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## Scheduling conflict forcing Counts to miss tonight's forum

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**  
Staff Writer

Tonight's candidates forum at St. Paul Lutheran Church will be without District 70 incumbent State Rep. David Counts because of a prior longstanding commitment.

Counts' assistant, James Beauchamp, said Counts has worked for quite a while trying to resolve the schedule conflict but was unable to do it in time

for tonight's forum.

Luan Stallings, a member of Concerned Women For America (CWFA), the group sponsoring the forum, said she is disappointed the Counts won't be a part of tonight's event.

"I'm real disappointed about this because we were assured that Rep. Counts would be here tonight when we talked to his office. I wasn't aware that anything else had come up when we talked."

Stalling added she hopes Counts' office will at least have a representative at the forum.

Counts' Republican opponent, Big Spring businessman Scott McLaughlin, has accepted and will be a part of tonight's forum, which will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

CWFA members have also been waiting on a response from Congressman Charles Stenholm's office as to his sta-

tus for the forum, but Stenholm's office has a full schedule of events planned for today, including a Farm Bureau meeting tonight in Anson.

A representative from Stenholm's office said this morning that they have had trouble getting in touch with CWFA representatives planning the forum and also won't be able to send a representative.

Because of time constraints, only candidates running for the 17th

Congressional District seat, District 70 State representative seat and the vacated District 28 State Senate seat were invited to participate in tonight's forum.

Stenholm's challenger for the 17th District Congressional seat, Rudy Izzard, will participate in tonight's forum.

Candidates running for the vacant Senate seat have also committed to participate.

### NICE FISHING WEATHER



Willie Lee Johnson of Midland fishes at Comanches Trail Lake. He made his first cast around 7 a.m. Saturday and spent the entire day trying to entice the lake's finicky fish.

## Newspaper project retrieving journalistic history

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Librarian Marilyn Fletcher bounced along a dirt road that snaked mile after mile into a remote New Mexico canyon to reach an isolated home and sought-after treasure: a complete collection of the weekly Catron County Courier.

"It was all there, and so well kept," she sighs.

Fletcher is helping New Mexico finish a hunt for 1,600 yellowing state publications, part of a national campaign to put old newspapers on microfilm.

"These newspapers were basically deteriorating," said Jim Turner, a spokesman for the National Endowment for the Humanities. "If something wasn't done fast, that whole journalistic segment of American history was going to disappear."

The NEH has spent \$36 million since 1982 on the U.S. Newspaper Program, which pays librarians and researchers to collect and preserve old newspapers in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The task is widely different in each state — Wyoming has had about 445 different papers, while in New York researchers say there may be more than

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25,000 titles.

Some recovery missions have been more successful than others.

In New York, a bundle of yellowing wealth bounced out of a garbage truck, was unwrapped by a road crew and eventually passed on to the protective hands of archivist Robert Vines at the New York State Library in Albany.

Researchers in North Carolina weren't so fortunate. An editor at one small newspaper led them into an attic where the paper stored its older issues. The rats had been there first.

"They'd just shredded a whole bundle to make nests," said researcher Chris Mulder.

"Besides the ink stains, the animals and insects are definitely the toughest part of this job."

The NEH expects the entire project to be complete in 2004, with bibliographic records for more than 200,000 newspaper titles and about 55 million pages of newsprint on microfilm. In California, with about 15,000 publications to retrieve, about eight years of work remains.

The information will be entered into a database at the Online Computer Library Center in Dublin, Ohio, an international, 14,000-terminal computer network. States like Georgia and Virginia have already managed to put some of their archives on the Internet.

Microfilm copies of newspapers will be stored in the nation's libraries, while the newspapers will be returned afterward to private owners or donated to museums.

New Mexico's collection, gingerly ironed and stored flat in acid-free boxes at the University of New Mexico's library, includes the high satire "The Whoozit Gazette," published in 1935 in Clovis by editor "Ima Liar" and publisher "Ura Nother."

There's also "The Horsefly," published in Taos between 1938 and 1941 as a political irritant by editor Spud Johnson. Beneath its banner, it proclaimed itself the "smallest and most inadequate newspaper ever published."

Fletcher, a 56-year-old librarian at the University of New Mexico, says the papers give her a unique picture of history. She has asked the state Legislature for a grant to keep collecting newspapers, this time from state military bases.

"It's not the same as reading a history book," she said. "They're a slice of local life — a visiting cousin, a tea party — that can only come from someone right there."

## Perot sets goal of 25 percent, challenges ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ross Perot says he's in the presidential race to win, but he seems to cast doubt on his prospects by setting a goal of drawing 25 percent of the vote.

Running as the Reform Party nominee, Perot said he would file a lawsuit today seeking an injunction against sponsorship of the presidential debates by the bipartisan commission that voted to exclude him.

"We will not sit by," he said. Regardless of whether he gets in the debates, Perot said: "My goal is to make sure this new party gets at a minimum 25 percent of the vote and I think that is easily obtainable."

"We are in the race to win, but we have got to get over that threshold so that we have a party that is on full parity with the other two parties" in terms of federal financing, Perot said as he made the Sunday talk-show rounds.

In 1992, Perot got 19 percent of the vote running as an independent; national polls generally place his support in single digits now.

As Perot battles for a place, opinions were divided on whether Republican nominee Bob Dole's campaign was wise to push to keep Perot out during separate negotiations with President Clinton's campaign, which agreed with the decision.

Robert Schumler, a professor of American studies at the University of Notre Dame, said Perot's absence could be a boon for Dole, who can now go one-on-one with Clinton without Perot blunting the Republican's positions on taxes and the budget.

"With a two-person debate it's clearly one versus another and the opportunity to select a potential winner is much easier," Schumler said.

But Larry Sabato, a professor of politics at the University of Virginia, said the moves by the commission and Dole to bar Perot from debates will give Clinton a "free ride" because "Perot will air most of his fire between now and the election on Dole to undermine him."

On Election Day, independent swing voters might cast their ballots against Republicans, Sabato added. "Dole is the guy who kept Perot out and that makes Dole the bad guy for Perot people."

The commission, made up equally of Republicans and Democrats, ruled that Perot should not be allowed to debate

because he doesn't have a realistic chance to win the November election. In 1992, Perot debated with then-candidate Clinton and President Bush.

The Clinton campaign supported Perot's participation, but the Dole campaign, which believes it has more to lose from a strong Perot candidacy, opposed it.

In their negotiations, the two sides agreed Saturday to hold two presidential debates, scheduled for Oct. 6 in Hartford, Conn., and Oct. 16 in San Diego, and one vice presidential debate, on Oct. 9 in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dole's press secretary, Nelson Warfield, said Sunday that Clinton has certain advantages in a two-man debate: "He's glib, he's agile and he's willing to stake out positions unrestrained by the truth. But we remain confident Senator Dole can hold his own."

Warfield also said that although "Ross Perot didn't make the cut ... there will be a candidate on that stage talking about the kind of ideas the Reform Party has espoused. And that will be Bob Dole."

But Perot said Dole will pay a heavy price for excluding him.

"Senator Dole did something really dumb politically, and that is he poisoned the attitudes of millions of independent voters who put the Republicans in power in the House and Senate with what he's done," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Perot said a gravely wounded World War II veteran such as Dole should have had the courage to face him in the debate. "He has been rude and arrogant in this in a way that I have never seen him act before," Perot said.

"If Bob Dole is afraid of something I'm pretty darn sure it's not Ross Perot," House Majority Leader Dick Army, R-Texas, responded on NBC.

Dole dismissed a question about Perot's criticism Sunday, saying "I'm not on the commission" that officially excluded him.

Perot complained that the two major parties were trying to shut him out of the democratic process. He noted that 80 million Americans watch the debates and "if you are not in those debates, you can't be competitive."

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## Dole portraying Clinton as liberal in disguise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bob Dole, turning increasingly to negative campaigning as he tries to break out of the second-place doldrums, is portraying President Clinton as a closet liberal who would revert to old ways if given a second term.

The Republican presidential nominee is telling audiences that could mean another attempt at massive overhaul of the health care system and putting first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in charge of welfare reform.

And, in another fine-tuning of

Dole's campaign style, strategists are planning more joint appearances between the candidate and his wife, Elizabeth.

Aides hope that having Mrs. Dole as a warm-up act will add electricity to her husband's sometimes low-wattage campaign events — as it did at a Sunday rally in Grayslake, Ill. In the past, the two have seldom spoken at the same event.

With just six weeks before the election, Clinton continues to lead Dole by double-digit margins in most national polls. Dole was expected to empha-

size his theme of Clinton as a liberal in conservative's clothing today in a speech at a moving company in Springfield, Va., a Washington suburb.

"Now the election is right around the corner, so President Clinton will do everything he can to hide his liberal agenda," Dole said Sunday.

It's a theme the Republican presidential nominee says he'll bring up in the presidential debates.

Dole said he was looking forward to the debates, saying terms negotiated by both cam-

paigns over the weekend — calling for two presidential debates and one vice presidential one next month — was "fine with me."

He dismissed criticism by Reform Party candidate Ross Perot for pressing for Perot's exclusion from the debates, saying, "I'm not on the commission."

It was a reference to the Commission on Presidential Debates, which recommended that Perot not be included —

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### TODAY'S WEATHER

90 ▲ Highs 60  
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Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 90.

Tonight: Partly cloudy low 60-65.

Extended outlook: Wednesday through Thursday, partly cloudy with highs in the 80s and lows in the mid to lower 60s. Friday, partly cloudy, high in the 70s and low in the upper 50s.







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Cowboys don't fill bill in 10-7 loss to Buffalo

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — The Buffalo Bills knew they wouldn't be putting much offense together without Jim Kelly in the lineup...

Emmitt Smith said, "I can't believe what is happening and the reason why it is happening. Whatever it is, we need to get it corrected quickly..."

"I don't think I did anything special," said Collins, who completed 11 of 17 passes for 88 yards and one interception...

Collins said, "It gave us six points right off the bat. It really was a perfect drive. I couldn't have imagined anything else that could have started us off in the right direction..."

Aikman was 16-of-33 for 164 yards for the Cowboys, who were hurt by costly penalties and turnovers.

"We made some dumb plays," Cowboys coach Barry Switzer said. "But when you can't run the football, Troy can't have a passing game..."

Lady Steers lose opener in district action

The Big Spring Lady Steers volleyball team lost their district opening match at Fort Stockton on Saturday, falling 17-15, 15-10. "We never got in sync," said head coach Traci Pierce...

Beuerlein's bullets help Carolina stun San Francisco, 23-7

The San Francisco 49ers might have been better off if Kerry Collins hadn't been hurt. Steve Beuerlein, starting in place of the injured Collins, rattled the NFL's top-ranked defense with a near-flawless first-half that sent the Panthers to a 23-7 victory over San Francisco on Sunday in one of four games this weekend between unbeaten teams.



Beuerlein went 17-of-20 with two touchdown passes to Wesley Walls before halftime as the second-year Panthers (3-0) scored on their first three possessions to take a 17-0 lead. Beuerlein finished 22-of-31 for 272 yards as Carolina ran up 389 yards against the 49ers, who had allowed only 168 in their first two games.

In other games Sunday, it was Washington 17, St. Louis 10; the New York Giants 13, the New York Jets 6; Arizona 28, New Orleans 14; New England 28, Jacksonville 25 in overtime; Buffalo 10, Dallas 7; San Diego 40, Oakland 34; Seattle 17, Tampa Bay 13; Detroit 35, Chicago 16; and Philadelphia 33, Atlanta 18.

"This is a special day, but we're still got a long way to go," Carolina safety Brett Maxie said. "Now we've got the responsibility of living up to what we've done to this point..."

NFL Roundup

Trailing 17-7, the Packers took the lead when Don Beebe went 80 yards with a short pass from Brett Favre and George Koonce returned an interception 75 yards. Once Smith gave Minnesota the lead back, the defense took over.

Frerotte had a touchdown pass to Scott Galbraith and Terry Allen scored his fourth touchdown in as many games. That gave the Redskins (3-1) three straight wins for first time since 1992, their last winning season.

Cardinals 28, Saints 14. LeShon Johnson scored the first two touchdowns of his NFL career on 66- and 70-yard runs as the Cardinals won another meeting of winless teams at the Superdome.

poise that helped make Detroit's offense the NFL's best a year ago, passed for four touchdowns and ran for another as Detroit beat Chicago for its ninth consecutive home victory.

Florida now number one

Nebraska was No. 1 for so long, Florida coach Steve Spurrier found it difficult to imagine any other team in that position. Now his Gators are No. 1. "I guarantee you none of us around here ever thought we had any chance to be No. 1 during the course of the season," Spurrier said Sunday after Florida replaced Nebraska at No. 1 in The Associated Press college football poll.

Sands wins 60-35 against Ropes

A five-touchdown performance by Josh Richter helped the Sands Mustangs defeat Ropes 60-35 in six-man action on Friday. Richter scored three rushing touchdowns, one on a kickoff return and another on a pass reception. He racked up 178 rushing yards.

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Eagles 33, Falcons 18. Ricky Waters rushed for 121 yards and two touchdowns, including a 56-yarder, and Gary Anderson kicked four field goals as Philadelphia won at Atlanta.

Atlanta fell to 0-3, and quarterback Jeff George was benched in the third quarter. He was seen arguing with coach June Jones on the sideline, but Bobby Hebert didn't fare much better.

Resurgent Rangers win second over Angels

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The Texas Rangers, having watched their AL West lead quickly shrink by eight games, won their second straight Sunday with a 4-1 victory over the California Angels.

Gonzalez and Dean Palmer each hit solo homers in the fourth inning off Angels rookie Jason Dickson (1-4). Palmer's homer was his 37th, and Gonzalez bettered his own club mark for homers, set in 1993.





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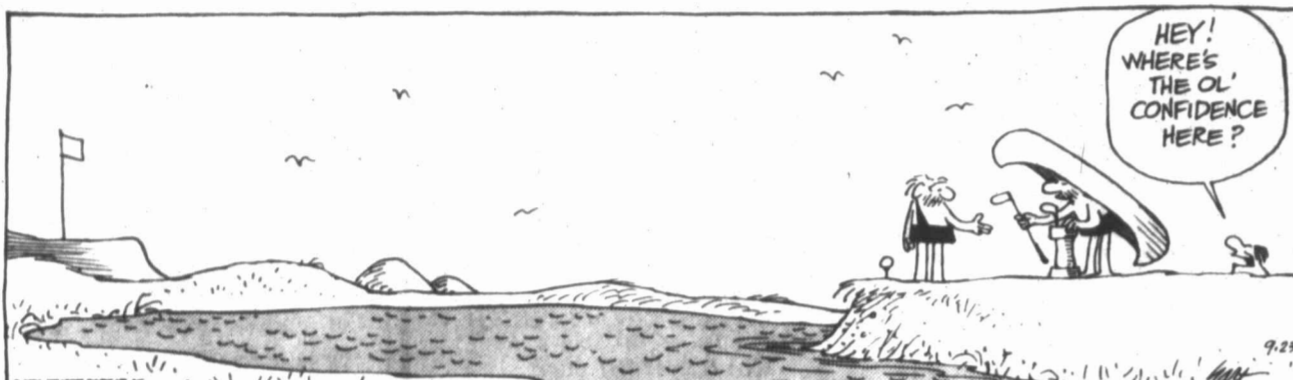
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While Bil Keane is out of town to make a speech, Billy fills in with his depiction of Daddy's week.

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

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

Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 23, 1779, during the Revolutionary War, the American warship Bon Homme Richard defeated the HMS Serapis after the American commander, John Paul Jones, is said to have declared: "I have not yet begun to fight!" On this date: In 63 B.C., Caesar Augustus

THE Daily Crossword by Frank R. Jackson

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Saturday's Puzzle solved:

Solved crossword puzzle grid with words filled in.

- DOWN 1 American Beauty, for one 2 Atop 3 Departed 4 Inveigle 5 All-embracing 6 Pot cover 7 Poor mel 8 Vine fruit 9 Vulnerable point 10 Stereo 11 Bread spread 12 Gull-like bird 15 Briskly promoted 17 Be loquacious 21 Conducted 24 Bit of foolish behavior 25 Worker in a pool 26 Series of connected links 27 Central portion 28 Slumber 30 Slur over a syllable 31 Persian water wheel 32 Sediment 35 Taj Mahal site 38 Melted 40 Boding danger 43 Neither masculine nor feminine 45 A planet, 48 Diamond stat 50 Breakfast standby 52 Old-time baseball great 54 Injury souvenir 55 Nimbus 56 Therefore 57 Type of dancer 59 Othello's enemy 60 Exec. 61 Let it stand 64 TGIF word: abbr.

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