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and staff reports

Widespread precipitation, including snow and drizzle, were reported across the Texas Panhandle today as a Canadian cold front moved south over the Great Plains two days before summer officially ends.

Dalhart reported snow and 37 degrees at 6 a.m. today. It was an unofficial 38 degrees and raining in Pampa. Wheeler reported 38 degrees. Childress reported drizzle and 60 degrees. Dumas registered a low early today of 34 degrees.

The National Weather Service in Amarillo reported 39 degrees. They said a half inch of rain fell between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. as the cold front moved through touching off thunderstorms and gusty winds.

County officials said it rained

in Wheeler all night, stopping about dawn, but the skies remained threatening.

"It rained last night," said Carol Wilson with the Hemphill County Sheriff's office. "There was a light mist when I came in about 6:30 this morning."

"We got lots of rain last night," said Roger Mayfield at the Carson County Sheriff's office. "It's cold out there."

An elementary school principal in Panhandle said the 45-degree weather made his students more energetic than usual. They went outside for recess.

"When the weather's in the '50s and '60s, that's when we like it the best," Gary Laramore, the principal, said.

Cold and wet remained the rule throughout the area all morning.

"It's chilly, out there," said Ann Bryant with the Robert

County Sheriff's Department in Miami.

She said it was raining in Miami at 10 a.m. today.

"We're kind of gleeful," said Ted Dodd, director of public works in Perryton, where Wednesday morning's 46-degree nip had residents asking the city-owned utility to light their furnace pilots.

"It's about time for some football weather, for sure," Dodd said. "It's just right."

The Ochiltree County Sheriff's office reported a light rain but no snow today.

"It's drizzling," said Lupe Cenicerros at 10 a.m. today.

The forecast for today is for cloudy skies and cooler temperatures with the high today about 40 with gusty winds. The forecast for Friday is for clearing skies and warmer temperatures with the thermometer

expected to reach 55 degrees.

National Weather Service meteorologist Doug Crowley expected temperatures in Amarillo to dip as low as the mid-30s Friday morning. The record for that date is 40 degrees, set in 1951 and '72, he said.

"We have pretty high variability in our temperatures this time of year," Crowley said. "We're moving into the transition season."

Autumn officially arrives Saturday.

A cool snap Wednesday dropped temperatures into the 50s in Amarillo. Laredo hit 96. Pampa's high Wednesday was 67 degrees.

"This was just the first piece of colder air coming down from Canada," said NWS forecaster Jody James in Lubbock. "The mother lode, so to speak, is

coming (today)."

James said the prefrontal trough had made its way into Central Texas by Wednesday afternoon.

Flash flooding, meanwhile, dumped up to five inches of rain across parts of the Hill Country.

Water filled the Bexar County Courthouse ankle-deep and damaged microfilm and files, officials said. San Antonio rescuers came to the aid of people in 11 vehicles stuck in low-water crossings.

Meanwhile, some Lubbock homeowners were calling to get Larry Waggoner of Poolstar to close down their pools for the summer.

"Cool weather is not an enticement to go out and swim," said Waggoner. "It's an enticement to curl up in front of the fire."



Low tonight near 40, high tomorrow mid 50s. See Page 2 for weather details.

CANADIAN - Graduation ceremonies for the 12 graduates of the first platoon of the Canadian-Hemphill County juvenile boot camp is set for 1:30 p.m. Sept. 28, 300 W. Purcell.

The 12 youths are the first to complete the six month program. The cadets were placed in the facility during the spring by probation departments all over the state.

According to Les Brown, Esmor Canadian facility administrator, the program will include recognition of the cadets, keynote address by the Rev. Rex Boyles, presentation of certificates of completion from the U.S. Forest Service, presentation of general equivalency diplomas by Dr. Gene Whitsell, Canadian school superintendent and talks by two cadets. A marching and drill demonstration will be presented.

A facility open house will be held until 3 p.m. The public is invited to attend both the graduation and open house.

The juvenile boot camp was opened March 24 and houses about 70 youths between the ages of 14 and 17. First built to house 48, the facility has been expanded to 148 beds and is managed by Esmor Canadian. More than 60 area residents are employed at the facility and more are expected to be hired as the cadet population increases.

"This first graduation is one that we are especially proud of in that it represents the successful and positive growth of our cadets, as well as the successful operation of our facility," Brown said.

AMARILLO - The historic Amarillo Livestock Auction is changing ownership.

Terry Jones assume control of the sale barn Wednesday afternoon from Jim Odle of Brush, Colo. Auction officials said today that Jones is now the sole owner of the facility.

"I took over as of 4:30 yesterday afternoon," said Jones, a 10-year resident of Amarillo.

At one time, the Amarillo Livestock Auction was the largest livestock auction in the world. This week 2,862 cattle moved through the sale ring at the auction barn in East Amarillo.

AUSTIN (AP) - No tickets bought in the Lotto Texas correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly game.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 1, 7, 18, 26, 30 and 43.

The jackpot, which state lottery officials said was worth \$26 million, was expected to rise to an estimated \$35 million for Saturday's game.

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Ducks Unlimited tonight



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Jeff Boyd examines a carved wooden duck that will be auctioned off tonight at the Ducks Unlimited Dinner and Auction. Boyd said there would be a live auction, a silent auction and a raffle for various carved wooden ducks and duck prints. The auction is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Ducks Unlimited is the largest private waterfowl and wetlands conservation organization in the world. Incorporated in 1937, their membership is over half a million.

GOP unveils House Medicare plan

By DAVID ESPO
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - House Republicans unveiled a politically-charged proposal today to overhaul Medicare, blending strict cost controls on the current system with incentives for senior citizens to move toward cheaper alternatives.

"Our mission is to preserve Medicare, to protect Medicare and to strengthen Medicare," House Speaker Newt Gingrich said at a news conference called to unveil a plan to curtail costs by \$270 billion over seven years.

Democrats instantly rebutted, saying Republicans were simply diverting money that now goes for Medicare into whopping tax cuts for the rich. "We may lose, but we're going to go down fighting," vowed House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt.

The GOP-controlled House and Senate are expected to vote in the next few weeks on proposals that are similar, but differ in some details.

Under the GOP plan outlined by Gingrich, premiums would rise faster than under current law for all seniors and would

triple for those whose income exceeds \$100,000.

Republicans outlined a series of alternatives to the current coverage - a system that Gingrich said has failed to keep pace with dramatic changes in the private insurance market.

The alternatives include HMOs and other managed care programs, with the possibility of rebates for seniors who choose them. Another option is a so-called medical savings account, in which a senior would choose a lower-premium policy that offers a deductible of up to \$10,000, and.

Despite releasing a 59-page summary of the plan, Republicans offered no detailed accounting for achieving the savings they hope to gain, either from the premium increases or the restrictions on doctors and hospitals.

Nor did they release detailed legislative language, even though they intend to hold a hearing on Friday and move swiftly to vote on the bill in the House Ways and Means Committee. Democrats criticized that, too, saying several weeks of hearings were required to air the proposal, and vowing

to take testimony on the lawn outside the Capitol if the Republicans wouldn't do it inside.

In a pre-emptive bid to blunt Democratic criticism, Gingrich said spending would rise every year under the GOP plan. "This is an increase," he said emphatically.

Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle said the Republican proposal was a "cruel hoax" on seniors. And Gephardt promised perhaps the "biggest fight and most controversial fight we've ever seen in Congress."

The \$270 billion in savings, they said, is far in excess of the savings needed to guarantee the solvency of the program in the short-run, and Republicans are after money to finance tax cuts targeted heavily toward the rich.

The GOP Medicare effort shaped up as the most politically risky element of their plan to balance the budget by 2002. Democrats distributed a videotape featuring well-known actors warning seniors that Republicans were cutting their Medicare. Their goal was to trigger a rebellion among seniors, and wipe out the GOP congressional majorities at the next election.

Republicans would:

-Raise the current \$46.10 monthly premium for Medicare Part B coverage to between \$90 and \$93 by 2002. Under current law, that premium would climb to \$60 by 2002, and under a White House plan it would increase to nearly \$83.

-Allow private insurance companies to charge deductibles as high as \$10,000 to seniors who elect to switch to catastrophic-only Medicare coverage combined with a medical savings account.

-Let the elderly switch between different types of Medicare coverage every 30 days for the next two years. After that, they would have to stick with the plan they chose for a full 12 months.

-Include provisions designed to eliminate fraud in the Medicare system.

-Relax a law that now bars physicians from referring patients to outside labs in which they have invested.

-Revoke Republican proposals to limit medical malpractice lawsuit awards to a maximum of \$250,000 for punitive damages and \$250,000 for pain and suffering.

House says speed laws up to states

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - You could almost hear the growl of auto engines revving up.

The House joined the Senate Wednesday in voting to let states end the 55 mph speed limit that has chafed American drivers for more than two decades.

The National Highway System Bill, designating 159,000 miles of priority roads and freeing \$5.2 billion in federal road funds for 1996 and \$6.5 billion for 1997, passed the House 419-7.

Rep. Nick Joe Rahall, D-W.Va., sought to amend the bill to keep the current national speed limit of 55 mph on most roads, 65 mph on rural interstates, contending that lifting the limit would lead to carnage on the highways.

"It should be obvious that the death toll will rise once the states begin increasing the speed limits under the provisions of the bill. ... This is not a matter of states rights, it's a matter of human rights," said Rahall.

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-Amarillo) voted with the majority to repeal the speed limit laws.

Though the national speed limit was introduced in 1974 as an energy saving measure, highway deaths declined. Transportation Secretary Federico Pena and other safety advocates have opposed easing the limits.

Rep. Thomas Petri, R-Wis., responded that speed limits appropriate for one state may be too slow for another and motorists will ignore limits that are too slow. States are best suited to determine the limit for their own roads, and state legislators are also concerned about the safety of their residents, he said.

Opposition to the limits has been especially strong in the large Western states where cities can be far apart and roads are often straight and flat.

The House voted 313-112 to drop the speed limits. The Senate-passed version of the bill also drops the speed limit for cars but keeps it for large trucks and buses. The differences will have to be worked out in a conference committee.

The National Highway System Bill would also:

- Repeal the requirement that states use recycled rubber crumbs in their highways.

- Exempt farmers from the limits on how long commercial drivers can work during harvest season.

- Restore about \$1 billion in 1996 highway funding to states that would have been blocked because of excessive spending in past years.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BROWN, Ramona Ann — 11 a.m., Riverview Baptist Church, Borger.

Obituaries

RAMONA ANN BROWN

BORGER - Ramona Ann Brown, 62, mother of a Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Sept. 19, 1995. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Riverview Baptist Church with the Rev. Jimmy Gillmore, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Westlaw Cemetery under the direction of Brown Funeral Home.

Mrs. Brown was born in Eureka, Kan., and had been a resident of the Borger area for 50 years. She was a member of the First Christian Church and Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 811. She married Donald D. Brown in 1951 at Borger.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Gidget Wyatt of Omaha, Neb.; a son, Jim Brown of Pampa; her mother, Ethel Fisher of Borger; a brother, George "Dub" Fisher of Borger; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Hospice of the Panhandle, 300 S. McGee, Borger, TX 79007.

Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

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

PAMPA AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Pampa Area Cancer Support Group for individuals, families and friends who have been touched by cancer meets the third Thursday of each month from 7-8 p.m. in the conference room of the Medical Building at Coronado Hospital. Program for this month's meeting, on Sept. 21, will feature Sherry McCavit, executive director of Hospice of the Panhandle, speaking on "The Hospice Approach to Living." For more information, call 665-4742, 669-7619 or 665-8628.

Ambulance

American Medical Transport responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 20

2:29 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing home on a medical emergency and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

3:57 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of South Russell on a medical emergency and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

4:58 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of Thut on a medical assist. No patient was transported.

6:34 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1700 block of Duncan on a trauma call. No patient was transported.

11:27 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of Kingsmill on a medical emergency and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

Police report

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

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 20

A runaway was reported in the 400 block of North Sumner at 3:35 p.m. Wednesday.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2200 block of North Hobart between 11:20 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of West Foster between 4 p.m. Tuesday and 1:15 p.m. Wednesday. Damage to a glass window with a beer bottle was reported causing \$150 damage.

Information about forgery was received from Wal-Mart, 2225 Perryton Parkway.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of East Kingsmill. A BB-gun was used to shoot out three windows causing \$300 damage.

Sheriff's Office

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

Arrest

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 20

Rhonda Lynnea Reiser, 1120 Sierra, was arrested on two charges of issuance of bad checks. She was released to pay later.

Stocks

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

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| Wheat | 4.65 | |
| Milo | 5.14 | |
| Corn | 5.64 | |

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

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| NOWSCO | 11 1/4 | NC |
| Occidental | 22 3/8 | NC |

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

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| Magellan | 94.54 | |
| Puritan | 16.88 | |

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

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| Amoco | 65 | dn 1/8 |
| Arco | 112 3/8 | up 1/8 |
| Cabot | 53 1/8 | up 1/8 |
| Cabot O&G | 14 1/2 | NC |
| Chevron | 50 1/4 | NC |
| Coca-Cola | 69 5/8 | up 1/2 |
| Columbia-HCA | 49 1/8 | up 1/8 |
| Diamond Sham | 25 5/8 | dn 3/8 |
| Eaton | 34 5/8 | up 1/8 |
| Halliburton | 42 7/8 | dn 1/8 |
| Ingersoll Rand | 37 7/8 | dn 1/8 |
| KNE | 28 3/8 | up 1/8 |
| Kerr-McGee | 58 3/4 | NC |
| Limited | 18 1/2 | up 1/8 |
| Mapco | 54 1/2 | up 1/8 |
| McDonald's | 39 7/8 | up 1/8 |
| Mobil | 100 7/8 | dn 1/8 |
| New Atmos | 19 1/2 | NC |
| Parker & Parsley | 21 3/8 | dn 1/4 |
| Phillips | 33 3/4 | NC |
| SLB | 68 | dn 3/8 |
| SFS | 31 3/8 | NC |
| Tenneco | 47 5/8 | dn 1/4 |
| Texaco | 65 5/8 | dn 1/8 |
| Wal-Mart | 25 | dn 1/4 |
| New York Gold | 383.00 | |
| Silver | 5.31 | |
| West Texas Crude | 18.69 | |

Fires

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

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 20

6:46 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded on an investigation at 108 N. Russell.

6:51 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded on a false alarm at 1321 W. Kentucky.

Correction

The correct location of arrest for Reggie Ugene Williams is 1025 W. Wilks, not 1040 Huff as reported in Monday's police report.

Also, a caller reported that Robert Allen Robinson does not live at 112 N. Nelson as reported in Monday's police report.

Court report

DISTRICT COURT

Civil

Ex parte Joyce Adelman vs. Philip Adelman, Steven Adelman, Michelle Adelman and Eric Adelman, habeas corpus Petrosurance Casualty Company vs. David Parks, IAB appeal

Barbara Ann Marshall, et vir Marvin Marshall vs. Lillian Vina Thomas

State of Texas vs. Larry Donnell Wilson, judgment nisi

State of Texas vs. Teresa Ann Jernigan, judgment nisi

Dunlap Industrial Engine and Compressor vs. Geo-Sun Corp., suit on sworn account

Divorces granted

Lynn A. Robertson and Ronald W. Robertson

Damon Wildcat and Sonya Wildcat

Criminal

Charles Mahley, Jeffery Frank Allen and Tony Scott Hicks were released from probation.

Donald Ray Buckley pleaded guilty to possession of controlled substance. He was assessed five years probation, \$140 restitution and ordered to pay his court appointed attorney \$450.

Orders were entered to dismiss charges of burglary of a habitation against Jeffery Scott Lucas and Carol Joyce Lucas because the complaining witness requested dismissal.

An order was entered continuing Freddie Ervin Young II on probation and ordering him to a substance abuse felony treatment facility for up to one year.

An order was entered continuing Vereanki Roynell Roland a/k/a Renny Roland on probation. She was ordered to pay \$225 to her court appointed attorney.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of delivery of a controlled substance against William David Wortham because the district attorney's office requested dismissal pursuant to the psychiatric reports of Dr. William I. Kracke.

An order was entered to dismiss a charge of theft \$750 to \$20,000 against Jerry Don Mackey because restitution was made to complainant.

An order was entered forfeiting the bond of Larry Donnell Wilson, principal, and Action Bail Bonds, surety. An arrest warrant was issued.

An order was entered forfeiting the bond of Teresa Ann Jernigan, principal, and E-Z Out Bail Bond, surety. An arrest warrant was issued.

COUNTY COURT

Marriage licenses issued

Curtis Lee Wine II and Jamie Ruth Shook

John Douglass Jennings and Dolores Kay Wright

Criminal

An order was entered issuing a warrant for Gilberto Fabela to be held to answer for violation of terms and conditions of probation.

An order was entered issuing a warrant for Michael Shane Campbell to be held to answer for violation of terms and conditions of probation.

Orders were entered dismissing David Dwane Steele, Herman Douglas Phillips Jr., Staci Jo Hutton and Chanda Lee Smith from probation.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft of property by check - Class B against Mandy Dawn Baggett because court costs and restitution are paid.

Patrick Donald Locotosh pleaded nolo contendere to possession of drug paraphernalia. He was assessed three months deferred adjudication probation, \$300 fine, \$135 court costs, \$140 restitution.

An order was entered revoking the probation of Jesus Marie Velasquez Jr. He was ordered confined in Gray County jail 45 days with no credit for time served.

Darren Lee Jones pleaded guilty to terroristic threats. He was assessed \$200 fine, 30 days in jail with credit for time served, \$165 court costs.

Gabriel Ruiz Hernandez pleaded guilty to assault causing bodily injury. He was assessed one year probation, \$500 fine, \$165 court costs, 50 hours community service.

Winston Paul Whitsett pleaded nolo contendere to driving while intoxicated - second offense. He was assessed two years probation, \$210 court costs, \$750 fine, 72 hours in jail, 180 days driver's license suspension.

Ricky Joe Diaz pleaded no contest to evading arrest or detention. He was assessed one year probation, \$500 fine, \$165 court costs, 60 hours community service.

Hattie Marie Malone pleaded nolo contendere to driving while intoxicated - second offense. She was assessed 72 hours in Gray County jail, 180 days driving license suspension, two years probation, \$210 court costs, \$700 fine.

An order was entered extending the probation of Ricardo Cruz to Dec. 13.

An order was entered extending the probation term and fees of John E. Shackelford to Dec. 12. Tammy Michelle Whisenhunt

pleaded no contest to theft \$20 to \$500. She was assessed 12 months deferred adjudication probation, \$300 fine, \$135 court costs, 40 hours community service.

Two alias capias warrants were issued for Ricky Joe Pettit because his bond was surrendered.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft of property by check against Ilita Mesha Captain because restitution has been made.

An order was entered issuing an arrest warrant for Martha Lea Towles because her bond was surrendered.

Judgment nisi was entered against Donald Buckley. An alias capias was issued for rearrest of the defendant.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of theft of property - Class B against Bobby Cox because restitution has been made.

An order was entered issuing a warrant for the arrest of Orvis Justin Davis to answer for violation of terms and conditions of probation.

An order was entered issuing a warrant for Freddie Ervin Young II to be held to answer for violation of terms and conditions of probation.

An order was entered issuing a warrant for Steven L. Guzman to be held to answer for violation of terms and conditions of probation.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of speeding - appeal from Justice of the Peace Court 4 against Arkadiusz Laszczyk because the defendant is unapprehended.

An order was entered extending the probation of Lisa Dawn Anderson to Dec. 21.

Phyllis Marsh Crutcher pleaded nolo contendere to unsafe speed - appeal from Justice of the Peace Court 1. She was assessed one month deferred adjudication probation, \$180 fine, \$115 court costs.

Steven Ray Stone II pleaded no contest to theft of property - Class B. He was assessed 12 months deferred adjudication probation, \$500 fine, \$164.20 restitution, 65 hours community service, 24 hours in jail.

Rhonda R. Sanchez pleaded guilty to theft of property - Class B. She was assessed 12 months deferred adjudication probation, \$500 fine, \$471.37 restitution.

Kenneth Lee Hair pleaded guilty to evading arrest or detention. He was assessed 12 months probation, \$250 fine, \$165 court costs, 50 hours community service.

City briefs

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FALL SPECIAL - Basic start up on heaters, for the cold season ahead, \$37.50 includes free filter change, (special allergy filters not included). Call us today at Malcolm Hinkle, Inc. 665-1841. Offer ends 9-29-95. Adv.

GOLD PLATING, stone chips, scuffs, scratches, windshield repair, minor repairs, Panhandle Touch-Up Service. 669-1623. Adv.

MIKE VOSS of The Travelin DJ's will be at the Landmark Club on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We will have our weekly Cook-Out on Thursday from 6-9 p.m. 618 W. Foster, 665-4404. Adv.

TAWANNA HEXT - Hairstylist with 10 years experience is now at Shear Elegance Beauty Shop. 1st month special will be perms for \$20. Call 669-9579 for appointment or come by 400 N. Cuyler. Walk-ins welcome. Adv.

HOLMES GIFT Shoppe and Sports Center invites you to a special Cairn Gnome gathering, Saturday, September 23, 1-3 p.m. The 1995 Seminar Statue "Andy Happy New Year" will be for sale only at this time. 304 S. Cuyler, 665-2631. Adv.

COYOTE BLUES this weekend, City Limits. Make Reservations, 665-0438. Adv.

FABRIC SALE Friday 22nd, Saturday 23rd, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 905 McClelland, White Deer. Adv.

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SANDER'S SEWING Center, at 214 N. Cuyler is having an End of Summer Sale with 10% off all used sewing machines and vacuum cleaners. Sale ends September 30th. Adv.

MARY ENGELBREIT backpacks at All Its Charm, 109 W. Francis. Adv.

"Fill the Boot" thanks



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Pampa Firefighter Doug Pritchett and Equipment Operator Gary Winton thank area residents and businesses for helping the Pampa Fire Department raise \$3,768 in the MDA "Fill the Boot" campaign. That amount is the most ever raised by Pampa firefighters and the second highest amount this year, behind Amarillo.

Missing propeller confirms investigators' theory

CARROLLTON, Ga. (AP) —

Federal transportation safety officials say the newly found propeller blade that snapped off a commuter plane before it crashed should confirm their analysis of why the blade broke.

The three-foot blade was found by an Alabama farmer last week in the area where investigators determined it would have fallen before the Aug. 21 crash.

The National Transportation Safety Board had studied the 16-inch

stub still attached to the propeller and determined that a crack on the inside fanned out along the blade until it snapped under tension.

Eight people have died from injuries sustained in the crash of Atlantic Southeast Airlines Flight 529, which went down near Carrollton on a flight from Atlanta to Gulfport, Miss. In all, 29 people were on the plane.

W.F. Stillwell said today that he spotted the blade while cutting high grass on his farm near

Wedowee, Ala.

The missing piece was sent to Washington on Monday, three days after Stillwell found it on his farm.

"What this will do is confirm a lot of the information that's already been achieved from the other half," board spokesman Alan Pollock said Wednesday.

The blade was discovered on the edge of a 2,500-square-foot area targeted by the NTSB using radar, weather maps and the plane's flight data recorder.

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House panel dumps GOP farm legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican march toward government reform suffered a blow when a House committee rejected a far-reaching proposal to replace current farm subsidies with direct, declining payments to farmers.

The House Agriculture Committee, on a 25-22 vote Wednesday night, defeated the "Freedom to Farm Act" sponsored by the panel's chairman, Rep. Pat Roberts, R-Kan. It would cut \$13.4 billion from farm program spending by 2002, when Republicans vow to balance the federal budget.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, both support most points of the measure. That was not enough, however, to offset five GOP defections on the committee, largely over regional farm concerns.

Opponents said the measure departed too far from the current subsidies, many of which have been in place since the 1930s. Four of the five Republicans voting no are from areas that grow crops such as cotton and stand to lose the most under the bill.

"The farmers and the U.S. government have been tied together for nearly a century," said Rep. Bill Emerson, R-Mo. "This productive machine is working."

Roberts refused to concede defeat and said he would schedule another meeting as early as today on the issue. He said that if his committee doesn't approve the bill, the House Budget Committee will, inserting it into a law laying out the blueprint for balancing the federal budget by the year 2002.

"The policy of total reliance on supply management has become increasingly obsolete and we must seek other alternatives," Roberts said. "We need more market orientation in our farm program."

The only other option open to

GOP leaders was to change a few Republican votes on the Agriculture Committee.

"They'll have to break some arms," said Rep. Harold Volkmer, D-Mo.

Republicans voting against the measure were Emerson and Reps. Larry Combest of Texas, Richard Baker of Louisiana, Saxby Chambliss of Georgia and Steve Gunderson of Wisconsin. Gunderson switched his vote after the outcome was clear to be on the prevailing side, which would allow him to call for another vote.

Roberts' bill is aimed at gradually weaning farmers away from government subsidies, many of which were created during the Dust Bowl of the 1930s. In 2002, a new commission would decide agriculture's direction thereafter.

Under the bill, the government no longer would prevent farmers from planting acreage in an effort to control prices and supply. Their annual payment would be based only on whether they received subsidies in the past and would not be affected by the prices of commodities.

The legislation would affect corn, wheat, feed grain, cotton and rice farmers. Separate provisions would deregulate the dairy industry, reduce government control over the domestic peanut market and keep current sugar program loans at 1995 levels.

Earlier Wednesday, the Agriculture Committee by three votes rejected an alternative GOP measure sponsored by Emerson and Rep. Larry Combest of Texas that would have left most subsidies intact.

That measure, similar to one pending in the Senate, would increase the amount of acreage exempted from subsidies — known as "normal flex" acres — from 15 percent to 30 percent. It also would achieve the \$13.4 billion in cuts in farm spending over seven years.

Perry cites Serb compliance

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Bosnian Serb forces must be watched closely but appear to be complying with all aspects of their agreement to stop fighting around Sarajevo, Defense Secretary William Perry said today.

After conferring by telephone with Gen. George Joulwan, the NATO commander, Perry said the Serbs have not only pulled their heavy weapons out from the 12.5-mile exclusion zone, but also have allowed the reopening of the Sarajevo airport and of key roads leading to the Bosnia capital.

"He told me he was satisfied with the compliance in all three of these areas," Perry told reporters. "But he also said it's an area that we should watch very, very carefully."

Allied ground and aerial monitoring teams will watch for any violations in the agreement, which broke the recent outbreak of shelling in and around Sarajevo.

"We will continue our surveillance to be sure of continued compliance," Perry said. "The suspension of the air strikes depends on continued compliance."

The United States has not yet completed work on its role in the NATO peace enforcement mission, expected to follow a peace

agreement in Bosnia. The estimated number of U.S. troops that would go to Bosnia ranges from 15,000 to 25,000.

Perry appeared to distance himself from statements by other U.S. officials suggesting that the proposed size of the American force may be declining.

"We have told NATO that the United States will participate in a leadership role," Perry said. "That is, our contribution of forces will not be token. We have not specified a number, we have not specified a percentage. I believe that this force will be a sizeable force."

Perry was in Budapest, making the final stop on a four-nation visit to Central Europe. The first agenda item in each country, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Slovenia, was to discuss entry into the NATO alliance.

Perry said that although nations such as Poland, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Hungary have made good progress, becoming NATO members will take time. He noted that not only is NATO months away from beginning to consider adding members, but the approval of the 16 national legislatures of the NATO members as well as the legislatures in the prospective member countries is required.

Community Calendar

September

21 — DUCKS UNLIMITED DINNER & AUCTION, along with raffles and live and silent auctions. Begins at 6:30 p.m., until all the "ducks" are gone. For more information, contact Jeff Boyd at 665-0633. For ticket information, contact Ken Fields at 669-6851.

21 — PAMPA CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY ASSOCIATION regular meeting at 7 p.m. at the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. For more information, contact Rocky Bynum at 665-7753.

23 — FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS, TOP O' TEXAS CHAPTER, potluck supper at 6 p.m., Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact John or Carolyn Stokes, 665-7896, or Jim or Kathleen Greene, 665-8067.

25 — LEAGUE OF PAMPA WRITERS, Lovett Memorial Library, 111 Houston, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 669-3002.

26 — PAMPA UNITED WAY KICK-OFF. For more information, contact Katrina Bigham at 669-1001.

30 — "WHEELS FOR LIFE" BIKE-A-THON for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Briarwood Church parking lot. Pledges are being taken by participants. For more information, call Darlene Nolte at 669-7334.

30 — THIRD ANNUAL GRAY COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS TRAIL RIDE. Sign up at 8 a.m., ride starts at 9 a.m. Lunch at noon then ride continues until 4 p.m. Ride over Tennie Reynolds and Boone Pickens ranches. For information call Sharon Williams at 669-0176.

October

2 — TOP O' TEXAS RODEO ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING, Nona Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building, 7:30 p.m.

3 — PAMPA UNITED WAY BOARD MEETING, Nona Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building, 5 p.m.

4 — PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL COLLEGE NIGHT, 5:30-7:30 p.m., M.K. Brown Auditorium Heritage Room. For juniors, seniors and their parents to meet with colleges, universities, vocational and technical representatives.

LA ESCUELA SECUNDARIA DE PAMPA PATROCINARA "NOCHE DE CARRERA Y COLEGIO." El evento informal se tendra durante los horas de 5:30-7:30 p.m. en el local de M.K. Brown Auditorium Heritage Room. Es para juniors, seniors y sus padres que conozcan los representantes de colegios, universidades, escuelas vocacionales y tecnicas.

5 — HISPANOS UNIDOS MONTHLY MEETING at 6:30 p.m. at 824 S. Cuyler.

7 — HEALTHY CHOICE AMERICAN HEART WALK sponsored by Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency Inc. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at Central Park. Walk begins at 9 a.m. Walkers, rollerbladers, runners, cyclists, skaters and skateboarders are welcome to participate, even wheelchairs, strollers, etc. For more information, contact Debby, Dee or Chrys at 665-0356.

7 — TRIBUTE TO WOODY GUTHRIE with dinner in the Starlight Room of the Coronado Inn, 7 p.m. Dan Bern from Los Angeles will be entertaining. For more information, contact Thelma Bray at 665-1180.

8 — PAMPA SHRINE CLUB FALL BBQ — 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Take-outs available. All proceeds go to Shrine Travel Fund. For more information, contact James Washington at 665-1488 or R.C. Grider at 665-8394.

12 — TOP OF TEXAS CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER Fourth Annual Fund Raising Banquet Dinner, from 7-10 p.m., with guest speaker Gianna Jensen. For more information, contact Mary Dunkel at 669-2229.

14-15 — TOP O' TEXAS FINE ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL, Saturday and Sunday, M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. For more information, contact Faustina Curry at 665-8838.

15 — HOLLAND WING OF WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM opens to the public, 2 p.m., at museum. For more information, contact the museum at 669-8041.

16 — BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS BOARD MEETING, Nona Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building, 7 p.m.

21 — CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL COUNTRY FAIR, M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. For more information on tickets, contact 669-3241.

21 — PAMPA AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meeting in the Coronado Hospital conference room (in the medical office building). 7 to 8 p.m. For more information call Kathy Gist, 665-4742.

24 — CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MONTHLY LUNCHEON, M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building, 11:45 a.m. For your reservation, call the Chamber office at 669-3241.

27 — PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR BOOSTERS to host a "Mexican Fiesta" supper at the Pampa High School cafeteria from 5-7:30 p.m.

27-29 — ACT I's FALL PRODUCTION of God's Favorite at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday in the ACT I Theatre at the Pampa Mall. For reservations and information, call 665-3710.

28-29 — GRAY COUNTY FCE CLUBS to hold Craft Fair & Flea Market at Clyde Carruth Pavilion. Booths available. For more information, contact: Daytime, Donna Brauchi, 669-8033, or Evening, Virginia Horton, 665-8045.

30 — LEAGUE OF PAMPA WRITERS, Lovett Memorial Library, 111 Houston, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 669-3002.

31 — ACT I PRESENTS HALLOWEEN READER'S THEATRE at the ACT I Theatre in the Pampa Mall. For reservations or information, call 665-3710.

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'Most wanted' fugitive dies in shootout in public square

JEFFERSONTOWN, Ky. (AP) — A fugitive wanted since 1992 for the attempted murder of an Ohio police officer died in a morning rush-hour shootout with FBI agents at a public square.

Roger Fein, a seven-time felon with an arrest record going back 28 years, was shot to death Wednesday after he shot and critically wounded a police officer.

Fein, 47, was featured Saturday on the TV program *America's Most Wanted*, which solicits tips on fugitives. FBI agent Dave Kohl said information from a

viewer led them to Fein. Jeffersontown police officer John Gregg, 40, was in critical condition this morning with internal injuries.

The shootout ended a 70-mile pursuit that began near Wilmore, about 70 miles east of Louisville. FBI agents spotted Fein's red sport-utility vehicle there early Wednesday and pursued Fein into Jeffersontown, just outside Louisville.

Gregg, who had been monitoring the chase on his radio, joined the pursuit and turned on his lights after agents gave him the go-ahead, Kohl said.

Early snow delays President on tarmac

DENVER (AP) — President Clinton and members of his three-plane entourage were delayed on the tarmac for several hours early today by snow and a lack of de-icing equipment.

The late summer storm left up to 4 inches of snow in the Denver area Wednesday night. Air Force One sat on the runway at Buckley Air National Guard Base awaiting de-icing trucks from Denver

International Airport, several miles away.

Air Force Two, carrying Vice President Al Gore, and a press plane were also delayed.

Clinton's plane finally took off at 1:55 a.m. — about an hour after Gore and nearly four hours later than scheduled. The press plane took off about 1:30 a.m.

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Opinion

Admitting mistakes at Weaver standoff

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has taken an important step toward admitting that something went terribly wrong during an August 1992 standoff between federal agents and white separatist Randy Weaver at Ruby Ridge in northern Idaho.

But the pattern of suspensions could suggest the FBI considers it worse to shred documents than to kill an unarmed mother holding a 10-month-old baby.

FBI Director Louis Freeh announced the suspension of four top agents - former No. 2 official Larry Potts, former deputy director of the criminal division Danny Coulson, and unit chiefs Gale Evans and Anthony Betz. A few weeks ago FBI official E. Michael Kahoe was suspended after evidence surfaced that he might have destroyed documents relating to the standoff.

The key issue seems to be who approved unusual "rules of engagement" for the confrontation with the Weaver family. Normal FBI policy permits the use of deadly force only in self-defense, but the rules for Ruby Ridge said deadly force "can and should" be used against any armed male adult outside the cabin. Agents on the scene have said that Larry Potts, the top headquarters official coordinating the standoff, explicitly approved those rules.

During the standoff, an FBI sniper shot and killed Randy Weaver's wife, Vicki, as she stood in the doorway after Randy Weaver was wounded by the same sharpshooter. It now seems that documents that detailed Potts's role fully were destroyed.

The issue of who approved the rules of engagement and whether this information was covered up is important. It does seem, however, that the shots that wounded Randy Weaver and killed his wife were taken in violation even of these lenient rules, which called for a warning to be broadcast to the cabin before any shooting - not to mention the fact that Vicki Weaver was neither male nor armed. Yet the shooter was not disciplined or charged.

No serious disciplinary action was taken by the U.S. Marshals Service, one of whose members, the previous day, shot the Weavers' 14-year-old son in the back, killing him as he was trying to run for safety.

Perhaps in preparation for congressional hearings scheduled next month, the FBI has taken some steps toward imposing accountability for the mistakes made at Ruby Ridge. That's a good start, but more truth needs to come to light to assure the American people that the FBI and other federal law-enforcement agencies have not veered out of control.

China's forcible population control

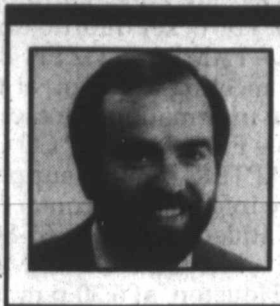
Earlier this month, the Clinton administration sent two of its most prominent women to Beijing to denounce Chinese human rights abuses - particularly its gruesome practice of making women undergo abortion or sterilization.

Hillary Rodham Clinton told delegates to the United Nations Conference on Women that it is "a violation of human rights when women are denied the right to plan their own families, and that includes being forced to have abortions or being sterilized against their will." United Nations ambassador Madeleine Albright personally informed the Chinese foreign minister that she was "deeply troubled," as one report put it, by forced abortions in China.

So the president has made it clear he opposes this terrible treatment of Chinese women by their government. The question now is: What is he willing to do about it?

For the last two and a half years, Bill Clinton has balked at doing anything. True, the State Department has publicly regretted China's coercive population-control program in its annual human rights reports and in congressional testimony, but the matter has been, at best, a low priority. In 1993, when the president set out the five human rights issues he would use to decide whether to renew China's most-favored nation trade status in 1994, it was conspicuously absent from the list.

One of Clinton's first decisions on China was to lift the U.S. ban on contributions to the United Nations Population Fund - imposed by President Reagan because the organization, known as UNFPA, provides money and other help to China in carrying out its one-child-per-couple policy. That program, which includes strict monitoring of women's contraceptive practices and even their menstrual cycles, has put intense pressure on local



Stephen Chapman

officials to prevent unsanctioned births at any cost.

Women who exceed the limit are subject to fines, loss of employment, confiscation of property and demolition of homes. Those are the lucky ones. The unlucky ones are also sterilized without their consent. In some cases, expectant mothers have been dragged to abortion clinics to dispose of fetuses that the authorities found inconvenient. The Chinese government formally disavows mandatory abortion and sterilization, but it does little to punish officials who employ them.

And it makes no apologies at all for using other coercive measures to deter unapproved births. The rest of the world has greatly reduced population growth by providing women and men with education and contraception and letting them make their own family planning decisions. China is practically alone in using strict official limits backed by force.

UNFPA says it cannot be blamed for China's excesses, insisting it has been a restraining influence. But it's hard to see how UNFPA can play any role in China's population policy without implicitly condoning its systematic coercion and frequent brutality.

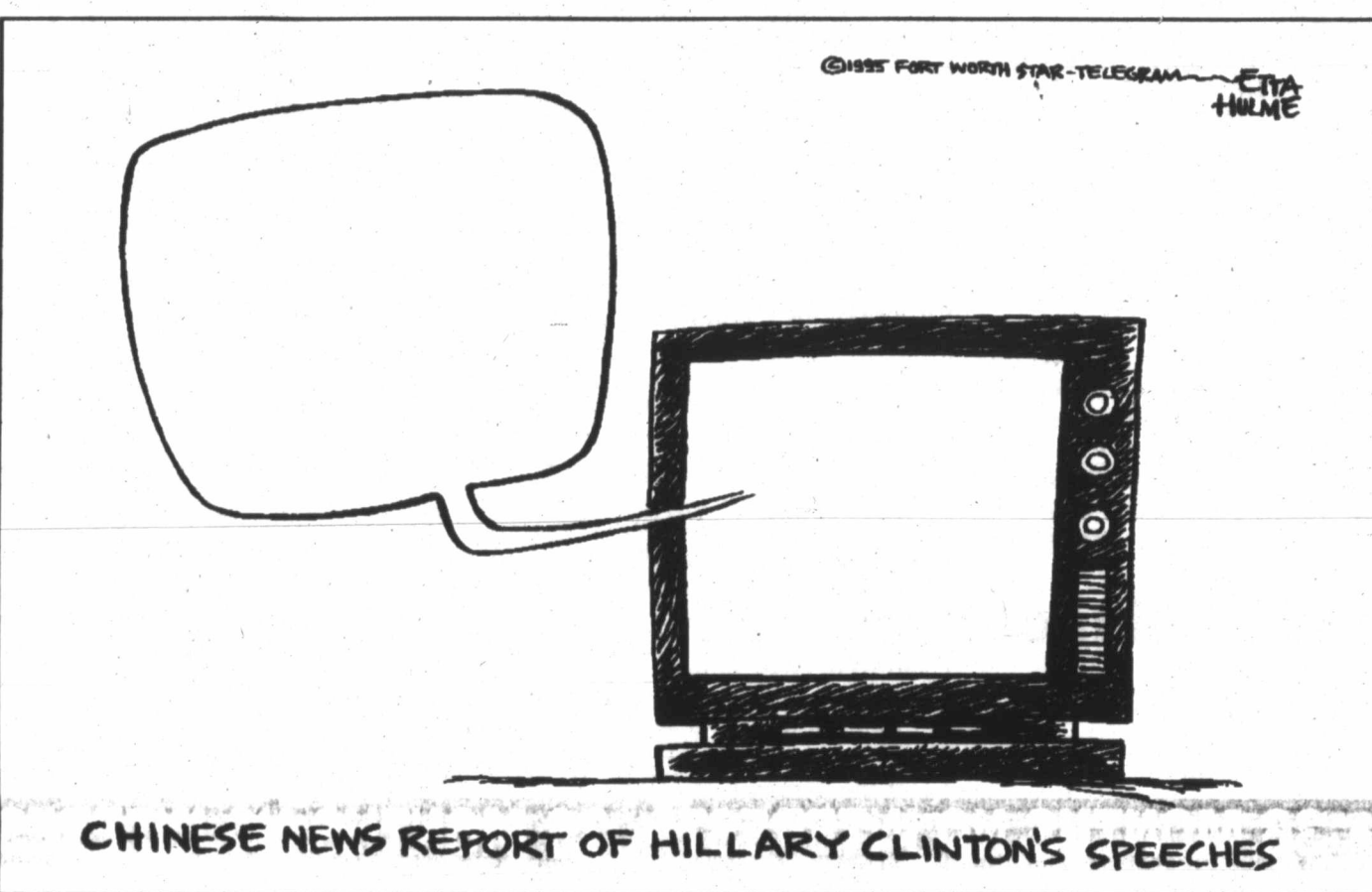
UNFPA Executive Director Nafis Sadik has not tried very hard to distance herself from such methods, declaring that China's population control is "purely voluntary" and that "China has every reason to feel proud of and pleased with its remarkable achievements made in its family planning policy." Yet the Clinton administration refuses to use its only leverage on this issue - withholding funds from the agency until it withdraws from China or unless China changes its ways.

The president has also reversed the only other American policy aimed at protecting Chinese women from this gross violation of their autonomy and their bodies. Under Presidents Reagan and Bush, women who had good reason to fear being forced into sterilization or abortion could qualify for political asylum. No longer. In fact, the administration is preparing to deport 13 women who fled China after being subjected to forcible abortion or sterilization or after being ordered to undergo these procedures.

Undersecretary of State Tim Wirth defended the change on the grounds that "we could potentially open ourselves up to just about everybody in the world saying, 'I don't want to plan my family, therefore I deserve political asylum.'"

In fact, this claim would have to be proven, not merely asserted, before anyone would be accepted as a refugee - just like any other claim - for political asylum. When the old policy was in effect, the number of people qualifying for it never exceeded 170 in a single year - not exactly a tidal wave.

China's population program is one of the worst abuses of a government that specializes in contempt for human rights. The Clinton administration has found its voice in criticizing these practices. Now it needs deeds to match its words.



Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, Sept. 21, the 264th day of 1995. There are 101 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Sept. 21, 1893, a horseless carriage - said to be the first gasoline-powered automobile built in the United States - was taken for a short test drive in Springfield, Mass., by Frank Duryea, who had designed the vehicle with his brother, Charles.

On this date:
In 1792, the French National Convention voted to abolish the monarchy.

In 1897, the New York Sun ran its "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" editorial in response to a letter from 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon.

In 1937, *The Hobbit*, by J.R.R. Tolkien, was first published.

In 1938, a hurricane struck parts of New York and New England, causing widespread damage and claiming more than 600 lives.

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Senate committees: Right on track

Things are looking up in the U.S. Senate. The Ethics Committee voted to expel Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., who deserves it. The Senate subcommittee holding hearings on the Ruby Ridge incident is extremely well-prepared and is asking the right questions.

Ruby Ridge, Idaho, is where an eccentric, Randy Weaver, lived and in a botched confrontation with federal agents lost his wife and son to federal gunfire.

Unlike the House hearings on Waco, which were turned into a circus by irresponsible and partisan Democrats and poorly prepared Republicans, the Senate subcommittee's senators in both parties are doing a serious job in an admirable manner.

The fate of Packwood, not to be mourned by anyone, is full of rich irony. Packwood is a liberal Republican, an ardent abortion-advocate, and prior to his recent troubles, a darling of the feminists and the liberal press. It is deliciously ironic that the sharks he nurtured so long finally turned on him and devoured his career.

The ethics committee has also done the right thing in releasing 10,000 pages of documents recounting the investigation and including Packwood's own diaries. No one who reads through those, from what I've heard about them, will have a leg left to stand on in defending Packwood, who is genuine sleaze.

Charley Reese

As for the Ruby Ridge hearings, they have so far shown that once more the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bureau with its own incompetence and malfeasance set-off a train of events that tragically ended the lives of three people whose deaths were not necessary in order to enforce the laws.

Weaver was lured into sawing off two shotguns by an ATF paid informant - a guy who would get a bonus if he developed a case, a system which clearly tempts the informant to entrap people.

At any rate, ATF's own policy says that it should concentrate on major gun suppliers of criminal enterprises and armed drug dealers. Yet, they went after Weaver. Under questioning, ATF was forced to admit that it had no evidence whatsoever that Weaver had ever sold an illegal weapon prior to the shotguns or sold any after the two shotguns. Hardly a major arms trafficker.

In a letter to the U.S. attorney seeking Weaver's prosecution, the ATF stated that Weaver had prior convictions. That was a lie. He had no prior convictions, and the ATF knew it. Their lame excuse is that the entire sentence was "a typographical error." But did they advise the U.S. attorney that the letter was in error? No.

Taiwan for U.S.

A U.S. magistrate also lied to Weaver at his arraignment, telling him that if lost his case, he would forfeit his bond to pay the government for his public defender, which meant the loss of his home. It was fearing the loss of his home that made Weaver reluctant to come down for the trial. It was the only asset he had. His wife and children would have been homeless.

A U.S. probation officer wrote Weaver a letter giving him the wrong date for his trial and then, when he didn't show up on the right date, was quoted in a newspaper story denying that he had misinformed Weaver. Fortunately, Weaver kept the letter. So there are three lies to start with.

ATF then met with Weaver and asked him to become an informant. He refused. No U.S. marshal ever presented himself to Weaver with a warrant for his arrest.

Emissaries were sent asking Weaver what it would take to resolve it. Admit I was entrapped, return my pistol and assure me my family will not be made homeless, Weaver said. At no time when any of these people came up did Weaver threaten them or refuse to admit them to his property. Yet, no marshal came.

These hearings are well worth watching if you have access to CSPAN, for they are being handled properly and it is about as clear a case as you will find of unprofessionalism on the part of federal agents. The senators in both parties clearly have been shocked by what they've found.



Gingrich's not crazy, he just seems so

I fear I may have misled the media. Just last March, I raised the indelicate subject of whether America's new prime minister, Newt Gingrich, was getting a little dotty on us. "I think it's time we considered the possibility," I wrote, that Newt "has become a wee bit unglued."

Since then, there have been further allusions to Newt's state of mind. In July, when he said he was "not convinced" that Vincent Foster committed suicide, *Baltimore Sun* pundits Jack Germond and Jules Witcover wrote a column headlined: "Newt Gingrich Can't Afford to be a Right-Wing Nutcase."

The *Washington Monthly* reviewed Newt's book, *To Renew America* and found it to be "alternately frightening, sensible, and just plain loony - much like the man himself."

A recent profile in *Vanity Fair* magazine examined the subject of Newt's lucidity directly. Writer Gail Sheehy cited his mother's history of manic depression and wondered whether the son had inherited the illness. Sheehy quoted several experts on the matter, but came to no definitive conclusion.

Let me state this clearly: I do not think Newton Leroy Gingrich has serious emotional problems. He might be minus some buttons, as the British would say, but mainly, I think he just has spells when he acts like a goofus.

Take a recent appearance on NBC's *Meet the Press*, when he was asked about the Sheehy article in *Vanity Fair*.

"Look, I knew when my book *To Renew America* knocked her book (*New Passages*) out of number



Joseph Spear

one that we'd get a mean, spiteful, nasty article... The fact is Gail Sheehy is a vicious liberal who used exactly the same character traits about Michael Dukakis in terms of some of his personality growth to explain why he was a wonderful, perfect savior for America."

"And Ariana Huffington has done a brilliant job of taking quote by quote out of (Sheehy's) profile of Dukakis and her profile of me showing how if you're a conservative each of these traits proves you're a bad person and if you are a liberal each of these traits prove you're a wonderful person."

"I think Gail Sheehy's piece was a despicable hit piece by a person who has virtually no values."

Whew. Do you understand all that? You have to know that Ariana Huffington is the wife of millionaire Michael, who tried and failed to buy a Senate seat in California last November. She is also very right wing, and very anti press. She is also the author of several books on New Age spiritualism.

I know it sounds borderline - the ascription of envy, the personal attack, the reliance on research by Madame Moonbeam - but don't take it too far. It's just Newt doing his goofus bit.

And then there was the time during his reelection campaign last November when he was asked about some charges leveled by the opposition and he alluded to a conspiracy that was afoot. "There is no question," he said, "that I am probably the most systematically smeared candidate in modern times."

And then there was the time last February, after it was reported that Newt's wife was working for a businessman who was trying to create a free-trade zone in Israel, when Newt lost his cool at a news conference. "I think my record of being investigated, scrutinized, smeared and attacked sort of rivals anybody in recent public life," said the man who once accused a predecessor, Jim Wright, of having a "Mussolini-like ego."

And then there was the time in April when he charged "embittered Democrats" with engaging in a "deliberate, systematic smear campaign" against him.

I know, it sounds like a persecution complex, doesn't it?

And then there were all those crazy things he has said in the past about "socialists" in the newsroom, about women getting infected in wet ditches, about men hunting giraffes and so on.

I know, when you put it all together, it sounds like Newt has stripped his gears. But I really don't think that's true. He just acts like a goofus once in a while.

Lace, lingerie and leg-of-mutton sleeves: Texas Panhandle fashion of the 1890s

PANHANDLE - Over the past several months the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum has received several visitor requests to install a costume exhibit. The wait will soon be over. "Lace, Lingerie, and Leg-of-Mutton Sleeves: The Texas Panhandle of the 1890s" will open Sept. 29 of this year, and will include several items worn by early Panhandle residents.



(Special photo)

Ada Crager, volunteer, and Susan Denney, assistant curator prepare exhibit.

The 1890s are often called the "Gay Nineties" because of the happy, optimistic, carefree, and confident attitude that dominated the decade. It was a time of changing values, when the rigid Victorian society was breaking up and newly rich industrialists and bankers became more influential. Women dominated social life and the home. Ambition and social mobility were hallmarks of the 1890s.

During the 1890s, the line of women's clothing became much simpler and more sensible, while at the same time opulent and elaborately trimmed with lace, applique, and ribbon. Bold, bright colors were favored. The hourglass silhouette was accentuated by large leg-of-mutton sleeves and skirts that flared at the hem.

The Gibson Girl, created by illustrator Charles Dana Gibson in the 1890s, represented the ideal American beauty: healthy, wholesome, athletic and statuesque. The uniform of the Gibson Girl was a dark skirt and white or light-colored shirtwaist or blouse. This rather simple costume signified a new attitude toward women's clothing.

Acceptable roles and activities for women also changed during this period. Education was more accessible and increasing numbers of young women worked before marriage. Women participated in sports such as lawn tennis, golf, and bicycling, often wearing clothing similar to the bloomer costume introduced by Amelia Bloomer in the 1840s. The liberating influence of sports brought about a "new American woman."

According to a study released Wednesday, colorful plastic toys placed in hens' cages soothe the birds' nerves and inspire them to lay more eggs. "The calmer atmosphere particularly increases the chances of the weaker chickens in the social order to survive and to produce better laying results," the Hebrew University of Jerusalem said in a statement accompanying the results of the study conducted by Dr. Gadi Gvoryahu of the agricultural faculty. Gvoryahu's thesis was tested in the United States over a 10-month period by Donald Bell of the University of California at Riverside.

The first mail-order catalogs appeared in the 1890s, bringing a variety of fabric, fashionable ready-made clothing and accessories to even the most remote areas.

Fashion magazines such as *Godey's Lady's Book*, *The Delineator* and *Vogue* spread current fashion across the country, including the Texas Panhandle.

During the last years of the nineteenth century new towns were being established and the population of the area was growing rapidly. Most Texas Panhandle counties were organized by 1900, and many towns were established in the 1880s and 1890s. Amarillo was established in 1887, Canyon in 1889, Claude in 1887, Dimmitt in 1891, and Dumas in 1892.

"Women in the Texas Panhandle had access to current fashions. However, there are few pieces remaining from the late 19th century because there were relatively few women living here at that time. We feel very fortunate that the Society's collection includes some of these pieces, which will be included in the exhibit," stated Susan Denney, assistant curator of history at the PPHM.

The exhibit will be installed in the textile gallery on the second floor of the Museum. It will replace the "Finished in Beauty: The Evolution of Navajo Weaving" exhibit, which had to be removed in July due to a heavy rain and resulting water leak.

World briefs Study: Toys soothe hens

Police Storm Hijacked Bus, Free Hostages

MOSCOW (AP) — Police stormed a hijacked bus in the southern Russian republic of Dagestan today and freed 18 hostages held by gunmen who had demanded \$1.5 million and a helicopter.

Alexander Korcheba, the duty officer at the Federal Security Service in Moscow, said the hostages had been freed and the "terrorists have been neutralized."

Korcheba said two gunmen seized the bus Wednesday night at the terminal in Makhachkala, 1,000 miles south of Moscow, after being questioned and searched by police for suspicious behavior.

Taiwan Vows To Try Again for U.N. Seat Next Year

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Taiwan said today it was disappointed at being refused membership in the United Nations but would try again next year.

On Wednesday, China managed for the third year to keep Taiwan's bid off the agenda at the U.N. General Assembly.

Qin Huasun, China's U.N. ambassador, said Taiwan's entry would be "a serious encroachment upon China's sovereignty and a gross interference in its internal affairs." China views Taiwan as a renegade province and claims sovereignty over it.

Taiwan Foreign Ministry spokesman Rock Leng said the United Nations ignored the rights of Taiwan's 21 million people by denying it membership.

Taiwan lost its U.N. seat to China in 1971.

Judge stops scrambling of sex channel

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal judge on Wednesday blocked Time Warner Inc.'s attempt to scramble the signal of a Manhattan cable channel that shows uncensored sexually oriented programming.

Judge Leonard B. Sand temporarily prevented the company from scrambling Channel 35, beginning Oct. 1, to any customer who did not return a card to the company requesting the adult programming. The channel, provided with basic cable service, shows late night programs featuring strippers and excerpts from pornographic movies as well as ads for phone sex and escort services.

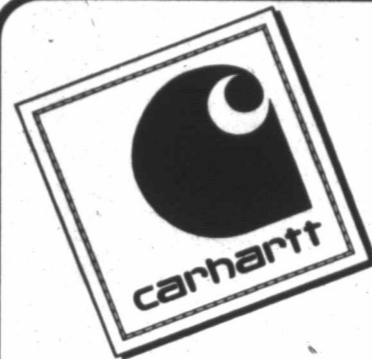
The judge said producers of the programs, who claimed First Amendment rights to free speech, convinced him that they were likely to succeed if the case went to trial and that they would face

irreparable injury if Time Warner were allowed to scramble the channel before the trial.

Time-Warner's lawyer said they would appeal. Time Warner's scrambling plan was the first practical application of a 1992 amendment to the Federal Cable Act. The amendment permits cable companies to ban "indecent" programs or to scramble their signals.

Last July, an appeals court in Washington upheld the law, saying it did not violate the First Amendment. The U.S. Supreme Court has not decided if it will review that case.

Time Warner said only 50,000 of 290,000 subscribers have returned the cards asking that their signal not be scrambled. Time Warner operates the channel through its subsidiary, Manhattan Cable television, which comes with basic cable service.



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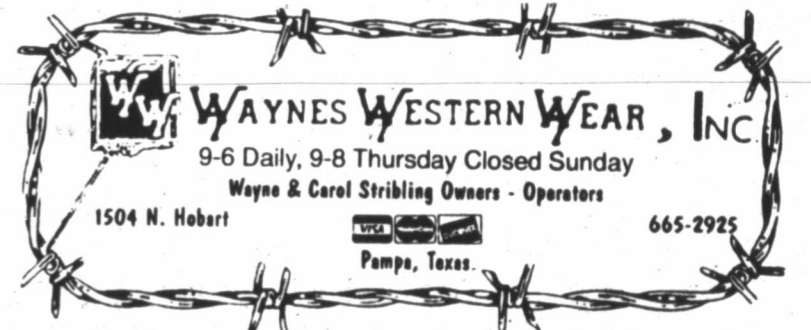
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Voluntary breakup ends over century of building

By EVAN RAMSTAD
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Since its creation more than 100 years ago, AT&T Corp. has built itself into a giant whose stock is the most widely owned in the nation and is said to be a part of every widow's portfolio.

Company directors decided that size had turned from an advantage into an obstacle.

AT&T stunned the business world Wednesday by announcing that it will break the nation's leading telecommunications provider apart and eliminate about 8,500 jobs in its flourishing computer business.

Three companies will emerge from the mega-bustup, an astonishing counterpoint to a spree of corporate marriages that have reached the most frenzied pace since the 1980s mergers heyday.

The move could help AT&T get back into local phone service, the business it was forced to give up in the 1984 breakup of Ma Bell.

"We have changed our strategy at AT&T," Chairman Robert Allen said. "We've focused for more than 100 years on integration as a strength. But ... we have determined that AT&T's shareholders will be better off by separating the businesses."

One of the three new companies will focus on communications services, another will make communications gear and another will make computer systems. AT&T's shareholders will get a stake in each.

The resulting companies will have greater flexibility for the future, and the damage from AT&T's troubled computer manufacturing operation will be contained.

"In a time when scale is all the rage, to see AT&T walk in the other direction is a major wake-up call," said Mark Plakias, analyst at Strategic Telemedia in New York.

It's the biggest corporate dis-

section since the 1984 breakup of AT&T ordered by the government as part of an antitrust settlement, dividing local and long distance companies.

Under the settlement, AT&T is barred from buying one of the seven regional Baby Bells because that would reconstitute AT&T's monopoly over local and long-distance service.

However, once AT&T sets up a separate telephone equipment manufacturing company, the communications-services company is more likely to pursue a partnership with a Baby Bell. Company executives would not disclose their plans.

The breakup also removes internal barriers that kept AT&T from pursuing local phone service, chiefly that it didn't want to alienate local phone companies that purchase its equipment.

"It has been increasing as a conflict as AT&T globalized its communication service," said James Moore, analyst at Geopartners, a Cambridge, Mass., consulting firm.

This conflict posed a serious obstacle to AT&T's 1993 takeover of cellular phone leader McCaw Cellular Communications, for example. Other cellular companies worried that AT&T would sell equipment to McCaw at discounted prices. A federal judge ordered AT&T to charge the same to all buyers.

The breakup also is a sign of the difficulty AT&T had in its 1991 acquisition of NCR Corp. The computer manufacturer, bruised by the same market changes that hurt firms like IBM and Digital, never met financial expectations and executives for both companies clashed.

AT&T's computer operation will eliminate 8,500 of 43,000 jobs this fall in a move expected to cost \$1 billion. The company will quit making personal computers, although it will sell some made by others, and continue to manufacture larger computer systems.

Country Fair tickets available



Curt Beck, at left, David Caldwell and Carol Cofer, members of the Country Fair drawing committee, hold drawing tickets which are available for sale. The drawing is set to be held during the live auction at the Country Fair Saturday, Oct. 21 at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. Tickets are \$100 apiece and may be purchased by groups or co-ops. Call 669-0926 or the Pampa Greater Chamber of Commerce at 669-3241 for ticket purchases or information. The prizes to be given away are \$5,000, \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500.

Chicago heat wave death toll up

CHICAGO (AP) — Scorching heat in July killed up to 733 Chicagoans, 210 more than the official count, a new study shows.

The Chicago Health Department study says that normally there should have been 72 deaths in the city per day in July, for a monthly total of 2,232.

But 2,965 deaths were recorded during the month, for 733 "excess deaths," public health officials said Wednesday. The study used a different formula that accounted for such things as a declining death rate and seasonal varia-

tions. The heat was the only thing the researchers could find to explain the excess deaths.

Cook County Medical Examiner Edmund Donoghue had blamed 523 deaths in the city on the July 13-17 heat wave that peaked at 106 degrees and a lesser hot spell late in the month.

Dozens more heat-related deaths were recorded in the suburbs.

Critics said Donoghue counted the deaths too liberally, prompting a review by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. In late July, CDC officials

supported Donoghue's count.

CDC epidemiologist Dr. Jan Semenza said the higher Health Department figure was shocking.

"The number is very high," said Semenza, who was in Chicago for a month this summer to study the death toll. "It was definitely unexpected. We were all surprised." Other scientists will have to review the study's methods, Semenza said.

The heat was among Chicago's deadliest disasters, killing far more people than the 250 to 300 who died in the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

Mexico briefs

Ruling party blast free-market policies

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Lawmakers from Mexico's ruling party have criticized the government's free-market economic policies, shrugging aside a history of rigid obedience.

"We want and demand profound changes. We lost the path of economic growth for 14 years," said deputy Oscar Levin Coppel during a debate Tuesday in the lower house of Mexico's Congress.

Lawmakers almost never challenge presidential requests, and even Tuesday they did not directly criticize President Ernesto Zedillo, an avid free-market advocate.

But a series of reforms have given the party a greater measure of independence, and party leaders have grown increasingly restive over public anger toward a series of economic crises and efforts to dismantle Mexico's historic big-government economy in favor of a freer market.

Mexico's reserves slip slightly, central bank reports

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's international monetary reserves slipped slightly to \$15.14 billion by the end of last week, down from \$15.22 billion a week earlier, the central Bank of Mexico reported Wednesday.

The bank attributed the \$75 million drop to \$117 million spent in servicing its external debt, the maturing of \$40 million in dollar-linked Tesobonos, an amortization of \$20 million paid to the International Monetary Fund and other central bank payments totaling \$5 million.

Offsetting those payments was \$107 million from operations of the state oil monopoly Petroleos Mexicanos, or Pemex.

The bank said the basic money supply rose slightly over the week, to 47.24 billion pesos from 45.54 billion. It said that was due to a seasonal adjustment in cash demand to cover 15-day payments on wages and salaries.

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First case of dengue fever confirmed in valley

MALLEN, Texas (AP) — Victor Munoz is sick of mosquitoes. In the colonia where he lives, they swarm over water-filled ditches and hide inside old tires that litter the yards.

But Munoz is more than annoyed — he's afraid the mosquitoes invading his neighborhood may carry dengue fever, the painful viral disease that has infected at least one South Texan.

"We're very much concerned," said Munoz, whose neighborhood lacks sanitation and drainage, making it a prime place for mosquitoes to breed.

"As long as we stay inside it's fine. But not all the families have screens. Not all of them have proper ventilation, so they're going to open doors," he said.

A McAllen woman has the first confirmed case of dengue fever in South Texas and more cases soon may be verified, state and federal health officials said Wednesday.

The case, though contracted in nearby Reynosa, Mexico, has stirred fear in Rio Grande Valley residents and health officials, who say it could spawn an outbreak of the mosquito-carried virus on this side of the

border. "Our concern is if it's in Reynosa, it's here," Munoz said.

Dr. Gary Clark, chief of the dengue branch for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in San Juan, Puerto Rico, shares that concern.

All dengue cases reported in the United States since 1986 have been contracted outside of the country, but transmission within the United States may not be far off, Clark said.

"How do viruses move around the world? It's the lady that goes to Reynosa, Mexico. When she goes back to McAllen and is bitten by Texas (mosquitoes) then those mosquitoes can transmit to other family members or neighbors, and that's how the transmission begins," Clark said.

Dengue, a virus transmitted by the female Aedes mosquito, causes severe muscular pains, stomach inflammation, headaches and hemorrhaging, which for some can be deadly.

The Aedes mosquito, which thrives in tropical climates, has made an alarming resurgence in several Latin American countries.

This year, 35,000 cases of dengue and 545 cases of the more severe hemorrhagic dengue have been reported in Central America, Mexico and the Caribbean.

The epidemic hit closer to home in late August when an outbreak occurred in Reynosa. More than 400 cases of dengue have been reported there.

The McAllen woman, who was not identified, was a frequent visitor to the border town, Clark said. Her blood sample was sent to his lab last week for testing, along with 29 others from the Valley. Of those, two were negative and the rest require additional tests.

Another 37 blood samples were sent to the lab on Tuesday, he said. Those are from residents throughout South Texas, from Harlingen and McAllen to as far north as Corpus Christi.

During a 1986 outbreak of dengue in the United States, there were 68 suspected cases of the disease, Clark said. Fourteen were confirmed.

There have been no suspected cases reported this month from elsewhere in the country, Clark said.

Risk of food poisoning on cruise ships declining

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Despite some well-publicized outbreaks at sea, the risk of getting sick from bad food on a cruise ship has never been lower, federal officials say. Still, there is room for improvement.

Investigators from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Wednesday that they investigated 31 cruise-ship outbreaks of diarrhea between 1986 and 1993.

The most common causes of intestinal ills turned out to be undercooked scallops and eggs. Ships' chefs could have avoided about one-third of the episodes if they had thoroughly cooked shellfish and used pasteurized eggs.

An estimated 4.8 million people take cruises on ships in North America every year. Even an occasional outbreak can afflict a lot of people, since about one-third of passengers get sick whenever there is a bout of food poisoning.

"People should think about this and be sure any food they eat on a cruise ship is thoroughly cooked," said Denise Koo of the CDC.

She said the old adage about eating in foreign locales should apply: "Boil it, peel it, cook it, or forget it."

Koo and colleagues presented their latest cruise ship data at an infectious disease conference sponsored by the American Society for Microbiology.

The CDC calculates the number of outbreaks for each day a passenger is on a cruise. In the 1970s, there were 8.1 outbreaks

for every 10 million passenger days. In the 1980s, this fell to 3, and in the 1990s to 2.1.

"It's becoming safer to go on a cruise ship that docks in the United States," said the CDC's Dr. Kim Cook.

Ships that call on the United States get surprise inspections twice a year by investigators from the National Center for Environmental Health. However, ships that don't touch land in the United States do not get federal inspections and indeed may not be overseen by any regulators.

Besides undercooking, another frequent source of on-board illness is contamination by sick food handlers. CDC investigators blamed this for a large outbreak last September on the ship Viking Serenade as it sailed from San Pedro, Calif., to Baja California in Mexico.

Cook said the culprit, the bacteria shigella, is only found in the human intestine. Several different foods on the ship's departure buffet were tainted. Before the cruise was over, 500 people — one-third of those on board — had gotten sick, and one died.

More than 60 percent of diarrheal outbreaks on cruises could be prevented by thoroughly cooking food, using pasteurized eggs, using the ships' kitchens rather than local caterers for onshore meals and encouraging sick food handlers to stay off the job, she said.

"You have to be an informed consumer, but we don't want to discourage people from going on cruises," Cook said.

Oakland Tribune to run Unabomber manifesto

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Oakland Tribune decided to publish the full text of the Unabomber's manifesto today because of the bomber's possible connection to the area.

"This is a local story — the Unabomber may live and work in this area, and much of the investigation is in the East Bay," said Dave Burgin, editor in chief of the Alameda Newspaper Group, the paper's parent company.

Several of the Unabomber's letters and bombs were mailed from Oakland, and bombs have exploded in neighboring Berkeley, Burgin noted.

"And there is always a chance that publishing the treatise for Bay Area readers could lead to the Unabomber's apprehension," he said.

The Tribune's decision came as newsstands around the San Francisco Bay area reported a deluge of requests for Tuesday's Washington Post, which carried the 35,000-word manuscript in an agreement with The New York Times.

The Tribune will run an extra 10,000 or so copies with the eight-page supplement, Burgin said.

Ironically, the newspaper got the Unabomber's virulent con-

demnation of technology off the Internet, Burgin said.

He emphasized that the Tribune has had no contacts from the Unabomber or law enforcement officials asking for publication.

The serial bomber has killed three people and injured 23 others in 16 attacks since 1978. He demanded that the Post or the Times print his treatise as the price for stopping his attacks on people.

The FBI has encouraged people — especially in the Bay Area, Sacramento, Salt Lake City and Chicago — to read the manifesto in the hope they may recognize

something that could identify the Unabomber.

But the only local source for the manifesto — titled "Industrial Society and Its Future" — was either the Internet at Time Warner's World Wide Web home page or imported editions of the Post.

That created a run on newsstands that carry the Post.

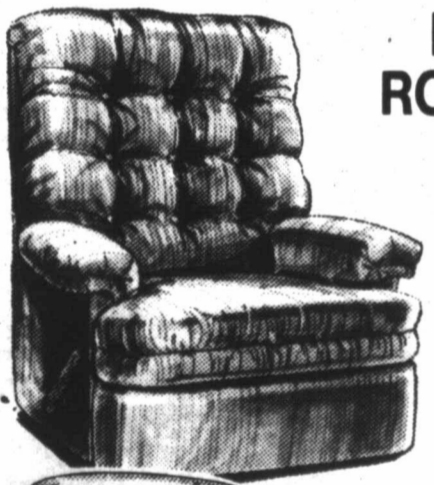
Moustapha Zakaria, owner of Dave's Smoke Shop in Berkeley, said he received at least 500 calls for the Post, which he carries only on Sundays.

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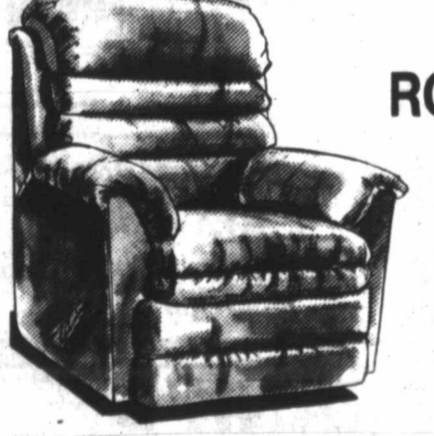
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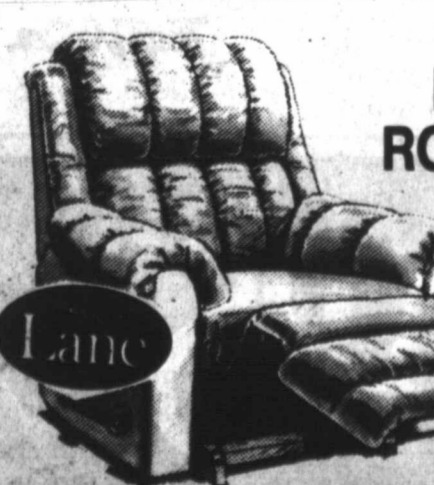
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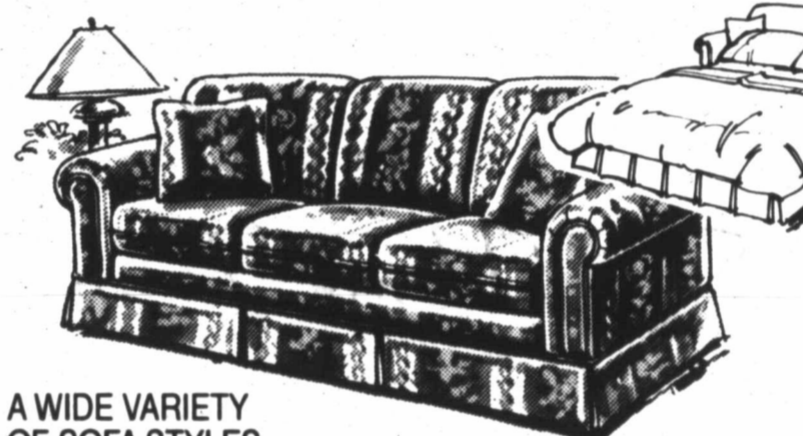


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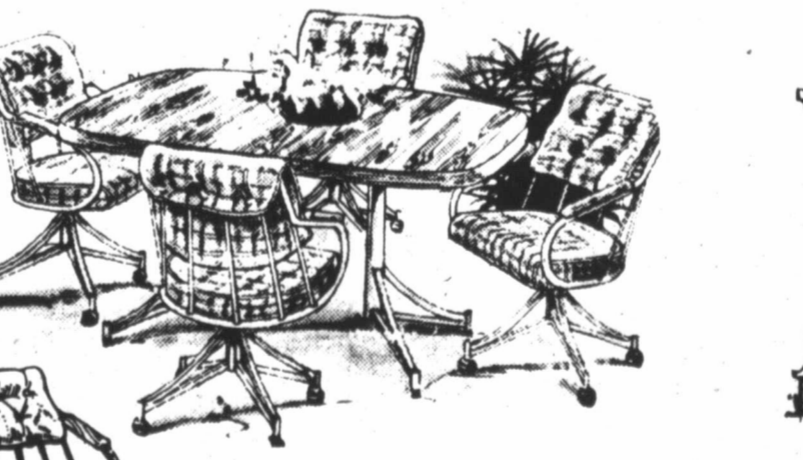
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SBA opens door to Hasidic Jew in business program

WASHINGTON (AP) - A Hasidic Jew has won a four-year fight to be accepted in a federal set-aside program for small businesses that is usually reserved for blacks, Hispanics and other "socially disadvantaged" minorities.

The case could open the program's door wider to other whites if they can prove that their beliefs, appearance or social standing produce a disadvantaged status, according to some legal observers.

These experts say the out-of-court settlement is an apparent Clinton administration reaction to a Supreme Court ruling that severely limited affirmative action programs that appear to be based solely on race.

"As soon as we said we would use the Supreme Court case, a few days later the government said, 'Let's let this guy in,'" said Stuart Levey, a New York attorney representing Hasidic Jewish

businessman Harold Ten. "They did an about-face after fighting tooth and nail for years."

D.J. Caulfield, a spokesman for the Small Business Administration, said resolution of the case was held up until after the high court ruling, but that wasn't necessarily the reason Ten won.

"This is not a race-based program. Anyone can apply citing clear and convincing evidence of their social or economic disadvantage," Caulfield said of the Minority Enterprise Development Program. "He proved his case."

Ten had cited many examples of discrimination, saying people would agree to business deals over the phone, but renege when they saw him dressed in typical black garb, yarmulke and sideburn hair curls.

"I don't think it will take the next Hasidic Jew four years" to get into the program, Ten said in

a telephone interview from Los Angeles, where he owns Tenco Enterprises Inc., a commodities trading company.

"This makes discrimination against Hasidic Jews as discriminatory as against any other ethnic or racial group. That's the key point here, and the SBA acknowledged that," Ten said.

In fact, 50 of 5,500 participants in the contract set-aside program in the past year were not minorities, according to Caulfield. Most of the 50 were handicapped individuals or poor white women, but one white man was included. Participants get business advice and special access to federal contracts.

The case didn't change the law by adding Hasidic Jews as a disadvantaged group - such as blacks, Hispanics, Asians, Eskimos, Hawaiians, Native Americans and Aleutian Islanders - whose members are automatically eligible for the pro-

gram, Caulfield said.

But William P. Pendley, the Colorado lawyer who won the Supreme Court case last June, said the latest SBA case shows the Clinton administration is broadening the application of affirmative action, as required by the high court.

"What you will see is the government now saying to itself, 'We've got to show that these aren't race-based programs. We've got to show that not just members of these racial groups get in,'" Pendley said.

In the Colorado case, Adarand Constructors Inc., owned by a white man, Randy Pech, lost a contract to a higher bidder that fit the SBA's definition of a disadvantaged business because its owner was a minority.

Adarand contended the federal agency's subcontracting policy was an unlawful set-aside based on race, resulting in reverse discrimination.

Justice puts brakes on auto dealers' antitrust practices

WASHINGTON (AP) - It started with a 1989 "open letter," urging auto dealers to join to stop the "big three" from offering deals and discounts that hurt dealer profits and saved consumers money.

Now those "recommendations for survival" urged by the National Automobile Dealers Association have been called illegal, and the trade group, while admitting no wrongdoing, on Wednesday agreed to stop coaching dealers on how to limit price competition. The consent decree ended a major 16-month Justice Department investigation into the industry.

The association's goal often was to undermine discounts, deals and rebates offered by the "big three" automakers - General Motors, Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp. - according to Anne K. Bingaman, assistant

attorney general in charge of the antitrust division at Justice.

"NADA stepped well over the line by trying to keep various players in the auto industry from taking steps that would reduce car prices for consumers," Bingaman said. "Trade associations must not be allowed to become a cover for cartel-like activity."

Bingaman said the Justice Department couldn't put a dollar figure on how much consumers might have lost because of the trade group's activities over the past six years. But she noted that the association has 25,000 franchise members, or 84 percent of U.S. auto dealers, who see about \$375 billion in sales every year. One of the perks the group was, trying to stop was \$1,000 consumer rebates often offered by the major automakers, she said.

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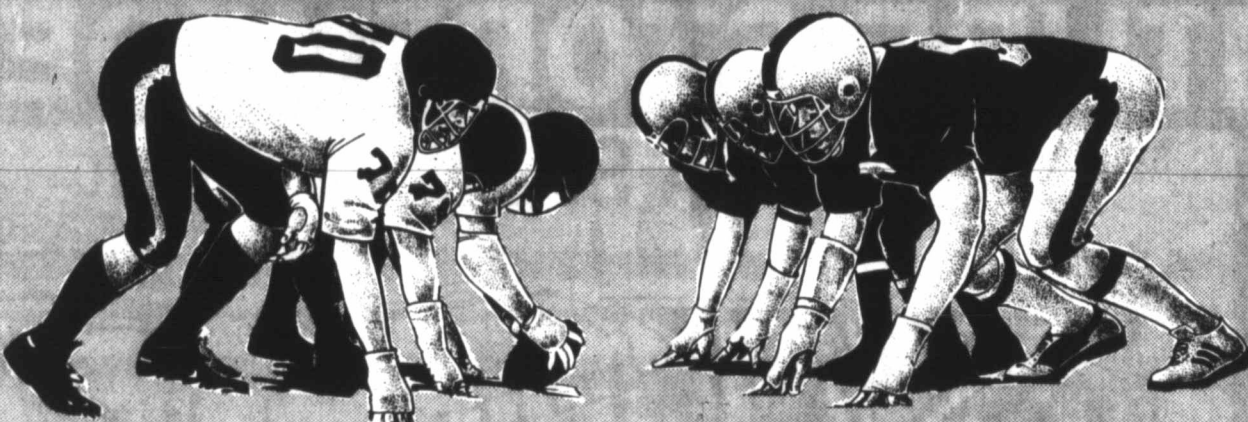
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Police seek clues in border investigation

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Police are tracking the actions of five men considered to be suspects in the deaths of several women whose bodies have been discovered in the desert.

Investigators say they are keeping a close watch on the men, whose names have not been released, checking out alibis and tracking their movements during the past 90 days.

"We are encouraged that we found certain clues that reassure us we are looking in the right direction," special investigator Francisco Minjares, who is in charge of the case, said Tuesday.

Minjares said that one man is a U.S. citizen who fits the possible psychological profile of the killer or killers, has a history of violent sex crimes and may have been in Ciudad Juarez at the time of the slayings.

The four Mexican suspects were well-known to three of the eight women whose bodies have been found in remote areas of the city since Aug. 19, said Minjares.

He also said at least two of the victims, Silvia Morales and Olga Carrillo, may have been killed by the same person or persons. Both women frequented the same bus stops and disappeared within a few blocks of one another in mid-August.

Contrary to early reports, not all the women were strangled, Minjares said.

Investigators now know that one of two women found in a shallow grave in the mountains of southwest Juarez was stabbed to death.

Since authorities started finding the bodies on the city's southern outskirts last month, they have conceded they may be dealing with a serial killer, especially since there have been some similarities in the slayings.

But police say it is also possible they are dealing with a string of unrelated crimes.

Several of the women were raped and strangled. Most are thought to have been in their early teens or 20s and at least some looked alike. In some cases the women were also found partially naked, their shoes neatly set beside their bodies.

Getting a head start on duck hunting season



Eric Hager releases a flying Canada Goose decoy while Lee Bell works the strings in Cox Park in Grand Forks, N.D., recently. With goose hunting opening in North Dakota Sept. 30, the two hunters were learning how fly the new decoy. (AP photo)

Bush says Medicaid formula a good place to begin

AUSTIN (AP) — The Medicaid reform plan outlined by Republicans in Congress is a good start toward making sure Texas and other fast-growing states don't get stuck, Gov. George W. Bush says.

Bush said Wednesday the new formula appears to meet Texas' expected needs through 2002. He said he will continue talking with congressional leaders and other governors to seek more flexibility for states to run their Medicaid programs.

"This is an ongoing process, and I intend to continue to fight for block grants which recognize Texas has a fast-growing population and needs freedom and flex-

ibility to administer our Medicaid program," he said.

Bush, a Republican, also said he wants Congress to provide additional money for border states to help cover the high cost of emergency medical care for illegal immigrants.

"The taxpayers of Texas should not bear the brunt of the federal government's failure to control illegal immigration. Illegal immigration is a national problem, and its repercussions should be a national expense," the governor said.

The Medicaid proposal, announced Tuesday by U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich, would attempt to make good on

GOP promises to cut the program's growth rate in half and save \$182 billion over seven years.

The formula, worked out with support from many Republican governors, would guarantee every state an increase of at least 2 percent a year. The grants would rise faster for states with growing numbers of poor people and nursing home residents.

Bush's budget office said its analysis of the proposal indicates that the formula should meet Texas' projected federal funding needs for the next seven years, through 2002.

Chuck McDonald, who tracks

federal funding issues for Democratic Texas Comptroller John Sharp, criticized the proposal.

"What the Republicans put on the table today is not really a block grant. It's a cap entitlement program," McDonald said, contending that the proposal continues an "inequitable funding mechanism."

"New York gets twice as much money as Texas with a smaller population, and will continue to get twice as much money for the next seven years. It's very disappointing, because Comptroller Sharp has been a strong supporter of the block grant movement," he said.

Pharmacists urge choice awareness

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas pharmacists are urging consumers to demand that health insurance coverage allow them to choose their own pharmacy.

Increased use of plans that deny such a choice threaten to make independent pharmacies an endangered species, pharmacists said.

The 5,000-member Texas Pharmacy Association said Wednesday it was protesting what Austin pharmacist Bill C. Pittman called "high-handed, unfair practices of insurance companies that we feel jeopardize the consumer's ability to obtain quality pharmacy services."

Some insurance plans offer networks of health care providers that keep patients from patronizing the pharmacy of their choice and exclude drugs based solely on cost, Pittman said.

He said some plans also tell pharmacists from which source they must buy drugs, pay pharmacy dispensing fees that don't cover overhead and offer pharmacies take-it-or-leave-it contracts with no negotiation.

The National Association of Retail Druggists estimates that nearly 2,000 independent pharmacies closed last year because of such policies, said Pittman.

"We have found that when only a few people stand to demand quality health care within a company or organization, that usually the employer will seek out a plan or option that offers choice and quality care," He said.

State Rep. Leticia Van de Putte, a pharmacist, said losing local and neighborhood pharmacies could cause serious problems in rural and inner city areas.

"If community pharmacies continue to be shut out by a mandate of where their patients could go, then those pharmacies in those rural areas may not be there to serve anyone," she said.

Ms. Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, also said consumers should speak up when their employers are considering health coverage.

Quarter horse beaten to death; eleven juvenile youths confess after being held for questioning

SILSBEE, Texas (AP) — Eleven juveniles were held today in the death of a high school sports official's prize quarter horse, which was chased down and then beaten.

Silsbee High School athletic director Charles Woodard discovered his horse, Mr. Wilson Boy, in his pasture off Texas 327.

The Hardin County Sheriff's Department on Tuesday contacted the youths' parents. They confessed to beating the horse to death Sept. 14.

"I don't know about a motive," Lori Gillen with the sheriff's department said Wednesday. "But it was a pretty cruel thing to do."

The youths said they first entered Woodard's pasture on Sept. 13 and chased some cows with sticks, said sheriff's deputy Darrell Werner.

He said they returned the next day with their sticks and chased Mr. Wilson Boy into a barbed-wire fence where it fell, got tangled up in the wire and broke its leg.

Werner said the youths then beat the wounded horse until it died. One took a stick and

shoved it up the horse's nostril, he said.

"They just don't have any reason for what they did," Hardin County Sheriff Mike Holzappel told the Beaumont Enterprise. "And the way the judicial system is set up, we can't even lock them up in the county jail."

Werner said two students told the Silsbee school's Crime Stoppers program that they overheard the youths bragging about what they had done.

Ms. Gillen said the youths were held in a county juvenile detention center. They had appeared before Justice of the Peace Walter Ray Overstreet on felony criminal mischief charges.

The 10 boys and one girl, ages 8 to 14, did not attend the school and did not know they were on Woodard's property, Holzappel said.

Woodard's 14-year-old horse, valued at \$10,000, had entered a cutting point competition in Corsicana in 1985, officials with the American Quarter Horse Association in Amarillo said.

Prosecutor describes abductors as dumb and dumber

HOUSTON (AP) — A University of Houston student who abducted his former roommate has received a 40-year prison term in what one prosecutor called a case of not-so-bright planning.

Kelly Matison Ware, 32, was sentenced Wednesday.

In hopes of getting a \$200,000 ransom, Ware hatched the plan to abduct Joseph Dustin Ruffatto, then 20, according to prosecutors.

However, prosecutor Mark Vinson said the plan was carried

out by "dumb and dumber," referring to Ware and his alleged accomplice, Mark Allen Kennard, 25.

Calling to demand the ransom, the abductor told the victim's mother he would be driving her son's car. She told authorities, who spotted the vehicle.

In the kidnapping, a pillowcase was thrown over Ruffatto's head at gunpoint as he walked to his car on Dec. 13, 1994. He was driven to a warehouse that Ware had rented.

There, Ruffatto was tied up and

duct tape was placed over his eyes and mouth. His mother testified a man telephoned her that afternoon to meet him in five minutes at a convenience store near her home if she wanted to see her son alive.

Ware was pulled from the freshman's BMW by authorities who took him in for questioning.

Kennard released the student that evening when Ware failed to return to the meeting with Ruffatto's mother.

Consumer advocates attack utility surcharge idea as unfair to customer

AUSTIN (AP) — Consumer groups are blasting a proposal to require electric customers to keep helping big utilities pay for costly power plants, even as other companies compete to provide cheaper electricity.

Jane Briesemeister of Consumers' Union said Wednesday the Public Utility Commission doesn't have authority to implement the electric bill surcharge proposal, while Public Citizen's Tom Smith called the idea "welfare for the wealthy."

"What we're seeing here is another S&L (savings and loan) bailout ... unless we say 'no' now," Smith said. "We don't owe them a bailout."

The idea was defended by its author, PUC Chairman Pat Wood, who said customers wouldn't see higher bills and even could see their costs decrease.

Wood offered the idea as part of a plan for the state to move into a world of increasing competition in the sale of electricity, an idea touted as a way to drive down costs to customers.

The PUC in previous years OK'd utilities recovering "reasonably incurred" costs associated with power plants, includ-

ing nuclear power plants, Wood said. Those costs already are part of consumers' bills, he noted.

"My proposals, whatever we decide to do, will be revenue-neutral at worst and revenue decreases at best," Wood said, adding that his proposed surcharge would apply even to utility customers who switch to other suppliers under a competitive system.

The three-member PUC didn't act on the surcharge proposal at a Wednesday meeting, but plans further discussion on the issue.

Commissioner Judy Walsh praised Wood's "long-range thinking on this." Commissioner Robert Gee gave Wood credit for offering the proposal, but added that he has "some serious questions" about it.

"I am far at this point from seeing how it could be adopted. I'm eager to hear further discussion. I think it raises a lot of legal questions," Gee said.

Ms. Briesemeister said the 1995 Legislature merely asked the PUC to report back to it on the issue of "stranded investment," or assets that aren't economical in the face of de-

creasing regulation and increasing competition.

Nuclear power plants begun in the 1970s, for example, are more expensive than other power sources that may be used currently. The potential stranded investment in Texas has been estimated in the billions of dollars.

"The statute is clear on its face that the Legislature did not intend for the commission to act on the question, but rather to study the issue and advise the Legislature," Ms. Briesemeister said.

Wood said he has no doubt that the PUC has the power to implement his proposal. But he said he's open to ideas to improve it.

"I'm sure there are better plans than this one to get us from here to there," he said.

The Legislature this year approved a measure to bring competition to electric utilities in the wholesale market, affecting the sale of electricity between utilities and electric cooperatives, for example.

Analysts believe the next step will be retail competition, in which homes and businesses may choose their electric utility.

Fundraising letter stirs controversy, group charges school administration

HOUSTON (AP) — A student group at Texas A&M University is charging school administrators with violating its First Amendment rights because of a fundraising letter the group sent out over the summer.

School officials set a hearing to decide if the letter — which mostly addressed A&M's multicultural proposal — violated school policy.

School President Ray Bowen received numerous calls and letters of complaint against the letter, addressed to "fellow Aggies," prompting him to write a letter responding to its "incorrect information."

A&M's multiculturalism proposal would require students to take a course in American minority cultures and a course in international cultures.

"The basic issue here is that our free speech is being denied," said Richard Stadelmann, a philosophy professor and College Republicans adviser. "We may be prevented from expressing our beliefs about what's happening at A&M as a result of this hearing."

Administrators responded that A&M is committed to freedom of speech but is concerned because the letter critical of multiculturalism contains "misinformation."

"Student groups have every right to express opinions, but that is different than printing falsehoods," said William Kibler, assistant vice president for student affairs. "The question is whether they knowingly printed false information or were just careless."

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Fossils of huge new meat eater found in Argentina

NEW YORK (AP) — Move over, Tyrannosaurus rex. Newfound fossils reveal a beast that may be the biggest meat-eating dinosaur known, scientists reported today.

The dinosaur, which resembled T. rex, was 41 to 43 feet long and weighed 6 to 8 tons when it roamed the plains in what is now Argentina looking for food to chomp with its huge serrated teeth, scientists said.

It lived about 100 million years ago, which is about 30 million years before T. rex appeared, said paleontologist Rodolfo Coria of the Carmen Funes Museum in Neuquen, Argentina.

A bone-by-bone comparison with remains of the largest known specimen of T. rex suggests that the newfound creature was slightly longer and maybe 3 tons heavier, Coria said. He and an Argentinian colleague reported the find today in the journal *Nature*.

"This is a monstrous animal," said Paul Sereno of the University of Chicago, who examined the newfound fossils. "It's probably a bit bigger than T. rex."

He suggested that the beast might have been even longer than estimated. Scientists have no firm answer on how big T. rex got. Estimates range from about 40 feet to 50 feet.

The newfound fossils were dis-

covered by an automobile mechanic who hunts dinosaur bones as a hobby, Coria said. In honor of the discoverer, Ruben Carolini, the huge dinosaur has been named *Giganotosaurus carolinii*.

Scientists have recovered about 70 percent of the skeleton, including parts of the 5-foot-long skull, most of the vertebrae, both thigh bones and curved, serrated teeth about 8 inches long. Without a complete skeleton scientists can only estimate the creature's size, Coria said.

The creature ran on its hind legs and probably had rather small arms, Coria said in a telephone interview. Exactly what it ate in its environment, which resembled the African savanna, is a mystery, he said.

Despite the overall similarity to T. rex, *Giganotosaurus* was not closely related to it, and the two beasts arose independently, Coria said.

The finding shows that in two spots isolated by time and space, there was an ecological role to be filled by gigantic, meat-eating dinosaurs, Coria said.

T. rex lived in North America, and there was no land bridge from South America that could have let *Giganotosaurus* or its descendants move north to become ancestors of T. rex, Sereno said.

The officers ducked for cover behind cars in a parking lot and no one was injured.

About 30 minutes later, Thomas Schinzel, 48, was arrested when he walked into the hallway outside his third-floor apartment, Capt. Gary Engel said. He was booked on suspicion of

attempted murder and using a weapon, a .22-caliber rifle, to commit a felony.

Engel said police have no motive for the shooting.

Man fires on Nebraska state capitol

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Two officers on bicycle patrol near the state Capitol were shot at Wednesday by a sniper who fired up to 20 rounds from an apartment window, police said.

The officers ducked for cover behind cars in a parking lot and no one was injured.

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Weekend at the Box Office

By JOHN HORN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The cross-dressing comedy *To Wong Foo, Thanks For Everything! Julie Newmar* was the No. 1 film at the box office for the second consecutive weekend, earning \$6.6 million and finishing ahead of four new releases.

Of the new films in wide release, Spike Lee's *Clockers* fared the best during a slow weekend, finishing second with \$4.5 million.

The computer thriller *Hackers* debuted weakly and returns were even worse for the new children's film *Angus*. In limited release, the family drama *Unstrung Heroes* performed strongly, but Robert Duvall's *The Stars Fell on Henrietta* did not.

Braveheart did average business in its first week of re-release.

The top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.:

- To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar*, Universal, \$6.6 million, 1,448 locations, \$4,520 per location, \$18 million, two weeks.
- Clockers*, Universal, \$4.5 million, 1,208 locations, \$3,695 per location, \$5.4 million, 1 1/2 weeks.
- Dangerous Minds*, Disney, \$3.4 million, 1,588 locations, \$2,170 per location, \$67.4 million, six weeks.
- Hackers*, MGM, \$3.2 million, 1,812 locations, \$1,751 per location, \$3.2 million, one week.
- The Usual Suspects*, Gramercy, \$3 million, 874 locations, \$3,452 per location, \$12.4 million, five weeks.
- Braveheart*, Paramount, \$2.32 million, 1,700 locations, \$1,367 per location, \$62.5 million, one week in re-release.
- Mortal Kombat*, New Line, \$2.26 million, 2,077 locations, \$1,089 per location, \$63.3 million, five weeks.
- Angus*, New Line, \$1.91 mil-

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| Top weekend movies | |
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| Weekend of September 15-17 | |
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| Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens | Weekend gross |
| 1 <i>To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar</i> \$18, two weeks, 1,448 screens | \$6.6 |
| 2 <i>Clockers</i> \$5.4, 1.5 weeks, 1,208 screens | \$4.5 |
| 3 <i>Dangerous Minds</i> \$67.4, six weeks, 1,588 screens | \$3.4 |
| 4 <i>Hackers</i> \$3.2, one week, 1,812 screens | \$3.2 |
| 5 <i>The Usual Suspects</i> \$12.4, five weeks, 874 screens | \$3 |
| 6 <i>Braveheart</i> \$2.5, one week in re-release, 1,700 screens | \$2.32 |
| 7 <i>Mortal Kombat</i> \$63.3, five weeks, 2,077 screens | \$2.26 |
| 8 <i>Angus</i> \$1.91, one week, 1,154 screens | \$1.91 |
| 9 <i>Babe</i> \$48.1, seven weeks, 1,635 screens | \$1.85 |
| 10 <i>A Walk in the Clouds</i> \$44.4, six weeks, 1,434 screens | \$1.7 |

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc. AP

lion, 1,154 locations, \$1,660 per location, \$1.91 million, one week.

9. *Babe*, Universal, \$1.85 million, 1,635 locations, \$1,135 per location, \$48.1 million, seven weeks.

10. *A Walk in the Clouds*, 20th Century Fox, \$1.7 million, 1,434 locations, \$1,201 per location, \$44.4 million, six weeks.

11. *The Prophecy*, Miramax, \$1.6 million, 1,447 locations, \$1,086 per location, \$14.1 million, three weeks.

12. *The Last of the Dogmen*, Savoy, \$1.5 million, 931 locations, \$1,633 per location, \$4.7 million, two weeks.

13. *Desperado*, Columbia, \$1.37 million, 1,203 locations, \$1,140 per location, \$23.1 million, four weeks.

14. *The Tie That Binds*, Disney, \$1.35 million, 1,783 locations, \$760 per location, \$4.7 million, two weeks.

15. *Apollo 13*, Universal, \$1.1 million, 888 locations, \$1,250 per location, \$165.4 million, 12 weeks.

16. *National Lampoon's Senior Trip*, New Line, \$981,000, 1,397 locations, \$702 per location, \$3.6 million, two weeks.

17. *The Brothers McMullen*, 20th Century Fox, \$932,000, 335 locations, \$2,783 per location, \$7.1 million, six weeks.

18. *Something to Talk About*, Warner Bros., \$910,000, 1,291 locations, \$705 per location, \$48.9 million, seven weeks.

19. *Waterworld*, Universal, \$820,000, 841 locations, \$975 per location, \$84.2 million, eight weeks.

20. *Nine Months*, 20th Century Fox, \$747,000, 817 locations, \$914 per location, \$67.1 million, 10 weeks.

O.J. case end in sight, wrap up next week

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The trial that some thought might never end is at last bumping to a bitter close.

O.J. Simpson's judge set today aside to wrap up legal loose ends and hammer out jury instructions, which he hopes to deliver on Friday.

After a three-day weekend for Monday's Jewish holiday, the jury could hear closing arguments beginning Tuesday — the first anniversary of the trial, which began Sept. 26, 1994, with jury selection.

If the judge's timetable holds, jurors could be deliberating Simpson's fate late next week.

The defense, however, still hasn't rested its case. Defense lawyer Johnnie Cochran Jr. was waiting for the California Supreme Court to rule on appeals involving Detective Mark Fuhrman, accused by the defense of being a racist who tried to frame Simpson for the June 12, 1994, knife slayings of ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

The end of the case is drawing near just in time. Jurors never looked worse, and tempers in the courtroom are wearing thin.

For weeks, Superior Court Judge Lance Ito has been telling attorneys that jurors, cloistered for their 253rd day on Wednesday, were "unhappy campers" on the verge of mutiny and sending him a stream of notes pleading with him to end it already.

At one point Wednesday, Ito lashed out at attorneys for bickering with each other, called the trial a "mind-numbing experience" and suggested that only two lawyers remain in his good graces enough to dine with him when the trial is over.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

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"The constitutional amendment abolishing the office of state treasurer."

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment relating to raising the limits of the exemption from ad valorem taxation of property owned by disabled veterans or by the surviving spouses or surviving minor children of disabled veterans."

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PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 50 proposes a constitutional amendment providing that the legislature by general law may authorize the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue general obligation bonds of the state in an amount not exceeding \$300 million to finance educational loans to students. The maximum interest rate to be borne by the bonds must be set by law. The legislature may provide for the investment of bond proceeds and may establish an interest and sinking fund to pay the bonds.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$300 million in general obligation bonds to finance education loans to students."

PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 36 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation the property of an organization chartered by the Congress of the Republic of Texas if the property is used primarily for the charitable, benevolent, or public service activities of the organization as defined by general law. The Comptroller's Property Tax Division has identified the Grand Lodge of Texas, also known as the Masonic Lodges, as the primary organization which would qualify for this tax exemption.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property of an organization chartered by the Congress of the Republic of Texas that is used primarily for the charitable, benevolent, or public service activities of the organization."

PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 51 proposes a constitutional amendment that provides that the farm and ranch finance program fund shall be administered by the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority and not by the Veterans' Land Board, as provided by current law. In addition, the proposed amendment provides that the proceeds of \$200 million of the \$500 million in bonds authorized by the Texas Constitution for the farm and ranch finance program fund may be diverted to the agricultural fund and the rural micro-enterprise development fund, also authorized by the Texas Constitution, to be used for agricultural and rural economic development programs.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment allowing the use of existing bond authority of the farm and ranch finance program to include financial assistance for the expansion, development, and diversification of production, processing, marketing, and export of Texas agricultural products."

PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 46 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow an encumbrance to be fixed on homestead property for an owelty of partition. In divorce and probate situations, a piece of property may be owned jointly by two

PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 34 proposes a constitutional amendment which would increase by \$500 million the constitutional authorization of the Veterans' Land Board to issue and sell general obligation bonds of the state to provide housing financing to Texas veterans. The proceeds from the bonds authorized by this amendment shall be used to augment the Veterans' Housing Assistance Fund II to be administered and invested as provided by law. The bonds authorized by this amendment shall be incontestable after execution by the Veterans' Land Board, approval by the attorney general, and delivery to the purchaser.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to increase by \$500 million the amount of general obligation bonds that may be issued to augment the veterans' housing assistance fund II."

PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 64 proposes a constitutional amendment which would extend the tax exemption under article VIII, section 1-b(b) of the Texas Constitution for the residence homestead of a person age 65 or older to the surviving spouse of a person who received the exemption. The surviving spouse must be age 55 or older when the deceased spouse died, and the property must be the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the deceased spouse died and remain the surviving spouse's residence homestead. A surviving spouse who already receives an exemption under this section of the Texas Constitution is not entitled to an additional exemption under the amendment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment exempting from ad valorem taxation the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of an elderly person."

PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 73 proposes a constitutional amendment that would reduce the amount of general obligation bonds authorized for the superconducting super collider fund from \$500 million to \$250 million.

PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 80 proposes a constitutional amendment abolishing the office of constable in Mills, Reagan, and Roberts counties. In Mills County, the office of constable is abolished, and the powers, duties, and records of the office are transferred to the sheriff. In Reagan and Roberts counties, the office of constable is abolished and the powers, duties, and records of the office are transferred to the sheriff only if a majority of voters in each of the respective counties favors the proposed amendment.

PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 7 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow investment of money from the Texas growth fund in a business without the business's disclosure of its investments in or with South Africa or Namibia. Currently, such investments are prohibited by article XVI, section 70(r) of the Texas Constitution, which would be repealed.

PROPOSITION NO. 10 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 1 proposes a constitutional amendment that would abolish the constitutional office of state treasurer effective September 1, 1996. The transfer of specific constitutional powers and duties to the comptroller of public accounts takes effect on that date. The statutory powers and duties and the property and other obligations of the state treasurer are transferred to officers and agencies of state government as the legislature provides by general law.

PROPOSITION NO. 11 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 72 proposes a constitutional amendment requiring that land devoted to wildlife management be taxed on the basis of its productive capacity. The proposed amendment also adds a temporary provision to the Texas Constitution validating the changes to the law made by Chapter 560, Acts of the 72nd Legislature, Regular Session, 1991, which amended the Tax Code to allow land used for wildlife management to be appraised as agricultural land. The temporary provision also provides that a property owner is not authorized to claim a refund of taxes paid unless the tax payment was challenged before the effective date of the proposed amendment. The temporary provision expires on January 1, 1998.

PROPOSITION NO. 12 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 31 proposes a constitutional amendment providing that the legislature may exempt from ad valorem taxation income-producing personal property and mineral interests that have a taxable value which is insufficient to recover the costs of administering the tax.

PROPOSITION NO. 13 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution No. 46 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the governing body of a political subdivision to exempt from ad valorem taxation boats and other equipment used primarily in the commercial taking or production of fish, shrimp, shellfish, and other marine life.

PROPOSITION NO. 14 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 68 proposes a constitutional amendment that allows the legislature to raise the current ad valorem tax exemption for disabled veterans and their surviving spouses and minor children. The tax exemptions would be raised based on a veteran's disability rating as follows:

| Disability | Maximum Tax Exemption |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 10%-30% | \$ 5,000 |
| 30%-50% | \$ 7,500 |
| 50%-70% | \$10,000 |
| More than 70% | \$12,000 |
| Age 65 and 10% or higher | \$12,000 |
| Loss or loss of use of limb | \$12,000 |
| Blindness or paraplegia | \$12,000 |

The spouse and children of any veteran who dies while on active duty may be granted an exemption of up to \$5,000. The amounts of the exemptions provided for in this proposed amendment may be repealed by the legislature by general law.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment relating to raising the limits of the exemption from ad valorem taxation of property owned by disabled veterans or by the surviving spouses or surviving minor children of disabled veterans."

Nation briefs

Comic book giants join together in contest

NEW YORK (AP) — Batman and Captain America ... let's get ready to RUMBLE!
The Caped Crusader and the Capitan are just two of the superheroes who will go toe-to-toe in a joint series of comics announced Wednesday by two giants of the industry: DC and Marvel Comics.

Their readers will get the final word on the winners of the superfighths through nationwide voting conducted by ballot and via America Online. The four-book series will run monthly from December 1995 through March 1996.

The matchups, with Marvel characters first:

Captain America and Batman; The Incredible Hulk and Superman; Spider-Man and Superboy; Storm and Wonder Woman; Wolverine and Lobo; Quicksilver and Flash; Thor and Shazam; Sub-Mariner and Aquaman; Silver Surfer and Green Lantern.

"Every comic book reader knows that Marvel heroes can lick any three DC heroes with their hands tied behind their back," said Marvel editor in chief Mark Gruenwald.

Replied DC executive editor Mike Carlin, "Once and for all the world will get a chance to see that the DC characters are the coolest."

Desert Quake Rumbles from Ocean to Las Vegas

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — A moderate earthquake rippling outward from the Southern California desert rattled windows and knocked knickknacks off shelves from the Pacific Ocean to Las Vegas.

No injuries were reported, but the quake caused some minor damage.

The 5.8-magnitude quake Wednesday was centered 10 miles north of Ridgecrest on the sprawling China Lake Naval Weapons Center, said Jim Mori, a seismologist in charge of the U.S. Geological Survey office at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

It was the second moderate temblor in the last month near Ridgecrest, about 100 miles north of Los Angeles. A magnitude-5.4 earthquake hit Aug. 17.

The earthquake was not related to the great San Andreas Fault, the granddaddy of California faults, about 50 miles away.

Doctor gets mixed reception heart researchers

NEW YORK (AP) — The extremely low-fat diet that has made Dr. Dean Ornish a celebrity is not on the menus of most other heart-disease experts.

Nobody disputes the results that Ornish has produced by personally coaching small groups of patients. The latest study, published Wednesday in *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, showed again what Ornish has reported before: that the grueling diet, combined with yoga and regular exercise, stops the narrowing of clogged arteries and sometimes slightly reverses it.

The problem is that few people can maintain the tough regimen without the cheerleading Ornish looking over their shoulders, some doctors say. Furthermore, the same benefits can be obtained more easily with cholesterol-lowering drugs, they say.

"The proportion of patients who really would be able to follow this diet is a couple percent," said Dr. Thomas Pearson, a heart-disease researcher at the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown. "The diet is hard."

Many of his patients, he said, would rather be on a more modest diet and exercise regime and take medication.

U.S., Chinese tensions revive over Tibet leader

BEIJING (AP) — China today criticized President Clinton for meeting with the Dalai Lama, cranking up Chinese-U.S. tensions just hours before officials from the two governments get together to discuss a possible fall summit.

"The United States Again Creates Trouble," proclaimed the headline of a commentary in the *People's Daily*, the Communist Party newspaper. Its commentaries are written by senior party officials.

China last week lodged a protest with Scott Hallford, the charge d'affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, over the meeting. *Today's* commentary demonstrated it was not letting the matter rest.

The slap at the United States came just before senior Chinese and U.S. officials were to meet today in Washington to try to lay the groundwork for a summit between Clinton and President Jiang Zemin, who will be in New York in October for the United Nations' 50th anniversary celebration.

Foreign Minister Qian Qichen and Secretary of State Warren Christopher are scheduled to meet next week in New York. Indicating it was more a question of "when" than "if," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Chen Jian said today that the diplomats will discuss

the timing, venue and content of the summit.

The *People's Daily* accused Clinton of creating a "serious political incident" by dropping by last week's meeting between the Dalai Lama and Vice President Al Gore. It was Clinton's third low-key meeting with the exiled Tibetan leader.

The paper claimed the meeting signaled support for Tibetan independence, and reiterated China's position that Tibet is an inalienable part of its territory.

"The Tibet question is an extremely sensitive matter of sovereignty," it said. It repeated China's assertion that the Dalai Lama is trying to split Tibet from China and that he is not "such a pure religious personality."

The Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhists and head of a government-in-exile, has said his aim is spiritual and cultural survival for Tibetans, and autonomy for the remote region.

China claims Tibet has been part of its territory for centuries, but Tibetans enjoyed de facto independence for much of that time.

The United States agrees Tibet is part of China, but has called on China to improve its human rights record in Tibet and give Tibetans more say in handling their own affairs.

Buying guide names frankfurters, talcum powder to 'dirty dozen' consumer products

WASHINGTON (AP) — Beef frankfurters, talcum powder and toothpaste are among the thousands of cosmetic, food and household products that could be endangering consumers' health, authors of a new buyer's guide said today.

But representatives of government and the various industries involved insisted that the products named in *The Safe Shopper's Bible* are safe and sharply criticized the work of authors Dr. Samuel Epstein and David Steinman.

Epstein, chairman of the Cancer Prevention Coalition, said consumers do not know the products may be harmful because manufacturers do not list on the labels which ingredients may be cancer-causing or toxic.

"We label for cholesterol, but not for carcinogens," he said.

Epstein was teaming with consumer activist Ralph Nader at a news conference today to urge industry to begin giving the information to shoppers. They also released their list of the 12 worst products.

But Betsy Adams, spokeswoman for the Food and Drug

Administration, said consumers should not worry about any of the substances the book's authors say are in products regulated by the agency.

"We believe that all of these products are generally safe under conditions of normal use," Adams said.

Jeff Nedelman, spokesman for the Grocery Manufacturers Association, which represents the makers of 11 products on Epstein's list, dismissed the findings as "book tour publicity."

"Consumers know these products are safe. They buy them every week," he said. "This is scientific nonsense and America's consumers know it."

Epstein said research for the book was based on reports filed with various government agencies, including the departments of Labor and Agriculture, and reviews of industry, consumer and toxicological reports.

The book discusses various categories of cosmetic, food and household products and identifies potential hazards. It also includes tips for using products safely and lists suggested alternatives.

Crest Tartar Control Toothpaste is on Epstein's list for containing saccharin, the sugar substitute known to cause cancer in laboratory animals. Other major toothpaste brands also contain saccharin.

Crest's maker, Procter & Gamble Inc. said the FDA has "carefully reviewed" Crest and has judged it to be safe. "We're not aware of any scientific evidence which associates normal use of Tartar Control Crest with any ill health effects, including cancer," said spokesman Jim Schwartz.

Epstein said beef hot dogs contain numerous toxic substances that can interact with the preservative nitrite to form cancer-causing compounds that could affect young children who eat them regularly.

Epstein said evidence also suggested that women who regularly dust themselves with talcum powder have a higher risk of developing ovarian cancer and that the product should be labeled accordingly. He suggested cornstarch powder as a safer alternative.

Man injects evidence, condoms

NEW YORK (AP) — Customs agents arrested a man who swallowed 27 cash-stuffed condoms in an attempt to smuggle money out of the country.

Carlos Trujillo swallowed \$100 bills — 189 of them, tightly packed inside the condoms — before trying to board a flight from Kennedy Airport to Colombia, said Tom Smith, Customs agent in charge at the airport.

"We see this quite frequently with cocaine and heroin ... but this is not the method normally used by money smugglers," Smith said.

Agents, tipped off by Trujillo's nervous reaction to routine questions, discovered he was carrying \$60,100 in a Mickey Mouse knapsack and \$10,495 in his pockets, Smith said.

Trujillo then admitted swallowing the condoms, and with a little time — 36 hours — and the help of a laxative, Trujillo produced the money, Smith said.

Investigators are trying to find

the source of the money and determine if it came from drug trafficking.

Trujillo, 30, was jailed on charges of failing report currency over \$10,000. He could get up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Infomercials becoming more popular on TV

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Is it coincidental when sitcom stars drink the same brand of orange juice each week or casually hold soda cans so that the label is visible to viewers? Or are they trying to sell us something?

Pitching products on television shows is becoming commonplace, said Brandon Tartikoff, former chairman of Paramount Pictures and NBC Entertainment Group.

"Television is a place where people go and sell things," Tartikoff, now chairman of New World Entertainment, said Wednesday in

the keynote address to the National Infomercial Marketing Association. "TV sells even when it doesn't try to."

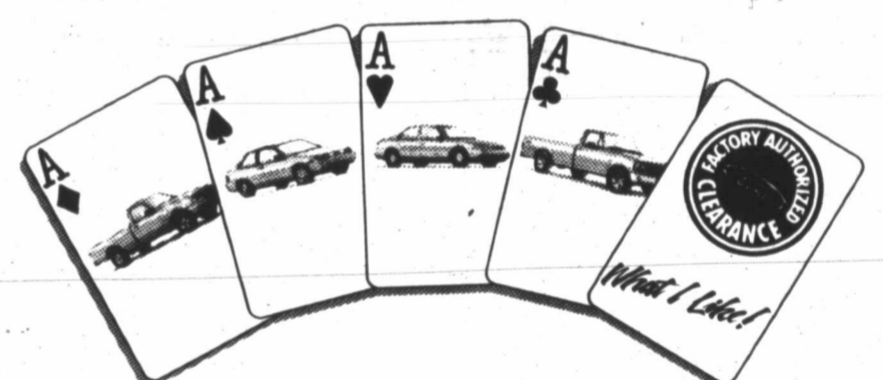
In the near future, it won't be unusual for a 22-minute television show to include as many as eight plugs for products, Tartikoff said.

Infomercials — 30-minute paid advertisements for products and services — started airing about 10 years ago. They feature everything from food processors and fitness machines to psychic advice and books on improving your love life.

"I don't pretend to be the world's leading expert on infomercials, but I've developed 'Abs of Steel,' gotten brighter teeth and have hair I can spray on in the morning," Tartikoff said in reference to several of the better-known infomercials.

In addition to selling products for companies, the new advertising form has offered aspiring actors and actresses an opportunity to launch or restart their careers, Tartikoff told a crowd of 2,000 attending a conference this week in Las Vegas.

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Modern Drug Therapy Brings Relief for Lifelong Depression

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for printing the letter about depression from the woman in Contra Costa, Calif. As a depressed person who has gone the route of counseling and medication, I couldn't have said it better than she did.

I am a senior citizen and only wish that some of the latest medications had been available 40 years ago. Life could have been lived with so much less pain. My thinking is clearer, and I feel like a more whole person with the aid of the new drug. Thank God for research and discovery!

Counseling was helpful, but it could not supply the chemical my brain needed.

To those good people who tell the depressed that "It's all in your head," or, "If you trust in the Lord, your troubles will be over," I would like to say that is not helpful. Many of us do trust the Lord, but we can't make our bodies produce the chemicals we lack. We need medication just like a diabetic does.

For the depressed who are afraid of medication, or about their reputation, I would like to say, hold your head high with expectation as you walk through the door of your physician's office to ask for the chemical you lack in your system. There is hope.

OREGON WOMAN

DEAR OREGON WOMAN:



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

Thank you for a letter that will be appreciated by many who have benefited from one of the modern medications prescribed for depression.

DEAR ABBY: My name is Remi Nair. I am 14 years old and live in Ann Arbor, Mich. I found this great poem on a postcard in an antique store marked "Hell's Half Acre, Wyoming." I don't know who the author is. It is titled "The Hell You Say!"

Just what is meant by the word "hell"?

They sometimes say, "It's cold as hell."

Sometimes they say, "It's hot as hell."

When it rains hard, "It's hell," they cry.

It's also hell when it's too dry. They hate like hell to see it snow.

It's a hell of a wind when it starts to blow,

How in the hell can anyone tell what in the hell they mean by "hell"?

"This married life is hell," they say.

When he comes home late, there's hell to pay.

When he starts to yell, it's a hell of a note.

It's hell when the kids you have to tote.

It's hell when the doctor sends his bills.

For a hell of a lot of trips and pills.

When you get them, you'll know real well.

Just what is meant by this word "hell"?

"Hell yes," "Hell no," and "Oh, hell," too.

"The hell you don't," and "the hell you do!"

And, "what in the hell," and "the hell it is."

"The hell with yours," and "the hell with his!"

Now, "Who in hell," and "Oh, hell, where?"

And, "What in hell do you think I care?"

But the hell of it is, it's sure as hell.

We don't know what in the hell is hell.

DEAR REMI NAIR: I don't know why, but the poem intrigued me, too.

You feel strongly about might not be well-received by others today. Do not try to impose your views on the unresponsive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you've been feeling a trifle sluggish lately, it could be due to your sedentary lifestyle. Try something today that stretches both your mind and your muscles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It will be important today to guard against overindulgence. Too much of a good thing could prove very harmful.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Do not make any major decisions today without consulting your mate, especially if it pertains to a matter on which your views are diametrically opposed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are usually a reliable person upon whom others can depend, but today your promises might lack substance and fail to honor commitments.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Additional self-discipline might be required today to cope with your extravagant whims. If you're wasteful now, you'll regret it later.

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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Friday, Sept. 22, 1995

More time and effort than usual might be spent on self-improvement in the year ahead. The results should be what you desire and give you pride in the new you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Try not to act pompous or pretentious just to impress others today. If you're not accepted for who and what you are, it's their loss, not yours. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 and SASE

to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, New York, NY 10163. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You could be very successful in your endeavors today, but not necessarily on the first try. If you suffer a setback, regroup and go again.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do not build your castles upon sandy foundations in this cycle. If you hope to do something big today, make sure its base is sturdy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) In career developments today, try not to be too serious, too tense nor too frivolous. The extremes are what could impede your progress and do you in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) For the sake of your self-esteem, don't try to pass off onto others the things you should be taking care of yourself today. Stand up and be counted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It would be best not to advise friends on financial or business matters today. Your intentions may be good, but your suggestions will be erroneous.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) An opinion



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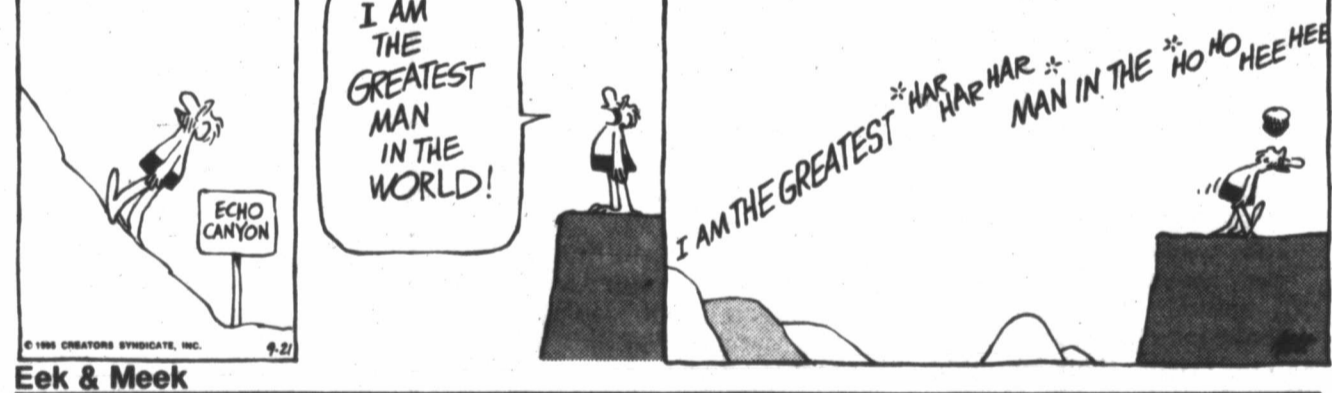
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"The ticket goes in the back, Grandma."



"Hey! You splashed that puddle on purpose!"

The Family Circus



Marmaduke



Grizzwells



Alley Oop



Peanuts



Grizzwells



Mallard Filmore



Sports

Notebook

VOLLEYBALL

BRISCOE — Perryton defeated Fort Elliott, 6-15, 15-4, 15-5, in high school volleyball play Tuesday night.

Outstanding players for Fort Elliott were Amanda Shields and April Purcell, said Lady Cougars' coach Dave Johnson.

"Both girls did a good job of blocking and they played the nets real well," Johnson said. "Perryton is good competition for us. They've got a pretty good ballclub."

Fort Elliott won over Perryton in the junior varsity match, 15-4, 15-9.

Fort Elliott goes to Fritch Saturday for a dual with Dalhart and Fritch. Starting time is 11 a.m.

"Playing these bigger schools we don't always win, but it sure helps us play better," Johnson said.

Fort Elliott's next home match is Sept. 30 against Fritch starting at 1 p.m.

HOCKEY

DETROIT (AP) — Detroit goalie Mike Vernon, who was ruled a free agent two weeks ago by an arbitrator, signed a two-year contract with the Red Wings.

Vernon helped the Red Wings to the NHL's best record last season and their first trip to the finals in 29 years, only to be swept by New Jersey. Vernon spent his first 11 years with Calgary and won a Stanley Cup with the Flames in 1989.

BASKETBALL

PHOENIX (AP) — Phoenix Suns star Charles Barkley says he'll be back for another run at an NBA championship, The Arizona Republic reported.

Barkley was hobbled by a leg injury in May when the Suns lost to Houston in the seventh game of the Western Conference semifinals. He underwent arthroscopic surgery to repair torn cartilage in his left knee and hedged about his future.

Barkley has played 11 years in the NBA, the last three with Phoenix.

BASEBALL

SEATTLE (AP) — Proponents of a \$325 million baseball stadium designed to keep the Seattle Mariners in town said they hope to propose at least one more financing plan if voters reject this effort.

A measure to finance most of a new stadium by increasing the King County sales tax from 8.2 percent to a state-high 8.3 percent was leading by only 4,000 votes after Tuesday's primary, with about 47,000 absentee ballots yet to be counted.

The Mariners, whose lease expires next year, have been unhappy with the Kingdom and attendance. The team is expected to lose \$30 million this season, bringing the total to \$67 million for Hiroshi Yamauchi, the president of Nintendo, in the 3 1/2 years he has been majority owner of the Mariners.

CLEVELAND (AP) — The best bet for fans to get tickets for a possible Cleveland Indians appearance in the American League playoffs or World Series is to put a request in the mail — and hope.

The team said it will hold a lottery for about 10,000 available seats for each possible October home date at Jacobs Field for the playoffs' second round.

The Indians on Saturday sold tickets for the first-round divisional series starting Oct. 3, and the flood of calls caused general service problems for Ameritech in Cleveland.

FOOTBALL

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Lawrence Taylor, on what was to be an inspirational visit to the winless New York Giants, grabbed a reporter around the throat after the two exchanged expletives.

Taylor and Ernie Pineda of Gannett Suburban Newspapers were quickly separated after the incident around 5:20 p.m. and they apologized to each other about an hour later. Pineda was not injured.

A&M, Colorado meet in key early-season tilt

By RICK WARNER
AP Football Writer

COLLEGE PICKS

In the 1990 Holiday Bowl, Texas A&M knocked Heisman Trophy winner Ty Detmer out of the game with a separated shoulder and routed BYU 65-14.

On Saturday, Detmer's kid brother Koy will try to do better against the Aggies. Detmer, the nation's top-rated passer, will lead seventh-ranked Colorado (3-0) against No. 3 Texas A&M (2-0) in one of the key early-season matchups in college football.

"We understand the caliber of opponent Texas A&M is," Colorado coach Rick Neuheisel said. "We have a great deal of respect for them ... but we are not going to back down to anybody."

Texas A&M quarterback Corey Pullig is 26-3-1 during his four years as a starter. But Colorado's biggest challenge will be stopping sensational running back Leeland McElroy, who has 644 all-purpose yards and seven touchdowns in his first two games. McElroy has gained 345 yards rushing, 177 receiving and 122 on kickoff returns.

"They try to get the ball to McElroy whenever possible," Neuheisel said.

"He's one of the top competitors in the country."

Colorado's versatile, high-tech offense is directed by Detmer, who is completing 70 percent of his passes. He has thrown for 948 yards and eight touchdowns despite sitting out much of the second half in the Buffaloes' three run-away victories.

"They've got a very talented offense," A&M cornerback Ray Mickens said. "We've got our work cut out for us."

The game matches two of the top programs of the '90s. Colorado has won 18 of its last 19 games, while future Big 12 rival Texas A&M is 34-3-1 since the start of the 1992 season.

Colorado is favored by four points primarily because the game is in Boulder, where the Buffs are 35-3-2 since 1988. Another factor: A&M hasn't beaten a Top 10 opponent since 1989, and hasn't defeated a Top 10 team on the road since 1979. ... COLORADO 31-28.

Central Florida (no line) at No. 1 Florida St.
Seminole can name score against I-AA foe ... FLORIDA ST. 71-7.

Pacific (plus 51) at No. 2 Nebraska
Huskers won 70-21 last season; this could be worse ... NEBRASKA 75-10.

No. 5 Southern Cal (minus 6) at No. 25 Arizona
First test for the Trojans ... SOUTH-EARN CAL 24-14.

No. 6 Penn State (minus 19 1/2) vs. Rutgers at East Rutherford
Lions lead the series 21-2 ... PENN ST. 55-24.

No. 8 Ohio St. (minus 10 1/2) at Pittsburgh
Eddie George one of nation's best runners ... OHIO ST. 31-17.

North Texas (plus 35) at No. 10 Oklahoma
North Texas already 0-2 vs. Big Eight this season ... OKLAHOMA 42-17.

No. 11 Virginia (minus 4) at Clemson
Tigers upset Cavs at Death Valley ... CLEMSON 21-20.

Stanford (plus 9) at No. 12 Oregon
Ducks hand Cardinal first loss ... OREGON 35-17.

No. 13 Texas (plus 6 1/2) at No. 21 Notre Dame
First meeting since 1978 Cotton Bowl ... NOTRE DAME 24-21.

Mississippi St. (plus 11 1/2) at No. 15 Tennessee

Vols plagued by off-field troubles ... TENNESSEE 31-24.

No. 16 UCLA (minus 5) at Washington St.
Bruins have four of last five at Pullman ... UCLA 28-21.

No. 17 Miami (minus 9 1/2) at Virginia Tech
Hurricanes 12-0 vs. Hokies ... MIAMI 32-14.

Rice (plus 13) at No. 18 LSU
Tigers ranked for first time since 1989 ... LSU 27-10.

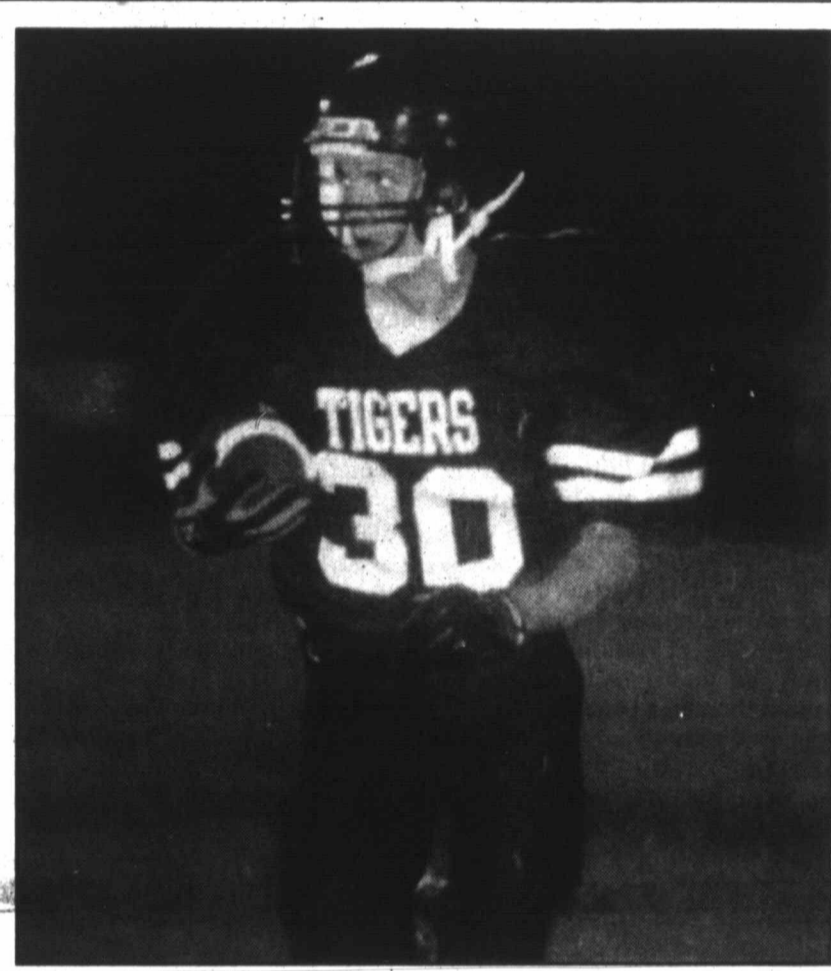
Akron (plus 39) at No. 19 Kansas St.
K-State 27-3-1 at home this decade ... KANSAS ST. 55-0.

No. 20 Georgia (minus 6 1/2) at Mississippi
Bulldogs lead SEC in rushing defense ... GEORGIA 24-17.

Army (plus 26) at No. 22 Washington
Huskies rebound from loss to Ohio State ... WASHINGTON 42-14.

Duke (plus 5) at No. 24 Maryland
Terps (3-0) off to best start since 1986 ... MARYLAND 31-21.

Last week: 14-6 (straight); 9-9 (spread).
Season: 44-12 (straight); 26-24 (spread).



McLean running back Jeremy Crutcher leads the Tigers in scoring with 24 points. McLean plays at Silverton this Friday night.

Pampa favored by 10 over 5A Plainview

PAMPA — The Harris Rating System has picked Pampa as a solid 10-point favorite over winless Plainview when the Class 4A and Class 5A rivals meet Friday night in Plainview.

With the exception of the won-loss records — Pampa is 1-1, Plainview is 0-3 — the two teams match up fairly close as far as statistics go.

Pampa's offense is averaging 176 yards per game, it's defense limited Garden City, Kan. and Amarillo High to a 175 yard average.

In their three games, the Bulldogs are averaging 111.7 yards and giving up 197. "We've been competitive, but we just haven't been able to win," said Plainview head coach Steve Parr. "Our defense has been pretty good, but we just haven't been able

to push the right buttons to get us going on offense." The Bulldogs have only scored 13 points in three games, but they've allowed only 32.

Among Class 4A schools, Pampa is ranked No. 31 this week. Only Borger, at No. 8, is ranked higher among District 1-4A teams.

Plainview in Class 5A is ranked at 143.

Among the Pampa area teams, Miami in the 6-man ranks has been the most impressive. The Warriors, coached by Sam Browning, are off to a 2-0 start, and have yielded just 28 points in those two games. However, in this

month's Huntress 6-man rankings, McLean (1-1) is ranked No. 49 compared to Miami at No. 50. Lefors, also 1-1, is ranked No. 54.

Miami meets Higgins in its annual football homecoming tilt, Lefors travels to Vernon to play Northside and McLean visits Silverton this Friday night.

Wheeler has lost to Gruver and Panhandle, but Harris has the Mustangs picked to win their first game of the season Friday night. Wheeler, ranked No. 23 in the Class 1A poll, is an 18-point favorite over Wellington. Other Class 1A teams, Groom and White Deer, aren't supposed to be as fortunate Friday night against their opponents. Groom (1-1) is an 18-point underdog is Spur.

Astros keep their hopes alive for NL wild card berth

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Mark Parent's definition of a good pitcher is Shane Reynolds.

Reynolds had been slumping this month until Wednesday night when he threw a seven-hitter and tied a club record with three sacrifice bunts, helping the Houston Astros beat the Chicago Cubs 4-0.

"He's got a good split-finger and he'll throw it even when he's behind in the count," Parent said. "He's got good control and when you put it all together you've got a pretty good pitcher, which is what he is."

The Astros, battling for the NL's wild-card spot, needed an out-

standing performance from Reynolds (10-11) and they got it for the first time this month.

The victory allowed the Astros to remain one game behind Los Angeles in the NL wild card race. The Dodgers beat the San Francisco Giants 4-2.

"All I can think about is St. Louis," Astros manager Terry Collins said of the series that starts Friday night. "We can't worry about the Dodgers when we have St. Louis and Pittsburgh coming in. If we don't win our games, somebody will catch us."

Reynolds hadn't won since Aug. 30 while trying to get all the components of his game working again.

"I've had a bad month, I lost my

split-finger a little, got up in the strike zone and I was getting beat," Reynolds said. "It felt good tonight to stay out there and finish up. Everybody knows you do better with three pitches instead of one."

Reynolds equaled his career strikeout total of 12 and pitched his third complete game of the season, most on the staff but it's taken hard work to get it all back into the form he showed earlier in the season when he made eight starts without a loss.

"I think if you check with Mel (pitching coach Stottlemire) that they have worked most on the location of his fastball," Astros manager Terry Collins said. "He really had that working and it sets

up everything else."

The Astros gave Reynolds an early pad with a 3-0 lead in the second inning. James Mouton and Rick Wilkins singled to start the inning off Frank Castillo (10-10). Ricky Gutierrez followed with an infield hit to deep first base, scoring Mouton.

After John Cangelosi took a called third strike, Biggio's single to left scored Wilkins and Gutierrez. Houston got another run in the fourth when Gutierrez singled, was sacrificed to second and scored on Cangelosi's single.

Reynolds had to dig down to preserve his shut out in the latter innings. Reynolds struck out Shawon Dunston to end the sixth

inning with a runner on third and he kept the shutout intact in the seventh when he struck out Brian McRae with Parent on third to end the inning.

Howard Johnson pinchhit in the seventh inning and hit into a double play.

"He hits the spots and throws hard," Johnson said of Reynolds. "He doesn't make a lot of mistakes. I only faced him that once, but obviously he had good stuff."

Reynolds tied a club record with three sacrifice bunts. It has been done four times, most recently by Joe Niekro against Atlanta on June 19, 1985.

"It's better for me to sacrifice because I sure can't hit," Reynolds said.

Coach defends Seminoles' point-a-minute offense

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — A year ago at this time, Florida State was defending a national title. This year, the top-ranked Seminoles are having to defend a point-a-minute offense.

Seminole coach Bobby Bowden says he never sets out to run up a score.

"I'll never coach a football game with the idea of, 'Let's see how much we can beat them,'" Bowden said Wednesday. "It happens."

The Seminoles, who play host to Division 1-AA Central Florida on Saturday, have averaged 64 points in victories over Duke, Clemson and North Carolina State. But that isn't anything new. Florida State led the nation in scoring two years ago and has scored 70 or more points five times since 1987, including twice already this year.

In the past 10 years, Florida State has scored 50 or more points in 24 games, including 52 against Florida in 1988 and 51 at Michigan in 1991. With their ability to strike quickly, the Seminoles managed a 31-31 tie with Florida last year by scoring 28 points in the final 13 minutes.

Bowden said the players work to become successful, and that success breeds more success. His team is averaging more than 40 points in the 60 regular-season games it's played in the '90s.

"We're able to get some of the best players. So are these other people who are doing it year after year," he said. "Whoever has got the best players wins. If a team is winning year after year after year, it attracts athletes."

In Saturday's 77-17 victory over N.C. State, Florida State's reserves outscored the Wolfpack 28-3 and didn't score the final 10:09, staying on the ground for the final 13:07.

"Once you have control of it, whenever that comes, then you start playing all of your reserves," said Bowden. "You just hate to go out there and lay down. I don't think the other coaches appreciate it and you hate to do that to your kids."

But the veteran Florida State coach also notes that in no other sport does a coach apologize for the margin of victory.

Raiders change big-play approach

By JOHN NADEL
AP Sports Writer

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP) — The big play has disappeared from the Oakland Raiders offense. Rest assured, they say, it will return shortly.

Under first-year head coach Mike White, the Raiders went to a ball-control, short-passing game this season, a change from their usual big-play approach.

As a result, the longest gainer from scrimmage in three games has been a 28-yard pass from Jeff Hostetler to Rocket Ismail.

"We certainly aren't turning our back on big plays. They're there," White said Wednesday. "We practice them. I think that what people (opponents) have decided in our case is, 'Don't let them make big plays.'"

"Hopefully, the big play will come. I am not in any way concerned with the direction we're going offensively. The nightmare is the turnovers." The Raiders (2-1) have 65 first

downs to 48 for their opponents and have had the ball an average of six minutes more per game than the opposition. But while they have gained 949 yards and averaged 4.8 yards per play, their opponents have gained 991 yards and averaged 5.3 yards.

"We haven't had (big plays) yet," Hostetler acknowledged. "It's right around the corner. We look forward to that. These things come and go in spurts. We're always looking for the opportunity."

Tim Brown, who caught 80 passes for 1,180 yards in 1993 and 89 for 1,309 yards last year, has made 13 receptions so far this year, but for only 118 yards, with a long gain of just 17.

"No, no, no, I'm not worried about that," Brown said when asked about his lack of production. "My major objective is to help the team win. We've won a couple games and we should have won last week."

"I'm not going to worry about my stats as long as we're winning games. I'm willing to

give up going to the Pro Bowl to go to the Super Bowl or have a better season. I knew my role was going to be diminished. We're going to have a lot more people involved, it's not going to be the Jeff Hostetler and Tim Brown Show."

About the lack of big plays for the entire team, Brown said, "Sooner or later, people are going to have to play bump-and-run. Until then, we're going to keep doing what we're doing."

Wide receiver Daryl Hobbs said the main objective for the Raiders offense is to move the ball and keep the team's defense on the sideline.

"There's going to come a time when we're on the other side of the 50 and they're going to move up on us and we'll make the big play," Hobbs said. "We can make small plays big."

The Raiders will try to bounce back from last week-end's 23-17 overtime loss to Kansas City against the Philadelphia Eagles (1-2) in Oakland on Sunday.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL

National League Standings

At A Glance
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| East Division | | Central Division | | West Division | | | |
|------------------|----|------------------|-----|------------------|---|------------------|----|
| W | L | Pct. | GB | W | L | Pct. | GB |
| x-Atlanta | 85 | 50 | 630 | — | — | — | — |
| Philadelphia | 66 | 69 | 489 | — | — | — | — |
| New York | 63 | 71 | 470 | 21 1/2 | — | — | — |
| Montreal | 62 | 72 | 463 | 22 1/2 | — | — | — |
| Florida | 61 | 72 | 459 | 23 | — | — | — |
| Central Division | | West Division | | Central Division | | West Division | |
| W | L | Pct. | GB | W | L | Pct. | GB |
| y-Cincinnati | 80 | 54 | 597 | — | — | — | — |
| Houston | 70 | 64 | 522 | 10 | — | — | — |
| Chicago | 65 | 68 | 489 | 14 1/2 | — | — | — |
| St. Louis | 59 | 75 | 440 | 21 | — | — | — |
| Pittsburgh | 55 | 79 | 410 | 25 | — | — | — |
| West Division | | Central Division | | West Division | | Central Division | |
| W | L | Pct. | GB | W | L | Pct. | GB |
| Colorado | 72 | 61 | 541 | — | — | — | — |
| Los Angeles | 71 | 63 | 530 | 1 1/2 | — | — | — |
| San Diego | 65 | 69 | 485 | 7 1/2 | — | — | — |
| San Francisco | 63 | 70 | 474 | 9 | — | — | — |

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Tuesday's Games

Florida 5, Philadelphia 4
Montreal 4, Cincinnati 1
Pittsburgh 12, St. Louis 1
New York 10, Atlanta 3
Chicago 7, Houston 6
San Francisco 7, Los Angeles 2
San Diego 15, Colorado 4

Wednesday's Games

Cincinnati 5, Montreal 2
Florida 2, Philadelphia 1
St. Louis 9, Pittsburgh 3
New York 8, Atlanta 4
Houston 4, Chicago 0
Los Angeles 4, San Francisco 2
Colorado 10, San Diego 2

Thursday's Games

Florida (Banks 2-5) at Philadelphia (Mims 8-8), 7:35 p.m.
New York (Telgheder 1-1) at Atlanta (Maddux 17-2), 7:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Neagle 12-7) at Chicago (Trachsel 6-12), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Ashby 10-10) at Los Angeles (Canditt 7-12), 10:05 p.m.
Colorado (Grahe 4-2) at San Francisco (Valdez 3-4), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

Pittsburgh (Ericks 3-8) at Chicago (Foster 10-11), 3:20 p.m.
Montreal (Perez 10-7) at Atlanta (Givaine 15-6), 8:05 p.m.
New York (Cornelius 2-6) at Florida (Rapp 12-7), 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Watson 8-6) at Houston (Drabek 10-8), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Smiley 12-4) at Philadelphia (Williams 8-6), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Valenzuela 7-3) at Los Angeles (Tapani 3-2), 11:05 p.m.
Colorado (Rekar 4-4) at San Francisco (Estes 0-1), 11:05 p.m.

American League Standings

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| East Division | | Central Division | | West Division | | | |
|------------------|----|------------------|-----|------------------|---|------------------|----|
| W | L | Pct. | GB | W | L | Pct. | GB |
| x-Boston | 81 | 53 | 604 | — | — | — | — |
| New York | 71 | 64 | 526 | 10 1/2 | — | — | — |
| Baltimore | 63 | 72 | 466 | 18 1/2 | — | — | — |
| Detroit | 57 | 77 | 425 | 24 | — | — | — |
| Toronto | 54 | 81 | 400 | 27 1/2 | — | — | — |
| Central Division | | West Division | | Central Division | | West Division | |
| W | L | Pct. | GB | W | L | Pct. | GB |
| x-Cleveland | 93 | 42 | 689 | — | — | — | — |
| Kansas City | 68 | 66 | 507 | 24 1/2 | — | — | — |
| Milwaukee | 63 | 71 | 470 | 29 1/2 | — | — | — |
| Chicago | 61 | 72 | 459 | 31 | — | — | — |
| Minnesota | 51 | 82 | 383 | 41 | — | — | — |
| West Division | | Central Division | | West Division | | Central Division | |
| W | L | Pct. | GB | W | L | Pct. | GB |
| California | 72 | 63 | 533 | — | — | — | — |
| Seattle | 68 | 67 | 504 | 4 | — | — | — |
| Oakland | 67 | 68 | 496 | 5 | — | — | — |

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Tuesday's Games

Detroit 7, Baltimore 4
Boston 5, Milwaukee 3
New York 5, Toronto 3
Cleveland 8, Chicago 2
Minnesota 7, Kansas City 3
Oakland 3, California 2, 11 innings
Seattle 5, Texas 4, 11 innings

Wednesday's Games

Baltimore 6, Detroit 3
Oakland 9, Cleveland 6
Boston 3, Milwaukee 2
New York 2, Toronto 1
Chicago 4, Cleveland 3
Minnesota 5, Kansas City 4, 12 innings
Seattle 11, Texas 3

Thursday's Games

Baltimore (Mussina 16-8) at Detroit (Mikowski 1-3), 1:15 p.m.
Toronto (Mentath 1-2) at New York (McDowell 15-10), 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Scanlan 4-5) at Chicago (Fernandez 10-8), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 10-13) at Kansas City (Lacombe 4-4), 8:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

California (Langston 15-5) at Texas (Rogers 14-7), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Hershiser 14-6) at Kansas City (Gubicza 11-13), 8:05 p.m.

Chicago (Sioroka 0-2) at Minnesota (Rodriguez 5-7), 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Brown 8-9) at Milwaukee (Givens 5-5), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Lima 2-8) at New York (Cone 1-8), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Leiter 11-9) at Boston (Clemens 8-5), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Van Poppel 4-7) at Seattle (Belcher 10-10), 11:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Linescores

By The Associated Press

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Baltimore 032001 000 — 6 10 0
Detroit 111 000 000 — 3 8 0

FISHING REPORT

ARROWHEAD: Water murky; lake full; 85 degrees; black bass are fair on dark worms, spinner baits and topwaters; white bass are fair; crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in deep water; catfish are good on shrimp and minnows.
FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water murky; 2 feet low; 77 degrees; black bass are slow; hybrid striper are fair to good on minnows and jigs; crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs; catfish are fair to good on shrimp, night crawlers, minnows, chicken liver and prepared bait.

GREENBELT:

Water clear; normal level; 87 degrees; black bass to 5 pounds are good on shad-like crank baits fished in 4 to 12 feet of water; striped bass to 10 pounds are fair on 10 ounces jigs with trailers fished in 20 feet of water; white bass are good, but small on small white jigs fished around the sandy points; crappie are good on minnows fished in 20 feet of water around trees; catfish are good on cheese bait fished in 8 to 20 feet of water.

OAK CREEK:

Water clear; 5 1/2 feet low; 83 degrees; black bass to 6 pounds are good on dark worms fished at night; white bass are fair; crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs; catfish are fair on chicken liver.

O.H.I.V.I.E.:

Water clear on main lake, murky in upper end and tributaries; lake level 1550.01; 78 degrees; black bass are poor to fair with small fish caught on spinner baits and crank baits fished along shorelines early and late and plastic worms fished over the deep points later in the day; smallmouth are poor with most fish hanging in 20 to 40 feet of water; white bass are poor to fair with a few fish caught feeding on the surface; crappie are poor on minnow fished in 20 to 40 feet of water; channel and blue catfish are fair to good on worms, stink bait, blood bait and shad fished on trotlines and over baited holes; yellow catfish are poor to fair on trotlines baited with live bait on the main lake; walleye are slow.

POSSUM KINGDOM:

Water clear; normal level; 84 degrees; black bass up to 6 pounds are good on red shad worms fished in very shallow water; striped bass to 6 pounds are fair on live shad and Striper Delights fished in the Broadway area; white bass are schooling all over the lake and taking Sassy Shad, silver spoons and small Pop Rs; crappie to 14 inches are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished around docks and brush in 20 feet of water; catfish to 4 pounds are good on minnows.

PROCTOR:

Water clear; lake full; 84 degrees; black bass to 5 pounds are fair on worms fished in 5 to 10 feet of water; crappie are slow; catfish are fair on trotlines baited with shad.

SPENCE:

Water murky; 33 feet low; 80 degrees; black bass to 7 1/2 pounds are fair to good on dark worms and Pop Rs; striped bass are fair on topwaters; white bass are very good on Castmasters and Pop Rs; crappie are slow on minnows and jigs; catfish are good on shrimp, worms and chicken liver.

TWIN BUTTES:

Water clear on main lake; low; 88 degrees; black bass up to 10 pounds are fair on 10 inch Power Worms; white bass are good on topwaters fished early and late; catfish are good over baited holes.

NORTH SABINE LAKE:

Water conditions are good; redfish are good on mullet, shrimp and crab fished along the bayous, islands and coves; trout are good on live shad fished under a cork, shrimptails and spoons fished in the mid-lake area; flounder are good on live mud minnows and shad; alligator gar are good on cut and live bait.

SOUTH SABINE LAKE:

Redfish are good on mullet, shrimp and crab fished along the Louisiana side of the lake, along the causeway and at the jetties; trout are good on live shad fished under a cork, shrimptails and spoons fished in the mid-lake area and at Blue Buck Point; flounder are good along the Louisiana shoreline to the Causeway; offshore fishing is good for snapper and king mackerel.

Burkett and Decker:

Quantrell, R. Springer (9) and Webster, W.—Burkett, 14-12. L.—Quantrell, 11-10. HRs—Florida, Veras (5), Philadelphia, Webster (3).

St. Louis 002 500 101 — 9 12 1

Pittsburgh 20010000 — 3 10 1

Morgan, Parrett (8) and Sheaffer, White,

Christiansen (4), Dyer (6), Hancock (7), Morel (8), Powell (9) and Slaught, W.—Morgan, 7-7. L.—White, 1-2. HR—St. Louis, Gilkey (15).

New York 014 000 120 — 8 11 0

Atlanta 010 030 000 — 4 9 2

Isringhausen, DiPoto (6), D. Henry (8),

Franco (9) and Hundley; Smoltz, Wade (6), McMichael (7), A. Pena (8), Borbon (8) and J. Lopez, W.—Isringhausen, 8-2. L.—Smoltz, 11-7. Sv—Franco, (26). HR—Atlanta, Klesko (21).

Chicago 000 000 000 — 0 7 0

Houston 030 100 00x — 4 9 0

F. Castillo, Rivera (4), A. Young (5), Walker

(7), J. Adams (8) and Parent, Reynolds and Wilkins, W.—Reynolds, 10-11. L.—F. Castillo, 10-10.

San Francisco 000 011 000 — 2 7 3

Los Angeles 0030010x — 4 5 1

Mulholland, Service (7) and Manwaring,

R. Martinez, T.D. Worrell (9) and Piazza, W.—R. Martinez, 16-7. L.—Mulholland, 5-11.

Pampa downs Palo Duro in non-district tennis match

AMARILLO — The Pampa High varsity tennis team traveled to Amarillo Tuesday and defeated Palo Duro, 6-2, in improve their record to 5-4.

Cochair Larry Wheeler said some lineup changes on the girls' side seemed to help Pampa in preparation for the upcoming district match this Saturday in Borger.

Freshman Kellen Waters, who returned to the team after missing the last week with a strained hamstring, led a host of players who both their singles and doubles matches.

Results from the Pampa-Palo Duro match are as follows:

Boys singles

Brooks Gentry (P) def. Michael Little, 8-2.
Cory Griggs (P) def. Shay Wilshire, 8-3.
Kyle Easley (P) Dannah Hoang, 8-6.
Jamisen Hancock (P) def. Virakone Kongdara, 8-3.

Ale'Nunes (P) def. Bonsack Phrisivath, 8-4.
Jason Vickery (P) def. Adrian Aguirre, 8-5.
Extra: Juan Campos (P) def. Nikome Mixady, 9-8 (7-4).

Boys doubles

Gentry-Griggs (P) def. Little-Wilshire, 6-0, 6-2; Easley-Hancock (P) def. Hoang-Patrick Ayala, 6-1, 6-2; Nunes-Campos (P) def. Kongdara-Phrisivath, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Girls singles

McKinley Quarles (P) def. Debbie Ly, 8-1.
Cami Stone (P) def. Celeste Soto, 8-0.
Valerie Lee (P) def. Soon Vong, 8-2.
Kim Tran (PD) def. Halley Bell, 8-6.
Kellen Waters (P) def. Thuy Pham, 8-3.
Nip Phongsavang (PD) def. Amanda Browning, 8-6.
Extra: Maurey Bell (P) def. Celeste Soto, 8-6.

Girls doubles

Quarles-Lee (P) def. Ly-Vong, 6-3, 6-4; Stone-Julie

Noles (P) def. Soto-Tran, 6-4, 6-0; H. Bell-Waters (P) def. Pham-Phongsavang, 6-2, 5-7, 7-5.

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| Brooks Gentry, Sr. | 7-2 7-2 | Cory Griggs, Sr. | 6-3 7-2 |
| Jamieson Hancock, Jr. | 6-1 8-1 | Ale' Nunes, Sr. | 6-0 5-2 |
| Matt Rheams, Sr. | 6-1 5-3 | Jason Vickery, Soph. | 1-1 0-0 |

Boys Singles

Halley Bell, Soph. 0-0 2-7
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Valerie Lee, fr. 5-3 5-4
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Mariners beat Rangers to tie Angels for first in AL West

By JIM COUR
AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE (AP) — Lou Piniella's memory is a little foggy these days. Maybe it's all the clamor in — and around — the Kingdom. Or maybe he's playing dumb.

"We're tied for first place, that's all," Piniella said Wednesday night after the Seattle Mariners finally caught up with the fading California Angels with an 11-3 victory over Texas.

Piniella, the Mariners' third-year manager, was the New York Yankees right fielder in 1978 when his team made up a 14-game deficit and beat Boston in a one-game playoff for the AL pennant. The Yankees then beat the Los Angeles Dodgers in six games in the World Series.

By completing a sweep over the Rangers in an important three-game series, the Mariners finally moved into a tie for first place in the AL West. On Aug. 4, the division race seemed over with Seattle in third place 13 games behind the Angels.

Asked if Seattle's down-to-the-wire spurt combined with California's 8-25 slump rekindled any thoughts of '78, Piniella only shook his head. He didn't want to answer that question.

Why start something when you have two games with the Angels in Seattle next week?

He referred to talk about the 26,524 fans who watched the Mariners collect a season-high 20 hits — four each by Luis Sojo and Vince Coleman — off six Texas pitchers.

"The crowd was loud and enthusiastic," Piniella said. "That's helpful."

With the prospect of making

the playoffs for the first time in the team's 19-year history, Mariners fans have taken on a new character. They're louder and more animated than ever.

On Tuesday night, they may have voted to build the Mariners a new outdoor stadium, an election that's going to be decided by absentee voters.

The following night, they cheered crazily after Ken Griffey Jr. made a sensational, leaping catch above the center-field fence to rob Juan Gonzalez of a home run in the sixth inning with Seattle ahead 10-0.

The Mariners are playing their best baseball of the season — at just the right time. They've won seven of eight, 10 of 12 and 11 of 15, pulling even with the Angels at 72-63, picking up 11 1/2 games on California in the last 26 days.

Piniella has made key additions, bringing in Andy Benes and rookie Bob Wolcott as starting pitchers, Norm Charlton as the closer and Coleman for left field. And there was the Aug. 15 return of Griffey, who missed 73 games because of a fractured left wrist.

That was supposed to finish the Mariners as contenders. It didn't.

"Offensively, we don't belong on the same field with them," Texas manager Johnny Oates said after watching his team fall to four games back of Seattle in the AL wild-card race with nine to play. "They have four guys with more RBIs than anyone on our ball club."

That would be Jay Buhner (112 RBIs), Edgar Martinez (107), Tino Martinez (102) and Mike Blowers (92). And none of them had an RBI in the series finale against Texas.

Sojo did the most damage. The four-time Venezuelan League batting champion drove in his career-best six runs with his seventh homer and three singles while batting in the No. 8 spot.

"When you get that type of offense from your shortstop, you're going to win a lot of games," Coleman said.

In addition to the best catch since his return, Griffey had his 14th homer and drove in three runs.

Griffey didn't want to talk to the media after the game. That's his way of sharing the credit.

"You've got 24 other guys," he said. "Go talk to them. Go talk to Luis Sojo. He got six RBIs."

Benes (6-1) pitched seven strong innings for his fourth straight decision, but he wasn't the most impressive Mariners pitcher. Piniella started the ninth inning with Bob Wells, who gave up a double, a single and two walks before Piniella brought in Jeff Nelson.

Nelson struck out Sam Horn, Otis Nixon and Mark McLemore to end the game.

The Rangers play the Mariners four more times in Arlington next week, but they won't have Bob Tewksbury (8-7). Tewksbury pulled his left hamstring for the second start in a row in the second inning. He said after the game that he was done for the year.

The Rangers may be, too. Seattle leads the AL wild-card race by one game over the New York Yankees, but the Rangers are now four back with time running out.

"Fortunately, we still have nine games to go and they're played on the field and not on a piece of paper," Oates said.



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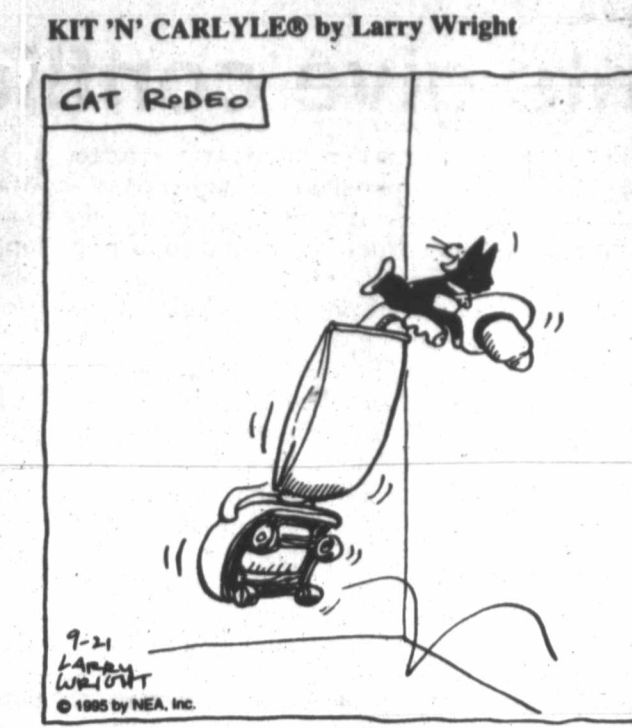
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Two top FBI agents give conflicting testimony on shooting

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two high-level FBI agents have given sharply conflicting Senate testimony about the approval of improper shoot-on-sight rules used in the August 1992 siege against white separatist Randy Weaver.

Charles Mathews, who conducted an internal FBI review last year of the Ruby Ridge operation, testified Wednesday that the unique rules were approved by FBI agents at the northern Idaho scene, not at headquarters.

Mathews rebutted allegations made a day earlier by the operation's field commander, Eugene

Glenn, that the FBI made him the scapegoat for a decision made in Washington.

Mathews and Glenn appeared at hearings on Ruby Ridge by the Senate Judiciary subcommittee on terrorism, which are in their third week.

The 11-day standoff against Weaver on a northern Idaho mountainside ended in the shooting deaths of Weaver's wife, Vicki, their 14-year-old son, Sam, and Deputy U.S. Marshal William Degan.

Glenn told the senators Tuesday that former FBI Deputy

Director Larry Potts approved the improper shoot-on-sight order.

Potts denies approving the plan. Potts received a light punishment for his role in the shootout and was promoted earlier this year to be the No. 2 man in the FBI. He was later demoted.

Five of Glenn's bosses, including Potts, were suspended with pay this summer and are subjects of a federal criminal investigation to determine whether they obstructed justice.

Potts and Daniel Coulson, who was Potts' chief deputy during the siege, were to testify this afternoon.

At Wednesday's hearing, Mathews said the unique order to fire at any armed adult man was approved by the field commander and the chief of the hostage rescue team, who were both in Idaho.

"That rule was not approved at the (FBI) headquarters level. That rule was approved on site," said Mathews, the associate special agent in charge of the bureau's San Francisco office.

In his review of the Ruby Ridge operation, Mathews found no intentional wrongdoing by FBI employees but identified several cases where their "failure to per-

form at an acceptable level exposed FBI personnel and others to substantial negative consequences."

As a result of that review, Glenn was censured and suspended.

In a departure from FBI policy, the rules of engagement were rewritten to say that snipers "could and should" fire at any armed adult male spotted outside the Weavers' cabin. The longstanding FBI shooting rule, by contrast, restricts the use of lethal force to protecting oneself or others from imminent harm.

Sen. Herbert Kohl of Wisconsin, the subcommittee's senior Democrat, asked Mathews whether he believed it made sense for the FBI to investigate itself in cases such as Ruby Ridge.

"Integrity in the FBI is far more important than any personal association," Mathews replied. He said no conflict of interest was involved in his review.

An FBI sharpshooter, Lon Horiuchi, fired the shot that killed Weaver's wife on Aug. 22, 1992, as she stood behind the door of the cabin, hours after FBI approval of the shoot-on-sight order.

State briefs

Board wants to know more about Collins' departure

AUSTIN (AP) — Two members of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice say they want to be given full briefings about the proposed business ventures of corrections chief Andy Collins and the reasons behind his surprise departure.

Ellen Halbert, vice chairman of the board, and John David Franz of Hidalgo said Wednesday the full nine-member board should be given full disclosure about the matter.

She said she would like to know details about the business ventures into which Collins plans to go after he leaves his \$120,000-a-year job as executive director of the agency Feb. 1.

Collins informed the surprised board members last Thursday of his decision to retire. But he would say only that he planned to enter private business and would not discuss details.

Seven lucky lotto retailers find life is good

AUSTIN (AP) — When the Texas Lottery began in 1992, Alvin Potter wasn't so sure about having his McAllen convenience store become an outlet for the game of chance.

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Potter, 54, is one of seven retailers across the state who have sold two winning Lotto Texas tickets. The bonus checks retailers receive for selling a winning ticket — totaling 1 percent of a jackpot — has meant unexpected riches for Potter and the other retailers.

With bonus checks of \$375,878 and \$78,485, Potter has made good on a promise to buy his lotto winners a new vehicle of their choice, paid out bonuses to employees, bought a new house and banked the rest.

Family, friends, say farewell to slain boy

CONROE (AP) — As an overflow crowd poured into First Baptist Church to bid McKay Everett farewell, capital murder charges were filed against a close family friend and his accomplice in the boy's slaying.

"Don't let this tragedy keep you from trusting," Pastor Marshall Edwards instructed the 1,000 mourners who filled pews and a church annex building, where some watched Wednesday's service by satellite television.

The event followed Tuesday's memorial service for McKay, which also was attended by about 1,000 people.

McKay's parents, Carl and Paulette Everett, helped greet mourners outside the church before and after the two-hour service. The burial was private.

Three more considering Senate race

HOUSTON (AP) — Three more possible challengers are considering entering the Democratic primary to become the opponent for U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, according to a published report.

The Houston Chronicle reported today that the latest possible primary candidates are U.S. Rep. Jim Chapman of Sulphur Springs, state Sen. John Montford of Lubbock and 1994 Democratic Senate nominee Richard Fisher.

The only announced candidates for the race for the right to challenge Gramm, who is also running for president, are Houston lawyer John Odam and Mesquite schoolteacher Victor Morales.

Chapman confirmed Wednesday that he has been calling prominent Democrats since Monday to ask their opinion of him giving up his Northeast Texas House seat to seek the Senate nomination next year.

Montford says he will make a decision about entering the race by Oct. 1. The newspaper also reported that Fisher has been telling party leaders not to count him out of the race, though he probably will not make a final decision on entering the contest before November.

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