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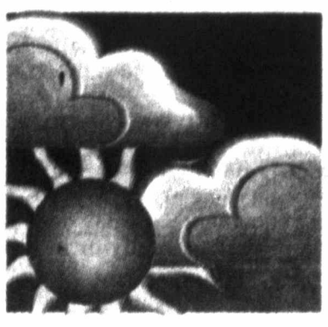
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PAMPA — A meeting at 5:15 p.m. today at M.K. Brown Auditorium will address residents' questions concerning a bid proposal for a new youth correctional facility.

City commissioners and members of Pampa Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors will answer any questions and discuss the proposal being submitted to the Texas Youth Commission.

Residents participation is encouraged an all are invited to attend.

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $4 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 22-29-30-42-48-50

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

FORT WORTH, (AP) — Fumes overcame dozens of people at a military base Saturday, forcing evacuations from the installation's Army and Air Force Exchange.

Two people were taken from Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth to Plaza Medical Center and three women went to Harris Methodist Hospital.

Base spokesman Dave Marr said victims received treatment for breathing difficulties, watery eyes, tightening of the chest and high blood pressure. All those hospitalized were released late Saturday night.

The victims were among about 250 people were evacuated from the facility at the former Carswell Air Force Base at about 4 p.m. Saturday.

Military fire officials were trying to determine what type of fumes are responsible and whether they spread through the exchange's ventilation system.

- **James Walter Clay, 74,** charter member Pipeliners Local Union No. 798.
- **Richard 'Dick' Johnson, 54,** employee at Jordan Unit.
- **John B. McCrery, 82,** retired mechanical engineer at Cabot Corporation.
- **J.R. Nicholson, 100,** valedictorian of the first graduating class at PHS. Retired rancher.

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PISD gets grant

State will help pay for construction

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

Pampa Independent School District was one of 106 districts throughout the state awarded a grant to help pay bond debt for new construction or improvements to schools.

State lawmakers set aside $200 million for the new fund. This year, $64 million was awarded to the 106 school districts. PISD received approximately $237,000 from the program, which will pay 30.48 percent of its current bond debt for remodeling Austin, Lamar, Travis and Wilson elementary schools.

The $237,000 will be granted to PISD every year for the next 20 years, said Mark McVeigh, PISD's business manager. Unless, he added, the next legislative session changes the grant.

Overall, the net benefit to the district is about $90,000. Because PISD was awarded the $237,000 grant, other state funds (totaling about $147,000) were taken away, explained McVeigh, leaving only a net benefit of $90,000.

That benefit, however, does help taxpayers.

"The whole burden of the debt is not going to be on the taxpayers," said McVeigh. "We benefited by $90,000 which would be about a 1-cent benefit on the tax rate."

School board members waited until notified about the grant to adopt the new tax rate of $1.455, a 2.5-cent increase over last year's rate. The increase stems from the bond debt payments for the remodeling of the four elementary schools. Without the grant, that tax rate would have increased even more, said McVeigh.

Other regional schools also benefited from the new grant program, including Amarillo ISD, Friendship ISD, Lubbock ISD, Midland ISD, Perryton ISD and San Angelo ISD. A total of $4.05 million was awarded to these six school districts.

The grant is part of House Bill 4 and provides funds to help school pay off bonds for construction or improvements to classrooms. The funds can also be used for payments under lease-purchase agreements for classroom, and computer or science laboratory facilities.

Legislators set aside $100 million each year for the two-year grant program. Monies not allotted this year will be awarded to school districts that have eligible bond or lease payments beginning in 1998-99.

Our neighbors...



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

Local resident and gardener, Gene Cade, gives some gardening tips for creating a "scientific garden," a garden covered with ground cloth and carpet.

And how does your garden grow?

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

Gene Cade farmed 45 years in the Lubbock area before he brought himself and his garden to Gray County.

But now that he's here, Cade claims he has the "only carpeted garden in town."

Cade's garden graces his backyard in the southeast side of town in Pampa, right off of Highway 60.

His carpeted – also known as "scientific" garden – is a sight to see.

Between the black, ground cloth interspersed on the soil throughout the garden, and the off-white, once-plush carpeting surrounding the plot, Cade has an extremely weedless garden that's soft on the feet.

"See, the weeds won't grow through this ground cloth," he said pointing at the covered ground.

And sure enough, instead of weeds, the garden has produced "good eatin" all summer long.

His garden is a very accessible one.

He has tomatoes and peppers and delicious array of vegetables lined up in nice-sized rows,

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Bike-car crash injures girl, 9

A Pampa girl was in Columbia Medical Center at noon today after being involved in a bicycle-car collision this morning.

The 9-year-old Pampa girl was being treated in the hospital emergency room for injuries suffered shortly before 8 a.m. today in the crash in the 2200 block of North Wells.

Officers, who did not have names available at press time, said the girl apparently came out of her driveway on her bicycle about 7:45 a.m. today on her way to school and struck the passenger side of a 1986 red Chevrolet Beretta driven by a Pampa High School student. The Chevrolet was southbound on Wells, officers said.

Authorities said the 17 year old high school girl was shaken but was not injured. She went on to school.

The 9-year-old bicycle rider was rushed to the emergency room by ambulance. Authorities said she suffered bruises to the left eye brow and bruises around her lips. Authorities said she also complained of stomach pains.

Officers said no tickets were issued in the accident. Law enforcement officers said there did not appear to be much damage to the car.

Homecoming activities set

It's Homecoming Week at Pampa High School!

Two major activities leading up to Saturday's 2 p.m. game against Hereford, are Friday's parade at 4:15 and the Friday night pep rally at 7 in the gym.

Both events are designed with the public in mind and Sherry Seabourn, student council sponsors, says students hope both will draw many people from the community.

The parade will line up on Harvester in front of the high school then will make its way south on Mary Ellen and Cuyler and travel through downtown before disbanding on Atchison.

Plans call for former football players to ride in the parade and sign-ups for this may be made by calling Steve Randall by Thursday at 665-2561.

Senior nominess for Homecoming King are Tyson Alexander, Lynn Brown, J.J. Hamilton, Brian Sprinkle and Jeff Sublett. Homecoming queen nominees are Aretha Brown, Katy Cavalier, Sarah Fields, Mandy Parks and McKinley Quarles.

Official may have fixed son's grade

JACKSONVILLE, Texas (AP) — Lon Morris College's president ordered a failing mark on his son's transcript at the school to be upgraded, according to the Jacksonville Daily Progress.

The newspaper's copyright story Sunday said Clifford Lee has been investigated for directing the school registrar to change a 1995 math score from an "F" to a "C" on his son Craig's transcript this summer.

A bishop who oversees the small United Methodist school in Jacksonville is expected to decide the issue this week, according to the newspaper.

In his fourth year as president of the 380-student school, Lee said

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Pantex changes how it shifts radioactive gas

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Containers of radioactive gas that can become too hot to handle have prompted Pantex Plant administrators to change how workers treat them.

The gas is tritium, the radioactive hydrogen isotope that gives hydrogen bombs their thermonuclear punch.

Risk management officials at the nuclear weapons plant have found that the containers can heat up enough to burn workers' hands, increasing the chance that a worker could drop one and accidentally release the gas.

The containers often feel warm because the tritium inside radioactively decays over time. But the reservoirs can become hot if they are stored too close together, said Kerry Campbell, a spokeswoman for Pantex contractor Mason & Hanger Corp.

The carriers used to move the gas containers have been changed and workers now are limited to moving one container at a time, plant officials said.

The issue arose earlier this year when a worker removed a tritium reservoir from a suitcase-like storage container and found the foam insulation inside compacted and melted, according to a government report.

The problem came as a surprise. A U.S. Department of Energy report noted that temperature tests of tritium reservoirs over the past three years found no evidence that any heated up.

The Pantex Plant is responsible for disassembling nuclear weapons. Technicians remove the gas reservoirs from weapons and ship them back to the Savannah River Site in South Carolina for recycling.

In May 1989, a tritium gas reservoir discharged during a disassembly accident, contaminating five workers.

One worker received a radiation dose of 1.2 REM, but other workers in the assembly cell received minute doses, Campbell said.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

NICHOLSON, J.R. — 2 p.m., United Methodist Church, White Deer.

Obituaries

JAMES WALTER CLAY

VERNAL, Utah – James Walter Clay, 74, a former Pampa resident, died Friday, Sept. 26, 1997. Services were to be at 1 p.m. today in First Baptist Church. Burial will be in Maeser Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Hullinger-Jolley Funeral Home.

Mr. Clay was born at Deora, Colo., to Walter and Jessie Clay. He married Minnie Bell Williams on June 14, 1942; she died Aug. 19, 1952. He married Mildred Louise Wilson on Feb. 9, 1954. He worked extensively in the pipeline industry and was a charter member of Pipeliners Local Union #798. Following retirement, he moved to Pampa, moving to Vernal only recently. He was a a 32nd degree Mason and was a member of the National Rifle Association.

He was preceded in death by a son, James F. Clay; a grandson, Matthew Searle; and a sister, Vivian Oxford.

Survivors include: his wife, Mildred; three daughters, Mary Chivers, Johnnie Searle and Phyllis Brooking; a sister, Francis Gordon Foerschler; a brother, Leo Clay; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several step grandchildren.

RICHARD 'DICK' JOHNSON

Richard "Dick" Johnson, 54, of Pampa, died Friday, Sept. 26, 1997, at Amarillo. Services were to be at 10:30 a.m. today in First Baptist Church with Dr. Jim Prock, pastor, and Terry Pittman, officiating. Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m. in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Amarillo. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Johnson was born June 19, 1943, at Houston and attended Austin High School. He married Kathy Johannsen on June 8, 1996, at Pampa. He had been a Pampa resident since 1995, moving from Huntsville. He was employed with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for the past 13 years, working as a maintenance supervisor at the Jordan Unit until the time of his death. He also worked for Southern Pacific Railroad for three years and was an electrical superintendent at General Foods and Maxwell Coffee.

He was a member of First Baptist Church, San Jacinto Masonic Lodge at Willis, Texas, and was a lifetime member of Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Association. He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Lou Johnson; and by a brother, David Johnson.

Survivors include: his wife, Kathy, of Amarillo; a daughter, Melissa Layne Johnson of Vienna, Va.; a son, Mitchell Drew Johnson of Conroe; two stepdaughters, LeAnn Taylor and Tammy Carey, both of Amarillo; a stepson, Dusty Johannsen of Beaver, Okla.; his father and stepmother, Floyd and Evelyn Marie Johnson of Houston; two sisters, Connie Susan Johnson of Houston and Judith Ann Francis of Denver, Colo.; and 12 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center.

JOHN B. McCRERY

AMARILLO – John B. McCrery, 82, of Amarillo, died Thursday, Sept. 25, 1997. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Park Place Towers Parlor with Richard F. Woodcock Jr., pastor of Indian Valley Mennonite Church of Pennsylvania, and Rob Lacky, director of Pastoral Care for Park Central, officiating. Cremation was under the direction of Brooks Funeral Directors of Canyon.

Mr. McCrery was born at Oxford, Pa., graduating from Merion High School. He married Louise Woodcock in 1941 at Narberth, Pa. He was a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, receiving a degree in mechanical engineering. He worked for Cabot Corporation in Pampa, retiring in 1970 after 27 years of service.

He was a sustaining member of MIT and was a former member of Educational Council. He was a Registered Texas Professional Engineer and was a deacon and elder at First Presbyterian Church of Pampa.

He moved to Canyon and became member of First Presbyterian Church of Canyon.

Survivors include his wife, Louise.

The family requests memorials be made to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1[illegible] Amarillo TX 79179; or to a favorite charity.

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Stocks

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

Wheat	3.10
Milo	3.88
Corn	4.54
Soybeans	5.62

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

Occidental	25 1/4	dn 1/4

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

Magellan	99.39
Puritan	19.46

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

Amoco	96 1/8	up 1/16
Arco	83 13/16	dn 3/16
Cabot	261/2	dn 3/16
Cabot O&G	22 15/16	
Chevron	83 9/16	up 1/2
Coca-Cola	62 11/16	up 3/4
Columbia/HCA	28 5/8	dn 1/16
Enron	38 1/2	dn 9/16
Halliburton	51 5/8	up 11/16
Ingersoll Rand	42 5/8	dn 1/16
KNE	45 13/16	dn 1/16
Kerr McGee	68 3/8	up 3/16
Limited	24 3/16	dn 3/16
Mapco	321/16	up 1/16
McDonald's	47 1/2	dn 1/16
Mobil	74 1/4	up 3/16
New Atmos	261/8	up 1/2
New Cent Ene	41 1/8	dn 1/8
Penney's	58 15/16	dn 1/8
Phillips	50 11/16	dn 1/4
Pioneer Nat. Res.	40 3/4	up 1/8
SLB	82 3/4	up 7/16
Tenneco	41 1/6	dn 3/8
Texaco	420 1/16	up 9/16
Ultramar	32 1/16	dn 1/16
Wal-Mart	36 1/2	up 1/4
New York Gold		327.70
Silver		4.82
West Texas Crude		20.73

Obituaries

J.R. NICHOLSON

WHITE DEER – J.R. Nicholson, 100, died Saturday, Sept. 27, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in United Methodist Church with the Rev. John Dorn, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Shamrock, officiating. Burial will be in White Deer Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Mr. Nicholson was born at Portland Mills, Ind. He was valedictorian of the first graduating class of Pampa High School. He married Susie Mae Bennett in 1920 at Pampa; she died in 1988.

He had been a White Deer resident since 1924, moving from Pampa. He farmed and ranched until his retirement in 1972.

He was a member of the Methodist Church and White Deer Senior Citizens. He was a member and past president of White Deer School Board and served on the ASCS and Soil Conservation boards.

Survivors include: two daughters, Nikki Gatlin of Amarillo and Roberta Williams of White Deer; two sons, Donald Nicholson of White Deer and C.L. Nicholson of Amarillo; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to White Deer Senior Citizens, 319 S. Main, White Deer, TX 79097.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:23 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of East Kingsmill on a medical call. No patients were transported.

2:06 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of North Dwight on a medical call. No patients were transported.

4:36 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing care facility on a medical call and one patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

5:01 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of 25th Street on a medical call and one patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

5:59 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of North Dwight on a fall. No patients were transported.

6:46 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center for a one patient transfer back to a local nursing home.

9:24 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Duncan and Harvester on a motor vehicle accident. No patients were transported.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

2:46 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of South Hobart on a medical call and one patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

6:47 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility on a trauma and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls and arrests for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

A DWI was reported it the 800 block of Foster.

Arrest

Jeremy Stephen Goodwin, 19, Lakeview Apts. #C-5, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Domestic violence was reported in the 300 block of Jean.

Criminal mischief was reported at 500 E. 17th.

A fight was reported at 1801 Alcock.

A disturbance report was made at 620 Deane.

Arrests

Bobby Ray McGinnis, 65, 1437 E. Francis, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Elijio Hernandez, 17, 515 Short, was arrested on charges including driving without a license, driving without insurance and failure to appear.

Lloyd Wayne Smith, 43, 530 Crawford, was arrested on a capias pro fine warrant and no driver's license.

Robert Christopher Bruce, 22, 1121 Sierra, was arrested on charges including driving while intoxicated, driving without proof of insurance and a hit and run incident.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

An assault report was taken at 1021 Twiford St. The assault occurred on Sept. 28.

Arrest

Timothy Pritchard, 27, 1021 S. Christy, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Rene Mauricio Nieto, 21, Miami, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Martin Martinez, 34, 145 Juniper, was arrested on charges of evading arrest.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

7:20 p.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to 1032 Huff on a structure fire.

7:36 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to an unauthorized burn at 1100 E. Harvester.

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GARDEN

making it easy for the gardener to get to where he's going.

And he always makes sure to use whatever the "good Lord" has given him to work with ... even if it's an old pair of his wife's pantyhose to keep the tomatoes tied back.

Cade credits all of his mouth-watering delectables not just to natural fertilizers and all of this year's panhandle rain, but equally to God.

"This is God's garden," he added.

Cade also had a number of quick pieces of wisdom to hand out along with a few tomatoes:

"Where there's a will, there's a way."

"The one thing you lose quicker than anything else – your memory."

"Anytime you're feeling down, you come out here and pull some weeds!"

And as he continued to share his tomato secrets and his fertilizing mysteries in this wonderful garden galore, he admitted, "Only if I live to be 100 will I get this garden in shape."

How can that be ... when it looks so shapely now?

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the matter resulted from a misunderstanding with his son's instructor, Tam Clark, and has been corrected.

Craig Lee, who graduated last spring and now attends Southern Methodist University, took a non-credit remedial math class in 1995 to prepare him for a harder course he would take for credit, his father told the Daily Progress.

After his son failed the course, the president said he had a "casual conversation" with Ms. Clark during a chance meeting on campus.

"She said if Craig took the class for credit and passed, the passing grade would replace the failing grade," Lee said. "It was that word 'replace' that was misunderstood."

Lee said his son later took the class for credit and earned a "C." This summer, Lee said he went to the Lon Morris registrar after SMU asked his son for a final transcript.

He said he told the registrar: "Make sure that math grade reflects him passing it," and the grade was changed.

After Ms. Clark discovered the change and reported it to the Lon Morris dean of academic affairs, a corrected transcript was sent to SMU, Lee said.

Ms. Clark, released a statement Saturday denying she ever authorized any change, orally or in writing.

"Nor was I informed of the alteration when it was made," she said.

Prospective jurors gather for second bombing trial

DENVER (AP) — The trial of Terry Nichols in the Oklahoma City bombing began today with the arduous task of selecting a jury, a process that could take several weeks.

U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch said a panel of 12 jurors and six alternates will be selected from a pool of about 500 prospects drawn from a 23-county area around metropolitan Denver.

The trial got under way in the same courtroom where co-defendant Timothy McVeigh was convicted in June and sentenced to die for the bombing, the deadliest act of terrorism on U.S. soil.

Security remained tight this morning, with police officers on foot and in cruisers making regular patrols around the barricaded federal courthouse.

The trial has drawn fewer spectators. An hour before court began, there were four spectators in line, compared with about 50 people in line for opening day of McVeigh's trial.

The turnout was predictable because it is jury selection, said Charles Tomlin of Oklahoma City, who lost his son, Rick, in the bombing.

The McVeigh trial "was the first trial for the whole thing and we got the guy who did that," he said. "That's great. That's what that trial was about."

For Tomlin, the second trial is more relaxing. "The McVeigh trial, at first, in the hearings it was more like a dream that my son had been killed. Then, when the trial started, it seemed to take away some of that," he said.

The task for attorneys and Matsch is to find impartial jurors after the widespread media coverage of the McVeigh trial and its emotional stories of survival and death. Matsch, who acknowledged it will be difficult to find jurors unfamiliar with the case, denied a defense request to move the trial.

Prospective jurors already have filled out a lengthy questionnaire; their responses are sealed.

Nichols, 42, was indicted two years ago on charges of conspiracy, use of a weapon of mass destruction, bombing federal property and murdering eight federal law enforcement officers in the line of duty, all punishable by the death penalty.

McVeigh, 29, was convicted of identical charges in June and received the death penalty. His appeal is pending.

A quiet, brooding man, Nichols met McVeigh in the Army. He was granted a hardship discharge after a year so he could care for his son, while McVeigh went on to become a decorated soldier during the Gulf War.

After he was discharged, McVeigh reunited with Nichols, staying with him off and on at Nichols' Michigan farm. Prosecutors say the two shared a growing hatred for government policies — Nichols even renounced his U.S. citizenship.

The bombing at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building on April 19, 1995, killed 168 people and injured hundreds more. It happened on the second anniversary of the federal raid on the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, in which about 80 people died.

Prosecutors believe McVeigh and Nichols planned the bombing to avenge those deaths.

They claim Nichols played a key role — accusing him of robbing a firearms dealer to finance the purchase of racing fuel and the getaway car, helping McVeigh steal explosives from a quarry and gathering ammonium nitrate fertilizer and other bomb components. They also say he helped McVeigh hide a getaway car in Oklahoma City three days before the bombing.

Calendar of Events

TOASTMASTERS

Smooth Talkers and Knee Knockers Toastmasters Club meets 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the dining room of Coronado Inn. For more information, call Daniel Silva at 669-6351 or Gary Casebier at 665-4212.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON

Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-0407 or 669-3988.

PANHANDLE AREA LUPUS SUPPORT GROUP

The Panhandle Area Lupus Support Group will not meet during the summer months. It will resume meeting in October for an educational meeting in observance of Lupus Awareness Month. Lupus is a chronic, autoimmune disease which causes inflammation of various parts of the body, especially the skin, joints, blood and kidneys. If you should need information or telephone support, call (806) 435-7030 or (806) 435-6056.

FOOTBALL BOOSTER CLUB

The Football Booster Club will meet every Monday evening at 7 p.m. in the Harvester Ready Room until the end of the football season in November.

City briefs

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Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, clear with lows near 55. South to southeast wind 5 to 15 mph. Tuesday, mostly sunny with highs in upper 80s. East to southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Sunday's high was 75; the overnight low was 54.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle — Tonight, mostly clear with lows around 50. East to northeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Tuesday, mostly sunny with highs near 85. Northeast wind 5 to 15 mph, becoming east to southeast in the afternoon. South Plains/Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, fair. Lows 55-65. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs 85-92. Tuesday night, fair. Lows mid 50s to around 60. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, fair. Lows 55-65. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs lower to mid 90s. Tuesday night, fair. Lows upper 50s to lower 60s. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, fair. Lows 60-65. Tuesday, sunny. Highs around 95. Tuesday night, fair. Lows upper 50s to lower 60s. Far West — Tonight, fair. Lows lower 60s. Tuesday, becoming partly cloudy. Highs lower 90s. Tuesday night, fair. Lows upper 50s to lower 60s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, fair. Lows 55-65. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs 80s to around 102. Tuesday night, fair. Lows from around 50 Marfa Plateau to lower 60s along the river.

North Texas — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows 60 to 65. Tuesday, mostly sunny and warm. Highs in lower to middle 90s.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central — Tonight, mostly clear with patchy late night fog. Lows in 60s to near 60 Hill Country. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the 90s. Tuesday night, mostly clear. Lows in the 60s to near 70 south central. Southeast and Upper Coast — Tonight, clear with patchy fog late. Lows in 60s inland to near 70 coast. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs 80s coast to lower 90s inland. Tuesday night, mostly clear. Lows in 60s inland to near 70 coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in lower 70s coast to mid 60s inland. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs in upper 80s coast to 90s inland. Tuesday night, mostly clear. Lows in lower 70s coast to upper 60s inland. Deep South — Tonight, mostly clear. Lows near 70 coast to mid 60s inland west. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs in mid 80s coast to mid 90s inland west. Tuesday night, mostly clear. Lows in lower 70s coast to upper 60s inland.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Tonight, partly cloudy southwest with a few evening thunderstorms. Fair skies elsewhere. Lows in 30s and 40s mountains with 50s to lower 60s at lower elevations. Tuesday and Tuesday night, partly cloudy. A slight chance for afternoon and evening thunderstorms southwest. Highs in upper 60s to lower 80s mountains with 80s to mid 90s at lower elevations. Lows in 30s and 40s mountains with upper 40s to near 60 at lower elevations.

Oklahoma — Tonight through Tuesday night, mostly clear. Lows from lower 50s to lower 60s. Highs in upper 80s and lower 90s.

Armey promises IRS overhaul legislation this year

By JIM ABRAMS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) – IRS horror stories at a Senate hearing last week are providing the impetus for action on legislation to first tighten controls on, and eventually fundamentally change, the tax agency, lawmakers say.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said Sunday that a bill to restructure the Internal Revenue Service will pass in his chamber by year's end. Senate leaders, while less certain of a deadline, predicted quick action on their side, too.

"The American people are ceasing to trust this agency and we had better pull our socks up and do something," Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York, senior Democrat on the Finance Committee that held the IRS hearings, said on CBS' *Face the Nation*.

In testimony, IRS employees and taxpayers described such abuses as evaluating agents by the number of seizures and levies they make and targeting lower-income people who do not have the money to contest IRS claims.

Newsweek reports in this week's issue that the IRS responded to the hearings by suspending several district-level managers.

The magazine said it had a memo signed by one of the suspended officials, Arkansas-Oklahoma collection chief Ronald James, detailing how managers, in an apparent violation of the law, judge workers by the amount of seizures, liens and levies they make.

IRS spokesman Frank Keith said privacy laws barred him from discussing individual cases. But acting IRS Commissioner Michael Dolan promised the Senate committee that he would take immediate action to eliminate abuses, Keith said, and that could include temporary suspensions.

Armey, speaking on *Fox News Sunday*, said House leaders were working on a bill now and "we'll pass that before this year is over." He said the legislation is based on recommendations made earlier this year by a bipartisan panel headed by Rep. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, and Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb.

The bill moves IRS oversight from the parent Treasury Department to a new board of directors, requires reporting on the basis of audits and gives the IRS commissioner a greater role in determining changes in tax law.

"There's an urgency for us to act," Kerrey said on CBS. "We know that the law isn't right. We know the law needs to be changed."

Armey suggested that one IRS abuse was the targeting of groups and individuals that oppose the Clinton administration. Such a charge also was made several weeks ago when friends of Paula Jones, who has filed a sexual harassment suit against Clinton, voiced suspicions that she was being audited because of the lawsuit.

White House officials then, and again Sunday in response to Armey's statement, strongly denied any involvement in IRS activities.

But Armey said it was "very hard to ignore the possibility that there may be a conscious singling out of people that are seen as not friendly to this administration." He said two organizations with which he was affiliated were audited for the first time after he became majority leader.

Lawmakers interviewed on the Sunday news shows stressed that any legislation considered this year will only be a first step toward revamping the entire tax collection system. A national sales tax and a flat tax are among the ideas being put forward.

Armey and other GOP leaders last week announced a national tour to build up grass-roots support for eliminating the current tax code and replacing the tax system. The goal is "increased awareness that will bring people to the need to replace the current tax code and replace the IRS as we know it," House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said Sunday.

Gingrich told the International Conservative Congress that he hopes to introduce by next May or June a "dramatic, bold tax reform bill" that would save time for the American people and "dramatically shrink the Internal Revenue Service."

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said on CBS that the IRS is "out of control" because it has become a law enforcement arm rather than a service agency. "It's become similar to the KGB over in Russia in the eyes of the American people, and that's terrible," he said.

Names in the news

WASHINGTON (AP) — After 54 years, **David Brinkley** ended his broadcasting career with a nod to the Bard.

"On this, my last word here on ABC, I quote Shakespeare, who said 'All's well that ends well.' My time here now ends extremely well. Thank you," Brinkley said on "This Week," a show he began in 1981 as "This Week With David Brinkley."

Less than a year ago, Brinkley stepped down as host of the Sunday morning news show, but continued his weekly commentaries.

Brinkley, 77, launched his broadcasting career at 23, covering President Franklin Roosevelt. As half of NBC's Huntley-Brinkley anchor team in the 1960s, Brinkley's short, clipped sentences and dry wit were much imitated.

"Years ago, young newspaper and radio reporters like me looked at the first flickering bluish pictures of the brand new tiny television screens ... and wondered if we would ever learn to work with them," Brinkley said in his final commentary.

Brinkley said the network paid him to do what he liked to do, "asking only that I do it well and do it honestly."

RENO, Nev. (AP) — **Mills Lane**, the boxing referee who disqualified **Mike Tyson** for biting heavyweight champ **Evander Holyfield**, is a wanted man. TV producers are pestering him to become the next Judge Wapner.

Lane, a Reno judge who moonlights as a ring referee, is weighing an offer to become host of a "People's Court"-style TV show.

"I think America would take to this guy big time," said producer Bob Young, who hopes to get the show on the air.

The syndicated program "The People's Court" is back on the air with former New York Mayor **Ed Koch** replacing Joseph Wapner on the bench.

Lane, who stopped the June 28 bout in Las Vegas after Tyson twice bit Holyfield's ear, said the producers knew how to catch his attention. "What did Jerry Maguire say? 'Show me the money.'"

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Running from celebrity status can be grueling — take it from **Prince Albert** of Monaco.

"I can give you countless accounts of different car chases in Paris in which 15 to 20 photographers were trying to follow us or use their cars to create road blocks," the prince said Saturday. "Fortunately, these were never at high speed."

Britain's **Princess Diana** died following an Aug. 31 auto crash with her boyfriend **Dodi Fayed** and their driver, **Henri Paul**. Authorities said Paul was legally drunk and were investigating reports that paparazzi were in pursuit.

Albert's mother, movie star **Grace Kelly**, was killed in a 1982 car crash. He said he has tried to protect his younger sisters, princesses **Stephanie and Caroline**, from publicity.

"I can't always be there to protect them. They've been under intense scrutiny from the press and harassed by the press and the paparazzi," he said while in Mobile to accept the United States Sports Academy's Eagle Award.

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — The longtime home of the late **Jimmy Stewart** has been put on the market for $6.7 million.

The 6,300-square-foot home owned by Stewart for nearly 50 years has five bedrooms, staff quarters and a three-bedroom guest house.

Stewart, star of such films as "It's a Wonderful Life" and "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," was 89 when he died July 2.

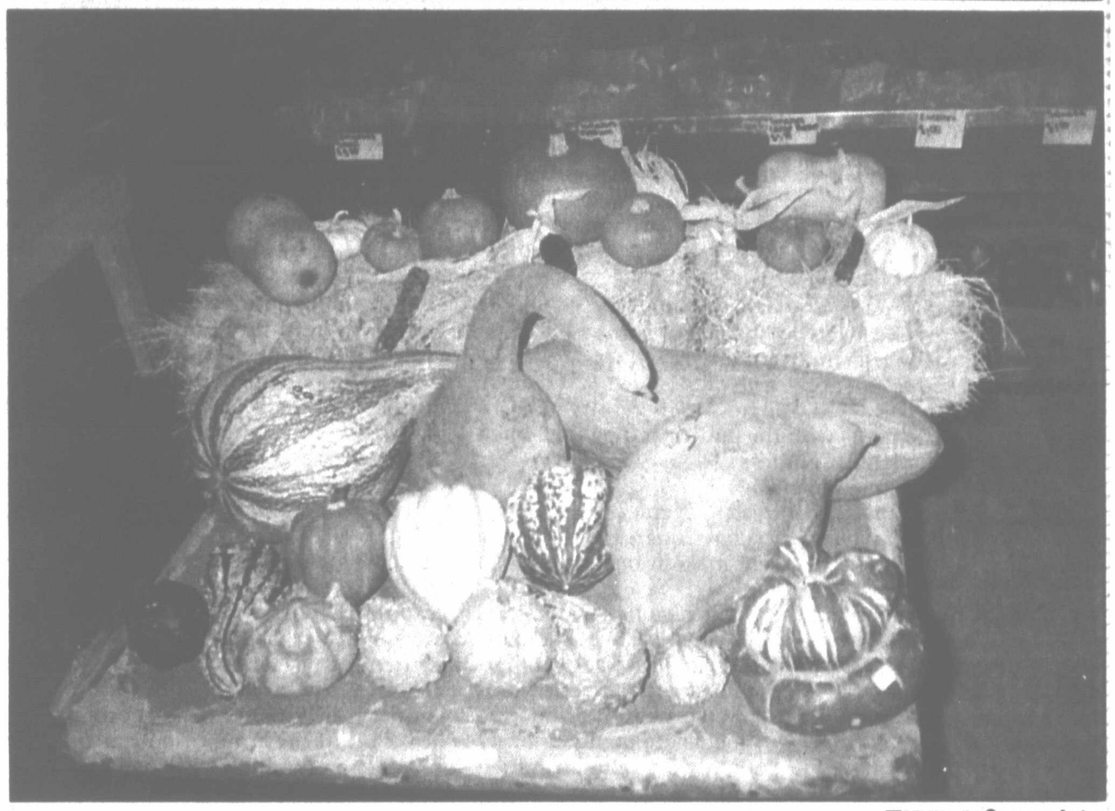
NEW YORK (AP) — Getting used to working for CNN and CBS at the same time was tough for **Christiane Amanpour.**

"It was frustrating at first. I didn't know the system. I had one foot in one pond and another in another pond," Amanpour says in the Oct. 4 TV Guide. "There were early hiccups, but now I feel like I've been burped."

Last year, the 39-year-old CNN foreign correspondent signed an unprecedented $2 million deal to be a special correspondent for CBS' "60 Minutes" while continuing to work for the cable channel.

The independence she's allowed at CNN didn't prepare her for a major network.

"Nobody has ever tried to tell me to dress a certain way, look a certain way, think a certain way or talk a certain way," Amanpour said. "'60 Minutes' has been an adjustment, but it's one I'm willing to try and make."



(Community Camera photo)

The pumpkins are a coming ... and the Epperson Garden Market on Highway 60 south of the rodeo grounds is giving free tours to school classes interested in looking at this season's pumpkin patch.

E. coli found in packing plant

NORFOLK, Neb. (AP) — A routine federal inspection has turned up E. coli in meat at a Virginia supermarket and records indicate the tainted beef came from a packing plant here.

An inspector from the U.S. Department of Agriculture was expected today at the BeefAmerica plant. The company is cooperating with the investigation, said Jacque Knight, a USDA spokeswoman in Washington.

The bacteria was found in fresh ground beef in Emporia, Va., earlier this month as part of the USDA's random sampling program, she said.

No illnesses traced to the tainted meat have been reported, Ms. Knight said. The Great Valu Supermarket in Emporia is conducting a voluntary recall of any fresh ground beef sold in the store Sept. 3 or 4. No other recalls have been implemented.

E. coli can cause serious illness or even death if the meat is not cooked properly. The bacteria was blamed for a recall of 25 million pounds of ground beef from a Hudson Foods plant in Columbus, Neb.

The Virginia supermarket's records indicate the beef originated from the Norfolk plant, Ms. Knight said.

BeefAmerica does not believe its plant is the source of the latest contamination, said Keith DeHann, a company spokesman in Omaha.

LeAnn Rimes' parents to divorce

DALLAS (AP) — The parents of 15-year-old country star LeAnn Rimes are splitting up.

A statement from the singer's Los Angeles-based publicity firm says Wilbur and Belinda Rimes are divorcing. The statement also says LeAnn Rimes loves her parents and supports them.

No other details were given.

LeAnn Rimes was honored Wednesday in Nashville, Tenn., with the Country Music Association's Horizon Award, honoring an up-and-coming performer.

Her parents travel with their only child and help manage her career. The family lives in the Dallas suburb of Garland.

Annual Mini Bazaar slated

PERRYTON – Waka Church of the Brethren of Waka, Texas, will be sponsoring the eight annual Mini Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 11 at the Ochiltree County Exposition Building in Perryton.

Exhibitors from a three-state area will offer a wide range of wares such as birdhouses, wood crafts, ceramics, candles, cookbooks, figurines, music boxes, jellies, salsa, outdoor decorations, bears, tablerunners, wreaths, Santa Clauses, baskets, angels, vests, jewelry, home decoration items, country crafts, cosmetics, candy novelties – just to name a few.

The Family Community Education Club will be serving lunch.

The event is open to craftsmen, hobbyists, collectors, enterpreneurs, bakers, candymakers, woodworkers, etc. Eight x 8 spaces are available for $20 per space.

For more information, call (806) 435-4515 or 435-2104.

TPMHA offers 'Back in Control' parenting class

AMARILLO – Back in Control, a parenting class for parents of the adolescent, is being offered by the Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority Child and Adolescent Services from 8:15 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Oct. 4, at First Presbyterian Church, 1100 Harrison, Amarillo. The class curriculum is written by Gregory Bodenhamer, a former probation officer. He is a nationally renowned expert on parenting difficult children. Staff instructors are Heidi Rindlisbacher, M.Ed, and Stacy Sandorskey, B.S.

"Back in Control is based on a highly successful program that has helped thousands of parents regain control over their out-of-control adolescents-whether they wreak havoc at home, in school, or in the community. Living with willful, aggressive and seemingly irresponsible adolescent behavior is a nightmare many heartbroken and confused parents are forced to endure. In this straightforward, hard-hitting, yet compassionate class, parents will learn how to combat and change the attitudes and discipline environment in the home whether the problem is verbal challenges or physical violence without resorting to harsh disciplinary measures, expensive counseling or hospital-based programs" states Gene Ann Grant, Family and Community Education director. "This seven hour class teaches parents, grandparents, and professionals ways to get 'back in control' of the household or classroom," continued Grant.

Cost of the class is $5. The book is $10. Child care is unavailable. Preregistration is required. All classes are open to the public. Call (806) 354-2191 to register.

The Mission of the Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority Child and Adolescent Services is to provide an accessible array of quality psychosocial services to children and their families with an emphasis on family preservation. This non-profit agency serves children and adolescents ages 2-17 who have some form of a behavioral, emotional, or mental disorder.

The Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority Child and Adolescent Services began in February, 1992. The offices in Amarillo serve Amarillo and Canyon. Regional offices are in Borger, Hereford and Pampa. The Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority serves the upper 21 counties of the Texas Panhandle and has offices in Amarillo, Borger, Clarendon, Dumas, Hereford, Pampa and Perryton.

For additional information, call Gene Ann Grant (806) 354-2191

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Chamber Communique

Pampa Chamber of Commerce welcomes new member **Coronado Healthcare,** 1504 W. Kentucky! Paula Rowan is administrator of the facility.

Pampa Economic Development Corporation in cooperation with the City of Pampa and Gray County will hold a public information meeting beginning at 5:15 p.m. Sept. 29 to discuss the benefits of submitting a bid for a 660-bed Texas Youth Facility in Pampa.

Tickets are now available for the Country Fair slated Oct. 18. Tickets are $15 and include dinner and dance. Drawing tickets are $100 and offer the chance to win $5,000, $1,500, $1,000 or $500.

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Opinion

The fast track to derailment?

Since "fast track" trade negotiation authority is widely viewed as the most effective way to achieve substantial trade liberalization, those who favor free trade should want the president to have it, right? Not necessarily.

President Clinton has asked Congress for authority to negotiate new trade agreements with the understanding that when an agreement is completed, Congress will vote simply "yes" or "no," without adding amendments.

That will give the president greater leverage since others around the table won't have to fear that Congress will change the final product in ways that might make it unacceptable to their own domestic constituencies.

The NAFTA agreement and the GATT negotiations that led to the formation of the World Trade Organization, like most trade agreements, were done under similar "fast track" authority. President Clinton says it is "absolutely critical for our world leadership." Most people who follow the politics of international trade believe new trade agreements are highly unlikely if the president doesn't have this authority. The administration would like to expand NAFTA to include Chile and, eventually, the rest of South America and Central America.

However, giving this president the kind of open-ended authority the administration seems to be seeking might not be in the long-term interest of freer trade. Here's why:

Labor and environmental groups, for reasons both valid and fanciful from their perspectives, are generally opposed to freer international trade. They are demanding that any new agreement include U.S. standards enforceable on other countries – meaning, in a general way, "we won't lower tariffs or buy your goods unless you have pretty much the same labor laws, such as minimum wage or overtime pay, and environmental laws we have."

The Clinton administration doesn't disagree. But many Republicans, who hold the majority in Congress, have informed the president that they won't support any fast-track authority that authorizes the inclusion of labor and environmental standards.

In a larger sense, giving this president what amounts to a blank check would be a mistake.

If the United States really wants free trade – NAFTA isn't genuine free trade but trade managed by government and international bodies, albeit with lower tariffs – the best way to get it is to reduce U.S. tariffs and barriers, regardless of what other countries do. The many advantages of more open trade accrue to the country with the lowest barriers, and they accrue whether reciprocal reductions occur or not.

Realistically, though, the debate over free trade is not yet mature enough that this is a politically viable position. Most Americans view trade negotiations as a hard-nosed, tit-for-tat transaction.

As long as that is the case, and as long as we have a president who would rather manage than liberate trade, it could very well be unwise to give him the kind of authority he is seeking.

—American Odessa

Thought for today

"If you make people think they're thinking, they'll love you. If you really make them think they'll hate you."

Donald Robert Perry Marquis,
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Standing against telepolitics

By Ben Wattenberg
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Ben Wattenberg

"So – William Weld, restless preppy and ex-Massachusetts governor, will not be spending his junior year abroad in Mexico City. And although Sen. Jesse Helms was wrong to smother Weld's ambassadorial nomination without a hearing, he was wrong in a way so refreshingly rare and retro, that I want to mail the prickly Tar Heel a campaign check, buy tobacco products, march on the NEA.

In exercising his right as a committee chairman not to schedule a confirmation hearing, Helms refused to play Weld's game, telepolitics – the pervasive political style of our day. Instead, he played on his terrain, by time-tested Senate rules. He never blinked. And he won.

True, fairness and informed debate militated for a Weld hearing. And Helms could have exploited hearings to dramatize his opposition: How could Weld press the Mexicans to bust their narcotraffickers when he supports prescription pot and free needles for smack addicts?

Lacking procedural recourse, Weld opted for telepolitics, a talk-show campaign to dial up public pressure and force a vote. Even if Helms and the more P.R.-conscious Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott both held fast under popular clamor, Weld might win even in losing. The ambitious ex-governor would emerge from the public spectacle with enhanced national visibility and valuable martyr status as Beltway roadkill. In a telepolitical culture, victimhood is a source of power.

To win in telepolitics, you need a good script. Weld had two. One was a John Ford western. The nomination tussle was really a showdown in the ideological saloon between GOP conservatives and moderates. Weld cried, "Ideological extortion!" (Hardly. Helms had offered hearings on a Weld nomination to any country in the world where drugs was not a bilateral bone of contention.)

Weld's second script was pure Frank Capra. Weld embodied democratic fair play against the "despotic," even "un-American" parliamentary machinations of Boss Helms, Big Tobacco's Beltway errand boy. "Main Street," said Weld, would never understand. Weld played his role to the hilt, omitting only a Jimmy Stewart stammer.

Telepolitics is tailor-made for a dashing, soigné, rhetorically polished and intellectually provocative Brahmin, like Weld. For a nearsighted, sporadically intelligible, dewlapped and Dixiefied old cuss like Helms – it's a mug's game.

Telepolitics – spontaneous public plebiscite as mediated by a 24-hour telepress – is a distinctive style with characteristic biases. It prefers emotion to reason, sex appeal to character, sound bites to arguments. It prefers the novel to the familiar. While still preferring the liberal to the conservative, it transcends ideology. In a telepolitical age, political leaders are suspiciously camera-ready: Democratic leaders – Clinton, Gore, Daschle – resemble game show hosts. Republican leaders – Lott, Gingrich, Barbour – resemble televangelists.

And preferring the good script to the reliable chronicle, the telepolitical style often interprets news "stories" before it has accurately reported relevant news.

Media coverage of Princess Diana's heart-rending death was textbook telepolitics. The media script, written shortly after news of her death broke, was a post-modern morality tale: Giving high-speed chase, predatory Parisian paparazzi had finally, cruelty, slaughtered their favorite prey.

Only much later did reporting catch up with the ready-made script. Her death was less post-modern morality tale than the gravest of public service announcements: Don't drink and drive. Definitely don't drink, eat thorazine and drive. And – wear seatbelts.

But Helms has temporarily checked the seemingly inexorable rise of telepolitics. And Weld, ultimately overplaying the role he had scripted for himself, helped.

During his air strikes, Weld castigated Helms' action as "unconstitutional." The Senate impasse even made him "a little ashamed to be an American." (Weld's intemperate blasts at the Senate qua institution were bafflingly self-defeating: Lotsa luck getting confirmed next time, Guv.) Implicitly underlying his attacks was the absurd premise that constitutionally, the Senate must conform exclusively to a strict majoritarian model of decision-making.

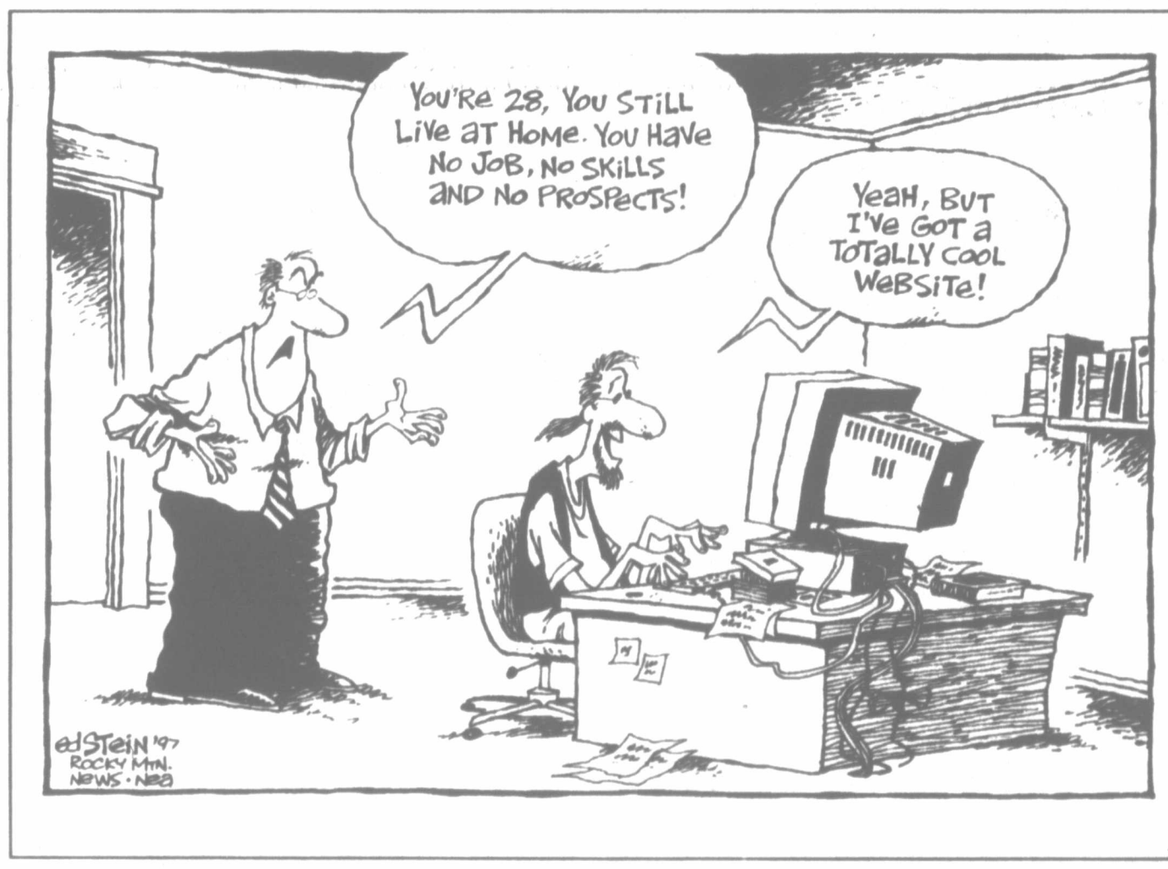
But 154 senior executive nominations have been sunk before a committee vote in just the last 10 years. Other nonmajoritarian Senate practices giving disproportionate power to particular senators include filibusters, informal senatorial "holds" (on any nomination for any reason), and seniority rules. Oh, and the Senate majority leader alone controls the agenda of the Senate floor!

The Senate has evolved into a procedural obstacle course by design. It protects the "fly in the ointment, the monkey in the wrench," to quote Bruce Willis in *Die Hard*.

The framers intended to afford senators some limited insulation from the quicksilver shifts of impulse politics. The Constitution grants both houses of Congress autonomy in devising their working procedures, provided only that they do not contravene some other constitutional principle. Challenges founder in the courts, which are loath to interfere. Weld tried, in effect, to change the rules in the middle of the game – by inciting the crowd to attack the umpire. His own tele-populism flouted constitutional spirit. Slow-walking and slow-talking, the Senate can still be a valuable deliberative outpost in a desert of flashy emotionalism. But it takes a hard-crusted buzzard full of vinegar and cussedness and a cast-iron backbone to defend its dignity. It takes a Jesse Helms. It takes a senator.

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Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Sept. 29, the 272nd day of 1997. There are 93 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 29, 1789, the U.S. War Department established a regular army with a strength of several hundred men.

On this date:

In 1758, English Admiral Horatio Nelson was born.

In 1829, London's reorganized police force, which became known as Scotland Yard, went on duty.

In 1902, impresario David Belasco opened his first Broadway theater.

In 1918, Allied forces scored a decisive breakthrough of the Hindenburg Line during World War I.

In 1943, General Dwight D. Eisenhower and Italian Marshal Pietro Badoglio signed an armistice aboard the British ship Nelson off Malta.

In 1955, the Arthur Miller play *A View From the Bridge* opened at the Coronet Theater in New York City.

Somebody fixed Social Security?



Edwin Peulner

Edwin Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation, a Washington-based public policy research institute.

You *can* touch the "third rail" of politics and live to tell about it.

Politicians in a wealthy Western democracy with a large baby-boom population and "entitlement" programs headed for bankruptcy (welfare, Medicare, Social Security-sound familiar?) have done what is considered politically impossible in the United States: reformed their Social Security system.

Even more remarkable is how they did it. Rejecting the standard "fixes" such as raising taxes, they elected to partially privatize their state pension (Social Security) system, allowing workers to put part of their payroll tax into mutual funds, annuities and other private investments.

Nearly three-fourths of all eligible workers have taken advantage of the private pension option. The result: An inflation-adjusted median return on their investments of roughly nine percent a year (compared to two percent under the U.S. Social Security system). On top of that, the economic growth caused by savings, forecasters predict, will completely eliminate the nation's national debt – not deficit, debt – by the year 2030.

Where can U.S. politicians learn to perform a similar feat for the United States? They can ask their mother-country, that is. This bold experiment in Social Security reform took place in none other than Great Britain, a country whose economy and culture closely mirror America's.

Britain's success has been largely ignored in America. But a new Heritage Foundation report by Louis Enoff, former deputy administrator of the Social Security Administration, and my colleague Robert Moffit says the British experience contains a number of lessons for U.S. politicians.

Britain has a two-tiered government retirement system: a basic state pension, created at the end of World War II, and a supplemental layer of benefits called the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme, or SERPS, created in 1978. In 1986, just eight years after the creation of SERPS, it became apparent that government pension benefits would soon outgrow the money coming in to pay for them. So British officials offered the privatization option.

Workers in Britain now have two choices: They can remain in SERPS, or they can take a payroll-tax cut equal to about one-third of their required pension contribution and invest it themselves. The private options include either a company pension plan or a personal pension plan similar to Individual Retirement Accounts available in the United States.

It's a tremendous success. British workers have rushed into the private options, which have been delivering impressive rates of return. British workers now own private pensions worth 650 billion pounds (more than $1 trillion), an amount approaching the size of the entire British economy and exceeding the pension funds of all other European nations combined.

With personal savings way up, the British economy has the capital necessary to expand. This is easing demand on the government's coffers and therefore wiping out Britain's national debt. In 2030, the year the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development predicts Britain will erase its national debt, America will have a debt of $39 trillion (according to the Congressional Budget Office), due primarily to the growth of entitlement spending. Coincidentally, Social Security, the largest entitlement, is projected to go bankrupt in 2029.

Enoff and Moffit say a system like Britain's could be successfully duplicated in the United States. In fact, a proposal to restructure the U.S. Social Security system along the lines of the British model is already on the table.

Oddly enough, the privatization option is considered the most "radical" of several being considered for the United States. But for Britain, privatization is just good common sense.

More billionaires on Forbes magazine's rich list — and Ted Turner's hit list ...

By ERIC R. QUINONES
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) – Ted Turner's going to spend a lot of time on the phone.

The media mogul's vow to pressure the wealthy into being more charitable comes as the ranks of America's billionaires are swelling, *Forbes* magazine said Sunday in releasing its annual ranking of the country's 400 richest people.

Microsoft Corp. chairman Bill Gates tops the list for the fourth consecutive year, again followed by venerable investor Warren Buffett.

Gates' net worth more than doubled to $39.8 billion last year – a rate of $400 million per week – while Buffett gained $6 billion to climb to $21 billion, Forbes said in its Oct. 13 issue.

Turner, who believes the highly publicized list keeps people from donating their money, ranks 28th at $3.5 billion, just below financier George Soros, one of the world's foremost philanthropists.

Cable TV pioneer Turner on Sept. 18 pledged $1 billion to create a new foundation to benefit United Nations causes and said he would call or write every rich person to raise more money. He said he intended to push himself down on the Forbes list with the UN pledge.

But the magazine said it won't demote him until the exact amount of his donation is clear. Time Warner Inc.'s vice chairman would rank 55th if he really does give up the full $1 billion.

Either way, Turner would still be among 170 billionaires on the list, up from 135 last year. In 1982, the first year of the Forbes 400, there were only 13 billionaires in the United States.

High-tech industry captains continue to elbow their way into the highest rankings. Of the list's top five, only Buffett did not make his fortune in a computer-related field.

Rounding out the top five are Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen ($17 billion), Oracle Corp. chairman Larry Ellison ($9.2 billion) and Intel Corp. chairman Gordon Moore ($8.8 billion). Microsoft and Oracle are the world's top two software makers, while Intel is the top producer of computer chips.

Other high-tech billionaires on the list include 32-year-old Dell Computer Corp. chairman Michael Dell, who at $5.5 billion is richer than Gates was at that age, and Hewlett-Packard Co. founder William Hewlett ($4.1 billion).

More people – 18 of the 31 new entrants – are also climbing onto the list in decidedly low-tech businesses, Forbes said. They include hog farmer Wendell Murphy ($1 billion) and parking lot mogul Monroe Carell Jr. ($600 million).

Among some of the more celebrated names, Donald Trump returned to the billionaires' club at $1.4 billion, but told the magazine the number is really $3.7 billion. He had a negative net worth of $900 million in 1990.

Oprah Winfrey, who Forbes said two years ago was on pace to become America's first black billionaire, moved up 51 spots to 349th at $550 million. She is the only black person on the list.

David Rockefeller Sr., grandson of John D. Rockefeller, slipped four spots to No. 83 despite his net worth climbing $400 million to $1.8 billion. His oil baron grandfather, once America's richest man, peaked at $1.4 billion.

Forbes said Gates, 41, ranks as the world's richest individual, including royalty. The magazine does not include royalty in its world's-richest rankings, which were released during the summer, but estimates the Sultan of Brunei is the richest royal, at $38 billion.

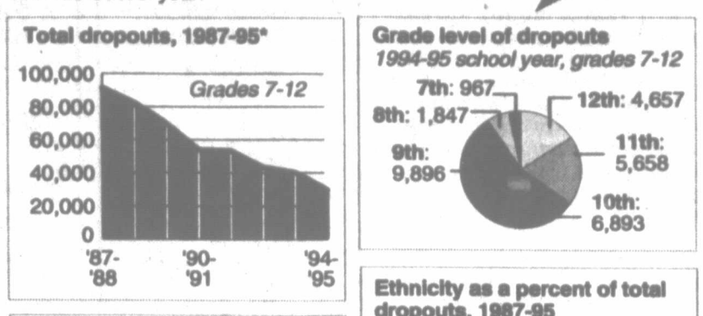
Texas news

Keeping an eye on Texas

The good news is...

Kids are staying in school!

The number of students in grades 7-12 who dropped out in the 1994-95 school year declined. Still, Texas lost nearly 30,000 students in those grades during the 1994-95 school year.



*TEA attributes part of the decline in rates to a change in the definition of what constitutes a dropout.

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Texas Education Agency.

Bombing trial: Jury pool gather for Nichols trial

DENVER (AP) – In the same courtroom where Timothy McVeigh was sentenced to die for the Oklahoma City bombing, a new jury will decide whether Terry Nichols shares the blame for the deadliest act of terrorism on U.S. soil.

U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch, who heard the McVeigh trial earlier this year, has called about 500 prospective jurors, from which 12 jurors and six alternates will be chosen.

Jury selection was to begin today, a process that could take from two weeks to a month.

The task for attorneys and Matsch is to find impartial jurors after the widespread media coverage of the McVeigh trial and its emotional stories of survival and death. Matsch, who acknowledged it will be difficult to find jurors unfamiliar with the case, denied a defense request to move the trial.

Prospective jurors already have filled out a lengthy questionnaire; their responses are sealed.

Nichols, 42, was indicted two years ago on charges of conspiracy, use of a weapon of mass destruction, bombing federal property and murdering eight federal law enforcement officers in the line of duty, all punishable by the death penalty.

McVeigh, 29, was convicted of identical charges in June and received the death penalty. His appeal is pending.

A quiet, brooding man, Nichols met McVeigh in the Army. He was granted a hardship discharge after a year so he could care for his son, while McVeigh went on to become a decorated soldier during the Gulf War.

After he was discharged, McVeigh reunited with Nichols, staying with him off and on at Nichols' Michigan farm. Prosecutors say the two shared a growing hatred for government policies – Nichols even renounced his U.S. citizenship.

The bombing at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building on April 19, 1995, killed 168 people and injured hundreds more. It happened on the second anniversary of the federal raid on the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, in which about 80 people died.

Time flew for astronaut on problem plagued space station Mir

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) – If nothing else, dealing with the constant problems on Mir helped the time fly by for American astronaut Michael Foale.

The 40-year-old physicist was more than glad to move out Sunday, ending his difficult and sometimes scary 4 1/2-month mission aboard the timeworn Russian space station.

"I wouldn't be honest to say that I was not happy," Foale said hours after swapping places with American David Wolf, who began a four-month stay after arriving on the space shuttle Atlantis.

Foale, who had worried that debate about Mir's safety might delay the Atlantis and his ride home, was visibly moved during a broadcast interview when he spoke of his wife, his 5-year-old daughter and his 3-year-old son.

"I really do want to see them badly and I would have been disappointed if the docking hadn't gone on time," said Foale, who will be reunited after the shuttle landing scheduled for next Sunday.

Atlantis pulled up to Mir safely Saturday afternoon, and the 10 astronauts and cosmonauts aboard the linked spaceships spent Sunday hauling Foale's belongings to the shuttle and Wolf's to Mir. Among the items transferred: custom-made seat liners for Mir's escape capsule, clothes and science experiments. They also replenished food and water.

The crews have until Friday, when the shuttle is scheduled to undock, to move thousands of pounds of gear, including pressurized air tanks and repair equipment.

A new central computer was given to Mir's commander soon after Atlantis arrived; it replaces the troublesome one that repeatedly broke down.

Besides the computer crashes, Foale contended with the failure of life-support equipment and even had to perform an unexpected spacewalk after a cargo ship smashed into the station June 25. He said that moment was the most frightening of all.

Yet he refused to count the days – he was a Mir crew member for 134 – and urged Wolf to do the same.

"Interestingly enough, I think the time has gone very, very fast," Foale said. "And one of the reasons why the time went fast for me was because we had the problems."

Foale's American predecessor on Mir also was faced with numerous problems, including a fire that almost forced an evacuation. Wolf, the sixth American to live on the outpost, steps in after weeks of contentious discussion on Earth.

Southwestern Bell contributes $50,000 to WTA&M scholarship

CANYON – Southwestern Bell will contribute $50,000 to West Texas A&M University to create the Southwestern Bell President's Honor Scholarship.

A $2,000 scholarship will be given to one mathematics or science major each year. President's Honor Scholarships are the highest academic awards on campus.

Southwestern Bell made the contribution in August with a $25,000 grant from the SBC Foundation, the company's philanthropic branch. Southwestern Bell will also directly contribute $5,000 per year for the next five years to support the scholarship.

"Southwestern Bell has a proud history of supporting educational and career opportunities for Texas students," David Cole, president of Southwestern Bell-Texas, said. "This new scholarship will help students who are pursuing degrees in math and science, both important foundations for careers in telecommunications and other related industries."

The SBC Foundation grant was announced by Cole and Stan Sigman, president/CEO of Southwestern Bell Wireless. Both Cole and Sigman are alumni of the university.

Qualifications for the award include enrollment at WTAMU as a full-time student, a grade point average of 3.0 or higher and a declared major in mathematics or one of the sciences. For more information about the scholarship, call the WTAMU Foundation at (806) 656-2065.

Antifreeze in medication traced to Chinese firm

NEW YORK (AP) – Chinese officials have reportedly refused to identify the manufacturer of an antifreeze ingredient that tainted Haitian anti-fever medicine last year, killing at least 80 children.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said imported glycerin used to make Haitian brands of the syrup had been tainted with diethylene glycol, a toxic substance used in industrial solvents and antifreeze.

At the time, CDC officials said they did not know where the tainted glycerin came from. But "60 Minutes" reported Sunday that it was traced through European companies to a state-owned company in China, SinoChem International Chemicals Co.

The CBS program said SinoChem got the glycerin from another Chinese manufacturer, then sold it abroad, certifying it as 98 percent pure.

According to the report, SinoChem and Chinese authorities have refused for the past 13 months to tell the U.S. Food and Drug Administration who manufactured the glycerin.

Diethylene glycol can cause kidney failure, hepatitis, pancreatitis and severe neurological problems.

The CDC said the Haiti deaths amounted to the fourth-largest known outbreak of diethylene glycol poisoning. According to "60 Minutes," diethylene glycol in previous poisonings was found to have been substituted for glycerin in medicine because it cost about half as much.

The CBS program said SinoChem and its New York-based American affiliate, SinoChem USA, the Chinese Embassy in Washington and the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Trade declined requests for interviews.

Amarillo Symphony Guild announces Symphony Backstage project

AMARILLO – Donna Bruegel, chair of the Amarillo Symphony Guild's Symphony Backstage project, announced the first of three dates for the 1997-98 season. "Symphony Backstage is a chance to meet our music director, Maestro James Setapen and the musicians of the Amarillo Symphony in an informal and informative setting. Symphony Backstage is free and open to all music lovers who would like to learn more about the Amarillo Symphony. No reservations are required," Bruegel said.

Symphony Backstage is held at the Civic Center Auditorium on the Thursday evening the week of a symphony performance. On Sept. 25, Symphony Backstage will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the lobby of the auditorium with a talk given by Setapen.

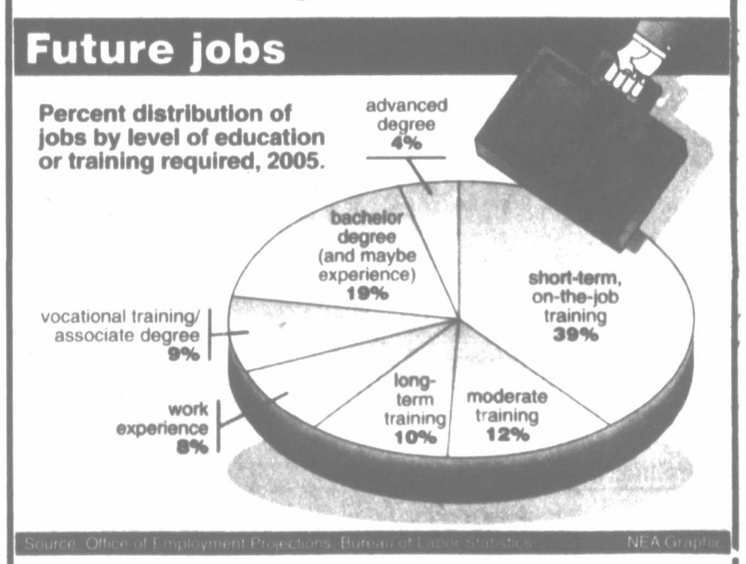
"I will speak about Symphony concerts, how to listen to the music, and how a program is put together. We will answer questions you've always wanted to know about classical music, but were afraid to ask! In addition, members of the orchestra will demonstrate their instruments and then you are invited to attend an open symphony rehearsal," Setapen said.

The open rehearsal begins at 7:30 p.m. at Symphony Backstage on Sept.. 25. The Amarillo Symphony will be rehearsing music for their concert Sept. 27. The guest artist for this concert is pianist Gayle Martin Henry. The orchestra will rehearse Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, the Grieg Piano Concerto and David Leisners *Embrace of Peace*.

The featured Amarillo Symphony musician at Symphony Backstage will be David Lanier, horn. Lanier will demonstrate the French Horn and talk about his instrument and his experiences performing with the Amarillo Symphony. The other two dates for Symphony Backstage this season are October 23 and Feb. 19, 1998.

Predicting the job market

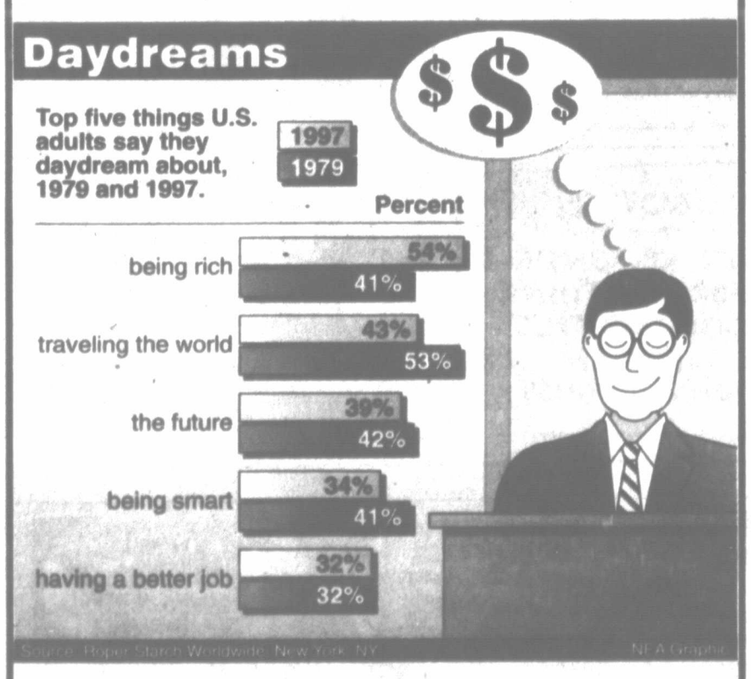
Future jobs



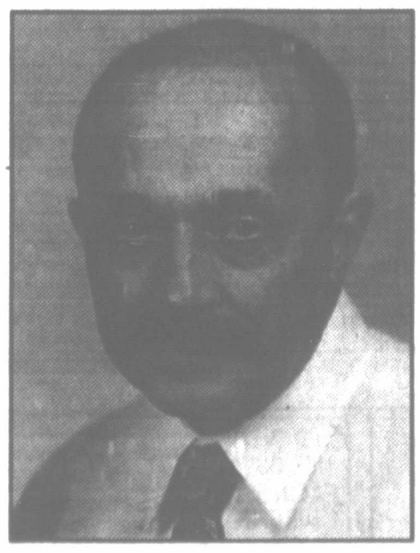
It is estimated that by 2005, nearly 40 percent of all jobs will require only short-term, on-the-job training. Only about 20 percent will require a bachelor degree, and only four percent will require an advanced degree.

Pleasant thoughts

Daydreams



In the years between 1979-1997, some of the daydreams of adults have changed. While a greater percentage now dream about being rich, a substantially smaller percentage daydream about traveling the world.



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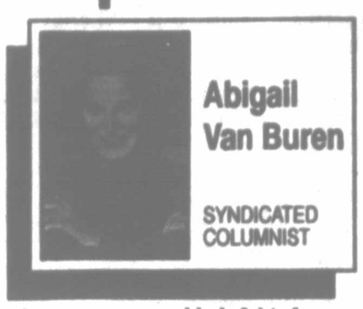
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Alzheimer's Association Helps Families Desperate For Advice



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: I can't thank you enough for recommending the Alzheimer's Association in your column.

My "Aunt Sadie" was ill and bedridden for several years before she passed away. It was only after her death that our family realized that her husband, "Uncle Harry," was showing symptoms of dementia. The responsibility for his care fell on us, and we didn't know what to do.

I remembered that you said people who need help for someone with Alzheimer's disease or dementia should call the Alzheimer's Association. The executive director of our local chapter was very kind and helpful. He helped us find a place to get my uncle evaluated; it turned out it *was* Alzheimer's disease.

The caseworker who came to assist our family was incredibly sympathetic and supportive. She answered every question and was a consummate professional who really made us feel she cared. She helped us find the right place for Uncle Harry to stay, since he sometimes became very aggressive, and we could no longer care for him ourselves. It was a painful decision, but it was the right thing to do — for all of us. Uncle Harry passed away a short time later, which was a blessing.

Our experience with the Alzheimer's Association remains a positive memory. Their telephone helpline and support group provided reassurance and helpful information. They helped us sift through the health-care maze to get the services we needed for my uncle, and more than lived up to their slogan, "Someone to Stand by You."

LAURIE IN LOS ANGELES

DEAR LAURIE: I'm pleased, but not surprised, that your experience with the Alzheimer's Association was so positive. I can't think of a better organization to provide assistance to families who are faced with this emotionally devastating problem.

Alzheimer's disease now affects more than 4 million people in this country, a number that is projected to double by the time the baby boomer generation reaches age 65. It touches nearly every family and affects all of society.

The national Memory Walk sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association will take place Oct. 4 and 5 in more than 200 communities across the United States. It raises money specifically targeted for programs and services to help people with the disease and their families.

Call your local Alzheimer's Association chapter, or 1-800-272-3900 (toll-free), or visit the association's Web site at http.//www.alz.org for more information.

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DEAR ABBY: The letter you printed from Mary Pryor, describing her stolen purse experience in France, reminded me of the experience an acquaintance of mine had during his visit to Bogota, Colombia.

He chased a thief who had stolen his billfold, yelling — in his best tour-book Spanish — what he thought was, "Stop him! I've been robbed!" A policeman finally stopped the culprit, retrieved the billfold and told my American friend that what he actually had been shouting was, "Stop him! I'm a robber! I'm a robber!"

DON STONE, SIOUX CITY, IOWA

DEAR DON: I suppose your letter illustrates that it's better to speak fractured Spanish than no Spanish at all. You aren't the only reader I heard from after printing Mary Pryor's letter. Read on:

Horoscope

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Oct. 1, 1997

Do not be fearful of expanding your ambitions and expectations in the year ahead. A well-calculated risk could be in order if you see that you're luckier than usual in some areas.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Side involvements with people you know socially could produce advantages for you at this time. Be a good listener when others start to talk shop. Libra, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You are in a cycle where you could experience greater earning power. Use your imagination and look for ways to increase your paycheck.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do not impede your self-expression or imagination today, and do not feel inadequate if involved with bigwigs or big deals. Both are manageable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may be luckier today than you will be tomorrow in financial situations. Do not put off until later what can be taken care of now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Hold positive thoughts today regarding the outcome of a present endeavor. It can work out as you envision if your faith doesn't waver.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A considerate friend might try to orchestrate something advantageous for you today. Do not interfere with this person's technique.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) In business developments today, treat your associates more like pals than purely commercial contacts. This could inspire closer cooperation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You could be luckier than usual today. Do not be afraid to take calculated risks where you feel strong probabilities for success.

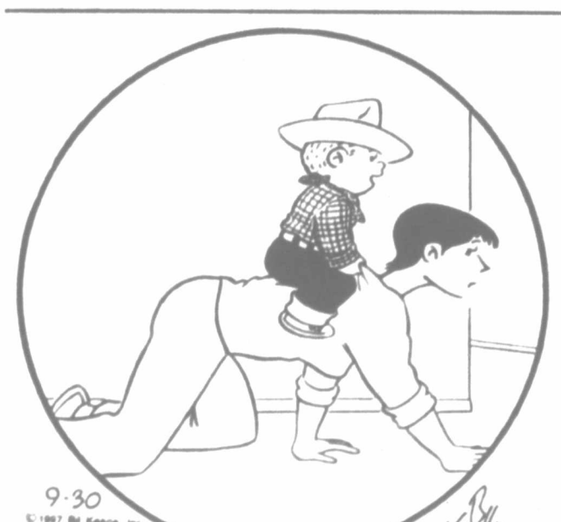
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Conditions in general are advantageous for you today. Key ingredients for achievement is to feel like a winner and behave accordingly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An endeavor in which you're presently involved has greater potential than appears on the surface. As of today, start searching for plus factors.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) What you cannot do on your own today can be accomplished with the help of competent allies. Just be sure that any benefits accrued are shared equally.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Financial trends will churn in your favor today, so make every effort to capitalize on developments that could produce tangible or intangible benefits.

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"You're too nice, Mommy. Try to buck me off like Daddy does."



"I don't care if it is good kite-flying weather. It's three in the morning."

The Family Circus



Marmaduke



Grizzwells



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Peanuts



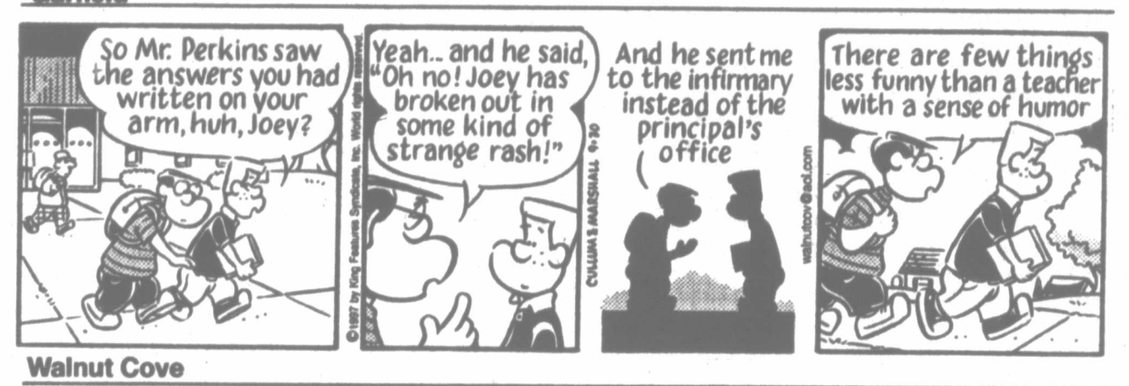
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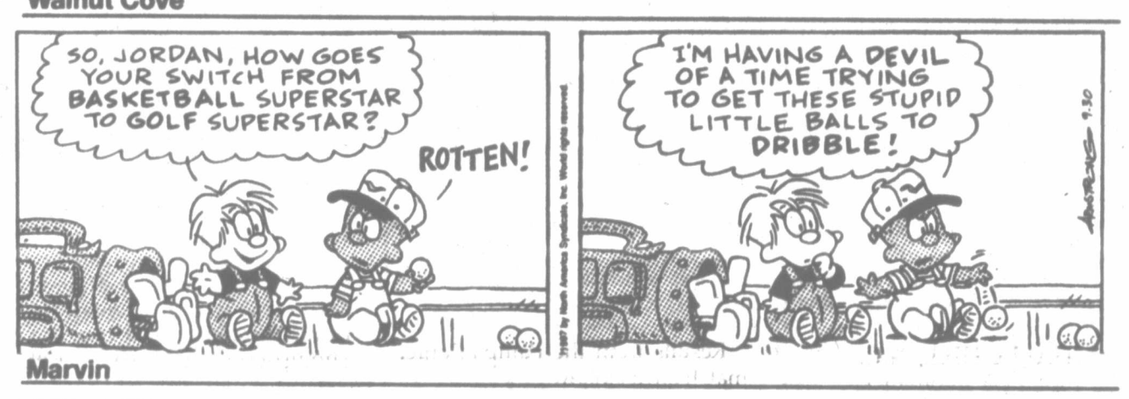
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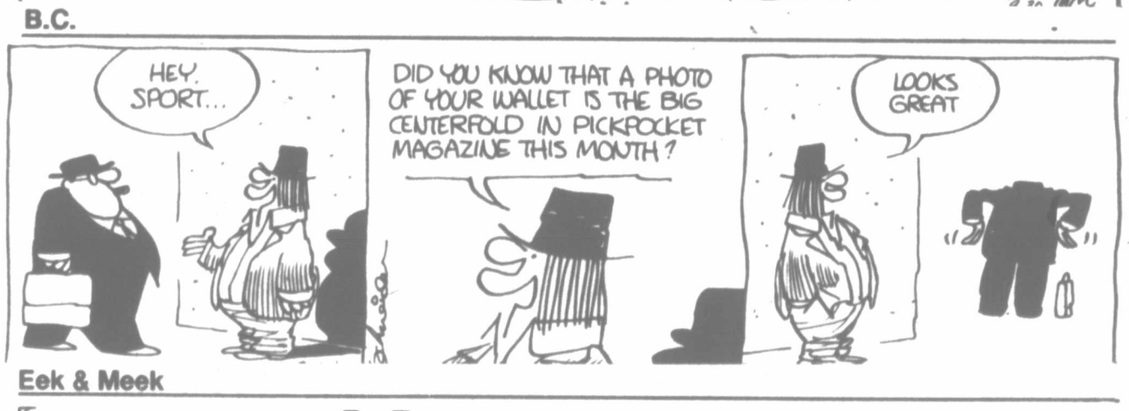
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Eek & Meek



The Born Loser



Frank And Ernest

Mallard Filmore

SPORTS

Notebook

VOLLEYBALL

CANYON — The Pampa Lady Harvesters earned their first District 1-4A win in five outings with their 8-15, 15-5, 15-13 win over the Canyon Lady Eagles on Saturday.

The Lady Harvesters are 10-8 overall while Canyon is 2-3 in district and 8-10 overall.

FOOTBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa Harvesters host the Hereford Whitefaces at 2 p.m. Saturday in the annual football homecoming game.

Pampa has a 1-3 record while Hereford is 1-4.

DALLAS (AP) — Northwestern State has benefited from three turnovers to defeat Nicholls State while McNeese State held Jacksonville State to 161 yards in a 27-6 victory, putting the teams atop the Southland Football League standings.

Nicholls State (2-2, 1-1) quarterback Brad Zeller passed for 145 yards but could not overcome three interceptions in the 19-0 shutout by Northwestern State (2-1, 1-0). The Demons have now played eight quarters without allowing a touchdown, while the Northwestern State defense allowed Nicholls State only 69 yards of rushing.

McNeese quarterback Blake Prejean passed for 206 yards and one touchdown to receiver Chris Fontenot, who had 100 yards on three receptions. McNeese (4-0, 1-0) took a 10-0 lead into the half and never looked back as they knocked off league foe Jacksonville State (1-3, 1-1). The Cowboys defense held JSU quarterback Montressa Kirby to just 63 yards in the air and the Gamecock rushing attack to just 98 yards on 22 carries.

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — A college football referee was listed in critical condition after a massive heart attack during the second quarter of Saturday's Virginia-North Carolina game.

James Knight, 51, of Charlotte was taken to UNC Hospitals after his heart stopped four times, with three of the arrests occurring on the field. His heart was restarted with electric shocks, said Dr. Greg Mears, who treated Knight on the stadium turf and accompanied him to the hospital.

Knight has been a 21-year ACC official before and after a short stint in the NFL.

CROSS COUNTRY

AMARILLO — The Pampa Lady Harvesters placed third at the Amarillo Invitational cross country meet last weekend at Thompson Park.

Jenny Fatheree was the top finisher for Pampa, placing fifth with a time of 13:00. Samantha Hurst was 15th (13:23), Amanda White, 16th (13:25), Beth Lee, 18th (13:34 and Anna Resendiz, 19th (13:37).

In the boys' division, Kelby McLellan was Pampa's top finisher with an 18:49 for 15th place.

BASEBALL

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — It's no great mystery to manager Johnny Oates why the Texas Rangers slipped to third in the AL West this season after winning the division in 1996.

The Rangers closed out the season Sunday with a 4-0 victory over the Anaheim Angels, leaving Texas with a disappointing 77-85 record.

After ticking off the injuries that depleted the Rangers' lineup during the season, Oates said: "So we didn't have the same ballclub that all the anticipation was built up about. We'll never know how we would have played if we'd had all the players we left Florida with."

Cowboys not happy despite 3-1record

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys, despite winning 75 per cent of their games, have long faces.

Even though they reversed their September fortunes of a year ago, when they went 1-3 in September, the Cowboys have been a one-week wonder, impressive only in a 37-7 execution of the Pittsburgh Steelers in Week 1.

Since then, the Dallas offense has gone south despite a 3-1 record that's the envy of most NFL teams. They've lost to Arizona and tiptoed past Philadelphia and Chicago.

"We can't allow ourselves to accept the mediocrity we've put on the field the last three weeks," said Aikman, who threw two touchdown passes in a 27-3 win over Chicago on Sunday. "I think if we execute in practice and pay attention to detail and put emphsasis on things that are important, we can have an excellent team. If we continue to go through the motions like we have, I'm going to stand up here each and every Sunday and talk about how we need to improve."

Dallas accomplished a goal set by coach Barry Switzer in training camp, a sizzling September start.

Dallas made the playoffs after the 1-3 start last year, but couldn't overcome a homefield disadvantage at Carolina.

"One of our goals was to get off to a faster start this year, and we've turned September around," Switzer said.

Chicago, which is 0-5 and off to its worst start since 1969, came into the game yielding an NFL-worst 32 points per game.

Aikman said the Cowboys can't be totally pleased with their fast start.

"It's a Catch-22, we're 3 and 1 and we're pleased," Aikman said. "But if you ask me, we've got to do a better job. From that standpoint, my enthusiasm is a bit tempered.

"Clearly going into the season we would have liked to be 4-0, but 3-1 is a good position. Not many teams are in a better situation."

Aikman finally got the Cowboys going in the second half Sunday after they struggled to a 7-3 halftime edge.

After a 48-yard drive set up Richie Cunningham's 33-yard field goal, Aikman whipped Dallas on a 60-yard drive. Aikman hit Michael Irvin with passes of 11 and 26 yards before Irvin beat an all-out Chicago blitz and his man, Walt Harris, on a quick slant pattern for the 26-yard score.

"We made a few big plays to win the game," Irvin said. "Chicago can make your offense look ugly. Troy took quite a beating. He had to stand in there."

Aikman was sacked three times and knocked down five times.

Deion Sanders created a buzz.

Sanders fielded a punt and slashed straight up the middle of the field, slowing down on the 20-yard line so he could hold the ball aloft and strut all the way into the end zone for his first punt return touchdown for the Cowboys. It was the longest in his NFL career and his first since 1990, when he returned a punt 79 yards for an Atlanta touchdown.

"Deion showed why he is one of the most exciting players in the NFL," Switzer said. "That was quite a feat. He kept saying he was going to break one."

Sanders said, "They outkicked the coverage. I had a great lane. They hadn't been kicking to me. I was emotional after I had scored. It had been awhile."

The Chicago quarterback job is back up for grabs, again, between Mirer and Erik Kramer.

"At this point, we have to look at a lot of things," coach Dave Wannstedt said. "We won't make a decision until we look at the films. We're just not making any plays, and it's not just the quarterback. There are a lot of things."

Aikman's other tuchdown pass was a 6-yarder to Anthony Miller after Kevin Smith intercepted a pass late in the first half.

PHS tennis team continues unbeaten streak in district

PAMPA — The Pampa high School varsity tennis team continued its undefeated run through District 1-4A team competition Saturday with a 13-5 victory over Borger at the PHS courts.

In improving their district mark to 4-0, PHS placed itself in a strong position to claim its first-ever team tennis district title. The Harvesters have now defeated Dumas, Canyon and Borger, who are all presently or have been ranked in the Top 20 in Class 4A in the past month.

"Our team is really coming together and the players are committed to each other," said PHS coach Larry Wheeler.

Players of the week are junior Kellen Waters and sophomores Emily Curtis and Matt Rains. Waters has a 6-1 record and Curtis is 7-1 in singles. Rains is 3-7 in singles after his win Saturday.

The team next plays at home against Perryton at 3:30 p.m Tuesday.

Results from the Pampa-Borger match are as follows:

Girls' Singles

Jennifer Carlile (B) def. Emily Waters, 0-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Elizabeth Carlile (B) def. McKinley Quarles, 6-3, 6-4.

Mandy Wells (P) def. D'Ann Lowder, 6-2, 6-0.

Valerie Lee (P) def. Tera Sealock, 6-0, 6-3.

TENNIS

Kellen Waters (P) def. Amy Massick, 6-0, 6-0.

Emily Curtis (P) def. Erica Morrow, 6-0, 6-1.

Girls' Doubles

E. Waters-Quarles (P) def. J. Carlile-E. Carlile, 6-4, 6-3.

Wells-Curtis (P) def. Lowder-Sealock, 6-0, 6-2.

Lee-K. Waters (P) def. Massick-Morrow, 6-1, 6-0.

Boys' Singles

Greg Thompson (B) def. Bryce Hudson, 6-4, 6-4.

Dustin Laycock (P) def. Luke Dill, 6-4, 6-1.

Russell DuBose (P) def. Jeremy Gray, 6-1, 7-5.

Matt Rains (P) def. Nathan Milner, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Jason Vickery (P) def. Aaron Trahern, 6-3, 6-1.

Michael Cornelison (P) def. Reid Schmitz, 6-0, 6-2.

Boys' Doubles

Thompson-Gray (B) def. Hudson-Laycock, 6-0, 6-1.

Dill-Milner (B) def. DuBose-Brian Sprinkle, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3.

Vickery-Brandon Coffee (P) def. Trahern-Schmitz, 6-1, 6-4.

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MUNICH, Germany (AP) — Pete Sampras gave Patrick Rafter a tennis lesson Sunday, hammering the U.S. Open champion in straight sets to win the Grand Slam Cup and the sport's richest prize — $1.5 million for the title.

Sampras won his first 20 service points against the Australian, ranked third in the world, then rolled to a 6-2, 6-4, 7-5 win at the $6 million tournament.

Sampras, ranked No. 1, took the second set when he broke the Australian's serve at 4-4 with a passing shot so hard it almost knocked the racket out of the diving Rafter's hand.

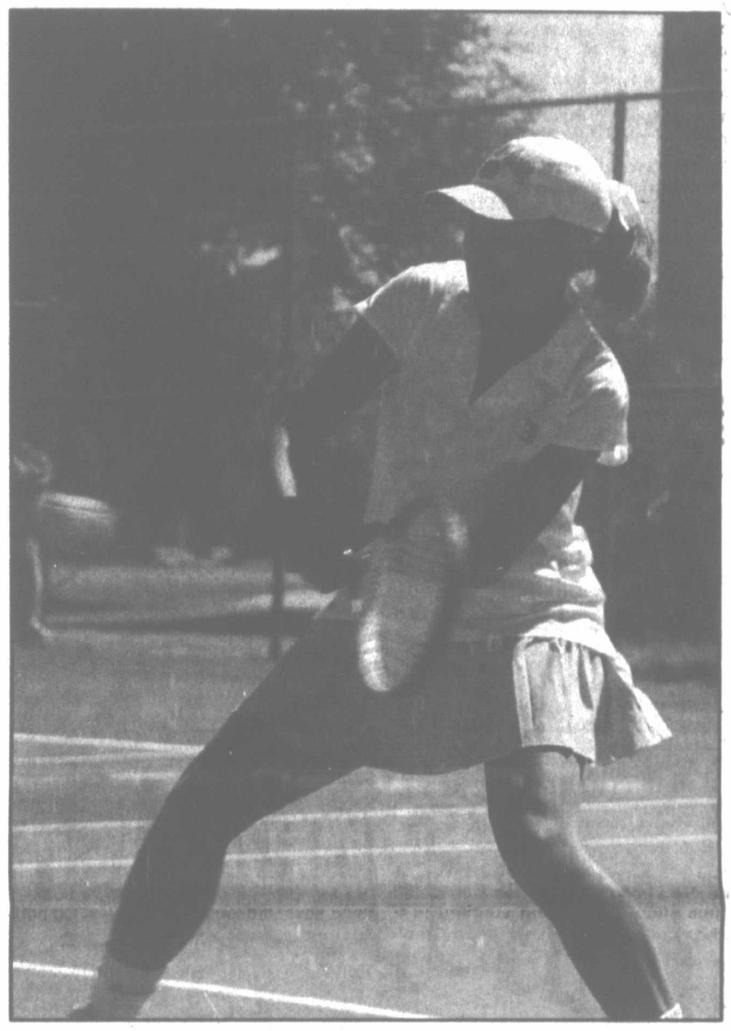
"Because he just won the U.S. Open, it raised my intensity," Sampras said. "He's No. 3 now, so you come out firing."

After the easy victory over a player who could pose the first challenge to his top ranking since Andre Agassi, Sampras said he played one of the best matches of his career.

"It's up there, I can't play much better," he said.

Sampras collected a total of $2 million, more than doubling his earnings for the year. In addition to the top prize money, he got a $500,000 bonus for winning Wimbledon and the Australian Open.

Rafter, who has soared from the No. 69 ranking at the start of the year, has lost his last six matches against the world's top player.



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

Pampa's McKinley Quarles (above) and partner Emily Waters teamed up to post a doubles win against Borger.

PHS girls win Amarillo golf title

PAMPA — Pampa shot 751, 11 shots better than Amarillo High, to win the third annual Amarillo Girls Invitational title last weekend at the Amarillo and Tascosa Country Club courses.

"We were trailing Amarillo High after the first day, but we came back and played much better at Amarillo Country Club the second day. In my my opinion it's a tougher course than Tascosa and that made it much more sweeter," said Pampa coach Frank McCullough.

Shelbie Allison led Pampa with a 168 (84-84) and teammate Alison Piersall followed at 180 (88-92). Melissa Gindorf was third at 182 (85-97).

"Shelbie has been very consistent for us. She's playing some good golf and so is Alison. Melissa had a real good round the second day. She was chipping, putting and hitting the ball well," McCullough said.

"I'm real pleased with our two sophomores (Cortnie Allison and Maggie Cowan). "They have to battle for a spot every week," McCullough added.

Allison shot a 221 (115-106) and Cowan 229 (117-112).

There were 12 teams entered in the Amarillo Invitational. AHS was second behind Pampa with a 763 while Tascosa was third, 789.

"One of our goals every year is to win an invitational during the fall," McCullough pointed out. "Now we can set our sights on the district championship in the spring."

The Pampa boys team competed in the Borger Triangular and shot a 317. Nathan Banner and Grady Locknane each shot a 78 while Barry Brauchi had an 80, Matt Heasley 81, and Jordan Fruge 84.

Major League playoffs at a glance

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DIVISION SERIES

American League

Baltimore vs. Seattle

Wednesday, Oct. 1
Baltimore (Mussina 15-8) at Seattle (Johnson 20-4), 8:07 p.m. (NBC)

Thursday, Oct. 2
Baltimore (Erickson 16-7) at Seattle (Moyer 17-5), 4:07 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Oct. 4
Seattle (Fassero 16-9) at Baltimore (Key 16-10), TBA

Sunday, Oct. 5
Seattle at Baltimore, TBA, if necessary

Monday, Oct. 6
Seattle at Baltimore, TBA, if necessary

Cleveland vs. New York

Tuesday, Sept. 30
Cleveland (Hershiser 14-6) at New York (Cone 12-6), 8:13 p.m. (Fox)

Thursday, Oct. 2
Cleveland (Wright 8-3) at New York (Pettitte 18-7), 8:13 p.m. (Fox)

Saturday, Oct. 4
New York (Wells 16-10 or Gooden 9-5) at Cleveland (Nagy 15-10), TBA

Sunday, Oct. 5
New York at Cleveland, TBA, if necessary

Monday, Oct. 6
New York at Cleveland, TBA, if necessary

National League

Atlanta vs. Houston

Tuesday, Sept. 30
Houston (Kile 19-7) at Atlanta (Maddux 19-4), 1:07 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Oct. 1
Houston (Hampton 15-10) at Atlanta (Glavine 14-7), 1:07 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Oct. 3
Atlanta (Smoltz 15-12) at Houston (Reynolds 9-10), TBA

Saturday, Oct. 4
Atlanta at Houston, TBA, if necessary

Sunday, Oct. 5
Atlanta at Houston, TBA, if necessary

San Francisco vs. Florida

Tuesday, Sept. 30
San Francisco (Reuter 13-6) at Florida (Brown 16-8), 4:07 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Oct. 1
San Francisco (Estes 19-5) at Florida (Leiter 11-9), 4:07 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Oct. 3
Florida (Fernandez 17-12) at San Francisco (Alvarez 4-3), TBA

Saturday, Oct. 4
Florida (Saunders 4-6) at San Francisco, TBA, if necessary

Sunday, Oct. 5
Florida at San Francisco, TBA, if necessary

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

American League

(Fox)

Wednesday, Oct. 8
Cleveland-New York winner at Baltimore-Seattle winner, 8:13 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 9
Cleveland-New York winner at Baltimore-Seattle winner, 8:13 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 11
Baltimore-Seattle winner at Cleveland-New York winner, 4:15 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 12
Baltimore-Seattle winner at Cleveland-New York winner, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 13
Baltimore-Seattle winner at Cleveland-New York winner, 8:11 p.m., if necessary

Wednesday, Oct. 15
Cleveland-New York winner at Baltimore-Seattle winner, 4:15 p.m., if necessary

Thursday, Oct. 16
Cleveland-New York winner at Baltimore-Seattle winner, 8:15 p.m., if necessary

National League

(NBC)

Tuesday, Oct. 7
Atlanta-Houston winner at San Francisco OR Florida at Atlanta-Houston winner, 8:07 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 8
Atlanta-Houston winner at San Francisco OR Florida at Atlanta-Houston winner, 4:07 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 10
San Francisco at Atlanta-Houston winner OR Atlanta-Houston winner at Florida, 8:07 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 11
San Francisco at Atlanta-Houston winner OR Atlanta-Houston winner at Florida, 7:37 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 12
San Francisco at Atlanta-Houston winner OR Atlanta-Houston winner at Florida, 4:07 p.m., if necessary

Tuesday, Oct. 14
Atlanta-Houston winner at San Francisco OR Florida at Atlanta-Houston winner, 8:07 p.m., if necessary

Wednesday, Oct. 15
Atlanta-Houston winner at San Francisco OR Florida at Atlanta-Houston winner, 8:07 p.m., if necessary

WORLD SERIES

(NBC)

Saturday, Oct. 18
American League champion at National League champion, 8:05 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 19
AL at NL, 7:35 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 21
NL at AL, 8:20 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 22
NL at AL, 8:20 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 23
NL at AL, 8:20 p.m., if necessary

Saturday, Oct. 25
AL at NL, 8 p.m., if necessary

Sunday, Oct. 26
AL at NL, 7:35 p.m. EST, if necessary

McLean routs Lakeview

McLEAN — Lakeview didn't keep the lead very long against McLean.

In a six-man football game last Friday night, Lakeview jumped out to a 12-0 lead on McLean. However, the Tigers rallied and ended up winning by a lopsided score of 60-12.

Chris Flores scored five touchdowns and rushed for 100 yards for McLean. He scored on runs of 1, 10, 32, 1 and 2 yards.

Gary Bolton scored on a 40-yard pass from Ike Hanes. Bolton also scored on a 49-yard run.

Hanes ran back a kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown.

Lakeview's touchdowns came when Herra caught a 55-yard TD pass from Parkins and Parkins recovered a McLean fumble in the end zone.

McLean has a 2-2 record for the season. Lakeview is 0-3.

Mclean hosts Groom at 7:30 Friday night.

Top 25 fared well, Irish, 'Canes weren't so lucky

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Football Writer

Between them, Notre Dame and Miami have won 12 national titles — five from 1983 to 1991.

Today, the Irish and Hurricanes can barely win a game.

Notre Dame (1-3) has its first three-game losing streak since 1985 after failing to convert three fourth-quarter fumble recoveries into points in a 21-14 loss at No. 6 Michigan on Saturday.

"That's how things go sometimes," Irish linebacker Kory Minor said. "Hopefully, we can bounce back."

It could get worse. The Irish, off to their worst start since Lou Holtz's first team opened 1-3 in 1986, play at No. 19 Stanford on Saturday and are staring at their first four-game losing streak since 1963.

The Hurricanes (1-3), beaten 28-17 by West Virginia, dropped their third straight for the first time since 1984. It also was Miami's fifth loss in the last six games at the Orange Bowl, where the Hurricanes once won 58 games in a row.

"We're not just off the map," Miami quarterback Ryan Clement said, "we're off the radar screen. I was watching ESPN 'Game Day' and they didn't even mention Miami. It was like we weren't even playing."

Miami has it even tougher on Saturday — a matchup against No. 4 Florida State. A loss would give the Hurricanes their first four-game slide since Lou Saban's 1977 team lost six straight.

Most of the Top 25 teams which played Saturday, with the exception of Clemson, came away winners.

At Atlanta, backup kicker Brad Chambers hit two field goals, including a 20-yarder with 1:54 left, as Georgia Tech beat Clemson 23-20 and knocked the Tigers (2-2) out of the Top 25.

There were a few close calls, too.

— Ben Kelly returned a fourth-quarter kickoff 99 yards for a TD and Jeremy Aldrich kicked an 18-yard field goal with three seconds left as No. 16 Colorado beat Wyoming 20-19 at Boulder.

— At Dallas, Brian McKenzie's 15-yard TD run on BYU's third overtime play gave No. 24 BYU a 19-16 win over SMU. The Mustangs tied it 13-13 on a 27-yard field goal by Roy Rios with 48 seconds left in regulation, then went ahead 16-13 on a 28-yarder by Rios in OT.

Scoreboard

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

How Top 25 Fared
By The Associated Press

How the top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college football poll fared through Saturday:

No. 1 Florida (4-0) beat Kentucky 55-28. Next: vs. Arkansas, Saturday.
No. 2 Penn State (3-0) did not play. Next: at Illinois, Saturday.
No. 3 Nebraska (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 18 Kansas State, Saturday.
No. 4 Florida State (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Miami, Saturday.
No. 5 North Carolina (4-0) beat Virginia 48-20. Next: at Texas Christian, Saturday.
No. 6 Michigan (3-0) beat Notre Dame 21-14. Next: at Indiana, Saturday.
No. 7 Ohio State (4-0) beat Missouri 31-10. Next: vs. No. 11 Iowa, Saturday.
No. 8 Auburn (4-0) beat Central Florida 41-14. Next: at South Carolina.
No. 9 Tennessee (2-1) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi, Saturday.
No. 10 Washington (2-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 25 Arizona State, Saturday.
No. 11 Iowa (4-0) beat Illinois 38-10. Next: at No. 7 Ohio State, Saturday.
No. 12 Michigan State (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Minnesota, Saturday.
No. 13 LSU (3-1) beat Akron 56-0. Next: at Vanderbilt, Saturday.
No. 14 Virginia Tech (4-0) beat Arkansas State 50-0. Next: vs. Miami, Ohio, Saturday.
No. 15 Washington State (4-0) beat Boise State 58-0. Next: at Oregon, Saturday.
No. 16 Colorado (2-1) beat Wyoming 20-19. Next: vs. No. 22 Texas A&M, Saturday.
No. 17 Clemson (2-2) lost to Georgia Tech 23-20. Next: vs. Texas El-Paso, Saturday.
No. 18 Kansas State (3-0) beat Bowling Green 58-0. Next: at No. 3 Nebraska, Saturday.
No. 19 Georgia (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi State, Saturday.
No. 20 Stanford (3-1) beat Oregon 58-49. Next: vs. Notre Dame, Saturday.
No. 21 Alabama (3-1) beat Southern Mississippi 27-13. Next: at Kentucky, Saturday.
No. 22 Texas A&M (3-0) beat North Texas 36-10. Next: at No. 16 Colorado, Saturday.
No. 23 Brigham Young (2-1) beat Southern Methodist 19-16, OT. Next: vs. Utah State, Friday.
No. 24 UCLA (2-2) beat Arizona 40-27. Next: vs. Houston, Saturday.
No. 25 Arizona State (3-1) beat Oregon State 13-10. Next: at No. 10 Washington, Saturday.

PRO FOOTBALL

National Football League
At A Glance
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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
New England	4	0	0	1.000	130	40
N.Y. Jets	3	2	0	.600	141	94
Buffalo	2	2	0	.500	94	113
Miami	2	2	0	.500	71	77
Indianapolis	0	4	0	.000	54	115
Central						
Jacksonville	3	1	0	.750	110	85
Baltimore	3	2	0	.600	127	92
Pittsburgh	2	2	0	.500	79	104
Cincinnati	1	3	0	.250	68	113
Tennessee	1	3	0	.250	71	110
West						
Denver	5	0	0	1.000	156	72
Kansas City	4	1	0	.800	108	93
Oakland	2	3	0	.400	141	123
San Diego	2	3	0	.400	77	116
Seattle	2	3	0	.400	91	121

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	3	1	0	.750	107	55
Washington	3	1	0	.750	80	49
N.Y. Giants	2	3	0	.400	84	103
Arizona	1	3	0	.250	77	84
Philadelphia	1	3	0	.250	66	89
Central						
Tampa Bay	5	0	0	1.000	115	76
Detroit	3	2	0	.600	120	96
Green Bay	3	2	0	.600	123	110
Minnesota	3	2	0	.600	135	122
Chicago	0	5	0	.000	61	155
West						
San Francisco	3	1	0	.750	88	39
Carolina	2	2	0	.500	59	72
St. Louis	2	3	0	.400	94	112
New Orleans	1	4	0	.200	81	122
Atlanta	0	5	0	.000	82	136

Sunday's Games

Tampa Bay 19, Arizona 18
Denver 29, Atlanta 21
Detroit 26, Green Bay 15
Pittsburgh 37, Tennessee 24
Washington 24, Jacksonville 12
New York Giants 14, New Orleans 9
San Diego 21, Baltimore 17
Dallas 27, Chicago 3
New York Jets 31, Cincinnati 14
Oakland 35, St. Louis 17
Kansas City 20, Seattle 17, OT
Minnesota 28, Philadelphia 19
Open date: Buffalo, Indianapolis, Miami, New England

Monday's Game

San Francisco at Carolina, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 5

Cincinnati at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Dallas at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Miami, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Seattle, 4 p.m.
Minnesota at Arizona, 4 p.m.
New York Jets at Indianapolis, 4 p.m.
San Diego at Oakland, 4 p.m.
New Orleans at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Open date: Atlanta, Carolina, St. Louis, San Francisco

Monday, Oct. 6

New England at Denver, 9 p.m.

RODEO

Tri-State High School Rodeo
at Dumas

Saddle bronc: 1. Leland Wood, Childress, 72 points; 2. Zane Waggoner, South Plains, 67; 3. Rowdy Thomas, Gruver, 65.
Barebeck: 1. Luke Pitts, Swisher, 65 points; 2. (tie) Shawn Patrick, Boys Ranch; 64; Thomas Wieger, Randall, 64; 4. Wes Tow, Randall, 63.
Calf roping: 1. Rodey Wilson, Hereford, 11.460 seconds; 2. Cody Lawrence, Dalhart, 11.830; 3. Monty Eakin, McLean, 12.180.
Ribbon roping: 1. Ryan Nuckols, Canyon, 7.240 seconds; 2. Jeffery Seaton, Lazbuddie, 7.860; 3. Monty Lewis, Hereford, 7.950.
Bull riding: 1. Rowdy Thomas, Gruver, 76 points; 2. Buster Bledsoe, River Road, 72; 3. (tie) Dan Henricks, Canadian, 71; Jim Self, Childress, 71.
Team roping: 1. Troy Bryant-Pake Maynes, Canadian, 8.130 seconds; 2. Jordan Satterfield-Pecos Alford, Hereford, 8.760; 3. Justin Koch-Pake Maynes, Canadian, 9.000.
Barrel racing: 1. Amanda Schumacher, Hereford, 15.419 seconds; 2. Randus London, Freedom, Okla., 15.464; 3. Ashley Sultemeier, Lubbock, 15.485.
Breakaway roping: 1. Ashley Sultemeier, Lubbock, 3.290 seconds; 2. (tie) Brianna Brooks, Canadian, 3.620; Laci Russell, Wheeler, 3.620; 4. Lauren Middleton, Lazbuddie, 3.790.
Pole bending: 1. Sheree Lucero, Gruver, 20.777 seconds; 2. Denise Sexton, Childress, 21.379; 3. Brianna Brooks, Canadian, 21.593.
Goat tying: 1. Jera Harris, Lazbuddie, 8.880 seconds; 2. Randus London, Freedom, Okla., 9.290; 3. Renee Henricks, Canadian, 9.440.
All-around cowboy: Jeffery Seaton, Lazbuddie, 23 points.
All-around cowgirl: (tie) Jera Harris, Lazbuddie, 21 points; Ashley Sultemeier, Lubbock, 21 points.

BASEBALL

National League
Final Glance
By The Associated Press

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Atlanta	101	61	.623	—
w-Florida	92	70	.568	9
New York	88	74	.543	13
Montreal	78	84	.481	23
Philadelphia	68	94	.420	33
Central Division				
x-Houston	84	78	.519	—
Pittsburgh	79	83	.488	5
Cincinnati	76	86	.469	8
St. Louis	73	89	.451	11
Chicago	68	94	.420	16
West Division				
x-San Francisco	90	72	.556	—
Los Angeles	88	74	.543	2
Colorado	83	79	.512	7
San Diego	76	86	.469	14

w-won wild card
x-won division title

Saturday's Games

St. Louis 12, Chicago Cubs 4
N.Y. Mets 2, Atlanta 1
Los Angeles 6, Colorado 1
San Francisco 6, San Diego 1
Philadelphia 8, Florida 7
Montreal 8, Cincinnati 5
Houston 8, Pittsburgh 1

Sunday's Games

Cincinnati 11, Montreal 3
Philadelphia 8, Florida 7
N.Y. Mets 8, Atlanta 2
St. Louis 2, Chicago Cubs 1
Pittsburgh 5, Houston 4, 11 innings
Colorado 13, Los Angeles 9
San Diego 5, San Francisco 3, 11 innings
End Regular Season

American League
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East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Baltimore	98	64	.605	—
w-New York	96	66	.593	2
Detroit	79	83	.488	19
Boston	78	84	.481	20
Toronto	76	86	.469	22
Central Division				
x-Cleveland	86	75	.534	—
Chicago	80	81	.497	6
Milwaukee	78	83	.484	8
Minnesota	68	94	.420	18 1/2
Kansas City	67	94	.416	19
West Division				
x-Seattle	90	72	.556	—
Anaheim	84	78	.519	6
Texas	77	85	.475	13
Oakland	65	97	.401	25

x-won division title
w-won wild card

Saturday's Games

Cleveland 10, Minnesota 6, 1st game
Minnesota 6, Cleveland 4, 10 innings, 2nd game
Toronto 12, Boston 5
N.Y. Yankees 6, Detroit 1
Seattle 9, Oakland 3
Kansas City 10, Chicago White Sox 4
Baltimore 5, Milwaukee 4
Anaheim 8, Texas 7

Sunday's Games

Minnesota 5, Cleveland 1
N.Y. Yankees 7, Detroit 2
Toronto 3, Boston 2
Chicago White Sox 4, Kansas City 3
Baltimore 7, Milwaukee 6
Texas 4, Anaheim 0
Oakland 9, Seattle 7
End Regular Season

SOCCER

Major League Soccer
At A Glance
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Eastern Conference

	W	L	SOW	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
x-D.C. 21	11	4	5	5	70	53	
y-Tampa Bay	17	15	3	4	55	70	61
y-Columbus	15	17	3	3	45	55	61
y-New England	15	17	4	3	39	43	41
NY-NJ	13	19	2	4	37	40	53

Western Conference

	W	L	SOW	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
xy-Kansas City	21	11	7	4	49	57	51
y-Los Angeles	16	16	2	3	44	55	44
y-Dallas	16	16	3	3	42	55	49
y-Colorado	14	18	2	2	38	50	59
San Jose	12	20	3	3	30	55	59

x-clinched conference title
y-clinched playoff spot
NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for shootout win and zero points for loss.
Saturday's Games
No games scheduled
Sunday's Games
Columbus 2, Tampa Bay 1, SO (2-1)
New York-New Jersey 3, Washington D.C. 1
Los Angeles 2, Kansas City 0
Colorado 3, San Jose 1
End Regular Season

TRANSACTIONS

Weekend Sports Transactions
BASEBALL
Major League

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL—Voided the Seattle Mariners' waivers claim of RHP Tim Scott and ruled that Scott remains the property of the Colorado Rockies.
American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Waived OF Wilfredo Cordero.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Announced that Art Howe, manager, Bob Cluck, pitching coach, Denny Walling, hitting coach, Duffy Dyer, bench coach, Ron Washington, third base coach, Brad Fischer, first base coach, and Bob Alejo, bullpen coach, will return for the 1998 season.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Named Lee Pelekoudas vice president of baseball administration, Larry Beinfest assistant to the vice president of baseball operations, Benny Looper director of player development, Frank Mattox director of scouting and Ken Compton director of professional scouting. Announced that bench coach-hitting instructor Lee Elia will not return for the 1998 season.
TEXAS RANGERS—Purchased the contract of RHP Tanyon Sturtze from Oklahoma City of the American Association and added him to the 40-man roster.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Fired coaches Nick Leyva, Gene Tenace, Alfredo Griffin, and Willie Upshaw.

Groom routs Three Way

COTTON CENTER — Groom defeated Three Way, 49-12, in a non-district six-man game last Friday.

Wade Ritter scored three touchdowns and Dean Fields scored twice to lead the Groom offense. Toby Burgin scored once and Dusty Crump recovered a fumble in the end zone for another Groom score.

Ritter rushed for 166 yards on 17 carries. He scored on runs of 32, 27 and 27 yards.

Fields scored on runs of 4 and 17 yards.

Burgin led the Tiger defense with 13 tackles and a fumble recovery. Groom held Three Way scoreless the last three quarters.

Groom had 330 yards in total offense while Three Way had 260. Groom had 17 first downs and Three Way 7.

Three Way's offense was led by Randall Rodriguez, who scored two touchdowns.

Groom is now 3-1 on the season while Three Way dropped to 1-3. Groom travels to Mclean for an area game next Friday night. Kickoff is 7:30.

Angelo State remains only unbeaten Lone Star Conference Team

RICHARDSON, Texas (AP) — John Humphrey's three catches for 128 yards and a touchdown and Erik Hartman's 262-yard passing allows Angelo State to remain the only unbeaten Lone Star Conference Team.

The Rams (3-0, 2-0) defeated Ouachita Baptist 41-14 Saturday, clinching the game with a 42-yard scoring strike. Ouachita's (1-3, 0-2) top performer was Rico McClarity who rushed for 116 yards and a touchdown.

All games played by the LSC last week were conference games. Midwestern State squeaked by Northeastern State, 13-10, Texas A&M-Kingsville shutdown Harding, 33-7, and Southeastern Oklahoma State downed Eastern New Mexico, 21-7.

In other action, Central Oklahoma beat Tarleton, 28-19, Texas A&M-Commerce held off Southwestern Oklahoma State, 17-7, and East Central lost to Abilene Christian, 20-7.

Midwestern State (2-1, 2-0) remains tied for the Lone Star Conference lead after it's 13-10 victory over Northeastern State (0-4, 0-2). Midwestern linebacker returned a fumble for a 16-yard touchdown. The score came with less than eight minutes left in the game and put Midwestern back on top.

Texas A&M-Kingsville (2-1, 2-0) came back after a loss last week to North Alabama, defeating Harding (2-2, 0-2) through a commanding running game. The Javelinas rushed for 309 yards and four touchdowns.

Southeastern Oklahoma (2-2, 2-0) kept its seat atop the LSC North Division standings by taking a 21-0 lead over Eastern New Mexico (3-1, 1-1) before the Greyhounds got on the board with a 72-yard touchdown run by Brady Bazzell in the last four minutes of the game.

Chad Cole passed for 324 yards and a touchdown, but it wasn't enough to keep Tarleton (2-2, 1-1) on top of Central Oklahoma (3-1, 2-1). The Broncos trailed 10-0 in the second quarter before scoring 28 unanswered points.

It was Texas A&M-Commerce's first win of the season, allowing the team to improve its record to 1-3, 1-1. A&M-Commerce managed only 65 yards rushing but scored two touchdowns with its running game. Southwestern Oklahoma State falls to 0-4, 0-3.

Abilene Christian (3-1, 1-1) running back David Bennett rushed for 149 yards and two touchdowns giving his team a hold on East Central (0-4, 0-2).



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Steelers outlast Oilers, 37-24

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers once waited four years for a quarterback named Terry Bradshaw to develop. They hope the wait for Kordell Stewart will be only four games.

Until now, the Steelers kept the multidimensional quarterback under severe restraints, even ordering a player known for his improvisational skills not to run. Too much margin for error, they said, too much risk for injury.

They might as well have told him not to win.

Stewart, no longer harnessed by a too restrictive game plan, finally looked like the player known as Slash — and, not coincidentally, the Steelers again resembled the team that has gone to the playoffs the last five years.

Constantly given good field position by a defense that had seven sacks and forced three turnovers, Stewart ran for two touchdowns and threw for a third — all in the first half — to lead the Steelers past Tennessee 37-24 Sunday.

Now this was the Kordell Stewart the Steelers (2-2) expected: 16 of 24, 244 yards, one touchdown pass, two touchdown runs, no interceptions, three completions of 39 yards or longer.

And this was the quarterback the disconcerted Oilers defense certainly didn't anticipate. When he looked downfield, they looked for the run. When he took off running, the Oilers (1-3) often didn't.

"Everything worked out the way I thought it would, everything happened the way we planned it," said Stewart, who ranked last in the NFL with only 341 yards passing before Sunday.

Steelers safety Darren Perry said: "The coaches were more aggressive in their play-calling and it allowed us to make plays. We were passive in the first couple of games, so we said, 'Let's go out and not sit back, let's go make plays and make things happen.' "

Perry was referring to an offense that scored 31 first-half points after totaling only 14 in its first three games, but he also could have been talking about a defense that again played with confidence and aggression.

The Steelers more than doubled their sack total — they had only three in their first three games — and kept quarterback Steve McNair under constant pressure. And, as usual, pressure led to turnovers.

McNair (22 of 43, 266 yards) committed three, two interceptions and a fumble that the Steelers returned for a touchdown.

Baseball playoffs begin

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

For Jeff Bagwell, Gary Sheffield and Rod Beck, at last there's a reason to stick around after the regular season.

The playoffs are starting and, for the first time, they'll be part of them.

"There's not a sweeter moment in the world," Beck said after the San Francisco Giants clinched the NL West during the weekend. "I've been waiting a long time for this."

Greg Maddux will throw the first pitch of the 1997 postseason Tuesday when the NL East champion Atlanta Braves take on Bagwell and the Central champion Houston Astros at Turner Field at 1:07 p.m. EDT.

Later in the afternoon, Sheffield and the wild-card Florida Marlins make their first playoff appearance against the visiting Giants.

The AL playoffs begin Tuesday night when the wild-card New York Yankees begin defense of their World Series title at home against the Central champion Cleveland Indians.

On Wednesday night, Cal Ripken and the East champion Baltimore Orioles face the West champion Mariners at the Kingdome.

First-round matchups in the division series are best-of-5.

"We got plenty of rest and prepared to play the Braves, so we should be excited," said Bagwell, who set an Astros record with 43 home runs. "We go there and work out tomorrow afternoon and then sleep fast and play a day game. We won't have much time to think about it."

Barry Bonds, though, has had a long time to reflect on his past playoff performances.

The last time we saw Bonds in the postseason, he was sitting in left field in stunned silence, his throw home at Atlanta having come too late to stop Francisco Cabrera from beating the Pittsburgh Pirates in Game 7.

"This is great," Bonds said when the Giants won the West. "Nobody expected us to do anything. I just wanted to be like the Green Bay Packers and jump into the stands."

The Giants became only the fourth team to go from last place to first place in the following season, winning their first title since 1989. They did it despite being outscored, the first playoff team to do that since the 1987 Minnesota Twins.

Bonds has been to the playoffs three times, but his Pirates failed to reach the World Series in 1990-92. Despite his three MVP awards, Bonds never has starred in the postseason, batting .191 with only one homer.

With 40 homers and more than 100 RBIs this season, Bonds will look to atone for past performances and try to lead the Giants to their first World Series championship since 1954, when they played at the Polo Grounds in New York.

Ken Griffey Jr. also is seeking his first World Series title. He hit six home runs and batted .364 in the 1995 postseason, but the Mariners were beaten by Cleveland.

The Orioles finished with the best record in the league, but must travel cross-country to face Randy Johnson and the Mariners in Game 1.

Griffey hit his 56th home run and Johnson became the first 20-game winner in Mariners' history Saturday.

"It's a great feeling," Johnson said. "This game is all numbers. If anybody tells you that sports aren't made up of numbers, then all you've got to do is to tell them to look at the Mariners' season this year."

The wild-card Yankees, with David Cone back in the rotation, will be home for the first two games against the Indians. The Yankees won the season series 6-5 and are one of the few teams to have consistent success at Jacobs Field.

The NL East champion Braves, having reached four of the last five World Series, begin another bid against Central champion Houston. Though Atlanta won the season series 7-4, all 11 games were decided by either one or two runs.

"It's very comfortable to go play those guys," Astros left fielder Luis Gonzalez said. "We seem to play to the level of our competition and they're the best. So hopefully we'll get real excited and play well."

The wild-card Marlins, who spent nearly $100 million during the offseason to lure manager Jim Leyland from Pittsburgh and sign Bobby Bonilla, Moises Alou and other free agents, will take on the Giants.

Bonds, Bonilla and Leyland all were together on that Pirates team that lost to Atlanta in the 1992 playoffs, one out short of the World Series.

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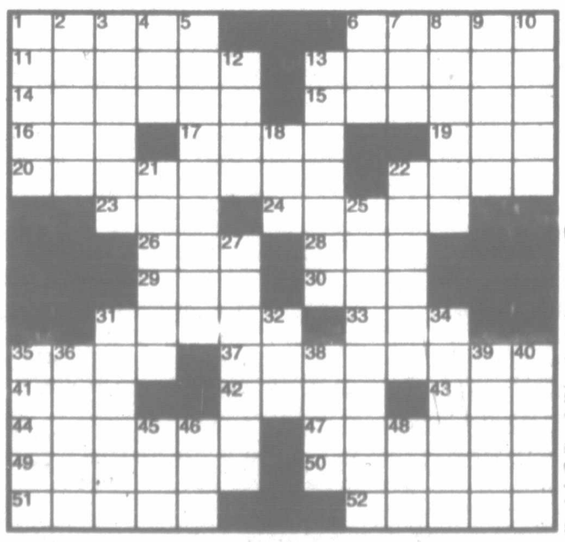
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HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & FELDMAN Douglas & S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) Phillips Petroleum Co., #2 McQuiddy 'F', 1200' from North & 2000' from West line, Sec. 7,1,G&M, PD 8300'. Rule 37 for FELDMAN Douglas

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & FELDMAN Doulgas & S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) Phillips Petroleum Co., #2 McQuiddy 'I', 2411' form South & 1842' from West line, Sec. 4,1,G&M, PD 7600'. Rule 37 for FELDMAN Douglas

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Douglas) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #1-25 Ramp Ranch, 1600' from North & 1320' from East line, Sec. 25,41,H&TC, PD 8300'.

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #37 W.A. Carver, 330' from South & East line Lot 18,7,J.J. Hall, PD 3600'.

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Applications to Re-Enter

HUTCHINSON (WILDCAT & JOHN CREEK Mississippian) Strat Land Exploration Co., #1 Hutchinson, 467' from South & 2640' from East line, Sec. 70,R,BS&F, PD 8200'.

Applications to Plug-Back

WHEELER (WILDCAT & NORTH WHEELER Morrow) Rio Grande Drlg. Co., #1 Conwell Gas Unit, 1320' from North & 1470' from East line, Sec. 3,A-4,H&GN, PD 17300'.

Gas Well Completions

CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #1B Poling 'C', Sec. 31,Y-2,G&M, elev. 3406 kb, spud 6-29-97, drlg. compl 7-3-97, tested 9-1-97, potential 186 MCF, TD 3500' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Morrow) Seagull Midcon, Inc., #1-27 Johnson, Sec. 27,M-1,H&GN, elev. 2575 rkb, spud 3-1-97, drlg. compl 5-21-97, tested 8-25-97, potential 410 MCF, TD 20258', PBTD 14460' —Plug-Back

HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Parker & Parsley Development, L.P., #401 John C. Isaacs, Sec. 1,—,A. Lout, elev. 2617 gr, spud 6-8-97, drlg. compl 8-19-97, tested 8-19-97, potential 1200 MCF, TD 10620', PBTD 10530' —

HUTCHINSON (S.W. MORSE Brown Dolomite) SNW Operating Co., #6 Barnes 'B', Sec. 5,1,BBB&C, elev. 3277 gr, spud 3-28-97, drlg. compl 4-3-97, tested 7-21-97, potential 995 MCF, TD 3825', PBTD 3150' —

HUTCHINSON (IWEST PANHANDLE Red Cave) J.M. Huber Corp., #9 RC Whittenburg, Sec. 1,M-26,TCRR, elev. 3048 kb, spud 7-22-97, drlg. compl 7-24-97, tested 8-28-97, potential 460 MCF, TD 2035', PBTD 1998' —

ROBERTS (HANSFORD Lower Morrow) Amoco Production Co., #1 E.S.F. Brainard '182', Sec. 182,C,G&M, elev. 3019 gr, spud 6-9-97, drlg. compl 6-25-97, tested 8-14-97, potential 244 MCF, TD 8750', PBTD 8680' —

ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA Moore Co. Line) Seagull Midcon, Inc., #1106 Flowers 'C', Sec. 6,—,BS&F, elev. 2734 gr, spud 6-2-97, drlg. compl 6-7-97, tested 6-24-97, potential 1500 MCF, TD 4102' —

Plugged Wells

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Taylor, Clayton & Hawley, #7 W.H. Taylor 'GO', Sec. 46,B-2,H&GN, spud unknown 9-16-85, plugged 8-5-97, TD 3360' (oil) —

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT) Enron Oil & Gas Co., #1 Humphreys, Robert Moody Survey, spud 6-29-97, plugged 4-10-97, TD 11300' (dry) —

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT) Enron Oil & Gas Co., #2 Humphreys, Robert Moody Survey, spud 2-24-96, plugged 4-1-97, TD 12575', PBTD 10900' (dry) —

HEMPHILL (CANADIAN Topeka) Crescendo Resources, L.P., #3078 E.S.F. Brainard 'G', Sec. 78,42,H&TC, spud 10-20-96, plugged 6-19-97, TD 6221' (dry) — Re-Entry - Form.1 filed in Midgard Energy Co.

HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Co., #226 Flowers '12', Sec. 226,C,G&MMB&A, spud 3-28-97, plugged 4-10-97, TD 7950' (dry) —

HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) UMC PEtroleum Corp., #2 Isaacs, Sec. 148,41,H&TC, spud 5-1-84, plugged 6-20-97, TD 7423', PBTD 7346' (oil) — Form 1 filed in MCR Corp.

HEMPHILL (FELDMAN Tonkawa) Mobil Producing TX & N.M., Inc., #3 Margaret Hodgson 'D', Sec. 32,42,H&TC, spud unknown, plugged 5-16-97, TD 7760' (oil) —

HEMPHILL (FELDMAN Tonkawa) Mobil Production TX & N.M., Inc., #16 Olive T. Jones, Sec. 6,43,H&TC, spud unknown, plugged 5-12-97, TD 7750' (oil) —

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Pardee Production Co., #1 G.L. Pounds, Sec. 18,1,I&GN, spud 10-9-78, plugged 5-14-97, TD 11305' (gas) —

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #7 Blackburn, Sec. 33,Y,A&B, spud 3-25-53, plugged 8-6-97, TD 3275' (injection) —

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Pan Resources, Inc., #2 Haile 'C', Sec. 13,L,EL&RR, spud unknown, plugged 7-25-97, TD 3015' (oil) —

WHEELER (PANHANDLE) Phil Pendleton, #6-SWD McCabe, Sec. 47,13,H&GN, spud unknown, plugged 1-18-97, TD 2212' (swd) — Form 1 filed in Baker & Keech

WHEELER (WEST MAYFIELD) Samson Resources, #1 Henry Krug, Sec. 1,A-7,H&GN, spud 7-22-96, plugged 8-1-97, TD 13450' (dry) — Form 1 filed in Samson Hydrocarbons

GOP rallies:

Gingrich, Forbes try overlook past mistakes, inspire conservatives

WASHINGTON (AP) - House Speaker Newt Gingrich casts recent Republican Party difficulties as a matter of misperception generated by a liberal press.

"We can regain momentum and communicate despite the elite media by the cheerful, enthusiastic focus on clear, vivid differences," he told the International Conservative Congress on Sunday.

First on Gingrich's list of differences with the Democrats was overhauling the tax code. He said he hoped to see legislation introduced next year "sufficiently thorough that we can abolish the IRS as we know it. Period."

He said the GOP leadership was actively encouraging a fall "Scrap the Code" tax tour by House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, and Rep. W.J. Tauzin, R-La.

"We will be proposing a dialogue with the American people so that ... they can decide as they file what would be better than the mess we're trapped in," Gingrich said.

Other key GOP themes the speaker cited included opposition to racial quotas, allowing parents to decide which schools their children attend and enforcing campaign finance laws that he said Democrats violated in the 1996 campaign.

Looking at recent discontent within the GOP, Gingrich acknowledged only that "because of the turmoil and confusion of our constitutional system, we had a certain period of confusion trying to communicate what we were doing."

Businessman Steve Forbes, a likely presidential candidate in 2000, told the same group earlier Sunday that Republicans "got too abstract" and made a mistake in accepting a balanced-budget deal with President Clinton that failed to provide meaningful tax relief.

"We just have to get over this rough patch," he said. "If we lose once, we figure out how to do it better.

"We have the right philosophy, the right principles and the right policies," Forbes said. "We just have to learn how to go into the public arena, do the job better of advocating those principles and those philosophies."

In an indirect swipe at the GOP congressional leadership, Forbes spoke admiring of "a number of activist Republicans who are coming up in the ranks who I think share our concerns with the abdication by our leadership and also understand the enormous opportunities ... in front of us."

Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher reassured the crowd that Republicans seem to be "more afflicted with self-doubt than circumstances warrant."

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