

Lubbock grand jury indicts four in crop loss scam

LUBBOCK (AP) — A federal grand jury in Lubbock has indicted four defendants in two cases involving alleged conspiracies in which area farmers and insurance company claims adjusters submitted false claims for crop hail damage.

The indictments were related to their involvement in an insurance fraud scheme conducted by Cyrus D. "Dee" Wickson III, who operated Wickson Insurance Agency Inc. in Seminole.

Wickson was named in one of the indictments as a co-conspirator but not a defendant. The indictment alleged he began a conspiracy in 1984 that defrauded six insurance companies of more than \$3 million.

Wickson pleaded guilty on May 27 to making a false income tax return for 1988 in which he did not report \$316,000 he had received that year from his involvement in false insurance claims. He also pleaded guilty to one count of mail fraud in connection with 156 false claims worth more than \$3 million. He has not been sentenced.

The claims either were for inflated amounts of crop damage or were totally false, Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert McRoberts said.

The indictment that mentioned Wickson named as defendants Julius R. "Pete" Ballew, 37, a farmer from Andrews, and Dorjan Riddles, 54, a claims adjuster from Kennedale, near Fort Worth.

Ballew and Riddles allegedly generated more than \$400,000 in false hail crop insurance claims from Ballew, according to the indictment.

Wickson paid kickbacks totaling more than \$500,000 to Riddles and three other adjusters in several cases, according to the indictment.

Between 1990 and 1992, Wickson gave Riddles a Cadillac and paid him \$34,261.62 in cashier checks and \$15,000 in cash for making fraudulent loss statements, the indictment said.

Ballew agreed to have the false claims submitted, with the proceeds split among him, the adjusters and Wickson, the indictment said.

Ballew received \$140,000 from Wickson between 1987 and 1990 for his part in the scheme, according to the indictment.

Both Riddles and Ballew were indicted for conspiracy. The indictment also alleged eight counts of money laundering and eight counts of mail fraud against Ballew and six counts of money laundering and six counts of mail fraud against Riddles.

A second indictment named farmer Lannie R. Marshall, 41, and crop hail adjuster Homer L. Morse, 43, both of Lubbock.

The two men conducted a scheme between 1991 and 1992 to defraud Old Republic Lloyds of Texas, which is the company that employed Morse, of \$76,779.60, the indictment alleged.

The defendants are accused of submitting a claim of \$106,981.60, which was paid less the unpaid premium of \$30,202. The policy was purchased through Wickson.

The indictment alleges that Marshall paid \$37,000 in kickbacks to Morse and another adjuster, who was not named as a defendant in the indictment.

Both Marshall and Morse were indicted for one count of conspiracy, money laundering and mail fraud.



(AP photo)

Napa County firefighters inspect propane tanks after one that was being used fueled for a hot air balloon exploded Saturday in Yountville, Calif.

Firefighters: Propane explosions could have leveled California town

YOUNTVILLE, Calif. (AP) — Flames shot high into the dark, early morning sky Saturday, as a series of explosions at a propane company jolted residents of this wine country town awake and forced them from their homes.

Fragments of exploded metal tanks flew hundreds of feet, but only one person suffered minor injuries, and no buildings burned.

The whole town of 3,200 could have been leveled if a 30,000-gallon propane tank exploded — as firefighters feared could happen.

"Had the big one gone off, the town of Yountville as we know it wouldn't be," said Wilbert Horne, a station chief for the Napa County Fire Department.

The blasts occurred at Suburban Propane Co. in the middle of the town 45 miles north of San Francisco. The propane somehow ignited as fuel was being transferred from a 3,000-gallon tanker truck to a smaller, portable tank, said Napa County Supervisor Fred Negri.

The first explosion set off about a dozen 40-gallon-aluminum tanks intended for hot air balloons, firefighters said. The 3,000-gallon tanker caught fire but vented, relieving pressure and averting a larger blast.

"The first sounds were a series of muffled-sounding explosions," said Yountville Mayor Carlee Leftwich,

who lives only a block away from the propane company.

"Then it was quiet for a little bit, then there were six to 10 very large explosions with the sky totally lighted up," she said.

Firefighters at a station only two blocks away also were awakened by the blasts and saw the fire. They immediately began evacuations.

"We just kept banging on doors, and they were moving fast to get out of here," said Capt. Tom Stevenson of the Napa County Fire Department.

About half of Yountville's residents were evacuated. They were permitted to return home by Saturday afternoon.

The fire was declared out within 3 1/2 hours, said Veronica Barclay, a spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry-Napa County Fire.

The explosion and fire prompted the California Highway Patrol to temporarily close a 10-mile stretch of state Highway 29, a heavily traveled scenic route that goes past many of the Napa Valley's wineries.

Attorneys for the town and county as well as state safety investigators intended to look into possible violations that may have contributed to the accident, said fire Battalion Chief Mike Torres.

Cost of public document copies varies

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — If you want a copy of a public document in Texas, more than likely it's going to cost you.

Figuring out how much, though, whether it's a dime or a dollar a page, can get complicated, a state official says. It all depends on what you're asking for and who you're asking.

"It's an area where there's not a lot of uniformity," said assistant attorney general Madeleine Johnson, a member of a steering committee currently studying the issue.

The Texas Legislature recently passed a bill calling for all state agencies to immediately raise their current copy costs by 15 percent, Ms. Johnson said. And an Open Records Act provision requires state agencies to "promulgate" their public copy costs. The 15-percent requirement is in effect until agencies publicize their copy charges, she said.

The state General Services Commission in the past has established copy cost guidelines of 10

cents per page, Johnson said. But those are merely recommendations and are not mandated.

Now the General Services Commission is conducting a survey to determine how much agencies are charging.

"My personal hope is that we can come up with something that's as standardized as it possibly can be," she said. "It's a pretty complex issue."

Though state Open Records Act doesn't apply to the judiciary, the question of public document costs came to a head in San Antonio last month when the state's 4th Court of Appeals issued its long-awaited opinion upholding a ruling declaring the state's workers' compensation law unconstitutional.

The court sold bound copies of the 171-page opinion for \$172.80, prompting some complaints about the \$1-per-page cost.

"With the courts, I think it (the charge for copies) is all over the ballpark," Johnson said. "Local governments, I'm sure, are all over the place, too."

Pat Turner, a 4th Court employee, said she could not immediately provide an exact count but estimated the court sold at least 50 copies of the workers' compensation document, which was in demand throughout the nation.

The profits, which would be at least \$8,640 for 50-plus copies, were being forwarded to a state account, Ms. Turner said.

While 4th Court officials have said Texas law requires the \$1-per-page charge, the Texas Attorney General's Office issued an opinion last year in an unrelated case stating that a \$1 per page is "unreasonable" for non-certified copies.

Still, there is no law specifying a less expensive charge for copies of court documents.

White supremacist held on bail violation

TORONTO (AP) — The leader of the white supremacist Heritage Front will remain in custody until Monday after being charged Thursday night with breaching the terms of his bail.

Wolfgang Droege, 44, was charged after a bloody June 12 brawl in downtown Toronto between white supremacists and members of a group called Anti-Racist Action.

Five people were charged in the melee, including Droege who was charged with aggravated assault and possession of a dangerous weapon.

He was released June 19 on \$15,000 bail and was ordered by Justice Brian Hudson to refrain from associating with members of white supremacist groups including the Heritage Front, the Church of the Creator and the Mountain Church.

Psst! Pass it on: Rumors are symptoms of worries

By ARLENE LEVINSON
Associated Press Writer

Heard any bad rumors lately? Did they get you so excited and scared you had to tell somebody, even if the story sounded a bit foolish, maybe illogical?

You're not alone. Like flu season, there are times when anxiety is rampant and resistance to rumors is weak. Like now.

One fiction riling people lately and spread mainly by fax and computer bulletin boards is a fuzzy story about gangs driving around at night with their headlights off, and then killing motorists who blink their beams as kindly reminders.

It's nonsense. "It's bogus," said New Jersey State Trooper Al Della Fave, who said the baseless story appeared on the computers of New Jersey Bell and the U.S. Postal Service.

"It's nothing but a big-time rumor running rampant through modern technology."

Who started the rumor may never be known, experts say. What matters, they say, is why.

According to Ralph Rosnow, a psychology professor at Temple University in Philadelphia, we use rumors to try to relieve our anxieties and share them with somebody.

"There's a lot of stuff bothering people right now. You have a lot of change right now. And change foment a lot of anxiety," Rosnow said.

"Gang" in this particular rumor is a code word for poor, young black men, said Gary Fine, a sociologist at the University of Georgia.

He considers the story a warning signal about American's fears of violence, gangs and strangers.

"We are becoming two separate societies," he said. "And that is a very frightening thing. Now that we don't have nuclear war to worry about, we have internal war to worry about, and internal violence."

This rumor has flown silently through computers and churned out of fax machines. Nothing much has happened, however, except for some frightened people making nervous phone calls to police, TV stations and newspapers.

The tale, pooh-poohed from one police precinct to the next, has popped up in Arizona, Oklahoma, Texas, Tennessee, Ohio, New Jersey and California.

Richard Hansen, president of Silicon Engineering Inc. in Scotts Valley, Calif., said the message traveled to his co-workers within minutes.

"One guy got it here and immediately posted it. A minute after he got it, the other 18 of us got it," Hansen told the San Jose Mercury News.

The story has loitered so long, it's growing mold in some places. Way back on Aug. 14, the *Memphis Commercial Appeal* ran a story on a "fax-driven rumor" about a new gang initiation rite in Tennessee.

This was duly reported Sept. 15 by the *Chicago Tribune* after the rumor made the rounds in that city, starting with a message Sept. 1 from Chicago FBI to the local police.

Rosnow prescribed two simple questions when confronted with this sort of vague horror story, sort of like a flu shot for rumors:

Where did you hear it?

Why do you believe it?

If you refuse to accept a bundle of lies, you simply become a more intelligent consumer," Rosnow said.

Or you could do what Danette Stewart did when she heard the rumor first from a neighbor in her Dallas suburb, then from clerks at a mall. She was so frightened she stopped shopping and went home.

"It did scare me quite a bit," said Ms. Stewart, 27. "Then later, it made me angry because I felt like a prisoner in my own home."

"I used to always, as a courtesy, blink my lights at somebody if they had them off. Now, I say forget it, tough."

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Opinion

Weary of the long struggle and wars

In meetings with the press over the past year, Israeli journalists and government officials said they no longer objected to a "land-for-peace" resolution of problems with Palestinians. The Israelis were weary of the long struggle with Palestinians in lands occupied by Israeli troops. The Palestinian Liberation Organization also seemed to be taking up more moderate views. And both the collapse of the Soviet Union (long a PLO arms supplier) and the Gulf War victory had reduced sharply any military threats to Israel.

The Israeli visitors did not, of course, come forth with any plan. But they expressed the views of large segments of the people and government of Israel. In the past three weeks, that sentiment has become policy. Israel and the PLO have recognized one another's right to exist and have pledged to live together peacefully.

Curiously, the neophyte Clinton administration has played only a small role in the peace process. Indeed, for a significant period in which clandestine meetings between the two warring factions were held in Norway, the Clintonites were kept in the dark about the impending agreement — not exactly an expression of trust in the president's foreign policy circle.

For another thing, the administration is moving the United States toward a socialist economic model, even as Israel and even the PLO are moving away from past socialist tendencies. If America provided any role model, it was Ronald Reagan's free-market reforms of the 1980s, which reforms continue to influence the rest of the world.

Looking around the globe, the Israelis and Palestinians see how former enemies have worked out agreements and now trade prosperously with each other. Japan once invaded and conquered Korea and China; in the 1950-1953 Korean War, Communist China invaded South Korea. Now all prosper together. So recently as 1979 Communist China invaded Vietnam in a vicious war, leaving tens of thousands dead. Since then, first China, then Vietnam moved away from command economies toward free markets. Both now live and trade in peace, albeit with continuing suspicions.

The Middle East could become the next area of the world to enjoy a capitalist economic boom. Israel has the expertise, including hundreds of thousands of new, highly trained immigrants from the former Soviet Union, for high-tech industries. It also is part of the Western (now world) capitalist economy. The Palestinians are among the most highly educated people in the world and could prove to be the perfect go-betweens to develop industries in Egypt, Algeria, Syria, and other populous, poor Arab countries.

One always must fear that the Middle East could fall back into hatred and war. And any peace will take generations to permeate not just the minds, but the hearts, of all the people involved. Even so, most other Arab governments in the Middle East now are headed on the same path of living peacefully with Israel. Working together, Israelis and Arabs might at last have worked out a way to resolve their differences and pursue common objectives in peace.

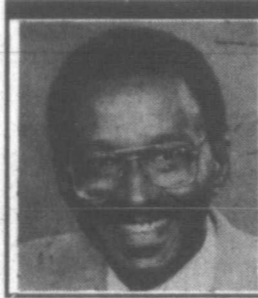
Looking backward at warnings

Government officials, the intellectual elite and media people treat us to one dire warning or another just about every day. They are rapidly completing their jobs of turning us into a nation of hypochondriacs, chemophobes and technophobes. But before we panic at their next scare, let's re-visit previous panics.

In the May 1993 issue of the Washington-based Competitive Enterprise Institute's newsletter, Sam Katzman writes an update on the Time Beach, Mo., panic. Times Beach was a town of 2,200 people that the government ordered evacuated and permanently shut down 10 years ago when it was discovered that the streets were contaminated with dioxin. "Experts" portrayed dioxin as the most deadly substance known to man.

In 1991, Dr. Vernon Houk, the federal official who recommended evacuation said, "(I)t looks as though the evacuation was unnecessary ...; if it (dioxin) is a carcinogen, it is a very real carcinogen." Like so many other experts, Dr. Houk opines, "If we're going to be wrong, we'll be wrong on the side of protecting human health." How's this for protecting human health? One Times Beach resident committed suicide while others faced severe financial and psychological trauma.

Remember the 1989 government- and news media-engineered Chilean grapes panic? On the basis of alleged cyanide contamination of three



Walter Williams

grapes, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner Frank Young impounded 2 million crates of Chilean grapes. While the allegation was never substantiated, the good commissioner justified his actions as "better to be safe than sorry." Tell that to 20,000 Chilean food workers put out of work. And tell it to the families of two Americans who lost their lives in a helicopter crash while inspecting Chilean facilities.

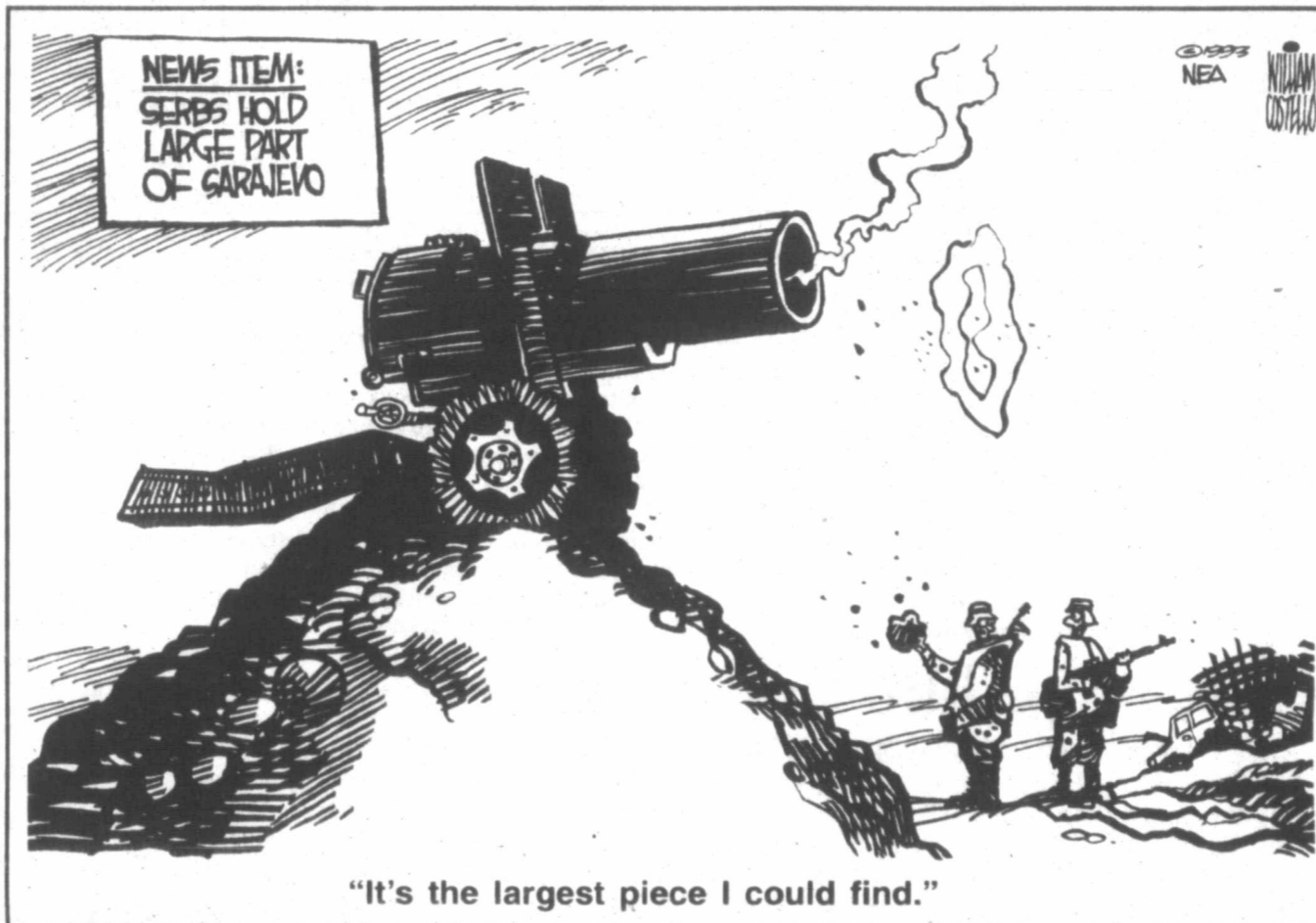
FDA decisions leading to the deaths of just two Americans is small peanuts. Thousands, maybe tens of thousands, of Americans needlessly die each year or remain very sick because of the FDA's lengthy and costly drug approval process based on "better to be safe than sorry." Drug companies know this, but their CEOs are too spineless to publicize it.

Should we believe "experts" about CFC damage

to the earth's ozone layer? Let's put CFC pollution into perspective. Ocean water evaporation releases 300 times as much chlorine into the atmosphere as is produced by the entire world's CFC manufacturers. Alaska's Mount Erebus has been putting 1,000 tons of chlorine into the air daily for 100 years. In fact, just one volcanic eruption can put out more chlorine derivatives than mankind has produced in its entire history. Instead of Congress and Vice President Gore mandating costly alternatives to CFCs, maybe they ought to figure out how to make volcano lids.

There's little or no evidence that mankind's use of chemicals has anything to do with the periodic depression of the ozone layer over Antarctica. Robert T. Watson, head of NASA's upper-atmosphere research unit, doesn't believe chemicals can explain ozone changes, saying, "Meteorological processes alone can depress areas of ozone over the Antarctic continent."

You say, "Williams, why are we being bombarded with lies and half-truths?" The answer's easy. Leaders of the environmental movement are liberals or leftists. They have always had an agenda of control and coercion. If they successfully instill fear in us, we will sacrifice our liberties in exchange for more and more government to "protect" us. But they need millions of innocent supporters — people the communists refer to as "useful idiots."



Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Sunday, Sept. 26, the 269th day of 1993. There are 96 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Sept. 26, 1789, Thomas Jefferson was appointed America's first Secretary of State; John Jay the first chief justice of the United States; Samuel Osgood the first Postmaster-General; and Edmund Jennings Randolph the first Attorney General.

On this date:
In 1777, British troops occupied Philadelphia during the American Revolution.

In 1892, John Philip Sousa and his newly formed band performed publicly for the first time, at the Stillman Music Hall in Plainfield, N.J.

In 1914, the Federal Trade Commission was established.

In 1950, U.N. troops in the Korean Conflict recaptured the South Korean capital of Seoul from the North Koreans.

In 1952, philosopher George Santayana died in Rome at age 88.

Wait continues for Melissa

Melissa Segars is a doll, a pretty little doll with a face taken from an angel. She sits there across from me, the 70 or so pounds of her, and she breathes from a tube that is attached to an oxygen tank sitting on the floor.

We talk shop, Melissa and I. We both were born with what doctors called heart murmurs. Melissa, in 1968. Me, an con earlier.

We've both had teams of doctors do a great deal of carving upon us. Melissa, 25, has had heart surgery and has had a lung removed. She's even had gall bladder surgery.

I've had three heart surgeries. Melissa is a transplant candidate. I was one, too, for an awful week back in March when my own heart decided it wouldn't beat anymore after my third surgery.

That's where our similarities end. My heart started doing its job again, and I was taken off the transplant list.

Melissa still needs a new heart and a new lung. If she doesn't get them, a doctor has been quoted as saying, "She is at great risk of dying."

A call came as early as last week. Melissa was at a movie.

Her mother explained the call came from St. Louis Children's Hospital. They said they might have a heart and a lung for Melissa.

Why are there always catches in life? The one here was that there was another young person in the



Lewis Grizzard

hospital with a higher priority than Melissa. If that child could use the heart and lung, they would go to that child.

If not, Melissa would get them.

Melissa Segars speaks in a soft little squeak. "Mama got me on the phone and told me to come home quick," she said. "I kept asking her, 'Is this it? Is this it?'" She just said, "Get home quick."

The jet was ready of the trip from Atlanta to St. Louis.

Then the hospital called back. The heart and lung went to the other patient. The wait continues.

Insurance won't pay for Melissa's surgery when it comes. And too many people have worked and prayed too hard for it not to come. That's because her surgery is classified as experimental. (Don't you just know some bureaucrat-type is responsible for that?)

So, for months now the Fayette County commu-

nity, where Melissa and her family live, have been trying to raise the money to pay for what it will cost to try to save the young woman's life.

Soaring health care costs? How's the fact the surgery and post-op care will cost a million?

Helluva thing. The Fayette County (Ga.) community, which used to be dirt roads before it soared to Metro Atlanta status, has come forward with \$550,000.

There have been auctions, rallies, barbecues, concerts, pancake breakfasts, and Tommy Lasorda of the Los Angeles Dodgers is coming this fall for a fund-raiser.

And there have been the flood of printed pleas for help for Melissa. And, you guessed it, here's another. Hey, we're brothers and sisters in the scalpel.

Melissa used to want to be a veterinarian. Now, she says, "I guess I'm too old to go to that school now."

A friend says "You've got your whole life ahead of you. You can do what you want to."

If she can get that million. If she can get and survive that surgery.

I wish you could all see her. I wish you could look upon that little face and see those eyes. I wish you could sense the courage in her as I have.

Make checks payable to COTA for Melissa. Mail to Fayette County Bank, 150 West Lanier Ave., Fayetteville, Ga. 30214.

We don't have enough angels as it is.

'From battle, stained with blood ...'

Outside the White House, on the day of the signing, we pass a group of teenage girls, Orthodox Jews, dressed in green plain skirts and white blouses. They are from the Beth Rivkah school in Crown Heights, in Brooklyn, up since 3 a.m., to travel five hours, to demonstrate against the Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement. I ask: "Why are you against it?" The answers come: "Arafat is a terrorist," "there is blood on his hands," "now Arafat and the Arabs can exterminate the Jews."

I am entering the South Lawn. An Arab from Gaza comes up to me, smiling, and says, "Shalom! It's wonderful." I shake his hand and say, "Salaam."

On the White House grounds, the crowd is coming in. Across the way I see a neatly stenciled sign that reads: "Israel and Palestinian Delegations." I remember a time at a U.N. Conference in Mexico City, talking to a group of Arab officials, when an Israeli diplomat, an old friend, came up to say hello. I looked around and the Arabs had vanished.

The sky is blue, the weather balmy. We are soaked in sun. There are no planes overhead. There are many things the White House cannot control but the flight pattern isn't one of them. A helicopter approaches, working a lazy perimeter over the White House grounds. A wise guy says: "I hope it's one of ours."

The first appearance of an official on the stage is a junior diplomat who sets down a pitcher of water and several glasses. I am wondering. Did someone test the water?

What an array of dignitaries, all so proud! And so



Ben Wattenberg

many blacks! Gen. Powell. Gov. Wilder. Secretary Brown. Rev. Jackson. How very different from when I worked at the then very white house, more than a quarter of a century ago. Things can change. Can they change in the Middle East? Perhaps.

There are no trumpets, no anthems, as the official party enters. And here they are. Clinton. Rabin. And Arafat. Arafat? At the White House?

I am asking myself, "Why is this happening in America?" Because we are the only superpower around. Because we are the only universal nation. Because we are the only nation that can offer legitimacy. We should be proud.

President Clinton is giving a fine speech. There is much from the Bible in it. He has been talking a lot about religion lately. He credits those who went before, including Jimmy Carter, here in the audience. And Israel's late prime minister, Menachem Begin, the tough little hawk. His Likud party is now resisting the moment, at least momentarily.

I'm thinking that hawks can make things happen,

remembering the late Sen. Henry M. Jackson, "Scoop," who did as much as any American to make Israel strong enough to reach this moment.

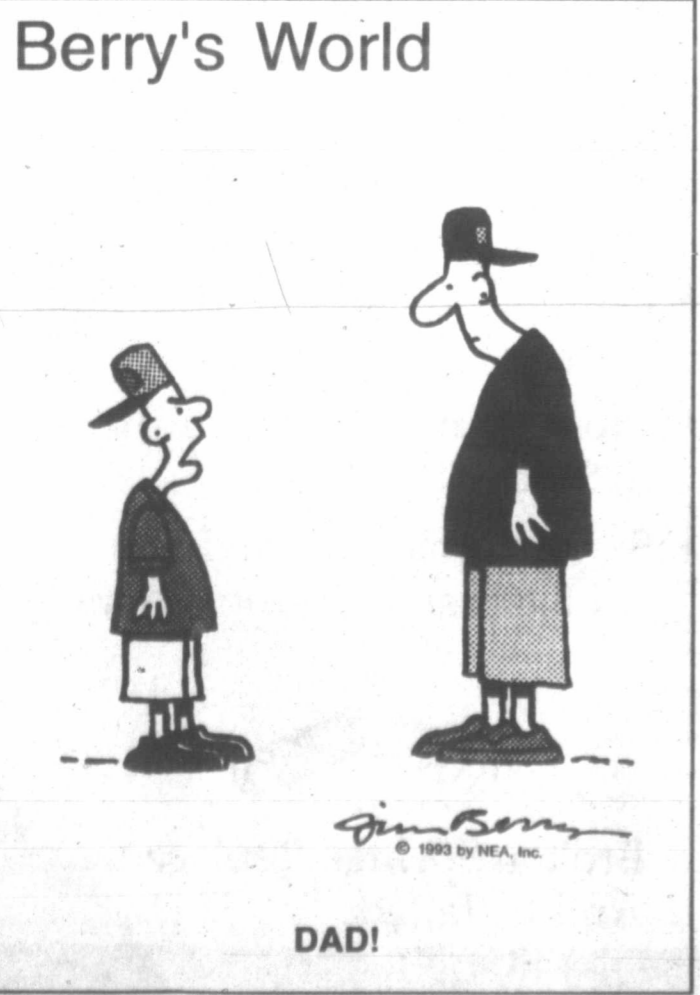
And here is Yasser Arafat, on the platform. At the White House. No pistol, no holster, neatly attired in his dress khakis, a little man, almost pudgy, speaking in Arabic. His words hardly matter. He's up there, shaking hands with Israel's Prime Ministers, Yitzhak Rabin, the war hero.

Who grabs the moment. His deep voice rumbles: "We the soldiers who have returned from battle stained with blood; we who have seen our relatives and friends killed before our eyes; we who have attended their funerals and cannot look in the eyes of their parents; we who have fought against you, the Palestinians — we say to you today, in a loud and clear voice: Enough of blood and tears." Rabin pauses, and thunders: "Enough!"

And he, too, turns to the Bible: "To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to kill and a time to heal... a time of war and a time of peace."

It is marvelous media, a phenomenal photo-op. That's all right. Media matters. The world moves on symbols, sometimes.

And then it's over. I am talking to a 14-year-old Palestinian boy from Nablus, present at the ceremony as part of a "Seeds of Peace" program, together with Israeli and Egyptian young people. I am shaking his hand. I wonder: When he grows up, will that hand hold a grenade? We chat, and conclude. "Salaam," I say. "Shalom," he says.



DAD!

A single Senate term — a lifetime of financial security

By LARRY MARGASAK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A single term in the U.S. Senate can guarantee personal wealth — and a cozy retirement — that far exceed the compensation of average Americans, an Associated Press analysis of the freshmen Class of '86 shows.

In just six years, the nine senators elected for the first time in 1986 and still serving have seen their congressional salaries nearly double to more than \$133,600 a year.

And when they retire, their annual pensions will probably exceed the salaries of most working Americans.

Several members of the Class of '86 are also savvy investors in stocks, bonds and, frequently, real estate. Many came to Congress with a healthy portfolio.

At least three are millionaires — Democrats Harry Reid of Nevada, Richard Shelby of Alabama and Bob Graham of Florida, according to a review of their most recent financial disclosure forms.

Shelby bought an office building worth between \$250,000 and \$500,000 while in office. Reid foreclosed on a note and deed of trust, permitting him to repurchase land worth between \$500,000 and \$1 million.

"The most striking thing is the comparison between

members of the Senate and average Americans," said Joshua Goldstein of the Center for Responsive Politics, an organization that scrutinizes the links between money and politics.

The salary became too generous for Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., after the Senate's last big pay raise, in July 1991. He accepts the pre-raise pay of \$101,900, and gives the rest to charity.

He said the senators' pension plan should also be brought "more in line with that of average Americans." McCain was the only one of the nine senators willing to comment about compensation.

The AP reviewed the financial disclosure statements, salary adjustments, campaign finance reports and pension estimates to see how they have changed since the nine senators first took office.

In addition to McCain, Shelby, Graham and Reid, the class includes: John Breaux, D-La.; Barbara Mikulski, D-Md.; Christopher Bond, R-Mo.; Kent Conrad, D-N.D. and Thomas A. Daschle, D-S.D.

When they took office in 1987, their salaries were \$77,400. By last January, they had risen to \$133,600 — an increase of nearly 73 percent.

The U.S. Labor Department said median wages for full-time workers during the same period rose from \$369 a week, or \$19,188 a year, to \$459 a week, or \$23,868 a year, an increase of just 24.4 percent.

The last time the Senate voted itself a pay raise in July 1991, only Breaux among the nine favored the increase.

As part of the package, senators relinquished their right to pocket up to \$23,000 annually in speaking fees. Subsequent raises have been automatic cost-of-living increases.

But it's the Senate pension plan — more generous than most offered elsewhere in government or corporate America — that could leave lawmakers dreaming of retiring to a life of leisure.

Senators who previously served in the House will have especially generous pensions — for example, Breaux, Shelby and Mikulski. They participate in the older of the Senate's two retirement programs: the Civil Service Retirement System.

If they had retired or lost after a single Senate term, they would have been assured pensions of \$45,000 to \$52,000, according to the National Taxpayers Union Foundation, which regularly calculates lawmakers' pensions.

A second term proves rewarding for nearly all the senators. By January 1992, at least six of the senators will have estimated pensions of at least \$50,000 a year and three could receive \$78,000 to \$94,000.

The senators' offices did not dispute the figures.

"While we could be in the lifeboats, they're in the

luxury liners of pension systems," said David Keating, president of the foundation.

A *Money Magazine* article on the 10 best employee benefit plans offered by large companies showed just how well lawmakers are treated.

The June 1992 article said pensions ranged from \$16,000 at age 62 with 30 years of service to \$24,000 at age 65 with 30 years of service. One of the companies had no pension plan at all.

The newer Senate pension program, the Federal Employees Retirement System, gives senators the option of participating in a tax-deferred savings plan with government matching funds more generous than those of private companies that offer 401-k plans.

Lawmakers and other federal employees receive up to 5 percent of salary in matching contributions. But the government also makes a 1 percent automatic donation irrespective of any employee contribution — a benefit not usually available in the private sector.

Congress also is more generous to early retirees.

Under the newer pension system, lawmakers can retire with a full pension at age 50 with 20 years of service and at any age with 25 years of service. Executive branch workers must wait until age 60 with 20 years of service or age 55 to 57, depending on year of birth, with 30 years of service.

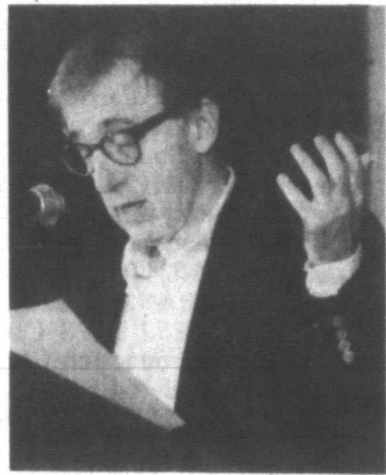
Woody to Dylan: 'I miss you'

NEW YORK (AP) — Woody Allen sent a sorrowful message to his adopted daughter through the news media after a Connecticut prosecutor said he wouldn't press molestation charges against the actor-director.

"I want to send this message to my little girl — I'm sorry I missed your eighth birthday, but they just wouldn't let me," Allen said at a packed news conference on Friday, reading from a rambling, five-page statement.

"I love you, and I miss you," Allen continued. "And don't worry — the dark forces will not prevail."

Allen hasn't seen 8-year-old Dylan in 14 months.



(AP photo)

Woody Allen reads a statement to reporters at a news conference Friday in New York.

Connecticut state police had investigated allegations that Allen fondled the girl in the attic of longtime lover Mia Farrow's Connecticut country house in August 1992.

Litchfield (Conn.) State's Attorney Frank Maco announced Friday he would not press charges despite "probable cause to believe a crime was committed." Maco said he wanted to protect the girl from the trauma of a trial.

Later, Farrow's lawyer, Eleanor Alter, said her client agreed with the prosecutor's decision.

Allen called Maco a liar, saying that if it wasn't clear he was innocent, "the state's attorney would ... proceed non-stop even if it meant putting my little girl through a meat grinder."

Allen denounced "the unwholesome alliance between a vindictive mother and an irresponsible state's attorney and his police. ... Their cheap scheming reeks of sleaze and deception."

Farrow was Allen's lover for 12

years before they split up in January 1992 over Allen's affair with Farrow's oldest adopted daughter, 22-year-old Soon-Yi Previn.

In June, after an ugly court fight, Farrow won custody of the couple's three children — Dylan and Moses, both adopted, and 5-year-old Satchel, their biological son.

Allen was given limited visitation rights with Satchel, but not with the other two children.

Farrow is trying to void Allen's adoption of Dylan and 15-year-old Moses. She did not appear at the news conference.

On Friday, Allen appealed for a truce, saying that if the Israelis and Arabs can make peace, he and Farrow should be able to.

But Alter responded, "Mr. Allen's idea of peace is for us to give up everything and he should see the children right away."

Treasury aide dismisses report of lost jobs for ATF agents

DALLAS (AP) — A Treasury Department official on Saturday dismissed as speculation a televised report that action would be taken against some of its top bureau officials and agents for a deadly raid on an armed cult's compound.

The department — criticized for handling of the Waco standoff by its Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms — was expected this week to release findings from its investigation of the February raid that ended the holdout.

Jack DeVore, the press spokesman for the Treasury Department, said Saturday that Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen "has made no final decisions with regard to personnel actions to be taken" as a result of the agency's investigation into the siege at the compound.

Citing the unreleased department report, CBS News said Friday night it had learned that top ATF agents and

officials are in trouble for: — proceeding with the raid 10 miles east of Waco, Texas, even though they knew that a television cameraman had inadvertently alerted a cult member that such action was imminent; and — participating in a cover-up by insisting in public statements over the ensuing weeks that the ATF was unaware at the time of the raid that David Koresh and his followers knew they were coming.

The network report said the Treasury Department's findings will be released on Thursday.

But DeVore said the release date hasn't been determined.

"We expect to announce the results of the report in the days ahead, and (Bentsen) has not made a final decision on any personnel actions resulting from the report," DeVore said in a telephone interview from his suburban Washington residence.

In its report, CBS replayed tapes of ATF director Stephen Higgins and other officials during the cult standoff, insisting that — despite reports to the contrary — the ATF went into the raid believing it had the element of surprise.

ATF spokesman Dan Conroy was shown, during a press briefing on March 5 — five days after the initial raid — saying: "We had no knowledge whatsoever about before, beforehand, the day before or we certainly would have aborted the raid beforehand."

CBS replayed a March 7 statement in which Higgins said: "We would not send our agents into a situation where we didn't think we still had that element of surprise."

CBS, citing sources familiar with the treasury investigation, said the report will conclude: — that ATF agents knew at the time of the raid that a cameraman for a Waco television station inadvertently had alerted a cult member that a raid on the compound was about to occur; — that the Branch Davidians fired first; — that none of the ATF personnel killed or wounded during the Feb. 28 assault were victims of a fellow agent's gunfire; and — that no children were wounded in the assault.

The ATF agents had standing orders to abort the raid if they knew they had lost the element of surprise, yet attempted the raid in violation of those orders, CBS said, citing the report.

"I have no comment on any of the speculation about what the report may or may not say," DeVore said.

Four ATF agents were killed and 16 wounded in the initial assault. Several cult members also died on that day.

Fifty days later, FBI agents moved to end the standoff by using armored vehicles to punch holes in the compound, shooting tear gas inside.

Oil prices lower ahead of weekend OPEC meeting

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil futures prices moved slightly lower Friday as traders remained cautious ahead of a meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries scheduled to begin Saturday in Geneva.

Light sweet crude oil for delivery in November settled at \$17.57 per barrel, down 6 cents at the New York Mercantile Exchange.

"The traders are not willing to take any big positions one way or another in front of the meeting," said Nauman Barakat, vice president-energy futures at Merrill Lynch Futures Inc. Trading volume, he said, was light.

Ministers of the 12-member cartel began gathering in Geneva earlier this week and oil market participants have been watching closely for any

indication of OPEC action.

Crude prices in recent weeks have dropped to their lowest levels in three years, due largely to oversupply. OPEC Secretary-General Subroto said the ministers must discuss how to recoup revenue lost to low prices.

OPEC disclosed Friday that its members were pumping about a million barrels above their daily output ceiling of 23.6 million barrels.

But Ken Miller, an energy consultant and senior principal at Purvin & Gertz Inc. in Houston, said OPEC's overproduction was already well-known to the market and the news had little effect on trading.

"With the oversupply by OPEC, the market's been very bearish," Miller said. "There has been nothing positive fundamentally to give any upward driving force to prices."

Junior high student kills playmate

DALLAS (AP) — A 14-year-old Dallas boy accidentally killed a friend with a gun he reportedly bought for protection at school.

Killed Friday was 13-year-old Pedro Ramirez Jr. His friend told police he thought the safety was on when he pointed the gun at Ramirez as they played at the victim's north Oak Cliff apartment.

The youth was shot once in the chest and died at Parkland Memorial

Hospital. Police said charges aren't expected.

The boys attended Boude Storey Middle School, where 29 students were taken into custody Thursday following a conflict between black and Hispanic gangs.

A 13-year-old girl said she thought several students brought guns to school, then hid them across the street because a metal detector was being used at the entrance.

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Food For Thought
By
Danny Bainum

Part of the fun of cocktail snacks is the "packaging." We love phyllo dough filled with almost anything, then folded and pinched over the filling into a "beggar's purse." Bake about 8 to 10 minutes at 400 degrees until golden. Store if you want, then reheat at 375 to serve.

Filling ideas: mashed black beans, coriander and shredded, peppered jack cheese. Or baked ham, Gruyere and tarragon. Or sun-dried tomatoes, basil and mozzarella. Have fun!

Make bottled barbecue your own by adding a few spoonful of lemon or lime juice or a dash of liquid red-pepper seasoning.

Chilled pea soup is a favorite starter for summer dinners. Simmer a package of frozen peas in two cans of chicken broth until very tender, then puree. Garnish with sour cream and fresh mint or tarragon.

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Business

Minding your own Business

By Don Taylor



S.W.A.T. or S.W.O.T.

In law enforcement, when there is a crisis involving the potential loss of life, the police often call in a S.W.A.T. team. These highly-trained specialists know how to solve difficult problems. They are trained in the use of "special weapons and tactics." That is how they got the nickname of "S.W.A.T." teams.

In business, we may feel the need for special help. Unfortunately, there are few highly-trained special forces to help us deal with our difficult problems. All too often, those who do have the knowledge to assist us may either be unavailable or unaffordable.

While the offer of free help may come from various sources, you should analyze both the source and the advice carefully. I know several business owners who have implemented significant strategies, only to find that the free advice was bad advice.

A good way I've found to deal with life's day-to-day situations is to use some special weapons and tactics of your own. Instead of calling in a S.W.A.T. team, you can use a S.W.O.T. analysis. The S.W.O.T. analysis consists of evaluating your own Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats.

Do it yourself

I find that we can usually choose a sound course of action, if we analyze the situation correctly. A detailed analysis of our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats will provide us with many answers and often will help us see solution alternatives.

You'll need a pencil, a few clean sheets of paper and a little time to do a S.W.O.T. analysis. I find that it helps to get away from other people and interruptions.

On each of four sheets of paper I write: "Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats." I usually begin with listing my strengths in any given situation. The key to developing a useful analysis is to be completely honest. Do not be modest in listing your strengths. On the other hand, don't be reluctant in spelling out your weaknesses. Honesty and thoroughness will give you a good basis for making decisions.

A few weeks ago, a client came to me with a real problem. A reputable company was offering him a contract to do some work. The contract was full of legalese that neither of us understood.

We did a S.W.O.T. analysis. We determined that my client was quite capable of doing the work. However, his weakness in the areas of understanding and negotiating fair terms made him hesitant to sign the contract. The solution was to bring in a professional negotiator who had considerable experience in contract work. I would estimate spending a few dollars to offset his weaknesses will save my client a few thousand dollars as he completes the contract.

Opportunities or threats

Someone once said that every problem is just an opportunity in disguise. While I agree with that thought in principle, I know that businesses today face both opportunities and threats.

Opportunities provide chances to grow and prosper. Chances to increase your business and customer base. Opportunities allow you to move into new areas and expand and diversify.

Threats, on the other hand, can take business away. Threats can come in the form of increased competition, a slowing economy or trends that would lessen the need for your product or service.

The best way to take advantage of an opportunity or to minimize a threat is to see them coming early. By taking an hour every few months to do a S.W.O.T. analysis, you improve your chances of being a business survivor.

International issues focus of TAB annual conference

SAN ANTONIO — U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas and National Association of Manufacturers Chairman Robert Cizik, along with state, national and international officials and business leaders, will be featured speakers at the 71st Annual Conference of Texas Association of Business (TAB).

The convention will be held in San Antonio from Oct. 23-26.

Using the theme "Texas Is International," the conference will focus on both current and longterm international trade issues affecting the state, such as the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

In addition to international trade issues, the conference will include panels and presentations on current public policy issues. TAB's annual business meeting and a quarterly board meeting also will be held in conjunction with the conference.

"At TAB, we believe Texas is strategically situated to take a leadership role in implementing not only the North American Free Trade Agreement, but also in playing a major role in the new global economy," said Dave Willette, TAB state vice chairman and 1993 annual conference program committee chairman.

"This year's conference will be an important step in strengthening the role Texas business and industry plays in the expansion of international trade," Willette added.

Sen. Hutchison will speak at a "Washington in Review" breakfast meeting on Monday, Oct. 25, and Cizik will address attendees at the conference banquet that evening.

In addition, TAB State Chairman Bill Robson has announced a diverse slate of conference speakers, including U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla, U.S. International Trade Commission Chairman Don Newquist, Texas Department of Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry, Texas Sen. David Sibley, Texas Rep. Tom Craddick and diplomatic officials representing Canada and Mexico.

A number of business leaders also will participate in the program, emphasizing the importance of business participation in the political process.

TAB members and non-members alike are encouraged to attend. Registrations must be made by Monday, Oct. 18. To register or request a complete conference agenda, contact Tim Jarvis at 1-512-477-6721.

Hoechst Celanese receives 'Flawless Shipping' award

Consolidated Rail Corp. (Conrail) named Hoechst Celanese as one of its Diamond Drop for Flawless Shipping award winners this year — again.

Hoechst Celanese has won the award every year since Conrail started the program in 1988. It is the only company besides B.F. Goodrich that has been honored every year.

The Diamond Drop award is given for not spilling a drop of hazardous material, a Conrail spokesman said. The company's criteria for flawless shipping is customers must ship at least 1,000 carloads of hazardous materials during a calendar year without a shipper-caused release.

"The Diamond Drop award recognizes that shippers play a vital role in the safe transportation of hazardous materials," said James A. Hagen, Conrail's chairman, president and CEO.

"The Diamond Drop program sets a rail industry standard that all of our hazardous materials shippers strive to meet," said Hagen. "Their achievements reflect the chemical industry's public safety efforts through its Responsible Care program."

Other companies being recognized by Conrail include Liquid Carbonic Carbon Dioxide Corp., PPG Industries, Aristech Chemical Corp., The Dow Chemical Company, BASF Corp., Olin Corp. and Rohm & Haas Company.

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CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Mesa Operating Ltd. Partnership, #A-8 Sanford (480 ac) 330' from South & 450' from West line, Sec. 11,3,AB&M, 17 mi NW from Panhandle, PD 3100' (Box 2009, Amarillo, TX 79188)

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OCHILTREE (HANSFORD Lower Morrow & WEST LIPS Cleveland) Amoco Production Co., #2 Flowers Gas Unit (640 ac) 1320' from North & 1322' from East line, Sec. 55,R,AB&M, 14.5 mi southerly from Waka, PD 8900' (Box 800, Rm. 2030, Denver, CO 80201)

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OCHILTREE (NITSCHKE St. Louis) Alpar Resources, Inc., #6-109 Pearson, Sec. 109,4-TT&NO elev. 3060 kb, spud 8-18-93, drlg. compl 8-27-93, tested 8-30-93, flowed 186 bbl. of 39.7 grav. oil + no water thru 24/64" choke on 8 hour test, csg. pressure 0#, tbg. pressure 450#, GOR 1188, perforated 8461-8490, TD 9246', PBTD 9000' — Plug-Back

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- #1, spud 3-20-60, plugged 8-19-93, TD 3395' — Form 1 filed in Steeples Oil & Gas
- #2, spud 5-19-61, plugged 8-30-93, TD 3320' — Form 1 filed in Fahle & Hamilton
- #3, spud 1-28-60, plugged 8-23-93, TD 3326' — Form 1 filed in Lucky Bird Petro.
- #4, spud 10-27-80, plugged 8-26-93, TD 3305' — Form 1 filed in Lucky Bird Petro.
- #5, spud 10-10-81, plugged 8-25-93, TD 3500' — Form 1 filed in Lucky Bird Petro.
- #6, spud 8-17-78, plugged 9-1-93, TD 3360' — Form 1 filed in S.A. Oil Account

Chamber Communique

Citizen of the Year nomination forms are available at the Pampa Community building, 200 N. Ballard, for you or your organization to submit your worthy candidate for this most prestigious award.

The winner will be announced during the Live Auction at the Oct. 23 Country Fair at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center.

J.A. "Gene" Marindale was the winner of the early drawing for \$300 last Tuesday at the Chamber's Monthly Luncheon.

Drawing tickets and general admission tickets can be purchased at the Chamber, from a Chamber board member, or at Citizens Bank, First National Bank or National Bank of Commerce.

Get together with a friend and buy your drawing ticket and admission ticket and come to the Country Fair, Oct. 23.

The Rotatree program, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pampa, has been extended until Oct. 1, for groups or individuals interested in receiving free trees to be planted in public areas in Pampa. Contact the Rotary Club, P.O. Box 1237.

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White House puts pro-environment spin on NAFTA for border cleanup

By PETE YOST
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — How can the North American Free Trade Agreement be good for the environment? Let the White House tell you.

When they start the hard sell on Capitol Hill this fall, Clinton aides will stress — as U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor did Friday — that NAFTA will bring about nothing less than the cleanup of the U.S.-Mexican border.

Kantor called NAFTA "the most important trade agreement in history in terms of the environment." And a congressional ally, Sen. Max Baucus, picked up the theme, saying that because of NAFTA, "the high bar has been raised" on environmental standards negotiated in trade agreements.

Nonsense, replied Joan Claybrook, president of Public Citizen, one of three groups that sued the trade representative's office because it had failed to conduct an assessment of NAFTA's environmental impact.

Negotiated by the Bush administration, NAFTA would create a massive three-nation free trade zone that critics say could seriously harm the environment in the United States, where environmental standards are comparatively strict.

Clinton promised to address potential environmental problems, but Claybrook did not have a favorable assessment of NAFTA side agreements Clinton aides negotiated.

"Baloney and crumbs," she said. The White House went into high gear Friday after a federal appeals court ruled that the government didn't have to conduct an environmental impact statement on NAFTA.

Preparing such a document could have taken months or even years, and could have complicated plans to submit the deal to Congress for approval this fall.

"I applaud" the appeals court, Clinton declared, and said NAFTA will help clean up the U.S.-Mexican border.

But three environmental groups disagreed, pointing to border locations like Maquiladora, a limited free trade zone that the groups call a "virtual cesspool and breeding ground for infectious diseases."

Claybrook outlined what she sees as a major problem.

Under NAFTA, federal, state and local environmental and health standards are subject to having complaints filed against them by businessmen who deem them to be a trade barrier.

A panel of "trade bureaucrats" will rule on the complaint, with no appeal of their decisions, said Claybrook.

One of Clinton's side agreements created a commission to look at the matter, but it has no real power, she added.

None of this is lost on the White House, which watched with dismay as Majority Leader Richard Gephardt on Tuesday announced his opposition to NAFTA, saying Clinton's supplemental agreements didn't go far enough. They would allow the United States to impose trade sanctions against Mexico for failure to enforce its labor and environmental laws.

"It doesn't help," Clinton conceded when asked about Gephardt's decision.

With the White House losing people like Gephardt, Clinton aides are stepping up their NAFTA campaign. Kantor said that the World Bank on Tuesday will announce a \$3 billion loan commitment for U.S.-Mexican border cleanup.

Currently, the worldwide loan commitment by the World Bank for environmental projects is \$2 billion a year.

Kantor's point: Even though NAFTA still must be sent to a divided Congress, the agreement is already bringing benefits.

"NAFTA will be good for the environment," Kantor insisted.

Public Citizen, the Sierra Club and Friends of the Earth plan to ask the Supreme Court in mid-

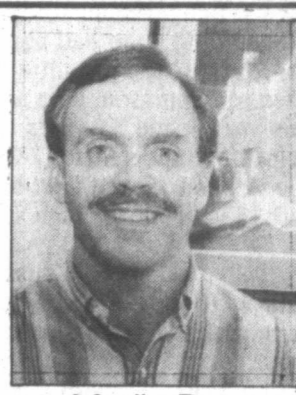
October to review the appeals court ruling.

"There are many claims and counterclaims being made in this hard-fought political battle," said Claybrook. "Factual information, rather than secrecy, could enlighten the discussion."

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German Finance Minister Theo Waigel, center, smooths his hair while posing outside the Blair House in Washington, D.C., Saturday. Joining him for the photo session prior to a meeting with the members of the Group of Seven are, from left, French Finance Minister Edmond Alphandery, U.S. Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen, Waigel, British Chancellor of the Exchequer Kenneth Clarke and Japanese Finance Minister Hirohisa Fujii.

G-7 nations eye more help for Yeltsin

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and its allies are striving to show support for embattled President Boris Yeltsin, contending he is "the standardbearer of reform in Russia."

Finance ministers and central bank presidents of the world's seven wealthiest industrial countries — the United States, Japan, Germany, Britain, France, Canada and Italy — had Russia's latest constitutional crisis as a key item on their agenda Saturday.

As Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan joined their counterparts around an oblong table at Blair House, the presidential guest house, they were facing an agenda that led off with a scheduled 75-minute discussion on the current state of the world economy.

The G-7 officials were searching for ways to bolster anemic world growth rates. While the United States has been pushing for Germany and Japan to do more to get their own nations out of recession — and thus help world growth — it was unlikely that any new initiatives would be announced at Saturday's meeting.

That was primarily because both Germany and Japan, to ward off criticism that they were not doing enough, have acted in recent days.

The central banks in both countries have cut official interest rates and Japan has come forward with a \$58.6 billion government spending program, the third effort it has made over the past year to jump-start its economy.

Helmut Schlesinger, the head of Germany's central bank, told reporters Saturday that the Bundesbank was continually monitoring conditions but saw no immediate need to cut rates further.

The G-7 finance officials invited Russian Finance Minister Boris Fyodorov to give them a first-hand briefing on the economic and political situation in Russia. It was expected that the group would issue a statement of support for Yeltsin in his battle with hard-liners in Parliament.

German Finance Minister Theo Waigel told reporters that Yeltsin deserves the "full support" of the West because he was trying to end the showdown with Parliament by democratic means.

Bentsen said the reason the G-7 was unanimous in backing Yeltsin was because he had become "the standardbearer of reform in Russia."

The G-7 meeting Saturday was being held in advance of the annual meeting of the 178-nation International Monetary Fund and its sister lending organization, the World Bank.

IMF Managing Director Michel Camdessus praised Yeltsin on Thursday for the economic reforms he has managed to achieve, often in the face of stiff opposition from Parliament.

Both he and Bentsen suggested that a second \$1.5 billion IMF loan to Russia could come before the end of this year.

The loan, which is part of a \$44 billion Western aid package to Russia, had been expected in September.

But it was delayed after Russia failed to meet targets for reducing inflation and getting its budget deficit under control.

While Camdessus stressed that the key to Russia receiving more IMF support was getting its reform program back on track, Hungarian Finance Minister Ivan Szabo told reporters Saturday that he believed the IMF and World Bank would ease their lending conditions to speed further aid to Russia if economic conditions worsened.

Szabo is serving as chairman for this year's annual IMF and World Bank meetings, the first official from a former communist country to do so.

As they met Saturday, the G-7 officials were not unmindful of the political toll that sluggish world growth has taken on their ranks. Bentsen joked beforehand that when he attended his first G-7 meeting in London in February, he was the new kid on the block.

But now in just seven months, he is second in seniority behind Waigel.

Five of the seven finance ministers have been replaced in government shake-ups this year caused in part by voter unhappiness over economic conditions. All seven G-7 countries are struggling either with outright recessions or weaker-than-expected growth coming out of downturns.

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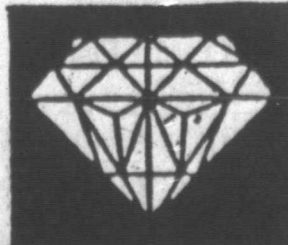
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A DECLINE IN MORAL VALUES

Nothing is more descriptive of a decline in moral values than the writings of the apostle Paul in Romans 1:18-32. He begins by stating: "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hinder the truth in unrighteousness." (Rom. 1:18.) For those who might think that God is unconcerned about what goes on in this world, they need to think again. "The eyes of Jehovah are in every place, keeping watch upon the evil and the good." (Prov. 15:3.)

Paul describes man's spiritual and moral decline as beginning with the failure to glorify God as God (Rom. 1:21.) Proceeding from this to man's professing himself to be wise, Paul says he became a fool and changed the glory of the incorruptible God for the likeness of an image of corruptible man, and of birds and four-footed beasts, and creeping things (Rom. 1:22.) And, if we think we are getting by with all this wickedness, the writer of Ecclesiastes says: "For God will

being every work into judgment, with every hidden thing, whether it be good or evil." (Ecc. 12:14.)

Paul describes man's spiritual and moral depravity as proceeding from one thing to another until man has reached the bottom, so to speak. From the failure to worship God as God to the worship of virtually everything else, man goes on into the dishonoring of his body in the sins of homosexuality and lesbianism (Rom. 1:26-27.) As has always been true, everything produces after its own kind and this is true of the sin of immorality.

Further, the apostle says, "they refused to have God in their knowledge" (Rom. 1:28.) Because of this, he says, "God gave them up to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not befitting." (Rom. 1:28.) Following this, is a long list of the most wicked and evil things imaginable (Rom. 1:29-31.) Yet, the most sobering reflection on this is that it sounds so very much like the world we live in today.

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PAMPA — A Canadian ranch rode away with top honors at the Top of Texas Ranch Rodeo in Pampa this weekend.

The Bar M Ranch of Canadian placed first in the Top of Texas Ranch Rodeo Saturday followed by the Cross L Ranch of Pampa, the Fryling Pan Ranch of Amarillo, the Heart Ranch of Lipscomb, the Rocking Chair Ranch of Pampa and the DM Ranch of Pampa.

The teams made up of cowboys from the different ranches competed in mugging, branding, cutting, doctoring, and saddle bronc riding.

Top of Texas Rodeo Association officials said they hadn't decided whether to try and hold the event annually.

"This is just kind of an experiment," said Bob Chambers, an association officer. "We'll have to get together and talk it over."

The major sponsor of Saturday's rodeo was North Country Coors.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — When John Martin and Marcus Holliday went down, freshmen Quitman Spaulding and Larry Patterson stepped up.

Martin, Memphis State's leading rusher, did not play Saturday after he suffered a hip pointer on the final play of the first half. Holliday, the Tigers' No. 2 rusher, injured his left knee on the Tigers' first series and did not return.

Spaulding, who had carried once in the first three games, contributed 96 yards on 15 attempts. Patterson, who had not carried the ball this year, made 53 yards on 15 attempts. They helped Memphis State (2-2) control the ball and Joe Allison kicked first-half field goals of 37 and 35 yards as the Tigers defeated Arkansas 6-0.

"They made people miss tackles and came up with huge runs on third down," said Memphis State coach Chuck Stobart. "They were the difference in the game offensively."

The Tigers committed one meaningless turnover after throwing six interceptions and losing four fumbles in the past two games, both losses. The only turnover against Arkansas (2-2) was an interception at the Razorback 5.

"This was as bad a whipping as we had last week," said Arkansas coach Danny Ford, referring to a 40-point loss to Alabama. "People run right through us. We miss blocking assignments. We're not a very smart football team. We haven't coached very smart."

"I haven't reached these kids and it's killing me," said Ford, who is in his first year at Arkansas.

Arkansas started every possession at least 72 yards from the goal and rarely was able to move the ball against a defense that was giving up an average of 432 yards per game. The Razorbacks, who were shut out for the first time since a 14-0 loss to Texas A&M in 1987, finished with 201 yards.

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska had all the injuries. Colorado State felt all the pain.

Tommie Frazier, able to play despite an ankle injury, passed for two touchdowns and ran for one on Saturday as No. 6 Nebraska pounded Colorado State 48-13 on Saturday.

The Cornhuskers (4-0) entered the game with a long list of walking wounded, but the injuries appeared to have little impact on the game. Nebraska, which had a 43-0 halftime lead in a 71-14 victory over the Rams two years ago, had a 28-3 halftime advantage this time.

Frazier, a sophomore, ran 11 times for 75 yards and was 7-of-13 for 79 yards as Nebraska gained 379 yards.

"In our situation, an open date is what we need," Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said. "We've got a number of players who could benefit from the time off. I'm glad we don't play next Saturday."

"We didn't have 400 yards today," Osborne said. "I just don't feel like the yards were what I like us to make. I thought Colorado State's strength was their defense. They changed things up on us enough that sometimes we didn't move the ball like we like to."

Phillips was the leading rusher for Nebraska with 79 yards on 14 carries.

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Two Arkansas basketball players who admitted forging a campus parking permit will face no criminal charges, authorities said.

Scotty Thurman and Corliss Williamson said they found a photocopy of a parking permit and made copies for their own use, said Lt. Mark Terry, UA police spokesman.

The permit number was traced to teammate Ray Biggers, who was not accused of wrongdoing, Terry said.

Campus police investigated the incident on Sept. 9.

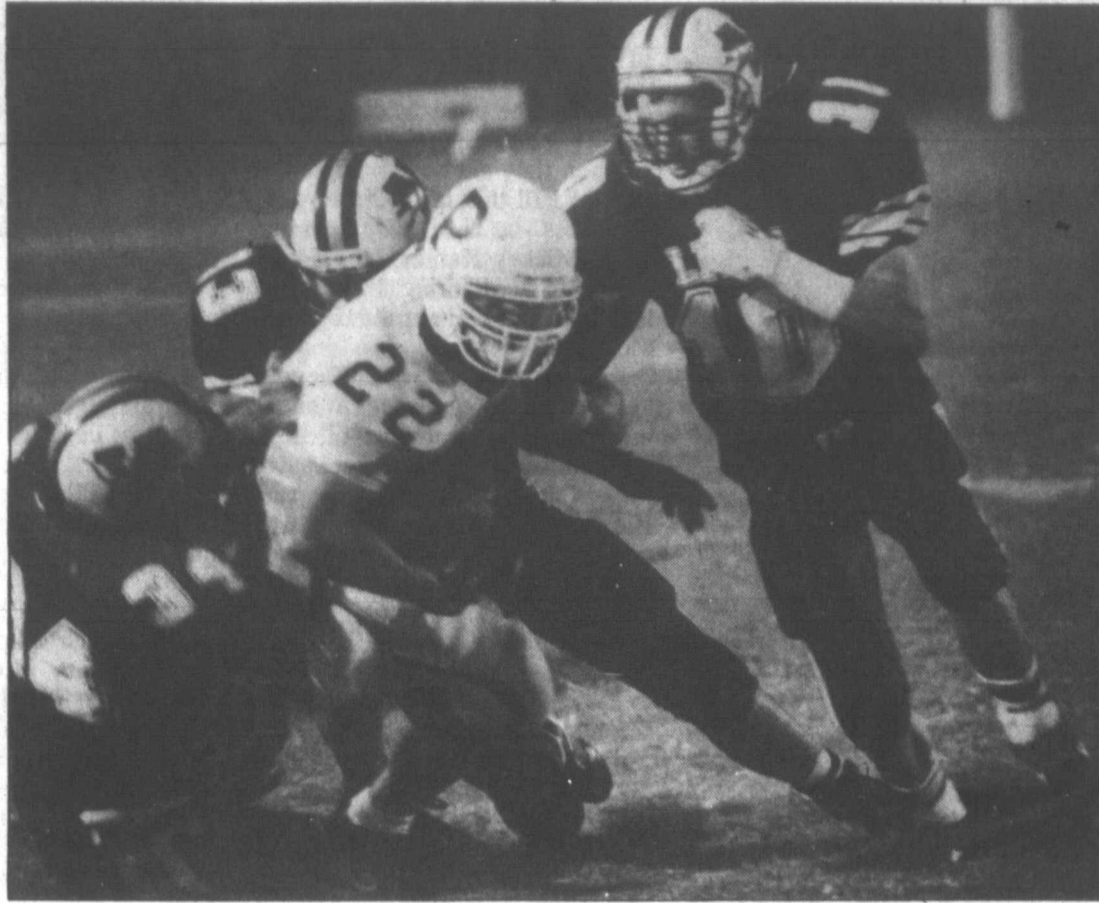
The matter was referred to the school Judicial Affairs Board after the UA Parking and Transit Department chose not to press charges, Terry said.

The board is composed of faculty and students who determine discipline for violations of university rules. Its rulings are not subject to public disclosure.

Thurman, a sophomore forward from Ruston, La., led Arkansas in scoring last season, averaging 17.4 points. Williamson, a sophomore power forward from Russellville, averaged 14.6 points and 5.1 rebounds last season. Both were named to the Southeastern Conference all-freshman team.

Rick Schaefer, UA sports information director, said the players would not miss game time because of the incident.

Razorback coach Nolan Richardson could not be reached for comment Saturday. It was reported Friday that he was out of town on a recruiting trip.



(Staff photo by L.D. Strate)

Pampa's Gregg Moore drags three Vernon defenders with him as he picks up seven yards in the second half Friday night.

Vengeance at Vernon

Pampa knocks off second-ranked Lions to improve record to 3-1

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Writer

VERNON — Through the years, Vernon has developed a traditional habit of beating up on bigger opponents. The 1993 season didn't start out any different as the Class 3A second-ranked power rolled over Altus, Okla., Wichita Falls and Burkburnett, all bigger schools than Vernon.

However, Pampa, broke Vernon's giant-killing habit, at least for a game, and spoiled the Lions' homecoming in the process, with a 14-6 win Friday night. The win also avenged Pampa's 42-12 loss to Vernon a year ago.

It was a defensive battle from start to finish as scoring opportunities went by the wayside due to some relentless defense on both sides. It was Pampa's defense, though, that finally won out.

"Gosh, this was such a tremendous feat by all of young men, spearheaded by our fantastic defensive group," said PHS head coach Dennis Cavalier.

Chris Enloe, Vernon's all-state candidate at quarterback, was held in check all night by Pampa's hard-charging defense.

"We had Enloe covered remarkably well, and that's a credit to our players and coach (Kent Allison, our secondary coach)," Cavalier said. "We put pressure on him most of the game and we played great pass defense against the receivers."

Cavalier praised the defensive pressure linemen Jerry Howeth and Shelby Landers, put on Enloe, who has passed for over 600 yards already this season.

"Jerry put intense pressure on Enloe, especially near the end of the game, and Shelby was outstanding in that category all game long," Cavalier said.

Pampa penetrated Vernon's 43 only once in eight possessions during the first half, but it was a 5-play 60-yard scoring drive and PAT that turned out to be all the points the Harvesters needed.

Pampa's touchdown march was put in motion when linebacker Tyler Kendall intercepted Vernon quarterback Chris Enloe's pass on the Harvester 40. From there the Har-

vesters shook off a 15-yard clipping penalty to drive deep into Vernon territory on quarterback Tony Cavalier's 14-yard pass to J.J. Mathis, and his 21-yard completion to Gregg Moore. With a first down on the Vernon 11, Pampa fullback Matt Garvin bowled his way up the middle for a touchdown with 2:16 remaining in the first quarter. Tim McCavit's conversion kick gave Pampa a 7-0 lead, but Vernon cut into that deficit in a hurry when Willie Cherry returned the ensuing kickoff 95 yards for a TD. However, kicker Chris Dunson's PAT attempt fell short, leaving Pampa clinging to a 7-6 lead until J.J. Mathis' razzle-dazzle TD run on a reverse with just 45 ticks on the clock.

"What an athletic play," Cavalier said. "I don't really know how to comment on J.J.'s touchdown except it was a tremendous athletic feat. He did something no coach can teach a player to do."

Mathis took Moore's reverse handoff on the Vernon 30 and when he appeared trapped near the 6-yard line by several defenders, the slender freshman maneuvered his way around them and down the sideline for the score.

Pampa's defense doused two Vernon scoring threats, once late in the first half and again early in the fourth quarter.

The Lions were facing a third and one on Pampa's 16 late in the second quarter, but that was as far as they would get. Landers stopped Vernon back Billy Grimes for no gain and then linebacker Matt Garvin brought down Vernon back Michael Lee for a 1-yard loss, forcing the Lions to give up possession.

Starting the fourth quarter, Vernon was on Pampa's 14 in a first-down situation after Enloe had scramble for 29 yards and then 11 yards on keepers. But the Pampa defenders short-circuited Vernon's attack when Landers and Kendall teamed up to sack Enloe for a 10-yard loss. Pampa took over after Enloe threw two incompletions.

Garvin led Pampa in rushing with 139 yards on 15 carries. Moore contributed 76 yards on 19 tries.

Both Pampa and Vernon now have 3-1 records.

Lady Harvesters win District 1-4A opener

Pampa varsity volleyball behaved like a well-oiled machine as it opened up its district competition yesterday with a hard-fought victory over Caprock. The set marks the Harvesters' first district win in over a year.

"I was extremely pleased," Pampa head coach Brad Borden said. "I don't think two teams could be more evenly matched."

In the three games, sophomore Serenity King came up with an astounding 20 digs and the Harvesters scored 18 points while she served. Junior Michelle Abbott notched eight kills and senior Shelly Young registered seven.

"Serenity King played her best match of the year without a doubt," Borden said.

Pampa started out strong in the first game, as a 4-4 tie was the closest the Horns could get. The final point was an ace serve by Pampa to notch it at 15-5.

Game two saw Pampa lead 4-2 until the Caprock offense finally warmed up: The Horns steadily gained points, leading 12-6 at one time, determined to drive the series to one more game. The Harvesters battled back just as steadily, but not in enough time. Caprock took the game, 15-12.

The tiebreaker began with Pampa staking a lead once again.

The Longhorns didn't catch up until 8-7, but by then the Harvesters had glimpsed victory and refused to look away.

Taking up the most time of all three games, the scorefest featured incredibly equal play by both teams. After Pampa's 13th point took perhaps minutes to capture, the Harvesters finally pulled ahead for the victory, 15-11.

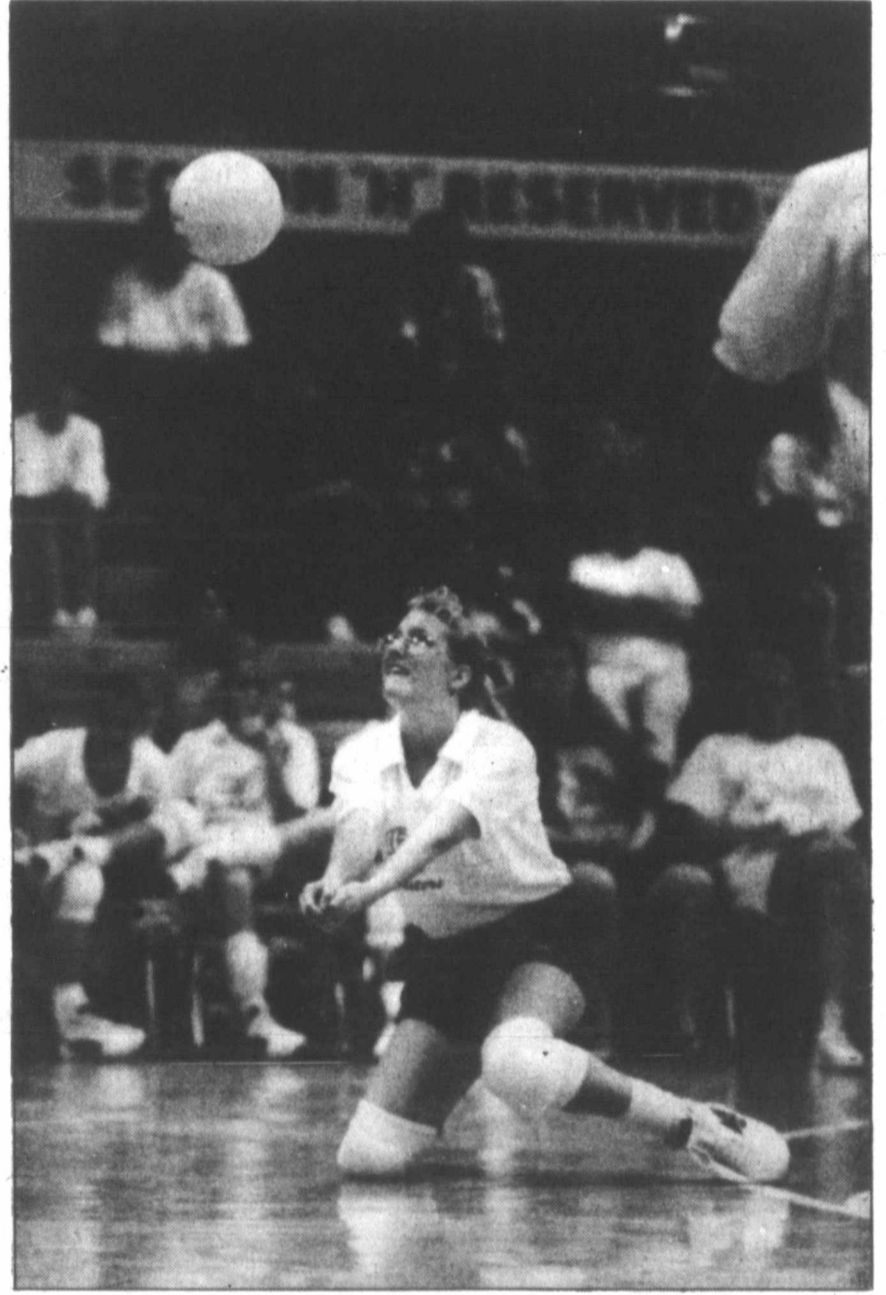
The Harvesters' first district win not only gave them a 8-7 record, but the confidence of a winning team.

"We decided that we have enough skill...to be in a winning position, but it's been the competition, the mental approach, that we've been working on," Borden said. "Today shows that we're learning how to get the win."

Prior to the varsity match, Pampa junior varsity handed a similar fate to the j.v. Longhorns. The Harvesters won in three games, 12-15, 15-9 and 15-11, to raise their own non-tournament record to 5-4.

"We didn't serve very well, but we really went after the ball," Pampa head coach Susan Davis said.

Amanda Kludt scored nine points and Dawn Fox registered eight in the j.v. Harvesters' district-opener.



(Staff photo by Susan Adeletti)

Senior Harvester Emily Brooks digs out a Caprock hit during Pampa's three-game district-opening win over the Longhorns yesterday.

Lefors blasts Samnorwood

Lefors blasted Samnorwood, 80-34, Friday night to stretch its unbeaten record to 4-0 in the 6-man ranks.

Dusty Helfer led Lefors' ground attack with 307 yards on 26 carries on four touchdowns.

Quarterback Keith Franks completed 8 of 11 passes for 142 yards and three touchdowns.

Samnorwood was unbeaten at 3-0 going into the game.

Other area 6-man teams, Miami and McLean, were dealt losses Friday night.

Rochester downed Miami, 48-6. Miami's only score came on Gene Hurst's 25-yard pass to Andrew Neighbors.

McLean fell to Chillicothe, 64-22. Toby Northcutt scored two touchdowns for the Tigers and passed to Monty Joiner for an 18-yard scoring strike.

Giants Stadium is special place for Parcels

By The Associated Press

Bill Parcels is not exactly making a triumphant return to Giants Stadium, site of many of his greatest achievements as an NFL coach.

Still, when Parcels brings the winless New England Patriots to play the New York Jets on Sunday night, it will be a homecoming for the coach who guided the Giants to a pair of Super Bowl titles before retiring in 1991.

"The thing that is in Giants Stadium is special to me was the players that were playing in it and the people that were supporting me as coach of that team," Parcels said. "And that no longer exists."

"It was never the place that I had an emotional feeling about. It was the people that came there that made it special. That's not the case anymore, so really I don't have that much feeling."

Not that Parcels minds being in the spotlight this week, because it removes his 0-3 team from the glare. That, he knows, is good for a young squad that is struggling, with two close defeats after getting blown out in the fourth quarter of the opener.

The Sunday night game between New England (0-3) and the New York Jets (1-1) follows a day schedule that includes Miami (1-1) at Buffalo (2-0) and San Francisco (2-1) at New Orleans (3-0).

The rest of the Sunday schedule has Cleve-

land (3-0) at Indianapolis (1-1), Green Bay (1-1) at Minnesota (1-1), the Los Angeles Rams (1-2) at Houston (1-2), Tampa Bay (0-2) at Chicago (0-2), Phoenix (1-2) at Detroit (2-1) and Seattle (1-2) at Cincinnati (0-3).

Pittsburgh (1-2) is at Atlanta (0-3) on Monday night.

Dallas, Denver, Kansas City, the Los Angeles Raiders, the New York Giants, Philadelphia, San Diego and Washington are off.

The Miami Dolphins will feel a lot more confident playing Buffalo on Sunday than the last time they faced the Bills. That was in the AFC Championship game Jan. 17, which Buffalo won 29-10, sending the Bills on to a third straight Super Bowl loss.

"Until last year, we hadn't been able to match up with this team well," Dolphins defensive lineman Jeff Cross said. "Now we have our best chance to match up with them that we've had in a long time."

Buffalo has won 12 of 14 games against Miami and six of seven. The Dolphins' only win in the past seven games was 37-10 last season at Buffalo during the regular season.

"I think we're more evenly matched now than we were 3-4 years ago," Bills coach Marv Levy said. "Probably we were a little stronger team at that point."

San Francisco has won three straight against the Saints and 12 of 15, including 16-10 and 21-20 last year.



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Canadian pulls off big win over Class 3A Childress

By Susan Adeletti
Sports Writer

Class 2A Canadian won its third game in a row Friday night with a 21-10 win over 3A Childress. To what does Canadian head coach

Paul Wilson attribute his team's success? "They've got too much determination," he said. While it's been said that too much of anything is not good, it must be in the case of the Wildcats. Canadian

quarterback Steven Flowers had a banner day, rushing nine times for 98 yards and a touchdown and completing seven passes for 129 yards and one TD. Defensively, Flowers recovered a fumble and intercepted twice.

"It's just tremendous," Canadian head coach Paul Wilson said. "We didn't think we were ready to beat a real good 3A team yet."

Childress came on strong in the first quarter, kicking good a field goal on its first possession. Canadian could not get past a fourth and one and punted for a touchback, after which Childress forged two first downs in a row on an eight-yard run by Bobcat senior Jamie McBride and a complete pass to senior Clifton Davis from quarterback Wade Keys.

Canadian began its attack by driving Keys back on the second down, to make it third-and-23 for Childress. Keys' pass was intercepted by Flowers, who ran to gain the Wildcat first-and-10. Soon after, Flowers acquired another first down, running the ball until the clock deemed the play dead.

Canadian offense took up the ball again where Flowers left off, where senior Robert Blanco ran 41 yards for the first Wildcat touchdown, making the score 6-3. Flowers and junior Blaine Bivins both had interceptions before the half was over.

The Wildcats resumed their offensive surge in the third quarter, in the form of rushing and passing first downs by junior running back Kevin Flowers and Blanco, respectively. But a fumble resulted in a Childress recovery, which gave way to an attempted field goal. The kick was crushed, however, by the Wildcat defense.

"It was a great physical effort by our kids. Although we didn't move the ball on the ground well, our defense was real good."

— Paul Wilson



Canadian quarterback Steven Flowers avoids the tackle of Childress end Taylor Inman during the Wildcats' 21-10 victory Friday night. Flowers rushed and passed for 227 total yards, scoring two touchdowns.

(Staff photo by Susan Adeletti)

Mustangs shut out; Bucks drop first game

BOOKER - Booker downed Wheeler, 14-0, in a defensive struggle for both teams Friday night.

Wheeler surrendered touchdowns in the first and third quarters on William Lehman's 11-yard pass to Kiley Pinkard and Kelly Ganton's 9-yard run.

"We just didn't play well," said Wheeler head coach Ronnie Karcher. "Anytime you make six turnovers, you're not going to win many games."

The Mustangs lost four fumbles and had two passes intercepted.

"I was pretty pleased with our defense, but we just didn't execute on offense," Karcher said. "We just didn't have any consistency."

Wheeler's defense held Booker to only 5 first downs and 113 total yards. Wheeler, despite the 6 turnovers, had 14 first downs and 166 total yards. Booker had only one turnover.

Wheeler has a 1-2 record while Booker improves to 3-1.

The Mustangs play at Quanah next Friday night.

Clarendon 27, White Deer 16

WHITE DEER - Undeclared

Clarendon handed White Deer its first setback of the season Friday night.

White Deer had more first downs, 20-18, and total yards, 368 to 365, but Clarendon made the most of its scoring opportunities to go 4-0 for the season.

White Deer quarterback Bubba Reid and receiver Jason Sides teamed up for some big yardage. Reid completed 22 of 40 pass attempts for 304 yards and two touchdowns, both to Sides covering 45 and 22 yards. Sides snared 17 passes for 164 yards.

"Anytime a quarterback throws over 200 yards in high school, that's very good, but over 300 is exceptional. It's also exceptional when a receiver can make 17 catches in one game," said White Deer head coach Stan Caffey. "We played hard, but we played a good team. We gave up one big play that really hurt us. We had the ball on their 10-yard line in the second half and we fumbled the ball away. They went 90 yards for a touchdown. That was the big turnaround in the game."

That 90-yard run by Ricky Smith made the score, 21-3. Clarendon's favor at intermission. Smith also

scored on a 2-yard run in the second half.

White Deer jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first half on a 27-yard field goal by Mitch Ford.

Clarendon came back on Chad Campbell's 15-yard scoring pass to Greg Collins and Wesley Smith's 2-yard TD plunge. Ricky Smith then broke loose on his long touchdown jaunt.

Top defenders for the Bucks were Sides with 17 tackles and Jason Howell with 13.

Both teams were heavily penalized. The Bucks were flagged 10 times for 95 yards in penalties while Clarendon was whistled 12 times for 121 yards.

White Deer, 2-1-1, welcomes Kress next Friday night in its annual football homecoming game.

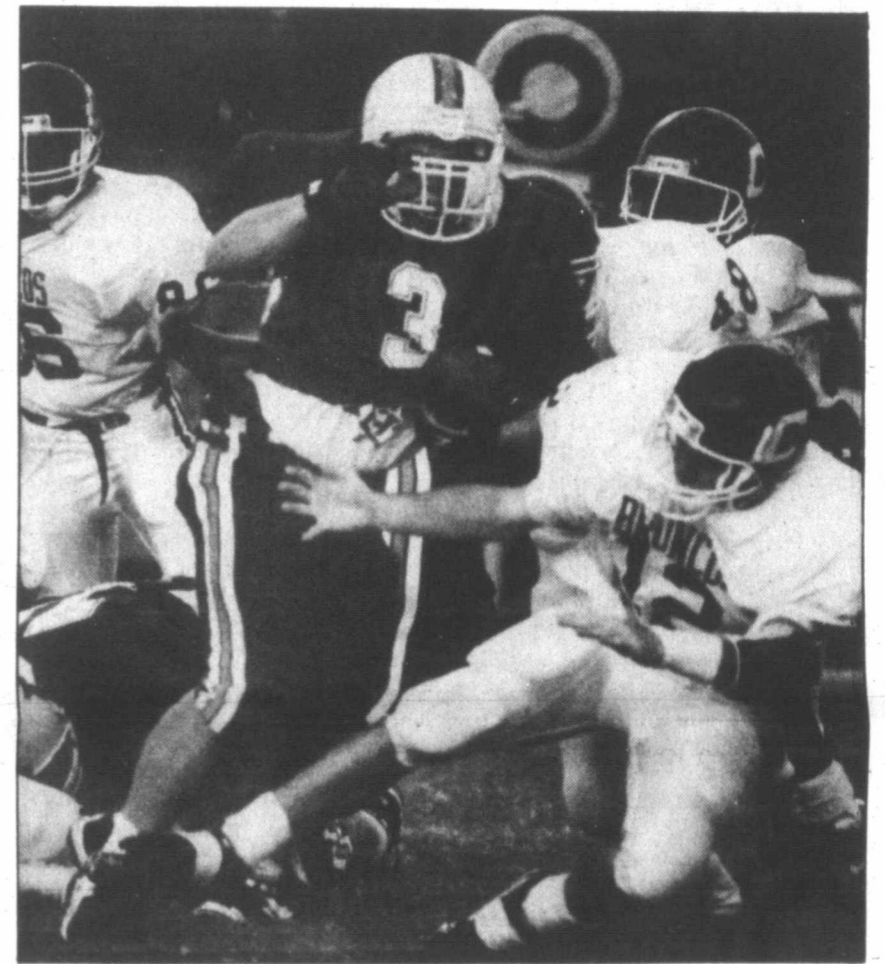
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Italy 28, Godley 12



White Deer running back Jason Howell (3) goes for some yardage against Clarendon.

(Staff photo by David Bowser)

Fourth-quarter rally lifts Bears past Texas Tech, 28-26

WACO (AP) — The Baylor Bears keep life exciting for new coach Chuck Reedy.

For the third time this season, the Bears won a game late in the fourth quarter Saturday.

Tailback John Henry scored two fourth quarter touchdowns and defensive Lamone Alexander produced a critical turnover as the Bears outlasted the Texas Tech Red Raiders 28-26 in Southwest Conference opener for both teams.

"The fourth quarter rallies sure keeps your heart beating fast," said Reedy. "I just told the team if we can stay within two touchdowns going into the fourth period we can win."

The Bears did and they won.

"Don't put us in the Cotton Bowl yet but I like the way this team hangs in games," Reedy said. "We get the lead in games when it counts — at the end."

Baylor improved to 3-1 for the season and Tech dropped to 1-3 in the game played in 90-degree heat before 32,690 in Floyd Casey Stadium.

Baylor also has used fourth period rallies to beat Fresno State 42-39 and Utah State 28-24.

Tech coach Spike Dykes said turnovers killed the Raiders.

"We kind of shot ourselves in the foot," Dykes said. "We couldn't make the big play when we needed to make it. We lost the ball three times and it hurt us every time we did."

Henry scored on runs of three and four yards, the latter being the game-winner on fourth-and-2 with 9:14 to play.

Tech quarterback Robert Hall, who hit 15 of 24 passes for 250 yards and two touchdowns, took Tech to the Bears 18-yard line with Baylor clinging to the two-point lead.

On 2nd-and-11, Hall was hit from behind by Alexander and Charles Horton recovered the fumble with 5:38 left, and the Bears ran out the clock.

"The play Alexander made was big," said Horton. "Hall tried to move up in the pocket and I saw the ball get knocked loose. I was in the right place at the right time."

The SWC's most explosive offensive teams had trouble finding the end zone in the first half as the Red Raiders claimed a 9-7 lead.

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(AP photo)

A hard-line protester outside the parliament building in Moscow speaks to riot policemen Saturday in an attempt to persuade them to leave the compound.

Yeltsin claims holed-up opponents on 'last gasp'

By JULIA RUBIN
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin confidently predicted that his hard-line opponents were on their "last gasp" Saturday and soon would leave the Russian White House, where they have been holed up for five days.

"It's a farce," Yeltsin said in a television interview. The waiting game continued, and Yeltsin, who has been backed by the army, police and public opinion, kept up the pressure.

Hundreds of his riot police ringed the parliament building, known as the White House. At least 100 lawmakers have been there since Yeltsin dissolved parliament Tuesday and called new elections for December.

He has cut off electricity and phones to the building, and on Saturday issued a decree promising that lawmakers and demonstrators who gave up peacefully would not be prosecuted. But he warned that any government officials or military officers who disobeyed him would be fired.

Inside, lawmakers used cigarette lighters to find their way down hallways early Saturday and ate at the parliament cafeteria by candlelight. They slept in their offices, and some hadn't spoken with their families in days.

One lawmaker, Anatoly Anikiyev, said after completing morning exercises in his office that he was resigned to an eventual surrender but was staying in the building out of solidarity.

"My conscience is clear," he said, wearing a track suit and reading about Yeltsin's political strength in the latest copy of *Izvestia*.

Anikiyev said he probably has no political future, but he believes Yeltsin won't last long either. "Once his cohorts have got what they want, he'll be cast off," he said.

Outside, anti-Yeltsin protesters — a mix of Communists, extreme Russian nationalists, monarchists and anti-Semites — kept up their vigil around the White House.

An overnight crowd of about 500 grew to more than 2,000 as the day turned warm and sunny. Diehards spend nights around bonfires in the White House parking lots and have brought pots and pans for cooking.

The Interior Ministry and the

mayor's office warned the curious to stay away from the White House, saying hard-liners were planning "another provocation." On Thursday, gunmen attacked a military office, killing a police officer and a nearby resident.

Yeltsin responded Friday by ordering security forces to disarm protesters and authorizing them to shoot to kill if threatened. The protesters then hid their weapons, including a few dozen AK-47 rifles and some Molotov cocktails.

Despite his order, Yeltsin said he will not resort to violence.

"The situation is calm, that's the main thing," he said in a TV interview from his Kremlin office. "Everyone is working, living normally. The people have calmed down after the uncertainty that existed. There's clear authority now, and that authority is working."

Yeltsin mocked his rebellious vice president, Alexander Rutskoi, and predicted that Rutskoi and parliament speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov soon would be the only ones left in the White House.

"They're on their last gasp. Soon they'll have nothing left," he said. "I don't know what they're going to do in there, just the two of them."

Rutskoi walked through the crowd outside the White House with a megaphone, denouncing Yeltsin's actions as unconstitutional and proclaiming himself the legitimate leader. Demonstrators cheered, "Rutskoi is president!"

The parliament's defense minister, Vyacheslav Ahalov, told lawmakers he was forming paramilitary units to defend the building. He said volunteers were arriving Saturday from as far as Siberia.

The strength of Ahalov's force, however, was questionable. The Interfax news agency said there was no sign of troops moving toward Moscow.

Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, who has sharply criticized Yeltsin's actions as unconstitutional, said in Moscow that both sides in Russia's power struggle are to blame for the crisis.

Gorbachev said the country "must get back on a constitutional path" by holding simultaneous presidential and parliamentary elections, "the sooner the better."

Three Americans killed when helicopter shot down

By REID G. MILLER
Associated Press Writer

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Somali gunmen shot down a U.S. Blackhawk helicopter that was patrolling Mogadishu Saturday morning, killing three crewmen. Three other American soldiers were wounded in fighting near the wreckage.

It was the first downing of a helicopter in the capital in the 10-month-old multinational mission in Somalia. The mission was begun to protect humanitarian efforts in the starving country, but has become increasingly bogged down in fighting with the forces of warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid.

A crowd of jubilant Somalis gathered around the wreckage, according to reporters who went to the scene several hours after the shooting.

Maj. David Stockwell, spokesman for the mission's United Nations command in Mogadishu, told The Associated Press that the helicopter was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade as it circled an area held by Aidid's fighters, causing an explosion and a fire.

The pilot was able to bring the Blackhawk in for a landing on a street some distance away, near the city's port.

"The aircraft was consumed by fire after landing," Stockwell said.

He said the pilot and co-pilot, both slightly wounded, determined that their fellow crewmen were dead and made their way on foot to a nearby control point manned by United Arab Emirates troops.

Pakistani troops and a company from the U.S. Quick Reaction Force also responded and came under fire from militiamen; three Pakistani soldiers and three Americans were wounded, Stockwell said.

The wounded Americans were in good condition, he said. The names of the dead and wounded Americans were not released.

Stockwell said Mogadishu's airport had taken six rounds of mortar fire around 2 a.m. and that the helicopter had observed the firing coming from a weapon near the former Presidential Palace.

The palace, on a low hill near the center of the city, is in an area controlled by Aidid. As the helicopter circled the palace, it was hit by what Stockwell described "a very lucky shot."

All attacks on forces in the U.N.-led mission in the past three months have been blamed on Aidid's fighters.

It was the worst loss of U.S. life since four American soldiers were killed on Aug. 8 when their military vehicle was ripped apart by a remotely detonated land mine.

Several helicopters have been hit by hostile fire in recent weeks. The helicopters, which patrol the city daily on reconnaissance missions called "Eyes Over Mogadishu," have been the most dramatic evidence of the U.N. presence.

The United Nations earlier urged all Americans to leave Mogadishu for fear they would be taken hostage by militiamen seeking the release of Osman Atto, a chief aide of Aidid arrested earlier this week.

Saturday, Italian journalist Massimo Alberizzi of the Milan daily *Corriere della Sera* said militiamen tried to force their way into his car and kidnap him, but he escaped when they realized he was not American.

Alberizzi said that he was trying to get to the downed helicopter when two armed men stopped his car. He kept shouting "I'm Italian, I'm Italian," as his driver tried to talk to the gunmen in Somali. Eventually they let Alberizzi and the driver go but stole the car.

"I think if I was an American they would have taken me," Alberizzi said by telephone to Nairobi.

Tension has increased in Mogadishu since Atto was arrested under U.N. Security Council Resolution 837, which calls for punishing those responsible for the deaths of the 24 Pakistanis in the June 5 ambush.

Atto was arrested under the authority of U.N. Security Council Resolution 837, which calls for the punishment of those responsible for the deaths of 24 Pakistani peacekeepers in an ambush on June 5.

Pakistani soldiers have often been a target of militia attacks in Mogadishu. Three were killed and seven wounded on Tuesday when Somali gunmen opened fire on a convoy.

The United Nations in May took over command of the multinational Somalia operation from the United States, which launched it in December to protect shipments of food to hundreds of thousands of starving Somalis. About 350,000 people died in Somalia in 1992 from famine caused by drought and aggravated by civil war.

Rights groups condemn U.S. immigration policy toward Haiti

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — The head of an international human rights group has accused the United States of complicity in Haiti's repression, saying Washington is rushing to turn over victims to their persecutors.

The accusation by Kenneth Roth, director of Human Rights Watch, came ahead of the release Sunday of a report criticizing U.S. immigration policy toward Haitians who have sought to flee their homeland following a 1991 coup.

The 37-page report, entitled "No Port in a Storm," chronicles the effects of a decision by former President Bush and President Clinton to ship back home all Haitian refugees captured at sea without first determining whether they are fleeing economic hardship or political persecution.

The report and Roth also denounced as slow and inconsistent the U.S. effort to interview asylum-seekers inside Haiti. They recommended sending more U.S. refugee officials to help with the workload.

Americas Watch, the National Coalition For Haitian Refugees and the Jesuit Refugee Service compiled the report with information as recent as mid-September.

The Associated Press obtained an advance copy of the report and spoke with Roth by telephone from New York, where Human Rights Watch is based, on Friday.

In Washington, U.S. State Department spokeswoman Maeve Dwyer said Saturday there would be no comment on the report until it had seen a copy. Immigration and Naturalization Service officials could not immediately be reached.

Roth said Washington's immigration policy toward Haitians "makes the U.S. government complicit in the ongoing repression taking place in Haiti by essentially handing back the victims to their persecutors."

The report urges Congress to investigate the State Department management of the immigration program inside Haiti and asks Attorney Gener-

al Janet Reno to begin reviewing case decisions for the Justice Department.

"The U.S. government has played a central role in the refugee crisis, going out of its way, on the high seas, to actively deny safe haven — and has called it 'rescue,'" the report concluded.

"It has further established an in-country processing program that cannot ... serve as an adequate response to the needs of Haitian asylum-seekers."

From June 1, 1992 through Aug. 3, 1993, U.S. officials in Haiti heard 2,785 asylum appeals, approving only 38. Only nine of the Haitians had entered the United States, the report said.

In interviews in Port-au-Prince, the Haitian capital, and interior cities,

people conducting research for the report cited beatings and arrests by army auxiliaries of Haitians waiting on a U.S. asylum decision.

In several cases detailed in the report, the United States rejected applicants who had been targets of persecution by the auxiliaries, known in Haiti as "attaches."

The United Nations blames thousands of armed "attaches" for recent killings that have threatened a U.N.-backed peace plan and crippled a transition government backed by exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

The violence prompted the U.N. Security Council on Thursday to increase a proposed force of international police trainers and army engineers from 1,000 to nearly 1,300.

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Mother's love and mother's milk

A return to nature's way is best, say Pampa moms

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
Lifestyles Editor

"It's definitely mother instinct," said René Jamerson as she cuddled two and half month old Kyle to her breast.

Jamerson is one of a host of women who have returned to Nature's way and breast feed their babies for nutritional, economic and emotional reasons.

She meets regularly with Kerri O'Neal and Ginger McVay to do a little basket making in a room full of toys and toddlers. The three women have nursed their babies together and feel a certain camaraderie about the way they are feeding their kids. They believe it to be the most beneficial to baby's emotional and physical well being and in the long run to their own.

Jamerson was advised to breast feed her children because her mother had breast cancer.

"It's better to let your breasts do what's natural for them," she said.

The Massachusetts native noted very little support for breast feeding among her family. Except for one aunt who was very supportive, Jamerson said she was asked how she knew her daughter Kelsey, now three, got enough to eat. Her pediatrician advised her to stop nursing because he believed Kelsey, who slept for long stretches, didn't get enough.

Jamerson agreed: "It's really in you."

The women agreed that her husband's opinion was paramount, and next to his was the good will of her physician.

"A mom is gonna listen to what a doctor says," McVay said.

O'Neal noted that times had changed in how breast feeding was regarded. When Kirby was born, her physician didn't encourage her to nurse. There was more encouragement with Jordan, six, and by the time Chad was born, friends gave her books and tapes and nursing was really in vogue.

"I wish I would have breast fed all three. I think it is really worth it," she said.

McVay's oldest daughter, Natalie, seven, was nursed without respite for six and a half months. Stephanie, four, was another story. Stephanie, unlike most babies was highly allergic to breast milk. For three and a half weeks, McVay tried to nurse her baby but Stephanie's allergy caused her to abandon the effort.

She felt guilty and unsure of the decision.

"I felt I was depriving her," she said.

Nine month old Trevor is a breeze - he nurses three times a day, eats quickly and runs off to play. It was easy from the beginning, she said. Trevor sucked his thumb in utero and when he was born he was ready



Ginger McVay and Trevor

"It broke my heart," she said about giving daughter Kelsey a bottle.

Jamerson was not easily swayed from what she believed to be best, however.

She continued: "I put my foot down. I was gonna nurse and that was it. I said I'm gonna go with my beliefs."

Baby Kyle didn't nurse so easily. Jamerson said stress in the household effected her and her baby and made nursing difficult. Jamerson said her milk wouldn't let down, and Kyle cried and couldn't be consoled. When the household stress subsided, mom and baby settled into a peaceful routine.

"Babies sense it when your stressed out," O'Neal, a mother of three said.

Her oldest child, Kirby, 9, was not nursed.

"I was only 20 and didn't know what to do," she said.

Without support and information, O'Neal gave up quickly.

"I wish I would have tried hard and breast fed all of them," she said.

One significant difference in nursing and bottle feeding is money.

"I spent a fortune on formula," O'Neal said. A case of ready-to-feed formula costs about \$15 a week.

Fifteen month old Chad got an occasional bottle - "It would give me a break," she said - but feeding him herself was a delight.

It is inconceivable to her how a conscientious mother can prop her baby in an infant seat with a bottle. She believes, as do many parenting experts, that the cuddling inherent in the nursing experience reinforces the emotional bonding experience.

"I think you bond right when its born," McVay, mother of three said.

to nurse the antibody rich colostrum that protects babies from many common illnesses.

"You feel so close to your baby. It is a neat feeling," she said.

Jamerson's babies slept with her, particularly in the morning hours when mom and baby would both drift off while feeding. McVay kept her babies in the same bedroom though not in the same bed.

The women agreed that it seems to them that older women are more in favor of breast feeding, because they are better educated about the benefits. Siblings participate in the nursing experience, too, as mom can read them a story or talk quietly while the infant nurses.

Convenience figures into the breast feeding equation, also.

"Breast feeding is just so much more convenient," O'Neal.

There are no bottles to wash and no formula to buy since the breast feeding mother has milk on tap.

After the initial days of pain and soreness to the breast, mom and baby develop a routine.

"It does get better the longer you nurse," McVay said.

High on their list of recommended reading is "Touch Points" by Dr. T. Berry Brazelton. Another winner is "The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding" written by the La Leche League.

Reading and sharing with other women, they find to be rewarding ways of learning to mother better.

"That's motherly to me," Jamerson said.



Kerry O'Neal and Chad



René Jamerson, Kelsey and Kyle

La Leche League says:

HINTS FOR SUCCESSFUL BREAST FEEDING

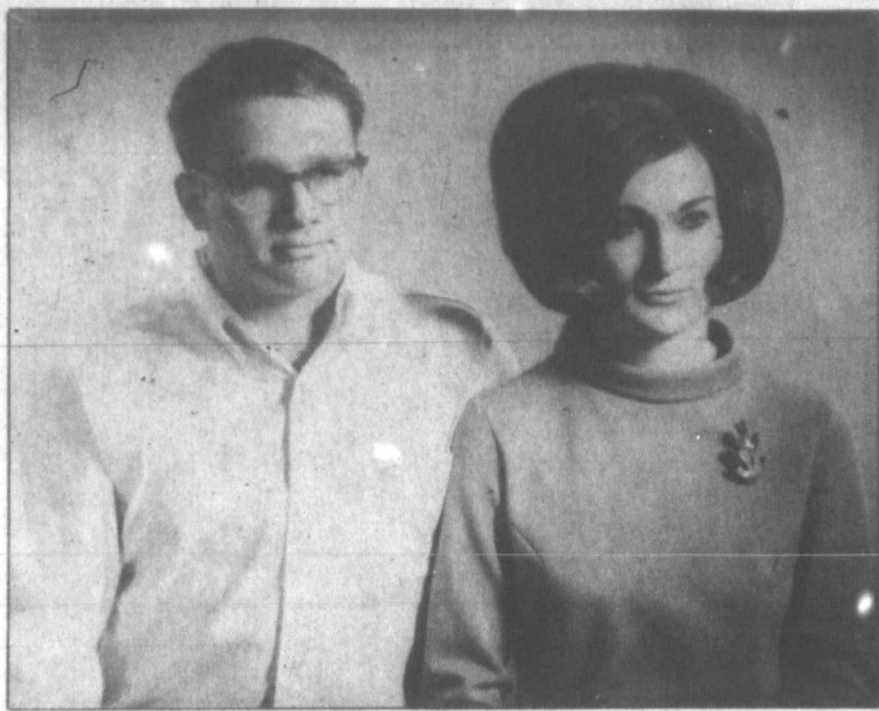
- Nurse soon after birth and often.
- Frequent nursing beginning immediately after birth will bring in the milk sooner and reduce engorgement. The more a woman nurses the more milk there will be.
- Have confidence in your ability to breast feed. It will take time to learn the techniques, but it can be done. Relax with baby; limit visitors and housework. Eat nutritious foods.
- Meet baby's emotional needs by holding him or her close, skin to skin.
- Don't worry if baby doesn't burp.
- Breast fed babies don't become constipated.
- The need for night feeding varies widely from baby to baby.
- At six weeks, the baby's demand for nursing may pick up. The increased nursing will build the milk supply to meet his higher demand.
- Don't be afraid to "baby the baby."
- Don't rush solid food feeding. Giving them too early may mean a decrease in milk supply.

- against illness.
- Breast milk provides all the nutrition a baby needs for at least the first six months of life.
- Mothers "immunize" their babies through breast feeding.
- Breast feeding provides a safety net for babies in disadvantaged environments.
- Breast feeding delays the return of fertility.
- Breast feeding has health benefits for mother.
- Human milk has advantages artificial foods cannot duplicate.
- Breast feeding provides maternal protection against breast cancer.
- Growth patterns of breast fed infants differ from those of bottle fed infants.
- Breast feeding has long term benefits.
- Human milk contains protection against bacterial growth.
- Allergy occurrence is less among breast fed infants.
- Breast feeding enhances development.
- Breast feeding enhances a woman's mothering role.
- Breast feeding does not increase maternal risks.

FACTS ABOUT BREAST FEEDING

- Breast feeding protects babies

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Edwin and Sandy East

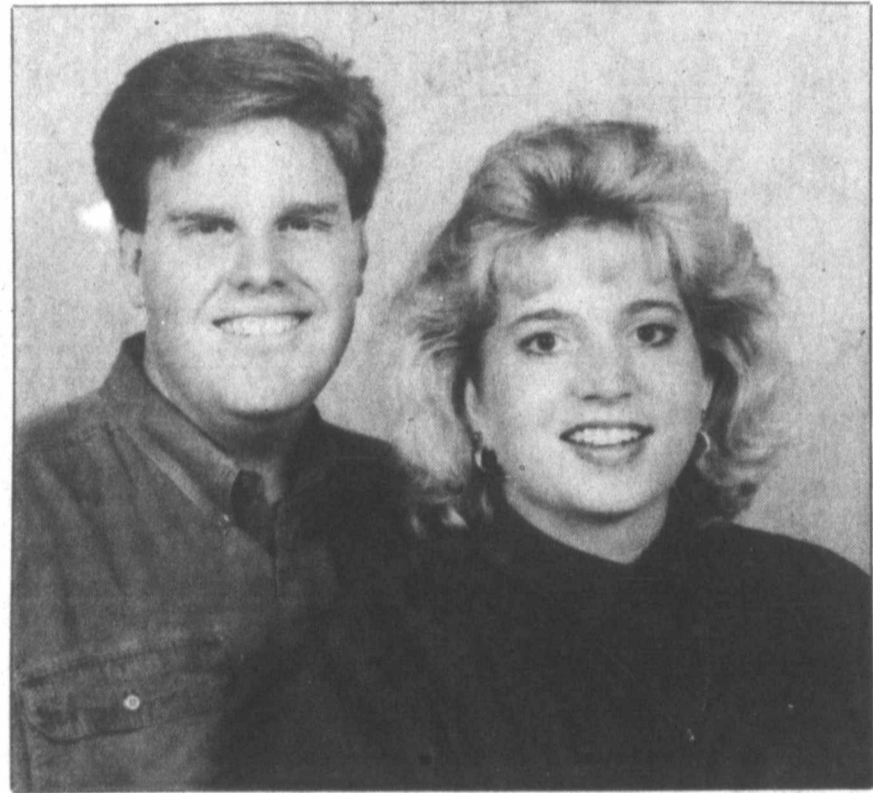
East anniversary

Edwin and Sandy East celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Aug. 31.

East married Sandra Lynette Lee in 1968 at Talco. She is a cosmetologist. He has worked for Mobil Oil for 20 years as a lease operator. They are members of Hi-Land Christian Church.

They are the parents of a son and daughter-in-law, Johnny and Lesli East, Canyon, and have a daughter, Cara, Pampa. They are the grandparents of Ashli Leighann East.

They celebrated with a trip to San Francisco, Lake Tahoe and Reno, Nev.



Judith Annette Joy and Samuel Harold Houdyshell

Joy - Houdyshell

Judith Annette Joy and Samuel Harold Houdyshell plan to marry Nov. 20 at San Jacinto Church of Christ in Amarillo.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Joy, Amarillo. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Houdyshell, Pampa.

The bride-elect attended Amarillo College and is employed with the pediatric department at Texas Tech Health Science Center. She volunteers with Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

He earned a bachelor of science degree in education in 1990 from West Texas State University. He is employed with Canyon Independent School District.

First edition Horatio Alger books take collectors from rags to riches

By COUNTRY LIVING
For AP Special Features

Horatio Alger's books told stories about going from rags to riches and that's what has happened to his books — a verifiable first edition in excellent condition can be worth as much as \$2,000.

Unfortunately, most Alger books found today are later reprints, Bruce E. Johnson wrote in an article in the current issue of *Country Living*, and when in poor condition they may fetch as little as \$10.

Alger wrote all or part of 123 novels, 11 of which were co-written by Edward Stratemeyer, a juvenile author Alger picked to complete his unfinished works. Complicating the lives of book collectors, more than 30 titles have been erroneously attributed to Alger. The author also wrote under several pseudonyms — Arthur Lee Putnam, Arthur Hamilton and Julian Starr.

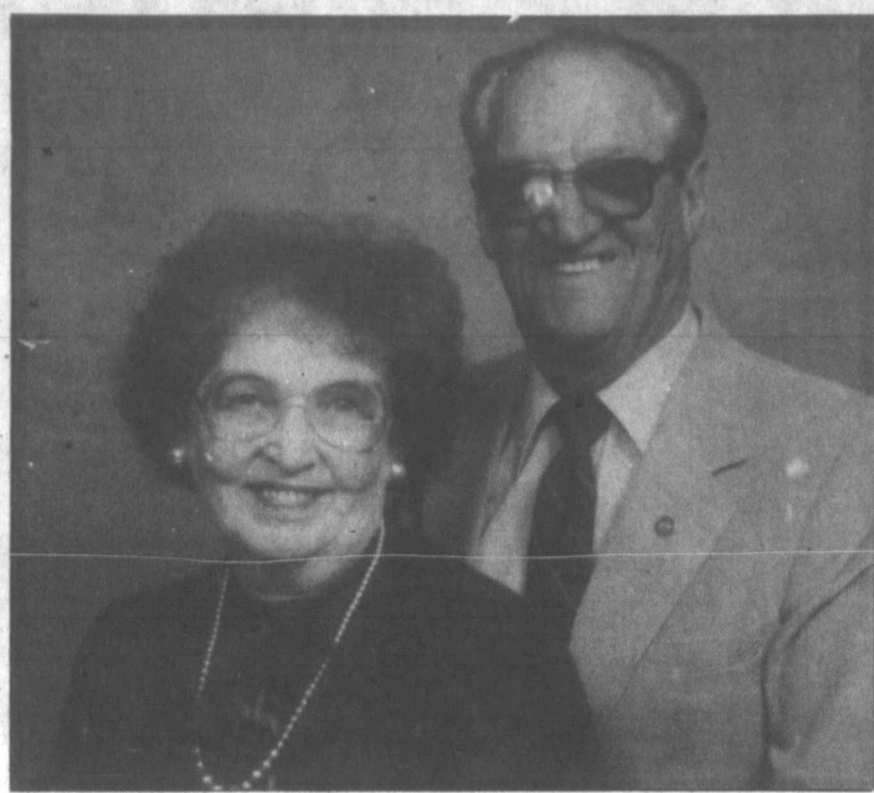
Two books published anonymously, "Timothy Crump's World" (1866) and "Nothing To Do" (1857), may be the rarest of all his published works.

The first installment of his "Ragged Dick; or, Street Life in New York" appeared in 1867, with a call for contributions to the Newsboys' Lodging House. But in his stories and novels, he made street

life more glamorous and less threatening than it really was. However, alcoholism, crime, physical and sexual abuse, prostitution and violence were absent from Alger's portrayal of survival on the streets.

In Alger's books the predictable scenario had a poor, homeless boy catch a glimpse of a better life and through hard work and dedication, achieve financial salvation.

A frail Horatio Alger died of heart disease on July 18, 1899. For several years after his death, more than 1 million copies of his novels were sold annually.



Mr. and Mrs. Myron J. (Mike) Porter

Porter anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Myron J. (Mike) Porter Sr. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 25.

Lt. Porter married Dorothy Stone on Sept. 25, 1943, in Fort Worth. They have lived in Pampa since 1946. He retired from Transwestern Pipeline Co. in 1983 with 22 years of service.

They are the parents of Jan McCathern, Snyder, Myron J. (Mikey) Porter Jr., San Marcos, Cheri Patterson, Amarillo, Rod T. Porter, Pampa, Jeanna Zuniga, Canyon, and Deanna Polasek, Lubbock. The Porters have 13 grandchildren.



Jennifer Kathryn Topper and Larry Scott Read

Topper - Read

Jennifer Kathryn Topper, Pampa, and Larry Scott Read, Krum, plan to marry Dec. 18 at Briarwood Church, Pampa.

She is the daughter of Mark and Kathy Topper and the granddaughter of the Mr. and Mrs. John Potts and the late William Brainard McIntire.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Emery, Justin. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Padgett of Krum.

The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Pampa High School. She attends Clarendon College-Pampa Center, pursuing a degree in elementary education. She is employed by Footprints.

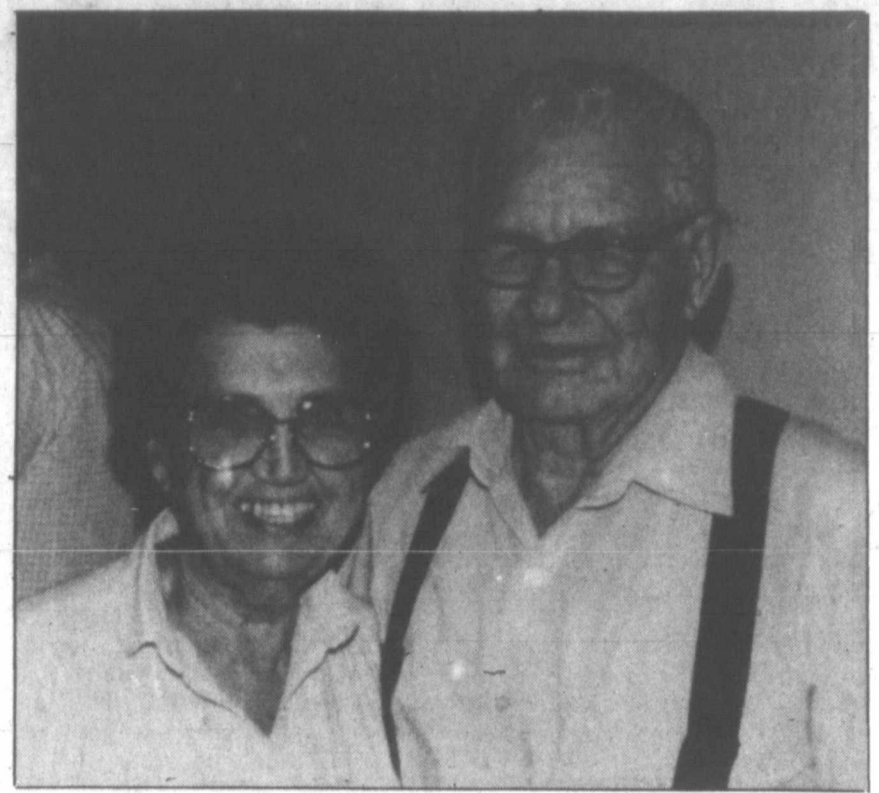
He is a 1992 graduate of Krum High School and attended Clarendon College. He is employed by WKM/Pampa Machine.

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Swedish-born engineer Gideon Sundback of Hoboken, N.J., patented the zipper in 1913.

James Monroe, the fifth president of the United States, was born in 1758 in Westmoreland County, Va.

Italian dictator Benito Mussolini and his mistress, trying to flee advancing Allied forces in 1945, were captured and executed by Italian partisans.



Leslie and Maggie Rush

Rush anniversary

Leslie and Maggie Rush celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with dinner at Danny's Market and a reception at their daughter's home on Saturday.

Rush married Maggie Harper on Sept. 27, 1933 in Booker. They have lived in Pampa 33 years. He retired from Phillips Petroleum, and they are members of the Church of Christ.

They are the parents of Marquetta Joiner, Pampa, Sharon R. Dixon and Travis Rush of Masterson, and Jerry Rush of Amarillo.

They are the grandparents of nine and great-grandparents of 14.

Lifestyles policies

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing weddings, engagements, or anniversaries. We reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope, or they may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.
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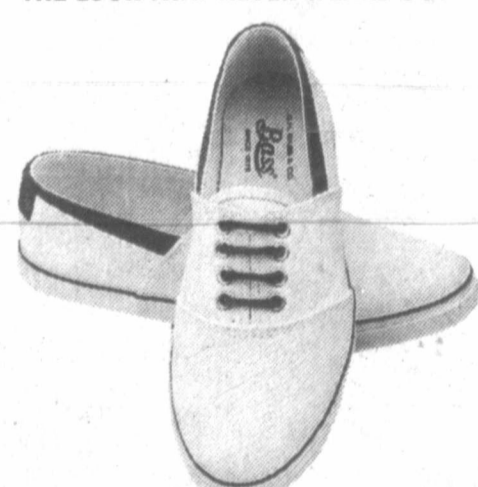
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Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

**What's in a name?
It's better not to ask**

DEAR ABBY: I have never written to you before, but I have enjoyed reading your column for many years. After reading about all the unusual names - most recently, the "Virgins" - I had to write and share my own experience.

My second husband was a Virgin. When we first met, he was playing in a band with his brothers; they called themselves "The Virgin Brothers from Cherryville, Missouri." (Yes, there is a little town by that name.)

Now, about the Virgin brothers: Their mother's name was Mary. The Virgin I married was named James. We had one son. We named him David - after the Biblical David. David also became a musician. He has lived with his girlfriend for six years and they are planning to marry soon - then his wife will become a Virgin. I am now 62 years young, divorced some 20 years ago, and I am still a Virgin.

By the way, I live on St. Matthews Street, and if you use this in your column, you have my permission to use my name.

JEANNINE VIRGIN,
JONESBORO, ARK.

DEAR JEANNINE VIRGIN: As you know, I telephoned you to verify that this letter was not a put-on. Thank you for permitting me to use your name. An item such as this is more believable when it bears a signature.

Garnet Poole celebrates happy day

Fall arrived officially a few days ago. Unofficially, here's what happened around town before the first day of fall.

If you need two people to get a guest of honor to a surprise birthday party, all you have to do is call Peggy and Al Soukup. Last Saturday their duty was to get Jackie and Garnet Poole to the Sportsman's Club to a surprise 80th birthday party for Garnet, hosted by the Shriners, which they did with finesse. After a detour or two included in Plan A, Garnet was (1) inside the club door where dozens of guests burst out singing "Happy Birthday" and (2) surprised beyond a doubt. Benny and Joann Shackelford did their share of secret work by keeping Garnet's nieces Virginia and Kathy Peck of California as overnight guests in their home.

Their daughter Sharla Shackelford Davidson of the Metroplex area was still another surprise to the girls. For two hours guests seemed to pour in to share hugs, laughs, visiting, birthday cake and refreshments. Cameras clicked to add pictures to Garnet's life long collection of photos displayed at the party. Shriners showed their appreciation to Garnet for being a big reason why their catered barbecues have been so much in demand for 25 years or more.

The big question is: how will Garnet and Jackie react the next time Peggy and Al invited them to dinner?

Belated congratulations, Garnet, on a milestone birthday and a well deserved celebration!

Kind words to members of the Pampa Art Club who loaned at least 30 of their paintings to Coronado Hospital and Coronado Medical Building before the grand opening on Sunday. Bill O'Brien assistant administrator helped hang the art pieces. Dona Cornutt had helped collect the paintings. Among the artists present were Jessie Newberry, club vice president and one time assistant director of nurses at Highland General Hospital. Do take time to look at the work of our local artists.

Congratulations to Coronado



Peeking at Pampa By Katie

Hospital for serving the community for the past 12 years. Every day last week there was something special to celebrate the anniversary. One day employees displayed their arts and crafts. Katherine Gibby displayed intricately detailed Hallowe'en decorations. Carla Mynear displayed some art pieces and a book of poetry containing a poem she wrote for publication. Evelyn Reager brought several of her handmade quilts. Another day employees brought baked items with recipes to share and another day made their own yogurt pile-ons.

Congratulations to the hospital for the investment of a building designed to bring better medical care to Pampa.

A lone rose bloomed in the flower beds at the home of Lloyd and Virginia Gooch, whose flower-beds are always in perfect order all season long. Every blade of grass in the front yard of Billie and G.W. James is a rich, dark shade of green. Beautiful!

Beautiful also describes the way Burton Bearden looked all dressed up in navy.

Members of the Texas Panhandlers took 11 recreational vehicles to Lake Fryer for a camping trip last Thursday through Sunday. The campers shared potluck meals under a tree. Virginia Gooch, Melva Brown and Geneva Dalton made freezers of ice cream for the happy campers. Favorite activities are sitting around the camp fire, fishing, playing "31." Some took in the antique tractor show and Mark Buzard took time out for a round of golf. Campers were Nathan and Nelda Lancaster, Lee and Melva

Brown, Paul and Geneva Dalton, James and Pat Winkleblack, Juanita Rash, Mark and Mary Buzzard, Johnny and Wauline Reynolds, Ed and Charlotte Hogan, Earl and Jean Meaker, Bill and Thelma Barton.

Johnnie and Howard Price are home after a summer of camping at Cottonwood Cove, Colo. Jean Bennett, Sandy Bullard, Bunny Anderson, Nancy Davis and from Hutchinson, Kan., Mary Ann Marx, an international officer of Women of the Moose attended the state convention of the Women of the Moose in Odessa last week. Audie Dick represented the Loyal Order of the Moose.

Norma and Frank Slagle, their daughter, Medina, and her husband, Sadir Joshi from Dallas and daughter Peggy Baggerman of Arlington met in Rowlett for a family get together as the secondary reason. The primary reason was to get acquainted with Norma's new grandson John Kyle Baggerman, first son of Roger and Robin Baggerman. Jill and Lauren, best sisters of Kyle, completed the family picture. Yes, Norma has lots of pictures to share!

Visiting Velma and Eldon Carter were their son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Barsha Carter from Coles Point, Md. Joe has been with the Baltimore Power and Light and Atomic Plant for 22 years. They live on Chesapeake Bay, two blocks from the lighthouse. Joe has "seen the world" since he graduated from Lefors High School in 1960.

Mary and J.C. Jackson of Elephant Butte are visiting relatives and friends in Lefors and Pampa. See you next week, Katie.

Menus

Sept. 27-Oct. 1

Pampa Meals on Wheels Monday Stew, cornbread, cookies. Tuesday Shepherd's pies, green beans, cottage cheese, fruit cocktail. Wednesday Seasoned chicken, peas, candied carrots, jello. Thursday Chopped sirloin with mushroom gravy, rice pilaf, tomatoes, pudding. Friday Barbecue weiners, macaroni and cheese, cabbage, applesauce. Pampa Senior Citizens Monday Chicken fried steak or chicken a la king; mashed potatoes, beets, spinach, pinto beans; slaw, tossed or jello salad; custard pie or carrot cake, cornbread or hot rolls. Tuesday Kraut and sausage or chicken fried chicken breasts; fried okra, mashed potatoes, corn, lima beans, slaw, toss or jello salad, orange cake or chocolate pie, hot rolls or cornbread. Wednesday Roast beef brisket with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots; turnip greens, slaw, toss or jello salad, applesauce cake peach cobbler, hot rolls or cornbread. Thursday Meat loaf or baked ham with fruit sauce, yams, green beans, broccoli casserole, slaw, toss or jello salad, applesauce cake peach cobbler, hot rolls or cornbread. Friday Fried cod fish or chile rellenos, French fries, English peas, Spanish hominy, slaw, toss or jello salad, angel food cake or butter-scotch pie, garlic bread, cornbread or hot rolls. Pampa Schools Monday Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, fruit or juice, choice of milk. Lunch: Sloppy joe, French fries,	mixed fruit, choice of milk. Tuesday Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, fruit or juice, choice of milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, gravy, peaches, hot roll, choice of milk. Wednesday Breakfast: Rice, toast, fruit or juice, choice of milk. Lunch: Beef stroganoff over noodles, green beans, applesauce, hot roll, choice of milk. Thursday Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, cereal, juice, milk, peanut butter. Lunch: Salisbury steak, potatoes, gravy, blackeyed peas, rolls, peach crisp, milk. Tuesday Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits, turnip greens, slaw, toss or jello salad, chery cobbler or German chocolate cake, hot rolls or cornbread. Thursday Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, potatoes, gravy, English peas, hot rolls, apple cobbler, milk, salad bar. Thursday Breakfast: French toast sticks, cereal, juice, milk, peanut butter. Lunch: Hot dogs, chili, cheese, tater tot, corn, pineapple, milk, salad bar. Friday Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburger or barbecue, HB salad, oven fries, chocolate pudding, milk.
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4-H Banquet scheduled for October 9

- DATES**
27 — Financing College Program, 7 p.m., Lefors School Cafeteria
28 — Rabbit Raiders Beginners meeting, 7 p.m., Annex
4-H COUNCIL
The Gray County 4-H Council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the

4-H Futures & Features

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ Fellowship Hall. Plans for the 4-H achievement banquet and the volunteer appreciation dinner

will be made.
4-H BANQUET
All 4-H families are encouraged to make plans to attend the 4-H achievement banquet on October 9 at the Devils Rope Museum in McLean. The dinner will begin at 6 p.m. This is a family affair and dress is western/casual. Ya'll come!
4-H BAKE SHOW
Congratulations to Lori Stephens of the Grandview 4-H Club for representing Gray County in the 4-H Bake Show at the Tri-State Fair!
4-H ENROLLMENT
REMINDER
It's not too late to sign up for 4-H! If you have not completed a green 4-H enrollment form, we encourage you to do so soon! You don't want to miss out on any of the great opportunities! Call or come by the Gray County Extension Office.

VOLUNTEER LEADERS MEETING
Katie McDonald, Gray County 4-H Leader and District 4-H Adult Leader Association president, participated in the fall meeting of the 4-H Volunteer Leader's Association of Texas, September 17-19. She participated in several workshops and is ready to share ideas with others!
4-H LEADER OPPORTUNITIES
4-H volunteer leaders may apply to judge various state events and/or chaperon 4-H'ers attending state or national events in 1994. Opportunities are available to judge state Roundup contests and 4-H record-books. Adults may apply to help with 4-H Roundup registration and assemblies. Chaperon opportunities are available for National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C., Texas 4-H Congress in Austin, and National 4-H Congress in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.
For more information or to apply, contact the Extension Office before Oct. 8.

Don't forget protective gear for skaters

MINNETONKA, Minn. (AP) — The end of summer doesn't mean the end of outdoor activities. If you're considering in-line skating, don't jump into the sport unprepared or unprotected. All skaters, no matter what age, skating ability or level of fitness, need to wear protective gear every time they skate, says Rollerblade Inc., maker of in-line skates. This protective gear includes knee and elbow pads, wrist guards and a helmet.



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Lee Miller
Linda Sue Young

Young - Miller

Linda Sue Young of San Antonio and Mark Lee Miller, formerly of Pampa, now of San Antonio, were married Sept. 4 at 2638 Fir by Justice of the Peace Robert H. Muns. The bride is the daughter of Edie and Allen Young, Pampa. The groom is the son of Dorris Jean Miller, Pampa. Serving as matrons of honor were Barbara Allen Burhenn, Tyrone, Okla., and Jeannie Elizabeth Hennig, Wheeler. Jennifer Nicole Whitson, San Antonio, was flower girl. Standing as best men were Clay Miller, Amarillo, and Marlin Miller, Pampa. Richard Alexander Whitson, San Antonio, was ring bearer. Ushers were David Carl Burhenn, Tyrone, Okla., and Micheal Andrew Hennig, Wheeler. Guests were registered by Mary Anne Clark of Pampa. Following the ceremony, the couple was honored with a reception in the home. Guests were served by Sandra Smith, San Antonio, Diana Franks, Pampa, and Lynn Free Miller, Pampa. The bride is a U.S. Air Force technical sergeant stationed at Kelly Air Force Base, San Antonio. She has served for 14 years. During Desert Storm, she served in The Netherlands. She is a 1978 Pampa High School graduate.

The groom is employed by Airtrane Heating and Air Conditioning in San Antonio. He is a 1978 graduate of White Deer High School. He attended college in Lawrence, Kan., graduating in the top third of his class with honors. He earned an associates degree. They plan to return to San Antonio, and in January go to Germany for four years.

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Boots for autumn in step with Edwardian styles

By FRANCINE PARNES
For AP Special Features

Boots may be made for walking, but they're also right in step with fall's Edwardian styles. They're laced-up, made of tapestry and velvet, and, in a word, are romantic. Dandy-inspired riding boots are riding high. Ditto old-time granny boots and skater's styles. Whether they stop at the ankle or scale the leg, they've got you covered.

On a more down-to-earth level, hiking boots and sturdy work boots are also stomping into the spotlight. "Fall is definitely all about boots," says Vivian Infantino, fashion director of Footwear News, a New York trade publication.

At Donna Karan's fall show, black antique velvet gowns matched high-heeled lace-up granny boots.

"Boots were the story on the runway," says Karan. "They're the answer to everything."

Karan revisits the turn of the century with granny boots in suede or velvet, in black, plum, taupe or dark brown. They're about \$550 at Barneys, Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus.

"The major boot," says Wilmer Weiss of San Francisco's I. Magnin, "is the granny or suffragette. It's the most stylish-looking, because it's the kind of boot worn in the Victorian period."

"It pulls together the white poet shirt, frock coat and velvet beret," he says. "It works with the quasicostume look."

Pick one that rises just short of the calf, says Weiss. For a bit more rise, there are knee-high riding boots, and "cavalier" boots that cover the knee. Tuck your jodhpurs inside, and add a frock coat, Weiss says. At I. Magnin, a black suede cavalier boot by Yves Saint Laurent is \$348.

Boots provide a little weight beneath your foot to offset today's longer lengths.

"This collection is about how to answer the question of hemlines," says Karan. "I've always found that if you're wearing a pair of

boots, any proportion works."

If you count among the well-shod women who teamed tough Doc Martens this summer with tender floral tea dresses, you're on the right track. Many of today's boots rest on thick soles.

"Doc Marten shoes inspired the new look in many ways," says Kalman Ruttenstein, vice president for fashion direction at Bloomingdale's in New York. "They gave a heaviness to the sole and let all those kids walk with conviction."

Designers have made the boot more sophisticated, so it's not quite so clunky, but it certainly could have a lug sole, says Infantino. The styles that carry the most weight—literally and figuratively—are rugged hiking boots, construction boots and their progeny.

You know outdoorsy boots can do no wrong when you see Eskimo-style mukluks walk down Chanel's fall runway, L.L. Bean duck boots at Oscar de la Renta, galoshes at Liz Claiborne, and platform-soled hiking boots at Byron Lars.

Today's styles are built more for beauty than for climbing the Rockies.

"The newest boots are hiking boots, especially when done in a non-traditional material such as suede or velvet," says Ruttenstein.

On a lighter note, there are plenty of shoes that could practically pass for boots. Typically hugging the ankle, they're heavy on style but not on weight, with a daintier stance.

"Pumps are suddenly passe," Infantino says. "That does not mean that millions of women who go to work will stop wearing them. But pumps are not a fashion look anymore, and instead you may be looking for a strapped shoe."

"Mary Janes are becoming a little cult of fashion," says Infantino. "They're being done with simple, thin little instep straps and a medium heel. Then you can go into double or triple or quadruple strappers. As they go up the foot, it gives you that boot feeling."

High-heeled lace-up oxford booties do the trick, too. Yves Saint Laurent offers one in black or brown suede, \$245 at I. Magnin.

Tribute to Woody Guthrie set for Oct. 2

Pampa's Tribute to Woody Guthrie - An American Folk Hero, is set for Oct. 2.

This is the second year of the celebration, which honors Guthrie, an eight year long Pampa resident. It is the 26th anniversary of Guthrie's death on Oct. 3, 1967 in New York City of Huntington's chorea.

A full day of activities are planned, according to organizer Thelma Bray. Beginning at 10 a.m., a planning session for long range projects is set for the Quivera Room at Coronado Inn.

Guthrie's words and music are to be celebrated at 2 p.m. in Central Park. Performing will be the Pampa Elementary Chorus, directed by Wanetta Hill. Other musicians include Jack and Carolyn Selby, Frank Bonner, Balco, Okla., Bob Reeves, Bill Barnett and Matt Jennings, Austin.

For the family and friends of Guthrie, a tour of his first home in Pampa, the veteran's monument, the Woody Guthrie Memorial Highway signs and the Rusty Neef musical sculpture entitled "This Land is Your Land" is planned.

A dinner is set for 7 p.m. in the Starlight Room of Coronado Inn. Guy Logsdon, Tulsa, Okla., will present a program about Guthrie based on his studies of his life and music.



Woody Guthrie

E. coli important cause of food borne illness

Food safety issues have taken the limelight over the past year with the problems associated with the Escherichia Coli (E.coli) pathogen. E.coli 0157:H7 is the name of the new strain of E.coli that surfaced in 1982 and is recognized as an important cause of foodborne illness in the United States, Canada, and United Kingdom.

The new strain of E.coli can range from self-limiting watery diarrhea to life threatening symptoms such as severe bloody diarrhea, kidney failure or blood clots in the brain. It causes severe bleeding in the intestine. The time exposure until symptoms develop is from three to nine days; the illness usually lasts from two to nine days.

The three major symptoms include: (1) sudden onset of severe abdominal cramps, followed within 24 hours by watery diarrhea that later becomes bloody; (2) vomiting that may occur with little or no fever; (3) a decrease in the number

of blood platelets that may involve the central nervous system.

To prevent exposure to the new strain of E.coli, follow these three simple rules:

(1) Cook all ground beef until it is well done and the juices run clear. Grinding meat exposes it to the air and mixes many sources of meat together. Thorough cooking kills most bacteria that could be present.

(2) Practice good personal hygiene. For example, wash your hands after using the rest room, before touching food and before eating. The E.coli on hands can be

spread by touching another person and also by touching foods which have not been cooked sufficiently.

(3) Avoid cross-contamination of foods. Do not allow any uncooked meats to touch any salad ingredients or other foods that will not be cooked.

The Food Safety and Inspection Service suggests the following:

— Never drink raw milk. Use pasteurized milk.
— After shopping, quickly freeze or refrigerate perishable foods.
— Use refrigerated ground meat and patties in one or two days;

frozen meat and patties in three to four months.

— Wash hands, utensils and work areas with hot soapy water after contact with raw meat.

— Follow rules of personal hygiene, especially after bathroom use or after diapering of infants.

— Cook meat until the center is gray or brown. Juices should run clear with no trace of pink. All meat, poultry, and fish should be well cooked.

— If eating out, send back any meat, poultry, or fish product that does not appear to be cooked thoroughly.

— Serve cooked foods with clean plates and utensils

— Microwave carefully. If your oven is a lower wattage than what is shown in the instructions, you need to cook food longer or at a higher setting.

For more information on food safety, contact your Gray County Extension Office.

Homemakers' News

Donna Brauchi



Social Security sets schedule of visits

A representative of the Pampa Social Security office will be in the towns shown below on the date listed.

This person will be glad to assist you with your Social Security matters. Almost all Social Security business can be handled by telephone. Social Security has a toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, available to those wishing to make inquiries or appointments.

For information on Medicare claims call 1-800-442-2620 in Texas, and 1-800-522-7079 in Oklahoma.

Pampa Social Security Office is located at 125 South Gillespie. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m.,

Monday through Friday, except on national holidays.

Borger, Municipal Court Room, 9 a.m.-noon, Oct. 1, Nov.1 and Dec. 6

Canadian, Court House, 9:45 a.m.-noon, Oct.7

Perryton, Court House, 9:45-noon, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8

Shamrock, Justice of the Peace Court, 1:30 -2:30 p.m., Oct. 12

Spearman, Courthouse, 10 -11:30 a.m., Oct. 14

Note: Beginning in October 1993 the Social Security Representative will be at the Southwestern Public Service Building, Reddy Room, 202 NE 5th Street, Guymon, Okla.

All visits are subject to change or cancellation.

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HOWARD WOLF

Club News

Recycle Teenagers of Highland Baptist Church met Sept. 3. Sixteen people traveled to Lake McClellan for a hamburger and hot dog cook-out. Some of the men in the group fished.

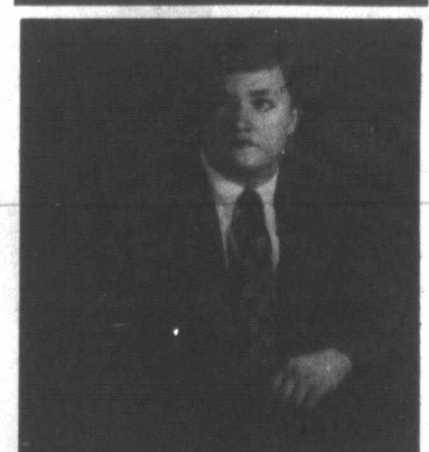
The next meeting is set for 11 a.m. Oct.1 at the church.

The charity ball committee of Junior Service League met Sept. 14 in the home of Jan Haynes.

Members are planning the ball set for Jan. 29, 1994. T-shirts were selected with the theme "A Trip Around the World." Decorations, food, budget and invitations were discussed.

The next meeting is set for 7 p.m. Oct. 12.

Newsmaker



Cam Heath Moore

Cam Heath Moore is an August graduate of Texas Tech University, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in environmental studies with a minor in meteorology. He plans to earn a bachelor of science degree in geoscience from Mississippi State University in January, 1994. He has been doing fill-in weather for KCBD-TV in Lubbock.

On Nov. 1, he and his wife, Kathy, will be moving to Souix City, Iowa, where he will be affiliated with KMEG-TV as a full time meteorologist.

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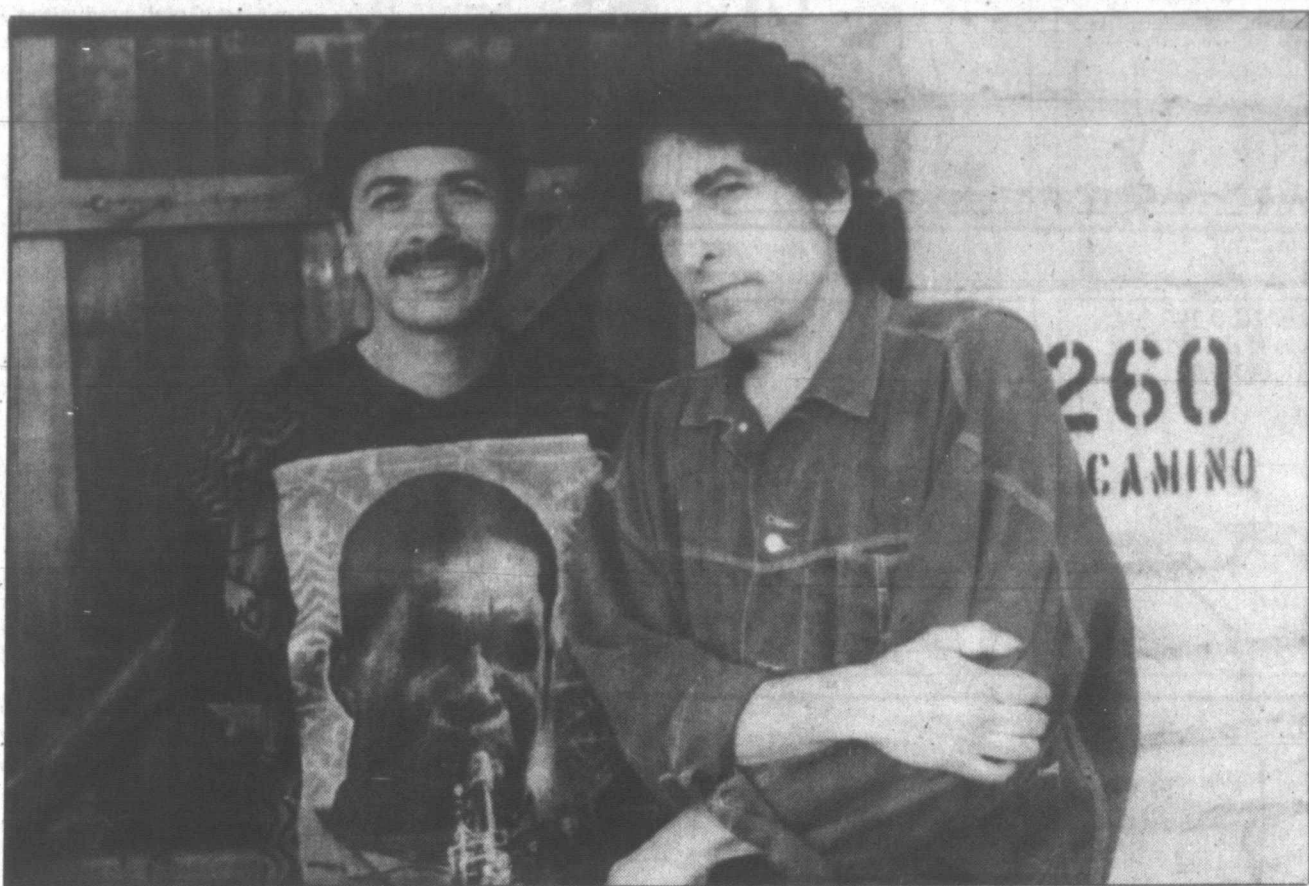
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Entertainment



(AP photo)

Rock icons Carlos Santana, left, and Bob Dylan pose together in Los Angeles.

Bob Dylan — just a working musician

By JENNIFER BOWLES
Associated Press Writer

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Forget the tributes, drop the hero worship: Bob Dylan just wants to be known as a working musician.

"It's all about a livelihood. ... It's all about going out and playing," he said, his blue eyes sparkling. "That's what every musician who has ever crossed my path strives for."

Yes, but Bob Dylan isn't just the Average Joe musician.

He strolls into a small, stuffy room at his manager's office, wearing jeans and cowboy boots topped off with a black Australian cowboy hat. He sits down in a chair, leans back and plucks the hat off his head, propping it on his knee where it rests for nearly an hour.

Dylan, who rarely gives interviews, is clearly uncomfortable at first, not divulging much and giving terse replies. But it doesn't take long for him to shed his elusive facade, exhibiting annoyance at today's music, bashfulness about his own achievements and fervor about taking his guitar and harmonica on the road again.

"To me it's a dream come true," he says. "What could be bad about traveling places, seeing different things, moving? It keeps you alive."

In his latest North American tour, he's paired up with old pal Carlos Santana, allowing concertgoers to hear the contrasting sounds of Dylan's folksy rock music with the Santana's fusion of Latin American, African and blues rhythms.

It was Dylan who inspired Santana back in the 1960s with such classics as "Blowin' in the Wind" and "Like a Rolling Stone" — songs that helped

bring social consciousness to rock.

"Life to me is like light and you're the projector, man. If you don't like what you're showing just change the light. He (Dylan) made me aware of that," Santana said.

"With most bands, as soon as you unplug the amplifier it's over. Not with his music, not with my music. When people go home, men or women, they feel pregnant with his consciousness. And they go home and they want to cook something delicious or they want to write poetry because it's very infectious."

As Dylan hears all this coming from his friend seated on a nearby couch, he stares off into the corner as if he's not listening. When asked about the adulation, he says simply: "Well, my feelings are the same about Carlos' music. It's great to be supported by your fellow musicians."

At 52, Dylan's stature as rock 'n' roll sage is perhaps only rivaled by the late John Lennon. Although he has inspired everything from a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award to an obsessed fan sifting through his garbage, he tries not to think about it.

"It's important to be impervious to all that stuff," he said. "Maybe if my shows weren't continuing year after year it would give me some sense of satisfaction."

Dylan has carried his music through three decades of constant change, but he's not real happy about how the music industry has evolved.

"Music can save people, but it can't in the commercial way it's being used. It's just too much. It's pollution," he said.

"Have you ever been in the city, walking down the street, and the car comes down the street, 'Boom,

Boom, Boom, Boom, Boom.' It's like a *Jaws* movie or something. It's frightening. You know it is," he says, mimicking the beat of a rap song. " 'Boom, Boom, Boom, Boom, Boom.' You want to take a machine gun and blast it off the street."

He uses an analogy of two very different German composers to explain the difference between his music and the songs that jam the radio waves.

"My feeling is that the guy who's taken up modern music is what you hear in Wagner," Dylan said. "Wagner, to me, is like one of the archcriminals of all time. Like Beethoven would be the antithesis of Wagner, and Beethoven you didn't hear very much."

"Wagner makes you feel gloomy and depressed, but he's popular too, and he dictates the music of the day whether you like it or not," Dylan said.

Though Beethoven didn't start his career playing in coffee houses, he and Dylan share the same romantic view of music.

"Music is what saved me in this world. It gave me something to do when others around me were just doing stuff which didn't interest me. My heart wasn't into any of that other stuff."

"The music grabbed me. It just grabbed my heart, you know. And it's been important not to trample on that and not to explore it and not let others make something out of it what they would prefer to make it."

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New series looks at small-town life

By LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The sun is shining, the smog is only medium muddy and the bagel that TV writer and producer Dave Alan Johnson is munching isn't half bad for Southern California.

Better yet, *Against the Grain*, the new NBC series Johnson created with Michael Pavone, is set to debut Oct. 1. So why is this man getting red-eyed at the deli table? And why is series star Donna Bullock also welling up?

Because they believe in the show they're crafting, an hour-long drama about contemporary small-town life that hits close to home for both Johnson and Bullock.

Viewers may find themselves shedding tears of gratitude for *Against the Grain*, a poignant series with a light touch. It's a show that reminds us family values have nothing to do with political coinage.

"I have strong beliefs. I want to work on something I believe in, that I'm proud to say 'It's mine,'" said Johnson, a native of Buffalo Center, Iowa, population roughly 1,100.

"For this one, we have a lot at stake," he said. "It's so close to me, it's genetic," says Bullock, whose family has its roots in the "tiny, tiny town" of Thornton, Texas. "It's all the lineage of all the women in my family and all their frustrations."

The series, which premieres at 7 p.m. CDT, is set in fictional Sumpter, the kind of Texas town where high school football transcends sport and becomes religion.

The focus is the Clemons family: husband and wife Ed and Maggie (John Terry, Bullock), teenager Joe Willie (Ben Affleck), 11-year-old Jenny (Vanessa Lee Evigan) and college student Jill (Robyn Lively).

Ed is an insurance salesman. Nearly 20 years ago, he entered the ranks of the exalted when he carried Sumpter High's team to victory at the state championship, but a pro career eluded him.

When a crisis makes him reexamine his life, and the Sumpter football coach is conveniently removed, Ed gets back into the game. He turns over his business to Maggie, who had been concentrating on family, not career.

As coach, Ed is determined to make a difference: Players are expected to learn, not just shine on the football field, he tells the incredulous team. And even the star quarterback is subject to the rules.

His approach puts Clemons at odds with the town's ardent football boosters, whose goal is simply to win and win big. This is FOOTBALL we're talking; this is serious.

"It's your life. It's school pride. It's town pride," explains Johnson, himself a star high school athlete in Buffalo Center and still looking the part as a fit, thirtysomething ex-Iowan.

For the series, he said, "the sports fanaticism is a fabric, a backdrop. It gives it its own kind of color, its own kind of appeal. But it's the emotional issues we want to hit."

The give-and-take of families and friends; the everyday choices that test people, and even a nice dollop of humor — not the yuk-yuk, forced sitcom brand — are at the heart of *Against the Grain*.

And no violence advisory is likely.

"There's a sense of safety in this show. There's a sense people care for each other. You don't think anybody's going to go out and get mugged," says Johnson.

The cast is uniformly excellent, from the stars to the colorful supporting players who manage (thankfully) to avoid cliché good-ole-boyisms.

Johnson and Pavone themselves are sidestepping the kind of provincial insularism that might alienate the urban TV crowd. Pavone's Queens, N.Y., background comes in handy.

"The way we judge everything is it has to be authentic to me and it has to be relatable to him," Johnson said. "He'll do some things that are neat story ideas, but it's not legitimate."

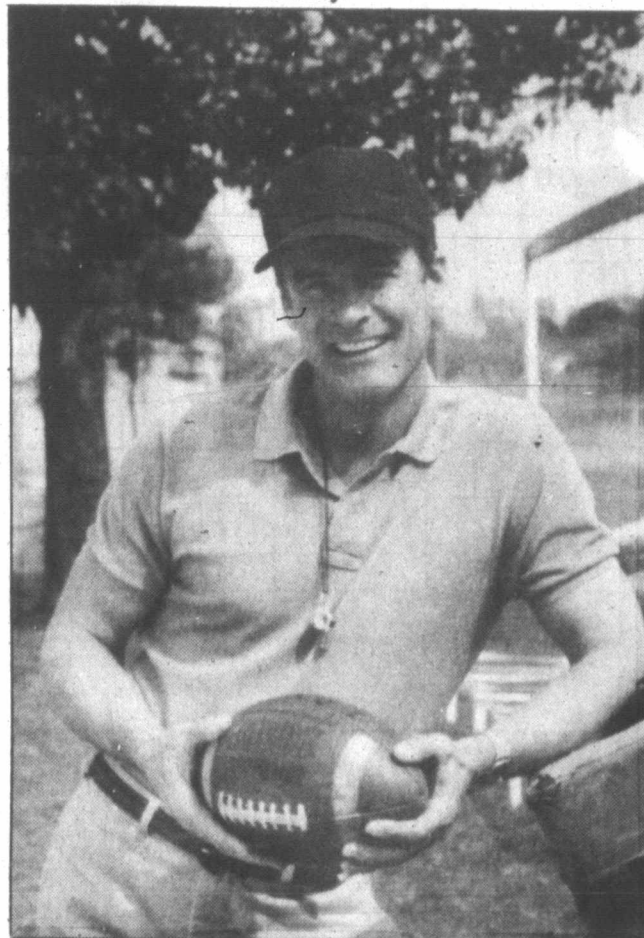
"I'll come up with some things and he'll say, 'I don't get it.'"

There are a couple of factors beyond their control. The show's Friday time slot means it airs when folks who might be drawn by its football theme may be out at real school games.

And excellence doesn't always mean success: Witness the network demise of such recent series as *I'll Fly Away* and *Brooklyn Bridge* (for which Johnson and Pavone wrote).

"If I sat down and thought about it long enough, it would make you go crazy," he said.

Or at least make a fella cry.

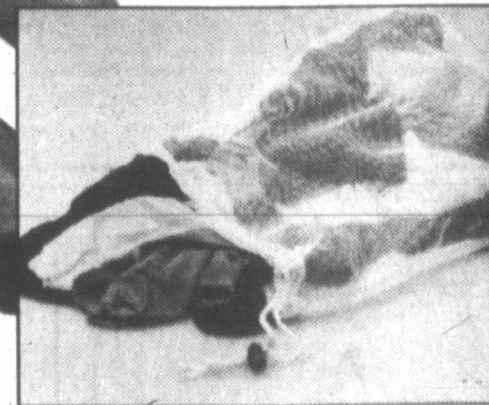


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Actor John Terry portrays Ed Clemons, an insurance man who leaves his business to become a high school football coach, on the new NBC drama, *Against the Grain*.

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- 9 Puppy noise
- 12 Adam's grandson
- 13 Barrel band
- 14 Summer cooler
- 15 Let fall
- 16 Bystander
- 18 Actor Alastair —
- 19 Resort
- 20 Future LL.Bs. exam
- 21 Garments
- 23 Collar shape
- 25 Auto racer — Andretti
- 26 Love affair
- 30 Fancy
- 32 Ancient
- 33 Lair
- 34 Produced
- 36 Most nervous

DOWN

- 1 Cincinnati ball club
- 2 Incomparable
- 3 Weapon that returns
- 4 Snake
- 5 Cuts
- 6 Mrs. Charles Chaplin
- 7 Mountain
- 8 GI's address
- 9 Asian oxen
- 10 Notion
- 11 Saucy
- 17 Olive genus
- 19 The Three
- 22 Relative
- 23 Ballot
- 24 Green gem
- 25 Ancient Persian
- 26 — and rave
- 27 Midwestern college (2 wds.)
- 28 Perceptive
- 29 Whirlpool
- 31 Remainder
- 35 Exist
- 37 The same
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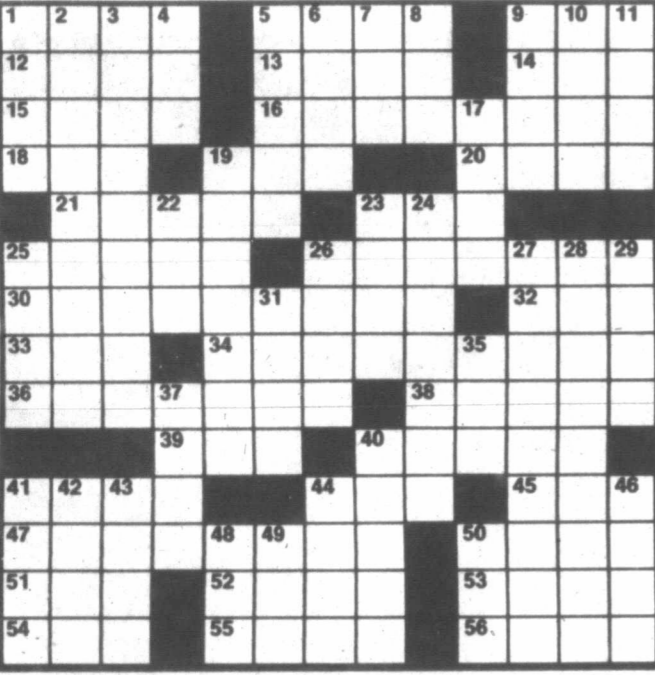
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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Persons with whom you'll be involved today will be inclined to cooperate with you rather than oppose you. All they ask is for you to set the course of action.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're able to stimulate developments which others initiate today. In the process you'll find a niche for yourself, because your presence will meet a real need.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You'll be inclined to mirror the behavior of your companions today. It behooves you to associate with active friends rather than those who feel no urgency in life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Difficult objectives can be achieved today, provided you're properly motivated. If the rewards are worthwhile, you'll give the endeavor your maximum effort.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your greatest asset today is your ability to reorganize situations that are beginning to fray at the edges. You'll know how to infuse new vitality.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Extra effort might be required today to finalize a matter which has been left dangling. If you make it your top priority, chances for a successful conclusion looks good.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If there is someone you've recently met who you'd like to know better, it will be up to you to initiate the contact. This person is equally as interested in you, but is bashful.

Three years later, united Germany remains on a rocky path

By LARRY THORSON
Associated Press Writer

BERLIN (AP) — At Checkpoint Charlie on a crisp late-summer Saturday afternoon the dreams of German unification three years ago seem to be reality.

The broad plaza, where East German guards used to frighten Western visitors and monitor a death strip along the Berlin Wall, is the gala finish line of the 120-mile Around Berlin Bicycle Race. Laughing children play on clowns' minibikes. Beer and bratwurst nourish a swarm of people from both sides of the German capital.

A brass band, a Dixieland band and a children's dance troupe perform under signs trumpeting the American Business Center office complex soon to be built on the old Cold War divide.

It is as if the angels in Wim Wenders' films about Berlin really did work their magic. The "blooming landscape" that Chancellor Helmut Kohl prophesied is at hand.

But the master of ceremonies, Peter Richter, paints a different picture. He introduces an eastern woman athlete who has fended off unemployment by training women to defend themselves in a crime wave. Richter says the Dixieland band is led by a former music editor of defunct East German radio who needs a job.

"These people are dealing with the new impossibilities," said Richter, 50, during a break. "About 80 percent of

my friends lost their jobs, but everybody gets enough from the state to survive, so they don't really understand how bad things are."

In the rush of events that brought East and West Germany together three years ago, it seemed churlish to mention problems ahead. It was a time of promise.

The cost of unification, however, was not guessed right, and people still talk about "the wall in the mind." Promises have proved hard to keep.

Domestically, the eastern economy collapsed and a boom in the West turned into recession.

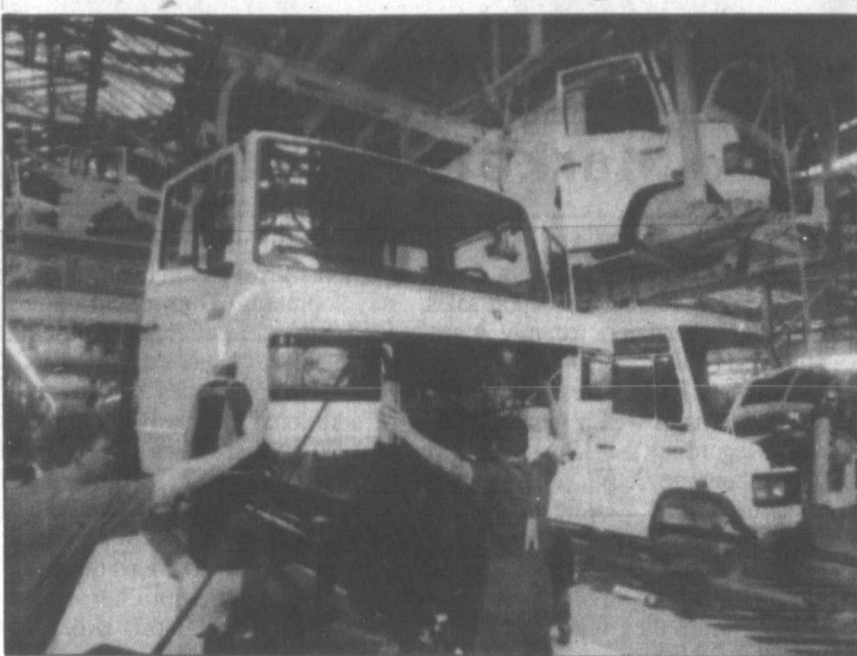
Neo-Nazi attacks in 1992 claimed 17 lives, more deaths from political violence than in any year since the federal republic was formed and a shocking response to Kohl's assertion that Germans know from bitter experience the danger of rightist extremism.

On the foreign front, Germany continues to wrestle with its post-Nazi conscience on whether it can join international military operations.

The recession hammered the promise of faster progress toward West European integration, and the government does not have money for further generosity to former Soviet bloc countries.

The country is in a contentious mood. Even Kohl admits mistakes were made.

"We have lived above our means," Kohl, 63, declares at every opportunity. German news media are casting a



Workers at the Mercedes-Benz factory in Ludwigsfelde, Germany, assemble light trucks. (AP photo)

gloomy eye on society.

The conservative newspaper *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* complains about Germany's political leaders: "They lack the ability to awaken a national feeling in their own people and to open a source of strength needed to complete domestic unification."

One of the catch phrases Germans use about themselves is "elbows society," referring to what you use on your neighbors to get ahead. Another is

"two-thirds society," meaning the system works for two-thirds of the people, and the devil take the rest.

That is the "Wessis" — West Germans — criticizing themselves.

The former subjects of the East German police state — "Ossis" — often feel they have joined the lower third of society and the Wessis are using their elbows to keep them down.

Easterners complain that recession-hit western companies are slashing

prices to throttle infant eastern competition.

There is a faint trend of East German nostalgia. Some "Trabis," the elfin and smoky cars that symbolized eastern backwardness, are kept as second cars to drive to work. A disco in Dresden held a "good old times" night; women wore East German youth-group uniforms and an Erich Honecker-lookalike vowed to return to politics — though this "East German leader" said his slogan was "Down With Walls."

People understand better how different the two parts of Germany had become in 45 years apart. East Germans married and had children younger than in the West. They needed two jobs to get by, so almost all women worked and there were ample child care facilities.

In West Germany, it was more common for one paycheck to support a family. This system has been imposed on the east, and eastern women suffer disproportionately high unemployment. The eastern birthrate dropped like a rock.

It may seem like a long time since the Berlin Wall opened on Nov. 9, 1989, but it has not been enough time to reconnect all the subway and commuter train lines in the city. The government still has not set a date for its move from Bonn to Berlin — a move that will make Berlin one of the world's busiest construction sites.

Construction is the economic bright spot in eastern Germany, but the region has only a few high-technology stand-

outs. Telecommunications is one. The new car factory in Eisenach of the General Motors subsidiary Opel is another, and Daimler-Benz says its Mercedes light-truck factory in Ludwigsfelde beats western productivity.

"We are very proud that Mercedes-Benz has come back here. It gives us better prospects," said Renate Junginger, a management assistant who started working in Ludwigsfelde in 1980 for the East German truck-builder IFA.

The demise of IFA idled 8,300 workers. Daimler-Benz moved some light-truck assembly to Ludwigsfelde, and now about 1,900 people have jobs there — but not Mrs. Junginger's husband, who used to assemble IFA axles.

"He has a job in west Germany," she said. "We see each other only on the weekends, and the separation is hard. But to have a job is the most important thing."

About 5 million people nationwide are jobless, in early retirement, or in retraining or make-work programs. A question Germans are asking is whether the number will rise to the 6 million who were out of work as the post-World War I Weimar Republic ground to its messy end amid social unrest and Adolf Hitler was given a chance to govern.

That cannot happen again, German leaders say. The country is too steeped in democracy, too bound to a will to succeed. The late former Chancellor Willy Brandt said: "What belongs together will grow together."

Balloon Fiesta getting bigger

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Like an inflating hot air balloon, the Kodak Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta just keeps getting bigger.

The 22nd annual edition of the event brings its array of colors to the blue skies over New Mexico's largest city Oct. 2-10.

Last fall, the nine-day hot air ballooning extravaganza drew a record 1.5 million spectators. This year, organizers expect even more pilots and onlookers and are putting the fiesta through an ambitious schedule.

The 1993 fiesta also offers an American first: the 37th Coupe Aeronaute Gordon Bennett, considered one of the world's most prestigious races in air sports. Organizers say it's equivalent in the ballooning world to the America's Cup competition in yachting.

"We're pretty fortunate to have it here," said Balloon Fiesta spokeswoman Jodi Baugh.

The Gordon Bennett's arrival in Albuquerque marks the first time in the race's 60-year history it will be held in the United States. The event goes to the home nation of the defending champion, and last year, David Levin and James Herschend of Colorado won the race.

"The decision to have the Gordon Bennett race in Albuquerque was made because we're already established as the world's largest hot air ballooning event," Baugh said. "The organizers felt this would be a better platform to give the race media exposure in the United States."

The race is well-known in Europe and other parts of the world and 11 nations will be represented by 20 entries this year, she said. One of the favorites is Josef Starkbaum of Austria, who has won the race eight times.

The race is scheduled for Oct. 4. When participants lift off, they'll take

their balloons as far from the starting point as possible. The winner is the pilot who flies the farthest.

Baugh said that if the weather is right, some gas balloons could fly up to 2,000 miles. That would place pilots deep into New England or Canada.

The envelopes of gas balloons are filled with helium, which is lighter than air. Hot air balloons, on the other hand, use propane burners to heat and expand the air inside the envelope.

Albuquerque's autumn weather is considered ideal for ballooning. Most days are clear and cool with light and variable winds less than 10 mph.

Also, the Albuquerque area has a "box effect," allowing balloonists to take off from the balloon fiesta park in north Albuquerque, move with winds in one direction, change altitude and return to the launch site.

The fiesta's hot air balloon events should be as large and popular as ever. Some 670 hot air balloons are signed up, Baugh said.

Increasing numbers of balloons contribute to spectacular mass ascensions both weekends of the fiesta. A first-time midweek mass ascension, aimed at reducing congestion at the 77-acre balloon fiesta park, is planned for Wednesday, Oct. 6.

The fiesta's popular balloon glow will be held for the 7th straight year, with a second balloon glow added on the second weekend. About 300 balloons will begin inflating near sunset and will fire their burners at dusk for a brightly lit display.

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Agriculture

Enthusiasm for NAFTA depends on region, crop

By **ROBERT GREENE**
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sugar. Corn. Mexico. Indiana. Soft drinks. What's the connection here?

The Clinton administration learned last week how divided agriculture can be, as it sought support from farm-state senators for the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy and Trade Representative Mickey Kantor were trying to ease concerns about cheap sugar coming in from Mexico if NAFTA becomes law.

Mexico doesn't produce enough sugar to export now, but NAFTA critics say Mexico could change that by changing from sugar to high fructose corn sweeteners in its soft-drink industry, thereby freeing up sugar for exports.

Kantor said the Mexican government "indicated" it would not do that and said he would find ways to "take care of the problem if it was not something they intended to do." Espy said Mexican consumers preferred sugar in their soft drinks, even though American bottlers largely have used cheaper corn-based sweeteners for years.

Sen. Richard Lugar, the Agriculture Committee's top Republican, didn't care for that response. He comes from Indiana, where corn is king and nothing would please farmers more than to have Mexicans sweeten their soft drinks with corn.

"I was hoping you would come out silent, or neutral," said Lugar, an avid supporter of the agreement.

Corn is this country's third-largest commodity in value. Most corn growers say they expect to gain from the agreement because it would end Mexican import licenses. As with other commodities, a temporary quota would be put in place, with any amounts over the quota still subject to duty. The quota is generous enough to satisfy the National Corn Growers Association.

What else is corn used for? Feed-

ing cattle and livestock, which will benefit from the elimination of licensing requirements and unpredictable tariffs as well as from the expected growing demand for meat in a prosperous Mexico.

But if America's feed grain and livestock states seem happy, the opposite is true in Florida, which produces more than half the nation's vegetables, citrus and cane sugar. Mexico produces many of the same products as Florida.

Although the agreement protects citrus, orange juice and a number of fruits and vegetables with a longer phase-out of tariffs on those same goods from Mexico, Floridians say the agreement doesn't go far enough.

Without price safeguards on top of tariffs, Mexico will be able to alter its planting schedules and undercut prices for perishable Florida goods when they hit the market, they argue.

Also, virtually all commodities grown in the state should be protected with the longer, 15-year phase out period for "sensitive" commodities such as lettuce, melons, sweet corn and tomatoes, the Florida Department of Agriculture and farm groups say.

On the other side of the country, California citrus growers also fear devastation when Mexican citrus begins moving more freely into this country. California's tomato growers fear their industry will be decimated as Mexico modernizes its tomato production.

The cotton industry has mixed feelings: some say Mexican mills still will prefer higher-quality U.S. cotton while others say Mexico will import cheaper cotton from the former Soviet Union and Pakistan, and export finished products to the United States.

Wheat growers worry that the agreement imposes a 15 percent tariff, to be phased out, while the current tariff is 10 percent. They also worry about unfair competition from Canada.

The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

WHEAT—(BULL/BEAR)

OUTLOOK: The dominant factor for the wheat market are export sales, and they've been poor recently. A secondary, yet still important factor, is the spring wheat crop. Here there are harvest concerns as well as quality problems. Regarding the "disease" we've talked about previously (found only in the spring wheat), it could be affecting (in one degree or another) up to 35 percent of the crop.

If the USDA lowers the "specs" (it's been rumored they might), the great majority of this crop will still be available to the market now. If they don't, much of the crop will be stored, blended and eventually find its way back on the market — but not this year. Basically, the spring wheat problems are supportive to the market. Yet, overall, until exports pick up and world wheat prices rise, it's hard to anticipate a major wheat rally at this time.

STRATEGY: Hedgers: We've recommended farmers sell or hedge their crop. You should be short December Chicago or Kansas City at approximately \$3.17, and Minneapolis at about \$3.23 or higher. "Selective hedgers" can take profits of 15¢ or better when available.

Traders: Last week you should have been able to buy Minneapolis and sell Chicago on a spread with Mpls. 14¢ (or lower) premium to Chicago. Risk 10¢ for a minimum objective of Mpls. trading 25¢ higher than Chicago. (Minneapolis represents spring wheat; Chicago, winter.) All other recommendations have not been able to be filled and are canceled at this time.

CORN—(BULL/BEAR)

OUTLOOK: Major supportive fac-

tors (to corn prices) are as follows: (1) early first frost potential, (2) poor crop development, (3) excellent domestic feed demand base. Negative price factors include: (1) poor export sales, (2) Russia has no money and the timing of additional giveaways is uncertain, plus (3) harvest selling pressure is just around the corner. In other words, there are negatives and positives. My feeling is the downside potential is perhaps another 10¢. Upside (without weather problems into harvest) perhaps twice that at this time. With weather higher yet.

STRATEGIES: Hedgers: "True hedgers" have pre-sold new crop (using puts) in the \$2.40 to \$2.58 range. These puts established a floor price for you and have done their job in this weak market environment. If there's an early frost, you'll retain all the upside potential (minus the put price) without any of the obligations of forward contracts.

Traders: Based on previous recommendations, you've purchased December corn from \$2.37 to \$2.49. The risk point remains a close under \$2.32.

CATTLE—(BULL)

OUTLOOK: Cash sales have slowed a bit, but the market seems to be holding up OK for this time of year. A good indicator of future market action are the cattle and feeder cattle spreads. A spread is the difference between two futures months. If the near months gains on the more distant months, this is a sign of near term demand and is bullish. The spreads do look strong. The feeder cattle speaks particularly strong, and this is a sign of tight feeder supplies.

We still look for the market to

remain fairly firm for the remainder of the year.

STRATEGY: Hedgers: Feedlot operators should look to purchase December puts on rallies. The puts should allow you to lock in a "break even." Puts are insurance you hope you never need but they still allow you the potential to maximize profits in strong markets (minus the put price). In weak markets, you'll be glad you have them.

Cow/calf operators: Buy at the money feeder cattle puts for "price insurance." I think you can wait for market rallies which will allow you to buy them cheaper. We believe the feeder market will remain firm due to the tight supply situation, but the puts still give you the ability to assure yourself a good profit come sale time.

HOGS—(BEAR)

OUTLOOK: We've been talking about the runs picking up for months now, and the hogs finally appear to be showing up at the terminals. The cash market also appears to have topped. This market is still focused on pork to Russia, but the numbers are not significant enough to get excited about. The dominant factor to future price direction will be the numbers. If they continue to rise into October (as we think they will), this market's headed lower. If they fail to materialize and start to fall off again, it isn't.

STRATEGY: Hedgers: You've hedged your total hog production in either futures or put options. We are now 100 percent sold in October from 44 to 49, and December from 45 to 49. Maybe we didn't pick the top, but can you complain about selling your hogs in the upper 40s?

Speculators: We would like to try and short this market again. Look to sell October above 49 and December above 48. Risk to a close over 5010, looking for a \$4-\$5 break. Also look to resell October and buy December on a spread, with October at least 90 over December. Risk 70 points (\$280) for a 180 point (\$720) profit objective per spread.

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Cattlemen convention to highlight '90s issues

Cattlemen will find themselves navigating uncharted waters as the '90s unfold. That's why the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) chose "Navigating the '90s" as the theme of its 1993 annual convention, Nov. 7-9, at the Marriott Bayfront in Corpus Christi.

TCFA President Les Howard will share his thoughts on how cattle feeders can navigate the '90s during the opening general session on Monday, Nov. 8. Joining Howard at the podium will be Dennis Avery, director of the Center for Global Food Issues with the Hudson Institute. Avery will offer some insightful thoughts on how U.S. cattlemen can capitalize on the growing global market for beef.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, will deliver the keynote address at the convention on Nov. 8. Then, National Geographic photographer Dewitt Jones will tickle cattlemen's creative side with observations on how to put creativity to work in meeting the challenges ahead.

For cattlemen, navigating the '90s may well mean navigating environmental issues. Dr. Margaret Maxey, who holds the Clint W. Murchison Chair of Free Enterprise at the University of Texas, will be the featured speaker Tuesday, Nov. 9. Dr. Maxey will discuss how cattle feeders can understand, adjust and profit from the environmental movement.

For more information on the "Navigating the '90s" convention, contact TCFA at 5501 W. I-40, Amarillo, TX 79106, or call 1-806-358-3681.

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Safeguarding ag products

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers would reduce their reliance on pesticides under a Clinton administration plan to cut toxic chemicals in agricultural products and increase food safety.

The goal of the plan unveiled last week: By the turn of the century, have at least 75 percent of the nation's farmers using innovative pest management techniques. Currently, 20 percent are using them.

Farmers would spray crops only when a pest is detected rather than on a fixed schedule. And they would plant crops that encourage natural insect predators, and develop crops that are pest-resistant.

There were early signs of support. "Much of agriculture would not have a problem with stating that as a goal," said Richard E. Stuckey, executive vice president of the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology, a consortium of food and agriculture scientific societies.

"We welcome the administration's support. We've been doing it for a long time," said Jeff Nedelman, spokesman for the Grocery Manufacturers Association.

"Farmers are eager to move to more environmentally sound methods," Agriculture Deputy Secretary Richard Rominger said in discussing the plan with lawmakers on Capitol Hill.

The administration plans to consult with growers to develop a timetable for reducing use of certain high-risk pesticides by the year 2000.

The Environmental Protection Agency proposes to establish criteria to define lower-risk pesticides and

give priority to registering such products for use.

The administration urged Congress to mandate a government reassessment of all pesticides used on America's fruit and vegetable crops, with a seven-year deadline for all of them to meet health and safety standards.

Often-conflicting food safety laws would be supplanted by a uniform standard requiring "a reasonable certainty of no harm" to public health because of a pesticide's use.

The pesticide approval process would change too — economic considerations and impacts on farmers could not outweigh health and safety concerns. The only exceptions: if discontinuing a pesticide would cause "significant disruption in the food supply" or reverse health benefits. In those cases, farmers would be given five years to continue using the substance while seeking an alternative.

And the Clinton administration wants to promote market incentives — for example, using product labels identifying low-pesticide products.

American Farm Bureau Federation president Dean Kleckner praised one feature of the administration proposal. It's the provision that calls for doing away with a 1958 law barring cancer-causing pesticides from processed foods where the amounts exceed the residues in the raw fruit or vegetable.

The administration would replace the so-called Delaney clause of the Food Drug and Cosmetic Act with a standard requiring proof that the pesticide causes a "negligible risk" to human health. It would in essence codify the way the government has interpreted Delaney for years.

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Court gives boost for NAFTA

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court gave a boost to the beleaguered North American Free Trade Agreement Friday, reversing a ruling that could have blocked the pact until the White House reviewed its impact on the environment.

The appeals court ruled that the challenge to the agreement by three environmental groups cannot be reviewed by the courts.

"If and when the agreement is submitted to Congress, it will be the result of action by the president, action clearly not reviewable" by the courts, said the ruling written by Abner Mikva, chief judge of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

U.S. District Judge Charles R. Richey ruled June 30 that the White House could not send the accord to Congress until it first prepares a formal statement on its environmental impact — a process that could have taken months or even years.

Richey ruled that the agreement negotiated last year by former President Bush and the president of Mexico and prime minister of Canada violated the National Environmental Policy Act.

The appeals court didn't address that contention. However, the appeals court said Richey was incorrect when he concluded that "final agency action" had been taken on the agreement.

"The president is not obligated to submit any agreement to Congress, and until he does there is no final action," Mikva's opinion said, adding that "the president's actions are not 'agency action' and thus cannot be reviewed."

Appeals court judge A. Raymond Randolph concurred in a separate opinion.

The Administrative Procedure Act allows relief through the courts to people who are harmed by the action of a federal agency, once the agency's action is deemed final. Richey had said the U.S. Trade Representative's action in completing the agreement on behalf of the White House was final.

Although the appeals court ruling is favorable to backers of NAFTA, the agreement's troubles go far beyond Richey's ruling.

House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt declared last week that he would vote against NAFTA, calling it

"deeply flawed."

Gephardt said supplemental agreements negotiated by the Clinton administration did not go far enough to address fears that U.S. companies would continue to move plants to Mexico to take advantage of lax enforcement of environmental and labor laws.

"Under this agreement we will not be doing the best for our people. We will reduce our abundance," Gephardt said.

"Drawn down by the lower wages in Mexico, our standard of living will continue to stagnate or decline," he added.

Public Citizen, the Sierra Club and Friends of the Earth filed the suit after Bush signed the accord last October.

They said the lower trade barriers in the accord would reduce prices for domestic agriculture and meat products, creating pressure to intensify production measures that could have a detrimental impact on the environment.

U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor had said Richey's ruling "interferes with the president's ability to negotiate international trade agreements."

U.S. to donate ag products to needy Russian children

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States will donate 1,800 metric tons of agricultural products, including nonfat dry milk, rice and vegetable oil, to needy children in the former Soviet Union.

The \$1.6 million donation, which includes ocean and overland transportation costs, will be distributed directly in Russia and the other former Soviet republics.

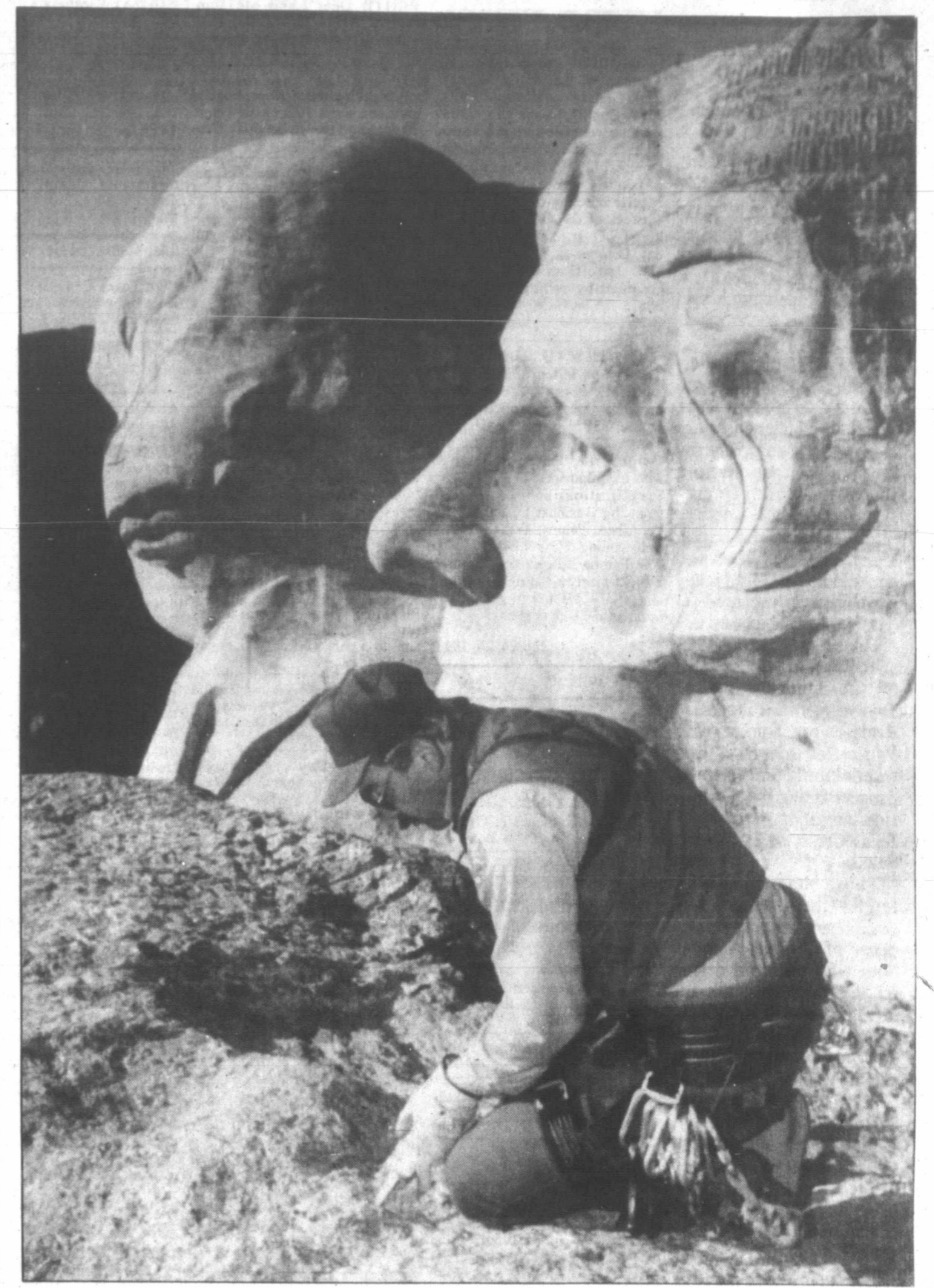
The donation will be made under the Food for Progress Act of 1983, which authorizes the donation of surplus commodities owned by the Commodity Credit Corp. to developing countries.

The donation is being provided through Feed the Children, a U.S.-based private voluntary organization.

The food will be distributed to about 120,000 needy children for a period of three months in a food supplemental program run in cooperation with the Russian Ministry of Education.

The project will cover 14 cities. It will be aimed at the children with deficient diets, residing in children's homes, orphanages, handicapped children's facilities and children living in large families.

Cracked head



Jeff Glanzer, a worker with the National Parks Service, fills a crack on the carved head of President Abraham Lincoln on Mount Rushmore in Keystone, S.D. Crews are in the middle of the annual five-week maintenance program that began the Tuesday after Labor Day. Cracks on the monument are filled with silicone sealant and then granite dust is sprinkled on the sealant to match the color of the carved rock. (AP photo)

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Profits of farm banks reach record in 1992

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers earned more, paid off debt and borrowed less in 1992, helping agricultural banks post record profits, according to the American Bankers Association.

A study of the 3,886 banks that grant mostly agricultural loans showed earnings of more than \$2 billion in 1992, up 23 percent from \$1.6 billion the year before, the association said in a report issued last week.

The banks took advantage of a healthy spread between their interest expenses and what they earned in interest payments. They also were more cautious in their lending, with the report noting that more banks required farmers and ranchers to put up land as collateral for production loans.

Commercial banks had a record year in 1992, but the report said farm banks did even better, posting a record return on assets, highest in more than a decade.

"This bodes well for future growth in rural areas, since local economies are closely tied to credit available to farmers and ranchers," said James Chessen, the banking organization's

chief economist. "It also marks the seventh year of recovery from the recession that nearly crippled the industry in the early 1980s."

The farm economy did well in 1992. Net farm income, at \$60 billion, rose 3.5 percent from the previous year and was near the record of \$60.3 billion reported in 1990.

Farmers and farm businesses lowered their debt burdens. "In fact, farmers concentrated on paying down their debt and took less debt in 1992 by financing a greater portion of production out of current income," the report said.

"There were developments in the farm sector that translated into less need to borrow funds," said Gary Benjamin, agricultural economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Production costs had no major increases, and farmers bought less equipment, he noted.

The pace of lending did in fact slow in 1992, increasing only 4.1 percent, compared with an 8.6 percent rate of increase in 1991, the report said. Still, "Demand for credit by high-quality borrowers was stronger in the agricultural sector

than in other business sectors," Chessen said.

Not all farmers will profit from the banks' good fortunes, said Barbara Webb, an executive of the National Farmers Union. "They're only lending to borrowers who have almost perfect track records, which is fairly limited in the agricultural sector," she said. She also said farmers have yet to benefit from lower interest rates.

The report, completed before the floods and rains soaked the Midwest and drought parched the Southeast, said the strong earnings should continue in 1993. The impact of those two disasters has yet to be determined.

But in those areas, healthy banks will help, said Jeff Plagge, executive vice president of the First State Bank in Webster City, Iowa.

"There is going to be a restructuring of debt and reorganization of debt and so forth," said Plagge, who also serves on the banking association's agriculture committee. "It's going to allow the banks a little more flexibility to deal with customers and help them get through the year."

Morales sues Prudential over breast cancer treatment

AUSTIN (AP) — Attorney General Dan Morales is alleging that Prudential Insurance Co. of America denies coverage for a lifesaving treatment for advanced breast cancer.

The treatment involves removing the patient's bone marrow and administering chemotherapy in high doses.

"This treatment is a successful, medically necessary procedure for patients who are fighting their greatest battle," Morales said. "Without it, patients have little hope of surviving."

Company spokesman Joe Vecchione at Prudential's Newark, N.J. headquarters had no immediate comment on the lawsuit. "We have not had a chance to examine the papers as yet," he said.

According to Morales' office, the company calls the treatment experi-

mental and investigational. Morales says it's medically accepted.

The attorney general filed the lawsuit in state district court in Travis County against the Prudential Insurance Co., Prudential Health Care Plan and PRUCO Life Insurance Co. of Texas.

Many other insurers pay for the bone marrow transplant-chemotherapy treatment without delay, Morales said. He said doctors at reputable cancer hospitals, including the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and UT San Antonio Medical Center, use the procedure.

The lawsuit alleges that Prudential misrepresented its insurance policies, violating the Texas Insurance Code.

The attorney general is asking the court to order the company to comply with the insurance law. It also

seeks restitution, attorneys fees and civil penalties of \$10,000 per alleged violation.

The lawsuit says that the company misrepresented that high-dose chemotherapy for breast cancer is experimental; misrepresented that the company's policies don't cover the chemotherapy, when they do; and misrepresented that the company pays for medically necessary services, when it fails to pay for high-dose chemotherapy.

Patients who have undergone the treatment have incurred financial liabilities because Prudential hasn't paid for the claims, according to Morales' office. In many cases, the insured patients have sued the insurance company for repayment.

From 1987 to 1990, about 8,000 women died from breast cancer in Texas.

Researchers working on screening test for hantavirus

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Doctors at the University of New Mexico Medical Center are developing a screening test for the deadly hantavirus that has claimed 22 lives nationwide.

Doctors hope the test will be available nationwide within weeks, center spokeswoman Gail Sutton said. "It is under refinement," she said. "There is work being done to try and make it available in the near future to other medical facilities."

Sutton described the test as a screen-

ing for people believed to have the hantavirus.

The new test could provide results within 24 hours.

Fourteen cases of the disease have been confirmed in New Mexico. Ten of those victims died. The virus is known to be carried by the deer mouse.

Victims of the hantavirus have exhibited symptoms of the flu, then suffered from respiratory distress as their lungs filled with fluids. The ill-

ness strikes quickly, with some patients dying within hours of diagnosis.

Doctors have been concerned that this fall's usual flu outbreak could make it tougher to distinguish between that illness and the hantavirus.

Two UNM virologists — Brian Hjelle and Steve Jenison — cloned several genes of the hantavirus on laboratory cultures. They have made large quantities of viral protein, which can be used as the basis for a rapid diagnostic blood test.

Use of flexible options for work schedules increasing in business

By LISA GENASCI
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Diane Luba had worked for Aetna Life & Casualty for more than seven years when she became pregnant with her first child.

While she was on maternity leave, Luba's supervisor called her to find out what type of schedule she wanted when she returned. Together, they devised a full-time arrangement whereby Luba works three 10-hour days a week, then puts in the remaining 10 hours at home.

That was two years ago. Since then, Luba has been promoted and says her commitment to her job as a human resources consultant has deepened.

"I've told my supervisor that I won't leave unless he lays me off," she says, laughing.

Luba is one of a growing number of employees taking advantage of new flexible scheduling options at companies that can include job sharing, working from home, part-time work, a compressed work week and flexible hours.

But while the ranks of companies offering such benefits are growing, the number of workers participating isn't keeping pace. Many managers still are reluctant to make the arrangements, and employees often are too fearful of jeopardizing their careers to force the issue.

While 85 percent of 80 compa-

nies surveyed recently by the Boston-based consulting group Work-Family Directions say they offer at least one flexible work program, only half have written policies, the study showed.

More significantly, less than 2 percent of employees were using the programs.

"We haven't moved much over the past three to four years," said Fran Rodgers, chief executive officer of the Boston group.

More than half of women with young children say they would prefer sharing a job or working from home to their current, full-time schedules, but they are afraid of the price they would pay in their careers, Rodgers said.

And managers often resist flexible schedules for several reasons: They fear productivity will drop and they say alternative schedules are more difficult to keep track of.

"There are perceptions employees will abuse the policy," said Dana Friedman, co-president of the Families and Work Institute.

It is rare for a company to look at job flexibility as a tool for getting good results from a worker, Rodgers said.

"It's still seen as a favor to a valued employee even though the evidence shows people are more productive when they are given flexibility," she said.

Before implementing a flexible scheduling program, many companies were losing women after eight or nine years on the job.

"The employees had reached a point where they were valuable to the company and it was costly for them to lose women at that level," said Marsha Kropf, director of research at Catalyst, a business research and consulting group.

The 1992 Aetna study showed 13

percent of the 10,000 company employees are working in some sort of flexible schedule other than so-called "flex-time," which involves adjusting starting or finishing hours.

But about 59 percent of employees were taking advantage of flex-

time, which is something management most readily supports.

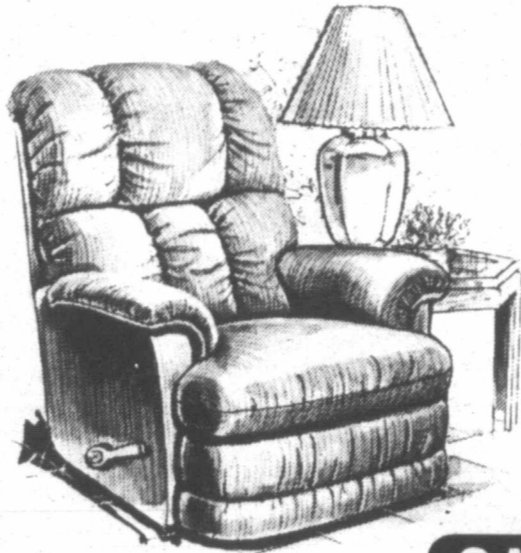
In a recently released, comprehensive study on the American labor force, the Families and Work Institute showed employees felt the quality of work life was more important than money or the nature

of the job. Those with more flexibility and autonomy were less burned out, more satisfied with their jobs and took more initiative at work.

"Flexibility is at the heart of what workers really want," said Friedman, "It's what they say will make them most productive."

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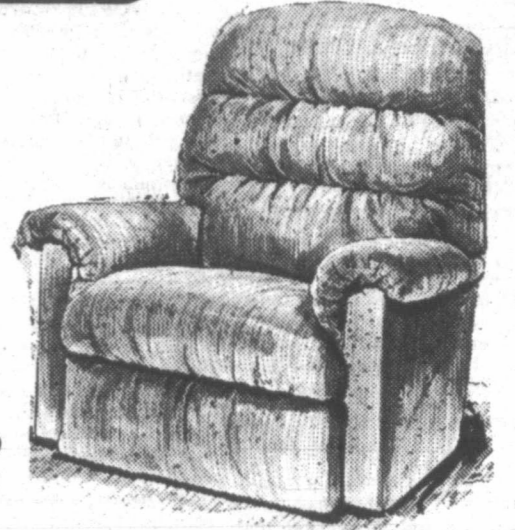


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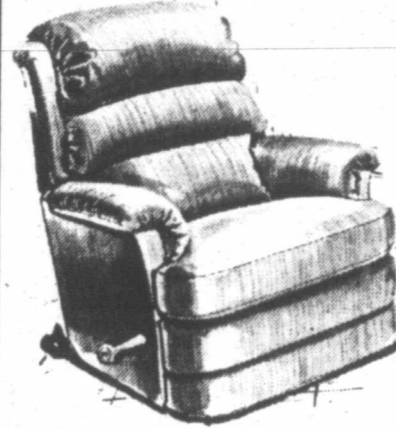
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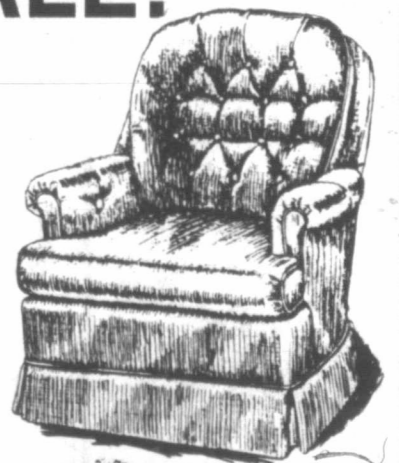
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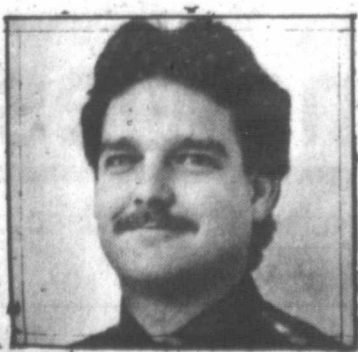


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