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Fore!



(Staff photo by Darlene Holmes)

Roy Morris of Dallas lines up a putt on the fourth hole of Pampa Country Club golf course today in preparation for the Top O' Texas golf tournament scheduled for this weekend. The tournament tees off Saturday morning with the final round slated for Monday.

Woman comes home to be its pediatrician

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

Meganne Walsh was born in this town 30 years ago, and she spent 17 years of her childhood here. Today, as a pediatrician in town, she's assisting parents in the raising of their children.

The poetic harmony of it all is warmly embraced by Dr. Walsh, 30, the town's only pediatrician. Walsh began her full-time medical practice in Pampa on Aug. 2 at her office in the new north wing of Coronado Hospital, 3023 N. Perryton Parkway.



Dr. Meganne Walsh

"This is always what I wanted to be when I grew up," Walsh enthused in an interview on Tuesday. "I wanted to be Pampa's pediatrician. ... This is the first (career) goal that I've set for myself that I've ever reached, and so it's real exciting for me."

Walsh, a graduate of Colorado State University at Fort Collins, Colo., obtained her medical degree in 1990 from University of Colorado Health Science Center in Denver. Her three-year residency, which she completed in June of this year, included two years at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo and one year at the University of South Carolina at Columbia.

Walsh is the daughter of Charles and Billie Walsh, who now live in Denver, Colo. The 30-year-old pediatrician is single.

She has one relative who lives in town - her grandmother, Jewell Clark.

Walsh, whose high energy level and enthusiasm are strikingly compatible with that of the young peo-

ple she serves, said she chose to specialize in medicine for those age 18 or younger because "kids are really fun to work with. One of my strengths as a physician is that I really enjoy working with the patients and their families. And pediatrics provides a good opportunity to provide preventive health and work with families in really positive situations ..."

Walsh, who described herself as an "advocate for the child," said she recommends that parents practice "open communication" and consistency with their children in order to raise them in a positive manner.

Even though toddlers can be "very trying to their parents," the pediatrician noted, parents should not accede to the "toddlers' demands if those demands are in conflict with household policies. If a household has a policy forbidding children from eating ice cream between meals, Walsh said, the parent should not make exceptions to that rule merely to placate a child who repeatedly begs for ice cream.

If, on the other hand, a child demonstrates an aversion toward a particular vegetable during a meal, the parent should not force the child to eat it, Walsh said. Instead, the pediatrician recommended that the parent offer the child another nutritious food that appeals to him. Walsh also recommended that parents encourage children to eat fruits, grains and vegetables when they snack.

Parental firmness in raising a child should have its limits, Walsh suggested. "Violence teaches children to deal with the world through violence, so I'm not a spanking advocate," Walsh said. She also advised that parents refrain from using derogatory labels, such as "bad boy" or "bad girl," in addressing their children.

Another of Walsh's convictions on child-rearing concerns the mistaken belief of many parents that a child should take antibiotics for any kind of illness he might contract, she said.

"Parents are under the impression that if they don't leave (my office) with a prescription for antibiotics, I'm not doing anything for (their children)," Walsh observed.

The pediatrician noted that side effects to a child from taking antibiotics, which can include diarrhea and life-threatening allergic reactions, are often severe enough to justify his recovering from an illness

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Jobless rate lowest in two years

By PETE YOST
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's unemployment rate edged down to a two-year low of 6.7 percent in August, but weakness continued in the manufacturing sector as businesses shed 39,000 jobs from their payrolls, the Labor Department reported today.

But employment for the economy as a whole rose 409,000, pushing the unemployment rate down a tenth of a percentage point to its lowest level since July 1991, the last time the rate was 6.7 percent.

"Employment developments ... were mixed," William Barron, deputy commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, said in testimony prepared for the Joint Economic Committee of Congress.

While noting the drop in the rate, Barron pointed out the showing in business payrolls.

The number of manufacturing jobs fell by 42,000 in August and has fallen by 239,000 since February. Job losses were widespread, with declines continuing in metals, machinery, electronics, aircraft and apparel.

And the services sector showed a marginal increase of only 15,000

jobs in August, with government employment levels declining by 11,000. For well over a decade, it has been the service sector that has fueled the gains in job growth.

The 39,000 drop in payroll jobs followed an increase of 211,000 in July.

Until the August report, payroll job growth had been averaging 169,000 a month, more than double the 80,000 average of 1992.

"We have to take this report with a little bit of a grain of salt," said David Wyss, research director at DRI/McGraw-Hill.

Wyss noted the "inconsistency" of a 409,000 gain in employment overall, but the 39,000 decline in business jobs.

The bottom line, said Wyss, is that "we tend to trust that business payroll figure — and its weakness is consistent with other data suggesting that August was a soft month." He referred to data on chain store sales and a survey of purchasing managers earlier this week pointing to a soft economic showing.

Barron, too, noted that the employment estimate — the one showing a rise of 409,000 jobs in August — often moves erratically month to month.

The unemployment rate had been

stuck at about 7 percent for the first half of 1993, but the jobless rates for men and women, teenagers and most ethnic groups "have generally edged in the downward direction" for July and August, Barron told Congress in his prepared testimony.

Meanwhile, the government's chief gauge of future economic activity fell 0.1 percent in July, erasing June's slight gain and continuing a sluggish economy since the first of the year, the Commerce Department reported.

On the face of it, the 409,000 increase in the number of people employed overall — to 119.7 million — appears to be a sign of economic strength. But Barron attached greater significance to the payroll survey, noting it has shown "moderate job growth over the last several months" and that June and August "had little or no employment increase."

"We're in for continued slow growth in the number of jobs," Mark Zandi of Regional Financial Associates of West Chester, Pa., predicted in advance of today's unemployment report.

The job picture is uncertain.

On the positive side, claims for unemployment benefits are continu-

ing to go down. The four-week moving average of jobless claims has fallen to the lowest level since September 1989. And there was a drop of 7,000 last week in first-time claims for jobless benefits, to 324,000. That's the lowest number since the week ended Feb. 6.

Those figures give "some indication that we can sustain" the long string of job growth that has continued every month for more than 12 years, said Laurence H. Meyer, of Laurence H. Meyer and Associates in St. Louis.

On the negative side, "if you look at this struggling in manufacturing, you have to wonder about the potential for disappointment," Meyer said. "Factory jobs have been declining month after month after month."

One reason for the drop: Manufacturers have been able to increase production levels without adding to payrolls. That sector of the economy won't be an important source of job creation for the next six months to a year, Zandi said.

Manufacturers have turned to temporary workers, just as other employers have. Temporary workers are counted in the business services category, rather than manufacturing.

Computer helps city monitor hazardous chemicals

By RANDAL K. MCGAVOCK
Staff Writer

In an effort to monitor potential problems in the city and the county, the Office of Emergency Management recently received new software for its computer system.

With the Emergency Information System and its supporting software, emergency management personnel can locate hazardous chemical locations as well as the location of the nearest fire hydrants and sprinkler systems.

In fact, when all the information is finally entered into the computer system, emergency personnel will be able to see the layout of specific rooms in specific buildings in Pampa and Gray County by pressing just a few buttons.

"We can make these drawings of these businesses and pull them up on the computer," Ken Hall, emergency management coordinator for Pampa and Gray County. "We can locate all the exits, find out where fire fighting equipment is, if they have fire extinguishers. If they have any chemical stored there, we'd put it on the screen."

At first, Hall said his office will start contacting businesses when they start feeding information into the machine. However, in the future, he

believes business operators will just send in blueprints.

Other plans for the computer system call for the purchase of a smaller, portable unit to be taken with emergency response units when they go to the scene of an accident, fire or chemical spill.

"What we're ... trying to do is buy a lap-top computer," Hall said. "It'll cost \$6,500 ... (and come) with a cellular telephone so that eventually they can access this from the field. The battalion chief could pull this up and have maps that they could follow. They'll also be able to pull these floor plans up and see where the exits are and see where the chemicals are stored."

While one situation may call for the computer to list the number of exits, the location of a fire hydrant and the specifications of a sprinkler system, other situations might call for the computer to speculate as to what might happen, according to Hall.

For instance, the projected path of a plume of smoke or gas can be estimated by entering information such as wind velocity, air temperature, the location of the accident and specific properties of the chemical.

The process would only take a few minutes to define an exact geographic area. At that point,

residents can be evacuated to safety, said Hall.

As you might expect, the computer system can also assist with the evacuation.

"It will tell us, through icons, the name of the place (in danger), who to contact. If it's a nursing home, for example, (the computer will indicate) what kind of transportation they need to evacuate. It's just a tremendous tool," Hall said.

Unfortunately, it will be some time before the computer system is fully operational, according to Hall.

Because of the nature of the information to be inputted and a limited staff, Hall said it could take years to add all the necessary information into the computer system.

Ten state, regional and area maps came with the system the Office of Emergency Management purchased. To receive more maps, of neighboring counties for instance, they would have to be purchased from the software company.

However, Hall said in the future his office would trade information with other counties as they get their systems on line.

Currently, only a few systems like this one are operating in the Panhandle. Wheeler County, Carson County and Pantex are some of the entities which operate a similar system.

Clinton: Health spending price controls not needed

By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton promises his health reforms will create jobs and slow the growth of Medicare and Medicaid spending without price controls. But a fellow Democrat says the White House is heading "down the wrong road without a road map."

Clinton is still nailing down the final details on his health reform package and how to pay for it, but his intentions came under attack Thursday.

A research group sponsored by the restaurant industry released a study contending that forcing employers to pay for workers' insurance could cost 3.1 million Americans their jobs. But Clinton spokesman Bob Boorstin called the "ludicrous" and said it was "based on ridiculous assumptions."

Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash., a physician who was briefed Wednesday by Clinton's health policy lieutenants, issued a stinging criticism of the White House effort.

McDermott, who has 87 Democratic co-sponsors for his bill to abandon private insurance and switch to a Canadian-style, government-financed health system, said the administration officials were unable to provide cost estimates or any details on Medicare and Medi-

caid financing.

"The White House appears to be going down the wrong road without a road map on health care reform," he said.

McDermott predicted "wholesale defections from the Democratic side of aisle" and said health spending could "soar through the roof" without cost controls between now and 1998.

"And I'm a friend. I want them to succeed," he said in a telephone interview. "If they are as ill-prepared as they are at the moment ... it's going to be a real fiasco."

Clinton has been meeting with Cabinet officers and key advisers this week to nail down details of his plan, due for release later this month. The White House, in response to news leaks, said Thursday that the plan would guarantee coverage for all Americans by the end of 1997, "the vast majority" of people covered by 1996.

The New York Times reported today that the president has decided to include only limited coverage for mental health care — generally 30 outpatient visits and 60 days in the hospital each year. The Clinton plan also won't include dental care for adults, the newspaper reported.

Higher cigarette taxes are likely to help pay for the reforms, the White House said.

Administration aides said the latest incarnation of the health plan

seeks to come up with \$16 billion from so-called sin taxes.

The administration is undecided on whether to raise all that money from higher cigarette taxes — possibly \$1 more on each pack — or by a lower increase in the tobacco levy and a higher tax on hard liquor. Beer and wine drinkers may be spared altogether.

'My judgment is that if we do this right, it will be a job creator.'

— Clinton

Clinton told reporters he was never "particularly hot on price controls" and wanted to give drug companies a chance voluntarily "to keep their prices within inflation for a year or two."

He rejected charges that his reforms could cost millions of Americans their jobs.

The Employment Policies Institute study by June and Dave O'Neill of Baruch College in New York City assumed employers would have to pay 90 percent of premiums costing \$2,400 for individual workers and

\$5,900 for families, with no government subsidies.

Clinton aides have said the policies will be less costly, with employers bearing 80 percent of the costs and big subsidies available for low-wage workers.

The president said critics assume "it will be a job drain. ... My judgment is that if we do this right, it will be a job creator."

Clinton said the country cannot sustain spending increases of 12 percent to 16 percent a year for Medicare and Medicaid.

"That's not right and it's not necessary," he said.

"The senior citizens will come out way ahead," he said, promising to use the savings for new drug and limited long-term care benefits for the elderly.

The Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association welcomed the news that there will be no direct price controls in Clinton's plan.

But it expressed concern the administration may propose creating drug review boards with the authority to ban Medicare and Medicaid from paying for expensive medications.

And Chip Kahn, executive vice president of the Health Insurance Association of America, said insurers fear Clinton may try to limit annual insurance premium increases as a backdoor way of holding down costs.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

AIRINGTON, Linda — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitely Colonial Chapel.
HENDERSON, Mary Helen — 11 a.m., Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery, Canadian.
LILLEY, Pauline — 4 p.m., Carmichael-Whitely Colonial Chapel.
TEMPLIN, Lela Gretchen — 10:30 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Obituaries

VELMA LEE McFATTER
CANADIAN — Velma Lee McFatter, 86, died Wednesday, Sept. 1, 1993. Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Prairie Dell Cemetery near the Gem City Community, with the Rev. Robert Meller, pastor of Gem City Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Suckley-Hill Funeral Directors.

Mrs. McFatter was born in Blue, Okla., and married Joe McFatter in 1948 at Wheeler. He died in 1989. She was a rancher and attended Gem City Baptist Church. She had been a resident of Hemphill County since 1948.

Survivors include two cousins, B.H. Thornton of Alva, Okla., and Cecil H. Ray of Amarillo.

LELA GRETCHEN TEMPLIN
HOUSTON — Lela Gretchen Templin, 77, a former resident of Pampa, died Wednesday, Sept. 1, 1993. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Memory Gardens Cemetery of Pampa, with the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Templin was born on Sept. 28, 1915, in Iberia, Mo. She married Elbert P. Templin on Aug. 26, 1939, at Conway, Mo. He preceded her in death on Jan. 29, 1978. She had been a resident of Pampa from August 1962 until 1991, when she moved to Houston. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Pampa.

Survivors include a son, Gary Templin of Houston; two sisters, Louise McGee of Kirkwood, Mo., and Clara Gentry of Houston; and nine grandchildren.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL	SHAMROCK HOSPITAL
Admissions	Admissions
Pampa	Shamrock
Lupe Gonzales Hernandez	Herman Oldham
Josephine Taylor	Lillie Martindale
Borger	Robert Lee
Ruby Epperley	Chrystal Garza
	Dismissals
	Shamrock
Dismissals	Lillie Martindale
Pampa	Edna Sanders
Gerald D. Parker	Brenda Beeler
Debra L. Stubblefield	Robert Lee
Leona Turner	Amarillo
Josephine P. Willis	Katherine Turner

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported no incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....	911
Crime Stoppers.....	669-2222
Emergency.....	665-5777
Fire.....	911
Police (emergency).....	911
Police (non-emergency).....	669-5700
SPS.....	669-7432
Water.....	669-5830

Police report

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

THURSDAY, September 2
Alicia Gayle Uhrh, 236 Henry, reported criminal mischief.
Brenda V. Zedlitz, 1083 Charles, reported a theft.
Carolyn Jean Gage, 824 S. Reid, reported two incidents of criminal mischief.
Sharon Brock, 117 N. Nelson, reported a theft of over \$20 and under \$200.
Faye Edmondson, 511 Roberta, reported criminal mischief over \$20 and under \$200.

Arrests
THURSDAY, September 2
Ronnie B. Campbell, 47, 433 Hughes, was arrested at 108 N. Russell on two outstanding warrants.
William Edward Baker, 37, 1214 E. Francis, was arrested in the 700 block of Doucette on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Fires

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

THURSDAY, September 2
7:49 a.m. — Four units and eight firefighters responded to a structure fire at 456 Hughes. Extensive damage was done to a bedroom and hallway by the smoke and fire.

11:33 a.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to a medical assistance call at 719 Hazel.

1:47 p.m. — Two units and three firefighters responded to a medical assistance call at 2608 Milliron Road.

Accidents

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

FRIDAY, September 3
12:05 a.m. — A 1992 Buick Skylark driven by William Edward Baker, 37, 1214 E. Francis, collided with a 1986 Toyota parked in the 700 block of Doucette. No injuries were reported. Baker was cited for driving while intoxicated.

Calendar of events

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

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

SOUTHWEST SENIOR CITIZENS MOBILE MEALS
The mobile meals menu for Saturday is spaghetti and meat sauce, mixed greens, whole kernel corn, bread, fruit cocktail.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler Evans of Pampa:

Wheat	2.91
Milo	3.68
Com	4.22

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

Serico	5 3/4	NC
Occidental	21	NC

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

Magellan	74.44
Putnam	74.03

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

Amoco	55 3/8	dn 3/8
Arco	116 1/4	dn 1/8
Cabot	51 1/2	dn 1/8
Cabot O&G	26 1/2	up 1/8

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

Chevron	93 3/4	NC
Coca Cola	42 1/2	dn 1/8
Enron	34 7/8	NC
Halliburton	40 1/2	up 1/4
HealthTrust Inc.	21	dn 1/8
Ingersoll Rand	38 1/8	dn 1/8
Martins	8 3/8	dn 1/8
KNE	39 1/4	NC
Kerr McGee	54 3/8	dn 1/8
Limited	21 7/8	dn 1/4
Mapco	62 3/4	dn 1/4
Marathon	48 3/8	dn 1/8
McDonald's	54 1/8	up 1/4
Mobil	77 7/8	dn 3/8
New Atmos	30 3/8	NC
Packer & Parsley	33 1/8	up 1/4
Pennway's	41 1/4	up 1/8
Phillips	33 1/8	NC
SLB	67	NC
SPS	30 3/8	NC
Tenneco	54 1/2	up 1/4
Texasco	65 1/8	up 1/4
Wal Mart	24 5/8	dn 1/8
New York Gold	362.60	
Silver	4.50	
West Texas Crude	17.97	

Ukraine turns over Black Sea Fleet, warheads

MASSANDRA, Ukraine (AP) — Ukraine agreed today to turn over its part of the Black Sea Fleet to Russia and give Moscow its nuclear warheads. In return, Russia will cancel much of Ukraine's debt and compensate it for the weapons.

The agreements were reached at a summit in the Crimea between Russian President Boris Yeltsin and Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk. Resolution of the issues could greatly improve relations between the two countries.

Before leaving for the meeting, Yeltsin said that Russia "cannot agree for Ukraine to be a nuclear power."

The nuclear warheads will be shipped to Russia, where they will be dismantled. Ukraine will be compensated by Russia for the uranium. The amount of the compensation will be determined later.

Ukraine's parliament had opposed giving up the warheads that remained on Ukrainian soil after the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991.

Russia and the United States have pushed Ukraine to keep its promise to follow the START I arms reduction treaty, which would cut stockpiles of long-range nuclear weapons by about a third. Ukraine, however, has said it intends to eliminate all its nuclear arms.

Before today's agreement, the two sides had agreed to split the Black Sea Fleet, one of the jewels of the former Soviet navy. But Ukraine, which is falling further in debt to Russia, appeared to feel the economic advantages outweighed any military need to hold on to its part of the fleet.

"The cost of the Ukraine's share of the Black Sea fleet will settle part of Ukraine's debt to Russia. We

have agreed that Russia would redeem this part (of the fleet) from Ukraine," Yeltsin said.

No value has been placed yet on Ukraine's half of the fleet, but Ukraine owes Russia millions of dollars in back fuel and gas payments and in other trade debts.

Founded during czarist times, the fleet has about 350 ships as well as aircraft manned by 70,000 sailors, comprising about 9 percent of all former Soviet naval forces. It was designed as a counterbalance to the U.S. 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean and carried tactical nuclear weapons until a year ago.

Disagreements over the fate of the fleet and the future of the warheads as well as 176 long-range nuclear missiles in Ukraine had worsened relations.

The two leaders did not resolve all their differences. Kravchuk said the issue of whether Russia could use the Crimean port of Sevastopol as a base for the Black Sea fleet was separate and would be resolved by the end of September.

Russian nationalists say Crimea, which the Soviet Union gave from Russia to Ukraine in 1954, is too important to give up and must be part of Russia. The peninsula is populated mainly by Russians but has been part of independent Ukraine since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991.

While Yeltsin and Kravchuk made major progress in resolving military issues, no steps forward were reported in solving economic issues.

The two countries are involved in a bitter dispute over Russian oil supplies to Ukraine, which has balked at Russia's demand that it pay world prices for oil that it once received cheaply.

Supporters praise bullet train ridership study

AUSTIN (AP) — Opponents of a proposed "bullet train" questioned a new ridership study and route that was unveiled by the high-speed rail developers.

Texas TGV Corp., a French-American consortium, has been awarded the franchise to build the system with trains traveling up to 200 mph. The current estimate to build the rail line is \$6.8 billion.

By 2010, the system would annually carry about 14.4 million riders, make \$618 million in 1991 dollars, and have a 26 percent share of the traveling public, according to the new ridership study.

"There seems to be a very substantial market for high-speed rail," David Rice, president of TGV, told the Texas High-Speed Rail Authority on Thursday.

But opponents said the ridership study, which was conducted by the Massachusetts firm of Charles River

Associates, was way off base.

"The bottom line number that they gave for ridership is incredible," said Ron Ricks, a spokesman for Southwest Airlines, which has contended the project is not needed.

"What they anticipate carrying is four or five times what Southwest Airlines is carrying today. And we have a two-thirds market share in that market," he said.

Ricks said a major flaw in the survey of ridership preference between air and rail assumed that fares for both modes of transportation would be about the same.

"Of course that ignores the reality of the marketplace. There's always going to be fare competition," Ricks said.

He also said the new route would slow the train's travel time, thus making it less competitive.

But TGV said the route change would make the train accessible to

more passengers.

TGV's original proposed route included stations in Fort Worth, Dallas-Fort Worth Airport, Dallas, Houston, Austin and San Antonio. The new proposal adds Waco and the Bryan-College Station area.

TGV said travel time between Dallas and Houston would be an hour and 41 minutes, while the trip between San Antonio and Fort Worth would take two hours and 37 minutes.

The original eastern leg of the line, has been shifted westward, which moves the line out of a large rural area where residents had fiercely opposed the project.

The new route would require 469 miles of track and the purchase of 9,500 acres of right of way, as compared with the original proposed route which would have required 610 miles of track and 14,500 acres of right of way.

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Pediatrician

without taking antibiotics. She added that children under six months of age should take antibiotics for an illness only in rare cases — and always with a prescription from a physician.

Asked about the values that she seeks to instill in children through her role as a pediatrician, Walsh replied, "Especially for the older kids, I kind of want to be a neutral adult that they can come to and talk

to about some of their decisions. I'm real open to them."

Walsh noted that she assures a child of complete confidentiality in any disclosures that he makes to her, except in cases when she believes the child's health is at risk. And even in those rare cases, the pediatrician said she would inform the child in advance about her decision to share his or her comments with the parents.

Speaking generally about her role with children in Pampa, Walsh suggested that she hopes her presence here is inspirational to them.

"For the younger kids, I would hope that I would be a role model for higher education, coming back to Pampa and trying to make a difference," the pediatrician said.

For the "little girls," the 30-year-old woman added, the presence of a female pediatrician in Pampa should impart the message to be ambitious in their career aspirations and lives.

As for the parents, Walsh emphasized that "I really respect parents and the job that they do, and I don't think that they get told 'thank you' enough."

City briefs

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

FRANK SLAGLE Electric. All electrical services, 665-3748. Adv.

HAND FED BAKES Cockatoos and Sunconures, Pat's Unique, 854 W. Foster. Adv.

BEAUTY SHOP equipment for sale. Call 665-0015. Adv.

LIVE DJ from KISS radio, Friday and Saturday, City Limits, 669-9171. Adv.

MONDAY NIGHT Football; all you can eat Catfish \$3, 7 to 9 p.m. Drink specials. City Limits, 669-9171. Adv.

BOSTON TERRIER Puppies. See at Pets Unique, 854 W. Foster. Adv.

FOR SALE: 3 bedroom brick home, 2425 Navajo. \$34,000. 665-7630. Adv.

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NEW KIRBY Generation 4's drive RN. Call for your free in-home demonstration, no obligation. Call Jay Lewis, 669-1468. Adv.

5 FAMILY Garage Sale: Something for everyone, moped, musical instrument, clothing, furniture and more. Starts Friday at noon, Saturday. Corner of Kingsmill and Somerville. Adv.

COME THROW a pie at that "Special" person. After all it is for a good cause, all proceeds go to the Mab Calloway Scholarship Foundation. For more information call Chalenia 665-8108, Ricky 665-0837, Janice 665-3800. Chautauqua 1993. Adv.

NEW VINE ripe tomatoes, butternut spaghetti and acorn squash, bell peppers, 1015Y onions. Watermelons and cantaloupes. Epperson's Garden Market, Hwy. 60 East, 665-5000. Adv.

3 FAMILY Garage Sale, 2125 N. Wells. Friday til 8 p.m. Saturday 8-3 p.m. Adv.

FARMER'S MARKET, open Wednesday and Saturday 6 a.m.-7 p.m. M.K. Brown parking lot, west side. Adv.

YARD SALE: 1932 N. Faulkner, Saturday 8-5. Divan, daybed, 10 speed bike, much more. Adv.

LOST: TAN Pekingese. 1000 block of South Faulkner. 665-0300. Reward. Adv.

CHAUTAUQUA: UNITED Way video, kite making, Fine Arts tent, Monday, Central Park. Adv.

MODIFIED EXERCISE and Body Sculpting Classes at Chez Tanz with Nell Going. Classes starting September 7. Call 669-6836 or 665-2145. Adv.

IF THE fleas, ticks, and flies are still bugging you, we have what you need to get rid of them and it's all on sale this weekend. Watson's Feed & Garden, 665-4189. Adv.

TIME TO get your lawns ready for Winter. Fertilome Winterizer now in stock at Watson's Feed & Garden. Adv.

Museum-quality Peruvian artifacts seized at Dallas-Fort Worth Airport

DALLAS (AP) — Peru is "very possessive" about letting anyone take artifacts out of the country, so U.S. Customs Service officials were suspicious when they saw what appeared to be museum-quality pieces in a shipment to Dallas-Fort Worth Airport from Italy.

Customs spokesman Davalu Smith said someone tried to claim the shipment after its arrival at Customs' informal entry desk at the airport on Aug. 21.

Instead, Customs officials took the 29 pieces in the shipment to the anthropology department at Southern Methodist University to authenticate their value, she said.

SMU officials called the pieces priceless, and Customs officials seized the artifacts Tuesday under the Cultural Property Implementation Act of 1970.

David J. Wilson, a member of the SMU anthropology department, said the artifacts originated from the northern coast of Peru, Moche culture, and date from A.D. 0 to 650.

Some of the pieces included a stir-

rup spout vessel of a human face with a grinning mouth, he said.

"It is clearly from the Moche culture of the Peruvian north coast and dates specifically to the Phase IV of this culture," Wilson said.

"In terms of its design, it is quite unique among all Moche portraiture vessels I have seen and would grace the collections of any major museum in the world," Wilson added.

Under the Cultural Property Implementation Act, artifacts can leave a country only with the government's permission.

It was unclear whether the artifacts had been stolen or whether they were just being moved without permission.

"Peru has special licensing procedures, specific paperwork that has to be filled out before anyone can take artifacts out of the country. This is not receive that permission," Ms. Smith said.

"To my knowledge, the Peruvian government will only give permission for artifacts going out of the country for tour, or something of

that nature. They are very possessive of their artifacts," Smith said.

No arrests have been made, or charges filed, in connection with the seizure, but Customs agents continue to investigate the case, she said.

"The artifacts were sent to Dallas from Italy. We don't know the routing prior to Italy," she said. "I don't know whether the artifacts were sent to a company or an individual. Our officials don't want to release that information yet."

According to INTERPOL, the international criminal police organization, this was the first seizure of Peruvian artifacts since the Cultural Property Implementation Act went into effect.

Customs officials seized a large shipment of Ecuadorian artifacts early last year at DFW Airport. The artifacts, dating back to 500 B.C., were returned to Ecuador in a formal presentation by then-U.S. Customs Commissioner Carol Hallett to the Ecuadorian ambassador to the United States at the embassy in Washington, D.C.

number means a tenfold increase in magnitude. Thus a reading of 7.5 reflects an earthquake with 10 times the movement of one of 6.5.

An earthquake of 5 on the Richter scale can cause considerable damage in the local area, and a temblor of magnitude 6 and cause severe damage. A 7 reading is a "major" earthquake, capable of widespread heavy damage.

Strong quake rocks southern Mexico, no injuries

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A strong earthquake rocked southern Mexico near the Guatemalan border early Friday, but there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

The quake measuring 6.5 on the Richter scale hit at 6:35 a.m. about 40 miles southwest of the town of Topachula, some 540 miles south-east of Mexico City, according to the National Seismological Institute

at the National University.

The temblor off the coast of Chiapas state was felt as far north as the nation's capital, said institute spokeswoman Gloria Serino.

She said another quake measuring 5.1 on Richter scale struck in the same area around 9 a.m. Thursday.

The Richter scale is a measure of ground motion as recorded on seismographs. Every increase of one

Grand jury issues formal request for Hutchison

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison says she will respond in private to a Travis County grand jury's request that she testify in an investigation about her tenure as state treasurer.

But David Beckwith, the senator's campaign spokesman, suggested late Thursday that Mrs. Hutchison will honor the grand jury's invitation.

"We will send our answer to the grand jury directly and confidentially, the way it should be done," Beckwith said. "And we're certain the jurors will react to it favorably."

Grand jurors stepped up the pressure on Hutchison to testify by giving her until 3 p.m. today to choose either Sept. 9 or Sept. 10 to appear. District Attorney Ronald Earle wouldn't comment on whether the senator would be subpoenaed if she refused the request.

The senator earlier had said she would appear voluntarily if called

before the grand jury. But on her attorneys' advice, she refused an Aug. 11 invitation from Earle to testify this week or next week.

Beckwith said Hutchison had asked Earle's office to be discreet about any appearance she may make before the grand jury because the senator has been pursued by a stalker.

"Who knows what he (the stalker) could do," Beckwith said. "He is considered dangerous and authorities are now looking for him. For Earle's office to be talking about all this so publicly for their own political motives is despicable."

The grand jury is examining allegations that state employees and state equipment were used for personal and political purposes during Hutchison's 2 1/2-year tenure as state treasurer.

Texas law forbids public officials to use a state office for non-state business.

Hutchison, a Republican, has said the 11-week-old investigation, which began June 10 with a raid of

the Treasury by Earle's office, is an attempt to derail her re-election bid next year. Earle is a Democrat.

Thursday's invitation by the grand jury followed statements by Dowd Wednesday that Hutchison no longer would volunteer to meet with the grand jury because Earle's office had reneged on previous agreements.

Dowd said Earle's office had promised to discuss with the senator what areas of the grand jury's investigation she would be questioned about.

"We have stated publicly on a number of occasions what the allegations are that are under investigation," Earle said. "For us to be more specific than that at this point would not be proper."

Earle added, "No deals were made. Special treatment was requested, but it was not offered."

Beckwith said Hutchison turned over 2,000 pages of new documents on Monday and was delivering another 2,000 pages of records Friday. He said Hutchison should not

be called to testify until the grand jury has had time to look at the records and determine if her testimony is still necessary.

"It's abnormal to stage a media circus before obtaining all the information being offered by witnesses," Beckwith said. "Never before have I seen so many press releases, radio actualities and press conferences by a district attorney supposedly in charge of a secret grand jury investigation."

Earle said several questions from members of the media prompted him to make a public statement.

"The grand jury is a public body," Earle said. "Its proceedings are secret, but ... if a grand jury is in session and that's where witnesses appear, then that's going to be the subject of media inquiries, and we have no control over that."

Hutchison resigned as state treasurer after a landslide victory June 5 over Democrat Bob Krueger in a special election to fill the seat of Lloyd Bentsen, who became U.S. Treasury secretary.

Pepper spray safety questioned

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The first death officially linked to the use of pepper spray by police has raised questions about a weapon that is fast replacing the nightstick as a means of subduing unruly suspects.

North Carolina's medical examiner concluded this week that the fiery spray triggered bronchial spasms severe enough to kill Angelo Robinson, a 24-year-old who was arrested July 11 during a disturbance at a restaurant in Concord. The death provoked rioting in the mostly black community.

Concord police stopped using the spray immediately. The Durham police force also suspended its use. North Carolina's attorney general issued two pages of guidelines on the care of suspects who have been sprayed. Manufacturers were deluged with calls.

And the American Civil Liberties Union suggested there may have been other deaths around the country.

"As with stun guns and other severe uses of force, sometimes the technology gets oversold," said John Crew, director of the Police Practices Project with the ACLU in San Francisco.

The spray — a cayenne pepper extract in an oil base so that it sticks — attacks the eyes and respiratory passages, causing a sensation that John Schneider, who trains police in Durham in its use, likened to bob-

bing for french fries in hot oil.

"It doesn't shut your breathing off," said Schneider, who took a blast himself so he'd know what it feels like, "but it does make breathing labored. It takes the wind out of you. You just want to sit and concentrate on taking air in and out."

"Whatever your problems were in this world before you were sprayed," he said, "you won't think about them for the next 30 or 40 minutes."

In Robinson's case, a chronic lung condition and a mildly enlarged heart probably made a serious reaction more likely, the autopsy report said.

A Maryland chemist developed the spray 20 years ago when his wife, summoned to testify about a holdup she witnessed, wanted protection against thugs who had threatened her life.

The FBI decided to switch to pepper spray in 1989, and by the next year, more than 1,000 police agencies had switched from Mace — tear gas in an aerosol canister — to pepper spray. It is now used by more than 2,000 police departments across the country and is manufactured by more than two dozen companies.

A distributor of one brand — First Strike — insisted that it's safe when used properly. "You watch your suspect. You don't spray them and forget about them," said Howard Perry, president of Advanced Defense Technologies in Mint Hill.

Supreme Soviet dodges confrontation with Yeltsin

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's parliament backed away from a head-on clash with President Boris Yeltsin over his suspension of the vice president, voting today to let the Constitutional Court decide if the move was legal.

The Supreme Soviet, the standing legislature composed of members from the larger parliament, voted 144-10 to ask the court to rule on Yeltsin's decree suspending Vice President Alexander Rutskoi, one of the president's strongest rivals.

The resolution puts Yeltsin's decree on hold until the nation's highest court rules. In past disputes, the Constitutional Court has often decided against Yeltsin.

Yeltsin's decree also suspended First Deputy Prime Minister Vladimir Shumeiko, one of the president's closest aides and an ardent proponent of reform in the administration. The legislature is only contesting the part of the decree applying to Rutskoi.

Yeltsin suspended the two men Wednesday, saying accusations of corruption against both of them were damaging the government's credibility. Rutskoi and Shumeiko have denied the corruption allegations.

Some hard-line legislators were outraged that parliament speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov refused to let the Supreme Soviet declare Yeltsin's decree illegal, a move that could have been used as a pretext for impeachment proceedings.

Hard-liners came within a few dozen votes of impeaching Yeltsin earlier this year.

But Khasbulatov was adamant, insisting that the Supreme Soviet needed the court to give it legal grounds to override the decree.

Some lawmakers said privately that Khasbulatov, one of Yeltsin's fiercest foes, was afraid that a head-on confrontation might provoke Yeltsin into dissolving the legislature.

Others said he simply wanted to fight Yeltsin

with as much ammunition as possible.

The suspensions grew out of a spreading government corruption scandal, which itself is an outgrowth of the bitter power struggle between Yeltsin and hard-liners.

Yeltsin's decree created political fireworks, but has had little practical effect. He and Rutskoi have been at odds for months and the vice president, had virtually no duties left for Yeltsin to "suspend."

Rutskoi was for a while head of agrarian reform. Yeltsin then put him in charge of the war on corruption, a move that led Rutskoi to go on national television on the eve of a referendum on Yeltsin's rule, claiming he had "11 suitcases" full of evidence against administration officials, including Shumeiko.

A presidential corruption commission later charged that Rutskoi had funneled money into a secret Swiss bank account.

Mental hospital pays student \$300,000 settlement

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Judson High School student has won a \$300,000 settlement from a psychiatric hospital corporation that he claims took him from his home against his will.

Jeremy Harrell had said Colonial Hills Hospital took him despite the protests of his grandparents, Sid and Marianne Harrell, his legal guardians.

His grandparents were also paid an undisclosed sum by National Medical, which owns Colonial Hills, *The San Antonio Express-News* reported.

Although they paid the settlement, the owners of the hospital, which went out of business 15 months ago, acknowledge no wrongdoing.

Recalling what he calls a "bizarre" day in 1991, Harrell said two beefy

security officers came to his house and hauled him off to Colonial Hills Hospital.

He was then held at the hospital for five days before U.S. Rep. Frank Tejeda, then a state senator, got a court order to gain his release.

The security agents worked under contract, picking up mental patients for Colonial Hills, one of 73 psychiatric hospitals owned in 24 states by National Medical of Santa Monica, Calif.

State Senate inquiries into Harrell's treatment at the mental health hospital expanded into a statewide probe of the private mental health industry, eventually leading to mental health reform laws.

Despite the knowledge that his case

helped bring about changes and his newfound wealth, Harrell says his life won't change much.

"I'm still going to do what I wanted to do," he said. "I always wanted to be a kindergarten teacher. I'm going to go to San Antonio College for the first two years of college."

Harrell said he's already lining up a job to help with college expenses, seeing no need to spend all his money.

Colonial Hills has been closed more than a year and its building was sold to another medical services company.

The FBI last week raided National Medical's headquarters as part of a nationwide sweep of mental health centers.

Austin offers employees benefits for unmarried partners

AUSTIN (AP) — This city has become the first one in Texas to offer spousal benefits to the unmarried partners of city employees.

The city council on Thursday voted 5-2 to make partners eligible for the same benefits, such as health insurance, as employees' spouses.

The policy defines partners as people living in the same residence and sharing "a close, personal, intimate relationship." It will take effect Jan. 1.

"It's economic. It is fair. It is just to offer equal benefits ... to all the employees we have," said Council member Jackie Goodman.

No other city in Texas has such a policy.

Gay rights proponents and opponents packed the council chambers for a three-hour public hearing on the issue.

Kayla Garrett, who said she was a lesbian, told the council, "The love I

have with my partner is very much the same as the love heterosexuals share together."

But Mark Weaver said the council was setting a bad example. "You're sending a message to our teenagers that it's OK to shack up," he said.

A city staff report estimated that 472 of the city's more than 10,000 employees would register partners. The report estimated the cost of additional benefits at \$705,000.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Pampa I.S.D. Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1992 by 212* percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property.

The public hearing will be held on September 13, 1993 at 6:00 p.m., in the Library of Pampa Middle School, 2401 Charles, Pampa, Texas 79065.

FOR the proposal: John Curry, Sherry McCavit, Phil Vanderpool, Jim Baker

AGAINST the proposal: James Fruge, Pat Kennedy

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT: Chris Perez

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the effective tax rate that the unit published on August 29, 1993. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year County Education District	Last Year School District	This Year School District
Average home value	\$ 28,690	\$ 28,690	\$ 28,730
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions.)	\$ 10,740	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Average taxable value	\$ 17,950	\$ 23,690	\$ 23,730
Tax rate	\$.894 /\$100	\$.465 /\$100	\$ 1.45 /\$100 (proposed)
Tax	\$ 160.47	\$ 110.15	\$ 344.09 (proposed)
Total 1992 School Taxes	\$ 270.62	Total 1993 School Taxes	\$ 344.09 (proposed)

This paragraph compares last year's CED and school district taxes with this year's proposed school district taxes:

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would increase by \$73.47 or increase 27 percent compared with last year's total school taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.091 per \$100 of taxable value or increase 7 percent compared to last year's total school tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

This paragraph compares last year's school district tax with this year's proposed school district taxes:

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would increase by \$233.94 or increase 212* percent compared with last year's school district taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the school district tax rate would increase by \$0.985 per \$100 of taxable value or increase 212* percent compared to last year's school district tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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Rationing in Belgrade



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Belgraders line up to buy rationed basic foods in front of a downtown shop Thursday in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. The Yugoslav government resorted to the rationing program due to a monthly inflation rate of nearly 2,000 percent and an average monthly salary of only \$100.

Clinton renews his air strike threat against Serbian, Croatian aggressors

By BARRY SCHWEID
AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Serb shelling and reported Croat interference with relief convoys are testing the Clinton administration's patience toward bloody Bosnia.

After the breakdown of negotiations to end the 17-month ethnic conflict, the administration took a tough line against aggressors Thursday, threatening air strikes if Serbs and Croats resume offensives against key cities while supporting Bosnian Muslim demands for a larger slice of territory.

President Clinton reiterated that "the NATO military option is very much alive." He tied his threat to any resumption of Serb shelling of Sarajevo, the besieged Bosnian capital, or interference with relief supplies.

The State Department broadened the threat to include any new Croat drive against Muslims in Mostar.

The aim was to deter renewed aggression while prodding Serb and Croat negotiators to sweeten their offer to end the war in the former Yugoslavia.

Later, the State Department reported Sarajevo had remained quiet, with no reports of shelling by Bosnian Serb forces. In Gorazde, in southeastern Bosnia, the department cited reports of fighting on the city's edge between Serb and government forces.

Intense fighting, meanwhile, was going on in Gornji Vakuf and Vitez in central Bosnia between Croat and government forces, and Brcko was shelled by Serbs Wednesday night, the department said.

On the relief situation, spokesman Michael McCurry said the

Serbs had allowed four convoys with 41 trucks containing 282 tons of flour to cross their territory but that the Croats were causing delays for convoys.

Also, he said there was no information on whether the 41 trucks had arrived in eastern Bosnia.

Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic denounced the settlement terms as inadequate to guarantee his country's survival, and the talks in Geneva, Switzerland, collapsed Wednesday night.

"The signing of this plan would be tantamount to a collective suicide for the Muslims," he said. "Either we get a viable state, or no deal."

"Unfortunately, the war will continue," Croatian President Franjo Tudjman said afterward.

"That is a statement with ominous implications," the State Department's McCurry said. He said a renewal of the shelling of Sarajevo or Mostar could prompt NATO to implement a plan to use force in defense of the Muslims.

At the White House, Clinton held out hope for a quick resumption of the peace talks.

"I don't believe they are collapsed," he said. "The United States will do everything it can in the next few days to get the parties to resume the talks in good faith."

But if there is interference with humanitarian aid or a resumption of shelling of Sarajevo while the talks are suspended, Clinton told reporters, "I would remind you that the NATO military option is very much alive."

He added that he favored lifting the U.N. embargo on arms shipments to the Bosnian Muslims. "But I am in the minority. I don't know that I can prevail."

Secretary of State Warren Christopher, meanwhile, called on Serbia and Croatia to yield to demands from Bosnian Muslims for more territory. The Muslims would get nearly 31 percent of the land under the rejected proposal. They are seeking nearly 35 percent as well as access to the Adriatic Sea from Sarajevo.

If there is a breakdown "because of the stubbornness and intransigence of the Serbs or the Croats, the world community will certainly hold them responsible," Christopher said.

Starchy messages were sent to President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia and Tudjman, outlining the tough U.S. position.

The United States supports the Muslims in their three main demands, a senior U.S. official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. Those are that Sarajevo have a corridor to the sea, that the Muslim area around Bihac in the northwest be enlarged and that a corridor be established between that area and a Muslim enclave in the center of the country.

Christopher's support for the Muslim position, in a brief news conference outside his State Department office, should strengthen the Muslims' bargaining position if the talks are resumed.

At the same time, Christopher dismissed implementing soon the U.S. proposal to permit weapons to be delivered to the Muslim-dominated Bosnian government and to bomb Serb artillery sites.

The immediate goal should be resuming the negotiations while retaining the option of lifting the U.N. arms embargo for "future consideration," Christopher said.

Former cult members tell of sexual abuse after raids on Argentina homes

By WILLIAM H. HEATH
Associated Press Writer

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — While doctors examine 268 children taken into custody in raids on 10 homes used by a religious cult, former members are telling of sexual abuse and psychological domination.

About 80 of the children were Americans, and some of the others also were foreigners, the national news agency Noticias Argentinas reported.

Thirty adult members of the Family, an offshoot of the Children of God sect, were also detained. Twelve were charged with conspiracy to kidnap and conceal children, and the others were held for interrogation, police said.

The Children of God, founded in California in 1969, was disbanded in 1978 but reappeared under other names, including the Family. The cult also is found in England, France, Australia and elsewhere.

Raids on the Family have been made in other countries, including one in France last month in which at least 72 children were placed under foster care.

The Family has been accused of using female members to lure males into the cult with sex and of encouraging sex between children and adults. A spokesman for the cult at its base in England denied the group engaged in child abuse.

Atilio Alvarez, president of the National Council for Minors and the Family, said authorities were seeking help from foreign diplomats to identify the children and notify family members.

The children, who ranged in age from infants to teenagers, underwent medical and psychological tests on Thursday.

The raids were conducted before dawn Wednesday to catch cult leaders asleep and off-guard.

The sleepy children "were like zombies, with sad eyes and a lost look as though they were some-

where else," said Police Commissioner Juan Carlos Rebollo.

Inside one house, police noted repeated evidence of sexual themes, including posters of nude couples on walls of tiny bedrooms shared by children of both sexes. Buenos Aires television channels showed film clips of nude children dancing, allegedly taken from video cassettes confiscated in the raids.

Another official, Federal Prosecutor Carlos Villafuerte, told reporters that confiscated material included "many things that were not normal," including "free and explicit sex between father and daughter."

Several people who said they were former members of the cult told stories of witnessing sexual abuse of children and corruption of minors.

Gideon Scott, a spokesman for the cult at its base in Leire, 100 miles northwest of London, denied such claims. Scott, in a telephone interview, said 500 children had been taken from followers in raids in various countries.

"Every single one has been given back to their parents," he said. "There is no evidence of child abuse."

The Family calls itself a worldwide Christian missionary church.

In London, a former Children of God member said the group encouraged sex with minors.

Marie-Cristine Haworth, who left the cult in 1978, said women were encouraged to "spread the word" by sleeping with men they didn't know and luring them into the cult.

Oscar Lausa, 32, an Argentine, told the Buenos Aires newspaper *Clarín* that he lived with the Family between the ages of 13 and 23 and finally left "because of certain practices" that he specified as sexual abuse and corruption of minors.

Leaving was difficult, he said. "You become used to submitting to orders. Nothing can be questioned. It is absolute submission."

The Children of God was founded by David Berg, an American evangelical minister who attracted converts by mixing "biblical teachings with the hippie sexual revolution," said Jose Maria Baamonde, who heads the Roman Catholic Church-affiliated Service for the Study of Sects.

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— Juan Carlos Rebollo, police commissioner

Women members are called on "to prostitute themselves to win converts at high political, judicial and diplomatic levels," he said. The group also promotes "the initiation of children in sexual acts by their own mothers," according to the book *Sects*, written by Argentine journalist Alfredo Silleta.

Children often are separated from parents and are housed and educated in group homes, with little contact with the outside, Silleta said.

Noticias Argentinas said the children also included three Britons, two Australians, three Peruvians, two Spaniards, and one each from Chile and Uruguay. The others were from Argentina.

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The Lefors Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1992 by 187* percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property.

The public hearing will be held on September 14, 1993 at 6:30 p.m., Lefors Elementary Library.

FOR the proposal: UNANIMOUS
AGAINST the proposal: NONE
PRESENT and not voting: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

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	(OPTIONAL) Last Year County Education District	Last Year School District	This Year School District
Average home value	\$ 14,380	\$ 14,380	\$ 14,380
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions.)	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Average taxable value	\$ 9,380	\$ 9,380	\$ 9,380
Tax rate	\$.894	\$.4545 /\$100	\$ 1.43 /\$100 (proposed)
Tax	\$ 83.86	\$ 42.63	\$ 134.13 (proposed)
(Optional) Total 1992 School Taxes	\$ 126.49	(Optional) Total 1993 School Taxes	\$ 134.13 (proposed)

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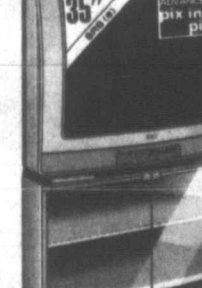
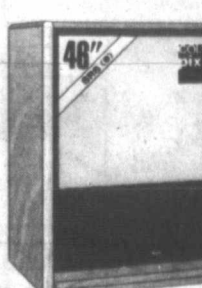
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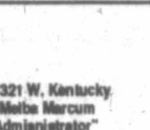
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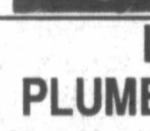
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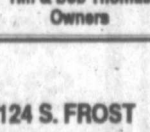
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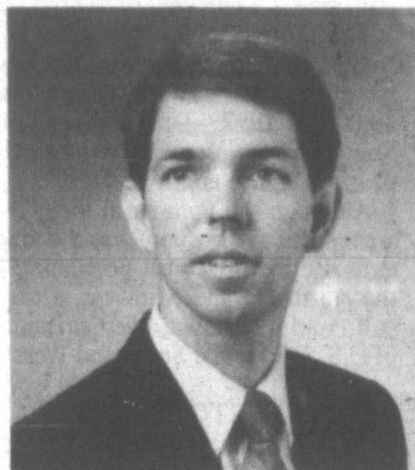
David Barton, American historian, author and lecturer is the guest speaker for the 12th annual fall Bible conference to be hosted by the Bible Church of Pampa.

Barton is founder and president of WallBuilders Inc., an organization dedicated to teaching what the founders of America believed: that this country's laws and policies were rooted in Godly principles. A prominent feature of Barton's lectures is statistical information which chronicles the decline of American education and pinpoints its origins.

Barton will speak at 7 p.m. Sept. 11 in the Heritage Room at M.K. Brown Auditorium. His topic will be "America's Godly Heritage."

He will speak again at 9:45 a.m. Sept. 12 at the Bible Church of Pampa, 300 W. Browning. His topic is to be "Education and the Founding Fathers." "The Myth of Separation" is planned for 10:50 a.m. and at 7 p.m. he will address "Eight Principles for Reformation."

Admission is free for all lectures and a nursery is available at the Bible Church for the Sunday meetings.



David Barton

He is the author of seven books, ten audio tapes and three videos. His goal is for the United States to once again be "one nation under God." Barton wants to teach today's generations of Americans what the founding fathers were taught and believed in, and how the country has changed since the removal of Godly principles from public affairs.

"America's Godly Heritage" outlines the beliefs of some Founding Fathers regarding the proper role of Christian principles in government, education and the public affairs of the nation.

In "Education and the Founding Fathers," Barton addresses their views on education and how to return to the founders' original concept for successful education.

"The Myth of Separation" is a look at the correct relationship between church and state. This overview documents what prominent American founders and early courts actually said about the "separation of church and state" doctrine.

"Eight Principles for Reformation" provides eight biblical guidelines for restoring Christian principles to society and public affairs in America.

WallBuilders Inc. takes its name from Nehemiah 2:17, which says, "You see the distress that we are in. Come let us build walls ... that we may no longer be a reproach."

Clergy depicted as insignificant by media

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

Asked what influence their pastors have on their lives, church members are apt to say it's a major factor in helping them sort out their spiritual concerns and frequently also their secular views.

That's a common view among religious participants, says a communications researcher, but it's not the image that comes across in prime-time television.

The new study by Thomas Skill of the University of Dayton and a colleague finds that the "tube" depicts Christian leaders as mostly useless and irrelevant.

They aren't portrayed as rogues, and they aren't ridiculed or

demeaned, as is sometimes claimed. But their significance is minimized. They're presented as shallow, marginal figures with little influence in life.

"They aren't attacked, but they also are portrayed as lacking real Christian leadership qualities," Skill said.

This is the mixed conclusion of the study by Skill and associate communications professor James D. Robinson. They analyzed 68 hours of prime-time television, involving 100 fictional episodes.

"The expectation that religion would be attacked is just not true," Skill said in an interview. "That's the good part. The bad part is that religious leaders just aren't there in any meaningful way."

"They're kind of bland and

shallow. They aren't an influential force in the lives around them. In many cases, they're not there at all. There's no attempt to explore the religious elements in most decisions people face."

Skill said the secular world, including TV, does "not seem to know what priests or ministers do" and consequently portray them as a kind of marginal, ceremonial vestige, not directly involved with human problems.

In reality, "they are important to their communities and make important contributions to society," he added. But from the TV portrayals, "the conclusion would be that religion, religious leaders and their activities are unimportant in society."

Chaplains help police cope with job stress

By DAVE CLARK
Associated Press Writer

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — In the aftermath of the initial siege at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, police Chaplain Ken Ashlock learned that his presence, as much as his words, provided comfort to officers.

Ashlock, who works with the Texas Department of Public Safety, remembers trying to console a federal agent whose best friend was among four agents killed in the Feb. 28 raid.

The day after the raid, the two sat in silence for about 45 minutes. The agent apparently didn't want to talk.

"Occasionally, though, he would reach his hand over to see if I was still there," Ashlock said.

When darkness fell, Ashlock — the only chaplain on the scene — was reminded again of the effect of his presence.

"Some of those guys that were standoffish, didn't want to talk to you, they were macho — all at once instead of a handshake, they'd reach out and hug you and say, 'I'm glad you're here.'"

Ashlock was one of about 235 members of the International Conference of Police Chaplains who met in Bismarck recently for their annual training session.

The group has about 1,200 members in the United States and Canada, said David DeRevere, its executive director. About 70 members are full-time chaplains, while most work part time or volunteer.

DeRevere, who also is a chaplain in Livingston, Texas, said the group is growing — in part because local, state and federal law enforcement agencies see a need to help their employees through difficult times at home and on the job.

"Part of being human is spirituality, but a good chaplain is concerned with the whole person and not just the spiritual part," DeRevere said. "Chaplaincy is being there. It's not preaching, it's not getting anybody to convert to a particular faith."

Some police chaplains work only with officers, other department employees and their families. They counsel officers who have drinking or drug problems, and help them deal with stress, family problems and other difficulties.

Some chaplains also go along with police to make death

Hobart Baptist sets Sunday homecoming

Hobart Baptist Church of Pampa plans to celebrate their annual Homecoming Day on Sunday, beginning with the 9:45 a.m. Sunday School and 11 a.m. service.

A special program is scheduled to include music, sermon, guest speakers and testimonies, followed by food and fellowship.

Special guests include former pastors Ron Mooney and Lewis Ellis, charter members and singing by the Hobart Baptist Choir.

For further information call 669-3212.

St. Mark's sponsors meal

St. Mark Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, 406 Elm, is sponsoring its monthly breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday.

The menu includes pancakes, eggs, bacon or sausage, toast, juice and coffee.

The Rev. Merle L. Houska said the public is invited and donations accepted.

notifications, help out at disaster sites, help victims of crime and minister to prisoners.

The scope of a chaplain's duties is determined by each police department. Some police departments have chaplains representing more than one faith, but many chaplains find themselves dealing with people of different religions or denominations.

"Because of the present composition of the United States, we are constantly focusing on the Judeo-Christian approach to spirituality," said Roberta Derby, a full-time chaplain for the Honolulu Police Department. "I hope that in future years we will be very open to the traditions that are different."

At the same time, police chaplains who counsel officers bring with them an emphasis on spirituality that many believe is lacking in modern society.

Edward Lemerise, a consultant with the FBI's employee assistance program, said the most important contribution a chaplain can make to a police officer trying to recover from an addiction is "to bring up God."

Hymn and History

Can anyone deny the power of singing hymns? With hearts of faith and love, we encourage the very presence of God into our midst, whether we are singing by ourselves or with a congregation. The scriptures say, "God inhabits the praises of his people."

Hymns lift the spirit, heal the soul, and encourage the believer. Even though hymns have been with the church down through the endless centuries, their intensity and emphasis has found great prominence in modern day, evangelical, protestant, worship services.

The words and music of most protestant songs seem to proclaim truths and doctrines that set the captives free. Perhaps that is why most protestants don't feel they have been to church unless there is lively singing of some of the standard hymns.

One such hymn is "Faith Of Our Fathers". Almost all congregations of protestants include this one in their hymnal. It speaks of the holy faith of our fathers and the fact that it is living still. What a beautiful thought and what a beautiful song.

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Sisters enjoy simple pleasures, constant service

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
Lifestyles Editor

It's a life of joy, simplicity and faith.

"I wouldn't trade places with anybody in the whole world. I really wouldn't," said Sister Nancy Dragotta.

Dragotta who never says a word she doesn't sound like she means from the bottom of her heart, serves as pastoral assistant at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. She and her colleague Sister Ellen Corcoran, are members of an order of Catholic nuns called Sisters of Charity of St. Joan Antia. The pair share a home and a calling to serve God, though they minister in different ways.

Corcoran, a Milwaukee native, spends her days among the dying and grieving as a bereavement counselor. She works two days a week with Hospice of the Panhandle and three days a week at St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo.

"Hospice is very aware of the spiritual needs of its patients and family and we're there to meet their spiritual needs," Corcoran said.

Corcoran said that the terminally ill patient is often in great spiritual pain and the pain must be resolved before the patient is free to die a peaceful death. Some of her counseling is psychological, because emotional issues may make it difficult to relate to spiritual issues, she said.

The nun's soothing and measured voice makes it easy to believe that she relates to people in pain.

The order to which the women belong is devoted to helping those in need - whether spiritual or physical. Their calling or specific assignment may come from an internal or external source, but must always revolve around meeting needs.

"Lack of education is one of the most serious forms of poverty," Dragotta said.

A second crying need she sees is among adults who hunger for spiritual guidance, or what she calls faith formation.

Dragotta's world is guided by principles of poverty and chastity, a dramatically different lifestyle than most of the culture around



(Staff photo by Darlene Holmes)
Sister Ellen Corcoran holds Freddie, the pet she shares with Sister Nancy Dragotta.

her. She observes an anti-spiritual culture, concerned with external trappings. The adults she teaches in faith formation classes at St. Vincent's are craving something different than houses and cars, she said. They are looking for something in life that neither changes nor depends on one's stage in life.

Coming to her classes, Dragotta said, are adults who say "What does it all mean?"

She pointed out that historically, the Roman Catholic Church has not focused on the education of adults but on children. Now the spiritually hungry adults are filling Sunday School classes in increasing numbers.

Corcoran's flock often suffer from loneliness and isolation in their last days. That is symptomatic of a society that she calls death denying. Friends and family mem-

bers pull back from the terminally ill patient leaving them alone and perhaps struggling with the end of life as they know it. Even the family doesn't see meaning in the life of the terminally ill.

"There is much worth in who they are," Corcoran said.

Dragotta sees definite changes in religious life during since the day when she first took her vows.

"The whole thrust of religious life has done a real turnaround," she said.

From a near cloistered existence, she sees her sisters "in the world but not of the world" as they take initiative in their work and answer the call to ministry in a more personal way.

Though the women live in a simple home — it is decorated with a few pieces of Corcoran's pottery — their lives, they say,

are full of love and meaning.

From her youth, Dragotta knew she wanted something different than she saw in her brothers and sisters with their married lives and kids. It just all seemed so temporary and restricted, she said. Her life now is full of love and satisfaction as she gives life to those in need.

Corcoran felt called to ministry as a child. The example of a beloved teaching nun inspired her to focus on service to others and enrich her own faith dimension.

The women explained the reasons they entered the order were not the same reasons which compel them to stay. For Corcoran, the meaning of her way of life grows with each passing year. Dragotta said she stuck out some tough times in the religious life because she was called to do it.

"A call isn't always logical," she said.

Both women are life long Catholics, though the degree of their involvement with the Church as children was different.

Corcoran, one of three children, was reared in Catholic schools and college. Her parents and siblings supported her choice.

She said that when she told her family she wanted to enter the order, her brother proudly proclaimed, "My sister will be everybody's sister."

On the other hand, Dragotta attended public schools in a close knit Italian neighborhood in Milwaukee. She didn't know what a Bible looked like until she entered the community of nuns, though she and her 10 siblings attended mass regularly and were reared by a very moral mother.

Being a Catholic nun in a Bible Belt community is not a hindrance. They are regularly greeted on the street or in the grocery store by Protestants of every stripe and told how much they are appreciated. And that make their service worthwhile.

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Religion roundup

NEW YORK (AP) — The new edition of American Jewish Year Book puts U.S. Jewish population in 1992 at 5,828,000, up slightly from the 5,798,000 of 1991. The Jewish proportion of U.S. population remained 2.3 percent.

The statistics showed only two locales in the country reported Jewish population gains of more than 10,000 in 1992 — the Cherry Hill-Southern New Jersey area and the Chicago Metro area.

Although the upturns in these two areas seem to run counter to the long-term decline of Jewish population in the Northeast and Midwest, a trend continued toward redistribution of U.S. Jews to the South and West.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Roman Catholic bishop told President Clinton's Working Group on Welfare Reform, Family Support and Independence that "the central problem in America is not welfare, but poverty."

Baltimore Auxiliary Bishop John H. Ricard, chairman of the Catholic bishops' domestic policy committee, said dealing with poverty is

"not a luxury to which our nation can attend when it finds the time and resources."

"Rather, it is a moral imperative of the highest priority."

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — The Baptist World Alliance has admitted nine new denominations to membership, bringing the total to 170 denominations around the world, with more than 38 million members.

An August meeting of the alliance's general council pledged to fight racism and poverty and "to work to bring people together as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, whatever their ethnic identity."

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) — The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has made a four-year \$376,271 grant to the Institutes of Religion and Health to train ministers of New York Hispanic congregations to provide mental health counseling and referral services.

The IRH is a non-sectarian organization founded by the Rev. Norman Vincent Peale and psychiatrist Smiley Blanton.

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Explanation of Conversion from County Education District Taxes

County Education Districts have been abolished. In order to compare school tax rates from last year to this year, it is necessary to compare the combined school tax rate below to the school district's proposed tax rate for this year.

Last year the Lefors School District's tax rate was .4545.

Last year the #14 County Education District's tax rate was .894.

The combined School District and County Education District tax rate was \$1.3485.

The proposed tax rate for Lefors Independent School District for this year is \$1.43.

(TAXPAYERS PLEASE NOTE: LEFORS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT IS SENDING 24% OF THE TOTAL TAX LEVY TO THE TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY. THIS AMOUNTS TO APPROXIMATELY \$292,975.00.)

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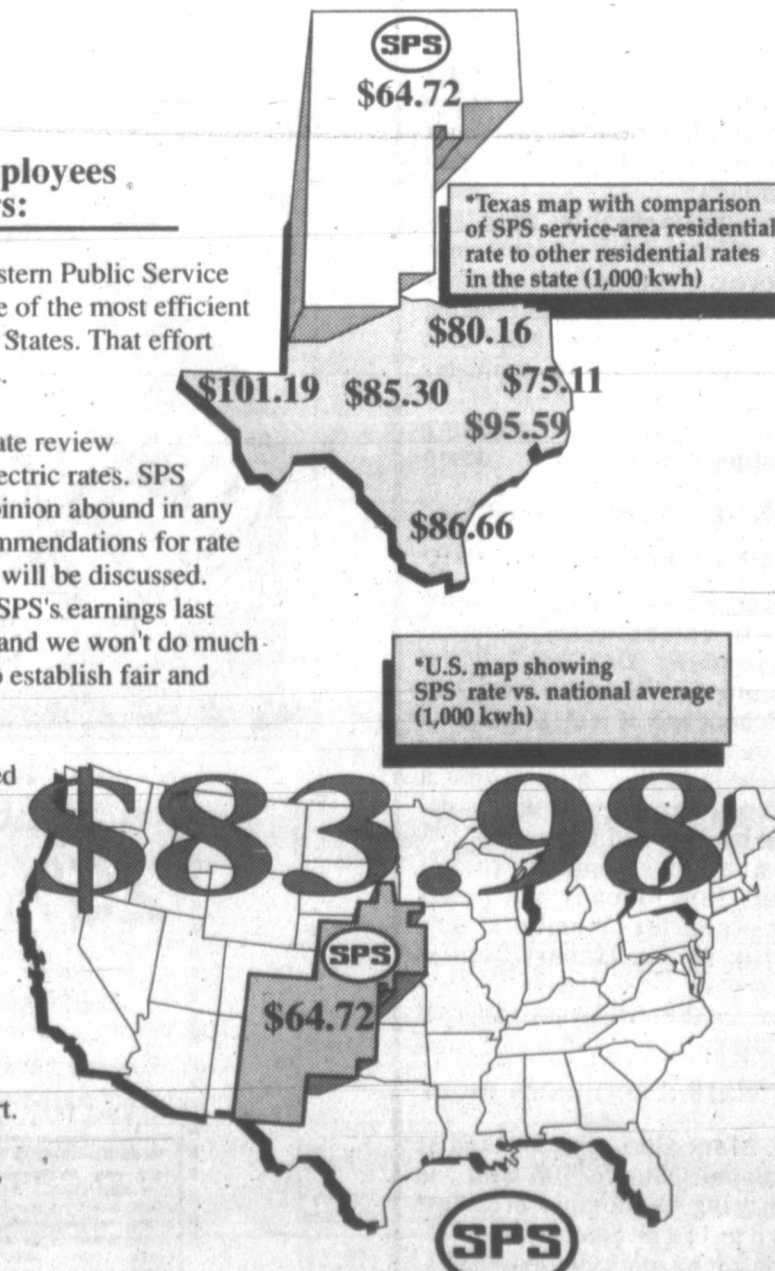
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Coyt Webb
Coyt Webb
President and Chief Operating Officer
Southwestern Public Service Company



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Lifestyles

Chautauqua organizers present host of attractions

Chautauqua, planned for Monday, features a host of events and attractions in Central Park. Following is a list of opportunities and their location in the park.

- CHILDREN'S AREA •**
- 8 Bouncing Clown - Hispanos Unidos
 - 10 Pillow fight - Gray County 4-H
 - 11 Basketball toss - Primera Iglesia Bautista Mexicana
 - 12 Bean bag toss - Latchkey
 - 13 Dart throw - Boy Scout Troop 404
 - 14 Milk bottle throw - PHS soccer boys
 - 16 Carpenter ants - St. Matthew's Support Group
 - 17 Hot Wheel track - St. Matthew's Support Group
 - 19 Ring toss - Magic Plains ABWA
 - 21 Aqueducts - Pampa TAG Association
 - 25 Confetti eggs - First Presbyterian Church
 - 22 Face painting - Pampa Tag Association
 - 31 Pie-in-the-face - Respiratory therapy department of Coronado Hospital
 - 37 Buggy rides - Pampa ISD teen parent program
 - 38 Dunking booth - Gymnastics of Pampa
 - 55 Coin guess - Child Protective Services
 - 70 Rabbit petting /picture - Rabbit Raiders 4-H Club

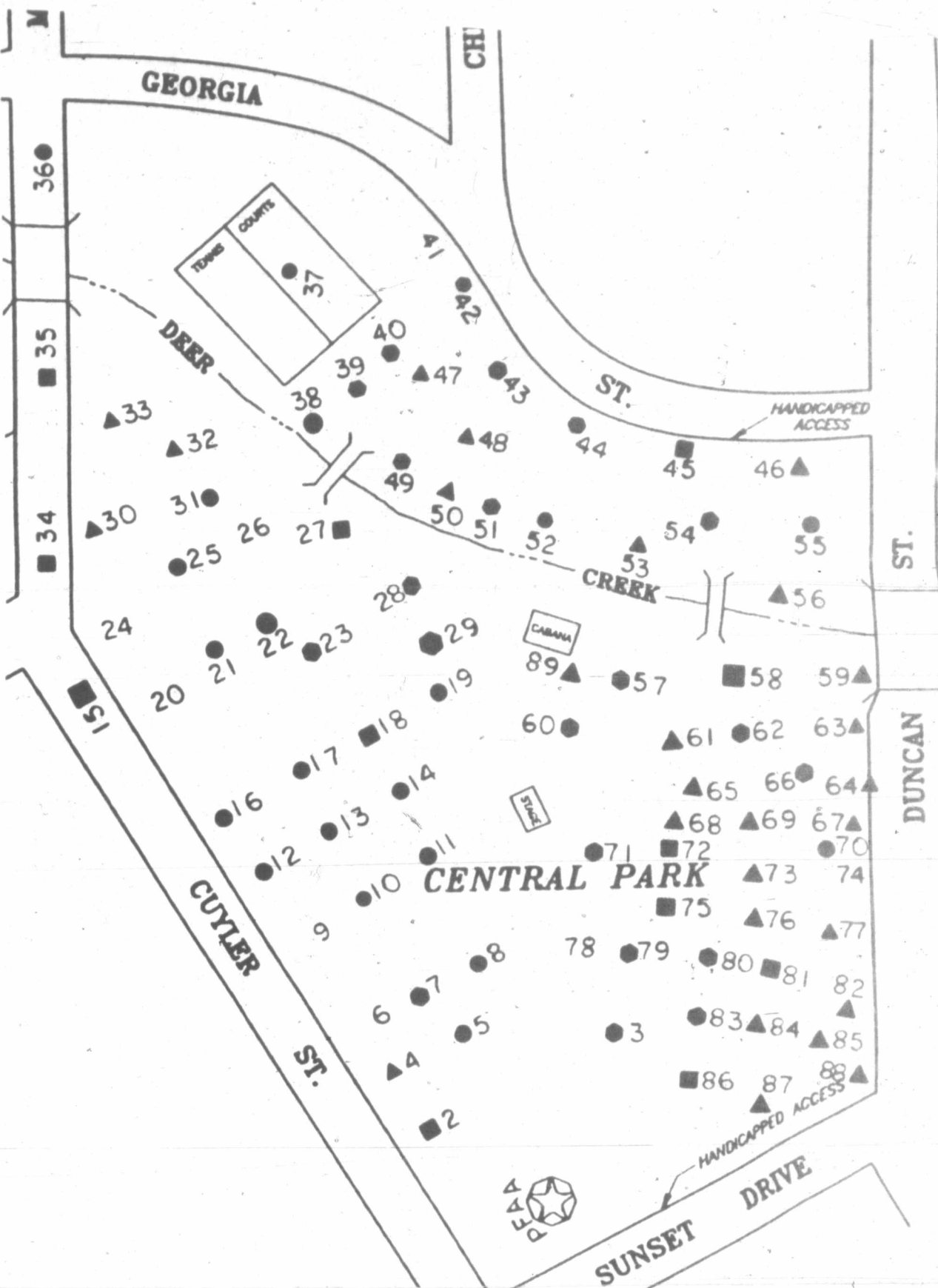
- ARTS AND CRAFTS •**
- 6 Lisa Pitt - t-shirts, bandanas, jewelry
 - 33 "Ziggy" - balloon sculpting
 - 47 Debbie's Specialties - painted

- skirts, t-shirts
- 48 Thelma Matthews - crafts
- 59 Elaine Cooper - crafts
- 61 Tracie Crisis Center - t-shirts and information
- 63 Ewe Niquely Ewe - crafts, Patsy Gates
- 64 Mr. Gattis Softball Team - silent auction
- 65 Philly Ross - handbags, wallets
- 67 Glenda Cobb - cows, wooden items
- 68 Meals on Wheels - orders for t-shirts
- 69 Joseph Foder - candy bouquets and novelties
- 73 Cole's Crafts - Kristin Cole
- 76 Esther McAdoo - Tri Chem painted t-shirts
- 77 "Somewhere in Time" - Renee Hopson, jewelry
- 82 Confederate Air Force - aviation related items
- 84 Judy's Ceramics and Things - Judy Porsch
- 85 Garland Mosley - crafts
- 87 Katet Richerson - wooden angels
- 88 Jack Towles - stained glass
- 89 Armadillo Stampede - rubber stamps

- EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS •**
- 1 Kite display - Alvin Belflower
 - 2 Police car and ambulance - Pampa Police Department
 - 15 Army National Guard - HMMWV vehicle/information
 - 18 Special Education Display - Gray County Christian Coalition
 - 27 Texas Teenage Republicans - information/buttons/flags
 - 31 Tupperware - display and information
 - 34 Fire truck and Sparky - fire department
 - 35 EMS Exhibit - American Med-

- ical Transport
- 45 "Bandanan Country" - Church of the Brethren
- 58 "Life Gift" - Organ donor information
- 75 Information display - AARP, Pampa Chapter
- 72 Avon display/drawing - Avon ladies
- 81 Area Community Theatre Inc. - membership information
- 86 Chuck wagon - Top O' Texas Rodeo Association

- FOOD ITEMS •**
- 3 Barbecue - Pampa Shrine Club
 - 7 Ice tea - Hispanos Unidos
 - 23 Steak-on-a-steak - Pampa Rotary Club
 - 28 Pepsi - Boy Scout Troop 413
 - 29 Nachos - AFS students
 - 39 Cotton candy - Quivira Girl Scouts
 - 40 Popcorn - Tri County Democrat Club
 - 42 Snow cones - Pampa Optimist Club
 - 43 Sausage-on-a-stick - Pampa Lions Club
 - 44 Cokes - Boy Scout Troop 414
 - 51 Watermelon - Top O' Texas Crisis Pregnancy Center
 - 54 Pancake breakfast - Pampa Soccer Association
 - 57 Hamburgers - Kiwanis Club
 - 60 Hot dogs - Pampa Fine Arts
 - 62 Curly fries - Pampa United Way
 - 66 Tamales - St. Vincent de Paul
 - 71 Cokes - Boy Scout Troop 414
 - 79 Corn dogs - Boy Scout Troop 401
 - 80 Lemonade and cookies - Zion Lutheran
 - 83 Ice cream - Knights of Columbus



Living together sans marriage doesn't feel real

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been living together for a year and a half. We just had a baby girl. The problem is that he told me we would get married before the baby was born, and we didn't. He also told me we would get married before the holidays, but we didn't. I want to get married very much, but I don't want to push him. I love him and the baby, but it doesn't seem like a real family to me. I feel like a live-in maid.

It's hard for me to tell him how I feel face-to-face, so will you please print this so he will read it and know how I feel? I have the feeling that if I keep living with him, he'll think he never has to marry me. So what do you think I should do?

THE LIVE-IN MAID

DEAR LIVE-IN: When you quit acting like a live-in maid, he will quit treating you like one. You don't say how old you are or how much education you've had, but it's time you started thinking in terms of learning to take care of yourself and your child, so that you will not be dependent on this — or any other — man. Get as much education as you can, and learn a skill. It is possible to do this on a welfare program, for which you may qualify as an unwed mother. Don't beg him to marry you. He's no prize.

DEAR ABBY: In reference to people who slam doors:

When I was a young girl, I was mad at my mother, so I went out the door and slammed it hard. My mother called me back and said, "Now, young lady, I want you to go out that door and close it like you should — and don't you ever slam a door like that again."

That was a lesson I have lived with all my life and have never forgotten. I am now 88 years old, living in a senior retirement home, and notice that there are certain people who cannot seem to close a door — it must be slammed. Why?

O.V.N., BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

DEAR O.V.N.: There are people who do everything with a vengeance, enthusiasm and emphasis.

Erma Bombeck once wrote, "A slammed door is worth 10,000 words." She's right on the button, as usual. The words that were left unspoken were best left unspoken!

DEAR ABBY: Last December, I wrote to you asking for an idea for a gift for my aunt who was retiring. She lives alone and has no other family. You said I should try to be unique in choosing a gift. I thought you might like to know how I resolved it.



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

After giving it a lot of thought and searching for the right gift, I offered to have a security system installed in her home and pay the first six months monitoring fee. Abby, I don't think the lady could have been happier.

DAVID LEE JONES

DEAR DAVID: A security system was an excellent idea for a

gift — especially for a person living alone in retirement. Thanks for the update. Your aunt is fortunate to have such a generous and caring nephew.

DEAR ABBY: Several months ago, one of your readers wrote that she thought she had received a recycled wedding gift. Perhaps instead of getting a secondhand gift, she received a secondhand gift box. Nearly all of us save extra-special gift boxes for later use.

JEANNETTE WHITWORTH, COMMERCE TEXAS

DEAR JEANNETTE: I suspect almost everyone does save extra-special gift boxes. However, the reader had said that the gift cards that she found inside the packages indicated that the contents had been given to two of her guests who had been married four years previously.

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•5K begins at 8:15 a.m.

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5K MALE	5K FEMALE	FUN RUN - MALE	FUN RUN - FEMALE
19 & Under	19 & Under	7 & Under	7 & Under
20-29	20-29	8-11	8-11
30-39	30-39	12-15	12-15
40-49	40-49	16-19	16-19
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Registration Will Begin
At 6:30 A.m. In
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ENTRY FORM

NAME _____ FIRST _____
LAST _____
AGE _____ ☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE
CITY/STATE _____
CHECK ONE 5K ☐ FUN RUN ☐
SHIRT SIZE NEEDED (ADULT SIZES)
Small Medium Large Extra-Large

The Pampa News

Comic Page

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Motley — (music group)
- 5 Attorney — (abbr.)
- 8 Shellfish
- 12 Soviet Union (abbr.)
- 13 Dutch town
- 14 Architect — (abbr.)
- 15 Eternally
- 16 Actor — (abbr.)
- 17 Crippled
- 18 Begin to grow
- 20 Shouter
- 22 Invade
- 24 Servants
- 25 Small organisms
- 28 Tiny
- 29 Federal agcy.
- 30 Icelandic writing
- 32 Type of dagger

- 38 Went off path
- 39 Small sculptured figure
- 40 Cowboy — (abbr.)
- 42 Mountain pass
- 43 — toast
- 45 Small bullet
- 47 Actor Peter
- 49 Fermented ale
- 53 Cat sound
- 54 Negative word
- 56 Algonquian Indian
- 57 Paradise
- 58 Paddle
- 59 Author — (abbr.)
- 60 Ornamental pattern
- 61 Pigeon
- 62 Musical instrument

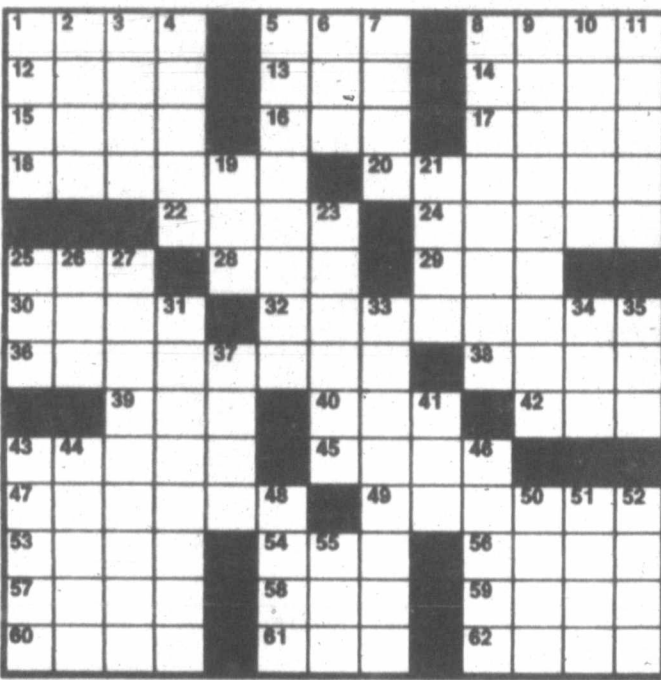
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DOWN

- 1 Hints
- 2 Please reply
- 3 Addict
- 4 Mistake
- 5 Peppiest

- 6 Room in harem
- 7 Slippery
- 8 Wine cabinet
- 9 True to life
- 10 Having weapons
- 11 South Africans
- 19 Actor — (abbr.)
- 21 Jennings
- 23 Hinders
- 25 Last letter (Brit.)
- 26 Poem
- 27 In proportion to value (2 wds.)
- 31 In a plane
- 33 Excessive devotion
- 34 Boxing-victory abbr.
- 35 Lubricate
- 37 Sea in Russia
- 41 Actor Bryner
- 43 Sulks
- 44 Musical study
- 46 Lizard
- 48 Adam's grandson
- 50 Food (sl.)
- 51 Of aircraft
- 52 Nerve network
- 55 Grain



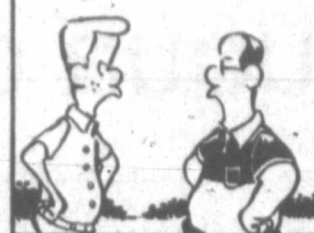
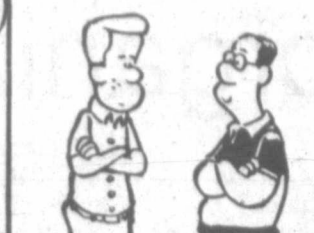
WALNUT COVE

Honore... you can't become popular by imitating other people's personalities.

I couldn't agree more.

You have to develop your own personality, your own opinions.

You're absolutely right.



By Mark Cullum

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your first impressions are likely to be your most accurate ones today, especially those you get when you meet people for the first time. Give them the respect they deserve. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You'll fare better than most of your peers today, because you're extremely resourceful and ingenious in dealing with off-beat situations. Things that don't make sense to others will to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't be afraid to test new techniques or procedures today in both your social life and your commercial one. Your conceptions should work well in either instance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't turn a deaf ear to financial proposals brought to you by friends today. One of your pals might be onto something that could be very substantial.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) On two occasions a friend of yours has talked to you about something that could be of immense value to you. However, you never have paid proper attention, so listen well today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) An idea for which you've been searching has in actuality been in the back of your mind all this time. Today it might reveal itself with greater clarity.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There's a possibility you may meet someone new today through a close friend. Both will be amazed at how much you have in common. This relationship could really take off.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) In order to succeed in competitive commercial situations today, you have to effectively utilize your smarts as well as your experience. If you apply yourself, you'll be tough to beat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Endeavors which require creativity and imagination should be the most appealing for you today. You won't have to put your signature on your work, friends will know who the author is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Something rather extraordinary may suddenly develop for you today that could lead to material gains. An inquisitive acquaintance might trigger the happening.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You won't be plagiarizing, yet you'll be extremely effective at taking the ideas of others and developing them in a manner that produces mutual advantageous results.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Pay heed to any hunches or insights you get today regarding ways to achieve personal gain. Your perceptions are ingenious and they could prove to be profitable.

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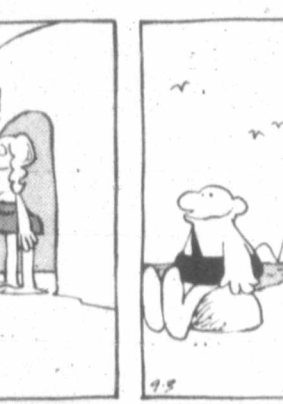
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By Howie Schneider

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By Johnny Hart

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



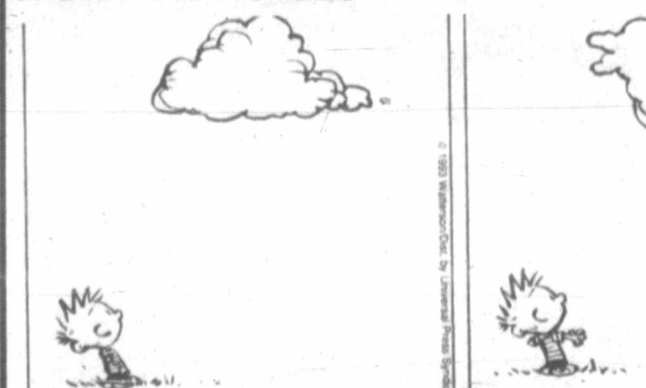
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FRANK AND ERNEST



By Bob Thaves

PEANUTS



By Charles M. Schulz

GARFIELD



By Jim Davis

Sports

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Tonight marks the opening of football season for many schools across the region. Here are tonight's Pampa-area matchups:

Groom hosts Chillicothe (7:30), the Wheeler Mustangs play at Gruver (8:00), Canadian travels to West Texas (8:00), the McLean Tigers host Lazbuddie (7:30), Miami plays at home against Follett (7:30), Lefors hosts Silverton (7:00).

FOOTBALL

The Pampa freshmen opened the football season Thursday night with a 32-0 shutout of Guymon, Okla.

Devin Lemons scored three touchdowns while rushing for 162 yards on six carries. Aaron Davis rushed for 83 yards on 10 tries while Nick Shock and Trivon Williams each added a touchdown for Pampa. Williams' TD came on an 85-yard kickoff return to start the second half.

Pampa's defensive standouts were Ray Toller, who had an interception, Devin Lemons and Ryan Davis.

Pampa plays at White Deer next Thursday.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Spike Owen became a big part of a game he didn't expect to play in. Jimmy Key came up big as he has all season.

Owen, a game-time replacement for the injured Pat Kelly, had a two-run double in a six-run fourth and Key allowed three hits over eight innings Thursday night as the New York Yankees beat the Chicago White Sox 7-1.

The Yankees, who lost four of their last five, moved within two games of idle Toronto in the AL East. The White Sox, who had beaten New York in the first two games of the series, are five games in front of idle Texas in the West.

Key (16-5) struck out six and walked and improved to 3-0 against Chicago this season. He allowed two singles and Ron Karkovice's 15th homer in the fifth.

White Sox starter Tim Lincecum (3-3) didn't have any control, walking seven in three innings. "The mound was fine, the balls were fine, the weather was fine, the umpiring was fine, and I was horrible," Belcher said.

He walked Danny Tartabull to start the fourth before Paul O'Neill and Bernie Williams for one run. Belcher then walked Mike Stanley and Mike Gallego to load the bases and was relieved by Chuck Cary. Owen doubled to right center to score O'Neill and Williams. Dion James' infield out scored Gallego and Owen scored on a wild pitch by Cary.

Stanley's sacrifice fly in the fifth accounted for the Yankees' final run.

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Braves left their mark on Dave Burba and the San Francisco Giants.

The Braves cut San Francisco's lead in the NL West back to 3 1/2 games, winning their last scheduled meeting against the Giants 5-3 Thursday night on Ron Gant's ricochet single off pitcher Dave Burba.

The Braves, who swept a three-game series at Candlestick Park last week with 10 home runs, won two of three from San Francisco this week with the help of Gant's line drive single in the seventh inning off Burba's right buttock.

Atlanta has won nine of 11 and 18 of 22. The Giants have lost six of nine. This weekend, the Braves will be home against San Diego while the Giants will be at St. Louis.

Barry Bonds hit his 40th home run and Giants pitcher John Burkett hit an RBI single, putting San Francisco ahead 3-2 in the fourth inning and knocking out Avery.

The Braves still trailed 3-2 in the seventh when pinch-hitter Tony Tarasco doubled with one out off Jeff Brantley (4-6). Otis Nixon followed with a chop single that tied the score. After Jeff Blauser walked, Nixon stole third for his second steal of the game and 34th of the season.

Burba relieved and Gant hit a line drive that hit Burba in the backside. The ball caromed toward the first base line, about 15 feet in front of the plate, and catcher Kirk Manwaring retrieved it. Nixon and Manwaring both dove for home, and Nixon was safe.

Mark Wohlers (6-2) pitched a scoreless seventh inning and Greg McMichael worked two shutout innings for his 12th save in 12 opportunities.

After Gant's single, Kevin Rogers relieved and Fred McGriff hit an RBI single for a 5-3 lead.

Avery, 3-0 against the Giants this season, struggled from the start. Matt Williams doubled in the second and scored on a sacrifice fly by Royce Clayton.

In the fourth, Bonds homered and Burkett singled home another run.

The Braves scored twice in the fourth on RBI singles by Damon Berryhill and Mark Lemke. Burkett, trying for the fourth time to win his 19th game, pitched six innings and allowed two runs on five hits.

BASKETBALL

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The NBA plans to go to federal court to challenge a ruling by the league's special master upholding the contract free agent Chris Dudley signed with the Portland Trail Blazers.

The league and the Trail Blazers learned of the decision by Special Master Merrell Clark on Thursday. Clark plans to issue his ruling in writing on Tuesday.

The NBA will file an appeal in U.S. District Court in New Jersey, NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik said.

"As reported to us, the decision reflects a misunderstanding of how the salary cap system is supposed to operate," Granik said in a statement.

Book reveals rift between Cowboys' owner, coach

IRVING (AP) — First the Super Bowl and now the dirt.

A recently published book on the Dallas Cowboys asserts that during its championship run, the team was nearly undone by friction between owner Jerry Jones and coach Jimmy Johnson, who aren't the "buddies from Arkansas" that outsiders believe.

Skip Bayless, author of "The Boys: The Untold Story of the Dallas Cowboys' Season on the Edge," also tracks the coming of age of quarterback Troy Aikman in a caustic review of the Cowboys' 1992 title run.

"From the start I had a journalist's eye view of a stunning story — how a talented, young team

run by two talented, egomaniacal men came and somehow stayed together," Bayless said.

Bayless, who wrote "God's Coach," a negativistic 1990 biography of former Cowboys coach Tom Landry, contends that Aikman replaced Johnson as team leader after a spectacular blowup by the volcanic Johnson on a flight home from a Dec. 13 loss at Washington.

From then, Bayless said, the team won sometimes in spite of its coach.

Much of "The Boys" focuses on a teetering relationship between Jones and Johnson, although the author said he left out much of the day-to-day

squabbles over points both minor and major.

Bayless writes that throughout the season, the perpetual optimism of a fiercely driven Jones was the perfect antidote for the dispiriting Johnson, whose consuming desire to win finally pushed him over the edge.

It was Johnson's tantrum on the flight from Washington, concludes Bayless, that drove Aikman to take over the team, propelling the Cowboys on a sensational playoff run that culminated in the 52-17 thrashing of the Buffalo Bills in the Super Bowl.

Johnson suggests the blowup, in which he tried to deny his team dinner after intimidating his

players didn't hurt enough after the loss, was scripted, along with two subsequent outbursts after victories over Atlanta and Chicago. Jones and Aikman disagreed, and Bayless didn't think so, either.

"I'm pretty sure Jimmy Johnson flipped out," Bayless said in a recent interview. "It's a combination of too much pressure and his own tumultuous personality. Was it instinctively the correct thing to do? Yes, in retrospect, I think it was wonderful. He got the proper reaction, but I don't think he calculated that reaction."

Bayless writes how Jones has more of something called "toler-

ance for ambiguity" than Johnson does. That is, the Arkansas oilman can, for example, risk millions of dollars on a drilling venture only to come up with a dry well, shake his head and, undaunted, go looking for the next strike.

Johnson, on the other hand, has no such threshold, Bayless said.

Bayless said Johnson's reaction to his book reiterates this view.

Johnson told The Dallas Morning News he was concerned about the accuracy of his quotes in the book because he'd had only one 15-minute interview with Bayless during the season.



Pampa senior Justin Collingsworth returns to lead the Harvesters' defensive front. (Staff Photo by David Bowser)

Football Friday night! Harvesters travel to Garden City, Kan. for 1993 opener

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Writer

After experiencing a month of gruelling preseason workouts and a couple of long scrimmages, it's now time for the Pampa Harvesters to apply what they've learned on the practice field.

To do that, the Harvesters must go on the road to face Garden City, Kan. in tonight's 1993 opener.

PHS head coach Dennis Cavalier believes his team is equal to the task.

"All along this team has been willing to be coached. The players have been very compatible with each other and they feel like they can excel," said PHS head coach Dennis Cavalier. "Practice has been upbeat this week. We've had some outstanding practices."

Pampa faces a worthy opponent in the Buffaloes, who beat the Harvesters, 19-6, in Harvest Stadium last season.

"We feel like Garden City has a better team now and I was very impressed with them last season," Cavalier said. "They had a good defense last year and I expect them to be good again."

The Buffaloes have a big, aggressive line, led by 260-pound senior Brett McGraw, who is being heavily recruited by several colleges.

"McGraw is an outstanding two-way player. He's been a standout for the past three years. We're going to have to contend with him as well as several other big guys," Cavalier said.

While Pampa went 3-7 a year ago, Garden City finished 6-3 and were just one win away from making the Kansas Class 6A playoffs. Wichita Northwest slipped by Garden City in the season finale, keeping the Buffaloes from advancing. In Kansas, only one team out of each district goes to the playoffs.

"It was an upset. Garden City dominated the game, but missed something like three field goals and lost by less than a touchdown," Cavalier said.

Because of Pampa's inexperience, especially up front, and to keep fresh players on the field — Cavalier will be alternating several Harvesters in and out of the lineup on both

offense and defense.

Greg McDaniel and Derahian Evans will alternate at the flanker spot while three players, Devin King, J.J. Mathis and Shawn Lewis, will share duties at split end.

On defense, Pedro Montoya and Donnie Middleton will share about the same amount of playing time with Jerry Howeth and Justin Long at the tackle positions. Will Greene and Shelby Landers will rotate at one of the ends. Right cornerback will be divided between Ray Estrada and Ross Watkins. The middle linebacker spot is still up for grabs between Floyd White and Jason Bryan.

While all-district defensive end Justin Collingsworth is the only returning starter on either front line, the Harvesters have a veteran backfield made up of quarterback Tony Cavalier, fullback Matt Garvin and running back Gregg Moore. Cavalier passed for nine touchdowns and 538 yards last season. Garvin was the team's leading rusher with 940 yards while scoring three times. Moore led in touchdowns with 8 and tacked on 691 yards in rushing.

PAMPA HARVESTERS

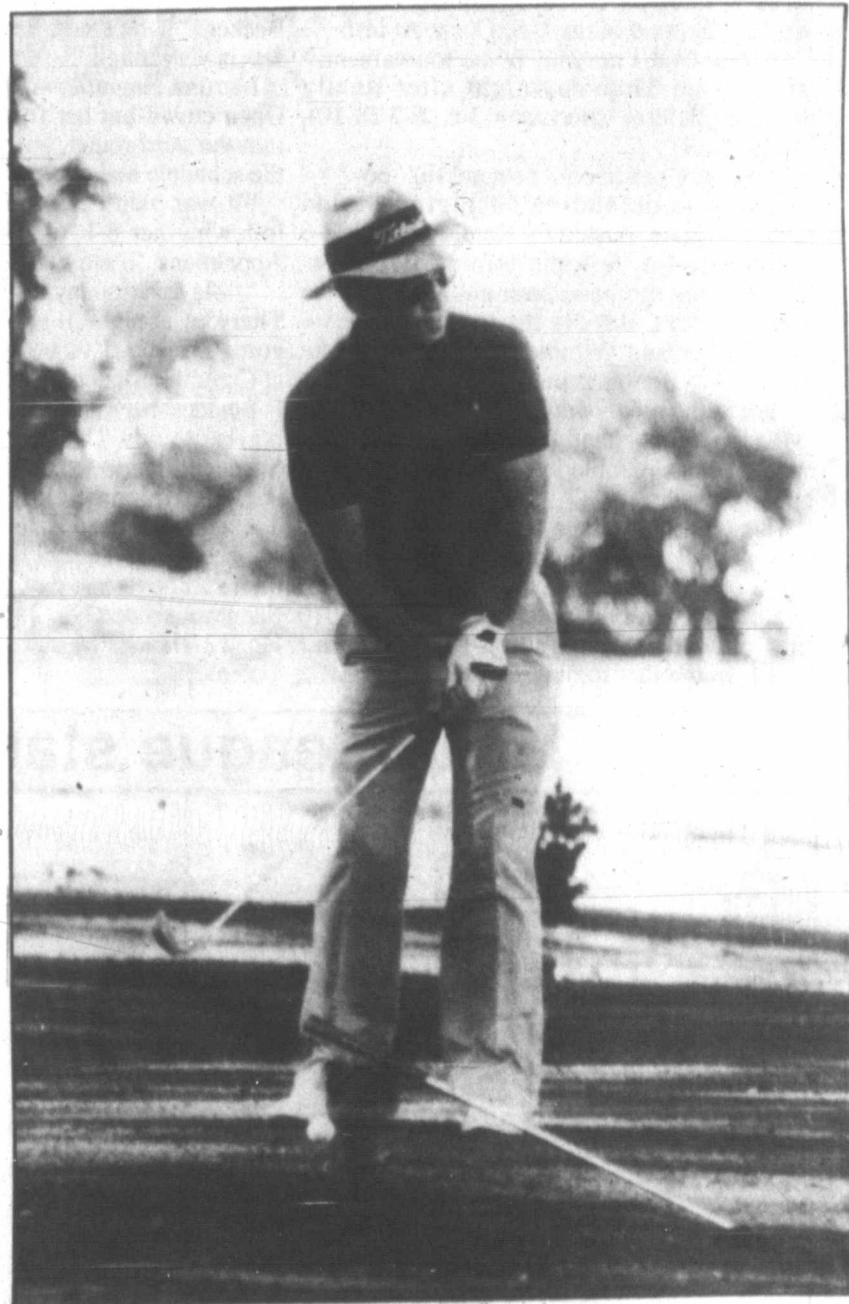
Probable Lineups

Offense

Center: Michael Foote, 180, Sr.; Guards: Justin Smith, 175, Sr., and Kyle Parnell, 180, Jr.; Tackles: Greg Erpelting, 210, Jr., and Brandon Soukup, 190, Jr.; Tight end: Jason Warren, 190, Jr.; Flanker: Greg McDaniel, 165, Sr.; Split end: Devin King, 160, Sr.; Quarterback: Tony Cavalier, 160, Sr.; Fullback: Matt Garvin, 190, Jr.; Tailback: Gregg Moore, 170, Sr.

Defense

Tackles: Pedro Montoya, 215, Sr., and Donnie Middleton, 200, Soph.; Ends: Justin Collingsworth, 215, Sr. and Will Greene, 155, Sr.; Middle linebacker: Floyd White, 180, Soph., or Jason Bryan; Strongside linebacker: Tyler Kendall, 170, Sr.; Weakside linebacker: Matt Garvin, 190, Jr.; Left cornerback: Greg McDaniel, 165, Sr.; Right cornerback: Ray Estrada, 160, Jr.; Strong safety: Cavalier; Free safety: Moore. Punter: Gregg Moore. Place kicker: Tim McCavit. Punt return: Moore and Derahian Evans. Kickoffs: Moore, Evans and J.J. Mathis.



LeRoy Morris works on his chipping during a practice round Friday for the Top O' Texas Tournament, which starts Saturday at the Pampa Country Club course. (Staff photo by Darlene Holmes)

Young expected to start for 49ers

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Steve Young's broken left thumb has healed in time for him to start the San Francisco 49ers' opener Sunday at Pittsburgh.

Young's blind side, however, won't be protected by regular right tackle Harris Barton, sidelined since straining left knee ligaments in an Aug. 14 workout.

Barton was declared out Thursday by coach George Seifert because of concern over the knee soreness that followed his return to practice the day before.

"He wanted to play, but that's the decision that I've come to," Seifert

said. "It just seems as though he'll heal that much better with the rest until the Cleveland game (next week)."

There were no such complications for Young, who has gone through two days of practice with no signs of problems taking snaps, handing the ball off or throwing it.

"I didn't feel anything that made me feel like I couldn't go Sunday," said Young, who has worn a light wrap over his thumb. "It's going to continue healing, so I feel like I can go out and perform. I just feel like I can go do it. I'm feeling pretty good."

Aggies' McElroy ready to play

A&M opens against LSU

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Leland McElroy's itch is about to be scratched.

As the latest in a growing list of talented running backs at Texas A&M, McElroy will play in his first college game Saturday when No. 5 Texas A&M hosts Louisiana State at Kyle Field.

"I'm getting itchy. I'm ready to play right now, today," McElroy said.

"And as the week goes on, I'm going to be more and more excited. After two-a-days were over, I was getting a lot of attention. I want to do something to deserve it."

McElroy, a redshirt freshman, almost played in the Cotton Bowl in January when starting running back Greg Hill was suspended from the team because he and several other players accepted pay for summer jobs they did not perform.

McElroy suited up for the game, but Coach R.C. Slocum elected not to use him in the loss to Notre Dame. McElroy will get more playing time against the Tigers because Hill is still under suspension.

Hill debuted against the Tigers in 1991 and rushed for 212 yards on 30 carries, setting an NCAA record for a back in his first game.

LSU defensive coordinator Mike Bugar doesn't expect to stop the Aggie ground game.

"The main task defensively is to put the lid on A&M's running attack. You are not going to stop their running game, but

we have to slow it down," Bugar said.

"Our guys cannot give up the big plays. With their running backs, they have the ability to go all the way every time they touch the ball."

Rodney Thomas, the Aggies' No. 2 ground gainer last season, will start the game but McElroy will play.

"With Greg out, we'll still be able to play with quality but depth becomes a problem," offensive coordinator Bob Toledo said. "Rodney plays so hard, I'm not sure he could play a whole game."

The Aggies' rushing attack ranked No. 15 nationally last season and Toledo wants more run-pass balance this season.

The Aggies have plenty going for them in their season opener. They have an 18-0-1 string going in Kyle Field. The only blemish in that streak is a tie with Baylor in 1990.

Although LSU leads the overall series with A&M 26-17-3, A&M coach R.C. Slocum has pleasant memories of playing LSU. He won his head coaching debut in 1989 with a 28-16 victory over the Tigers, and Slocum is 4-0 in opening games.

LSU had a 2-9 record last season under former A&M player Curley Hallman, beginning his third season as head coach. The Tigers have had four losing seasons, the longest string in school history.

The Tigers are beginning their 100th year of playing football.

"This team has a lot more confidence," Bugar said.

"Whether that will make any difference, we'll find out. They feel better about themselves, and there is more unity as a whole team."

Southwest Outdoors

By Mel Phillips

Anglers take action to improve bass fishing

At long last, the bass fishing is improving at Lake Meredith. Just for the record, during the past three years only the Morse Bass Club and our Thursday evening Fun Tournaments have regularly scheduled bass tournaments on the Panhandle's largest lake.

Bass fishing at Lake Meredith has been brutal on the egos of some really good anglers. In August of 1991, SANDY CARROLL of Pampa won a tournament because out of the 30 entries, he caught the only keeper bass, a shinnny 1.60 lbs largemouth.

While state bureaucrats ignored the pleas of anglers, the bass fishing somehow got worse. "Worse" is a kind word to describe conditions that prevailed in 1992. Remember the August Fun Tournament, when not one of 27 entries could catch a legal bass from Lake Meredith?

It was time for action, and in the spirit that built this region, it was the rod and reel anglers who took it upon themselves to improve bass fishing.

STEP ONE Catch-and-release of the few precious remaining bass became the norm at Meredith.

STEP TWO When the state could not/would not react to a six-foot increase in the water level, anglers from as far away as Kansas joined with local bass clubs from all across the Panhandle and raised \$4,250 to do a timely bass stocking. Results — 10,000 bass (between 3 and 5 inches) were stocked in Lake Meredith.

STEP THREE Something new was happening at Lake Meredith ... moss, lots of moss established down to 12 feet deep. Beautiful green stuff that provided hiding places for juvenile largemouth to escape the deadly jaws of the toothy walleye, smallmouth, sandbass, crappie and, yes, even starling black bass.

STEP THREE 1/2 While New Mexico annually stocks bass in their lakes located on the Canadian River (Ute and Conchos), it took years for Texas to react. In June of 1993, 100,000 bass fry (1 1/4 to 1 1/2 inch long!) were added to the food chain. Catching a hungry bluegill was a challenge this summer.

1993 FUN FISHING RESULTS are evidence that Meredith does not have to be the dead sea for bass. Witness that 19 of the 36 entries brought bass to the scales during the 1993 Fun Tournament. Yes, many were below the slot smallmouth bass, BUT seven were legal black bass over 14 inches.

Keep your fingers crossed; and please, practice catch-and-release because thanks to you the bass fishing at Lake Meredith is finally getting better.

Becker survives U.S. Open's first round

By BOB GREENE
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Boris Becker is in the second round of the U.S. Open. At last.

"Thank God I am still in the tournament," Becker said Thursday night after finally defeating Andrei Cherkasov 3-6, 6-7 (8-10), 7-5, 6-4, 6-4.

The U.S. Open should be thankful, too.

Two-time defending champion Stefan Edberg is gone, ousted by Karel Novacek 7-6 (7-3), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 and joining five other seeded men who have been eliminated in the first four days. Besides the top two seeds — Jim Courier and Wimbledon champion Pete Sampras — Becker is one of the few top players left in the men's draw.

Becker's first-round battle wasn't like those early years at Wimbledon. Then, it was boom, boom, Next.

This was more like a television soap opera, playing daily at the National Tennis Center.

It took Becker two days, three sessions and five sets to win one match. A total of 65,070 fans watched the marathon that took four hours, 43 minutes to play.

Now the fourth-seeded Becker will do it again, facing Jakob Hlasek today in a second-round battle.

"If he's fit, he'll go far," Novacek said of Becker. "If he's not, he's going to lose. Five sets is very tough."

Martina Navratilova, seeking her fifth U.S. Open crown but her first since 1987, made it into the third round, but was also surprised by the schedule makers.

"It was weird playing out there," she said following her 6-1, 6-3 dismantling of Sabine Appelmans. "I am glad I got it out of the way." "I played Monday at 1 o'clock and I played Thursday at night. It is like a third tournament going on here. I've been in New York hitting at Central Park and biding my time."

Besides Navratilova, other seeded women players to win Thursday were No. 2 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, No. 10 Magdalena Maleeva, No. 12 Helena Sukova, No. 14 Nathalie Tauziat and No. 16 Zina Garrison Jackson.

Edberg was the only seeded man to topple on a cool, overcast day. Posting victories were Sampras, seeded No. 2; No. 7 Michael Chang, No. 12 Thomas Muster and No. 14 Alexander Volkov.

Becker, the 1989 U.S. Open champ and seeded fourth this year, wanted to play on Monday. The schedule makers thought otherwise and gave him a Wednesday start.

Rain, though, interrupted the match after just two points. So they adjourned until Thursday afternoon.

After several furious episodes of shouting at the umpire, and after a 1/2-hour rain delay following the third set, the match was restarted yet again as part of the night action. Becker by then had regained his poise and his power and cut down his errors.

Cherkasov couldn't say the same.

Up a break and leading 4-3 in the fourth set, the normally composed Cherkasov hotly disputed a forehand volley by Becker that the Russian thought sailed wide. He fumed and fussed, marked the spot with his racket, then lost 10 of the next 11 points to drop the set.

Fifth sets belong to Becker. This one didn't change his image as he boosted his career record in five-set matches to 26-11 — eight times after being down two sets.

Edberg's loss marked only the third time in the Open era that a defending champion lost as early as the second round.

Major League standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE					NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division					East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB
Toronto	78	57	.578	—	Philadelphia	83	50	.624	—
New York	76	59	.563	2	Montreal	74	60	.552	9 1/2
Baltimore	72	62	.537	5 1/2	St. Louis	73	60	.549	10
Detroit	71	64	.526	7	Chicago	64	70	.476	19 1/2
Boston	69	63	.523	7 1/2	Pittsburgh	63	71	.470	20 1/2
Cleveland	64	70	.478	13 1/2	Florida	56	77	.421	27
Milwaukee	58	78	.426	20 1/2	New York	47	87	.351	36 1/2
West Division					West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	75	58	.564	—	San Francisco	86	47	.647	—
Texas	70	63	.526	5	Atlanta	83	51	.619	3 1/2
Kansas City	69	65	.515	6 1/2	Houston	70	63	.526	16
Seattle	67	66	.504	8	Los Angeles	67	65	.508	18 1/2
California	59	74	.444	18	Cincinnati	66	69	.489	21
Minnesota	56	77	.421	19	San Diego	53	81	.396	33 1/2
Oakland	52	80	.394	22 1/2	Colorado	50	84	.373	36 1/2
Wednesday's Games					Wednesday's Games				
Milwaukee 7, Kansas City 1					Houston 3, New York 2				
Toronto 8, Oakland 3					Philadelphia 4, Chicago 1				
Seattle 9, Detroit 3					San Diego 13, Florida 5				
Chicago 5, New York 3					Pittsburgh 5, Los Angeles 1				
Cleveland 12, Minnesota 7					San Francisco 3, Atlanta 2				
Texas 9, Boston 7, 12 Innings					St. Louis 7, Cincinnati 4				
Baltimore 5, California 1					Montreal 11, Colorado 3				
Thursday's Games					Florida 8, San Diego 2				
New York 7, Chicago 1					Los Angeles 4, Pittsburgh 0				
Cleveland 4, Minnesota 3					Atlanta 5, San Francisco 3				
Seattle 8, Milwaukee 1					New York 8, Chicago 3				
Baltimore 4, California 3					Only games scheduled				
Friday's Games					Friday's Games				
Chicago (Bere 6-5) at Detroit (Doherty 11-10), 7:05 p.m.					New York (Tanana 6-13) at Chicago (Hibbard 10-11), 3:20 p.m.				
Cleveland (Ojeda 0-1) at New York (Perez 6-13), 7:30 p.m.					Los Angeles (R.Martinez 9-9) at Florida (Hammond 7-14), 7:35 p.m.				
Kansas City (Appier 14-6) at Boston (Darwin 13-9), 7:35 p.m.					Philadelphia (Greene 12-3) at Cincinnati (Ayala 5-6), 7:35 p.m.				
Texas (Dwyer 2-1) at Minnesota (Bummett 0-0), 8:05 p.m.					San Diego (Ashby 2-8) at Atlanta (Glavin 16-5), 7:40 p.m.				
Toronto (Morris 7-11) at California (Langston 14-6), 10:05 p.m.					San Francisco (Torres 1-0) at St. Louis (Watson 6-2), 8:05 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Bones 9-9) at Seattle (Hanson 10-11), 10:35 p.m.					Montreal (Rueter 5-0) at Houston (Kile 14-5), 8:05 p.m.				
Baltimore (Valenzuela 6-9) at Oakland (Van Poppel 4-5), 10:35 p.m.					Pittsburgh (Hope 0-1) at Colorado (Reynoso 9-9), 9:05 p.m.				
Saturday's Games					Saturday's Games				
Kansas City at Boston, 1:05 p.m.					New York (Hillman 1-7) at Chicago (Castillo 5-8), 2:20 p.m.				
Chicago at Detroit, 1:15 p.m.					Los Angeles (Hershiser 10-12) at Florida (Armstrong 7-14), 7:05 p.m.				
Cleveland at New York, 1:30 p.m.					Philadelphia (Jackson 11-9) at Cincinnati (Rijo 12-7), 7:05 p.m.				
Baltimore at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.					San Francisco (Deshais 0-0) at St. Louis (Arocha 10-5), 8:05 p.m.				
Texas at Minnesota, 8:05 p.m.					Montreal (Hill 8-5) at Houston (Swindell 10-10), 8:05 p.m.				
Toronto at California, 10:05 p.m.					Pittsburgh (Wakefield 8-4) at Colorado (Painter 1-2), 9:05 p.m.				
Sunday's Games					Sunday's Games				
Kansas City at Boston, 1:05 p.m.					San Diego at Atlanta, 1:10 p.m.				
Cleveland at New York, 1:30 p.m.					Los Angeles at Florida, 1:35 p.m.				
Chicago at Detroit, 1:35 p.m.					San Francisco at St. Louis, 2:15 p.m.				
Milwaukee at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.					Philadelphia at Cincinnati, 2:15 p.m.				
Baltimore at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.					New York at Chicago, 2:20 p.m.				
Toronto at California, 4:05 p.m.					Montreal at Houston, 2:35 p.m.				

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Lenny Kravitz, right, and k.d. lang hold their awards for best male video and best female video during the 10th annual MTV Video Music Awards on Thursday.

Grunge rock artists top MTV Video Music Awards

By JENNIFER BOWLES
Associated Press Writer

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. (AP) — Grunge rock grudgingly won the night at the MTV Video Music Awards, a three-hour maelstrom of irreverence, sexual innuendo and even music.

Pearl Jam won four awards Thursday night for "Jeremy," a haunting video about teen suicide.

"I guess you gotta say thanks," grumbled lead singer Eddie Vedder. "No, the real (thing) is, if it weren't for music I think I would have shot myself in the front of the classroom. It really is what kept me alive."

The group was honored for best video, best group video, best metal-hard rock video and best direction. Other purveyors of grunge, an unadorned grinding rock sound fashioned by Seattle-based bands, also were honored at the 10th annual awards. Nirvana's "In Bloom" won the alternative video trophy. Stone Temple Pilots won the top new artist honor for "Push."

As Nirvana accepted its award, singer Kurt Cobain unbuttoned his pants. The camera turned away abruptly.

Madonna opened the show with a gender-bending song-and-dance number to the tune of "Bye Bye Baby," cowering with three scantily clad women in a brothel-style setting.

Wearing a Marlene Dietrich-style tuxedo and top hat, she caressed the thigh and slapped the buttocks of one dancer.

"Get the picture?" Madonna teased the audience at the end.

"If you're looking for trouble you've definitely come to the right place," said the evening's host, actor Christian Slater.

Other big winners included En Vogue, whose plea for racial tolerance, "Free Your Mind," won the rhythm and blues trophy, best dance video and best choreography.

The veteran rockers of Aerosmith claimed the viewers' choice award. "I think I'm tripping," said singer Steve Tyler. "I must be addicted to adrenalin."

The best male video award went to Lenny Kravitz for "Are You Gonna Go My Way" and the female video trophy was awarded to k.d. lang's "Constant Craving." The

best rap video was "People Everyday" by the hip-hop group Arrested Development.

The night's performing lineup included U2's The Edge, Kravitz, Sting, Aerosmith, Janet Jackson, R.E.M., Spin Doctors and Soul Asylum. Members of Pearl Jam performed their single "Go" before being joined by rock veteran Neil Young for a powerful rendition of "Rockin' in the Free World."

Winners were decided by more than 700 music industry members.

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GROUP: Pearl Jam, "Jeremy."

NEW ARTIST: Stone Temple Pilots, "Push."

VIEWS CHOICE: Aerosmith, "Livin' on the Edge."

DANCE: En Vogue, "Free Your Mind."

METAL-HARD ROCK: Pearl Jam, "Jeremy."

ALTERNATIVE VIDEO: Nirvana, "In Bloom."

VIDEO FROM A FILM: Alice in Chains, "Would?" from *Singles*.

R-and-B VIDEO: En Vogue, "Free Your Mind."

RAP VIDEO: Arrested Development, "People Everyday."

DIRECTOR: Mark Pellington for Pearl Jam's "Jeremy."

CHOREOGRAPHY: Frank Gatson, Lavelle Smith and Travis Payne for En Vogue's "Free Your Mind."

SPECIAL EFFECTS: Stephen Johnson for Peter Gabriel's "Steam."

ART DIRECTION: Jan Peter Flack for Madonna's "Rain."

EDITING: Douglas Jines for Peter Gabriel's "Steam."

CINEMATOGRAPHY: Harris Savides for Madonna's "Rain."

BREAKTHROUGH VIDEO: Los Lobos, "Kiko and the Lavender Moon."

MTV ASIA: Indus Creed, "Pretty Child," India.

MTV BRAZIL: Titãs, "Sera Que E Isso Que Eu Necessito," Brazil.

MTV EUROPE: George Michael, "Killer-Papa Was a Rolling Stone," United Kingdom.

MTV INTERNATIONAL: Luis Miguel, "America," Mexico.

Teen sentenced for stealing ice cream

THOMASTON, Ga. (AP) — After 10 days behind bars, 17-year-old Dehundra Caldwell is back in class while a judge reconsiders his three-year prison sentence for breaking into a school and stealing a box of ice cream bars.

Caldwell, who earns A's, B's and C's and had no criminal record before he pleaded guilty to burglary, was freed from the Upson County Jail on \$15,000 bail Wednesday in a deal struck by the prosecutor, the defense and the judge.

At a hearing Oct. 15, Superior Court Judge Andrew Whalen will decide if the sentence was too harsh.

The NAACP and an organization of black lawyers are investigating the case. Caldwell is black, the judge white.

"I'm still devastated over what has happened," said his mother, Teresa Caldwell. "I don't feel like he was

represented fairly. If he had been a white child, I don't think it would have turned out like this."

In the meantime, the teenager attended the first day of class Thursday at Upson-Lee High School in Thomaston, about 65 miles south of Atlanta.

Caldwell said he pleaded guilty because he thought he would be held responsible for being with his 15-year-old brother and a 16-year-old friend, who walked into a school after him through an open door in July. The other boys admitted taking the ice cream. The offense was burglary, even though the door was open.

On Aug. 23, Whalen handed Caldwell three years in prison — a normal sentence in the judicial circuit, which has a reputation for tough punishment.

"I got three years for a box of ice cream that I didn't know about," Caldwell said.

Arafat criticized by allies for secret diplomacy

By SALAH NASRAWI
Associated Press Writer

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — Yasser Arafat pressed leaders of his mainstream PLO faction today to support his peace agreement with Israel, but drew criticism from some officials for leaving them in the dark about the secret talks.

Despite the complaints from Fatah's 18-man Central Committee, there was no indication Arafat's opponents would derail the deal.

Arafat needs the endorsement of Fatah, the PLO's biggest and wealthiest faction, before he takes the accord to the powerful PLO Executive Committee and the Palestine National Council, the Palestinian parliament in exile. The meetings resumed today after an overnight break.

Israeli officials have said the deal — both the autonomy plan and the agreement for mutual recognition — could be signed within days. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho could start immediately.

In a sign that the PLO was preparing to assume power, Arafat ordered his commanders in Yemen to start training their guerrillas as police for duty in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"You will see the PLO back in its homeland," Arafat told a gathering at Bir Zeit University in the West Bank in a letter faxed Thursday from his headquarters in Tunis. "We will go together to our Jerusalem."

Clashes in south Lebanon and the occupied territories, however, showed that some factions have no immediate intention of laying down their weapons.

Shiite Muslim guerrillas exchanged machine-gun and mortar fire with an Israeli-allied Lebanese militia in southern Lebanon today. It was the second day of battles, but no casualties were reported.

In the West Bank, gunmen killed one Israeli soldier and injured another on Thursday near the village of Dura, near Hebron, Israel television said.

It was the first such attack since Israel and the PLO said they were negotiating Palestinian self-rule. No one claimed responsibility for the attack, but radical Palestinian groups have threatened to sabotage the accord.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said it would not affect the planned agreement.

"Terror was, is and will be," Rabin said. "The horizons of peace are clear."

Arafat convened the meeting of Fatah late Thursday. Palestine Liberation Organization officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the heaviest criticism of Arafat came from committee member Abbas Zaki.

He said Arafat ignored key issues such as the status of Jerusalem and Israeli settlements in the occupied territories, the officials said.

Zaki also criticized Arafat for conducting the eight months of talks in secret and complained that Palestinian leaders were embarrassed to find out about the deal through the news media.

"Such an issue cannot be cooked up quickly, and we should not approve it easily," Zaki told The Associated Press today. He declined to go into details about the meeting.

The officials said several other Fatah leaders

expressed similar irritation. But they said Fatah would probably endorse the deal eventually, describing the pact's outright opponents as a small minority on the committee.

On another front, talks between the PLO and Israel on mutual recognition hit a snag Thursday.

The obstacles — minor when compared to those surmounted during negotiations for the autonomy agreement — were expected to be worked out within days. They revolve around Israel's demand that the PLO make an authoritative statement renouncing terrorism and recognizing Israel's right to exist.

"If it takes another few days, it can take another few days," Peres said in Brussels, Belgium.

Under the self-rule plan, which can be signed with or without mutual recognition, the Israeli army would first withdraw from the Gaza Strip and Jericho, where Palestinians would then start running their own affairs.

Elsewhere in the West Bank, Palestinians would start running some aspects of daily life, including health care, education, tourism, trade and agriculture.

Elections for a council administering autonomy would be held within nine months of the signing of the agreement. Palestinians living in Jerusalem would apparently be allowed to vote.

The unexpected breakthrough in the peace talks caught many by surprise.

King Hussein of Jordan lauded the proposed accord, but castigated Arafat on Thursday for not telling Jordan, Syria and Lebanon — his Arab partners in the peace process — about the negotiations. He renewed his call for an Arab summit.

Groups urge new agency to tackle 'environmental justice'

AUSTIN (AP) — The Sierra Club and NAACP are calling on Texas' new environmental agency to target pollution problems in minority neighborhoods.

"They (minorities) are the victims of pollution assaults. Many of them have become ... warriors in the war for environmental justice," said Hector Gonzalez of the Sierra Club's Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Task Force.

Minorities make up a significant percentage — and possibly a majority — of the hundreds of thousands of Texans who face direct, serious health and environmental threats because of pollution, he said.

"Unless Texas finally provides strong environmental protection to all of its citizens, we will not have

won the war for the environment," Gonzalez said.

The Sierra Club generally supports earlier recommendations by a special task force, which said the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission should act aggressively against pollution in low-income and minority neighborhoods.

Gonzalez and others, including Leslie Fields, who served on the task force and is on the environmental racism committee of the state National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said they'll push for a law to beef up powers of the agency's public interest lawyer.

The NAACP particularly wants to see the commission actively fight

environmental inequities, intensify efforts for citizen input, pursue greater ethnic and racial diversity within the agency, and improve state-federal coordination on border issues, Ms. Fields said.

Texans from Fort Bend County and Odessa, and a group called Mothers Organized to Stop Environmental Sins that focuses on hazardous waste injection wells, joined in calling for fairness in environmental decisions.

Spokesman Glenn Lewis for the

new agency, formed Wednesday with the merger of the Texas Water Commission and Air Control Board, said the groups' call for environmental equity dovetails with the commission's "already-declared commitment to increasing public access and participation."

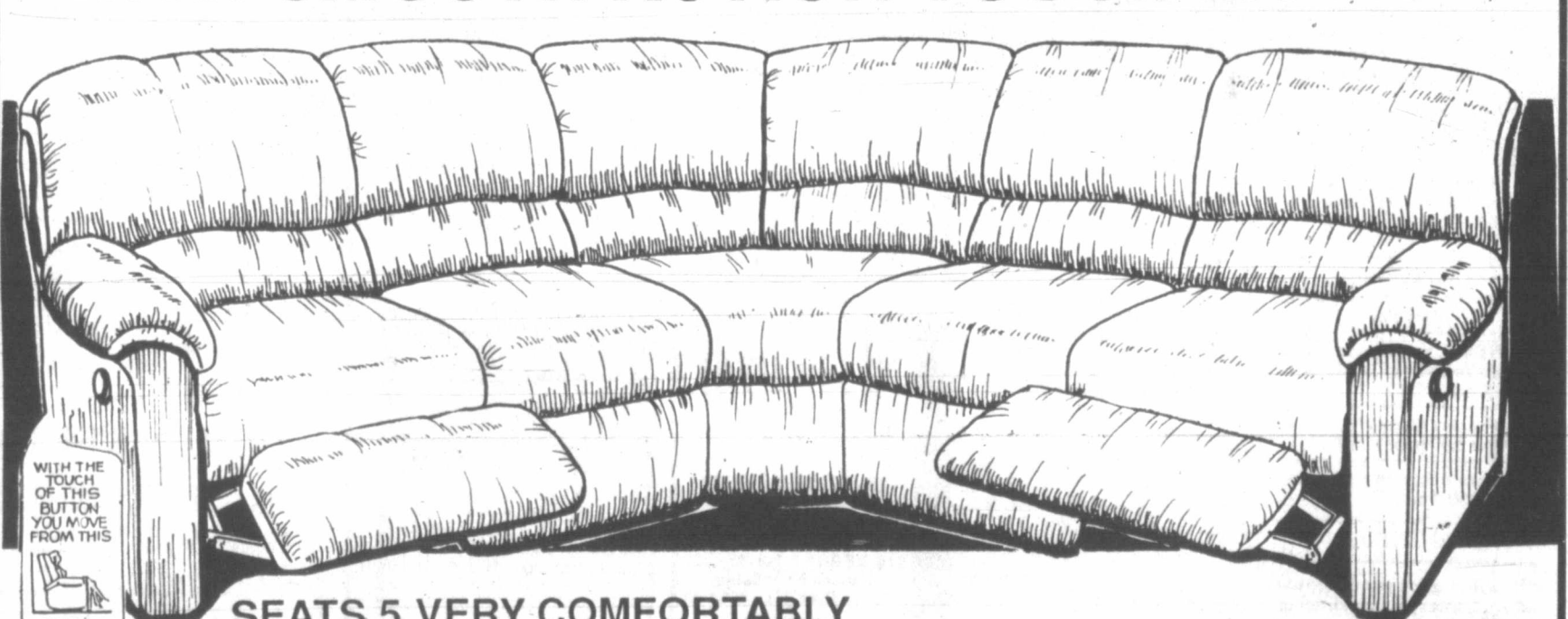
"We take it seriously," Lewis said. "We have been instructed by this commission that this commission will be more responsive to the public, and we are here to serve the public first."

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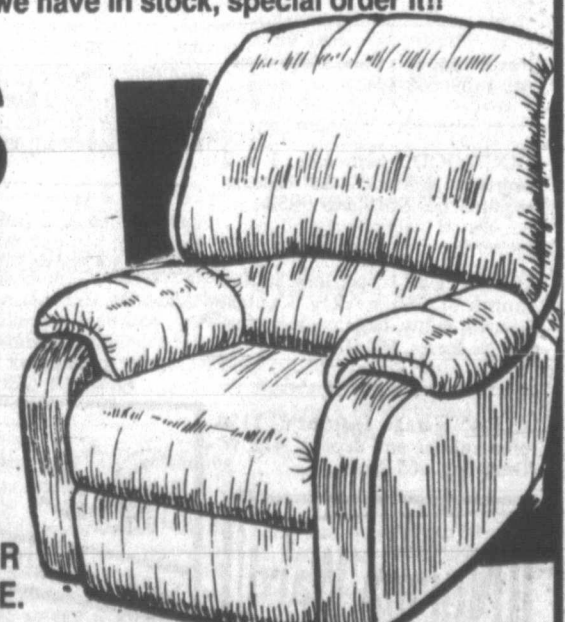
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