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Helium plant heads to closure Thornberry plan voted down

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Congressman from the Texas Panhandle said today he was disappointed that the House Resource Committee rejected his proposal to extend the phase out of the nation's federally run helium operation at Amarillo over a three year period.

The House Resources Committee voted down a plan introduced Tuesday by Amarillo's Congressman Mac Thornberry, U.S. Representative of the 13th Congressional District, that would have extended a phase out to three years.

"There are essentially two plans currently being discussed in Washington," Thornberry said.

"The one plan is supported by the majority leadership in Congress and would close the helium plant in 18 months. The other plan is supported by the administration and would close the helium plant in three years."

Thornberry said Tuesday he would break with his party's leadership and support the three year plan.

He said with regard to the future of the nation's space program, one of the key reasons for the control of the helium field by the U.S. Bureau of Mines, he did not believe that 18 months would be a sufficient amount of time for the U.S. shuttle fleet to complete the transition to private sources of helium.

"Secondly," he said, "in considering the future of plant employees, I do not believe that the 18 month plan supported by the majority provides enough time for workers to make the transition to new jobs and new careers."

Thornberry said today that the bill to shut down the helium operation with its offices in Amarillo, plant near Dumas and storage areas

northwest of Amarillo came before the Resource Committee Tuesday. His amendment would have extended the time frame on the proposed shut down to three years instead of the 18 months favored by the committee leadership.

"I'm disappointed," Thornberry said today.

"When I offer an amendment, I like for it to pass. But I think this shows the overwhelming support from both parties to get the government out of the helium business."

Thornberry said that the helium issue would be easy to demagogue, but that is also becoming a more difficult issue to defend.

"With Congress committed to balancing the budget and privatizing many government services, and with the President targeting the program in his State of the Union address, the question regarding helium operations is no

longer if the plant will close, but when."

He said the in the budget climate of Washington today, he believed supporting a three-year plan would be in the best interests of both NASA and the employees at the helium plant. He said he also thought it would be in the best interests of making government both smaller and smarter, a goal for which he said he thought he was elected.

Thornberry said his amendment differed from the administration's proposal because his amendment mandated any savings which would result from the plant closure be directed toward reducing the deficit.

The administration proposal, he said, would permit such savings to be used to offset additional federal spending.

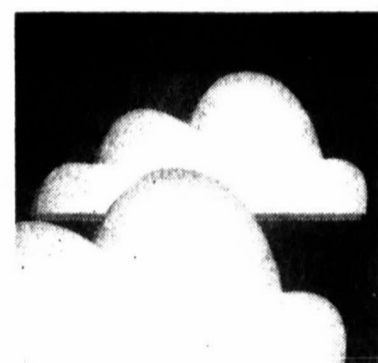
The 18 month plan was approved by the House Resources Committee. Under

the proposed legislation, sales of helium from the Cliffside Field northwest of Amarillo would begin no later than the year 2005.

Among the facilities that would be affected by the privatization of the helium operation would be the Amarillo plant with its shipping facilities and gas analysis laboratory, the Excell plant near Dumas which ships helium in both gas and liquid forms, and the Cliffside Field which is a 32-billion-cubic-foot helium storage facility.

The Associated Press reported that private helium industry officials had lobbied for a delay in selling off the inert gas reserve in total to prevent flooding the market with the supply and creating falling prices.

"The three year plan is a moot point," said Bill Moore, general manager of the Amarillo operation.



Low tonight in mid 50s, high tomorrow in upper 70s. See Page 2 for weather details.

PAMPA — Celebration of Light officials will request a grant from the Pampa Economic Development Corporation Sept. 28, for a building in which holiday decorations can be made.

Kathleen Chaney with the Celebration of Lights organization said the group will meet with the PEDC during their regularly scheduled meeting at 4 p.m. Sept. 28 at 301 N. Ballard to request funding for a building for the construction of holiday displays.

"The lighting festival will bring thousands of visitors to Pampa during the holiday to shop, eat and bring tourism dollars to the city," she said.

Inmates from the Jordan Unit will construct displays for the Celebration of Lights.

Chaney tools and materials are needed for the displays.

"Specifically, jig saws, screwdrivers, sanders and a cutting wheel will be necessary for the construction of these items," she said. "Paint, sandpaper, wood screws, conduit and rebar are needed."

For more information concerning donations, call 665-2454.

PAMPA - Child support collections are up dramatically in Gray County and local officials credit the increase with the advent of a new law can deprive the non paying parent of his or her professional, drivers or hunting and fishing licenses.

The August collection totals \$154,719, compared with \$137,793 collected in July, said Deputy District Clerk Karen McGahan.

The new law which took effect Sept. 1 provides that those behind 90 days or more in court ordered child support may have licenses of various types revoked.

"That is why all these guys are starting to panic," McGahan said.

McGahan said her office not an enforcement agency for child support. It is up to the custodial parent or Attorney General's office to trigger the revocation, she said.

A MARILLO — The Working Ranch Cowboys Association announced information and membership brochures are available to anyone interested in learning more about the WRCA.

"We hope this brochure will answer questions people may have about the WRCA," Terry Rich, WRCA President said.

For more information about the Working Ranch Cowboys Association or the World Championship Ranch Rodeo, call (806) 358-7382 for a free brochure.

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Flag pole prayers



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Lynnsee Honcock presided over the more than one hundred students who braved a cold damp fog this morning to gather at the flag pole in front of Pampa Middle School. The students were part of a national "See You at the Pole" event where youths gathered to pray for their teachers, school officials and government. Nearly 200 teens gathered to pray at Pampa High School and nearly 100 adults met at the flag pole at the Freedom Musum for the event. "We know we need You now more than ever," prayed one student.

AT&T divides by three in history's biggest business breakup

By DAN BLAKE
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — AT&T will split into three companies in the biggest corporate breakup in history, the telecommunications giant said today.

The new strategy will end its ill-fated attempt to get into the computer business and focus on long-distance communications. AT&T said it will stop making personal computers.

AT&T's shares, the nation's most widely held stock, shot up \$4.87 1/2 this morning at \$62.50 when the news was announced. The three new companies will

be publicly traded and turned over to AT&T shareholders. The company said it was likely the revamping will lead to job losses, but wasn't specific about on the size of cuts.

"Changes in customer needs, technology and public policy are radically transforming our industry," AT&T Chairman Robert E. Allen said after the company's board approved the breakup at a special meeting this morning.

Based on the company's size with annual revenues exceeding \$75 billion, the breakup ranks as the biggest ever, eclipsing its previous government-ordered breakup in 1984,

as well as the largest voluntary corporate breakup in history, that of ITT Corp. earlier this year.

That 1984 breakup ended the nation's long-distance telephone monopoly and ushered in the era of MCI and Sprint competition. Eleven years ago, the company's revenues totaled \$70 billion, including what are now the regional Bell companies.

AT&T said its telephone business, credit card company and wireless communications operation — formerly McCaw Cellular Communications, will remain one business under the AT&T name.

The restructuring amounts to an admission by AT&T that its efforts to combine communications expertise with computing technology has failed. The company bought NCR Corp. four years ago in a bid to enter the computer business.

Each of the new businesses would focus on three areas of specialty — communications services, communications equipment and computing.

The costs of the breakup will reduce the company's earnings this year by \$1 billion.

AT&T said it doesn't expect the plan will need approval from regulators or the court that oversaw its split into seven

regional telephone companies 11 years ago.

The company plans to revamp its NCR business — which had been renamed Global Information Solutions — to focus its attention on customers in the financial, retail and communications businesses.

As part of the restructuring the subsidiary will stop making personal computers, AT&T said. About 8,500 of the computer business' 43,000 jobs will be cut as part of its reorganization, but the company said many employees will have opportunities to find work elsewhere in the company.

Accident reports still open, court order says

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge has extended a temporary restraining order that blocks a new state law restricting access to police accident reports.

U.S. District Judge Kenneth Hoyt late Monday extended the order for 10 days. The measure was passed by the Legislature earlier this year.

A group of attorneys and chiropractors who use direct mail advertising sought the restraining order after filing suit against the state, Attorney General Dan Morales and 30 police chiefs who must enforce the new law.

The law restricts access to accident reports unless the person making the request can provide two of three possible pieces of information to the Department of Public Safety or local police: the date of the accident, the full name of one of the persons involved in the accident or the specific location of the accident.

The new law was to have gone into effect Sept. 1, making records that were previously public, exempt from disclosure.

Texas legislators passed similar laws in 1991 and 1993.

The 1991 law made it a crime to use information obtained from accident reports to contact prospective clients. That law was held unconstitutional by a federal appeals court.

The 1993 law banned release of accident reports for 180 days, except to journalists and attorneys. U.S. District Judge David Hittner ruled that the prohibition of access was unconstitutional.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

DYAR, Ruby Upton — Graveside services, 1 p.m., Hasley Cemetery, West Monroe, La.
NITSCHKE, Martha Kelln — 10 a.m., Faith Lutheran Church, Spearman.
SLOAN, Stephen Jay — 10:30 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

MARTHA KELLN NITSCHKE
SPEARMAN - Martha Kelln Nitschke, 89, sister of a Canadian resident, died Saturday, Sept. 16, 1995. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Faith Lutheran Church with the Rev. Beverly Cook, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Ochiltree Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Nitschke was born in Shattuck, Okla., and grew up in Lipscomb County. She married Samuel Nitschke in 1924 at Perryton; he died in 1983. The couple lived in Ochiltree County until 1947 when they moved to Winfield, Kan. They moved to the Spearman area 28 years ago. She was a homemaker and a member of Faith Lutheran Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Mayme Kauffeld of Baton Rouge, La.; two sons, Luther "Bud" Nitschke of Cambridge, Kan., and Robert Nitschke of Spearman; four sisters, Elsie Turner of Booker, Bertha Lubhan of Perryton, Josephine Gentili of Phoenix and Margie Hazlett of Borger; two brothers, David Kelln of Canadian and Ben Kelln of Waco; ten grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Faith Lutheran Church.

STEPHEN JAY SLOAN

NORFOLK, Va. - Stephen Jay Sloan, 43, a former Pampa resident, died Sunday, Sept. 17, 1995. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Jack Gindorf, pastor of the First Christian Church of Miami, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Sloan was born July 5, 1952, at Groom. He was a 1970 Pampa High School graduate. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving six years and returning to Pampa in 1977; he re-enlisted in 1979, serving another five years. He served aboard the USS Independence and the USS Coral Sea. He was discharged in 1984. He worked for the Willoughby Bay Marina of Norfolk. He was a member of Hi-Land Christian Church of Pampa. He was preceded in death by a brother, Larry H. Sloan, April 10, 1989.

Survivors include two daughters, Shelly Fletchall of Yukon, Okla., and Tiffany M. Sloan of Ingleside, Texas; a son, Larry Edward Sloan of Huntington Beach, Calif.; his parents, Fred and Sid Sloan of Pampa; a grandmother, Edith Brannon of Pampa; a sister-in-law, Ellen Sloan of Palm Harbor, Fla.; and two grandchildren, Rachel Lynn Sloan and Jake Edward Sloan, both of Huntington Beach.

Fires

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

TUESDAY, Sept. 19

8:54 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded on a standby at Coronado Hospital.

Stocks

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

Wheat	4.63
Milo	5.16
Corn	5.66

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

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 completion.

Magellan	94 23
Puritan	16.85

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

Amoco	64 7/8	dn 3/8
Arco	113	NC
Cabot	53 1/4	up 1/2
Cabot O&G	14 5/8	NC

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....911
 Crime Stoppers.....669-2222

Police report

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

TUESDAY, Sept. 19

Off. Fred Courtney reported theft from a student's locker at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester. Stolen were a backpack valued at \$35, tennis shoes worth \$90, a cap worth \$5, a t-shirt worth \$20 and a pair of boxer shorts worth \$10.

Fred Dominey, 116 1/2 W. Foster, reported criminal mischief at his address. A vehicle was damaged at a value of \$75.

John Vandygriff reported theft at Albertson's, 1233 N. Hobart. Stolen was a package of cigars valued at 99 cents.

Ruben Garza, 408 N. Somerville, reported terroristic threats at 1900 N. Hobart.

Stanley Dwayne Wallace, 1009 Varnon, reported theft from his address. Stolen was a 10-speed Huffy bicycle valued at \$80.

Failure to identify was reported by Sgt. John Goes.

Ricardo Granillo Grajeda, 517 N. Faulkner, reported unauthorized use of a motor vehicle at 1200 N. Hobart.

A 14-year-old juvenile female reported assault at 2545 Perryton Parkway.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 20

Lt. Tommy Pickering reported possession of marijuana under two ounces at 1020 E. Frederic.

Sheriff's Office

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

TUESDAY, Sept. 19

Billy Stovall reported burglary of a motor vehicle at the intersection of Gray County Road 12 and Highway 60.

Robert Lewis Hines, 610 N. Kingsley, McLean, reported criminal trespass.

Arrests

MONDAY, Sept. 18

Robert Allen Robinson, 25, 112 N. Nelson, was arrested on a charge of issuance of a bad check for Ochiltree County. He was released after paying a fine.

Jennifer Przybyla, 23, 1101 E. Francis, was arrested on a charge of theft by check for Wheeler County. She was released on bond.

James Brian Everson, 30, 500 Aft, was arrested on a charge of burglary of a habitation. Bond has been set at \$10,000.

Patricia V. Johnson, 37, 411 N. Starkweather, was arrested on a charge of theft by check. She was released on bond.

TUESDAY, Sept. 19

Gilberto Gonzales Fabela, 30, Muleshoe, was arrested on a charge of violation of probation. Bond has been denied.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 20

Dorthea Jean Bybee, 31, 441 Hughes, was arrested by Pampa Police Department on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Benny Lynn Young, 40, 441 Hughes, was arrested by Pampa Police Department on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Ambulance

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

TUESDAY, Sept. 19

8:55 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Duncan on a medical emergency and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

9:28 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of Thut in Lefors and transported one patient to Coronado Hospital.

12:13 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital for a patient return to the 600 block of Thut in Lefors.

3:25 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing home. No patient was transported.

10:30 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital to assist Medivac One crew.

Calendar of events

PAMPA CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY ASSOCIATION

The Pampa Citizen's Police Academy Association will hold their next regular meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21 in the American Red Cross Building, 108 N. Russell. For more information, contact Marilyn Powers at 665-7736.



Bill Wade, vice president of Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce, at left, receives a \$10,000 disaster relief donation from Verland Brewster and Mary Alice Roberts of Dobson Communications.

Dobson makes \$10,000 disaster relief donation

OKLAHOMA CITY - Dobson Cellular Systems Tuesday presented Pampa Chamber of Commerce officials with a \$10,000 check earmarked for the Pampa Area Disaster Relief Fund.

The money was raised during Dobson's Aug. 12 annual golf tournament in Oklahoma City.

At the tournament each year, money is raised through donations and individual competition at the event.

In the past, Dobson has donated to various organizations

including the Cheyenne, Okla., library, Pottawatomie Telecommunications Co-op, Western Oklahoma Interactive Distance Learning and the National Kidney Foundation.

"Many of our customers, not to mention some of our employees, were affected by the tornadoes that hit Pampa in June," said Everrett Dobson, president of Dobson Communications Corporation.

"In addition to the time and effort our employees volunteered during the crisis, we thought the

best choice for the donation should go to the relief effort."

At approximately 5 p.m. June 8, Pampa and the surrounding areas were devastated by several tornadoes. Homes and businesses were either damaged or destroyed, and total cost of damage to the area was estimated at \$9.6 million. Federal disaster relief to the area was denied.

Donations are still needed, Dobson spokespeople say. Anyone is interested in donating to the relief effort should contact Mary Alice Roberts at 665-0500.

Democrats claim GOP plan would strip Medicare

WASHINGTON (AP) - Irate Democrats accused Republicans today of trying to ram through drastic changes in Medicaid that would strip welfare families, nursing home residents and other poor people of health coverage.

"Shame on them," said Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., at a House Commerce Committee hearing on the GOP plan to convert Medicaid to block grants and eliminate federal rules and entitlements. He said the plan amounts to "...throwing the program back to the states and letting the poor take the consequences."

Rep. Thomas J. Bliley, R-Va., accused the Democrats of making "hysterical appeals to fear" and using "irrational hyperbole" to pillory the plan. He called Medicaid "a complex, bureaucratic and uncontrolled spending machine riddled with waste and inefficiency that is driving federal and state deficits alike."

He quoted Bill Clinton, as governor of Arkansas, calling for

freeing the states from federal Medicaid mandates just as the Republicans now are trying to do.

Bliley, the Commerce chairman, appealed to Clinton to "call off your attack dogs."

But the battle was just beginning in the Commerce Committee on the GOP blueprint to squeeze \$182 billion in savings from Medicaid over seven years and reduce its growth rate from 10 percent a year to 4 percent.

House Democrats are also furious over Republican proposals to hold only one day of hearings to gather reaction to their proposals to carve \$270 billion from Medicare over seven years. Republicans have blocked consideration of a Democratic call for four weeks of hearings on the subject, and Democrats retaliated today by trying to shut down the House for the day, less than an hour after it convened.

The bid failed on a near party-line vote, and it wasn't clear what other actions Democrats would take to dramatize their call for

extended hearings.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., offered no apologies for putting Medicaid overhaul on the fast track. Commerce will attempt to finish work on the bill Thursday or Friday, Bliley indicated.

"My limited experience in this city is you either act decisively and get things done, or you hang around long enough for all the various special interest groups to mount a big enough lobbying campaign to stop it," said Gingrich.

The GOP tack is the opposite of the strategy President Clinton followed two years ago when he laid out a 1,300-page, minutely detailed health reform plan that was picked apart for months before dying without a vote.

The House GOP plan to transform Medicaid into "MediGrants" aims to save \$182 billion over seven years by ending federal entitlements for the poor and scrapping a thick rule book directing whom states must cover and what benefits they must offer.

City briefs

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SALE - CAROUSEL

Expressions - Potpourri, jar candles and package scents on sale this week only. 1600 N. Hobart. Adv.

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.

DUREE AND Friends - Urban Skunk, Thursday. City

Limits. Adv.

MOM N Me would like to thank all of our friends who have supported us during the last 4 years. At the end of September, we will be closing. Come in this week for a big 25% off of everything sale. Watch for more mark downs next week. 318 E. Foster, Wednesday-Saturday 1-5. 665-7132. Adv.

NEED A Cake? Birthday, weddings, etc. Call 665-7836. Adv.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

Pampa Meals on Wheels, 669-1007. Adv.

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

CHANEY'S CAFE - Fried Chicken, Meatloaf, Spaghetti and Meatballs, Chicken Fried Steak. Wednesday 5-8 p.m. 716 W. Foster. 665-2454. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Increasing cloudiness tonight with a 30 percent chance of rain. Tonight, a low in the upper 50s with gusty southeast winds 10-20 mph. Thursday, cloudy and cool with a high near 58. Gusty northeast winds 20-30 mph with lake wind advisories in effect. A 50 percent chance of rain tomorrow. Tuesday's high was 66.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, becoming cloudy with a chance of rain. Lows middle 40s. Thursday, cloudy and windy with a chance of rain. Much colder with highs in the upper 40s to lower 50s. Thursday night, becoming partly cloudy and cold. Lows in the lower to mid 30s. South Plains/Low Rolling Plains - Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain. Lows in the lower 50s northern south plains to the lower 60s southern low rolling plains. Thursday, mostly cloudy and turning cooler with a chance of rain. Becoming windy. Highs in upper 50s northern south plains to the mid 70s low rolling plains. Thursday night, mostly cloudy and cold with a chance of rain. Lows in the mid 30s northern south plains to the mid 40s southern low rolling plains.

North Texas - Tonight and Thursday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows 61 northwest to 71 southeast. Highs 70 northwest to 88 southeast. Thursday night, mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Lows 50 northwest to 65 southeast.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central Texas: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows from the lower 60s Hill Country to near 70 south central. Thursday, mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers. Highs from the upper 70s Hill Country to mid 80s south central. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Scattered showers or thunderstorms. Lows from the lower 70s inland to upper 70s coast. Thursday, mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs from the lower 90s inland to mid 80s coast. Thursday night, mostly cloudy with scattered showers or thunderstorms. Lows from the lower 60s inland to lower 70s coast. Southeast Texas and the Upper Texas Coast: Tonight, cloudy with a good chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s inland to the lower 70s

coast. Thursday, cloudy, breezy and cooler with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower to mid 80s. Thursday night, clearing and cooler. Lows in the near 60 inland to the mid 60s at the coast.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Tonight, isolated evening thunderstorms south and east. Fair skies northwest. Increasing clouds with brisk north winds developing east, turning colder northeast with a chance for rain. Lows 30s and 40s mountains and northeast, 50s to lower 60s lower elevations central and south. Thursday and Thursday night, cloudy and considerably cooler with areas of fog and light rain or drizzle east. Partly cloudy and not as warm west with a slight chance for thunderstorms. Highs 40s and 50s northeast, 60s and 70s central and northwest, upper 80s far southwest. Lows 30s and 40s mountains and north with 50s lower elevations southcentral and southwest.

Oklahoma - Tonight, cloudy with a chance of showers. Lows in the mid 40s northwest Oklahoma to near 60 Red River valley. Thursday, cloudy and increasingly windy with scattered showers. Highs in the 50s. Thursday night, mostly cloudy with scattered showers. Lows in the upper 30s to mid 40s.

Russians end moratorium on foreign adoptions

MOSCOW (AP) - Thousands of Russian orphans can now be adopted by foreigners, lawmakers said today, announcing the end of a ban on foreign adoptions that had left many children in orphanages for months.

The children, including many who had been in the final stages of adoption, have languished in Russian orphanages since March while legislators debated how to implement a new adoption law that allows foreigners to adopt healthy Russian infants for the first time.

The law, signed by President Boris Yeltsin in March, was immediately followed by a ban on foreign adoptions until the thorny issue of implementing it was worked out.

Viktor Parshutkin, of parliament's foreign affairs committee, said today that Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin signed a decree ending the ban on Friday.

But the prime minister's office would not confirm the report. The confusion over the announcement reflects the bureaucratic bungling that has marked the country's adoption legislation for months.

The new law is a mixed blessing for prospective foreign parents — and a potential nightmare for those who had already begun the process before the ban went into effect.

Although it allows foreigners to adopt healthy Russian children for the first time, it requires all prospective parents to wait at least another six months while officials conduct a nationwide search for Russian parents for the children. If none are found, then foreigners can adopt them.

Dozens of children who were in the final stages of being adopted before the ban went into effect will also be subjected to the waiting period. The waiting period is

six months for children under 3 years old and nine months for children over 3.

The law also requires the establishment of a centralized database of all of Russia's more than 100,000 adoptable children. After months of debate, the Ministry of Education was chosen to assume this massive task.

While 15 of Russia's 88 territories have already submitted lists of children eligible for adoption to the central database, dozens more are only just beginning.

One thorny issue remains undecided: the fate of adoption agencies operating in Russia.

The latest law was partially prompted by stories of "baby traders" selling Russian orphans to foreigners. It calls for a government agency to issue operating licenses to non-profit foreign adoption agencies, but no such body has been created yet.

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Kiwanis donation



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Jerry Foote and Doug Carmichael, Clarendon College-Pampa Center Foundation Steering Committee members, accept a \$2,000 check from the Downtown Kiwanis Club members Bruce Courtney, president, and Stanley Stabel. The funds will go towards the building fund for the new center to be built in the 1600 block of West Kentucky.

Debate begins on far-reaching legislation giving regulations priority over constitution

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas' ban on home equity loans is again under fire, this time from a freshman lawmaker whose amendment would give federal regulations priority over the state constitution.

The House Banking Committee voted Tuesday for a provision to reinstate a 1994 appeals court ruling that federal savings and loan regulations supersede the Texas Constitution.

Opponents of Rep. Steve Stockman's measure Tuesday called it an attack on states' rights that would leave homeowners vulnerable to foreclosure.

Stockman, R-Friendswood, disagreed.

"This is a real victory for consumers — especially seniors," Stockman said. "This amendment allows seniors to enjoy the wealth they have acquired in the value of their house, by having access to some of that money without having to sell their home. In addition, people can now consolidate their debts and

deduct the interest in their federal income tax."

Texas law currently limits home equity loans — borrowings on the accumulated equity on home mortgages — for two purposes: to pay taxes and finance home repairs, according to Kim Pyie, Stockman's banking aide.

Under current law, it is thus illegal for a lender to foreclose on a home if it was used to secure a loan for any other reason.

Reps. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-San Antonio, and Ken Bentsen, D-Houston, criticized Stockman's amendment as an attack on states' rights.

"In the case of Texas, this amendment attempts to preempt the state constitution and the will of the people," Gonzalez said in a prepared statement.

"The Texas Constitution protects the homestead of each and every citizen from taking by creditors in certain situations," he said.

Gonzalez last year attached a

provision to an interstate banking bill that overturned the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision concerning the Texas homestead law.

The law had effectively left Texas as the only state in the nation in which homeowners couldn't get home equity loans.

Stockman's amendment was part of legislation passed by the House panel Tuesday that would convert federal savings and loans into national banks.

The measure, to be merged into a massive budget reconciliation bill, would also terminate affordable housing programs run by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and scale back the Community Reinvestment Act, a fair-lending law.

But President Clinton has threatened to veto the bill. It is uncertain whether home equity provisions would survive subsequent negotiations between the administration and the Republican majorities in the House and Senate.

TDCJ chief resigns after reportedly using prison credentials to lure investors in prison scheme

HOUSTON (AP) — A state prison chief who resigned a week after Gov. George W. Bush asked for an investigation into his personal business dealings may be using his name to lure investors in a private prison project, according to a published report.

An incomplete copy of a draft of a prospectus for Viewpoint Development Corp., a company owned by a business associate of James A. "Andy" Collins, promotes Collins' extensive experience with the Texas prison system.

The *Houston Chronicle* on Tuesday obtained the partial prospectus, which appears not to have been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. A prospectus explains to potential bondholders about the company, its officers and what they are trying to accomplish.

Collins' position as head of the nation's largest corrections system, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, may last only a few more months. He told Allan Polunsky, chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, he would be leaving after the first of the year.

Viewpoint Development owner and former

Houston Mayor Fred Hofheinz is trying to raise \$35 million for the project, a 500-bed facility that will house hard-core juvenile offenders and substance abusers in Jena, La.

Collins, 45, is under contract to manage the facility. He has previously said that he has no conflict of interest in his business venture and has not used his position to attract business partners.

Collins formed a private corrections management company, Professional Care of America Inc., in July with corporate offices in Shreveport, La., according to the Louisiana Secretary of State's Office.

Hofheinz and James Brunson, a former officer with N-Group Securities Inc., are listed as directors in the company. Hofheinz said he and Brunson merely lent their names for the incorporation papers and resigned almost immediately.

Corporate papers filed with the state of Louisiana indicate that Collins and his wife are now the only officers and that Collins is the sole owner, with \$1,000 worth of stock.

State briefs

Judiciary panel begins debating immigration bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Rep. Lamar Smith calls his immigration reform bill a good way to regain control of the nation's borders, preserve jobs for American citizens and curb legal and illegal immigration.

But some Democratic colleagues on the House Judiciary Committee are calling parts of it anti-family and a threat to civil liberties.

Some provisions are "horrible and strike a great deal of reservation in my heart," Rep. John Conyers Jr., D-Mich., said Tuesday as the committee began debating and offering amendments to the bill.

One section "treats many aliens and even permanent residents as if they have no constitutional rights, contrary to what the Supreme Court has said," he said.

"Shame on us for what we're doing today," said Rep. Jose Serrano, D-N.Y.

Hospital-style lockup treats mentally ill inmates

LUBBOCK (AP) — Slender rays of sunshine beam through the windows lining this cool corridor at the John T. Montford Psychiatric-Medical Unit.

A Southwest-style motif of diamond tiles lays in a colored splash below the feet of men quietly marching to lunch. A trusty buff the floor.

The state's newest facility for mentally ill prisoners exists as a hybrid — part soothing hospital, part razor-wire lockup. Guards get special training to handle the schizophrenic and suicidal inmates referred here from prisons across Texas.

"It's a curious balance," said warden Chuck Keeton. "We've got to have treatment, friendly staff ... different from the standard ways of doing things."

The \$37.5 million Montford unit opened in July on farmland southeast of Lubbock. By Tuesday, 442 of its 550 beds had filled.

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Bingo becomes boon to Gray County, others

AUSTIN — "Bingo is not only fun to play," Nora Linares, Executive Director of the Texas Lottery Commission, said, "but Bingo games also financially benefit many of the state's charitable organizations."

"During the second quarter of 1995," Linares added, "players in Gray County did their share contributing to various local charities and - of course - collecting some lucky Bingo prizes."

Charitable Bingo players who frequented the three licensed Bingo charities in Gray County won \$32,632 in April, May and June of this year, Linares reported.

The charitable organizations in Gray County and the Bingo attendance they reported this quarter, were: Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 1385, 886; Women of the Moose Chapter #1163, 722; and VFW Post #1657, 280.

The \$32,632 won locally is part of the \$107.2 million in prizes that Bingo charities across the state paid to winners. That includes \$84.9 million for regular Bingo prizes and \$22.3 million in prizes for pull tab Bingo games.

Players in Dallas County Bingo halls won \$16.4 million during the second quarter, the most in the state. Tarrant County placed second with \$13.5 million, followed by

Harris County, with \$11.5 million.

Local government in Gray County recently received \$784.21 in Charitable Bingo prize fees covering the second quarter of 1995, Linares said.

The payments cover prize fees collected by Charitable Bingo players in Gray County for April, May and June of this year. Cities and counties that imposed the gross receipts tax on a local-option basis receive quarterly payments of up to 2.5% of the prizes won by Bingo players in their jurisdictions.

The state also receives a 2.5% share of the prize fees.

The Lottery Commission has allocated the following prize fees among Gray County units of government: Gray County, \$784.21

The payments were part of the \$2.7 million in prize fees allocated to Texas cities and counties this month. In total, 67 county governments received \$1.4 million in prize fees, and 128 city governments received \$1.3 million.

The largest single allocation of prize fees for the second quarter was \$216,316 to Dallas County. The remainder of the top five is: Tarrant County, \$182,577; Harris County, \$160,674; City of Dallas, \$137,179; and Bexar County, \$113,935.

Man practiced fraud from jail phone

HOUSTON (AP) — A Harris County inmate used a jail pay phone and an answering service to bilk thousands of dollars from people across the state by setting up bogus trade shows and taking their entry fees, police say.

Houston Police Sgt. J.B. Haney of the Houston Police burglary and theft division said Tuesday that Alan Todd May is suspected of setting up the bogus trade shows and keeping the entry fees sent to him.

The officer said May, who is serving jail time for credit card fraud and parole violations, is suspected of setting up bogus trade shows in Houston, Austin, Dallas and Denver and getting people to mail him entry fees.

Haney said May then typically cancels the event or has an excuse for moving it. No charges have been filed, and the investigation is continuing, Haney said.

Haney said May accepted entry fees for a women's health trade show in February, which was repeatedly moved, then canceled because of "inadequate parking." The 50 or so people eager to exhibit at the show never received refunds and didn't know May was doing business from jail.

May had outside help from someone he hired as his employee, Haney said. Telephone calls from a jail inmate made calls collect and the person called knew the caller is behind bars.

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First Fever victim confirmed in state

McALLEN (AP) — A McAllen woman has contracted the first case of dengue fever imported from Mexico, a state health official says.

Dr. Leonel Vela, head of the Texas Department of Health's South Texas region, said Tuesday the unidentified woman contracted the mosquito-carried virus while traveling in Reynosa, Mexico. Reynosa is located just south of the Rio Grande south of McAllen.

The woman is recovering from the illness, Vela said.

The case is linked to an outbreak of dengue fever that struck Reynosa in late August, he said. "This is not an acquired case here," Vela said. "We are pretty sure, based on the history."

The health department received the woman's test results Tuesday from a U.S. Centers for Disease Control lab in Puerto Rico, Vela said.

The woman's physician was notified, Vela said.

Dengue fever is an acute viral illness. Symptoms include the sudden onset of high fever, severe headaches, joint and muscle pain, nausea, vomiting and a bright-red rash that appears three to four days after the fever begins.

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Opinion

Airport security increase suspect

Everyone knows the skies aren't as friendly as a major air line advertised for years.

But just how much more unpleasant will air travel become as a result of the latest federal mandate to tighten security at airports? The need for certain restrictions is acknowledged. Screening of passengers for weapons became necessary after skyjackings became common occurrences. And so for the last couple of decades, air travelers have put up with the relatively minor inconveniences of emptying their pockets and having their bags and purses x-rayed.

But now the Big Brother intrusions seem likely to increase as a result of new precautions announced by Transportation Secretary Federico Pena. Airport users can expect to be under closer scrutiny than ever.

What's really distressing about this latest development is the manner in which bureaucrats are implementing the restrictions. The reasons for increased security are veiled in secrecy and couched in typical nebulous bureaucratic terms to "deter possible criminal or terrorist acts."

Actually Pena's reluctance to give details cuts both ways. By saying the move was prompted by "information provided by federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies which I am not at liberty to discuss," the transportation secretary is creating two very different mindsets.

On one hand, the action creates an atmosphere of fear that allows the feds to be that more intrusive without having to deal with protests against deprivation of rights. It could be interpreted as an effective scare tactic to give the government more power over the individual.

And, at the same time, Pena opened the door to those with paranoid thoughts. Jumpy fliers already are creating their own visions of terrible terrorist acts that could be perpetrated by a worldwide conspiracy.

Everyone would be served better if the government was a bit more forthcoming on what is really happening, if anything.

So now it's likely that security personnel will be rifling through more personal effects and giving more individuals the investigative eye.

That is not a good situation, especially since the same security measures are being implemented at airports regardless of the size. Travelers arriving and departing Amarillo International Airport, an unlikely terrorist target, are subject to the same controls as someone on an overseas flight leaving from New York or Los Angeles. And the vigor with which security is enforced ultimately falls to the individual forces at each airport. Some may be more snooty than others, and use the open-ended federally described threat as a justification for heavy-handed treatment of travelers.

A certain degree of care must be taken to avoid another Oklahoma City tragedy, but the average American deserves some details and more respect.

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False 'Prophecy' Hollywood style

What is it with Hollywood that it must continue to insult religion? In 1988, it was Martin Scorsese's *The Last Temptation of Christ*, wherein the Bible was rewritten to cast Judas as the victim and Our Lord as a womanizer. *The Handmaid's Tale* followed in 1990 - this time, it was the Christian fundamentalist movement portrayed as evildoers in a world of the future corrupted by religion. Earlier this year, Disney's Miramax subsidiary gave us *Priest*, an assault on the Roman Catholic Church. Now, we get *The Prophecy*, a horror movie revolving around wicked ... angels. It's released by Dimension Films, which is a division of Miramax, so the "Prophecy" buck stops with, yep, Disney.

The pattern is there. Take icons in heaven or religious institutions on Earth, attach to them the attributes that are antithetical to them, and wham! You've got hypocrisy, betrayal, evil incarnate. In short, you've got a Hollywood movie. And if you manage to insult tens of millions of people in the process, you've got something even better: publicity.

It follows, then, that these movie makers yearn for people like me to condemn their products and generate attention for them, especially when they are so awful that they are in desperate need of it. That's the case with *The Prophecy*, which opened Labor Day weekend and is likely to be gone from theaters by Columbus Day. *Apollo 13* this isn't, either in terms of quality or popular appeal. So, why write about it? Because it is religiously offensive. It's also obnoxiously politically correct.

Admittedly, *The Prophecy* has a fascinating



L. Brent Bozell

premise. A missing final chapter of the Book of Revelation has been found; it tells of a second war in heaven between angels loyal to God and those angry with Him for giving men souls, thus showing favoritism to humans over angels.

Given that Christians believe in the existence of a first war in which Lucifer and his followers were condemned to hell, there's nothing outrageous about this creative thinking, Hollywood style. That is, until we learn that the new forces of evil are commanded by none other than Gabriel, an archangel and one of the icons of the Christian faith. In *The Prophecy*, he's cast as a vicious psycho who comes to Earth in search of the world's most evil man in order to give himself the edge in the stalemated war in heaven.

Who is the man whose soul he craves? Joseph Stalin? Adolf Hitler? Mao TseTung? Charles Manson? No, a newly deceased Army general responsible for atrocities during the Korean War. It just doesn't get more PC than that.

But wait, there's more. By the end of the movie,

all sorts of humans have learned that Gabriel is on Earth causing pandemonium in search of this evil soul, yet no one sees fit to consult with any Christian leaders on this. Instead, it is left to (are you ready?) the American Indians to defeat him. Now, I readily confess my ignorance of Native American religion, but I'll bet you it doesn't include Gabriel. And I'm sure the Indians would find it rather odd if a similar conflict involving their faith were settled by John Cardinal O'Connor.

Yet, even the Indians can't defeat Gabriel alone. Enter Lucifer, who makes a cameo appearance in all his evil splendor by providing the advice that leads to the defeat of Gabriel because the devil would rather have one hell, not two. So, the villains of *The Prophecy* are the archangel Gabriel and the U.S. military; the heroes are the Indians and the devil. This not even Oliver Stone could stomach. What were the producers and financial backers thinking when they launched this project? There was no need whatsoever to make Gabriel the horrific monster in this movie. This was done solely because it pushes the envelope that much more - it creates yet another reason for the religious right to scream. And, to underscore that point, one of the movie's stars is hyping it with his own brand of bigotry. "People who think that angels are nice creatures with wings are mistaken," opined actor Eric Stoltz in an interview with CNN's *Shoahbiz Today*. "I think they're bitter, jealous, vindictive creatures out to do us harm." Much the same can be said for the makers of *The Prophecy*.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 20, the 263rd day of 1995. There are 102 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 20, 1519, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan set out from Spain on a voyage to find a western passage to the Spice Islands in Indonesia. Magellan was killed en route, but one of his ships eventually circumnavigated the world.

On this date:

In 1873, panic swept the floor of the New York Stock Exchange in the aftermath of railroad bond defaults and bank failures.

In 1881, Chester A. Arthur was sworn in as the 21st president of the United States, succeeding James A. Garfield, who had been assassinated.

In 1958, civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. was seriously wounded during an appearance at a New York City department store when an apparently deranged black woman stabbed him in the chest.

PBS looks kindly on GOP, for once

The first hundred days of the Republican majority in Congress have almost entered mythology. Looking back, we tend to recall House Republican troops marching in lock step to enact the Contract With America (Senate disappointments would come later).

But as *Inside the Republican Revolution*, a recent PBS documentary reminds us, the outcome was not so certain at the time.

Producer/director Michael Pack was able to take his cameras pretty much everywhere during those hundred days. The result is a true insiders view of how things work on Capitol Hill. And as host Donald Lambro argues, understanding Capitol Hill is the key to understanding power in Washington because the momentum has shifted, probably decisively, away from presidential leadership and toward congressional dominance.

Some of the most interesting tidbits offered to viewers concern leaders of both parties, but especially the Democrats, crafting media strategy. If you want to know what David Bonior (D-Mich.), Pat Schroeder (D-Colo.) and Dick Gephardt (D-Mo.) are doing behind those closed doors, you may be surprised to find that they are watching videotapes of the previous night's evening news broadcasts, the better to fashion their sound bites for the day.

Republicans too gather to shape their message. In one scene, John Boehner (R-Ohio) advises John Kasich (R-Ohio) to stay away from arcane budget talk. Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich seems always to be popping in on talk radio programs.

Some aspects of this documentary will perplex



Mona Charen

regular viewers of PBS. There is, for example, a telling scene between a journalist from *Newsday* and Rep. David McIntosh (D-Ind.). McIntosh was attempting to defend the Republican proposals to change the school lunch program, and the journalist was just as clearly attacking the Republican plan. It was but one mild example - the producer could have picked from thousands - of the persistent media bias against the Contract With America.

The vignette revealed something else as well, though. It revealed the unfortunate shallowness of some Republicans in the face of liberal attacks.

Asked to identify what he didn't like about the school lunch program, McIntosh could only repeat, three times, that there were too many federal bureaucrats involved in the program and the states could do it better.

But there are many more reasons to be skeptical about the school lunch program than that. How about the fact that 59% of America's school children are participating in this program? Does that make sense? Only about 15% of America's chil-

dren are poor (too many, to be sure, but that's another matter). The school lunch program is actually a perfect symbol of why we have a deficit problem. The Democrats find a cause like hungry kids, create a huge program to help feed them hot lunches at school (in addition to giving their parents enough food stamps to be sure that they are fed, but never mind), and then keep expanding the program indefinitely so that in a few years, 59% of the kids in the country are getting subsidized meals.

Any attempt to cut back is excoriated by the Democrats and their allies in the press as a "mean-spirited attack" on children. An obliging pollster asks questions like "Do you think lunches for hungry children should be cut to balance the budget?" and gets an 82% negative reaction. The Republicans are left reeling.

The school lunch debate was the low point of the first hundred days, the only time when the Democrats successfully delivered body blows to the ascendant Republicans. For the most part, the Republicans were skilled and disciplined about getting their contract enacted.

But as the bigger battles over the federal budget loom, Republicans would do well to revisit what went wrong with the school lunch debate because the Democrats have not changed and the press has not changed. It isn't enough to repeat endlessly, "But we're not really cutting anything." The country would welcome intelligent cuts, properly explained. But that will require even more courage and more resolve than were demanded of Republicans during the first 100 days.

Marching down the middle of the road

Excerpts from Colin Powell's memoirs are now being published, and it seems dishearteningly evident that the popular general is preparing to march into politics, and if possible into the White House, by coming out foursquare for motherhood.

On the one hand, he makes it clear that he simply can't abide the sort of forthright conservatism that has been the dominant tendency in American politics for the past 15 years. His misdescription of it adds force to his point: "I am troubled by the political passion of those on the extreme right who seem to claim divine wisdom on political as well as spiritual matters. God provides us with guidance and inspiration, not a legislative agenda. I am disturbed by the class and racial undertones beneath the surface of their rhetoric."

On the other hand, he at last tries to sound equally contemptuous of the liberal alternative, which has dominated the Democratic Party for more than 60 years: "I am put off by patronizing liberals who claim to know what is best for society but devote little thought to who will eventually pay the bills. I question the priorities of those liberals who lavish so much attention on individual license and entitlements that little concern is left for the good of the community at large."

Surveying this unsatisfactory state of affairs, Gen. Powell allows that perhaps it is time for a fresh approach: "I distrust rigid ideology from any direction, and I am discovering that many Americans



William Rusher

feel just as I do. The time may be at hand for a third major party to emerge to represent this sensible center of the American political spectrum."

If this sort of otherhandedness sounds familiar, that is because it is. It is, in fact, the mating call of the Political Bird of Paradise, political equivocation, and it is summed up in that old political aphorism: "There are two sides to everything, and if you want to be popular take both."

In normal times, there would be a good deal to be said for following a leader who has made a distinguished career for himself outside of politics, who disdains the grubbier aspects of the political arena, and whose attitudes, insofar as they can be identified at all, are high-minded and judiciously centrist.

But these are not normal times. In the modern conservative movement, Americans have found

and many have endorsed - a serious attempt to save this nation from destruction. Conservative principles worked, and worked brilliantly, in the field of economics, and in the long cold war against the Soviet Union. Now they are being applied to the still deeper problems reflected in the collapse of family values, the loss of individual self-discipline, and the confusion between liberty and a self-indulgent libertinism. On the outcome of that effort depends, quite simply, our survival as a society.

It will not be enough for Gen. Powell - or President Powell - to reflect the standard American virtues in his own life and conduct. He is going to have to be ready to lead a troubled nation back to its roots, wherein reside its fundamental strengths. And of such readiness I find very little evidence in those of his views that have thus far been vouchsafed to us.

If that is all we are being offered a smiling, self-assured practitioner of the conventional political arts, able and willing to preside serenely over the nation, split the difference on any really serious issues, and paper over the widening cracks in American society - then I feel safe in predicting that the conservative movement will decline to compete for the privilege of carrying his train. Leave him to the Tsongas, Rudmans and Bradleys. We have come too far to settle for a coffee-colored Eisenhower.

Beta Sigma Phi to honor Girls of the Year at Fall Fling

Pampa chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority will host their annual Fall Fling Dance honoring their Girls of the Year at 9 p.m. Saturday at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Disc Jockey Roy Lott will provide music. Tickets are \$15 per couple at the door.

Beta Sigma Phi was founded by Walter W. Ross on April 20, 1931 in Abilene, Kan. Since its founding Beta Sigma Phi has grown to be an international organization. The name Beta Sigma Phi stand for life, learning and friendship. There are over 250,000 members in 12,500 chapters in 32 countries. Pampa has seven chapters with about 75 members.

Beta Sigma Phi has traditions which include kick-off, Fall Fling when the the Girl of the Year is recognized, New Year's Eve celebration, Valentine's Dance to honor chapter sweethearts and Founder's Day.

Fall Fling recognizes a sorority member who in addition to her regular chapter responsibilities has gone above and beyond to make her chapter year very successful.

For more information about Beta Sigma Phi call council president Nancy Brogdon at 665-5855 or Lisa Crossman, council vice president at 665-5088 or any Beta Sigma Phi member.

CITY COUNCIL

Sherri Schaible

Sherri Schaible has been a member of Rho Eta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi for five years. She has served as recording secretary, vice president and president of her chapter. She now serves as treasurer. Schaible held the office of city council president for 1994-1995.

She is employed as administrative assistant for the Gray County Appraisal District. She is married to Brian Schaible and they are the parents of Lindzi. She is a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. She is co-leader of her daughter's Brownie troop.

XI ALPHA ALPHA CHI

Kim Lancaster

Kim Lancaster has been chosen Girl of the year for Xi Alpha Alpha Chi. She has been a member of Beta Sigma Phi for 13 years

and held the offices of president, vice president, treasurer and corresponding secretary. She is married to Mike Lancaster. They are the parents of two sons, Todd, a sophomore at Pampa High school and Travis, a seventh grader at Pampa Middle School. Lancaster is employed at PMS. Her hobbies include arts and crafts shows. They attend Central Baptist Church.

XI PHI ALPHA

Terry Gamblin

Terry Gamblin has been a member of Beta Sigma Phi for 15 years. She is married to Kris Gamblin. They are the parents of David, a senior at Pampa High School and Kyle, a freshman at PHS.

Gamblin is employed by National Bank of Commerce as a secretary. She is a member of First Christian Church.

PRECEPTOR THETA IOTA

Carolyn Smith

Carolyn Smith is serving as chapter president of Preceptor Theta Iota. She has been a member of Beta Sigma Phi since 1966 and has held all offices and served on most committees during her membership.

Smith is married to Price T. Smith. They are the parents of Rick Smith of Katy.

She is a member of Christian Women's Fellowship of First Christian Church where she serves as elder and substitute teacher. Smith retired from Pampa Independent School District after 26 years as a speech pathologist and special education teacher.

Smith is a member of Pampa Fine Arts Association, El Progreso Study Club, Retired Teachers Association, Knife and Fork, Community Concert Association and Area Community Theater.

She and her husband collect antiques and enjoy traveling and visiting their two grandchildren.

UPSILON

Kimberly Lopez

Kimberly Lopez has been chosen Girl of the Year by Upsilon chapter. She has been a member of Beta Sigma Phi since 1992.



Helen McGill
XI BETA CHI



Sheila Ingram
RHO ETA

She has served as parliamentarian, treasurer, president and is now corresponding secretary of the chapter. She serves on friendship, secret sister, membership and service committees.

Lopez graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1991 with a bachelor of science degree in medical record administration. She is office manager for Family Medicine Center.

Her husband, Michael Lopez, is supervising chemist at Phillips Petroleum in Borger. They are the parents of Loren Alexandra, 16-months old.

Her hobbies include golf and reading.



Kimberly Lopez
UPSILON



Billie Bruner
PRECEPTOR CHI

PRECEPTOR CHI

Billie Bruner

Billie Bruner, a sister in Beta Sigma Phi for 25 years, is Preceptor Chi's Girl of the Year. She is the widow of Bob Bruner and the mother of a son and daughter-in-law, Denver and Diana Bruner; and daughter Kelly and son-in-law Kirk Fisher. She is the grandmother of four.

Bruner was selected Valentine sweetheart for Preceptor Chi in 1995.

After serving every office of her chapter, she is now serving as second vice president of Pampa city council.

Bruner is owner of Billie's



Sherri Schaible
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Terry Gamblin
XI PHI ALPHA

Boutique, her second career which follows a 24-year career with the Social Security Administration.

XI BETA CHI

Helen McGill

Helen McGill has been member of Xi Beta Chi for five years. She has held offices of president, vice president and corresponding secretary.

McGill is employed by International Salon System She has been married to Bill McGill for 28 years. They are the parents of a son and daughter, David and Delisa. Her hobbies are crafts and traveling.



Kim Lancaster
XI ALPHA ALPHA CHI



Carolyn Smith
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Sheila Ingram

Sheila Ingram has been a member of Beta Sigma Phi for seven years. In the past, she has served as president, vice president, recording secretary, treasurer, city council representative and is now corresponding secretary of her chapter. She serves on the ways and means committee.

Ingram is office manager for Lewis Meers CPA, where she has been employed for eight years. She and her husband, Bobby Ingram, and daughter Lindsey, 10, attend Briarwood Church. Her hobbies include softball and participating in her daughter's activities.

Baker honor students



Eleven current Baker Elementary students were recognized as outstanding TAAS students at Tuesday night's open house. The students received academic recognition for their high test scores last spring. From left: fifth graders Julian George and Christopher House and fourth graders Ryan Davis, Tracy Henderson, Dean Moman, Jaime Murrah, Raquel Ramirez and Frank Shaw. Not pictured are Jaime Chavez, Carrie McAnear and Joshua Mullen.

FBI: Help us find Unabomber

FBy RICHARD COLE
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Maybe an English teacher will recognize the style, or someone who lived in a collective with him will remember his political rants.

One way or the other, the FBI hopes the Unabomber's distinctive prose will give him away.

The Washington Post circulated the elusive bomber's 35,000-word document nationwide Tuesday, and investigators are waiting for someone, somewhere to get that glimmer of recognition that helps track him down.

Jim Freeman, head of the FBI in San Francisco and the 135-member Unabomber task force, said extreme cases require extreme measures.

"This case is really unparalleled in the course of law enforcement," he said of the Unabomber, who has killed three people and injured 23 since 1978. "This is a very singular case stretching over 17 years."

Freeman urged the public — especially in the Chicago, Salt Lake City and Northern California areas — to look for clues in the manuscript, which rails against the evils of industrialization.

"There has to be someone that relates to this philosophy," he said at a Tuesday news conference. "And that has investigative value for us."

The FBI previously circulated the Unabomber's manifesto to college professors in California, high school teachers in Chicago and anyone else who might recognize the serial bomber's ideas.

The FBI, which is offering a \$1 million reward, has received 20,000 calls on its national hot line, and the value of the tips has improved since excerpts of the manuscript were first published, Freeman said.

In June, the Unabomber sent the manuscript to The New York Times and The Washington Post with a demand: If at least one of the newspapers would print his manifesto within three months, he would stop killing.

Five days short of the deadline, the Post published a special, eight-page section Tuesday containing the entire text of the Unabomber's treatise entitled "Industrial Society and Its Future."

The Unabomber, believed to be a white man in his 40s with meticulous habits, has set off 16 increasingly sophisticated bombs since 1978.

In July he virtually shut down parcel delivery service and

delayed flights across the West Coast by threatening to bomb a plane. He later called the threat a joke.

Since 1993, all his bombs and letters have been mailed from the San Francisco Bay area, but he began by hitting university targets in Chicago and then moved on to Salt Lake City.

Along with poring over the typewritten manuscript, investigators from the FBI, Postal Inspection Service and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms have interviewed machine shop operators, college instructors, postal workers and hundreds of others.

Laboratory tests of his letters and bomb parts have given few clues, apparently because the Unabomber uses gloves and evidently doesn't even lick the stamps or envelopes.

The Unabomber — so named because his initial targets were universities and airlines — mixes his own explosives out of easily obtainable material, making it difficult to trace.

Despite the frustrations, Freeman said investigators are certain they will solve the case.

"There is a sense of confidence in all the agencies," he said.

The FBI Unabomber hot line is (800) 701-2662.

Burglary suspect charged in courthouse fire

By MICHELLE LOCKE
Associated Press Writer

MARTINEZ, Calif. (AP) — A landscaper facing a burglary charge set a courthouse on fire to avoid a hearing, then burned three more courthouses when the hearing was rescheduled, prosecutors said Tuesday.

Richard Dudley Stevens, 42, made it to court Tuesday to be arraigned on four counts of arson, among other charges, in a series of fires at courthouses in the east San Francisco Bay area.

"He is a consummate danger to society," Senior Deputy District Attorney Dennis Murphy said. "Every time he's had a difficulty with the court, that court has burned," Murphy said.

Stevens did not enter a plea. His hearing was continued until Friday and his bond raised to \$10 million.

Three of the fires were set Thursday, burning two municipi-

pal courthouses and some adjacent city offices and heavily damaging the county courthouse in Martinez, about 10 miles away. A fire Aug. 28 shut down a municipal court in Walnut Creek.

Police say Stevens was to appear in the Walnut Creek court on the burglary charge on Aug. 31. That hearing had been moved to Martinez on Thursday.

Public Defender Barney Berkowitz, who represented Stevens on Tuesday, came to his defense outside the courtroom, denying he skipped court dates.

Berkowitz said the Aug. 31 hearing was not scheduled to take place in the Walnut Creek court and was a routine proceeding that defendants normally do not attend. He also said that Stevens came to the court hearing in Martinez on Thursday, but it was continued due to the fire.

The fires left officials scrambling for a place to hold court.

Makeshift courtrooms were set up everywhere from a vacant department store to a snack room.

Stevens, who was arrested Saturday, is the second man charged in the fires. On Thursday, police arrested a 34-year-old drifter spotted outside the Martinez courthouse.

Transient, Raymond Fisher, is charged with arson and burglary in connection with the Martinez fire and was being held on \$1 million bond. He was set to appear in court Thursday.

Police said they have made a connection between Fisher and Stevens, but declined to elaborate. Court records show Stevens had a long, tangled history with the legal system.

A former nurse anesthetist, his legal troubles included battles with his former employer, the state Board of Registered Nursing and a long-running dispute with a homeowners association.

Names in the news

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Andy Garcia is no longer an untouchable.

Fans can now touch a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame bearing the Oscar nominee's name.

"I'm truly flattered by the tremendous embrace that I've been given by Hollywood," Garcia said during Tuesday's dedication ceremony in front of the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel.

Garcia, 39, portrayed a rookie cop in "The Untouchables" and more recently starred in "When a Man Loves a Woman." He received an Academy Award nomination for "Godfather III."

He recently finished filming two movies "Steal Big, Steal Little," and "Things to do in Denver When You're Dead." Both were to be released this fall.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee to Elvis: You ain't

nothin' but an old tourist attraction.

State officials have decided to replace an ad featuring the King dancing across a Graceland postcard with a commercial focusing on the state's 1996 bicentennial.

The theme will be "This Is the Year to See Tennessee."

During the bicentennial, tourism gurus will debate whether to bring Elvis back in the future.

"Elvis certainly is an important attraction for the state," Pat Ledford, the state's assistant tourism commissioner, said Tuesday.

The ad featuring Presley was used for a year.

NEW YORK (AP) — Miss America has left the pageant runway for the country's highways.

Shawntel Smith began her yearlong reign Tuesday with a news conference to promote the

federal school-to-work program.

Smith, Miss Oklahoma, was crowned Saturday night at the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City, N.J. Her appearance Tuesday was the first in a long series; a Miss America typically logs 20,000 miles a month in speaking engagements and other events.

Smith was accompanied at the news conference by Education Secretary Richard Riley and Labor Secretary Robert Reich.

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — It could be the subject of Sally Jessy Raphael's next show: the case of the misused photograph and the talk-show host who got sued over it.

Renee Ann Doran of Waterford Township filed a \$30 million lawsuit Monday against Raphael for using her photograph to portray a woman prisoner who was the subject of the show.

Newsmakers



Homecoming queen candidates at Southwestern Oklahoma State University

WEATHERFORD, Okla. - 19-20 when the first campus vote takes place. Homecoming is Sept. 29-30. Candidates are (front from left): Julie Williams, Weatherford; Carla Brown, Oklahoma City; Maegan Boucher, Woodward, Okla.; Chanda Kromer, Altus, Okla.;

Marina Ramirez, Pampa; and Valari Lewis, Elk City, Okla. Back from left - LaDonna Salazar, Raton, N.M.; Rebecca Casey, Hinton, Okla.; Karen Neeland, Hennessey, Okla.; Tracie Richardson, Pocasset, Okla.; Maria Jennings, Mt. View, Okla.; Sunny Craig, Moore, Okla.; Staci Stephens, Mt. View, Okla.; Misty Porter, Petersburg, Texas; Michelle Boucher, Woodward; Christy Maynard, Weatherford; and Pepper Shepherd, Keyes, Okla.

CANYON - Degrees were officially conferred on 239 West Texas A&M University graduates at the Aug. 17 commencement ceremonies. Ninety-two candidates received master's degrees and 147 candidates completed baccalaureate degree requirements during the 1995 summer sessions.

Undergraduates with an overall grade point average of 3.5 or better were recognized as honor graduates. The three levels of recognition are cum laude (3.5-3.74), magna cum laude (3.75-3.89) and summa cum laude (3.9-4).

Nineteen students graduated with cum laude honors, and seven students graduated with magna cum laude honors. Area students awarded degrees were: Mark L. Alewine, music major, master of arts degree; Sharron L. Andrews, bachelor of science; Randall G. Stephenson, administration major, master of education; and Kolleen M. Yarbrough, chemistry major, bachelor of business administration, all of Pampa; and Laura L. Hommel, bachelor of science, McLean.

WACO - Baylor University awarded 652 academic degrees at the close of the 1995 summer session, according to figures from the university registrar. Degrees awarded include 394 bachelor's degrees, 236 master's degrees, and 22 doctorate degrees. Among these graduates was Angela Rebecca Harvey of Pampa.

Serbs under increasing pressure to make peace

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) - Washington's push for peace in the Balkans hangs in the balance as government and Croatian forces seriously squeeze the Serbs for the first time.

The Serbs, meanwhile, have until this evening to pull back their heaviest guns from around Sarajevo under an agreement reached with U.S. envoy Richard C. Holbrooke last week.

Holbrooke, who has shuttled around the Balkans for days to keep his peace effort alive, said late Tuesday that he had encouraging news from Sarajevo, but refused to give details. He left for Washington late Tuesday night.

NATO airstrikes that crippled Serb communication systems were called off last Thursday to allow the Serbs time to meet demands to withdraw the guns from around the city they have besieged for 3 1/2 years.

An initial deadline expired Sunday night, but was extended when the Serbs were deemed to have withdrawn enough guns to make the world believe they would eventually remove all their large-caliber weapons.

U.N. officials said a significant number of Serb weapons had left the 12.5-mile exclusion zone around Sarajevo on Tuesday, but refused to give precise numbers.

The NATO airstrikes against rebel Serb targets apparently helped Muslim-led government forces and their Croatian allies to seize vast gains from the Bosnian Serbs in western Bosnia.

While the Serbs may meet U.N. demands around Sarajevo, Holbrooke appeared to have failed to win firm promises from Bosnians and Croats that they would halt their offensive that has yielded stunning gains.

A statement from Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic and Croatian President Franjo Tudjman reiterated that the two have an agreement to cooperate on the battlefield, and made no mention of a halt.

The Bosnian government commander in northwestern Bosnia, Gen. Atif Dudakovic, told Associated Press reporter Jasmina Kuzmanovic on Tuesday that more fronts should be opened against the Serbs in coming days.

Croatian and Muslim-led Bosnian troops claim to have seized 2,400 square miles of western Bosnia in recent days, slicing rebel Serb holdings from two-thirds of Bosnia to about half.

The heavy Croatian involvement, though, has revived Bosnian government fears of an overly powerful Croatia. And the offensive threatens to force Serbia's President Slobodan Milosevic to break off peace talks and send help to the Bosnian Serbs. Bosnia is sandwiched between Serbia and Croatia.

Bosnian government radio, meanwhile, reported heavy traffic on the land supply corridor linking Serb holdings in eastern and western Bosnia, and said Serb forces had attacked Croat forces to the north of the essential link.

Club News

Heritage Art Club

Heritage Art Club met Sept. 11 in the home of Fay Nichols with 15 members present. Diana Sanders were the door prize.

Helen Ashby and Fay Nichols were the hostesses. Next meeting will be Oct. 2 in the Lovett Library meeting room.

El Progreso

El Progreso Club had a luncheon meeting at the Pampa Country Club Sept. 12. President Edna Hickman presided at the session attended by 14 members.

Julia Dawkins led the group in reading the club collect. Eloise Lane read the minutes for April 9, and Dot Allen gave the treasurer's report.

Club members gave accounts of their activities during the summer.

The next meeting will be a field trip to the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon on Sept. 26.

Piecemakers Quilt Guild

The Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild has completed a busy summer and has several exciting projects planned for the upcoming fall and winter season. New officers installed during the installation dinner in June were: Vallie Futch, president; Darlene Vespestad, vice president; Carol Allen, secretary; and Karol Hervey, treasurer.

In addition to the monthly meeting in July, several workdays were scheduled and the "Crossed Tulips" donation quilt was awarded to winner Joe Grange of White Deer. To finish out the summer, seven members of the guild attended the "Celebration of Quilts" show and seminar in Oklahoma City last month.

Items on the agenda for the fall season include a weekend quilt retreat at the Reynolds Ranch scheduled for October and monthly work days held at the Chamber of Commerce Community Building. Preparations have also begun for baby quilts to be donated to the Tralee Crisis Center as this year's

Christmas project.

Visitors are invited to attend the next meeting at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 28 in the Pampa Community Building.

Altrusa

The regular business meeting of Altrusa International, Inc. of Pampa was held September 11 in the Biarritz Club of Coronado Inn.

President Becky Holmes called the meeting to order with the Altrusa Grace and the Pledge of Allegiance. Thirty-three members were present and guest, Susan Winborne. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given by Daisy Bennett. Sandy McCoy read the correspondence.

The Accent was presented by Connie Lockridge on "Why I Chose Altrusa".

The following committee reports and announcements were given:

- Louise Bailey announced names were needed for the prospective members dinner scheduled for Sept. 25. The Pampa Sheltered Workshop Open House Oct. 26.

- Brenda Tucker announced the Baker Star Reader kick-off was a success and that Altrusans have been invited to display information on the Baker Star Reader Project at the Baker Parent's Night Sept. 19. Brenda asked that newsletter articles be turned in to her as soon as possible.

- President Becky Holmes asked that members planning to attend the district conference in October meet with her after to discuss reservation details. She reported that she had contacted Ramona Hite regarding Parent University. The structure will be changed this year from an all-day affair to various noon meetings.

The brag jar was passed by Judy Rutledge.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the Altrusa Benediction. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Sept. 25 in the Starlight Room of the Coronado Inn.

ABWA

The Magic Plains Chapter of ABWA met for their monthly meeting Sept. 11 at the Sirloin Stockade, with ten members and two guests.

Eltha Hensley presided over the business meeting. The organization voted to sell pecans for the annual fundraiser and the price will be the same again this year.

Ellen Malone gave a vocational presentation. She has been employed at the library for 16 years. This is also her 30th year in ABWA.

Joe Kyle Reeves from Clarendon College gave a program about Clarendon College and how it is growing with many more full time students. After a question and answer period, Glenda Malone and Eltha Hensley presented him with a donation toward the Building Fund for the new building.

ABWA's local chapter will be cleaning an adopted section of highway Sept. 21.

ABWA Day will be celebrated Sept. 23 with a Dutch treat breakfast at the Coronado Inn at 8 a.m.

Door prizes were won by Ellen Malone, Burnetta Stewart, Evelyn Boyd, Wynona Seely and Mildred Fulton.

The next meeting will be 7:30 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Sirloin Stockade.

Toastmasters Club

The Smooth Talkers and Knee Knockers Toastmasters Club of Pampa was well represented at the Humorous Speech Contest tryouts in the dining room of Coronado Inn in Pampa recently.

Club officials say the young organization, chartered on July 26, had approximately 25 percent of its members participating in the meeting. Topics include the art of storytelling, being someone's hero, an approach to leadership and the humorous speech contest.

Noah Davis recently visited The Smooth Talkers and Knee Knockers club in Pampa. He observed everyone present participating in a hearty impromptu

question and answer session on Marta Davis' speech, "Celebrating Childhood," while offering suggestions and praise for her performance.

Toastmasters is an international organization dedicated to providing a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.

Smooth Talkers and Knee Knockers Toastmasters Club meets every first, second and third Tuesday of each month from 6:30-7:30 a.m. in the dining room of the Coronado Inn. Anyone interested in improving speaking skills is encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Vernell Houska at 669-7402 or Gary Casebier at 665-4214.



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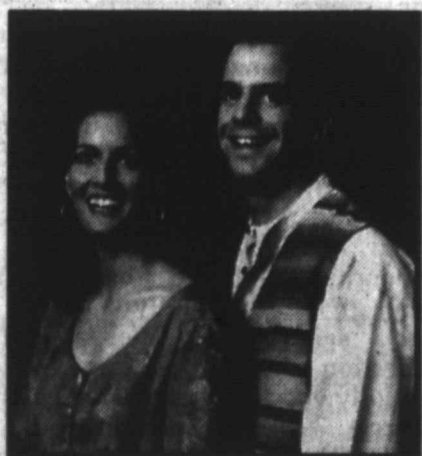
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Senate passes welfare reform bill; House in furor

By JENNIFER DIXON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Republicans are optimistic they can send President Clinton a bill this fall that imposes the first-ever time limit on welfare benefits, despite sharp differences between House and Senate versions for overhauling anti-poverty programs.

With solid support from Democrats, the Senate voted 87-12 on Tuesday to dismantle the federal welfare system and end the New Deal guarantee to provide a subsistence income to millions of single mothers and their children.

Eleven Democrats and a single Republican, conservative North Carolina Sen. Lauch Faircloth, voted against the bill, which Faircloth has called nothing more than a "pot of Pablum." Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., did not vote.

The House passed its version of welfare reform in March, in its whirlwind action on the Republican "Contract With America," and picked up only a handful of Democratic votes as it also agreed to abolish Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

House and Senate negotiators must resolve the differences between the two bills.

The main sticking points are over child care funding, how much of its own money a state should be required to spend on welfare programs, whether school lunches and foster care programs should be returned to the states as block grants, and aid to unmarried mothers.

On the most fundamental issues, lawmakers say, the House and Senate are in agreement: that welfare recipients should be required to work in increasing numbers, that their checks should end after a maximum of five years, and that legal immigrants should no longer receive public assistance.

Lawmakers from both sides of the Capitol were signaling that they would write a compromise bill that could be passed on final votes and be signed by Clinton, who campaigned in 1992 on a promise to "end welfare as we know it."

"I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Senate to refine a welfare bill for the president's signature," said Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Tony Blankley, a spokesman for House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said House members would work with senators "to find the strongest bill the Senate can get the votes for, and 218 votes on our side" — a majority in the House.

Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., said he was optimistic an agreement could be reached this fall.

"I think we're going to get a welfare bill, period. And no one would have believed it," he said.

But the emotional issue of out-of-wedlock births still divides majority Republicans.

Conservatives are demanding that the legislation follow the House blueprint, with its outright ban on cash assistance to teen-age mothers and restrictions on the additional payments that most women on welfare now receive when they have more children.

Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, on Tuesday threatened to vote against the final bill if Congress refuses to end the "suicidal" practice of "giving people more and more cash benefits to have more and more children on welfare."

But Democrats and moderate Republicans defeated, by large margins, efforts to strip these

Welfare bill

The Senate welfare bill that passed Tuesday must now be reconciled with a more conservative bill the House passed in March. Major provisions:

- ENTITLEMENTS**
House and Senate: Abolishes Aid to Families with Dependent Children
- HOW LONG?**
Both: Five-year, lifetime limit on cash welfare to families.
House: States can exempt 10 percent of caseload from limits.
Senate: Five-year, lifetime limit on cash welfare to families. States can exempt 20 percent of caseload from limits.
- BLOCK GRANTS**
House: Welfare, child care, foster care, school nutrition and child nutrition converted to block grants.
Senate: Welfare and child care converted to block grants; possibly food stamps.
- HOW MUCH TO SPEND?**
House: \$15.4 billion annual welfare block grant
Senate: \$16.8 billion annual welfare block grant
- HOW MUCH WILL BE SAVED?**
House: \$102 billion over seven years
Senate: \$65 billion to \$70 billion over seven years
- RECIPIENTS AT WORK**
House: Requires 10 percent to work in 1996, 27 percent by 2000, 50 percent by 2003.
Senate: Requires 25 percent to work in 1996, 50 percent by 2000. Some exemptions for child care emergencies, etc.

AP/E. Glanton, R. Toro

families of their welfare benefits during last week's debate on the Senate bill.

This alliance of moderates also was instrumental in pouring billions of dollars into child care for single mothers on welfare who would be required to work, and for requiring states to continue to spend some of their own money on welfare programs.

Some of them are threatening to withdraw their support for the compromise legislation if it backs away from the Senate's blueprint and slashes

aid to single-mother families.

The president is also on their side, saying Tuesday from Jacksonville, Fla., that if Congress gives into "extremist pressure" and walks away from bipartisan common ground, lawmakers will have killed welfare reform.

"If welfare reform remains a bipartisan effort to promote work, protect children and collect child support from people who ought to pay it, we will have welfare reform this year, and it will be a very great thing," Clinton said.

Government witness 'sings' for O.J. Simpson's defense

LOS ANGELES (AP) — He was straight out of central casting, a former Mafia enforcer with black goatee, gold hoop earring and a pair of metallic silver pants that looked like they could conduct electricity.

These days, Craig "Tony the Animal" Fiato is a semi-protected federal witness who sings for prosecutors against his former employer — the mob.

On Tuesday, Fiato was singing for someone else: O.J. Simpson. Fiato told wide-eyed jurors how a lead detective in the Simpson case told him and his brother, Larry, how Simpson was immediately a suspect in the slayings of Simpson's ex-wife and her friend.

The defense elicited testimony from the Fiato brothers to damage the credibility of Detective Philip Vannatter, who testified earlier that he didn't consider Simpson a suspect when police entered his estate without a warrant hours after the bodies of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman were discovered.

The Fiato brothers' testimony is part of a two-pronged attack the defense has launched as it wraps up its case. In addition to going after the Los Angeles Police Department, defense attorneys are seeking to discredit prosecution witness Roger Martz, an FBI agent.

Superior Court Judge Lance Ito said he would rule today on whether Martz should be forced to return to the stand to face allegations he slanted reports in other cases against defendants and, in the Simpson case, violated

FBI procedures on notekeeping.

Prosecutor Brian Kelberg described Martz's chief accuser, FBI agent Frederic Whitehurst, as a "sad figure, a tragic figure" incapable of comprehending how pure science can be applied in the real world.

Kelberg also said Whitehurst's allegations against Martz have little, if any, relevance to Martz's testimony that blood found at the crime scene didn't come from a test tube with a special preservative used at the police crime lab.

"When you get to the bottom line of all of Dr. Whitehurst's (information) that he can offer, he can offer nothing on Simpson," Kelberg said.

Simpson's lawyers have suggested that the ex-football star was framed by police who planted his own preservative-laced blood on the crime scene.

The frame-up theory is combined with an allegation that, from the very beginning, police were bent on nabbing Simpson.

The defense tried to show on Tuesday that Vannatter was one of many investigators who assumed Simpson was the killer and later lied to cover their motives for a warrantless search of his estate.

The Fiato brothers testified separately in a courtroom blocked out to TV and audio coverage to protect their safety. News media lawyers unsuccessfully fought the blackout, noting that the brothers weren't members of the Federal Witness Protection Program.

Colgate to eliminate 3,000 jobs

NEW YORK (AP) — Colgate-Palmolive Co. said today it will eliminate 3,000 jobs, or about 8.5 percent of its worldwide work force.

Colgate said the cuts will result in an aftertax charge against earnings of \$369 million, or \$2.54 a share, in the third quarter, resulting in a loss for the period.

During the next two years, Colgate will close or significantly change operations in 24 of its 112 factories and eliminate about 3,000 jobs from its work force of

about 36,000, said Reuben Mark, chairman and chief executive.

"These are not easy decisions as they affect so many valued Colgate people, but we believe they are in the best long-term interest of all our stakeholders, including employees, stockholders and customers," he said in a statement.

Colgate said it will provide severance packages, and arrange for job counseling and other assistance for employees.

Pope ends African trip with appeal for increased help for poor

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Pope John Paul II ended his 11th visit to Africa today with an appeal to wealthier regions for increased help to alleviate the continent's poverty.

"The continuing gap between rich and poor regions of the world is a serious threat to global

stability," the pontiff said before returning to Rome.

"The so-called South of the world urges the North not to weaken its resolve to tackle the question of poverty, of refugees, of economic and cultural underdevelopment," he said.

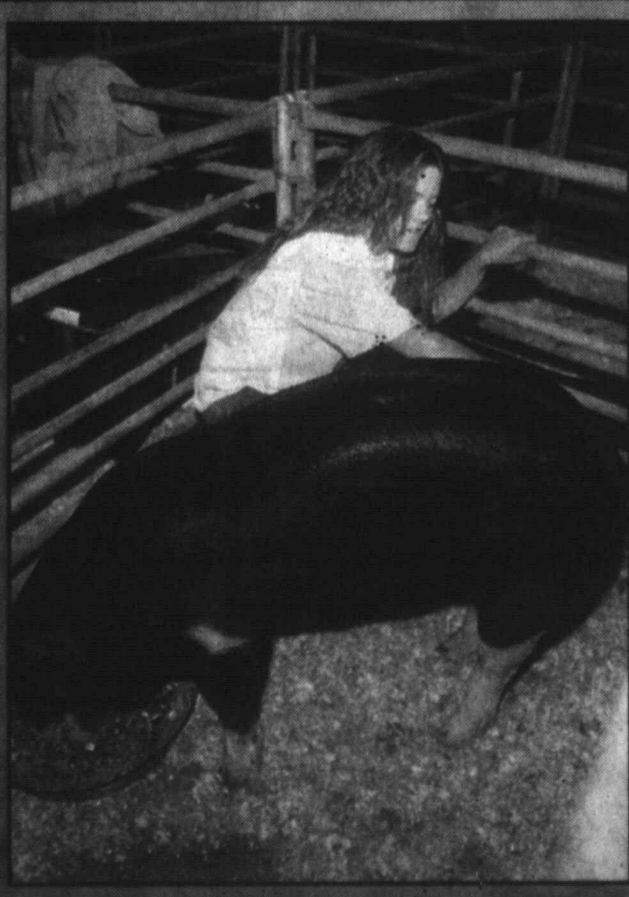
Solidarity between North and South is a moral imperative and an absolute human need, the pope said, adding: "At the level of nations and continents, this need must be met, or living together in harmony becomes impossible."

"The cry that goes out to the richer nations from the peoples of Africa is for aid, cooperation and solidarity which effectively respect people as people, poor or rich, powerless or powerful, all united in the one human family and in the same human dignity."

Stock shows continue at Tri-State Fair this week



Calvin Nite of Miami brushes Buster, his Duroc hog, above, prior to showing him in the Swine Show at the Tri-State Fair this week in Amarillo. The Panhandle Swine Futurity is scheduled for 6 p.m. today at the Rex Baxter Building. Right, Tracy Tucker of Lefors rubs down her Poland porker in preparation for the swine show. The Lefors High School sophomore raised the barrow from a piglet. While the swine show was Tuesday night, the Panhandle Swine Futurity is at 6 p.m. today. The Hereford cattle show was to begin at 10 a.m. today while the Shorthorn show is scheduled for 5 p.m. today. The trophy steer show is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Tri-State Fairgrounds while the youth horse show is set for 7 p.m. Thursday at the Rex Baxter Bldg.



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DEAR ABBY: My 80-year-old father-in-law has cataracts and a hearing disability, which is only somewhat helped by the use of hearing aids.

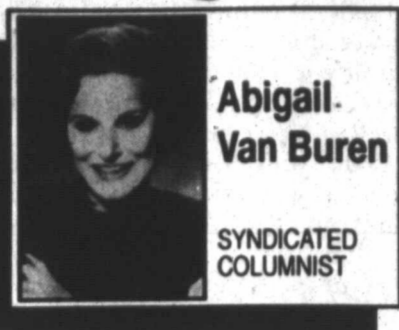
Twice he has been able to renew his driver's license, because, by his own admission, he got a little "help" from the person administering the eye test. Abby, this man has to struggle to read and to hear conversation, but he often drives hundreds of miles to sightsee or to visit family, while his licensed wife with good vision and excellent hearing sits beside him.

Abby, please tell the good people who work in the state motor vehicle offices that they are not doing anyone any favors by licensing people who do not meet the legal standards. It could get somebody killed!

It would be far more helpful to encourage people like my father-in-law to consider his options, such as scheduling cataract surgery sooner rather than later, or letting his wife drive — or by using public transportation.

CONCERNED CITIZEN

DEAR CONCERNED CITIZEN: Thank you for a valuable letter. Cataract surgery has been perfected recently, enabling the patient to go home the same day as the surgery. But it may take a day or two for one's vision to be crystal clear.



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column, you condemned as "stealers" all who take items from establishments. My wife and I have been collecting (according to you, "stealing") ashtrays for many years.

Does one leave a partially used matchbook in the restaurant dining room? Does one use hotel stationery only to write to the manager of the hotel? Does the swizzle stick stay on

the table after the chocolate has been swizzled?

Perhaps you have not considered the purpose of advertising. More than 15 years ago, my wife and I discussed at length the moral dilemma facing ashtray collectors, and decided to go to the source for an answer. We wrote to Harrah's in Reno, Nev., asking how the people there viewed ashtray grabbers. Their response: "The ashtrays are there for the taking."

So, please, Abby, reconsider your blanket condemnation, and give us

back our respectability.
ROBERT L. HOWE,
SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

DEAR MR. HOWE: Thank you for your informative response. I can understand a hotel guest taking an ashtray bearing the name of the establishment. However, some individuals feel entitled to swipe anything that's not nailed down. Many hotels now bolt lamps, pictures and clocks to the premises so they cannot be carried off. Some hotel managers report that blankets, pillows, bedspreads and towels vanish regularly.

If tourists want a souvenir bearing the name of the hotel or restaurant (ashtrays, for example), they should ask the manager. You will find them quite willing to let you have a souvenir; they consider this good "advertising" for their establishments.

Abby shares more of her favorite, easy-to-prepare recipes. To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, More Favorite Recipes, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope

Thursday, Sept. 21, 1995

If the year ahead, you might become involved in an exciting endeavor transforming outmoded things into more useful items. This operation will have good possibilities for growth.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Listeners wish to captivate today will sit up and take notice of everything you say, provided you speak from the heart and include them in your plans. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, New York, NY 10163.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you must negotiate an important financial matter

today, you'll be in a stronger bargaining position than you realize. Let the other person do the selling.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The greatest benefits for you today are likely to come through arrangements involving two or more friends, so show kindness to all your peers.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do not negatively prejudice situations today. Developments that look like bummers could produce pleasant surprises in unexpected ways.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your probabilities for success might be stronger today than they will be tomorrow. If you have something important you want to finalize, do it now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A career condition you've been anxious to correct might change for the better today of its own volition. Never stand in the way of progress.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your peers will readily note and appreciate all the good things you do for others today. Both old and new acquaintances will be proud

to call you a friend.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might shortly find some additional resources upon which to draw. This new channel of earnings may come through some type of collective endeavor.

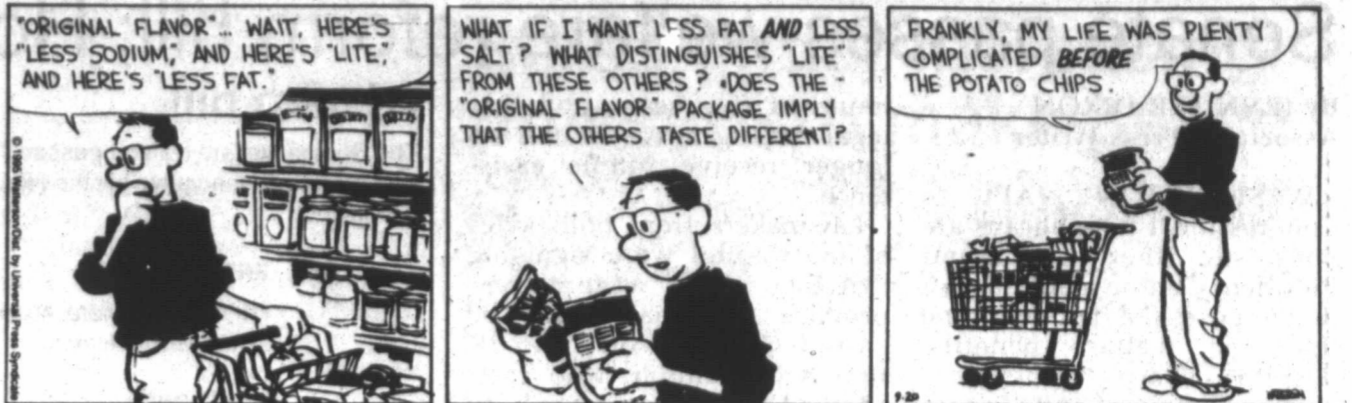
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Cheer up if your love life has been a trifle jagged lately. Changes could be in the offing that will transform discord into romantic harmony.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This will be a good day for you and your mate to put your collective ideas together regarding an arrangement that could benefit the entire family.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Try to involve yourself today with tasks you look upon as labors of love. You can be extremely productive when occupied by tasks you like.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Financial trends continue to look promising. This is a day that should be dedicated to doing everything possible to improve your financial position.

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Calvin & Hobbes



Arlo & Janis



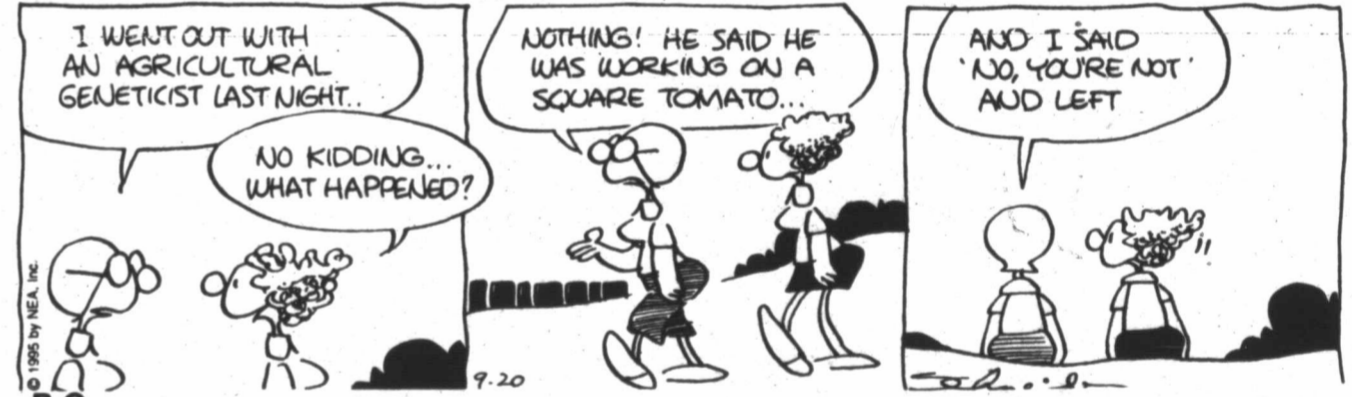
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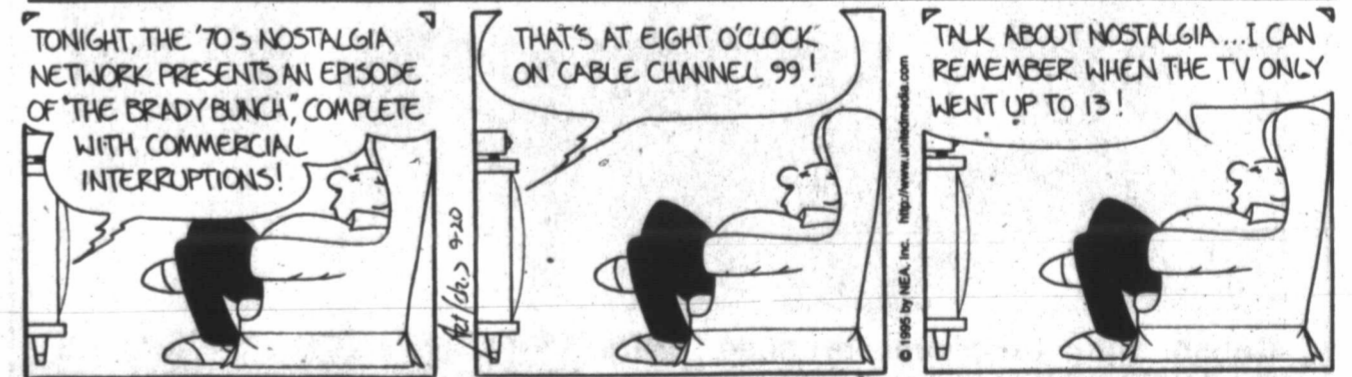
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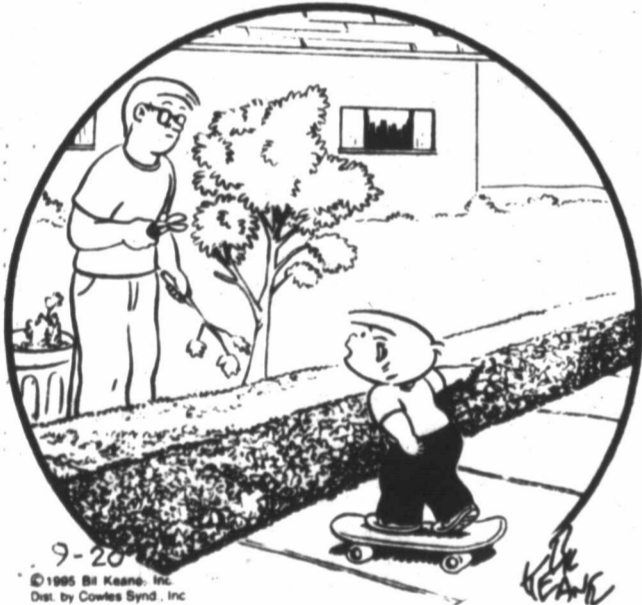
The Born Loser



Frank & Ernest



Mallard Filmore



"Do you have any putty, Daddy? We wanna fill some cracks in the sidewalk."



"Marmaduke is saving a doughnut for later."

The Family Circus



Marmaduke



Grizzwells



Alley Oop



Peanuts



Peanuts



Peanuts



Sports

Notebook

TRACK & FIELD

WICHITA FALLS — Not to be outdone by her record-setting hubby, Barbara Palmer of Pampa entered the North Texas Seniors Sports Classic last weekend.

Mrs. Palmer competed in the shot and won the event in the 60-64 women's division with a 14-6 throw.

"Barbara had been working out for a couple of weeks and she decided to try it and see what happened," said husband Wendell Palmer.

Wendell Palmer, a world-record holder in the Masters Olympic-style games, won both the discus and shot in the 60-64 men's division at the Seniors Sports Classic. He was third in the standing broad jump.

Palmer's mother, 101-year-old Margaret White of Turpin, Okla., received national attention earlier this year when she became the oldest person to ever compete in Masters competition. Mrs. White was 100 when she threw the shot at the Sooner State Games in Oklahoma City in January.

GYMNASTICS

LUBBOCK — Pampa gymnast Erin Coffey dominated the competition last weekend at a District I qualifying meet in Lubbock.

Erin, competing in only her third meet, placed first in two events and won the all-around title with a score of 35.05 out of a possible 40 points.

Erin competed in Level 5 competition, which is one of the mid-level divisions of the USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic Program. She placed first on vault, 8.2; first on floor exercise, 8.9; third on bars, 8.95, and third on balance beam, 9.0.

Also competing for Pampa in the next highest division, Level 6, were Brittney Culp and Abby Cavalier. Culp had a personal best 33.60 for second place all-around. She also placed second on vault, 8.45; second on bars, 8.45, and second on floor exercise, 9.0. Cavalier placed third on vault, 8.3.

The Gymnastics of Pampa students will go to Odessa for their next qualifying meet.

FOOTBALL

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — One of the hurdles to the return of suspended Nebraska tailback Lawrence Phillips has been cleared in court.

Phillips pleaded no-contest to misdemeanor assault and trespassing charges Tuesday, nine days after he was arrested for allegedly hitting his ex-girlfriend at a Lincoln apartment.

Under Nebraska law, a no-contest plea is the same as a guilty plea for sentencing purposes. Phillips' assault and trespassing charges each carry a maximum penalty of six months in jail and a \$500 fine.

Lancaster County attorney Gary Lacey said he would recommend probation, counseling and completion of an anger-control program for the star running back. Sentencing is scheduled for Dec. 1.

BASEBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Scott Servais wasn't interested in his recent past as a Houston Astros catcher. He only wanted to talk about his future with the Chicago Cubs.

The subject was certain to come up Tuesday night after Dave Magadan's error with two out in the sixth inning allowed Servais to hit a three-run homer that helped the Cubs beat his former teammates 7-6.

But Servais sidestepped any controversy.

"The Cubs send me out there every day and they've shown confidence in me, it's really made the difference," Servais said. "I enjoyed my time in Houston and I like Chicago."

Tech teammates share SWC honors

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Leeland McElroy presents a devastating problem for defenses — even when they know what he's going to do, they can't stop him.

McElroy took a flat pass and zig-zagged 57 yards for Texas A&M's first touchdown in a 52-9 victory over Tulsa on Saturday, and the play wasn't a surprise to Tulsa coach Dave Rader or the Hurricane defense.

"We were actually looking for that play," Rader said. "Our defense guessed it right, and we were ready, but we couldn't stop him. Our man missed, and it was a touchdown."

In his second statistic-cramming game, McElroy gained 285 all-purpose yards,

scored four touchdowns and, for the second time in three weeks, was named The Associated Press Southwest Conference Offensive Player of the Week.

Texas Tech linebacker Zach Thomas of Pampa and Texas safety Tre Thomas shared the AP-SWC Defensive Players of the Week honors.

Zach Thomas had a career high 20 tackles, two behind the line, and a sack in the Red Raiders' 41-14 victory over Missouri. Tre Thomas helped the Longhorns rally past Pittsburgh 38-27 with three interceptions.

McElroy rushed 116 yards on 23 carries, caught four passes for 128 yards — becoming the first player in A&M history to gain more than 100 yards in rushing and receiving. He also returned two kick-offs 41 yards, finishing his day's work with 5:17 left in the third quarter.

"He does so many things so well," Rader said. "He's not just a great runner, he's a terrific pass receiver, and he's a scary return man."

McElroy had 359 all-purpose yards against Louisiana State, giving him an average of 322 yards for the season. He has 3,131 career all-purpose yards and 644 this season.

Zach Thomas was all over the field for the Red Raiders.

"I don't know if I've seen anybody make more plays than him," Tech coach Spike Dykes said. "He's one of our leaders, third year to be captain. That's pretty unusual. He's a bell cow."

Zach Thomas anchored the defense that held Missouri to 71 yards rushing on 40 attempts.

"We wanted to take the run away from them," he said after the game. "They

wanted to run for 200 yards, but we shut that down, and then we went after the passing game."

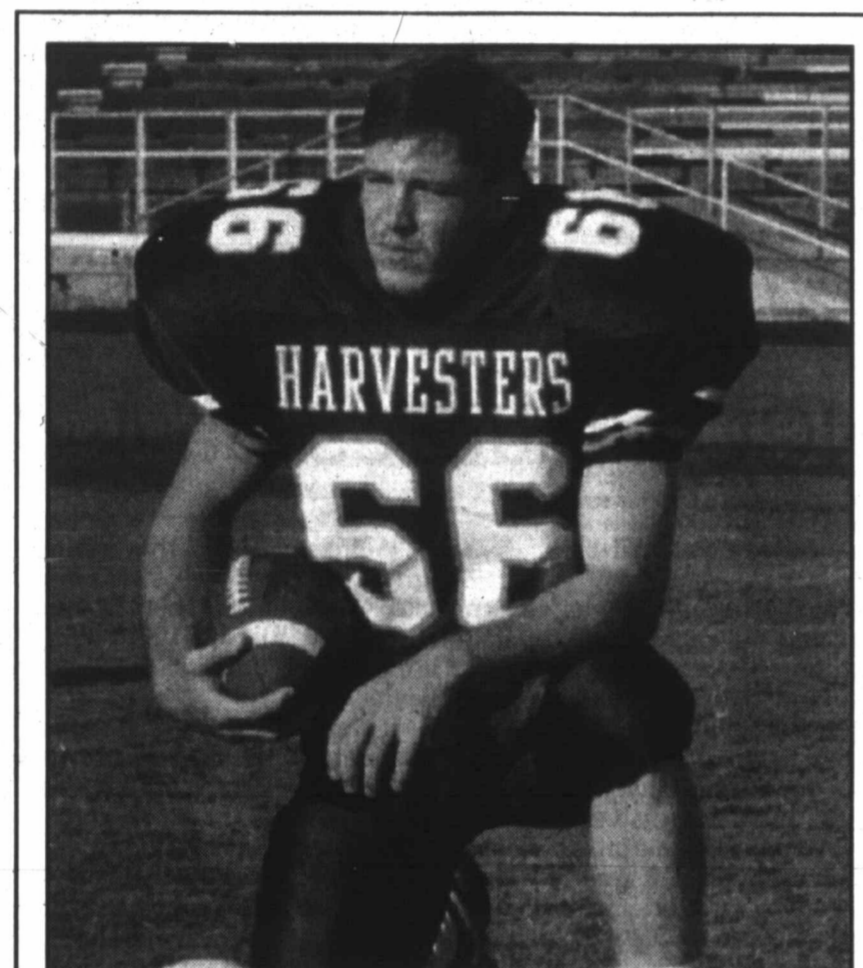
Thomas was the SWC's top tackler last year with 116 stops and 51 assists.

Tre Thomas also tipped a pass that was intercepted by teammate Jason Reeves and returned 45 yards for Texas' final touchdown.

"Tre Thomas was zeroed in on (Pitt quarterback) John Ryan all game long," Texas coach John Mackovic said. "The plays he made were not gimmicks. You don't get many hat tricks in football, but he earned that one."

Thomas said there was a reason for his success.

"When he (Ryan) was ready to throw, he didn't look off a lot," Thomas said. "Basically when he threw it, I was already closing in on the ball."



(Pampa News photo)

Josh Calfy will be at the center of action when Pampa meets Plainview at 7:30 Friday night in Plainview. Calfy, a 175-pound senior, has been the starting center for the Harvesters the past two years.

Pampa, Plainview have produced intense games

PAMPA — Pampa and Plainview have had some intense, exciting football matchups during the past three years.

In 1993, the two teams were involved in a pair of nail-biters when the Bulldogs dropped from 5A to 4A. Plainview beat Pampa, 14-8, during the regular season and then sneaked off with a 9-7 win in the bi-district round of the playoffs.

The Harvesters gained some measure of revenge last season by posting a 24-19 win over the Bulldogs.

Pampa lost a regular-season meeting, 28-17, in 1991, the first year the two teams has played each other for a number of years.

Plainview has struggled since dropping back in Class 5A. The Bulldogs finished 4-5 last season and are currently winless at 0-3 although every game has been close. The Bulldogs dropped their season

opener to Clovis, 13-0, then fell to Lubbock Estacado, 13-10. Randall pulled out a 6-3 win over Plainview last week after Anthony Gonzales missed what would have been a tying field goal in the fourth quarter.

One of Plainview's better players is middle linebacker Brodrick Jackson, a 155-pound middle linebacker. Jackson had 12 tackles and knocked down a pass in the loss to Randall.

The Bulldogs' offense has had trouble getting started, averaging just 85 total yards. Junior fullback Barry Donham is averaging around 5 yards per carry.

Pampa, 1-1, kicked off the season with a 14-8 win over Garden City, Kan., then lost to Amarillo High, 7-6, last week.

Pampa and Plainview meet at 7:30 Friday night in Plainview.

Can Cowboys go unbeaten?

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys haven't played a fourth of their season but coach Barry Switzer already is entertaining the possibility of the team going undefeated.

Switzer had five unbeaten teams at Oklahoma so he knows something about such a lofty goal.

The Dallas Cowboys are off to a 3-0 start but barely survived Sunday night's game in Minnesota, pulling off a 23-17 win in overtime on Emmitt Smith's 31-yard touchdown run.

"Well, (an unbeaten season) has happened in the NFL before," Switzer said Tuesday. "It's something to dream about but it's highly improbable with the type of competition you play in this league."

"I had five unbeaten teams and I knew the price we had to pay to do it. But there's no reason not to talk about and say you can't do it."

Switzer had a 12-4 regular season last year, his first in the NFL. The Cowboys lost 38-28 to San Francisco in the NFC

Championship game.

Switzer said an unbeaten year was easier in college football because the quality of the competition wasn't always high.

"We had a lot of teams we could have a half a hundred on," Switzer said. "We had only three or four games we had to win."

Switzer said a pro team must be good and lucky: for example, the coin toss in overtime at Minnesota.

"Billy Bates made the right call," Switzer said. "We don't know what would have happened if Minnesota got the ball."

The Cowboys shouldn't be thinking undefeated season the way they played against the Vikings, the coach said.

"We missed an extra point and a field goal against Minnesota," Switzer said. "Hopefully we won't be doing that again. We dropped a lot of balls, too."

Fortunately, he said, the Cowboys won because of defense.

"Defense always carries you. It's what you hang your hat on," Switzer said.

Canyon rallies past Lady Harvesters

CANYON — Pampa started fast, but Canyon rallied to take a 5-15, 15-0, 15-7 win Tuesday night in District 1-4A volleyball action.

"We looked like world beaters the first game. It was the best game we've played this season," said Pampa head coach Sandra Thornton.

However, unforced errors, errant serves and bad passes started piling up against Pampa and Canyon used its bumping style of play to turn things around.

Pampa is now 1-2 in district play and 7-8 overall. Canyon improves to 3-0 and 9-7. Canyon is tied for first with Hereford, also 3-0, for first place in the district standings.

VOLLEYBALL

"Canyon is a team that doesn't hit a whole lot. They do lot of bumps and they were able to take us out of our blocking game," Thornton said. "It was the first time we've gone three games this year and we looked pretty tired when it was all over."

Pampa hosts Dumas at 2 p.m. Saturday. Dumas improved to 2-0 in district and 8-7 overall in defeating Randall, 15-3, 15-9, last night.

"If we can play like we did that first game, we can play with anyone. Our serves were great, our passing was great," Thornton said. "We looked sharp in everything we did."

In junior varsity action, Pampa

defeated Canyon, 15-4, 15-10, last night.

Pampa played Dumas in middle school volleyball matches Monday.

In the 8th grade division, Pampa fell to Dumas, 8-15, 5-15. Emily Waters led Pampa in service points with 7.

Pampa lost the 8th grade B match, 3-15, 15-9, 10-15. Cassie Scott had 6 points.

In the 7th grade division, Pampa lost, 3-15, 1-15. Charity Nachtigall had 3 points.

Pampa lost the 7th grade B match, 3-15, 3-15. Daisy Leal had 3 points.

Next Monday, the middle school teams host Valleyview. The Pampa 8th graders will compete in a tournament at Borger on Saturday.

Big 12 releases football schedules

DALLAS (AP) — The Big 12 Conference, which begins competition in all sports in the 1996-97 academic year, has announced the first two seasons' football schedules.

Commissioner Steven J. Hatchell joined Director of Athletics Committee Chairman Robert E. Frederick of the University of Kansas on Tuesday in unveiling the tentative dates and sites on the first day of a three-day meeting.

However, the conference still hopes to announce that it will kick off the inaugural season with a Kansas State-Texas A&M contest on Aug. 31, 1996, in College Station, The Dallas Morning News reported in today's editions.

The game is currently scheduled for Oct. 19.

Big 12 officials were to discuss today recommendations for a proposed postseason playoff game issues that he hadn't thought about," he said. "Because of the long streak of sellouts at Nebraska and the minimum number of tickets allotted to visiting teams, we looked at a 4,000

Texas, Texas A&M, and Texas Tech).

Hatchell and Frederick noted that the Southwest Conference and Big Eight champions in 1995 football will have automatic slots among the six-team Bowl Alliance in the Tostitos Fiesta, Nokia Sugar and FedEx Orange Bowls before additional contractual agreements take effect.

Next in line to receive future Big 12 members are the Cotton Bowl Classic, Plymouth Holiday Bowl, Builders Square Alamo Bowl, Jeep Eagle Aloha Bowl and Copper Bowl.

Frederick said the most discussion Tuesday was about football game administration policies such as ticket location for visiting teams, location of bands and the time schedule for distributing game administration policies.

"There were some football game issues that we hadn't thought about," he said. "Because of the long streak of sellouts at Nebraska and the minimum number of tickets allotted to visiting teams, we looked at a 4,000

minimum for all Big 12 games.

"We also realize there are some special, mutual agreements at schools such as Texas and Texas A&M trading 15,000 tickets for their series. There are just several small matters that need to be resolved."

Basketball scheduling also received ample attention. The directors of athletics discussed ESPN's "Big Monday" telecasts for the conference and the necessity of moving some Saturday games to Monday and some Wednesday contests back to Monday to allow for top matchups.

The postseason basketball tournament already has been designated for Kansas City for both the 1996-97 and 1997-98 seasons.

Frederick said the 1996-97 basketball schedule should be resolved at a subsequent meeting.

Senior women's athletics administrators from the Big 12 also conducted a lengthy committee meeting before getting set to reconvene Wednesday at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel.

Irvan returns to auto racing, has plans to enter SuperTruck series

By JOE MACENKA
AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Robert Yates had been through this press conference routine before, usually in tragic circumstances.

There was the one in the summer of 1993, after Yates' driver, Davey Allison, was killed in a helicopter crash, and Yates told the media his team would press on with Ernie Irvan as its driver.

After Irvan was nearly killed in a practice wreck last summer, Yates again gathered reporters at his shop, this time to announce that Dale Jarrett would take over behind the wheel of the team's Ford Thunderbirds.

But on Tuesday morning, with cameras and microphones again positioned outside the shop and jets thundering overhead, Yates was anything but solemn as he announced the team's latest personnel news.

"We've been praying and hoping this day would come," a beaming Yates said in announcing that Irvan was returning to auto racing.

Thirteen months and three days after his crash into a concrete wall prompted doctors to give him only a 10 percent chance of survival, Irvan will begin his comeback in NASCAR's new SuperTruck series. He is entered in Saturday's 150-lap truck race in Martinsville, Va.

On Sunday, Oct. 1, Irvan plans

to return to stock car racing's top series by competing in the 400-lap Winston Cup event at North Wilkesboro.

It will mark what Irvan hopes will be a successful end to a journey that began on the morning of Aug. 20, 1994, when his Ford Thunderbird slammed into a retaining wall at Michigan International Speedway during a practice run.

The head-on crash, which occurred at an estimated 165 mph, left Irvan with numerous serious injuries, including massive head and chest trauma. There initially was concern that Irvan might not survive, but once his condition stabilized, he began a recovery that proceeded at a rate that doctors kept describing as unprecedented.

"I went through a lot of hurdles that the doctors never thought I'd come across or would never be able to do," Irvan said. "But I always could see the light at the end of the tunnel, and I guess that's what's kept me going."

These days, Irvan, 36, is in what he calls the best shape of his life. His regular workouts include lifting weights and running three miles.

The lone obstacles between him and complete recovery are his droopy left eyelid and the double vision the eye creates. Doctors have told him they expect both problems to eventually subside. In the interim, Irvan plans to wear a patch over the

eye while he's driving. Irvan has tested extensively over the summer in both SuperTrucks and Winston Cup cars on a variety of tracks at a variety of speeds, and NASCAR last week cleared him to resume competition.

"There's probably not a guy in this garage who's not pulling for Ernie to make this work," said Ricky Rudd, who was among a large crowd of Winston Cup drivers taking part in a test session Tuesday at Charlotte Motor Speedway. "It says a little something about all of us. All of us could potentially be in his position. You could be on top one day and then have a severe head injury the next."

"But I think we're all taking a wait-and-see attitude. I understand he's tested well, and I think Ernie's the kind of guy where if he's not comfortable with the whole setup with the eye patch and whatnot, then he'll get out of it."

Irvan, who has 12 victories and winnings of nearly \$5.6 million since joining stock car racing's top circuit in 1987, said the eye doesn't present any problems with his driving, a position Yates supported.

"He appears to have lost none of his abilities," said Yates, who is pressing ahead with plans to run a two-car Winston Cup team next year with Irvan and Jarrett as his drivers.

Scoreboard

BOWLING			
at Harvester Lanes, Pampa			
HITS & MRS. COUPLES			
Team	Won	Lost	
Sammy B's	6	2	
Team Ten	6	2	
High Country Racing	6	2	
Clemens Home Repair	5	3	
The Weebies	5	3	
Team Twelve	5	3	
The 4 of Us	3	5	
Total Safety	3	5	
Precision Welding	3	5	
Team Six	3	5	
Making It Great	3	5	
Pizza Hut	2	6	

BASEBALL				
National League Standings				
At A Glance				
By The Associated Press				
All Times EDT				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Atlanta	85	49	.634	
Philadelphia	66	68	.493	
Montreal	62	71	.466	2 1/2
New York	62	71	.466	2 1/2
Florida	60	72	.455	2 3/4

Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Cincinnati	79	54	.594	
Houston	69	64	.519	10
Chicago	65	67	.492	13 1/2
St. Louis	58	75	.436	21
Pittsburgh	55	78	.414	24

West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Colorado	71	61	.538	
Los Angeles	70	63	.526	1 1/2
San Diego	65	68	.489	6 1/2
San Francisco	63	69	.477	8

American League Standings				
At A Glance				
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All Times EDT				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Boston	80	53	.602	
New York	70	64	.522	10 1/2
Baltimore	62	72	.463	18 1/2
Detroit	57	78	.429	23
Toronto	54	80	.403	26 1/2

Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Cleveland	93	41	.694	
Kansas City	68	65	.511	24 1/2
Milwaukee	63	70	.474	29 1/2
Chicago	60	72	.455	32
Minnesota	50	82	.379	42

West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
California	72	62	.537	
Seattle	71	63	.530	
Texas	68	66	.507	4
Oakland	66	68	.493	6

NFL commissioner angered by Jones' wheeler-dealer actions

By ED SHEARER
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue's voice rose in anger as he tried to explain the league's \$300 million suit against Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones.

"I'm not angry, I'm just a little bit frustrated when people don't seem to understand the big picture," Tagliabue said following a four-hour meeting of NFL owners Tuesday. At the meeting, Jones was allowed to present his case for the agreements he signed with non-league sponsors Nike and Pepsi.

Tagliabue angrily suggested that the contracts negotiated by Jones outside the purview of NFL Properties, Inc., threatened the future stability of the game and the rich heritage of the league.

"The National Football League has very clear-cut ways of doing business which has distinguished it from all other leagues and made it as great as it is," Tagliabue said.

"It's a philosophy and a commitment to do business in a certain way that's been very successful. That's what it's about. When you have a successful phi-

losophy which has worked for 76 1/2 years, you hold it pretty sacred."

NFL Properties, the league's \$3 billion-per-year marketing arm, filed the suit in federal court in New York on Monday. Jones was served the court papers while he ate lunch at the airport area hotel where the meeting was held.

"It made my clam chowder a little harder to digest," Jones quipped, adding that he was pleased with his reception from fellow owners.

"I got a great hearing," he said. "I could tell by the look in their eyes that they were genuinely wanting to hear me out, and several of them that did make remarks, it was done in a very courteous way."

Jones wants the league to change its revenue-sharing system under which all 30 teams divide licensing royalties evenly. It amounts to about 3.5 million per team each year. The Cowboys accounted for about one-fourth of the revenue last year and Jones believes his team deserves more than a 1-30th share.

The commissioner believes the system must be kept.

"This attack on NFL Properties is part of the pressure for teams

to move, because if they're going to do their own marketing, then everyone is going to try to move to the best market," Tagliabue said.

"That's what this is about. It's not about soda pops and cola and shoes, logos, do-rags and so forth."

"The committee felt the Cowboys had increasingly engaged in some unacceptable conduct in the marketplace and that it was having an intolerable negative effect on the company to do business and that we had to stabilize the situation."

Jones said he would be in court in New York on Thursday when the league will seek a permanent restraining order preventing him from filing a countersuit in Texas.

"I'm not bitter, I'm not bitter at all. I regret that we are in a litigious situation, and certainly could have taken that route myself had I wanted to," Jones said. "I hope we have a chance to make this thing go forward in a positive way."

Jones, expected to announce another independent deal with American Express, said he was not surprised by the NFL suit. He called it a dumb move by a league prone to litigation.

NCCA reduces Baylor's probation

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer

WACO (AP) — Baylor, which replaced its entire coaching staff and imposed a ban on postseason play and TV appearances, went far enough in punishing its basketball program, according to the NCAA.

In rewarding Baylor's cooperation and aggressiveness, the NCAA's Committee on Infractions on Tuesday said it was reducing the university's original two-year probation on postseason play to one year.

The ban and an outlawing of television appearances was served last season. Baylor also reduced scholarships.

"Baylor has served as a benchmark ... for fellow institutions when such a case arises," said Roy F. Kramer, acting chairman of the NCAA Committee on Infractions and Southeastern Conference commissioner.

"Had the former coaches involved in the case still been employed at Baylor, the university could have been subjected to additional penalties," the committee said in a statement.

The NCAA deplored "significant, intentional and egregious" violations of the program under former head coach Darrel Johnson.

The committee, beyond the Baylor sanctions, placed "show cause" restrictions of at least five years on the future employment by NCAA member institutions of Johnson and former assistants Gary Thomas, Troy Drummond

and Kevin Gray.

"We're pleased that things turned out very well for Baylor," said Rob Swanton, Thomas' attorney. "We're glad that they didn't impose any other sanctions on Baylor."

"It was my client's goal to fully cooperate with the investigation and let the truth be known," Swanton said. "He thought it would help Baylor and that is what it seemed to have done."

The committee said that if any coach seeks employment at an NCAA school during the period of the penalty, both he and the institution must show cause why sanctions imposed upon Baylor should not also be imposed on the school to which the coach has gone.

Baylor Chancellor Herbert Reynolds — criticized for suspending four basketball players in November 1993 before an investigation was completed — expressed relief.

"If you engage in due diligence and if you act responsibly, there may be an outcome that will be more favorable than if you try to stonewall it," Reynolds said.

The NCAA panel found violations involving academic fraud and unethical conduct during the 1993-94 academic school year. Specifically, they said members of the coaching staff tried to get players eligible by helping them cheat in correspondence classes taken at other schools. Johnson was cited by the committee for a lack of control over the program.

"What occurred at Baylor

University was an aberration with respect to our long history and tradition of integrity," school president Robert B. Sloan said.

Harry Miller, who succeeded Johnson as the Bears' basketball coach, said the program will recover in time.

"But not receiving any additional penalties and being allowed to play in the postseason this year is a big relief," Miller said. "The NCAA investigation made it difficult in talking to recruits about what was going to happen, but we have started the rebuilding process."

Federal grand jurors indicted Johnson, Thomas, Drummond and Gray on charges that they sent fraudulent transcripts, term papers and grade sheets via fax and through the mail in order to assist five players in junior college correspondence courses.

The assistant coaches were convicted on various counts last April 6, and each was sentenced to three years probation while Johnson was acquitted of all charges.

But the NCAA panel said, "It was clear that he (Johnson) should have been aware of the academic fraud and could have prevented its occurrence."

An FBI fingerprint expert testified during the trial that four latent fingerprints belonging to Johnson were found on a recruit's test paper, the committee noted.

Johnson's attorney said his client was guilty only of "misplacing his trust" with his assistant coaches.

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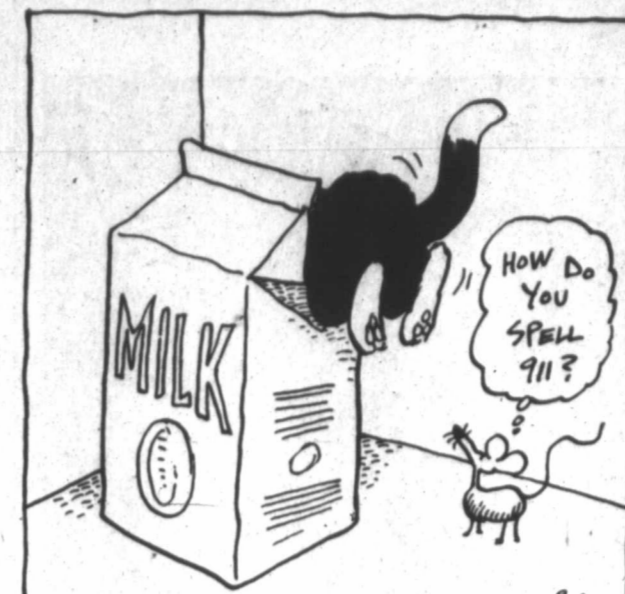
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Nation briefs

Man executed for killing relatives with arsenic

CREST HILL, Ill. (AP) — A man was executed by injection early today for murdering his father and two other relatives with arsenic-laced food to get inheritances and take over the family business.

Charles Albanese, 58, had no final words other than a "thank you" to the prison warden moments before being put to death.

Albanese was convicted in 1982 of murdering his father, Michael, his mother-in-law, Marion Mueller, and his wife's grandmother, Mary Lambert. He also was convicted of attempted murder in the arsenic poisoning of his brother.

Lambert and Mueller died in August 1980 within days of having dinner with Albanese. Authorities attributed the deaths to natural causes until Michael Albanese's death from acute arsenic poisoning nine months later.

Albanese was caught after investigators discovered he had bought 2 pounds of arsenic.

Study: Movies, kids' shows villains in TV violence

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Put the blame for TV violence where it belongs: the movies.

The bloodiest hours on television are those filled with action-adventure films transplanted from movie theaters, according to a study of the 1994-95 season by the University of California, Los Angeles.

Prime-time series television fared better under the scrutiny.

"We found relatively few issues of great concern within television series," said Jeffrey Cole, director of the university's Center for Communications Policy. "The picture is not as hopeful with regard to theatrical films on television."

The UCLA Television Violence Monitoring Report released Tuesday found that of 121 TV series airing last season, 10 were frequently violent or used violence in questionable ways — graphically or heroically, for example, Cole said.

By contrast, of 118 films in the study, 50 — about 42 percent — raised concerns about violence. In one, *Marked for Death*, Cole said, "you can hear the spine crack and almost see an impalement."

GOP eye arctic refuge for drilling opportunities

WASHINGTON (AP) — A drive to open a prized Arctic wildlife refuge to oil and gas drilling is gaining momentum as Republican lawmakers eye revenue from lease sales as a way to help reduce the government's deficit.

Legislation that would end a ban on drilling in the refuge in northern Alaska easily cleared the House Resources Committee as part of a budget package approved by the panel Tuesday. A Senate committee is expected to approve a similar measure later this week.

An attempt by Democrats to remove the refuge from the revenue scramble was defeated 27-13, with all but one Republican opposing it.

The Arctic refuge has been a focus of controversy for years as oil companies covet the millions of barrels of oil believed to lie beneath its narrow coastal plain. Environmentalists have vowed to keep development away from the refuge, maintaining it would destroy a critical sanctuary for caribou, migrating snow geese, polar bears and other wildlife.

But the refuge has been caught up in the frenzied search for money to meet budget expectations under a seven-year blueprint aimed at erasing the deficit. Republicans, who control both the House and Senate, are counting on at least \$1.3 billion in revenue over five years from the sale of refuge oil leases.

Under a complex budget process known as reconciliation, the ban on drilling in the refuge can be lifted by Congress without enactment of separate legislation that — unlike the budget package — would be subject to extensive hearings and procedural and parliamentary roadblocks.

Mom and daughter burned by gas

WHITE SETTLEMENT, Texas (AP) — Gasoline that a woman reportedly poured on her daughter's head to rid her of lice ignited, severely burning both of them, police said.

Officers said Tuesday night that Alma Homea, 40, and her 12-year-old daughter were taken by helicopter to Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas where they were being treated for burns.

Hospital officials said the daughter was in critical condition with burns over at least 80 per-

cent of her body. Ms. Homea was also in critical condition, with burns over 70 percent of her body, they reported.

Firefighters said they found the girl and her mother outside their home after they were called to the home in the Fort Worth suburb.

Although authorities said they did not know how the fire started, they said they were investigating reports that the woman was smoking while using the gasoline.

Popcorn king, advertising icon, Orville Redenbacher dies at age eighty-eight

CORONADO, Calif. (AP) — Orville Redenbacher's wholesome, Middle-American image and his cheerful, folksy commercials for gourmet popcorn turned him into an advertising icon.

Instantly recognizable by his natty bow tie and suspenders, and neatly parted white hair, Redenbacher delighted in his fame, once joking that he developed his promotional skills as a member of the Purdue University marching band: "That's where I learned to toot my own horn."

Redenbacher drowned Tuesday after suffering a heart attack in a whirlpool spa in his condominium. He was 88.

"Many people thought he was a media creation, but what people saw on television, that was him," said William E. Smith, executive director of The Popcorn Institute in Chicago and a friend of Redenbacher's for 43 years.

"He had the kind of total commitment and dedication to what he was doing that spells the difference between a wannabee and the real article," he said.

Redenbacher's image overshadowed his agricultural savvy, which he used to create and promote a fluffier, tastier popcorn with his friend Charles Bowman.

Born into an Indiana farming family, Redenbacher became a county agriculture agent after graduating from Purdue with a degree in agronomy.

In the early 1940s, while managing a 12,000-acre farm where he was growing popcorn, Redenbacher and Bowman used the fields to experiment with corn hybrids.

Several decades and 30,000 hybrids later, they introduced gourmet popcorn, which Redenbacher described as fluffier and of higher quality, but also

more expensive to produce.

"We tried to sell the different processors on the idea that people would pay more for a better quality product, that this was a good marketing concept," he told The Associated Press in 1987. "They said we were crazy, and we tried to prove them wrong."

Redenbacher peddled the popcorn himself, driving across the country to convince store owners that Red Bow, named for its inventors, would sell.

Sell it did, and in 1976, Redenbacher and Bowman sold their operation to Hunt-Wesson Inc., the Fullerton, Calif.-based company now owned by ConAgra.

Orville Redenbacher's Gourmet Popping Corn remains the leading brand among microwave popcorn, said Hunt-Wesson publicist Jill Saletta.

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