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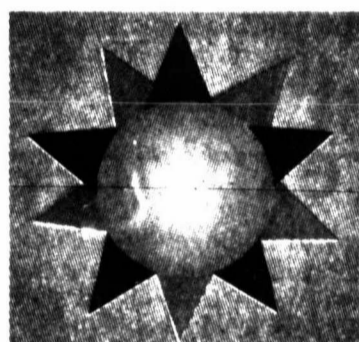
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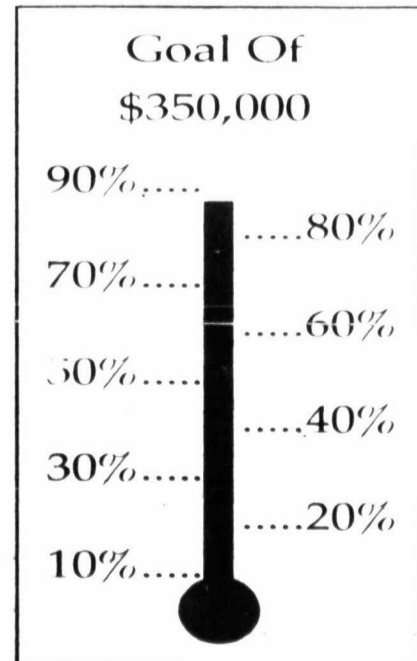
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Senior 2001 T-shirts ready
 PAMPA — The Senior 2001 T-shirts have arrived and will be distributed before school and during lunch Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 at the high school. For more information, contact Jan Chambers at 665-2067.

No winner, jackpot grows
 No ticket matched all six numbers drawn Saturday for the Lotto game. The numbers drawn were: 2-4-11-15-18-36. Wednesday's drawing will be worth about \$29 million.

- Glynn Bell, 90, retired rancher.
- Roy W. 'Doc' Eckles, 94, retired farmer, former Canadian Grain Co-op employee.
- Miles Monroe Ely, 94, retired Skelly Oil Company employee.
- Robert Clark Kilcourse, 44, employee Choice Services.
- Melvin 'Mac' McCabe, 86, retired Warren Petroleum Company engineer, decorated veteran.
- Rosie Ontiveros, 53, homemaker.

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'Low possibility' water may pose danger for city's pregnant women

By KATE B. DICKSON
 Associate Publisher

Pampa has received official word that women in the early stages of pregnancy should be aware of the very low possibility that total trihalomethanes (THMs) in Pampa's drinking water may be hazardous to them, according to City Manager Bob Eskridge.

ago of that possibility, city officials said they had not then been given that same information and set about finding out more.

Pampa had been notified, however, that the level of THMs in Pampa's water supply exceeds federal limits for the chemical that is a byproduct of the disinfection process when chlorine comes into contact with certain volatile organic (dirt, leaves, etc.) compounds. THMs are a potential human carcinogen and the health risk associated with them is based on long-

term exposure to these compounds.

The spokesman also told the newspaper the city can expect to be fined for violating the THMs allowable limits.

Eskridge issued a news release Friday in which he said Pampa has the information now regarding THMs and early pregnancy risks. It was received in a notice from the senior toxicologist at INRCC.

"We wanted something in writing as to an opinion," Eskridge said. "We want to

make people aware and if concerned, they should call us, their doctor or the INRCC."

According to the INRCC, "the measured levels of THMs in Pampa's drinking water do not present an increased immediate

health risk to men, children, the elderly and women who are not pregnant. There may be potential concern for pregnant women in their first trimester. Women who are concerned should filter

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Mauling kills cat, dog Owner of Great Dane mix cited

A Pampa mother fears for the safety of her 3-year-old after a Great Dane-size dog killed two family pets last week, but animal control officials say they can do no more than what is allowed by law.

Mary Ann Driggers, 23, fears the mixed breed Great Dane dog that came into her parent's yard at 934 E. Francis and killed her parents' dog and cat last week may also harm her 3-year-old son.

"My mom keeps my son," Driggers explained. "He goes out and plays in the yard all the time."

Driggers said she doesn't understand why animal control only gave the dog's owner a ticket.

Ha Rowsey, 853 E. Kingsmill, was cited in connection with the incident for allowing an animal to run loose, no vaccination, not wearing tags, and for being a nuisance, chasing and molesting, animal control officials said today.

The Pampa News could not reach Ms. Rowsey for comment this morning as no telephone number for her is listed in the telephone directory and none is published in the city directory.

"I received a call at about 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24, that a dog had another dog, and was killing it," said Pampa Animal Control Director Sandy Burns.

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At the forefront ...



Republican Vice Presidential nominee Dick Cheney and Pampa native J.B. Horton talk about the Panhandle of Texas at the Republican National Committee Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Pampa's Horton busy getting RNC election messages out

As the presidential campaign winds down, a close Pampa connection to the George W. Bush campaign, J.B. Horton, continues to work hard to get his man elected on Nov. 7.

Horton, former student body president at West Texas A&M University, is working for the Republican National Committee (RNC) through the remainder of the campaign.

During the summer, Horton served as an Eisenhower Fellow working in the executive office of RNC Chairman Jim Nicholson. While working there, Horton helped coordinate activities and events for the 2000 Republican National Convention in Philadelphia.

Horton's current duties and position are related to the technological expertise he gained on the George W. Bush for President campaign in Austin.

In Washington, he is updating the RNC web page with breaking news stories and coordinating efforts with the RNC Victory 2000 division to communicate mass e-mail messages to supporters of the Republican ticket all around the country.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to work with a group of outstanding people," Horton said. "I try to remind myself on a daily basis of how lucky I am to have this kind of an opportunity during such an important election year. This

(See HORTON, Page 2)

Frequently asked questions about trihalomethanes

Q: What are trihalomethanes (THMs)?

A: THMs are disinfection by-products formed when disinfectants such as chlorine used to control disease-causing contaminants in drinking water react with naturally occurring organic matter in the source water. The City of Pampa gets most of its water from Lake Meredith, which contains large amounts of organic matter that react with chlorine. Scientific evidence has shown that THMs are potential human carcinogen. Some studies have shown THMs can cause cancer in laboratory animals and they have been linked to an increased incidence of miscarriages for women during their first trimester. The health risk associated with THMs is based on longterm exposure to these compounds.

Q: Why are THMs in the drinking water?

A: THMs are the result of disinfecting water, which is essential for protecting consumers from life-threatening diseases. The Pampa Municipal Water System disinfects water with chlorine. Chlorine disinfection has been extremely effective in protecting drinking water resources from bacterial and viral contamination.

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Jury selection starts in tot's beating death

AMARILLO — Jury selection began today in the capital murder trial of a Canadian man accused of beating to death the 2-year-old son of his girlfriend.

Teland Milburn, 23, of Canadian, is accused of killing Brendan Tyler Brown in May, 1999, at the apartment he shared with the boy's mother.

The trial was moved to Amarillo from Canadian on a change of venue.

Court officials said today that it will probably be Tuesday before a jury is selected.

Testimony in the case is expected to begin Tuesday afternoon. District Attorney John Mann said it will take about two weeks to try the case.

The blonde-haired baby boy died between 11 p.m. May 24 and 8 a.m. May 25, of blunt force trauma to the abdomen, authorities said. Investigators said preliminary autopsy results indicate the baby was hit in the abdomen and bled to death internally.

Neighbors said they heard the baby's 17-year-old mother, Carlyn Lynn Brown, screaming for help shortly after 8 a.m., May 25. One neighbor called 911 while the neighbor's husband tried to revive the baby and rushed him to the Canadian emergency room where Hemphill County Justice of the Peace

Frankie Hill pronounced young Brendan Brown dead.

Brendan Brown celebrated his second birthday on May 15, 10 days before his death.

Panhandle woman, 29, dies in Amarillo crash

AMARILLO — A Panhandle woman died and her family injured after their van struck a tractor-trailer rig on Interstate-40 during a rainstorm Saturday.

Lisa Ferguson, 29, of Panhandle was pronounced dead at the scene following the collision Saturday at I-40 and Pailman Road, according to Amarillo Police Department reports. Her husband, James Michael Ferguson, 29, is reported in satisfactory condition today at Northwest Texas Hospital. The couple's two children, Emily, 3, and Alexis, 1, were treated and released, according to NWTX officials.

Officer Randy Tenbrink of the Amarillo Police Department said a

(See CRASH, Page 2)

Rain causes phone troubles

Some Pampa telephone customers of Southwestern Bell are experiencing phone outages which may be related to the heavy rains over the weekend.

Lindsay Lombar spokesperson for Southwestern Bell in Dallas said the "amazing drought conditions during the summer" resulted in cracked lines involving a couple of aerial cables. She said the moisture due to heavy rains in recent days has reached these cracked lines causing outages and shorts.

Customers reporting service outages have been told service should be restored by Friday.

Lombar said SWB is working to get the necessary repairs completed as soon as possible. She said service may be restored to the local customers before Friday.

 Lots Of Things To Do In The Months Ahead!
 Call The Chamber At 669-3241 For More Details

Red Ribbon Week



(Community Camera photo by Lesley Gerahmel)

Brian Miller, above, and other fifth graders at Travis Elementary recently participated in Red Ribbon Week. The fifth graders spoke to underclassmen and tied red ribbons around the school in the weeklong Drug Free Youth of Texas campaign.

Blessing of the animals



(Special photo)

Father Jake Clemmens, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, recently "blessed the animals" at St. Matt's Day School during St. Francis Day, Blessing of the Animals. Above: Cookie the horse with Gage Greenhouse and his father, Greg.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

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

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER
Tralee Crisis Center will offer Volunteer Training for people interested in working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crime victims. For more information, call 669-1131 or 1-800-658-2796.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD
Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is changing its hours. It is now open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #175-A, in Pampa. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR
Lovett Memorial Library will sponsor a pre-school story hour at 10 a.m. every Tuesday this fall beginning Sept. 5. The free program is open to children 18 months to 5 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

PAMPA FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION
Pampa Fine Arts Association Board of Directors will meet at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Pampa Community Building.

MIP CLASSES
Clarendon College will offer Minor in Possession classes from 7:30-10:30 p.m., Oct. 9-10, Nov. 13-14 and Dec. 11-12 in Clarendon, and Oct. 16-17 and Nov. 20-21 in Pampa. For more information, call Eddie Hankins, (806) 874-5074.

POLISH SAUSAGE DINNER
Sacred Heart Parish of White Deer will hold its annual Polish Sausage Dinner from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 5 in the parish hall of the church in White Deer. Cost of the meal will be \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Takeout and sausage-to-go orders will be available. A video produced by the Carson County Square House Museum will be shown during the meal.

ELECTION DAY CELEBRATION
United Methodist Church of McLean will host an Election Day dinner beginning at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 7. Turkey and dressing with all the trimmings will be served. Cost of the annual event is \$6 per plate.

SENIOR 2001 T-SHIRTS
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Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 at the high school. For more information, contact Jan Chambers at 665-2067.

ACT I PLAY
ACT I Community Theater will present "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" by John Bishop beginning with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 9-11 and 16-18 at the ACT I theater, west entrance, Pampa Mall. The meal will be catered by Clint and Sons. The performance will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for the dinner and \$7.50 for the play. For reservations, call 662-3266.

NORTHRIDGE BAZAAR
The annual Northridge Mini-Bazaar in Guymon is slated from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Nov. 4 and from 12-5 p.m., Nov. 5 at Ramey Seed Co., in Guymon. Booths offering hand-crafted items, food and other fall and holiday gift and decorating ideas will be showcased. All proceeds will benefit Cheri Keith who needs a kidney and pancreas transplant.

EXTENDED EDUCATION CLASSES
Frank Phillips College in Borger will offer the following extended education classes this month: Beginning Drawing; American Red Cross Adult Basic Life Support; and ARC CPR-Basic Life Support-Bloodborne Pathogen. For more information, (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 777.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP
The Alzheimer's Support Group will continue its four-part series at

7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2 in Shepard's Nursing, 916 N. Crest Rd. November's program will be a panel discussion by health care providers. The group meets the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson at 6650 0356.

SCIENCE SPECTRUM
Science Spectrum, a non-profit museum for science education in Lubbock, is currently offering two educational films in its Omnimax Theatre — "Michael Jordan to the Max" featuring Michael Jordan and "Mysteries of Egypt" with actors Omar Sharif and Kate Maberly. In addition, the interactive traveling exhibit "Whodunit? The Science of Solving Crime" is currently at the museum. For more information, call (806) 745-2525.

PATHWAYS
The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will offer "Pathways," a four-part support series for those who have lost a loved one, from 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesdays throughout the month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

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will be offered: 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4:30 p.m., Oct. 4 and 18, Pampa Family Clinic, 700 W. Kentucky.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER
The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following breast cancer screening clinics: Oct. 9, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, and Sept. 5, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, Pampa; Sept. 6, 20, Hemphill County Hospital,

Canadian; Sept. 19 United Methodist church, Miami; and Sept. 14, Wesley Community Center, 1615 S. Roberts, Amarillo. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1906 or 1-800-377-4673.

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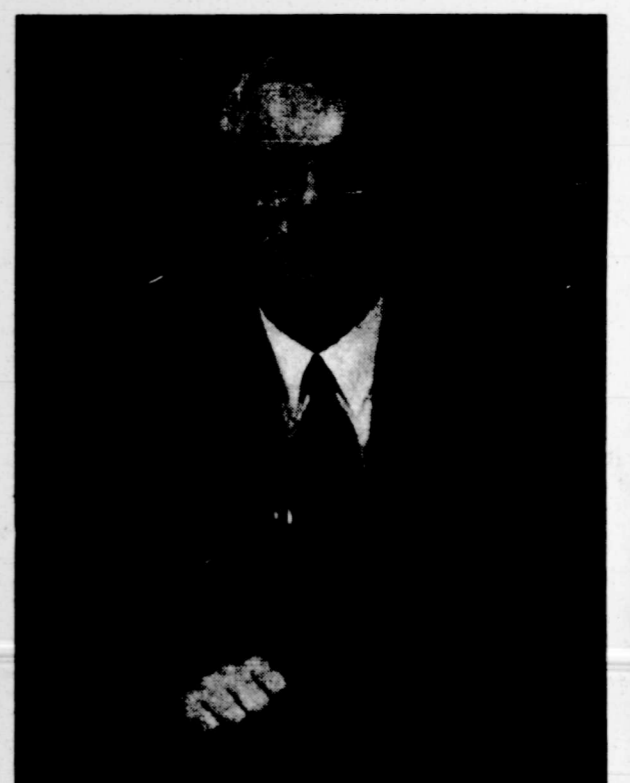
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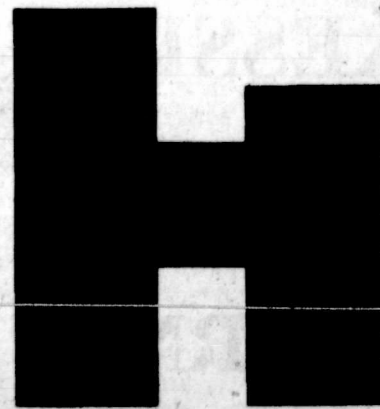
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Researchers find genes that affect asthma drug effectiveness

By PAUL RECER
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a step toward an age of "personalized medicines," researchers have found gene variations that affect the way individual asthma sufferers respond to a drug widely used to control acute attacks.

Out of thousands of variations in a single gene, the researchers said they have identified 12 that determine how well asthma patients respond to albuterol, a drug commonly used to prevent or to control acute attacks.

In the Proceedings study, Liggett and his co-authors composed a profile of the gene associated with the beta-2 adrenergic receptor, which is the target of albuterol. They found a genetic variability that could lead to 8,192 combinations and identified 12 combinations that directly affect the response to the medicine.

The study was recently published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Identifying the genes that affect the way a person responds to a drug will help physicians to individually tailor prescriptions for each patient, said Dr. Stephen B. Liggett, a researcher at the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine and the senior author of the study.

"This is a step toward personalized medicine," said Liggett. "The era of one drug fitting all is probably coming to an end soon."

Liggett said medicines now are generally tested on large numbers of people "and we look at the average response of those on the drug versus those on placebo."

"You'll see responses that are very, very good and some that are bad," said Liggett. "The FDA says to look at the average response."

As a result, he said, some drugs that may be quite useful for a small subset of patients may never become available because they show little or no benefit, or even harm, for the average patient.

"As we become more sophisticated, we may become highly specific in prescribing drugs for certain genetic makeups," said Liggett. "We may have a host of wonderful drugs that could be liberated by genetic testing."

Right now, said Liggett, doctors treating difficult disorders, such as asthma, often must use trial and error in order to find a drug that fits precisely a patient's needs.

In the Proceedings study, Liggett and his co-authors composed a profile of the gene associated with the beta-2 adrenergic receptor, which is the target of albuterol. They found a genetic variability that could lead to 8,192 combinations and identified 12 combinations that directly affect the response to the medicine. This was based on drug response tests of 121 patients from different ethnic and racial backgrounds.

Based on the genetic patterns, said Liggett, it is now possible to identify asthma sufferers who have a high probability to respond well to albuterol and those who have a low probability of being helped by the drug.

"This is a significant observation," said Dr. William W. Busse, an asthma expert and professor of medicine at the University of Wisconsin. "If we could find a gene variable that would enable a doctor to make predictions about how people would respond to a medicine, it would be very useful."

Liggett said similar genetic studies are now underway for all of the classes of drugs used to treat asthma.

Eventually, he said, genetic tests of an asthma

patient will identify those drugs most likely to be useful and those apt to be less useful. From this, a personalized list of probable benefits could be drawn up for each individual patient and used by the doctor to write prescriptions.

"This would reduce the trial and error period that all physicians go through when they have patients with complex conditions," said Liggett.

Albuterol is the asthma drug most commonly used to control acute attacks. It works by blocking the beta-2-adrenergic receptor. This causes muscles to relax and allows bronchial tubes to dilate, aiding the flow of air to the lungs.

Asthma is a disease process where the bronchial airway contracts, causing wheezing and difficulty in breathing. Often it is caused by an allergy reaction to air pollutants, smoke or other substances. It can also be prompted in some people by exercise or even by emotion.

About 17 million Americans suffer from asthma and about 5,000 die from the disease annually.

On the Net:
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Baylor directs new Hispanic cancer program

HOUSTON — A new, comprehensive cancer initiative is helping Hispanics in the fight against cancer.

The five-year program, Redes En Accion: Cancer Training, Research and Awareness, is under the direction of Dr. Amelie Ramirez, associate professor of medicine and deputy director of the Chronic Disease Prevention and Control Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine.

The goal of Redes En Accion (Networks in Action) is to develop a broad-based coalition of cancer research centers, community-based organizations and federal partners to foster a national infrastructure for Hispanic cancer prevention and control activities.

Redes En Accion is part of a new \$60 million effort recently announced by the National Cancer Institute to address cancer-related issues among certain special populations in this country. It is funded by one of 18 grants at 17 institutions creating or implementing cancer control, prevention, research and training programs in minority and under-served populations.

Tonsil disease impacts child's quality of life

HOUSTON — Tonsil and adenoid disease can be more than a childhood inconvenience that will go away in time, said Dr. Michael C. Stewart, an associate professor of otolaryngology and assistant dean of clinical affairs at Baylor College of Medicine.

In a recent study published in the Archives of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Stewart

surveyed parents of 154 children between the ages of 2 and 16 and found the impact of tonsil and adenoid disease on overall health to be quite significant. Children suffered from behavioral problems, sleep disruptions, loss of appetite, and poor concentration.

"The survey showed that children with tonsil and adenoid disease scored significantly lower than healthy children. The impact appears to be as severe as conditions considered more serious such as asthma and arthritis," Stewart said.

"Quality of life issues need to be considered when planning a child's treatment," Stewart said.

Nutrition strategies keep fast food on track

HOUSTON — Nutrition doesn't have to suffer in the fast-food lane.

"When families eat out frequently, parents need to develop a few strategies to keep everyone's diet on track," said Dr. Karen Cullen, a research nutritionist with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Choose restaurants that offer healthy choices, such as grilled chicken breasts, regular-size burgers with lettuce and tomato, lean submarine-type sandwiches, small bags of fries, low-fat milk, real orange juice and vegetarian pizza.

Set a good example. Decline offers to super-size.

Ask that dressings and high-fat spreads be served "on the side" or ask for "fat free" versions.

It's the parents' job to decide when, where and how often the family dines out. "Just remember, it's what your family eats over the course of several days that affects their nutritional well-being, not the content of a single meal," she said.

'Macho' men tend to avoid medical attention

HOUSTON — Guys who think they're too "macho" to seek medical help could end up making more trips to the doctor's office in the long run.

"A man who waits to see a physician until his problem has become more severe might need

medical attention for a longer period of time," said Dr. Jeffrey Steinbauer, director of Baylor College of Medicine's family medicine clinic in Houston. Left untreated, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes can lead to complications that require hospitalization and/or repeated visits to a physician to monitor the health problem closely. Such chronic problems are usually detected early in men who see their physician for regular checkups or minor illnesses.

"If the patient comes to the doctor routinely, the physician has a chance to recommend standard tests for men in a particular age group, such as a rectal exam for prostate cancer or screening for colon cancer," said Steinbauer, associate professor of family and community medicine. "This also gives the doctor a chance to learn more about the patient's family history and other health risks."

Think twice before giving kids herbal supplements

HOUSTON — Don't assume herbal supplements are safe alternatives to prescription medications, especially in children.

"Supplements are largely unregulated and untested," said Dr. Kathleen Motil, a pediatrician with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Some might provide benefit, but very few have been tested in children to determine their safety and value."

Although "natural," herbal supplements should be used with caution. "Some herbal supplements have physiologically active compounds that can have serious negative side effects when too much is consumed," Motil said. "And, we may not know how much is too much for children until they become ill."

Herbal supplements can also amplify or reduce the effectiveness of prescription medications.

"Parents who are open with their child's physician about herbal use can avoid potential interactions between supplements and a child's prescription medications," she said.



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The Texas Panhandle

I thank God I was born on the Texas Panhandle plains
With its pump jacks, canyons, windmills and fields full of grain

There's places you can watch cowboys drive a herd down the road
Or just set back and watch a sunset and marvel at its glow

I've lived in the cities with the buildings to the sky
But the thought of driving through the canyons is what makes my spirit high

The world is full of beautiful places — mountains, rivers and forests that seem to never end
But for some reason I'd just as soon live in a Panhandle town with a Dairy Queen and a gin

You can go to football games in fine arenas and pay a \$100 to get in
But I'd rather go see Pampa play Borger anytime, my friend

Well, many people have left this area and moved

off to chase their dreams
But I'm glad to be back in the Panhandle to be with my parents, friends and cheer for my team.
—Daniel Casey

Friday Night in the Old Home Town

Its Friday night in the old home town
And the referee is signaling another first down
Mom is in the stand leading the cheers
If they just could win tonight
It would bring her to tears
The quarterback barks out the signals
That starts off the play
And then turns and hands the ball
To his little brother Jay
The tailback runs for a touchdown
And then falls down with joy
He runs like a man
But has the heart of a boy
The cheerleaders scream
As the quarterback throws the bomb
The one in the middle looks just like her mom
Well the season is winding down
And the wins have been few
But for a couple of hours on Friday I was a kid again, too.
—Daniel Casey, October 1999

Liz Smith

"Pampa Positive Solution: Light a candle. Don't curse the problem!"

Pampa people have an old-fashioned morality, a way of holding on to the good of the past without turning away from progress for the future. Their interests lay more in the caring for friends and neighbors than in the finding of fault with others.

The city is made what it is by the people who live in it, not the government, or any group. Each citizen makes a contribution to the quality of living for everyone else. Your contributions in just living here have made Pampa what it is. Pride in Pampa should be the thing to tell folks about, after all, each of us has had a hand in what Pampa is today.

What if each of you was to call, write, mail or e-mail someone and tell him or her about us?

What if you said, people still wave "howdy," as they drive on our roads?

What if you said, kids still ride their bikes down the street and play outside?

What if you said, people still walk in the park or to the store or to a friend's house?

What if you said, it's less than an hour to Amarillo to work, shop or fly from?

What if you said, we have good schools, 'cause we care about all our kids?

What if you said, we have reasonably priced housing, people left to find work?

What if you said, we have lower taxes, no one went to disagree at the hearings?

What if you said, we have no traffic jams except at Wal-Mart?

What if you said, we have an active main street with unique hometown shops?

What if you said, we have great weather, compare it to where they live?

What if you said, we have Texas State designation as a

tourist city, a reason to visit?

What if you said, we have Texas State and local funds to help them in starting a business?

What if you said, we have good people who want to work for them?

What if you said, we have year-round entertainment, ranging from rodeo to the arts?

What if you said, when we have trouble is when we can count on our friends?

What if you said, we have hometown unity and pride?

What if you just said, I live here because ... you finish this thought.

Pampans unite. Only you can

make a positive difference in our city, support your vote by going to meetings and voicing your opinions and helping the people you've elected to make decisions in the best interest of the area.

Look at the good things we have; you may take them for granted, but, folks, other places would like to have what we do. I have listed such a few things. I'm sure your list is much longer with better reasons to be here. As good as it is, Pampa, you can make it better for everyone.

Don't let Pampa be "The best kept secret in Texas." Get the word out!

—Liz Smith

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GOP leaders vow to stick to their guns on budget, tax battle

WASHINGTON (AP) — In no rush to leave the Capitol despite an impending election, Republican congressional leaders say they will negotiate but not capitulate to President Clinton in this year's end-of-session budget and tax battle.

"He's basically saying, 'Give me what I want or I'm going to keep you here,'" said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. "And we're prepared to say, 'Fine. We'll stay.'"

The chances of avoiding that outcome improved as negotiators, working past midnight, closed in on a deal on one of the last big unfinished bills, a \$350 billion measure to fund labor, education and health programs in fiscal 2001.

While the details remained to be worked out, general agreements were reached early Monday on money for school modernization and new workplace ergonomics rules.

On ergonomics, the Clinton administration will be allowed to promulgate new rules to reduce repetitive-motion injuries and other work-related illnesses, but the rules won't go into effect until next year, when business groups that oppose the rules hope that a Republican president, George W. Bush, will rescind them.

The White House and congressional negotiators also agreed to provide \$1 billion for school modernization grants, a White House priority, and \$300 million for special education and school equipment, a GOP priority.

Even though the House is up for grabs in the Nov. 7 election, GOP leaders appeared content during a rare Sunday session to stand their ground on other outstanding issues as Congress approved another 24-hour extension of federal operations.

Only seven of the 13 annual spending bills have been signed into law almost a month into the new fiscal year, but there was no sense of urgency among lawmakers to adjourn in time for the final few days of campaigning.

Indeed, with time so short and political advertising already in the pipeline, GOP leaders said sticking to their guns in the budget fight was the best election strategy. Clinton often forced Republicans to cave in during past budget talks.

"We're negotiating from a position of strength," said John Feehery, spokesman for House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. Republicans appeared on the House floor Sunday night with a huge sign that read: "How much is enough?"

Clinton faced a decision Monday on whether to sign a package containing the \$30.3 billion Treasury Department bill, a \$2.5 billion measure financing Congress' own operations and a bill repealing the 3 percent federal telephone tax. The White House opened the door to a possible veto over the timing of the tax repeal, bringing howls of protest from Republicans but, again, vows not to panic.

"We won't hurry things just because we're threatened with a veto," said House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas. "We've got plenty of time."

There were no talks over the weekend on the GOP's 10-year, \$240 billion tax relief package that contains a \$1 boost in the minimum wage. Clinton calls the measure unacceptable because he says too much of a \$30 billion giveback to Medicare providers goes to health maintenance organizations and it contains a weak school construction provision.

But Republicans showed no willingness to negotiate with Clinton on that bill.

"If he's going to veto it, he's going to veto it," said Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho.

Negotiators did continue wading through hundreds of provisions that lawmakers are trying to attach to the final spending bills. They also must confront the remaining big issues: the tax package; and an amnesty for illegal aliens being pushed by the administration and strongly opposed by Republicans.

The workplace regulations would set standards to prevent repetitive-motion injuries and other work-related ailments. The White House also insists that school construction projects abide by prevailing wages, which in many cases are union scale. Lott called both measures a pre-election "payoff to big labor."

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said the provision had nothing to do with organized labor but "has everything to do with whether or not, if you're going to build a school, you pay the prevailing wage rate."

On the immigration issue, Democrats are allied with Latino advocacy groups in demanding amnesty for some 1 million immigrants who entered the country illegally before 1986. Republicans offered a narrower measure to help immigrant families stay together in a \$39.9 billion spending bill for the Commerce, Justice and State departments. Clinton has threatened to veto it.

Braum's introduces new breakfast burrito in Pampa

Beginning Nov. 2, Braum's will be offering its new breakfast burrito at all Pampa, Canyon, Dumas, Amarillo and Borger locations.

The new breakfast burrito is made by combining specially-seasoned country-style sausage, fresh scrambled eggs, real dairy cheese, juicy tomatoes, crisp onions and green peppers. This

tasty combination is then wrapped in a fresh flour tortilla and served with Braum's southwestern-style picante sauce.

Braum's new breakfast burrito is twice as big as most other breakfast burritos and is created in the Braum's tradition of quality and freshness. Braum's new breakfast burrito will be available during breakfast hours: 6-

10:30 a.m., Monday-Saturday, and 7-11 a.m., Sunday.

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Get Ready For A Safe Halloween

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Never trick-or-treat alone
- Always go in groups with adult supervision

If wearing face paint, read the label and be sure it clearly says "non-toxic"

Don't eat any candy until you get home and have your parents inspect it

Don't wear costumes that are too confining or could make you trip

Make sure you can see and breathe clearly through masks

Throw away any unwrapped or suspicious looking candy

Carry a flashlight and wear reflective strips on your costumes

Walk, don't run from house to house. Use the sidewalk as much as possible

Never go inside a stranger's house or car



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