, takes aim at Cuba

MIAMI (AP) - Tropical Storm Lili was upgraded to a hurricane today and took aim at Cuba after dumping rains that drowned at least eight people and left thousands homeless in Honduras, Costa Rica and Nicaragua.

Outer bands of rain from Lili began sweeping the Florida Keys late Wednesday and Miami this morning, and although no storm watches had been posted for Florida, forecasters warned residents to stay wary.

"We have not let the Keys off

the hook, yet. They should keep a close eye on this," said Frank LaPore, a spokesman at the National Hurricane Center.

The hurricane was on a path to cross Cuba early Friday, forecasters said. By Saturday, they predicted Lili would be traveling the Florida Straits between Cuba and Florida, possibly strengthening as it headed northeastward toward the Bahamas.

Such a track would keep the broad storm's center south and east of Florida. South Florida,

already soggy from recent rain, would still get strong wind, heavy rain and storm tides from Lili's passage. Flood watches were posted in eight counties.

"We're just starting to take measurements just in case. We've already bought some plywood," Robin Beeler, front desk clerk at the 61-unit Banana Bay Resort about 40 miles from Key West, said today. "Everything will be ready to go, which is probably what most everybody is doing in town. I'd imagine."

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Judge issues order against harasser online

DALLAS (AP) — When someone began declaring on the Internet that Teresa Maynard was unfaithful to her husband and had her breasts surgically enhanced, the couple was angry.

Anger turned to fear when the online writer added: "By the way, I have a .45 too." On Monday, a judge issued a temporary restraining order that breaks new ground in barring someone from using the Internet to transmit certain types of speech. It was unusual for the way it was served — it was posted on the Internet.

District Judge Joe B. Brown ordered Kevin Massey to stop transmitting via the Internet "embarrassing private information concerning the Maynards."

Massey was also prohibited from coming within 500 yards of Robert and Teresa Maynard's home or business. The Maynards own and operate a Dallas-based Internet service provider called Internet America.

Massey, a computer consultant, was never served with the order in person. As of Wednesday evening, he still had not been served.

He conceded to The Associated Press that he was left with "a bad taste in my mouth" after trying to reach the company to price its

services. Then he said, he made the postings about Mrs. Maynard and the .45.

But he "wholeheartedly, 100 percent" disputes that there was anything threatening about the messages. He claims he was just responding to others online with the same kind of sarcastic language that is used on the Internet all the time.

As an example, he cited the tag line he uses to sign all his computer messages: "Lord, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change. The courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to hide the bodies of the people I had to kill because they p— me off."

For his part, Robert Maynard said he and his wife and company have been harassed and taunted since September in a Dallas-area Internet newsgroup that serves his employees, customers and potential customers.

"His first round out of the gate was to accuse my wife of sleeping with our employees like it was some kind of corporate benefit," Maynard said. "He accused her of having plastic surgery, breast surgery."

"If this happened to you, nobody would really believe it, but you'd quickly become an object of ridicule."

Maynard said he is pursuing a civil case

against Massey to deter would-be harassers, especially those who advance from verbal to physical attacks.

"We're not only trying to kick him off the Internet, but seek damages and try to restrain him from being on the Internet at all," Maynard said.

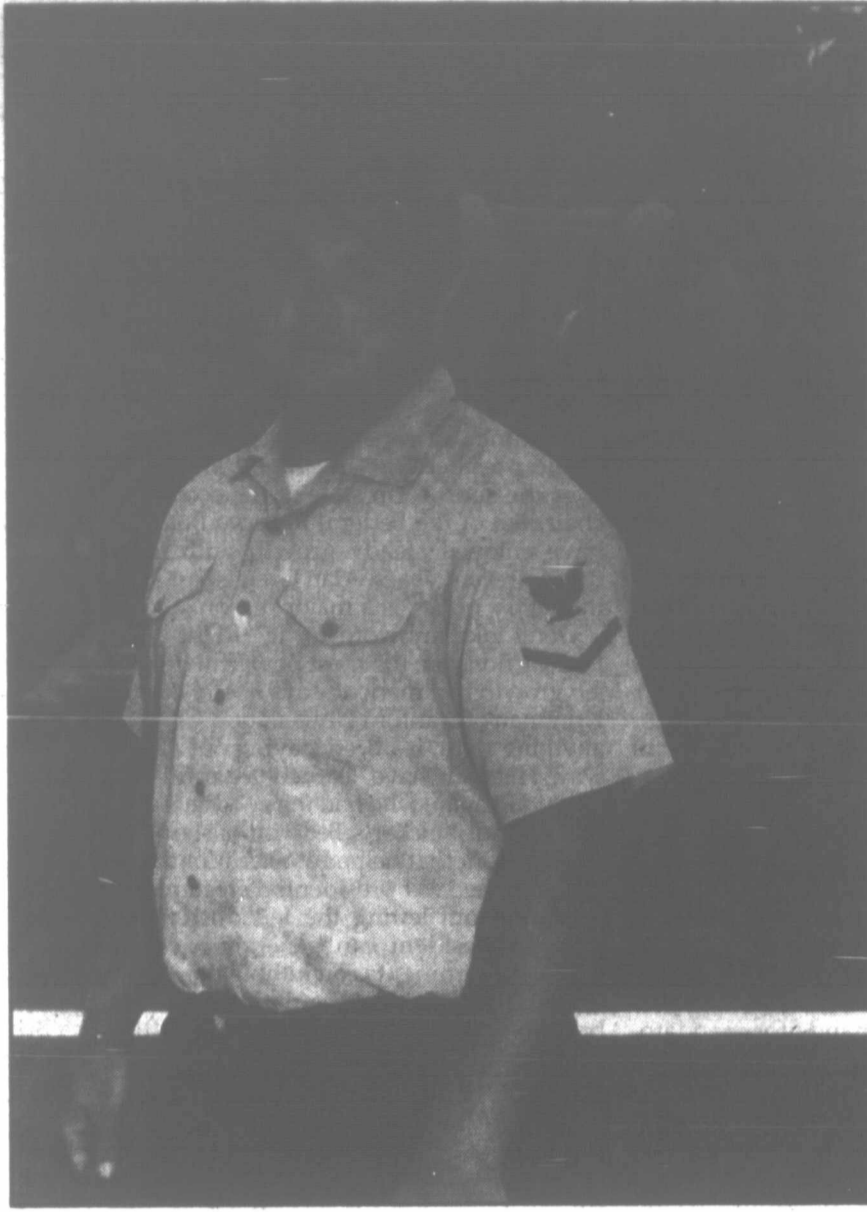
David Sobel, legal counsel for the Washington-based Electronic Privacy Information Center, an Internet civil liberties group, said the case is ironic because Internet service providers — like the Maynards — have been the ones leading the fight against efforts to regulate content.

"If you establish the legal precedent that certain content can be restrained, in most cases those orders are going to be directed against the Internet service provider," he said.

"This opens the door to holding ISPs liable for information that's transmitted through them — which would put a pretty big burden on them of policing everything that goes through their system," Sobel said.

Kenneth Biermacher, a Dallas attorney representing the Maynards, said when the postings turned to threats, Massey crossed the line of free speech.

"This speech is not protected by the First Amendment," Biermacher said.



(US Navy photo)

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Troy A. Black, a 1991 Pampa High School graduate, is now stationed on the USS Cowpens in the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf.

Pampa sailor stationed on overseas deployment

SAN DIEGO — Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Troy A. Black, 23-year-old son of Teresa Wavra of Pampa, is stationed on the USS Cowpens, which began a six-month overseas deployment to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf on Oct. 11.

Black and the rest of the crew have spent the last several months training for the deployment which will take them halfway around the world.

"The training cycle has been long and demanding, but now I know our ship can handle anything that comes along while we are deployed," said Black, a 1991 graduate of Pampa High School.

As a boatswain's mate, Black supervises the maintenance of all the ship's surfaces and deck equipment and operates the small auxiliary boats carried by the ship.

The Cowpens is part of a massive naval battle group led by the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk. Equipped with powerful gas turbine engines and a state-of-the-art Aegis combat system, the Cowpens is one of the Navy's most formidable multi-mission warships.

The Aegis is an integrated system designed to simultaneously collect, evaluate and display combat information, launch and guide missiles to their targets and share tactical information with other ships.

Carrying a variety of missiles, torpedoes and rapid fire guns, the San Diego based cruiser can not only build a defensive shield around its naval battle group, it can also conduct offensive strike missions.

Once the ship arrives in the Arabian Gulf, Black and the Cowpens will replace other U.S.

naval forces already there and begin enforcing the U.N. sanctions against Iraq as part of Operation Southern Watch. Black feels deploying powerful naval warships to the Gulf plays an integral role in supporting the United States' strategic effort overseas by maintaining the Navy's mission of forward presence and crisis response.

"It's important to deploy overseas to protect our interests and to help keep the world a more peaceful place," said Black, a three-year Navy veteran.

While the deployment will keep Black away from family and friends for six months, he still finds it rewarding to be a part of the Cowpens and has already thought of how he will keep in touch.

"The most rewarding aspect is being part of a small group that can work together towards a common goal," said Black. "I plan on keeping in touch on a daily basis through 'E-mail.'"

Even though the deployment will be hard work for Black and will require some long hours, he still has a number of goals he wishes to accomplish.

"I am looking forward to visiting some different places that I didn't have the chance to visit on the last deployment," said Black.

As the turn of the century approaches, the United States and its allies are becoming more involved with worldwide regional conflicts and humanitarian operations. The Navy continues to ensure that sailors like Black are totally ready and able to take control of any situation that may arise in hot spots around the globe.

Doctor: Baby probably would have lived but for accident

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Krystal Zuniga, who was delivered by Caesarian after her 7 1/2-month pregnant mother was in a traffic accident, was a human being in one sense but not in the eyes of the law, a doctor has testified.

Dr. Romulo Corrada, who delivered the baby hours after the traffic accident on June 15, testified Wednesday in the intoxication manslaughter trial of Frank Flores Cuellar, 50.

Prosecutors allege that Cuellar was intoxicated at the time his truck collided with a car driven by Jeannie Coronado, 24, the baby's mother.

A lab technician testified that Cuellar's blood-alcohol level was

more than twice the amount for a person to be considered intoxicated under Texas law.

Defense lawyer Anne Marshall contends that Cuellar can't be found guilty of manslaughter because Krystal Zuniga had not even been born at the time of the accident and could not be classified under Texas law as "another."

Marshall asked the doctor about the distinction between a fetus and a baby.

While inside a mother's womb, he said, it is a fetus.

If somebody caused the death of "this baby" would that person be causing the death of a human being, District Attorney Carlos Valdez asked.

"Yes," Corrada replied.

The defense lawyer asked Corrada, "Is a fetus a human being?"

"No, not in legal terms," Corrada replied.

Asked by Marshall if, in human terms, it could be thought of as a human being, the doctor replied that it could.

Responding to another defense question, the doctor said that at the time of the accident, Krystal was in the uterus and therefore not a baby.

The doctor said that the baby would have had close to a 100 percent chance of living outside the womb if it had not been injured in the accident.

The baby was in very bad condition after the delivery, Corrada said.

Dr. Chris Dundas, a pediatrician who treated Krystal at Driscoll Children's Hospital said there were several diagnoses of the cause of Krystal's death.

They included premature birth, bleeding in the brain, heart and lung failure and the motor vehicle accident.

The death was ruled a homicide by the Nueces County Medical Examiner's office.

Texas Department of Public Safety lab technician Donald Thain testified that Cuellar's blood-alcohol level after the accident was .24 grams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood.

Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau to have annual convention Saturday

Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau 35th annual county convention will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, in the Pampa Community Building.

West Texas humorist and cowboy poet Jim Cameron of Canadian will be the speaker.

Shriners will serve a barbecue meal. Tickets for the meal and convention are \$6.

Rodney McCullough will discuss his firefighting training at Texas A&M University. Shawn Dawes and Melissa Butcher of Pampa High School will describe their experiences at Texas Farm Bureau

Citizenship Seminary at San Angelo State University. Matt Reeves and John Dickey, scholarship recipients, will be recognized.

Door prizes will be awarded. A business meeting is planned and resolutions will be discussed. Four new directors will be elected to serve on the bureau board.

Tickets are available at the Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau office, 1132 S. Hobart, and at the door.

The public is invited. For more information, call 665-8451.

Texas federal employees work to raise Special Olympics funds

AUSTIN — Texas Special Olympics will participate in the Combined Federal Campaign under the name of its parent organization, Special Olympics International. All funds raised from Texas federal employees will be returned to Texas Special Olympics to support local programs.

"At Texas Special Olympics, we are providing an opportunity for people with mental retardation to participate in quality athletic training and competition. Funding from the Combined Federal Campaign will make a tremendous impact on our athletes as they train for life," said Margaret Larsen, president of Texas Special Olympics.

The Combined Federal Campaign is a workplace cam-

paign where federal employees may choose to support any number of worthwhile campaign groups through a payroll deduction/contribution.

Texas Special Olympics is entirely privately funded and receives no state, federal or United Way monies.

Texas Special Olympics serves more than 22,000 children and adults with mental retardation offering 16 different Olympic-type sports and more than 150 Special Olympics competition opportunities annually. Through involvement in Special Olympics, persons with mental retardation learn to interact socially, perform better at work and live more independently. Special Olympics is "Training for Life."

Wheeler Care Center acquires facility van for residents' use

WHEELER — Wheeler Care Center, a Sunrise Healthcare Facility, recently purchased a new facility van.

The vehicle is handicapped accessible with a wheel chair lift in the back. The seats are easily removed to accommodate both ambulatory and wheel chair bound residents.

The van will be used for many things including activities and transporting residents to and from the hospital as well as to dialysis in Oklahoma.

Gennell Farrell York, administrator of the WCC, said, "We are so pleased to be able to provide

this service to the community. The entire staff is thrilled with the purchase. The activities department is excited to be able to take many residents at once on rides around town and to town activities.

"The nursing department is excited about the ability to transport residents twice a week to dialysis in Elk City, Oklahoma," he added.

"This van will allow us to provide a safe and effective means of travel for our residents. We are fortunate to have a company that is so supportive of our needs," York concluded.

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Opinion

Sometimes help can be harmful

Sometimes somebody does something absolutely, quintessentially right, yet doesn't seem to understand just how right it is. Thus the news that George Soros, a billionaire investor and philanthropist, has established an Emma Lazarus Fund with \$50 million of his money to help immigrants who might be adversely affected by recent changes in welfare policy that make certain kinds of welfare less readily available to legal immigrants, creates ambivalence.

His decision is eminently admirable, although almost typical for Soros, who has already given millions of dollars to help countries move toward democracy and market-based economies in the wake of the death of communism and financed institutions seeking creative alternatives for some of the United States' most pressing policy questions. Unlike many wealthy people with opinions on policy issues, Soros has a proud record of putting his money where his mouth is.

If his reported statements are accurate, however, Soros seems to see his generous and public-spirited gift more as a stopgap on the road to restoring previous or even higher levels of taxpayer paid benefits for immigrants rather than as a creative alternative that could eventually displace government assistance with voluntary assistance from private citizens who have a particular interest in helping specific individuals or groups of people.

One can understand, perhaps, what lies behind Soros's attitude. When he first came to England from Hungary and was working at a low-paying job, he broke his leg, and he doesn't think he could have afforded to take care of himself if England hadn't had a government health-care system in place. He appreciates that, and he seems to believe that it is socially and morally better if society as a whole has a policy of intelligent generosity toward immigrants who run into hard times.

The trouble is, the only way "society as a whole" can do such things is through coercion, the use of force to collect tax money to be disbursed to those who seem to have a need. That use of force subtly undermines that healthy sense of community, personal involvement, and tacit obligation for those who have done well to "give something back" of which Soros himself is such a sterling example.

Not only do government programs tend to become bureaucratized, expensive and fuzzy about who really "needs" or "deserves" help, they encourage others to sit back and let Uncle Sam handle it — whatever pressing social problem "it" might be — rather than becoming personally involved in the lives of others.

Some would hope that the "whole society" could be helpful to those with problems without creating bloated bureaucracies, but institutional dynamics assure that it won't happen. Private philanthropy is not only more efficient at getting real help to real people, it impels people toward personal involvement in the community. Based on voluntary action, it is morally superior to forced charity. And, as Soros undoubtedly knows, it offers numerous rewards of satisfaction and joy at doing the right thing to those who decide to use some of their resources to help others.

Soros's action is commendable. It would be even more commendable if he saw it as a catalyst to encourage more voluntary charity to displace the creaky and often unjust system of government welfare.

Thought for today

"It is not strange ... that such an exuberance of enterprise should cause some individuals to mistake change for progress, and the invasion of the rights of others for national prowess and glory."

Millard Fillmore, 1800-1874
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The economy's indifference ...

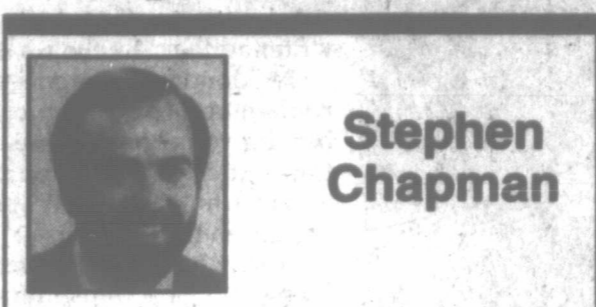
"Bill Clinton promised to create eight million jobs," Vice President Al Gore reminded Americans in a recent speech. "He's created ten-and-a-half million new jobs." Sure he did. Just like he brought the flowers in the spring.

It's the conceit of presidents whose terms of office coincide with periods of economic expansion to presume that the prosperity is their doing. But the recovery Clinton takes credit for in 1996 actually began in 1991, a year before he got elected by mercilessly pummeling President Bush for failing to end a recession that was already over. The truth is, Bush didn't cause the recession or the recovery, and Clinton is not the reason growth has continued.

During the last four years, the administration says, total employment in America has risen by ten-and-a-half million. That doesn't mean Clinton made it happen. Granted, he gave Al Gore a job. But aside from that, the only other employment he is directly responsible for is in the offices of half a dozen special prosecutors investigating alleged wrongdoing by him, his wife, half the employees of the executive branch and every current resident of the state of Arkansas.

Americans are inclined to vote out incumbent presidents when times are bad and keep them around when times are good. They have a regrettable habit of judging the success of a president on the precise issue where he has the least power.

Whoever occupies the Oval Office can transform the Supreme Court, send troops to Bosnia, sign trade agreements with any country he chooses and turn the greater part of the globe into a smoking heap of radioactive charcoal. But on the economy, he's like a man trying to steer a cabin cruiser with a paddle — only with great exertions can he even hope to produce small changes, and his efforts can easily



Stephen Chapman

be overwhelmed by forces beyond his control.

The historical record argues for presidential humility. As economist Susan Lee notes in her recent book, *Hands Off: Why the Government is a Menace to Economic Health*, there were "nine major tax changes during the 1960s, and only one of them worked as intended." Arthur Okun, who as chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers under Lyndon Johnson was behind one tax increase that failed, said later, "If I seem sensitive in reviewing the results, it is only because I am."

Gore was not the only person exaggerating the president's importance. Jack Kemp said that with the right policies in the White House, "we should double the rate of growth" in the economy — a statement that may evoke demands for mandatory drug testing of vice presidential candidates.

Dole himself has set a high enough goal in trying to boost annual growth by a single percentage point, from 2.5% per year to 3.5%. If Kemp knew how to raise it to five percent, he could forget about the vice presidency — Americans would elect him emperor for life.

Politicians often pretend that not a swallow falls from the sky except by their doing. But in a mar-

ket economy, jobs are created by private businesses, not by presidential decree. A president can do a lot to hinder or help the private economy function — just as a referee can do a lot to hinder or help the playing of a football game. But however important referees are, they don't claim credit every time someone scores a touchdown.

The president, at any rate, has far less control over the short-term state of the economy than the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, and if we have enjoyed steady growth with low inflation during recent years, Alan Greenspan's handling of monetary policy is a major reason.

Don't take my word for it. "Right or wrong, the Fed's actions are the most powerful determinants of job growth in America," says liberal economist Paul Krugman of Stanford University. If Clinton has done anything right, it's been staying out of Greenspan's way. He may have learned a useful lesson from Ronald Reagan, who had the good sense not to interfere as Paul Volcker's Fed-vanquished inflation, an achievement that helped Walter Mondale carry two states in the 1984 presidential election.

Aside from letting the fed do its job, the best thing a president can generally do is to do no harm. Governments can hobble the economy with high taxes, onerous regulations, mindless trade barriers and save-the-world expenditures. But other than providing decent education and ordinary infrastructure, it has limited ability to make the economy perform better.

Sometimes, of course, presidents are happy to admit as much. Judging from the experience of the last 50 years, the expansion over which Clinton presides is almost certain to end during his next term. Democrats will ask that we not blame him, but they shouldn't be surprised if we don't listen.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Oct. 17, the 291st day of 1996. There are 75 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 17, 1777, British forces under Gen. John Burgoyne surrendered to American troops at Saratoga, N.Y., in a turning point of the Revolutionary War.

On this date:
In 1919, the Radio Corporation of America was created.

In 1931, mobster Al Capone was convicted of income tax evasion and sentenced to eleven years in prison. (He was released in 1939.)

In 1933, Albert Einstein arrived in the United States as a refugee from Nazi Germany.

In 1941, the U.S. destroyer Kearney was torpedoed by a German submarine off the coast of Iceland. Eleven people died.

In 1945, Col. Juan Peron staged a coup, becoming absolute ruler of Argentina.



Overreaching judicial authority

Charley Reese

In 1987, U.S. District Judge Russell G. Clark ordered an increase in the property taxes in the city of Kansas City, Mo., from \$2.05 to \$4 per \$100 of assessed evaluation. In 1990, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld his decision.

Do you doubt the constitutional republic is road kill?

What happened to opposition to taxation without representation? Nobody in Kansas City elected Judge Clark. He was appointed by a president to a life term.

What happened to separation of powers? For all of America's existence prior to 1987, the power to tax has rested only with the elected representatives of the people, not in the judicial or executive branches of government.

In case you're curious, Judge Clark ordered the tax increase to build schools, which he thought would make an integration plan that hadn't worked. The taxes were increased, and the schools were built. The integration plan still didn't work.

But the more important point is that Clark breached a line that to my knowledge no other federal judge ever had breached before — directly ordering elected officials of a local government to raise the taxes on their constituents. Federal judges have long been engaged in legislating and even administering, so it may be no surprise that they would usurp the function of taxation, too.

Perhaps more depressing is that the breach didn't cause much of a stir. The national press, which today has by and large adopted the tabloid mentality, saw neither sex nor blood in the matter and more or less ignored it. Liberty, being an idea and a condition, neither bleeds nor has gender.

Neither of the two political monopoly parties took much notice. The Republican Party, born with the intent to murder the constitutional republic, which it did with Reconstruction, is now little more than a puppet of multinational corporations. The Democrats, who have become socialists, it seems to me, are more interested in income redistribution than in liberty.

Because most of the multinationals are run by socialists themselves provided, of course, it is corporate socialism — there is not much for Republicans and Democrats to argue about except power and patronage.

For that matter, many Americans seem interested mainly in sex, blood and income redistribution, provided the redistribution is in their favor.

The dumbing down of America may be more than a catch phrase. If so, it will be a temporary

condition, as experience will succeed where academics failed in teaching the disadvantages of slavery and the benefits of freedom. Experience, though, is a hard, costly and sometimes cruel way to learn.

There is a group fighting this judicial problem, The Madison Forum (17 E. Glenwood Lane, St. Louis, MO 63122), in case you're interested. It wants to amend the Constitution to prohibit judges from levying taxes.

I think that's the wrong approach. In the first place, if we amend the Constitution to correct bad judicial decisions, the Constitution will soon be the size of the Oxford Unabridged Dictionary. In the second place, why would judges pay any attention to a new amendment when they so routinely disregard the Constitution itself?

It would be better to repeal all the amendments starting with the twelfth.

But even that is buying a cow before you build the barn. Until the American people decide they want to curb the powers of the imperial government in Washington, nothing will happen.

As long as the debate is all about group rights, tinkering with income redistribution schemes and playing gotcha games with the internal revenue code, liberty will continue to be ignored, which is to say, it will continue to diminish. Nobody can save people from themselves, but themselves.

Ending aid to dependent corporations

Corporate Welfare. Everyone seems to be against it. Bob Dole says he will eliminate it to support his tax plan. Bill Clinton has vowed to end "Aid to Dependent Corporations." And organizations of all political stripes urge federal leaders to abolish it.

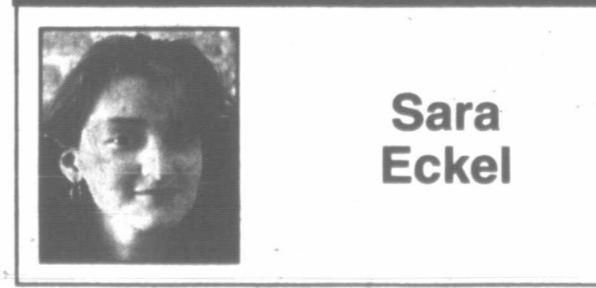
But the unfortunate truth is, very little has been done to get these corporate freeloaders off the dole. According to Janice Shields at the Corporate Welfare Project, which is headed by Ralph Nader, the average person spends \$415 each year for anti-poverty social programs — food stamps, child-nutrition subsidies, housing assistance, etc. Meanwhile, we each pay \$1,388 a year in grants, subsidies and tax breaks that benefit profitable businesses such as McDonald's, M&M Mars, Tyson Foods and Campbell's Soup.

Where is the outrage? Well, for starters it's in Michael Moore's new book *Downsize This!* Moore, who skewered General Motors in his hilarious documentary *Roger & Me*, now takes on more of the issues that our nation's wealthiest and most powerful citizens would like to remain confusing and obscure.

What is corporate welfare? Moore answers: — "It's \$1.6 million in federal funds for McDonald's, in part to help them market Chicken McNuggets in Singapore from 1986 to 1994."

— "It's giving \$278 million in government technology subsidies to Amoco, AT&T, Citicorp, Du Pont, General Electric, General Motors and IBM between 1990 and 1994 while together they cut 339,038 jobs and posted combined profits of \$25.2 billion in 1994 alone."

— "It's Exxon being able to claim nearly \$300



Sara Eckel

million in tax DEDUCTIONS on the settlement they paid when the Exxon Valdez spilled 11 million gallons of oil into the Prince William Sound.

Those who are not inclined to believe Michael Moore or Ralph Nader need not take the progressives' word for it. Even the conservative Cato Institute believes that big business has been getting a free ride, estimating that taxpayers spend \$75 billion on corporate subsidies each year (progressives put that number at \$170 billion, because they include tax breaks.) "Corporate welfare has been a fiscal blind spot of congressional budget cutters," authors Stephen Moore and Dean Stansel said in a Cato Institute report issued last May. "In 1995, the corporate safety net was left virtually intact."

Spending actually INCREASED for the United States Department of Agriculture's Market Promotion Program (recently renamed the Market Access Program), which gives corporations money to offset foreign advertising costs. Many of the recipients of these handouts are some of the

country's largest and most profitable companies. "For instance," says the Cato Institute report, "in 1993 Sunkist received \$6.6 million, Ernest and Julio Gallo received \$4.9 million, the Dole company received \$1.6 million, M&M Mars received \$1 million, Tyson Foods received \$800,000, and Campbell's Soup received more than \$500,000."

It's truly bizarre. For the past two years, we've been fretting about the federal money that goes to the nation's poorest families. But, asks Moore, "Why is it we never think of Big Business when we think of welfare recipients? Companies take more of our tax dollars than those who are trying to heat their apartments with a kerosene stove."

And why don't politicians just end corporate welfare as we know it, as they claim they want to do?

Well, for many of them that means biting the hand that feeds them. It's fine to talk about corporate welfare in the abstract, but actually eliminating it is quite another matter. Politicians need corporate money to fund their expensive campaigns.

For example, the Archer Daniels Midland company, as both Moore and the Cato Institute point out, has given extensively to both the Democrats and the Republicans. ADM has also managed to convince our government to keep foreign sugar out of the country. With artificially inflated sugar prices, ADM can keep its corn sweetener "sugar substitute" prices high, contributing to ADM's \$700 million in annual profits.

This system may be bad for America, but for ADM and other corporate welfare mamas it is oh-so-sweet.

Court report

COURT RECORDS COUNTY

Marriage licenses issued

Richard G. Maples and Kelli Lee Howe
Carl Lloyd Warner and Evelyn Jane Haiduk
Bobby Vann Powers and Karen Hampton Powers
Donald Morris Williams and Tiffney Sereese Soukup

Criminal

An order was entered granting a continuance to Cedric Crowder until Nov. 12.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft of property by check against Vicki Mau because restitution has been made.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft of property - class B against Linda D. Mann because restitution and court costs have been paid.

An order was entered issuing warrants for the arrests of Mandy Renee Johnson and Dennis A. Wood to answer for violation of terms and conditions of probation.

An order was entered extending the probation of Silvia Martinez to April 14, 1997. She has been in jail since May and unable to work and pay her fees.

An order was entered amending the probation of Tammy Knight increasing her restitution to \$213.42 for insufficient funds checks.

An order was entered granting a motion to dismiss a motion to revoke the probation of Jimmie Fitzer.

An order was entered issuing an alias capias warrant for the rearrest of Jeffery Lyndon Craven on a judgment nisi.

Ricky Gene Brown pleaded guilty to unlawful carrying of weapon. He was assessed \$250 fine, 60 days in Gray County jail and \$170 court costs.

Jimmy Ray Fitzgerald pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated - second offense. He was assessed \$700 fine, two years probation, \$210 court costs and 40 community service restitution hours.

William Eugene Sharpton pleaded guilty to deadly conduct. He was assessed 12 months deferred adjudication probation, \$500 fine and 35 CSR hours.

Orders were entered dismissing charges of expired driver's license - appeal and speeding - appeal from Justice of the Peace Court 2 against William Eugene Sharpton because he was convicted in another case.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft \$500 to \$1,500 against Mark Adam Morris, because the evidence is insufficient.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft \$50 to \$500 against Mike Nelson because the evidence is insufficient.

An order was entered revoking the probation of Ricky Joe Diaz. He was assessed 60 days in jail, \$490 fine and \$215 court costs.

Stephen Lee Spencer pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated. He was assessed 95 days in jail with credit for days served. The failure to identify charge was taken into account and dismissed.

An order was entered revoking the probation of Lisa Dawn Doyle. She was assessed 30 days in jail, \$500 fine and \$280 court costs.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft of property by check against Chel Smith because court costs and restitution have been paid.

Chris Lee Thomason pleaded guilty to theft of property by check. He was assessed \$500 fine, 60 days in jail, \$200 court costs and \$611.09 restitution.

Glenn Jack Noack pleaded guilty to violation of protective order. He was assessed \$400 fine, \$205 court costs and 40 days in jail with credit for days served to consecutively after Cause No. 22799.

An order was entered revoking the probation of Glenn Jack Noack. He was assessed 20 days in jail with credit for time served, \$210 fine and \$78 court costs.

David Allen David pleaded guilty deadly conduct. He was assessed 12 months deferred adjudication probation, \$750 fine, 90 CSR hours and \$135 court costs.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of evading arrest/detention with auto against David

Allen David because he was convicted in another case.

Benny Martinez pleaded guilty to deadly conduct. He was assessed 12 months deferred adjudication probation, \$600 fine, \$135 court costs and 50 CSR hours.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of evading arrest or detention against Benny Martinez because he was convicted in another case.

An order was entered amending the probation of Benny Martinez requiring him to attend weekly counseling with Gene Reynolds or a counselor selected by Community Supervision and Corrections Department.

Dewayne Gordon Hickman pleaded guilty driving while intoxicated. He was assessed \$500 fine, one year probation, \$210 court costs, completion of a DWI education class and 30 CSR hours.

Michael Heath Honeycutt pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana under two ounces. He was assessed six months deferred adjudication probation, \$360 fine, \$135 court costs, \$140 restitution to Department of Public Safety and 60 CSR hours.

Joseph Taylor pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana under two ounces. He was assessed six months deferred adjudication probation, \$500 fine, \$135 court costs, \$140 restitution to DPS and 24 CSR hours.

Alicia Maciel Martinez pleaded guilty to deadly conduct. She was assessed six months deferred adjudication probation, \$200 fine, \$135 court costs and 30 CSR hours.

Cody Lalacon Jordan pleaded guilty to assault causing bodily injury. He was assessed six months deferred adjudication probation, \$200 fine, \$165 court costs and 24 CSR hours.

Juan Carlos Silva pleaded no contest to criminal mischief \$20 to \$500. He was assessed one year probation, \$600 fine, \$165 court costs, \$554.69 restitution and 70 CSR hours.

Mary Sherman pleaded guilty to theft of property by check - Class B. She was assessed 12 months deferred adjudication probation, \$500 fine, \$1,827.35 restitution, 24 CSR hours and 30 days in jail. A charge of failure to identify was dismissed.

Jose Manuel Moreno pleaded guilty to failure to identify - fugitive. He was assessed \$400 fine, six months probation, \$135 court costs and 35 CSR hours.

Rodney Lee Fisher pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated. He was assessed two years probation, \$650 fine, \$210 court costs, completion of a DWI education class and 40 CSR hours.

Chad Henson Young pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated. He was assessed \$500 fine, two years probation, \$210 court costs, completion of a DWI education class and 70 CSR hours.

An ordering was entered granting a motion to dismiss a motion to revoke the probation of Gabriel Ruiz Hernandez.

Bryce Quinn Avila pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana under two ounces. He was assessed \$560 fine, \$135 court costs and \$140 restitution.

An order was entered issuing a capias for the arrest of Thomas Randell Townsend to answer for violation of terms and conditions of probation.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft of property by check against Regina Alexander because the evidence is insufficient.

DISTRICT COURT

Civil

Alicia Espinoza vs. Elias Espinoza, protective order

Shelly Reed vs. Odat Reed, protective order

Anna Leigh Laury vs. Byron Devoll Laury, protective order

Heath Honeycutt vs. Darla Honeycutt, protective order

Madonna Hubert vs. Dale Brumley and Darlene Brumley, damages

Linda Jan Blevins and Mike Blevins vs. Becky Lovell and First Bank Southwest, suit on contract

Rosalinda Jackson vs. Larry Jackson, protective order

Divorces granted

Helen G. Adair and William Joseph Adair

Austin Elementary School Honor Roll

Austin Elementary School recently announced its honor roll for the first six weeks grading period of the 1996-97 school year.

Second Grade

A Honor Roll

Chelsea Adkins, Zachary Ammons, Daniel Arnold, Michaela Arzola, Natasha Bailey, Breanna Beesley, Breanna Bigam, Bryan Bogges, Christopher Campbell, Cassidy Casados, Jarron Clark, Bridget Craig, Maegan Crain, Craig Crowell, Candice Dildy, Reese Dills, Robbie Dixon, Brady Eakin, Con Elledge, Brett Ferrell, Ryan Hansen, Sarah Hatfield, Daniel Heare and Katie Holmes.

Kebbi Hutto, Morgan Ketchersid, Natalie Knowles, Jonathan Maciel, Dock Mackie, Jack Mackie, Darrin Meyer, Ethan North, Kenneth Nunn, Aaron Pepper, Britteni Rice, Devan Shults, Erika Silva, Skyler Simpson, Christopher Stabel, Sally Steele, Cameron Stewart, Tanna Stowers, Erin Teague, Angela Tindol, Alyce Urice, Gavin Ware and Jenee Watson.

A-B Honor Roll

Robert Alexander, Nicole Clark, Stephen Denton, Gracie Dudley, Jareth Fortenberry, Kendall Mann, Andrew Poole, Kymber Reeves and Michaela Scroggins.

Third Grade

A Honor Roll

Jonathan Cook, Russel Bradley, Cooper Brazile, Justin Brown, Meagan Clark, Lauren Cook, Nakayla Courter, Seth Darnell, D.J. Elliott, Cody Ellis, Dak Fallon, Taylor Fatheree, Evan Grice, Allison Hall, Tyson Hickman, Dusty Joiner, Clay Jones, Nikolas Julian, Whitney Karr, Eric Kingcade, Jarett Kotara, Logan Langford and Antonio Lucero.

Jennifer Mackie, Brian McIntosh, Cameron Musgrave, Junior Navarrete, Britney Nelson, Chase Phillips, Britany Reagans, Lindsay Rhoades, Lindzi Schaible, Brody Smith, Christopher Smith, Grant Stucki, Blake Talley, Weston Teichmann, Kari Terrell, Elizabeth Thomas, Tyson Williams and Kylie Winegeart.

A-B Honor Roll

Chase Brewer, Lauren Denney, Sarah Everson, Angela Hall, Nicole Day, Sunil Kamnani, Jacob Ledbetter and Adam Robertson.

Fourth Grade

A Honor Roll

Ben Briscoe, Alyssa Bromwell, Elizabeth Campbell, Kyle Cambern, Tyler Doughty, Dustin Elliott, Seth Foster, Rebecca Gindorf, Clayton Hall, Keaton Hutto, Lynzy Leach Powell and

Dusty Lenderman.

Mark Murray, Ann Murtishaw, Megan North, Stacy Pepper, Jacey Planteen, Matthew Robertson, Anna Schafer, Autumn Schaub, Greg Steele, Trevor Talley and Clayton Young.

A-B Honor Roll

Shea Brown, Calli Carter, Rhiannon Casados, Luke Dyer, Monica Eakin and Tosha Powell.

Fifth grade

A Honor Roll

Courtney Adkins, Brianna Bailey, Ryan Barnes, Nikki Brown, Kelsey Caldwell, Jerrod Carruth, Erica Cochran, Andrew Curtis, Megan David, Chelsey Davis, Krissy Holman, Misty Ivey, Mitchell Jefferies and Anna Johnson.

Tara Jordan, Michael Martinez, Riki Maurico, Tres Morris, Lindsey Musgrave, Katlin Passini, Lindsey Price, Katie Shaffer, Aaron Simon, Jera Skinner, Elliott Smith, Sarita Ware and Britton White.

A-B Honor Roll

Alan Arzola, Zach Cain, Clarke Hale, Jessica Hall, Jansen Hancock, Garrett Johnson, Jonathan Jones, Kellen Ketchersid, Lauryn Langford, Derek Lewis, Chad Long, Daniel Meyer, Mac Smith, Johnny Story, Joshua Turner, Stephanie Willoughby and Claudia Wittliff.

Ready for band contest



(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

The Pride of Pampa Harvester Band marches during halftime Friday night at the Harvester football game. The band students will join other area bands Saturday to compete in the annual high school marching competition, beginning at 10 a.m. at Borger Stadium. Admission is \$2 for audience members. The Harvesters will perform at 7:36 p.m.

Grandmother runs family drug operation from jail

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A grandmother jailed in a drug conspiracy investigation has been directing operations of her family's drug business by telephone from her jail cell, a federal agent says.

U.S. Customs Special Agent Joe Cisneros gave the testimony Wednesday in a federal court hearing on a motion by Angela "Granny" Serna, 73, to gain her release on bond while she awaits trial.

Cisneros testified that Serna called her grandson from jail and told him to dig up some heroin that had been buried in her back yard. She also had been heard urging her son to sell heroin from his prison cell.

The conversations were picked

up on wiretaps during an investigation that led to the breakup of the Mexican Mafia drug trafficking organization.

U.S. Magistrate Robert B. O'Connor ruled that Serna, a life-long resident, is not a risk to flee if released on bond, but said she is a danger to the community. He ordered her held without bond.

In addition to the testimony about the telephone calls, Cisneros testified that agents and police have raided Serna's home several times in recent years and have found drugs, cash, weapons and fugitives during many of the raids.

A federal wiretap in the case remained in place until last

Sunday although Serna and others were arrested last Thursday.

On Friday, he said, agents intercepted a phone call she made to one of her grandsons.

"She told him to go to her house and take something from a baby bottle buried under a rock by the swing, to keep some himself and give some to (her other grandson), that it was good," Cisneros said.

The reference to baby bottles was significant, Cisneros said, because agents found that the heroin ring used plastic baby bottle liners to store heroin.

Cisneros also said Serna was recorded on 18 phone calls in a wiretap of the Mexican Mafia in 1992 and 1993.

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Pampa United Way agency profile

After 15 months of being dormant, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Texas Panhandle Inc. wants to get the Pampa Satellite office up and running, again. It is time to serve the children of Pampa who are in need of a friend.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Texas Panhandle Inc. is a volunteer driven organization dedicated to matching children ages 6 to 14 from single-parent or extended family homes in a one-to-one relationship with a qualified mentor for the development of positive life skills and social values.



Jelaine Workman, executive director for the B B B S Amarillo region, reports, "Through

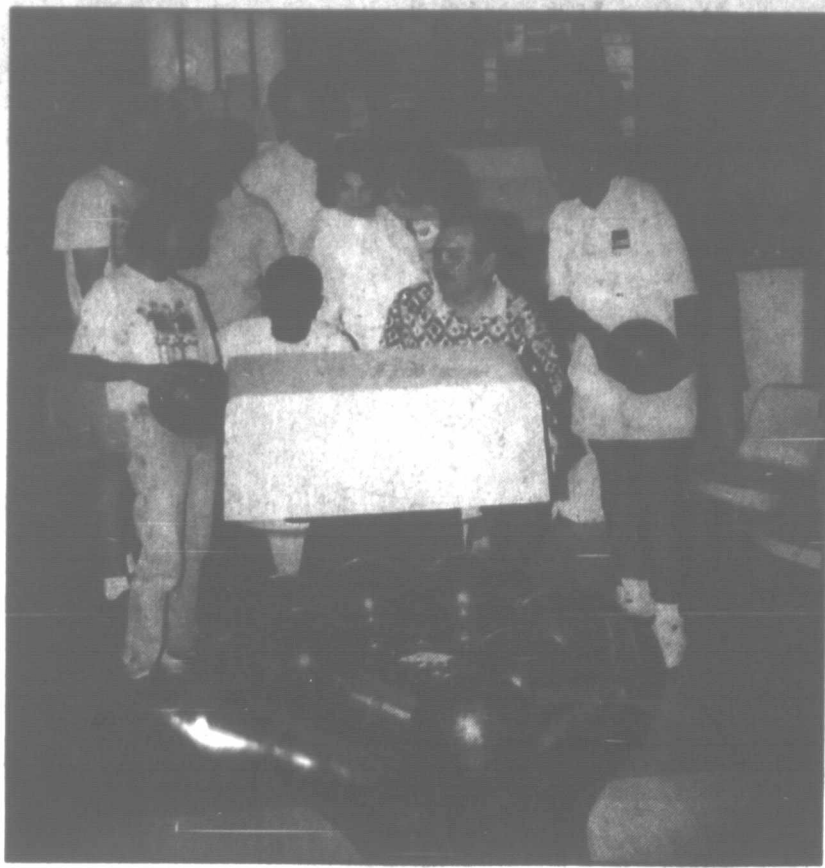
the Big Brothers Big Sisters Impact Study recently completed by the Public/Private Venture Group, we found that children with a one-to-one mentor were 46 percent less likely to start using illegal drugs and 27 percent less likely to start drinking. They were 52 percent less likely than their peers to skip a day of school and 37 percent less likely to skip a class.

Studies also show that 48 percent of the children who have a Big Brother or a Big Sister do not get involved in youth gangs, and 35 percent do better in school and get along better with other kids and their teachers.

"This proves that our program does have an impact," Workman continued.

Children from single-parent homes often need another adult "friend" to share ideas, concerns and joys. Big Brothers Big Sisters has been around since the early 1900s, proving that children for generations have needed a mentor. Children living in single-parent homes often need that special mentor in their lives to help them reach for their dreams.

"So often, a program could be going if they just had the money," explained Workman,



(Special photo)

A group of Big Brothers Big Sisters members get together for a game of bowling in an activity with some of their young 'friends.'

"but in our case, we have the financial support we need, it's the volunteers and, more importantly, the children."

The phone number in Pampa is 665-1211.

"We will take the information we need and send applications to the 'Little's' parent and make an appointment to have an orientation with the 'Big' applicant," Workman said. "We are ready to begin serving the children in the Pampa area who are in need of a one-to-one mentor."

Workman said, "We are excited to have the opportunity to serve the children throughout the region. I would be happy to talk with anyone who has questions about our processing procedures of volunteers and our clients."

"We know we are entrusting a valuable commodity to the volunteer and we do not take this responsibility lightly. Our processing is thorough and we do

our best to leave no stone unturned," she added.

In the past year, the Pampa Satellite office has become affiliated with the Amarillo organization, helping to make the program more consistent in its accomplishments in the Pampa area.

Members of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Pampa Advisory Council include Dr. Jack Albracht, Jim Bridwell, Greg Brown, Sharla Chidester, Bob Jeffers, Dr. Greg Kelly, Barbara Mamoulides, Bob Marx, Nancy Shaffer, Sue Thornton, Doug Ware, Denise Winegeart, Dr. Byron Wilkenfield and Carol Ziegelgruber.

For more information, call 665-1211.

Big Brothers Big Sisters receives funding from the Pampa United Way for the operation of the Pampa Satellite office.

Morales stumps in South Texas, entreats voters not to count him out of race yet

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) - Underdog U.S. Senate candidate Victor Morales admits he might be down in the polls, but he's telling supporters not to count him out in his race against incumbent Republican Phil Gramm.

"Two times they said we couldn't win, and here I am. So I don't worry about those polls," said Morales, who shocked the political world when he first advanced to the Democratic primary runoff, then went on to defeat U.S. Rep. John Bryant for the nomination.

Just one day after Gramm stumped across the Rio Grande Valley, Morales on Wednesday brought his man-of-the-people campaign to the border, where political analysts say he must have a strong showing on Election Day if he stands any chance.

"Absolutely Morales has to basically pull his core from South Texas and the other parts of the state that have predominantly Mexican-American populations," said Jerry Polinard, a political scientist at the University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg.

Morales, who acknowledged "the odds are heavy," asked supporters to help him once again pull off the impossible by spreading his message to voters who may still be undecided.

"We need those independent voters. We need them so I can turn around and help you," he told about 60 people at a rally at the University of Texas-Brownsville.

Morales said that if he had fallen behind in the

race, it is because his opponent has spent more money on political advertisements such as one questioning Morales' position on same-sex marriages and other issues related to family values.

Morales called the commercials lies and scare tactics.

"Phil Gramm does not tell the truth," he said. "He can't run on his record, so he runs on negative attacks and lies."

Gramm has said he is opposed to legislation that would legally recognize same-sex marriages, while contending Morales "doesn't understand why we don't give the same legal sanctions to same-sex marriages."

Morales said marriage should be regulated by the states, not Congress.

A high school government teacher who quit to run for office, Morales pledged to the audience of mostly students to promote educational programs such as Head Start and AmeriCorps, saying, "Education is everything."

He also promised to make campaign reform a top priority, noting that Gramm has collected thousands of dollars in campaign contributions through political action committees.

"What I offer you is my honesty, my ability to work with people - all people in all situations - someone who will never sell out," he said.

Following his stop in Brownsville, Morales campaigned in Harlingen, San Juan and Edinburg before heading west to Laredo.

DNA evidence prompts governor to pardon inmate

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) - Gov. George Allen pardoned a man who spent seven years in prison for a rape and robbery that DNA tests later showed he did not commit.

Troy Lynn Webb, 29, was serving a 47-year sentence at Keene Mountain Correctional Center in Oakwood. Webb left the prison at about 2 p.m. Wednesday, about 30 minutes after talking by telephone with Allen, said state Department of Corrections spokesman David Botkins.

Allen said in a statement that Webb would not have been convicted had the jury had access to the DNA evidence seven years ago, and that it was the governor's duty to "correct demonstrable errors of justice."

Allen told reporters that before he called Webb, he called the victim. "She was understanding," the governor said. "I told her I was sorry she had to relive this traumatic event."

Webb was "grateful and

relieved," Allen said, adding that Webb did not seem bitter.

Virginia Beach Commonwealth's Attorney Robert Humphreys, whose office prosecuted Webb in 1989, had joined in Webb's request for an unconditional pardon.

Webb could not be reached for comment; his attorney - former O.J. Simpson lawyer Barry Schreck - did not return messages for comment.

Webb was convicted on the basis of serology tests, the most sophisticated tests available at the time. An analysis of a semen stain from the victim's

underwear did not rule him out.

Also, the victim identified Webb as her attacker.

After Webb's appeals were rejected, his family turned to The Innocence Project, which uses DNA testing to free people who have been wrongfully convicted.

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WTAMU divisions plan seminar on biofeedback

CANYON — West Texas A&M University's Counseling Services, Graduate School and the Division of Education will present a continuing education program entitled "Minding the Body: Biofeedback for Stress-Related Symptoms," beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, in the Buffalo Room of the Dining Hall on the WTAMU campus.

Biofeedback, a technique which uses electronic instrumentation to feed back measurements of bodily processes, includes bodily functions such as muscle tension, blood pressure, heart rate and brainwave activity.

Biofeedback as a counseling technique involves helping individuals learn to control these functions. Seminar participants will explore how symptoms of stress can be effectively treated with biofeedback.

Jo Ann Cook and Letta R. Day, therapists with Northwest Texas Healthcare Systems, will lead the seminar instruction.

Cook specializes in biofeedback and neurofeedback in the treatment of stress related problems and additions counseling. Cook received a master's degree in psychology from

WTAMU and is certified by the Biofeedback Certification Institute of America and the National Registry of Neurofeedback Providers.

Day is credited with the development of the Biofeedback/Neurofeedback Department at Northwest Texas Healthcare Systems. Day uses her training in the treatment of chronic pain, hypertension and addiction and anxiety disorders.

She completed a master's degree in psychology from WTAMU; addiction training at Menninger Clinic and Washburn University, both in Topeka, Kan.; and training at the University of North Texas' Center for Rehabilitation Studies.

Participants are eligible to receive three continuing education units per person for attending the three hour seminar.

The seminar is free of charge to WTAMU students. Cost of the seminar to others is \$15 before 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1 or \$20 at the door.

For more information or to register for the seminar, call Dayna Schertler, counselor in WTAMU's Counseling Services, at (806) 656-2340.

Huntsville tops list as most tornado prone city

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) — Huntsville is taking over as No. 1 on the list of most tornado-prone cities.

Topeka, Kan., held the top spot the first two years that tornado rankings were done in a computer analysis by Huntsville-based Engineering Analysis Inc. But two tornadoes in Huntsville in 1995 dropped Topeka to No. 2, while Huntsville moved up from the third spot.

Company President Frank Tatom said Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Okla., and Pasadena, Texas, rounded out the top five.

"These kinds of statistics will have annual changes based on whether you had a good or bad year," Tatom said.

Kansas ranked third behind Texas and Oklahoma as the most tornado-prone state.

Scientists say Huntsville seems to be in a "tornado alley" from Jackson, Miss., which ranked 12th in the tornado study, through north Alabama. Birmingham came in 18th.

Tatom said the chance of a tornado striking "diminishes as you head south" in Alabama.

Montgomery and Mobile didn't make the top 20, he said. Tornadoes are twice as likely to strike Birmingham as Montgomery. And they are half as likely to strike Mobile than Montgomery.

Only cities with more than 100,000 population were studied. The software designed by Engineering Analysis Inc. uses weather statistics compiled by the National Weather Service from 1950 through 1995 and counts tornadoes that hit within 20 miles of a city.

The chance of a tornado hitting any area in a 20-mile radius of Huntsville is 1 in 690 annually, according to the Site Assessment of Tornado Threat (SATT) software, Tatom said.

Tatom said SATT is useful to meteorologists and emergency preparedness coordinators because it can help them determine the month, time of day and even the direction of tornadoes most common in their region.

The software is used by NASA to determine tornado probability at space shuttle launch sites, Tatom said.

One strength SATT software has in determining tornado-prone areas is it doesn't just tabulate the number of tornadoes in each area, but also the size, strength, touch-down time and path of the tornado, Tatom said, cautioning the software was only as reliable as the information received from the NWS.

Daniel Nietfeld, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Topeka, said tracking the type of tornado data Tatom uses for his software was difficult.

"It isn't always easy to tell because somebody almost has to watch a tornado from the time it touches down to the time it lifts back up," Nietfeld said.

If the tornado touches down at night, "It is hard to see them," he said.

The idea to create the SATT software came to Tatom in 1989 after a tornado killed 26 people in Huntsville.

"That caused me to get the idea of trying to quantify the threat of tornadoes," Tatom said, and put it on a personal computer.

State briefs

Girl punished in chalk-drawn square back in school

LORENZO (AP) — A 16-year-old high school sophomore took a more familiar seat back in school Wednesday, one day after spending about eight hours counting cars in compliance with a judge's order.

Municipal Judge J.R. Petersen backed down on his punishment and allowed LaTosha Pringler to return to Lorenzo High School, interrupting a three-day sentence he imposed on her for cursing at the school nurse.

LaTosha, whose mother Jackie Pringler stayed at her side most of Tuesday, denies she called Joyce Arthur a "white bitch."

LaTosha, who has served community service imposed by Petersen for past fights at school,

positioned herself in a chair on Harrison Street Tuesday morning surrounded by an eight-foot chalked square from which she didn't stray for eight hours except for a few breaks.

She was to do the same Wednesday and again Thursday but got permission to return to class a few minutes after staking out the sidewalk spot on Wednesday.

Suspect arrested in fatal hit-and-run

ADDISON (AP) — A 31-year-old Dallas woman was charged Wednesday with manslaughter in a fatal hit-and-run traffic accident that killed a soldier from Massachusetts and injured his two companions.

Michelle Christine Hill of

Dallas was charged after her arrest at a Plano home Tuesday.

Her father, Roger A. Hiss, 56, of West Chester, Ohio, and brother, Steven Patrick Hiss, 33, of Plano, also were arrested and charged with felony evidence tampering.

Also charged with felony evidence tampering was their lawyer, Donald A. Tittle, 32, of Dallas.

Lt. Michael J. Gunning, 23, of Canton, Mass., was killed and two friends were severely injured Saturday when a car struck them as they left a restaurant in the suburb north of Dallas.

Paul Dorsey, 28, of Dallas, formerly of Canton, and his girlfriend, Angelic Verkaik, 29, of Carrollton, were in stable condition in a Dallas-area hospital, police said.

Gunning, who graduated in June from West Point, was stationed at Ft. Sill, Okla.

Addison police said a car matching the description of the suspect vehicle was reported Tuesday parked on a residential street in nearby Plano.

When officers arrived at the scene, they saw a rented moving van pull into an alley behind the house, pulling a vehicle transport trailer. The officers then saw the suspect car being driven onto the trailer. The suspects then tried to drape the car with a tarpaulin as the officers approached, police said.

Steven Hiss did not immediately return a message telephoned by The Associated Press. Calls to Tittle's law office were not answered Wednesday night.

NASA to issue latest Mars updates, probes on Internet

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Come next summer, it will be all Mars, all the time.

NASA plans to issue Mars news and weather updates on the Internet and take World Wide Web browsers along for rides in a Mars rover once the Pathfinder spacecraft arrives at the Red Planet.

The probe is to be launched on Dec. 2 and land on July 4, 1997.

"Every day on the Internet, we're going to post the weather report on Mars — a little different than Earth — and there will be a virtual presence on Mars, so everybody in America and for that matter around the world can participate," NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin said Wednesday.

Web users will be able to see what the Mars rover sees as it ambles along the surface and scrutinizes rocks. Expect a 20- to 40-minute lag, though, for the time it takes the signals to reach Earth.

Mars Pathfinder will be the first spacecraft to land on Mars since NASA's twin Viking landers in 1976.

Back then, there was no way to share such wonders with so many people. Even with the more recent planetary probes, there's never been anything like this.

"I would definitely term this the first planetary mission in the full-blown Internet era," said NASA spokesman Douglas Isbell. "It's vicarious exploration."

If all goes well, the rover, named Sojourner, will study Martian rocks and soil for at least a week, possibly months, with scientists and Internet browsers following along.

As for the Martian weather forecast, make it cold and colder. At its equator, Mars is a brisk, minus-70 degrees Fahrenheit and gets colder the closer one gets to the poles.

"I would hope that every newspaper would show the weather in Timbuktu and why not on Mars, too?" said Matthew Golombek, project scientist for the Mars Pathfinder. "It's a little chilly, but a nice place to be."

Lawyers schedule fund-raiser to fight domestic violence

AUSTIN — Employees at businesses and law firms across the state will don their denim to raise money for the fight against domestic violence.

The Texas Young Lawyers Association is urging local businesses to participate in "Wear Down" Domestic Violence Day on Oct. 25. Employees who donate a minimum of \$3 for a sticker can dress casually for work on that Friday in recognition of National Domestic Violence Month.

Proceeds from TYLA's "Wear Down" Domestic Violence project will help provide legal services and basic necessities to occupants of local women's shelters. Last year TYLA raised more than \$13,000.

Funds that are raised locally will benefit area shelters.

For information on how to participate in "Wear Down" Domestic Violence Day, call the TYLA office at 1-800-204-2222, Ext. 6028.

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Nation briefs

NBC anchor apologizes for saying rival aired false leaks
NEW YORK (AP) — NBC anchorman Tom Brokaw says he regrets repeating what he called 25-year-old gossip about his CBS rival Dan Rather — that Rather often reported false stories fed to him by the Nixon White House.

Brokaw said Wednesday he made the "reckless" comments in an unguarded moment Aug. 13 during a rehearsal at the Republican convention in San Diego.

The rehearsal was sent unscrambled to a satellite and was taped by Jed Rosenzweig, producer of a New York cable-access program, "Wild Feed TV." NBC said it has sent two letters to Rosenzweig warning him that it would be illegal to broadcast the in-house remark.

Rosenzweig said he suspended his weekly half-hour show to determine whether he is entitled to use the tape, although he said they can be viewed by anyone with a home satellite dish.

Brokaw made the remark at the rehearsal when someone said Rather was reporting Colin Powell would be in a Dole Cabinet.

Judge finds nun slayer not criminally responsible

SKOWHEGAN, Maine (AP) — A man who killed two nuns and attacked two others with a statue of the Virgin Mary will probably spend the rest of his life in a mental institution instead of prison.

Superior Court Justice Donald Alexander decided Wednesday that 38-year-old Mark Bechard was insane and not criminally responsible for the Jan. 27 attacks in a convent. He committed Bechard to psychiatric care indefinitely.

Bechard's mother, Diane Bechard, sobbed as she heard the verdict, while Sister Patricia Keane, a nun who survived the attack, called the decision wise.

Keane, whom Bechard bludgeoned with her metal cane and beat in the face with a statue of the Virgin Mary, said she "will continue to pray for Mark and his family, for all those who are mentally ill and who need help."

"And this is the important thing, that they get the help that they need," she said.

The defense in the nonjury trial never disputed that Bechard stabbed, stomped and beat the nuns at the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament convent and

chapel in Waterville, but argued he was schizophrenic and delusional and didn't understand the "wrongfulness of his conduct."

Hostages freed in Atlanta standoff; suspect surrenders

ATLANTA (AP) — A man accused of slashing the throat of his ex-girlfriend's 5-year-old son surrendered to police after holding the woman and her 3-week-old baby hostage for two days.

The suspect, 22-year-old Quinton Hunnicutt, surrendered peacefully Wednesday night, nearly five hours after he released his last hostages.

Hunnicutt's 16-year-old brother, Melvin, carried the baby out of the small, white frame house in southwest Atlanta Wednesday afternoon.

Moments later, Deborah Copeland, Hunnicutt's 22-year-old former girlfriend, emerged from the house and ran down the street to police, screaming and crying as onlookers shouted, "Run, baby, run!"

"Thank God," said Copeland's sister, Sheila Duffey. "Thank God, he let her go."

Copeland and the baby were not injured.

Older students becoming larger presence on campus

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of American college students over age 40 has more than tripled over the past two decades, rising from 477,000 in 1970 to 1.6 million in 1993, according to a new study.

People over 40 made up 36 percent of the U.S. population in 1970 but 40 percent in 1995, according to the study released Wednesday, which relied on Census figures.

"By sheer numbers, the baby boomers are revolutionizing our educational worlds, as they've been doing all along," said Ted Freeman, president of the Education Resources Institute, which co-sponsored the study.

But demographic shifts cannot explain the entire boom in older students, said Jamie Merisotis, president of the Institute for Higher Education Policy, the other co-sponsor.

"People over the age of 40 are going back to college to be retrained," he said. "Lifelong learning is becoming a reality for Americans."

Social Security continues modest increases

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
 AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Social Security benefits for 44 million Americans will go up 2.9 percent next year, marking the fifth straight year of modest increases in the government's biggest benefit program.

The change will mean an extra \$21 for the average Social Security recipient, increasing the monthly check to \$745. Social Security cost of living adjustments in the 1990s have been rising at the slowest pace since Congress made the increases automatic 23 years ago.

Advocates for the elderly warned on Wednesday that even these moderate annual increases could be threatened if government budget-balancers proceed with proposals to cut them by about one-third on the ground that the Consumer Price Index is overstating inflation.

"A loss of that magnitude would permanently plunge millions of older people — particularly long-surviving women — into poverty as they age," said Horace B. Deets, executive director of the American Association of Retired People.

Deets said that for one out of four beneficiaries Social Security is their only source of income, and a 1 percentage point cut would mean over 10 years a \$5,000 cut in average benefits.

The 1997 raise already is seen by some as too small.

"It should be closer to \$100 or \$150," said Paul O'Brien, 35, a Bostonian temporarily living in Washington, who said both of his parents receive Social Security but "I'm not banking on it for myself."

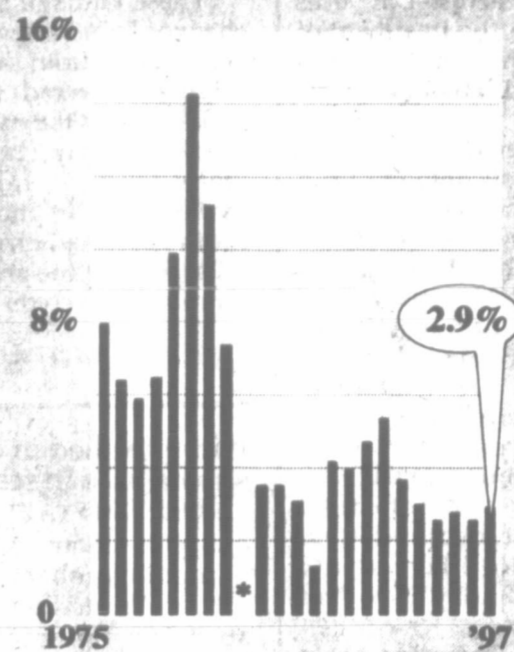
"It's not enough," said Barbara Dash, 43, of Washington. "There's not enough to pay for anything on a fixed income."

Supporters of a balanced budget say the only way to achieve that goal by 2002 and maintain it in the years beyond is to restrain growth in the government's two biggest benefit programs, Social Security and Medicare, which provides health care for the elderly.

A congressional advisory panel headed by

Social Security increase

The annual cost-of-living increases that Social Security beneficiaries have received since the system was linked to the Consumer Price Index in 1975.



*Six months were skipped in 1983 to help bail Social Security out of a crisis.

AP/Artist

Michael Boskin, former chief economist for George Bush, is scheduled to issue its final report on the CPI issue Dec. 1. It is expected to closely track a preliminary report issued last year that the CPI overstated inflation by around 1 percent.

While President Clinton and GOP challenger Bob Dole have said little about Social Security during the presidential campaign, many believe entitlement reform will have to be faced by the next president.

"The various budget plans won't get to bal-

ance in 2002 unless you take on the cost of living issue. That is what makes the numbers work," said Stanley Collender, director of Burson-Marsteller's federal budget consulting group.

Social Security accountants have said if the cost of living increases were trimmed by 1 percentage point annually, it would eliminate two-thirds of the deficit Social Security is currently facing. The Social Security trust fund is expected to be broke by 2029, unable to pay full retirement benefits of the baby boomers.

In addition to the CPI issue, a separate Social Security advisory panel is expected to recommend in December three different ways to divert part of the \$400 billion that Social Security collects in taxes each year away from government bonds to the stock market as a way to boost earnings of the trust fund.

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income, the federal program that pays welfare benefits to 6.5 million poor, are adjusted annually based on changes in the CPI, which has been rising at its slowest pace since the 1960s. The changes announced Wednesday will show up in Social Security checks effective Jan. 3 and in SSI checks going out on Dec. 31.

The average monthly Social Security payment will increase from \$724 currently to \$745, while the average for a couple will increase from \$1,220 to \$1,256.

The maximum monthly payment for an individual SSI recipient will increase by \$14 to \$484, from \$470 currently. For a couple, the SSI maximum goes to \$726, from \$705.

For millions of other Americans, the maximum earnings subject to Social Security and Medicare taxes also will rise in January, although the 7.65 percent rate will not change.

The earnings base will be raised from \$62,700 to \$65,400 for the 6.2 percent Social Security portion of the tax. That means a maximum annual Social Security tax of \$4,055.

There is no ceiling on earnings subject to the remaining 1.45 percent tax that finances Medicare, the health care program for the elderly.

Stampede kills 83 fans at onset of soccer match in Guatemala

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Soccer fans stampeded before a World Cup qualifying match, crushing and smothering one another in panic in one of the worst sports tragedies in years.

At least 83 people — many of them children with grotesquely broken bones — were killed and 180 were hurt.

President Alvaro Arzu, who witnessed Wednesday night's mayhem from a box seat at the Mateo Flores National Stadium, called off Guatemala's match

with Costa Rica and declared three days of national mourning.

"It's terrible! It's terrible!" said Marlon Ivan Leon, a defender for the Guatemalan national team who stood sobbing by a long row of bodies lined up on the track inside the stadium.

"What does soccer matter now?" said Guatemala's head coach, Horacio Cordero.

Most of the bodies laid out under the glare of stadium lights were young men and women and children, some wearing T-shirts

boosting the Guatemalan team.

Firefighters crossed the stiffening arms of the dead neatly over their chests, and covered those whose clothes had been torn from them with blankets and their uniform jackets.

Fans had filled the 45,000-seat stadium far past capacity for the qualifying match for the 1998 World Cup tournament.

By an hour before the game, fans dressed in Guatemala's national colors of blue and white were perched on even the press

box and stadium walls, and all but blocked the gates.

There were conflicting accounts on what then set off the stampede. Initially, firefighters attributed it to desperate fans trying to claw their way through a concrete passageway into the sold-out stadium.

The world soccer association FIFA, however, said forgers apparently had sold fake tickets to the match, bringing far more people to the stadium than could fit.

Discovery Center gets bats

AMARILLO — The Don Harrington Discovery Center has acquired two Egyptian fruit bats — Lenny and Squiggy — from Sci-Port in Shreveport, La., for three years while Sci-Port remodels its science center.

The newest additions to the Discovery Center will be very busy for the next three years, as they will be used to educate area residents about bats.

"We are thrilled to have Lenny and Squiggy here at the Discovery Center," stated Jocelyn Buchanan, science educator at the Discovery Center. "It has been very interesting working with them and getting them used to being handled. We have developed an educational program

called Going Batty in which we educate the students about the world's only flying mammal and give them the opportunity to get a first-hand look at the bats. This program is available at the Discovery Center and through our Outreach Program."

Egyptian fruit bats originated from Egypt and eat fruit, just as their name indicates. Therefore, these bats are not native to this area. Since they eat fruit, they do not have as good a sonar ability as other bats who eat insects. They do have a great sense of smell to find their fruit in the dark.

For further information about the bats or booking a group to see the bats, contact Jill Marufo at (806) 355-9548, Ext. 20.

Crime of the week

Gray County Crime Stoppers crime of the week occurred between Sept. 1 and 30 when a gasoline blower engine was removed from an oil lease about 13 miles south of Pampa.

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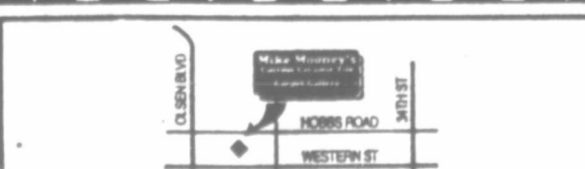
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World briefs

Sandinista candidate vows not to repeat past mistakes

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — At the close of Nicaragua's presidential campaign, Sandinista candidate Daniel Ortega pledged not to repeat the extremes of the past if given a chance to govern again.

Ortega, who led Nicaragua's leftist, Cuban-influenced Sandinista regime of the 1980s, delivered his final campaign speech Wednesday before tens of thousands gathered in a muddy plaza.

Ortega acknowledged the Sandinistas made mistakes during their time in power, but said: "These errors will not repeat themselves."

Main opponent Arnoldo Aleman, a conservative former mayor of Managua, leads in most polls ahead of Sunday's election in this impoverished Central American country, but the race is too close to call.

If none of the 23 candidates wins at least 45 percent of the vote, a runoff will be held between the top two next month.

Four men from four nations duel for glory in Antarctica

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Less than a year after severe frostbite stopped Borge Ousland's attempt to cross Antarctica alone and unaided, the Norwegian is returning to try again.

But this time, three others — from Britain, Poland and South Korea — also plan to set off separately on the same 1,675-mile trek.

"I don't think of it a race. You have to think about yourself, not about what the others are doing," Ousland, 34, said on Wednesday.

The trek means hauling up to 440 pounds of supplies on sleds through terrain that "tough" doesn't begin to describe: It includes climbing the 9,800-foot

South Pole plateau, surviving harsh winds, facing monotony, and enduring 90-100 nights at temperatures down to 40 degrees below zero.

All four plan to do it with no outside help: no dog sleds, no motor vehicles, no supplies either at caches or dropped to them from the air.

The four will fly on the same chartered plane from Chile to Berkner Island in the Weddell Sea in about two weeks, said one of the other adventurers, Marek Kaminski, by telephone from Gdansk, Poland.

In early November, they'll split up for separate treks to the South Pole and then on to the American McMurdo base on the other side of Antarctica. Any one may claim the record as the first person to cross the entire Antarctic solo.

"The Antarctic is so vast that I probably won't even see them," Ousland said.

Japan: TV ads take prominent role in election

TOKYO (AP) — It looks at first like the promotional trailer for a futuristic martial arts movie. As smoke swirls and lights flash, fighters clad in black robes charge each other with bamboo swords.

Then one of the fighters lifts his mask to reveal his identity: Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto.

"I want to build a country where everyone can achieve big dreams if they try hard," Hashimoto announces in the television spot, staring straight into the camera.

Welcome to media campaigning in Election '96, Japanese-style.

Encouraged by a slight relaxation in the rules that govern free TV time, Japanese politicians have made tentative steps toward more aggressive use of the media in the race for parliamentary elections Sunday.

Hashimoto's governing Liberal Democratic Party has taken the lead, seizing on the prime minister's well known love of kendo, or Japanese fencing, to portray him as a tough, visionary leader.

But he wasn't acting alone.

The main opposition New Frontier Party produced an elaborate cartoon TV ad depicting party leader Ichiro Ozawa as a baseball slugger with fire in his eyes, ready to smack out of the park Hashimoto's proposal for a tax increase.

Paid advertisements in newspapers and on television have long been legal in Japan. The public Japan Broadcasting Corp., or NHK, also has always given candidates free TV time to make their case.

Most parties, however, have given the media little attention: Personal campaigning and favors for districts are considered more crucial to winning elections in Japan.

That's still mostly true — but two changes have encouraged more experimentation this time.

First, NHK now allows parties to make their own videos and bring them in to be aired. Previously, the rules required candidates to sit in front of a bland blue background and make speeches that were usually crushingly dull.

Also, a new election system has increased the role of parties, making them eager to boost their image. For the first time voters will choose their favorite party in addition to a candidate in their district, with 200 out of 500 seats allotted based on the party vote.

Rivalry between the Liberal Democratic Party and the New Frontier Party, both conservative groups aiming for the same voters, has produced Japan's sharpest advertising exchange in memory.

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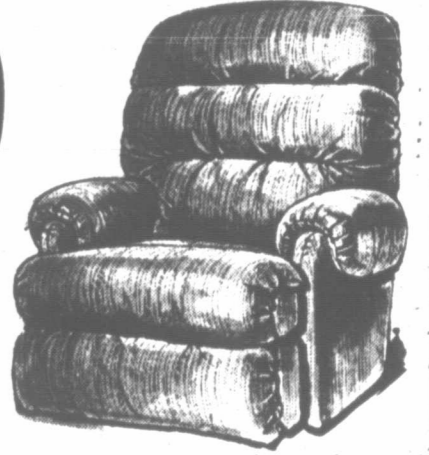


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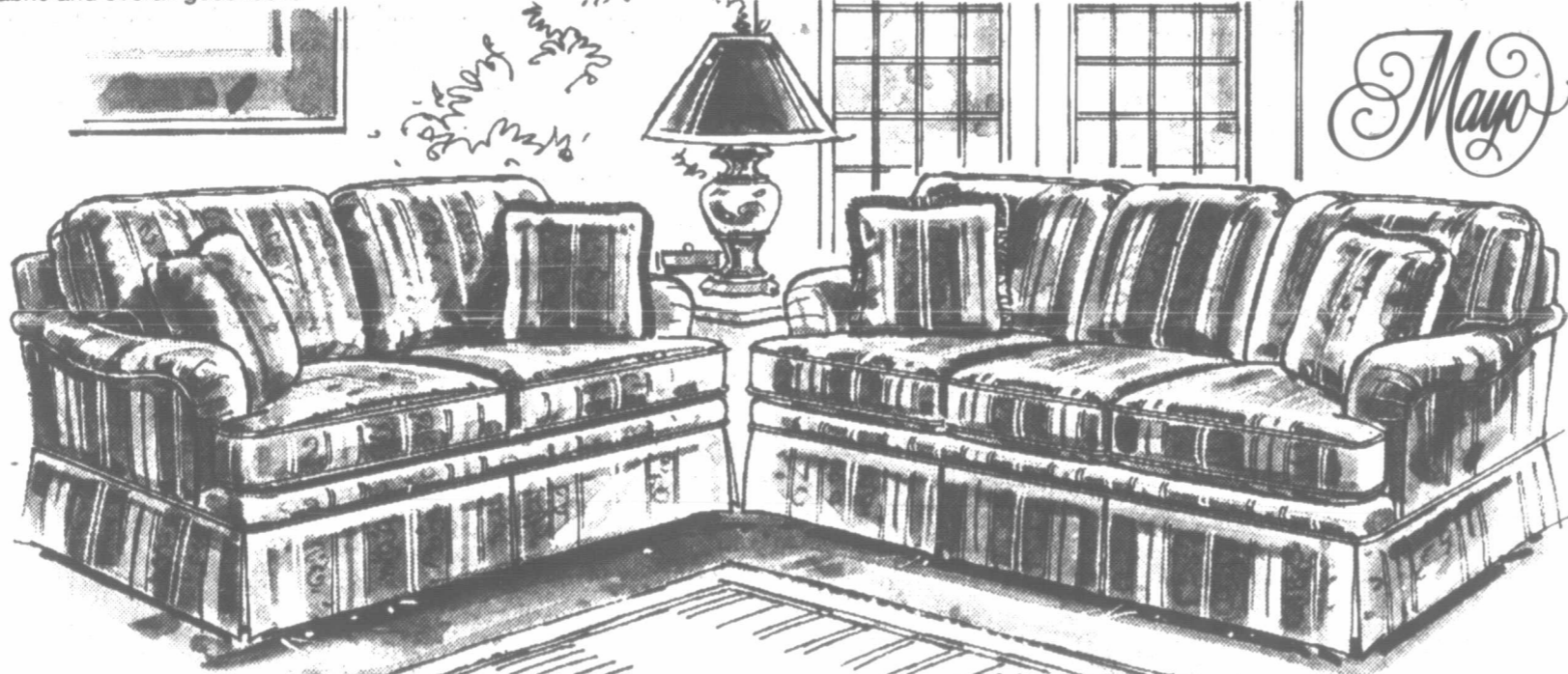
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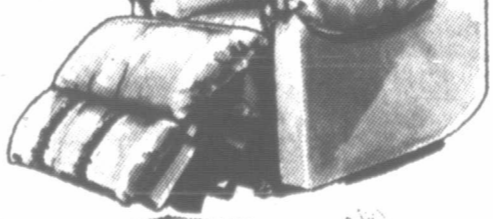
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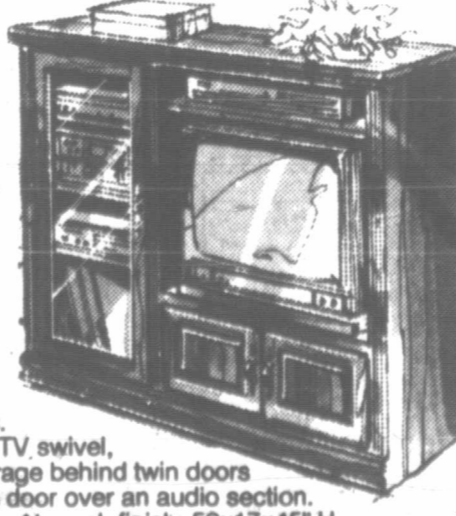
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Pets Pose Hidden Dangers To Mother's Unborn Child

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Pet Peeved in Martinez, Calif." — whose problem was having too many dogs and cats to care for, with very little help from her husband — got my attention. She mentioned the fact that she is pregnant.

I am writing in the hope that you can help "Pet Peeved" avert a potential disaster for her unborn child. I am a special educator. I work with children who are mentally retarded, from a variety of causes.

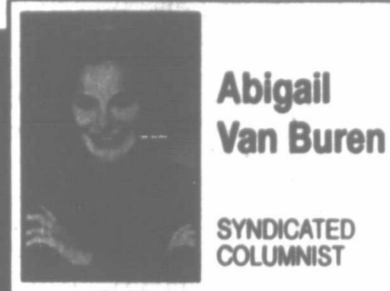
Pregnant women should not care for cats. They should especially avoid cleaning litter boxes, because they can unknowingly contract a disease called toxoplasmosis from doing so. (Cats can carry this disease.)

Toxoplasmosis probably won't make the mother noticeably sick, but the damage it can cause to her unborn child is devastating. The problems for the child can range from learning disorders, hearing or vision impairments, to severe retardation, deafness and blindness, or even all of these in combination.

Toxoplasmosis can also be transmitted to the unborn child if the mother eats improperly prepared shellfish such as shrimp, lobster, oysters, etc. (It is wise to avoid these foods during pregnancy.)

I hope my letter will encourage "Pet Peeved's" husband to either care for the pets or find them another home. I also hope this information will alert other expectant mothers to be more careful in the care of their pets, and in their diets.

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Pregnant women should have routine checkups during their pregnancy, and check with their health-care professional concerning this and other diseases that might endanger their unborn child.

DEAR ABBY: I'm enclosing a poem that describes too many of us in our busy world today. I hope you'll think it's worth space in your

column. It contains a message we all need reminding about. Too few people take the time, no matter how little, to drop a line, or call, visit or do a good deed for someone we know who is lonely, ill, or in need of a few moments of small talk.

MARILYN J. MONTGOMERY, NORTH MANKATO, MINN.

DEAR MARILYN: Thank you for sending it. It's well worth the space. Read on:

He hadn't time to pen a note. He hadn't time to cast a vote. He hadn't time to sing a song. He hadn't time to right a wrong. He hadn't time to love or give. He hadn't time to really live. From now on, he'll have time on end.

He died today, my busy friend.

YOUR CHUCKLE FOR THE DAY: "My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she 60 years old. She's 97 now, and we don't know where the hell she is."

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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) Usually you are an easygoing person, but today you might step out of character and find fault with everything and everyone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Make an effort to be prudent when managing your resources today. If you lack financial discipline, your purse might become a sieve.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) People who criticize you frequently will pay close attention to your behavior today. Do not do anything out-of-the-ordinary.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A negative attitude could prove self-defeating today. Instead of focusing on all the reasons why something can't be done, find a solution.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Close friends will love you for who you are today, even though this might be hard for you to accept. You don't have to buy their support with favors.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) In an impor-

tant meeting today, try to keep outside parties on the periphery. It will be wiser to go it alone rather than to depend on lukewarm support.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your day will not be productive if your methods and procedures aren't organized properly. Do not let nonessential activities take priority.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You must be as prudent as possible in regard to investments today. Do not take foolish gambles based on sketchy information provided by people you do not know well.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today, do not force your mate to meet with people who make him or her uncomfortable. If you do, no one will feel at ease.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your mind will be sharp today, and this can be an asset if you use this gift constructively. Try not to criticize others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A pleasant luncheon or dinner party could fall flat today if the person with whom you're dining fails to pick up his or her portion of the tab.

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For Better or For Worse



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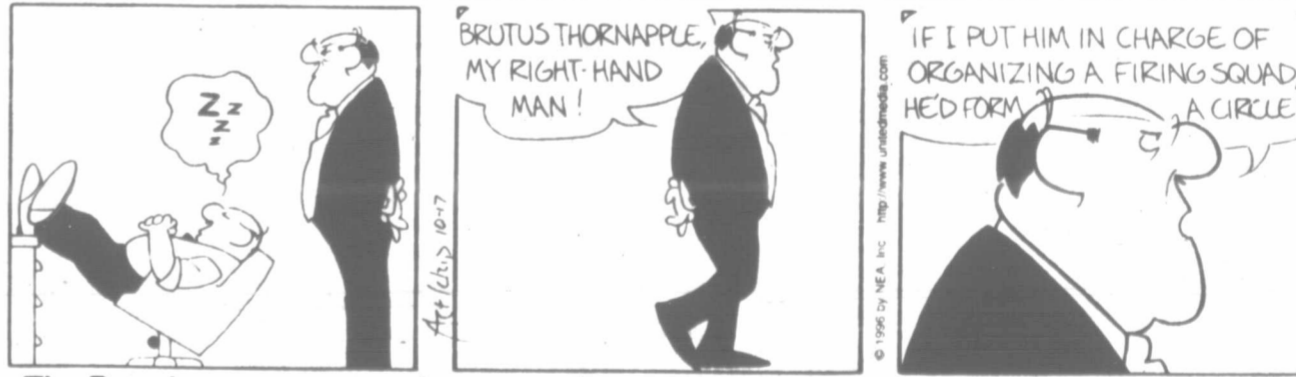
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Eek & Meek



The Born Loser



Frank And Ernest



Mallard Filmore

Horoscope



Friday, Oct. 18, 1996

You may have to change the way you operate in the year ahead. Unproductive habits should be replaced by a desire to be more industrious and ambitious.

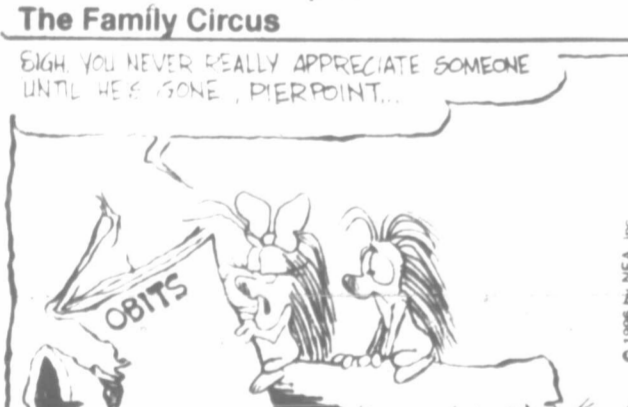


10-17

"When the wipers are goin' you hafta look fast between swipes."



"This is the second time around the kitchen with that dish."



Grizzwells



Marmaduke



Alley Oop



Peanuts



Notebook

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Tryouts and signups for the Optimist Girls Basketball League will be held Oct. 22 through Oct. 24. Times are from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Optimist Club gym.

Player's fee is \$35 (scholarships are available) and must be paid at the sign-up.

The basketball program is for girls in the third and fourth grades and the fifth and sixth grades.

Call Robert Dixon at 665-0282 or Monte Covalt at 669-3615 in more information is needed.

VOLLEYBALL

PAMPA — Pampa defeated Borger, 15-7, 14-16, 15-4, in an 8th grade A team volleyball match.

Cassie Meadows scored 9 service points to lead Pampa.

Pampa's B team also won, 15-4, 15-5. Brandy Odum, Tiffany Boyd and Carrie Couls led Pampa with 8 points each.

In the 7th grade division, Pampa's B team won by a score of 15-4, 15-5. Janelle Powers had 9 points to lead Pampa.

Borger won the A match, 15-7, 15-3.

Misti Northcutt and Jennifer Lindsay led Pampa with 3 points each.

On Saturday, the Pampa 7th graders host a volleyball tournament at Pampa Middle School. The tournament starts at 8:30 a.m.

LEFORS — Fort Elliott downed Lefors, 15-9, 15-2, in a district volleyball opener Tuesday night.

Susie Luttrell led Fort Elliott from the service line while teammate April Purcell had several kills.

Fort Elliott's record is now 11-9 on the year. The Lady Cougars host Lefors next Tuesday night.

TENNIS

PAMPA — The Pampa High School varsity tennis team begins play Friday in the District 1-4A Team Tournament against Borger at the Amarillo Tennis Center, starting at 9 a.m.

Pampa is coming off another narrow loss this past weekend, an 11-7 match against Randall. The winner of the Pampa-Borger match will play Dumas, which has a first-round bye, at Randall High School at 1:30 p.m. Friday.

Other first-round matchups are Randall vs. Hereford and Canyon vs. Caprock.

Players of the week from the Randall match are sophomores Russell DuBose and Kellen Waters. Kyle Easley, DuBose and Waters all won their singles and doubles matches. Dustin Laycock won his singles match while Jamisen Hancock, Jason Vickery and Cami Stone each claimed a doubles win.

"We are hoping that we have learned from our near misses and will come out full force this weekend," said PHS coach Larry Wheeler.

HOCKEY

DALLAS (AP) — Aggressive personnel moves in the offseason and a bolder style on the ice have pushed the Dallas Stars to their best start in the franchise's 30-year history.

Dallas improved to 6-0 Tuesday night with a 3-1 victory over the Detroit Red Wings, the longest winning streak at the start of a season since the Pittsburgh Penguins went 7-0 to open 1994-95.

"We can't fall in love with ourselves, but we're not making the errors at key points in a game that we were making last season," coach Ken Hitchcock said. "The new guys have helped, and we're getting effort from everybody. These are points that are going to pay dividends in April."

The Stars missed the playoffs last season, but they begin their fourth year in Texas as the league's only unblemished team.

Free agent additions Pat Verbeek, Dave Reid and Arturs Irbe have made major contributions.

Maddux pitches Braves to 3-1 victory

ATLANTA (AP) — For either the Atlanta Braves or St. Louis Cardinals, tonight will mark the start of something special.

For either Ozzie Smith or Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, tonight will signify the end of an era.

Game 7s always seems to magnify the stakes, don't they?

Greg Maddux made sure the NL championship series would go the limit, pitching the Braves to a 3-1 win Wednesday night. He followed a strong effort by John Smoltz, leaving it up to 1995 World Series MVP Tom Glavine.

"With Smoltz and Mad Dog (Maddux), we felt like we still had a chance to get to Game 7," Glavine said. "I sure as heck don't want to be the guy that falters, the weak link."

Donovan Osborne, given an extra day of rest by manager Tony

La Russa's decision to pitch rookie Alan Benes, starts for St. Louis. The Cardinals, ahead 3-1 earlier in the series, are down to their last chance to advance to the World Series.

"I don't think you could say we choked," third baseman Gary Gaetti said. "But isn't this what everyone wants, the playoffs going to a seventh game?"

The winner will start the World Series on Saturday night on the road against the New York Yankees.

If the Braves win, the game will be the final one for the Wizard of Oz.

The 41-year-old Smith has announced he will retire at the end of the season. The St. Louis shortstop is 0-for-8 in this series, and could be closing out a big league career that began in 1978 and will eventually land him in the Hall of Fame.

If the Cardinals win, it will have been the last baseball game played

at Atlanta-Fulton County. The park has served as the Braves' home since they moved from Milwaukee for the 1966 season and was the place where Hank Aaron broke Babe Ruth's home run record — next year, the team moves across the street to the stadium used for the Olympics.

Tonight's matchup marks baseball's first Game 7 since the 1992 NL playoffs, in which Atlanta beat Pittsburgh 3-2 on pinch-hitter Francisco Cabrera's two-out, two-run single in the bottom of the ninth.

"I think we figured that somehow it would end up like this," La Russa said.

It sure looked that way once Maddux settled into a groove. The four-time Cy Young winner put aside past October struggles — he was the loser when the Braves were eliminated by

Philadelphia in the 1993 NL playoffs — and improved his postseason record at 6-4.

"I think tonight the adrenaline was a little bit higher than I can ever remember having," he said. "Maybe that came from the crowd. Maybe that came from knowing that if you lose, you pack."

Maddux, tagged for a career high-tying eight runs in a Game 2 loss, was in control from the start. He struck out five through three innings, needed only four pitches to retire the side in the fourth and did not go to a three-ball count until the seventh.

"Everything about his pitching was a little crisper," La Russa said.

Backed by a louder-than-usual sellout crowd of 52,067 that began cheering before the players took the field, Maddux gave up six hits in 7 2-3 innings.

Mark Wohlers relieved and threw a wild pitch that scored a run, but retired Ron Gant on a routine fly to strand the possible tying run at second base.

Maddux walked none, struck out seven and did not permit a runner past first base until the seventh. He threw only 62 pitches in the first six innings.

Coming off a 14-0 rout in their last game, the Braves kept up their reputation for playoff rallies. They won the 1991 NLCS by pitching two consecutive shutouts to overcome Pittsburgh, then beat the Pirates the next year by scoring three runs in the bottom of the ninth.

The Cardinals have never lost an NL playoff series, winning four in a row. But they are the only club in baseball history to twice blow 3-1 leads in the post-season, in the 1968 and 1985 World Series.

Chasing after O.J.

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Thurman Thomas started chasing O.J. Simpson long before police pursued him in the white Bronco. Thomas was running after Simpson faster than a herd of court reporters.

Finally, Thomas is about to catch him.

"I know every time I get close to something," Thomas said Wednesday, "it's O.J. Simpson at the top of the list."

Thomas needs 66 yards to surpass Simpson for the Buffalo Bills' team rushing record, and he will have a chance of reaching the milestone this week against the New York Jets. But, unlike many players who watch their records fall, Simpson will not at Giants Stadium to congratulate him.

Simpson has been wrapped up in the civil suit filed against him after he was charged and eventually acquitted in the slayings of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman. Simpson has not visited the Bills' locker room since 1994, something he did every season for years while working for NBC.

"I would love to have him there with me breaking the record," Thomas said. "But I know it's not going to happen. I'm sure that whenever I do break it, he'll be aware of it."

Thomas has been steadily creeping up on the records that made Simpson a public figure in the first place. Two years ago, he broke Simpson's record with his sixth season of more than 1,000 yards rushing. Last year, he broke Simpson's mark of 41 career 100-yard rushing games.

Last week, Thomas established a team mark with his 58th rushing touchdown, one more than Simpson. On Sunday, reaching his average of 78 yards per game would bring Thomas to 10,588 yards, 12 more than Simpson had for the Bills.

"He's going to be one of the great ones who ever played the game when he finally does retire," Bills coach Marv Levy said. "He's done it on a team that has been successful, which is very important. He is an extremely tough, smart player. He's done it on a team where other players have accumulated personal statistics."

Thomas has played in 17 more games behind a better offensive line than Simpson had during his nine-year career with the Bills. Simpson played two seasons with San Francisco and finished his career with 11,238 yards.

The 30-year-old Thomas is one of only three running backs who have rushed for 1,000 yards in seven consecutive seasons, and he has nearly doubled Simpson's reception yardage.

But given the circumstances surrounding Simpson, breaking his record doesn't seem the same to fans. To the Bills it doesn't matter.

"Any time you reach a milestone like that it's special," center Kent Hull said. "If Satan himself had that record, and Thurman was breaking it, it would still be special."

Thomas led the league in yards from scrimmage four straight years. Two team records he probably won't break are yards in a season (2,003) and yards in a game (273), both of which are owned by Simpson.

Basketball practice



(Pampa News photo by Robert Hale)

Pampa head basketball coach Robert Hale uses a blocking pad to try and keep August Larson from scoring during workouts at McNeely Fieldhouse. The Harvesters open the 1996-97 season Nov. 12 in Dallas' Reunion Arena against Denison. "Denison has some good size and they're in a pretty tough district," Hale said. Chartered buses will be taking Harvester fans to the game. To sign up for the trip, interested persons can call the basketball office at 669-4832 or Duane Harp at 669-1848.

Arizona State braces for USC

By **RICHARD ROSENBLATT**
AP Football Writer

Before the season, Saturday's Southern California-Arizona State game was supposed to be a big one for the Trojans. Now it's the other way around.

With two losses, USC (4-2) is out of the national title picture and barely on the Rose Bowl screen. The Sun Devils are undefeated, ranked fourth and in position to play in a Rose Bowl with championship implications.

"We have all the makings of a special team here," Arizona State coach Bruce Snyder said. "We won't really know, though, until November and December. But at this point, the team has all the earmarks of being special."

The Sun Devils, led by all-purpose quarterback Jake Plummer, rallied from a 28-7 deficit to beat UCLA 42-34 last week, while USC held off Arizona 14-7. Arizona State, beaten 31-0 last season by USC, is playing its sixth home game.

"This is really going to be a tough one," said Plummer, who threw, ran and caught a touchdown pass in the final eight minutes against the Bruins. "USC has a lot of talent. They've had some trouble with some players, but they are supposed to be at full strength."

"They want to get back to the Rose Bowl, and with two losses in the conference it'll be tough to make it."

Plummer could make it tough on the Trojans, who counter with Brad Otton (106-of-187 for 1,443 yards and eight TDs) and a scads of running backs, including LaVale Woods, Rodney Sermons, Delon

Washington and Shawn Walters.

Plummer, emerging as a Heisman Trophy contender, is 101-of-176 for 1,451 yards, 16 TDs and three interceptions. At 6-foot-2, 190 pounds, Plummer basically does whatever is needed. He drops back, throws on the run, forgets the pass and just runs. Now he catches passes, as well.

"He could return kickoffs and punts, the way he gets out of traffic," said teammate J.R. Redmond, who threw the TD pass to Plummer last week.

Says USC coach John Robinson: "We're going to have to play our very best game to have a chance to win." USC coach John Robinson said.

Indeed... Southern California (plus 7) at No. 4 Arizona State... ARIZONA STATE 31-21.

No. 16 Auburn (plus 22) at No. 1 Florida

Expect another shootout with Gators owning bigger guns... FLORIDA 54-17.

No. 2 Ohio State (minus 25 1/2) at Purdue

Buckeyes' 45.2-point average too much for Bolleermakers to overcome... OHIO STATE 45-13.

No. 5 Nebraska (minus 22) at Texas Tech

Leading rusher (Byron Hanspard) vs. Huskers' third-ranked run defense (61.6 yards)... NEBRASKA 45-10.

Mississippi (plus 13) at No. 7 Alabama

Ole Miss has one win in 16 visits to Tuscaloosa... ALABAMA 28-10.

Air Force (plus 21) at No. 8 Notre Dame

Irish ground Beau Morgan and Falcons' 354.2-yard rushing game... NOTRE DAME 41-17.

No. 9 Colorado (minus 7 1/2) at Kansas

Jayhawks have June Herley, Buffaloes have Koy Detmer... COLORADO 45-31.

Iowa (plus 10) at No. 10 Penn State

Lionel Joe Paterno (69) and Hawkkeys' Hayden Fry (67) are two oldest active IA coaches... PENN STATE 35-17.

East Carolina (plus 17) at No. 12 Miami

Hurricanes tend to have problems with Pirates — not this time... MIAMI 41-13.

Indiana (plus 23) at No. 13 Michigan

Wolverines in nasty mood after week off to recover from Northwestern loss... MICHIGAN 38-7.

No. 14 Northwestern (plus 4) at Wisconsin

Third game against ranked team is a charm for Badgers... WISCONSIN 27-24. No. 15 West Virginia (minus 21) at Temple

WVU allows 6.8 points per game, Temple 33.2 points... WEST VIRGINIA 34-7.

Harvesters favored by six points over Borger

PAMPA — Harris Rating System has Pampa listed as a 6-point favorite over Borger as the two teams renew their traditional rivalry at 7:30 Friday night in Bulldogs' Stadium.

Pampa, 3-0 in district play and 5-1 overall, is in the driver's seat in going for its second straight District 1-4A championship. Borger, 1-1 in district and 3-2 overall, is close to a must-win situation if the Bulldogs hope to clinch a playoff spot.

Pampa's offense appears to be in high gear after rolling up 479 yards, 415 on the ground, in last week's 31-16 win over Canyon. The week before Pampa had 497 yards total offense in shutting out Hereford, 41-0.

"Our offensive line is our strongpoint at this time," said Pampa head coach Dennis Cavalier. "I felt like our offense was excellent Friday night. Our line was able to dominate Canyon."

Senior running back Marques Long was the big gun in Pampa's arsenal, racking up 255 yards and a touchdown against Canyon.

"The rushing of Marques was just outstanding. Of course, that can't happen without good blocking. It was a team effort," Cavalier said.

Pampa's offense, which is averaging 333.2 yards per game, is ranked third in the district.

Long is averaging 5.3 yards per carry and has scored six touchdowns. Fullback Aaron Wiseman is averaging 11.2 yards per carry and has rushed for four touchdowns.

Junior quarterback Josh Blackmon, who leads the district in kick scoring with 36 points, has thrown for 425 yards and a touchdown. Senior split end Damion Nickelberry has 11 catches for 168 yards while senior tight end Devin Lemons has snared 10 catches for 183 yards and a touchdown.

Borger's offense is averaging 359.2 yards per game and is ranked second behind Dumas (376.2) among the district teams. Bulldogs' quarterback T.J. Watson has thrown seven touchdowns and has amassed 914 yards in total offense.

"Watson has excellent receivers at all the positions and they're tall, fast guys Borger has some good, strong players up front," Cavalier said. He said center Kevin Jordan (225-pound senior) is one of the best he's ever seen at his position.

Pampa's defense has allowed 192.5 yards per game compared to 250 for Borger. Dumas' 151.5 is at the top of district.

The Harvester defense, which has allowed 12.5 points per game, is led by sophomore middle linebacker Jared White, who has 66 tackles, including 49 assists.

Groom hosts Lefors in area six-man activity

GROOM — Groom, sparked by the six-touchdown performance of Justin Ritter, rolled up 427 yards of offense in the Tigers' 50-34 win over Miami last week. But it was the defense Groom coach Jim Reid was most proud of.

"We played one of our best defensive games against a tough team. It was just a real good team effort," Reid said.

It was the district six-man opener for both teams as Groom improved its overall record to 4-2.

Miami, also 4-2, stayed close the entire game, but trailed 22-14 at the end of the first quarter.

"We played real well after the first quarter. There were a couple of times in the fourth quarter when Miami put on a little rally, but we were able to hold on," Reid said.

Ritter who rushed for 364 against the Warriors, now has 1,058 yards on 109 carries for the season.

Groom hosts Lefors Friday night. In other area games, Wheeler goes to Claude, McLean hosts Vernon Northside, White Deer welcomes Panhandle, Miami visits Higgins, Fort Elliott is at Follett, and Canadian travels to West Texas.

Yankees' Strawberry wants to play despite injured toe

NEW YORK (AP) — Darryl Strawberry does have a fractured toe but says he can play. Kenny Rogers says he is healthy, but he may be dropped from the New York Yankees' World Series roster.

Three days before the start of the Series, Yankees manager Joe Torre still had some major decisions to make.

"I expect to play," Strawberry said Wednesday after taking batting practice for the first time since he was hurt in Sunday's AL clincher. "I expect to strap on the uniform and have me some fun, just like I've been doing."

While X-rays didn't reveal a break, team physician Dr. Stuart Hershon said a CAT scan taken Wednesday morning showed a 1-to-2 millimeter fracture at the top of Strawberry's right big toe. Strawberry limped slightly as he

walked from the Yankees dugout to the outfield to stretch.

"Over the next several days he should improve," Hershon said. "I think we have a good chance he'll be able to play."

Hershon and Torre said they anticipated Strawberry will be able to play in the outfield in Saturday's opener and not be limited to serving as the designated hitter.

Strawberry, who hit three homers against the Orioles last weekend, insisted on taking batting practice.

"I felt good at the batting cage," he said. "I didn't want to lose the groove I was in."

Torre sounded a lot less hopeful about Rogers, hit hard against both Texas and Baltimore. He said Rogers had trouble lifting his arm to the proper release point.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL

Postseason Baseball

At A Glance

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DIVISION SERIES

American League
New York 3, Texas 1
Texas 6, New York 2
New York 5, Texas 4, 12 innings
New York 3, Texas 2
New York 6, Texas 4

Baltimore 3, Cleveland 1
Baltimore 10, Cleveland 4
Baltimore 7, Cleveland 4
Cleveland 9, Baltimore 4
Baltimore 4, Cleveland 3, 12 innings

National League

St. Louis 5, San Diego 0
St. Louis 3, San Diego 1
St. Louis 5, San Diego 4
St. Louis 7, San Diego 5

Atlanta 3, Los Angeles 0
Atlanta 2, Los Angeles 1, 10 innings
Atlanta 3, Los Angeles 2
Atlanta 5, Los Angeles 2

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

American League
Tuesday, Oct. 8
Baltimore at New York, ppd., rain.
Wednesday, Oct. 9
New York 5, Baltimore 4, 11 innings
Thursday, Oct. 10
Baltimore 5, New York 3
Friday, Oct. 11
New York 5, Baltimore 2
Saturday, Oct. 12
New York 8, Baltimore 4
Sunday, Oct. 13
New York 6, Baltimore 4, New York wins series 4-1

National League

Wednesday, Oct. 9
Atlanta 4, St. Louis 2
Thursday, Oct. 10
St. Louis 6, Atlanta 3
Saturday, Oct. 12
St. Louis 3, Atlanta 2
Sunday, Oct. 13
St. Louis 4, Atlanta 3
Monday, Oct. 14
Atlanta 14, St. Louis 0
Wednesday, Oct. 16
Atlanta 3, St. Louis 1, series tied 3-3
Thursday, Oct. 17
St. Louis (Osborne 14-9) at Atlanta (Glasvine 16-11), 8:11 p.m.

World Series (Fox)

Saturday, Oct. 19
NL champion at New York, 8:01 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 20
NL at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 22
New York at NL, 8:15 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 23
New York at NL, 8:18 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 24
New York at NL, 8:15 p.m., if necessary
Saturday, Oct. 26
NL at New York, 8:01 p.m., if necessary
Sunday, Oct. 27
NL at New York, 7:35 p.m. EST, if necessary

Wednesday's NL Playoff Lineup

By The Associated Press
At Atlanta

St. Louis 0 0 0 0 1 6 1
Atlanta 0 1 0 0 1 3 7 0

Al. Benes, Fossas (6), Petkovsek (6), Stottlemire (8) and Pagnozzi; G. Maddux, Wohlers (8) and Lopez. W—G. Maddux, 1-1. L—Al. Benes, 0-1. Sv—Wohlers (2).

FISHING REPORT

KEMP: Water fairly clear, low, 80 degrees, black bass to 8 pounds are fair to good on yellow spinners, green pumpkin worms and crank baits; striped bass are good to fair on live bait; catfish are fair on trotlines baited with cut and prepared bait.

OAK CREEK: Water fairly clear, low, 76 degrees, black bass to 7 pounds are fair on spinners and crank baits, white bass are fair on spoons; crappie are fair on minnows fished over deep water brush piles; catfish are fair on

rod and reels baited with cut bait and minnows.

O.H.V.I.E: Water clear on main lake, murky in upper and tributaries; lake level, 1539; 78 degrees; black bass and smallmouth are good on small crank baits, Texas and Carolina-rigged purple worms and Sluggos; white bass are fair to good on slabs and minnows; crappie are fair on minnows fished in the creeks and over brush piles; channel catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; lake level 998.14; 81 degrees; black bass to 8 pounds are good on crank baits and topwaters fished early and on spinners and Texas-rigged lizards fished during the day; striped and white bass are good on live bait and downriggers fished on the main lake; crappie are fair and improving on minnows fished around the docks and brush; catfish are good on rod and reels baited with cut bait and on trotlines baited with live perch.

PROCTOR: Water fairly clear; lake level 1162; 80 degrees; black bass are fair to good on minnows and jigs; crappie are good on minnows and charrreuse tube jigs fished over brush; catfish are good on rod and reels baited with cheese ball, marshmallows and Magic Bait in a stink flavor.

SPENCE: Water clear; lake level 1856.12; 84 degrees; black bass to 7 1/2 pounds are good on black with red spinners and crawfish colored crank baits; striped bass are fair on live shad; blue and channel catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with shad and prepared bait; yellow catfish are fair to good on trotlines baited with live perch.

WHITE RIVER: Water fairly clear; low, 80 degrees; black bass to 9 pounds are good on pumpkin and salt & pepper worms and black spinners; crappie are good on minnows fished in deep water over brush; channel and blue catfish are good on rod and reels baited with shrimp and cheese bait.

B. A. STEINHAGEN: Water fairly clear; lake level 82.75; 78 degrees; black bass to 4 pounds are fair to good on live minnows and worms; crappie are fair on minnows and jigs; catfish are fair on cut and prepared bait.

CONROE: Water fairly clear; low, 80 degrees; black bass to 7 pounds are good on black, purple and teal worms fished in the grass; white bass are fair on live minnows and spoons; crappie are good on minnows fished under the bridge; catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with cheese and cut bait fished in the creeks.

HOUSTON COUNTY: Water clear; normal level; 80 degrees; black bass to 7 pounds are good on 8 inch black worms, live water dogs and crank baits; crappie are slow to fair on minnows and jigs fished around the islands; catfish are fair on shrimp and worms.

LIVINGSTON: Water fairly clear; lake level 128.74; 81 degrees; black bass to 6 pounds are good on crank baits, yellow spinners and worms; striped bass are fair on live bait fished below the dam; white bass are fair on yellow & charrreuse slabs; blue catfish are good on rod and reels and trotlines baited with live and cut perch and shrimp.

RAYBURN: Water clear; lake level 152.32; black bass up to 9 pounds are good on Wacky Worms, spinners and jigs; crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished around bathhouses; catfish are fair to good on trotlines and rod and reels baited with cut and prepared bait.

TOLEDO BEND: Water clear; 12 feet low; 80 degrees; black bass to 6 pounds are fair on crankbaits, stick baits and Bass Assassins; crappie are fair and improving on minnows fished over deepwater brush piles and over baited holes at night, especially in the Chicken Coop area; catfish are good on trotlines baited with cut and prepared bait.

AMISTAD: Water clear; 40 plus feet low; 80 degrees; black bass to 7 pounds are good on Power Worms and crank baits; striped bass are good on diving baits and live bait fished on the main lake; white bass are fair on slabs and spoons; catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with shrimp and cut bait.

BRAUNING: Water stained; normal level; 81 degrees; black bass to 8 pounds are fair to good on Mister Twister Jigs, spoons and large Beetle Spins; hybrid strippers are good on crawfish and spoons fished from the bank; redfish are good perch, chicken liver and crawfish; channel and blue catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with night crawlers and shrimp.

CALAVERAS: Water fairly clear; normal level; 81 degrees; black bass to 4 1/2 pounds are good on Texas-rigged Power Worms, Rat-L-Traps and live crawfish; hybrid strippers are fair on chicken liver, minnows and spoons; redfish are fair on perch fished from the banks; catfish

are good on Bob's Cheese Bait; no report for corvina.

CHOKE: Water fairly clear; 14 feet low; 82 degrees; black bass to 11 pounds are good on Carolina-rigged worms and crank baits; white bass are fair on slabs and live bait fished on the river; catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with cut and cheese bait.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

Playoff Glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-3)

D.C. 2, NY-NJ 1
NY-NJ 3, D.C. 2, SO (6-6)
D.C. 1, NY-NJ 0
D.C. 2, NY-NJ 1

Tampa Bay 2, Columbus 1
Tampa Bay 2, Columbus 0
Columbus 2, Tampa Bay 1
Tampa Bay 4, Columbus 1

Los Angeles 2, San Jose 1
San Jose 1, Los Angeles 0
Los Angeles 2, San Jose 0
Los Angeles 2, San Jose 0

Kansas City 3, Dallas 2
Kansas City 3, Dallas 2
Dallas 2, Kansas City 1
Kansas City 3, Dallas 2, SO (3-2)

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-3)

Tampa Bay vs. D.C.
Game 1
Thursday, Oct. 10
D.C. 4, Tampa Bay 1
Game 2
Saturday, Oct. 12
D.C. 2, Tampa Bay 1, D.C. wins series 2-0

Kansas City vs. Los Angeles
Game 1
Thursday, Oct. 10
Los Angeles 2, Kansas City 1
Game 2
Sunday, Oct. 13
Los Angeles 2, Kansas City 1, SO (3-1), Los Angeles wins series 2-0

MLS CUP

At Foxboro Stadium
Foxboro, Mass.
Sunday, Oct. 20
D.C. vs. Los Angeles, 3:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Gordon has extended its reign as the No. 1 team in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's state six-man football poll.

The Longhorns (8-0) received 75 points and edged out Whittarral (6-0), which garnered 74 points. The Panthers defeated Amherst 50-0 Friday for their fifth shutout of the season.

Milford (6-0), Westbrook (6-0) and Zephyr (5-1), which jumped up two spots this week after defeating Sidney 34-8, round out the top five.

Lazbuckie (6-0) and Highland each dropped one spot to No. 6 and No. 7, respectively.

Grandfalle-Royalty (6-0), Panther Creek and Blackwell (5-1), the only new entry in this week's poll, round out the poll.

The poll of Texas sportswriters is tabulated on the basis of 10 points for a first place vote, nine for a second, etc.

Rank School Record Pts Pvs

1. Gordon (3) 6-0 75 1

2. Whittarral (4) 6-0 74 2

3. Milford (1) 6-0 65 3

4. Westbrook 6-0 41 4

5. Zephyr 5-1 39 7

6. Lazbuckie 6-0 36 5

7. Highland 6-0 35 6

8. Grandfalle-Royalty 6-0 25 9

9. Panther Creek 5-1 17 10

10. Blackwell 4-1 0 10

Others receiving votes: Balmorhea 7, Guthrie 4, Sidney 3, Walnut Springs 3, Brooksmith 2, Dell City 2, Woodson 2.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
At A Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

Florida 3 0 2 8 18 7

Tampa Bay 3 1 0 6 17 13

Philadelphia 3 4 0 6 16 20

N.Y. Rangers 2 3 2 6 23 22

New Jersey 2 2 0 4 9 10

N.Y. Islanders 1 1 2 4 10 7

Washington 1 3 0 2 14 16

Northwest Division

Montreal 3 1 2 8 25 19

Boston 2 1 1 5 16 16

Hartford 2 1 0 4 8 9

Ottawa 1 1 2 4 11 11

Buffalo 1 4 0 2 6 18

Pittsburgh 1 4 0 2 12 24

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

Dallas 6 0 0 12 23 11

Phoenix 3 2 0 6 16 12

St. Louis 3 2 0 6 14 13

Chicago 3 3 0 6 15 13

Detroit 2 3 0 4 11 9

Toronto 1 3 0 2 11 15

Pacific Division

Edmonton 4 3 0 8 19 20

Colorado 3 2 1 7 24 18

Los Angeles 3 3 0 6 21 23

Calgary 3 4 0 6 14 16

Vancouver 2 3 0 4 13 13

Anaheim 1 3 2 4 20 24

San Jose 1 3 2 4 16 26

Tuesday's Games

Tampa Bay 4, Buffalo 0

New Jersey 3, Montreal 2

Chicago 3, Toronto 1

Dallas 3, Detroit 1

Colorado 7, Edmonton 2

Los Angeles 3, Philadelphia 2

Wednesday's Games

Montreal 4, Calgary 2

N.Y. Rangers 6, Pittsburgh 1

Florida 3, San Jose 3, tie

Philadelphia 4, Anaheim 3

Thursday's Games

Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.

Hartford at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.

Detroit at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

Toronto at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.

Vancouver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Florida at Colorado, 9 p.m.

Boston at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

St. Louis at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.

Ottawa at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.

Buffalo at Washington, 7:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

San Jose at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Named Bart Johnson and Bill Givetti special assistants to the general manager and Jamie Reed minor league head trainer.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE ORIOLOS—Named Ray Miller pitching coach and signed him to a two-year contract. Announced the resignation of Jamie Reed, assistant trainer, effective in November.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Fired Doug Mansolino, third base coach. Named Doug Rader third base coach.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Assigned Of Casey Candaele to Buffalo of the American Association. Sent RHP Jeff Sexton and RHP James Lewis, outright to Buffalo. Announced INF Geronimo Pena refused a minor league assignment and elected to become a free agent.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Sent RHP Byron Browne, RHP Ramon Garcia and RHP Jamie McAndrew, outright to Tucson of the Pacific Coast League.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

COLORADO ROCKIES—Named Clint Hurdle hitting coach.

MONTREAL EXPOS—Announced Joe Kerrigan, pitching coach, will not return for the 1997 season. Announced C Lanny Webster and LHP Dave Laizer refused minor league assignments and elected to become free agents. Signed INF Andy Starkiewicz and assigned him outright to Ottawa of the International League.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Re-signed OF Al Martin to a two-year contract extension through 1999. Promoted John Strignano from director of major league baseball administration to assistant general manager. Assigned P Joe Boveer, P Dave Wainhouse, 1B Rich Aude and 3B Dale Sveum to Calgary of the Pacific Coast League.

Brawl highlighted first Houston-Pittsburgh tilt

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

PRO PICKS

CHIEFS, 21-15

It was as much a brawl as a football game — three players were tossed out and fines totaling \$145,500 were levied against 35 — when Pittsburgh played Houston three weeks ago.

And Pittsburgh won, 30-16.

The two meet again Sunday before what has now become the traditional 30,000 empty seats at the Astrodome. Unless Tennessee fans start coming to Houston as well as Atlanta, many of the seats that are filled are likely to be occupied by Steelers fans, once again negating the Oilers' home-field advantage.

Despite the sideshow, this is an interesting game.

If anyone is to challenge Pittsburgh in the AFC Central, it will be Houston, which at 4-2 is only a game behind the Steelers. In the first meeting, the Oilers fell behind 17-0 and never put much pressure on Mike Tomczak.

This could be different.

Pittsburgh is a one-point favorite, but could be due for a loss. The Steelers have won five in a row since their opening-day defeat in Jacksonville — the only game in which Jerome Bettis has failed to rush for at least 100 yards.

The Oilers played reasonably well after their slow start in the game in Pittsburgh.

So assuming that Chris Chandler returns after pulling a hamstring in a collision with Atlanta coach June Jones, try the law of averages ...

OILERS, 20-19

Miami (plus 3) at Philadelphia

The last time these two met, Don Shula broke George Halas' record for most career coaching wins with Dan Marino on the sidelines. Shula's not around anymore, Marino's not around any more, and so is Philadelphia's Rodney Peete.

Do the Dolphins look ahead to Dallas?

EAGLES, 17-12

Atlanta (plus 15) at Dallas

Do the Cowboys look ahead to Miami?

COWBOYS, 27-13

Seattle (plus 9) at Kansas City (Thursday night)

The Chiefs' only easy win this season was at Seattle, 34-17. They rarely get two easy ones in a season.

Oakland (minus 3 1/2) at San Diego (Monday night)

Jeff Hostetler has stabilized the Raiders ...

For the time being.

CHARGERS, 22-17

New England (plus 3 1/2) at Indianapolis

The Patriots have some talent on defense. They don't play that way.

COLTS, 31-23

New York Giants (plus 7 1/2) at Washington

The Giants defense hasn't allowed a touchdown in three games. The offense has scored just two.

REDSKINS, 20-13

New Orleans (plus 7) at Carolina

The Panthers have never lost a game in their new stadium.

Why should anything change?

PANTHERS, 24-14

Baltimore (plus 10) at Denver

Eric Green joins Bam Morris in the Baltimore lineup.

Is that like Terrell Davis joining John Elway?

BRONCOS, 34-13

Cincinnati (plus 14 1/2) at San Francisco

The Bengals offensive line allowed 10 sacks in Pittsburgh.

The 49ers defensive line left Brett Favre dazed.

Does Jeff Blake really want to play this game?

49ERS, 24-3

Buffalo (minus 7) at New York Jets

The Jets usually play better in Buffalo.

So does Frank Reich, the current New York quarterback.

BILLS, 23-13

Tampa Bay (plus 3) at Arizona

One win does not a season make.

CARDINALS, 24-10

Jacksonville (minus 1 1/2) at St. Louis

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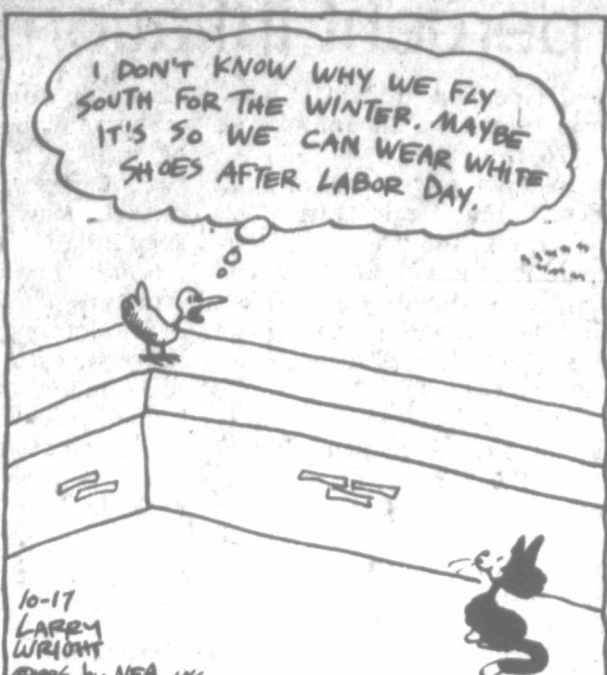
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Markets jarred slightly by report of 0.3 percent inflation rate in September

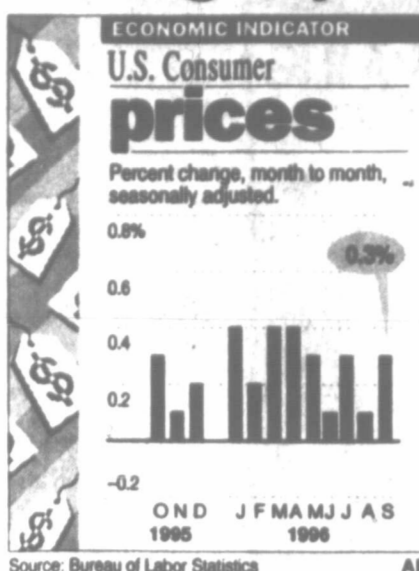
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Higher food prices and one-time jumps in the cost of cars, clothing and air fares helped boost consumer inflation 0.3 percent in September.

Analysts said the increase would fade as the temporary irritants disappear.

Still, the moderate rise in the Consumer Price Index initially caused disquiet in the financial markets, exacerbated later by reports of escalating infighting among political factions in Russia.

Bond prices slumped after the inflation report but managed a mild rebound by the end of the day. The yield on the 30-year Treasury note — a key determinant of corporate and consumer



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics AP

Dow Jones industrial average rose 16.03 to 6,020.81, beating by almost 11 points Monday's record finish, the first-ever above 6,000.

The Labor Department noted Wednesday that September's gain in the CPI was steeper than the 0.1 percent increase in August but matched the 0.3 percent advance in July. The rise met analysts' expectations.

The latest data mean the nation's 44 million Social Security recipients will receive a 2.9 percent cost-of-living increase in their monthly benefit checks next year, the largest since a 3 percent advance in 1993. That will push the average monthly benefit up \$21 to \$745.

It also means the maximum monthly payment for 6.5 million individuals receiving Supplemental Security Income also will

rise 2.9 percent, up \$14 to \$484. For a couple, the maximum goes to \$726, from \$705.

Consumer prices rose at a 3.2 percent annual rate during the first nine months of 1996. Excluding the volatile food and energy components, the so-called core rate of inflation was up just 2.8 percent. The CPI rose 2.5 percent for all of 1995.

"The water table is slightly higher, but we're well below flood stage," economist Stuart G. Hoffman of PNC Bank Corp. in Pittsburgh said of the latest price report. "This is further evidence that consumer inflation remains locked in a 2.75 percent-3 percent range."

Cynthia Latta, an economist at DRI-McGraw-Hill, a Lexington, Mass., forecasting service, agreed that "we might be seeing the leading edge of a little accel-

eration in inflation."

She said, however, the report by itself will not persuade the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates to slow the economy and keep inflation in check.

Many analysts believe the economy has shown recent signs of moderating on its own and does not need the braking effect of a rate increase.

Food prices rose 0.5 percent in September, led by a 2.6 percent jump in fresh fruit. Prices for pork were up 1.6 percent; poultry, 0.8 percent; and beef, 0.6 percent.

But fresh vegetable costs fell 4.1 percent, including declines of 3.7 percent for tomatoes and 0.7 percent for lettuce.

Energy costs went unchanged as drops of 0.7 percent for natural gas and 0.4 percent for gasoline offset increases of 4.5 percent in

fuel oil and 0.2 percent for residential electricity. Energy prices had fallen during the three previous months.

The index was pushed higher by increases of 0.5 percent for clothing, 0.6 percent for new cars and 2.9 percent for air fares.

The clothing increase accounted for about two-thirds of the overall advance. Analysts noted it followed three months of falling prices and accompanied the introduction of higher priced fall and winter fashions. They said it would not be repeated.

Likewise, the gain in new car costs — biggest since a 0.6 percent advance in January 1991 — occurred as new model year vehicles arrived in dealer showrooms. Analysts said the jump in air fares was due to reinstatement in late August of a 10 percent federal excise tax on tickets.

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