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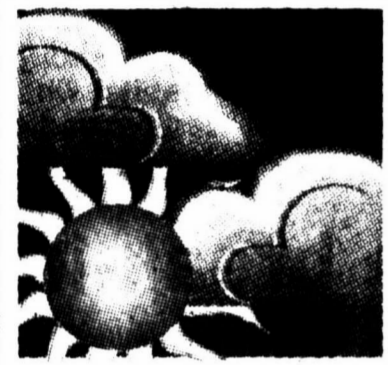
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Free prostate screening Oct. 5
PAMPA — Men 50 and over are invited to participate in a free prostate screening with urologist Rene P. Grabato, MD, from 1-5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 5 on the second floor of Pampa Regional Medical Center. Early detection is key to fighting this type of cancer. To make an appointment, call (806) 663-5577.

Doctor detained by FBI welcomed home
SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio mosque on Friday celebrated the return of a Saudi doctor detained nearly two weeks by the FBI after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C.
Dr. Al-Badr Al-Hazmi, who was cleared and released from FBI custody last week after being held on a material witness warrant, attended his first Friday service in three weeks.
Al-Hazmi was greeted by hugs from fellow worshippers and two large, yellow banners outside the city's largest mosque.
Al-Hazmi, in an address to the congregation, thanked those who prayed for him, the FBI for their "professionalism" and local officials for trying "to calm things down" when the media was "going crazy trying to make a movie out of my life."
"I'd like to thank all the friends — Christians, Jews and Muslims. It is time for all of us to reunite and celebrate our diversity," he said.

No deaths were reported to The Pampa News.

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Park arrest follows Internet sting

After a brief e-mail exchange, the girl became frightened and told her parents what was happening and they brought the matter to police, Police Chief Charlie Morris said.

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

A two-week Internet sting operation that wrapped "the web" around a spider instead of the victim ended Friday night with the arrest of a Pampa man on felony sexual assault charges.
Jerry Lee Cooper, 44, 320 S. Houston, was arrested by Pampa Police Department Det. David Conner and Officer Bo Lake shortly after 7:30 p.m. Friday near the Super Playground. He remained in Gray County Jail early Saturday awaiting a bond hearing on felony charges of sexual assault - criminal solicitation of a child.
The charges resulted from a Pampa Police Department investigation that lasted more than two weeks and culminated with the arrest at the park.

Pampa police began investigating the circumstances leading to the arrest about two weeks ago after a 14-year-old girl and her parents reported that a man had asked for the girl's e-mail address, saying he wanted to correspond with her.

After a brief e-mail exchange, the girl became frightened and told her parents what was happening and they brought the matter to police, Police Chief Charlie Morris said.

Det. Conner then began corresponding with the man, posing as the 14-year-old, through e-mails and in a chat room on the Internet, he said.

As the exchange went on, police said it became apparent that the man intended to meet the girl and have sex.

Police decided to set up a "meeting" between the two and make the arrest, Morris said.

"To my knowledge, (a sting of this type) has never been done in Pampa, Texas," the chief said.

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Pampa Police Officers Heather Ratzlaff, left, and David Conner, right, lead Jerry Lee Cooper away from the Super Playground Friday evening. Police arrest Cooper for sexual assault - criminal solicitation of a child after a two-week Internet sting operation.



Dr. Sylvia Ann Grider Dr. Robert (Bob) Jernigan

Dr. Sylvia Grider, PHS Class of 1959, and Dr. Robert (Bob) Jernigan, PHS Class of 1959, have been named as two outstanding PHS alumni who have contributed significantly to the betterment of their professions.

PHS Hall of Fame Induction ceremony on Friday

Two Pampa High School graduates will be named to the PHS Hall of Fame during an induction ceremony at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at the Pampa High School field house.

Dr. Sylvia Grider, PHS Class of 1959, and Dr. Robert (Bob) Jernigan, PHS Class of 1959, have been named as two outstanding PHS alumni who have contributed significantly to the betterment of their professions.

The announcement of the selection was made by Dawson Orr, superintendent of the Pampa Independent School District, and John Kendall, principal of Pampa High School.

Orr said, "The Pampa High School Hall of Fame has been, and will continue to be a source of inspiration and motivation for our students and community. The Hall provides visible and tangible proof that there are many distinct pathways to excellence for those who are willing to pursue them. I am proud of the response of our students to these distinguished alumni."

Sylvia Ann Grider
Sylvia Ann Grider is a native Panaman, born in the Worley Hospital on Oct. 21, 1940. Both of

her parents, K.C. and Mildred Holt Grider, graduated from Pampa High School as members of the Class of 1933. Her brother, Robert, graduated from Pampa High School in 1957.

Growing up in Pampa in the 1950s was an idyllic time for wearing poodle skirts and bobby socks. The faculty, staff and administration of Pampa High School guided the good-natured and rambunctious student body by precept and example, preparing graduates to succeed at some of the finest colleges and universities in the country.

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County agenda full Monday

Litigation will be the topic of an executive session when Gray County Commissioners meet at 9 a.m. Monday, Oct. 1, at their temporary offices at 315 N. Ballard, Pampa.

Also, the Constitutional amendment election for Nov. 6, 2001, will be declared by the commission.

A request from White Deer Land Museum Board to remodel the outside facade of the building located at 124 N. Cuyler will be considered. Also an appointment to the White Deer Land Museum board will be considered to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Dawson Orr.

Other items to be considered are road crossing permit for North/South County Road between Sections 57 and 58, Block 25, H&GN, interlocal

agreement for conducting hearings and proceedings for court-ordered mental health services with Deaf Smith County, and oil and gas lease with O.J. Hubbard, Jr.

Also to be considered are prohibiting dangerous wild animals in unincorporated areas, reappointment of Judge Willis Smith to the Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation Board of Trustees, taking credit by cancellation on juror checks dated prior to January, 2001, lease agreement at 2501 E. Frederic at the county annex and personnel policy review and changes.

County Treasurer Scott Hahn is to address the court regarding workman's compensation for elected officials.

Senior snapshot



Name: Marceline Rogers.
Birth Date & Place: Jan. 27, 1927.

Family: Daughters Casandra and Rebekah and three grandsons.

Favorite Childhood Memory: We moved to Pampa in 1934, during the Depression, because my dad had a permanent job with Magnolia Oil Co. We were thankful because we had experienced many hard times!

When I Grew Up I Wanted To Be: A lawyer.

My Best Friend was: My mother.

People Remember Me As Being: A member of the 'fly-paper gang.'

My Favorite Toy: A bicycle.

My Favorite Game: Kick the

can.

My Favorite Radio Show: Fibber McGee.

The First Movie I Ever Saw & The Cost: "Hell's Angels," 10-cents.

The First Phone I Ever Used Belonged To: Peggy Dupy's family.

The Person That Most Influenced My Life: My mother.

The Historical Event That Most Affected My Life & Why: World War II. I was 17 and realized the lives lost affected my generation.

The Thing I Remember Most About The Depression

Was: My relatives gave my family a large bag of food and my parents wanted me to have enough to eat.

The Biggest Honor I've Ever Received Is: Winning extemporaneous speech contest in junior high school.

If I Could Change One Thing About My Past It Would Be: Nothing.

My Whole Family Enjoyed: Driving the car.

The Person From My Childhood I Wish I Could Visit With Today Is: Dorothy Wilgus.
My First Job Was: C.R. Anthony, 16-year-old clerk.
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Vehicle I Drove: 1936 Plymouth.

Cost of Gasoline When I First Drove: 10-cents a gallon.

On My First Date I Went To: The carnival.

My Favorite Hang Out Spot Was: Patrick's.

The Fashion Trend Was: Pleated skirts and Oxford.

My Favorite Saying Was: Groovy.

My Favorite Song Was: "I'll Be Seeing You."

Another Memory I Want To Share Is: Belonging to the 'Flypaper Gang' because we stuck together and also going to U.S.O. dances.

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Faculty to whom Sylvia is indebted include Howard Graham, Bill Haynes, Elizabeth Hurley, Elaine Ledbetter, Lula Owen and Aubra Nooncaster — all of whom demanded excellence in the classroom. Others in Pampa who provided love, good times and life-long friendships are the members of Girl Scout Troop 22, including troop leader Marian "Tuffy" Osborne, and her fellow classmates — "We're the class that will always shine! We're the class of '59!"

After graduation, a Cabot Scholarship enabled Sylvia to attend the University of Texas at Austin, where — influenced by her high school classes with Lula Owen — she majored in Latin, graduating with a bachelor of arts degree in 1963.

After teaching Latin, English, and world history at Caprock High School in Amarillo, for a couple of years, she returned to the University of Texas as a master of arts in history (1967), with a minor in classical civilization. To further her classical training, she participated in the University of Texas archaeological excavation at Ancient Corinth, Greece. It was on this excavation that she unexpectedly discovered the field to which she would devote the rest of her professional career — folklore, or the study of tradition in culture.

The folktales and legends that the Greek workmen told were much more exciting to her than the excavation and analysis of ancient artifacts! After returning to the United States, Sylvia taught English and world history at N.R. Crozier Technical High School in Dallas before enrolling at Indiana University, where she received her Ph.D. from the Folklore Institute in 1976.

Upon completion of her doctorate, Dr. Grider was hired as an assistant professor of English at Texas A&M University, where she continues to teach and conduct research. She is currently associate professor of anthropology and teaches both graduate and undergraduate courses in general folklore, material culture and folk narrative as well as Texas cultural history.

Her graduate students have won university-level awards in both teaching and research. The results of her research have been published in scores of scholarly journal articles, book chapters and essays, some of which are included in textbook anthologies. She also has presented research papers at state, national and international meetings of various scholarly societies.

Her most recent book was co-edited with Lou Rodenberger, "Texas Women Writers: A Tradition of Their Own" (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 1997), which was a featured book at the 1997 Texas Book Festival. She has been president of both the Texas Folklore Society and the American Folklore Society. She also served two terms as the American Folklore Society delegate to the American Council of Learned Societies. After the fatal collapse of the Aggie Bonfire in 1999, Dr. Grider directed the Bonfire Memorabilia Collection Project as principal investigator.

The love of learning instilled at PHS is the main reason she chose to become a career scholar/teacher.

Robert (Bob) Jernigan

Robert (Bob) Jernigan lived in Pampa from age 4 through 18, and received all of his pre-colle-

giate education in the Pampa schools. The strong influences of the excellent school system served well in establishing his educational foundation. The schools reflected the wisdom, effort and planning of Superintendent of Schools Knox Kinard and High School Principal Jack Edmundson. His major scientific mentor was his chemistry teacher Elaine Ledbetter who encouraged him to enter a number of competitions, including the National Science Fair, and who was almost solely responsible for directing him toward a career in the sciences.

Other Pampa High School teachers who were important in his education include, but are not limited to: Elizabeth Hurley, Mrs. O. Mangold, William Tregoe, Lula B. Owen, John Plaster, James Webb, Virginia Vaughan, Howard Graham, Mrs. J.E. Torvie, Aubra Nooncaster, Mrs. E.L. Norman, Helen Schafer, B.G. Gordon, Lucy Cathcart, Madge Rusk and Mrs. Walter Bowen. He also appreciates the self-discipline learned from his piano teacher William Haley. And of course, last but not least, he fondly remembers his fellow students.

He attended CalTech, graduating in 1963, followed by graduate school in physical chemistry at Stanford University, earning a Ph.D. in 1967. As a graduate student, he studied computations on synthetic polymers with Nobel Prize-winner Paul J. Flory. Following this, he did a post-doctoral period of study at the University of California, San Diego, with Bruno Zimm. His research at the NIH began with synthetic polypeptides and gradually expanded to encompass proteins and nucleic acids.

At present, he is Deputy Laboratory Chief, Chief Molecular Structure Section, Theoretical Physical Chemist in the Laboratory of Experimental and Computational Biology of the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., which is the largest biomedical research institute in the world.

He has research interests in computational biology, bioinformatics, structural biology and genomics, focusing on structure-function studies of biochemical and biophysical processes. In particular, he has developed new

methods for computer modeling and simulation. Applications have been to develop new medical therapies, including protein engineering, database extraction and drug design. These studies have been described in his 150-plus publications.

He lives in Washington, D.C., and has engaged in many efforts supporting local citizens' activities to improve the Dupont Circle neighborhood.

Awards and Honors include: Various NIH awards and grants; U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation Grants; U.S. Army Breast Cancer Grant; Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem; NIH Merit Award "in recognition of research contributions on protein and nucleic acids ..."; Fellow American Association for the Advancement of Science (1999).

The age of genomics has brought the new science pursued by Dr. Jernigan to the forefront. The basic approaches that he has developed will now have a major impact for interpreting genes in terms of protein structure and behavior. He will move back to the Plains in 2002 to take up a Professorship in Biochemistry, Biophysics and Molecular Biology, together with serving as director of the Laurence H. Baker Center for Bioinformatics and Biological Statistics in the Plant Sciences Institute at Iowa State University. He is planning research activities in plant genomics with agricultural applications.

The PHS Hall of Fame began with the 1996-97 school year. Past inductees are from 1997, R. C. Wilson, Class of 1921; Dr. Floyd S. Brandt, Class of 1947; J. David Fatheree, Class of 1954; Dr. R. Malcolm Brown, Jr., Class of 1957; Mary Jane Rose Johnson, Class of 1968; and Dr. Jim Bond, Class of 1954.

Honorees from 1998 were Clyde Carruth, Class of 1922; Gerald Ford, Class of 1962; Russell Bernard, Class of 1956; Dr. Joe Bourland, Class of 1960; and Bob Neslage, Class of 1962.

Hall of Fame Honorees from 1999 were Eugene Anderson, Class of 1956; Heidi Schneider Roupp, Class of 1958; and James Randel Matson, Class of 1963.

Sen. David Cain, Class of 1966, and C. E. "Doc" Cornutt, Class of

1967, were inducted into the Hall of Fame in the spring of 2000.

The school year 2000-01 added Bill Waters, Class of 1943, and Harold Courson, Class of 1952,

into the prestigious group of High School at

www.pampaid.net and selecting Pampa High School, alumni information and click on "Hall of Fame."

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ARREST

Police officers met for a briefing at 4 p.m. Friday and set up how they would conduct the arrest. Led by Conner and Bo Lake and supervised by Col. Terry Young, nine officers surrounded the perimeter of the playground, including Colby Brown, Fred Courtney, Connie Lockridge, Cade Logue, Keith Morris, Tommy Pickering, Stephanie Raymond, and Heather Ratzlaff.

Officer Stormy McCullar, 25, with her hair up in a pony tail and wearing jeans and a t-shirt, became the decoy, posing as the 14-year-old girl.

Through a chat room conversation, Conner arranged to meet the man at the Super Playground at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The detective, acting as the girl, told the man that she would be sitting on the swings and asked him to come sit with her awhile because she was "scared."

Police officers, dressed in plain clothes, stationed around the area kept the playground clear of pedestrians while they waited for the man to come.

At 7:29 p.m., a pickup matching the description of the suspect's pulled up to the playground. A man got out and began walking toward the playground where McCullar sat in a swing. In seconds, officers appeared

from all directions, knocking the man to the ground and handcuffing him.

As they led the man, bleeding from a small cut on his head, to Logue's patrol car, he kept saying, "What have I done? What have I done?"

Armed with a search warrant, officers went to a residence on South Houston after the arrest. Results of the search were not available at press time today.

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WTC recovery could top \$30 billion, take years

NEW YORK (AP) — The price tag of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center will be nearly \$40 billion, an early estimate of what it will cost to remove debris, pay overtime and rebuild subways and skyscrapers, officials say.

Cleaning up the estimated 1.2 million tons of rubble will cost \$7 billion alone and take up to a year to complete, officials said Friday in providing rough cost estimates of the destruction left when hijacked airliners obliterated the trade center.

Crews began demolishing remains of an adjacent building, crashing a wrecking ball through its roof early Saturday.

National Guard soldiers take to nation's airports

DENVER (AP) — Airline passengers encountered National Guard soldiers at airports across the country as states followed a presidential order to call up troops to fend off potential terrorism threats.

National Guardsmen packing M-16s and pistols and wearing camouflage fatigues were visible at several airports Friday. Many states were in the process of activating soldiers and were expected to have them in airports in coming days.

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Letters to the editor

Publisher's note: The last day letters to the editor will be run that relate to items on the Nov. 6 ballot, including the Pampa Economic Development Corporation issue, will be Sunday, Oct. 7. Because the topic of a hog farm has been tied to the Pampa Economic Development Corporation no letters about hog farms will be allowed during this time. Paid advertising will be accepted.

Soldier asks for prayer, unity throughout nation

To the editor,
Hello, everyone. This is Sergeant Jerry Ryan Bruce. I graduated Pampa High School in May 1997. I am currently serving in the U.S. Army as an OH-58D Helicopter crew chief at Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo.

The terrorist attack on our nation is a terrible and horrible event that America has never seen before. We must all come together as a family of closeness during this time of need.

As for all the rescuers and firefighters who continue to dig through the rubble and as for the leaders of this great nation who continue to debate the strategies to fight terrorism, we all must come together and pray for the outcome.

As for all the fellow soldiers who continue to keep this nation a free nation and a nation free of harm, I ask for you all to remember us in your prayers.

May God Bless America and you all.
Sgt. Jerry Ryan Bruce
Kosovo

Gluttonous corporate ag industry not good for towns

To the editor,
We know of a once-picturesque little town in Oklahoma, which was in the throes of changes that affected every small town in the United States some years ago, as agriculture declined and population shifted to urban areas. Shortly thereafter, that community took in large dairy operations and corporate hog farms.

Years later, their economic circumstances are a bit worse, but many new problems have become apparent, among these contamination of water and a withered tax base. They now deeply regret that they ever welcomed these industries, but, there is no going back, and they must cope with what has been wrought. It is a sad fact that the commercial animal operations that pillage the land and water have more protection under the laws than the people who are trampled by them.

The panhandle has become infested with these mass hog-raising industries. We should all be aware of their gluttonous need for our precious water, and the potential for depletion and contamination of the irreplaceable Ogallala Aquifer.

Pampa would make an ideal retirement community, but if the pigs make their debut, this will vanish (and so will many of the retirees) and with this our hopes for other businesses or industry.

Why, then, has PEDC endorsed and defended the pig factories? If ever anything was anti-growth, the corporate pig farms are.
Edna L. Haydon
Pampa

Must citizens go to extremes to wake-up city leaders?

To the editor,
I learned a valuable lesson about listening to rumors yesterday. I had heard there was going to be great sink hole (whatever that means) at the PEDC meeting yesterday afternoon. Well, my curiosity was peaked, so I took time off work to go and see just what a sink hole was.

All I ended up seeing was a big tribute to Susan and what a great job she has been doing. The board apparently has a lot of friends willing to speak in her behalf. Maybe she has been doing a good job, but as a whole, the board leaves a lot to be desired as far as performance goes.

I heard Judge Peet speak on communication and the necessity of the citizens to talk to the board members. This is an excellent idea, but not an original one. I guess the Judge has been away for some time now and not heard the public outcry. It is my opinion that the citizens have been screaming at the top of their lungs for months now, and no one is listening.

I did see a city commissioner stand up and admit that there has been a lack of communication between the commissioners and the PEDC. How many years has it taken them to realize that? They appointed the PEDC. I would have thought they would know they would be responsible for them. Amazing. They are elected, right? Makes one think.

Guess they are glad I don't have a vote in your nice little city. I only get to spend my tax dollars there and give up my nice serene country life for dairies and hog factories that they put in my back yard. And never ask how I feel about it either. Nice neighbors those officials.

I did see one good thing at the PEDC meeting. They realized it might not have been a good idea to give over \$2,000 of your tax dollars to the country club for membership incentives to new businesses.

I always wondered about that. Most of us are not welcome there, and they are a business, with employees outside the city limits. Why

weren't they giving \$2,000 a year to all the gas stations and hair-dressers and every other business inside the city limits? Sure seems like these folks needed some looking after. Do you think the city commissioners have realized that yet? Sort of looked that way yesterday because there were three of them at the meeting.

It is unfortunate that citizens have to resort to such extremes as getting a petition together to get the attention of their city officials. It looked to me like this was a wake-up call for some. May be too late, I don't know.

Tom McCracken
Pampa

People outside city limits have no rights, no say ...

To the editor,
All of the PEDC businesses have been out of the city limits except the MediCorp company, yet, the people outside of the city limits have no rights. We cannot sign petitions or vote.

Now, I ask why Susan Triplehorn is head of the committee when she lives out of the city limits? In our opinion, this committee has helped very few people in Pampa and has spent millions of dollars for little or no return.

Why can we not use this money for our community? It could be used for more protection — fire department, police department, schools — and to clean-up all the old falling down structures.

Yes, we are expected to shop in Pampa, but not having the right to vote in city elections forces us to go elsewhere to spend our tax dollars, because our opinion means very little to the City of Pampa.

Also, why do you have to be from a certain group of people in Pampa before your name looks good on a petition?

As for the pig operation, what children would want to come back to Pampa to live if National Pig Development is allowed to have their operation near Pampa? They may inherit a house, land or a family business, but any of this would be of very little value with the overwhelming smell of the pig farm.

Buddy and Billie Lowrey
Pampa

Pampans must not quit trying, but press on ...

To the editor,
A petition has been assembled to place the PEDC on the November ballot. I'll be the first to admit that mistakes were made and some projects have gone sour. Just because we have had some failures, that is no reason to quit trying. Our local economy has continually taken a downturn on an annual basis and our school enrollment continues to decline.

We, along with many of the surrounding communities, have an EDC to make an effort to turn our economies around. If we don't make an effort, I can assure you that no one is going to do it for us.

I know of no single person who has had to alter their lifestyle as a result of the 1/2-cent sales tax which funds the PEDC.

Every successful businessperson in this town has experienced setbacks in their careers, but they all have something in common, they never quit trying.

Let's not give up just because of a few failures. The citizens of Pampa have never been noted for being quitters, so let's continue to press on with the PEDC because it's our only hope for stimulating our economy and preventing further population decline.

Bob Neslage
Pampa

What has PEDC really accomplished?

To the editor,
People can laugh at me all they want and even some condemn me for what I have said and what I am about to say.

People are angry, and they have every right to be. The PEDC members don't want anybody saying anything against them. All they can say or talk about is all the business they have brought into town and how they have helped the businesses that they have brought in. But, I for one, have not heard a one of them say what they have done for the people who have been residents here for years.

Have you heard any one of them or anybody else involved come forward and accept any responsibility for any of those loans? If they helped the town, then why are the citizens having to pay them back?

If we have to pay it back with the sales tax, then did they just give those people the money or where will the money go if those people do pay on or pay their loans off?

I know I wouldn't have said anything about the dairy if it had of been handled right, and I don't think anybody else would have either.

It's also sad to know that possibly a man could lose his job and his

family could suffer because of the things that are going on here.

It's also becoming quiet apparent from some of the statements made from some of the board members in the paper and others that unless you are employed by some of the companies then a lot of businesses won't do business with you.

Now, it's bad when you can walk in to a couple of businesses and they find out you are on Social Security or you have a low-income and they get you out of there as fast as they can. And to tell these people for sure in so many words or less it's not any skin off our backs what you need. You don't need anything anyway. We don't have to take responsibility for our own doings, so why should we or our families have to suffer because of you?

When people have to walk off and leave their homes and let everything else go, get rid of it to pay their bills because these people need their money. Right now.

It's sure strange to me they are sure worried about the poor people not paying, but they sure aren't worried about what they are doing to the other people and not worried about their obligations.

Sue Meeks
Pampa

Who would kill the goose that lays the golden egg?

To the editor:
I am reading the Sunday, Sept. 16 edition of the Pampa News in which United Medicorp, Inc. (UMC) praises the Pampa Economic Development Corporation (PEDC).

In a quote attributed to Mr. Seaman, PEDC paid at closing, and will pay \$27,400 a year for five years. PEDC will pay for eight years, \$1,000 per employee per year for the first 50 employees and \$500 per employee over 50.

His company has 84 employees according to the article — \$1,000 times 50 employees equals \$50,000 per year. For each of the remaining 34 employees \$500 will be paid per year, amounting to \$17,000 per year; \$27,400 plus \$50,000 plus \$17,000 gives a total of \$94,400 per year that PEDC will give this company for five years to have their business in Pampa. Then for the next three years (according to the eight year grant) PEDC will give the company \$67,000 per year to have their business in Pampa.

The total that will be given to the company over an eight-year period is \$673,000. We do not know what other benefits and incentives they will receive. For \$673,000 over eight years many of us would be willing to publish nice statements about PEDC. Please don't kill the goose that lays the golden eggs.

Of the six homes purchased by UMC's employees, at least one of the employees had a home on the market prior to employment with UMC, and when it sold, purchased a home in a more modest location. This transaction was not a result of UMC locating in Pampa, so no gold star can be given for this one. I do not yet know about the circumstances of the remaining success stories.

When the PEDC contract with UMC runs out, it will be interesting to see if the cost of wages and heavy competition in this area forces UMC to seek a new group of generous taxpayers to contribute \$673,000 to run their business for another eight years.

Shirley Nicholson
Pampa

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Scientists exploring 'DNA zoo' to understand human genes

By MALCOLM RITTER
AP Science Writer

BAR HARBOR, Maine (AP) — Every summer for 42 years, researchers have gathered at this seaside resort town to discuss mammalian genetics. And for the most part, they've talked about research in people and mice.

This summer, there was a strange invasion of the agenda. Zebrafish. Fruit flies. Sea squirts. The tiny worm *C. elegans*. Pufferfish — yes, that delicious and occasionally lethal Japanese delicacy. And hey, one speaker asked, how about the platypus?

These scientists were meeting at The Jackson Laboratory, a renowned center for mouse genetics that holds 200,000 of those favorite lab creatures. Nobody was suggesting the rodents should be thrown out of a job.

Instead, the discussions dramatized how scientists are enlisting an expanding menagerie to help them identify genes in people, understand how genes are turned on and off at the right times and in the right parts of the body, and to probe dark mysteries of evolution.

While you've heard plenty of fuss about the decoding of the human genome, which is the library of DNA needed to make an

organism, scientists say cracking genomes of other species is crucial to figuring out how the human genome actually works.

This is more than just tidying up some details. Of course, the 3 billion "letters" of DNA message that make up the human genetic blueprint have been largely identified. That mammoth task exposed mind-boggling strings of the four kinds of DNA letters, each letter representing a chemical building block for genes and other kinds of encoded information.

DNA doesn't contain genes neatly lined up like beads on a string. The genes are scattered through a vast sea of what's been called "junk DNA," which has no known function. In fact, less than 2 percent of human DNA represents the main working parts of a gene, those that tell a cell how to make a protein.

The problem is, DNA strings don't contain any sure-fire signals that say, "This segment is part of a gene" or "This is just junk" or "This is an important switch that turns that gene over there on and off."

Scientists prospect for genes by using computers to scour DNA sequences for letter combinations that resemble those of known genes. "We're really lousy at finding genes" that way, said Carol Bult of the Jackson Lab, who studies the mouse genome. Computers can overlook some genes and be fooled by letter combinations that only look like genes. So scientists have to use other lines of evidence to confirm that potential genes are real.

The pitfalls of gene-finding were illustrated just last month, when researchers published an analysis of data from the two big scientific groups that unraveled the human genome. Both groups had looked for potential genes, and the analysis looked for disagreement — possible genes that were cited by either group but not named by the other. There were nearly 25,000 instances.

In response, officials of both groups said they suspect most of those will turn out to be bogus.

In any case, scientists could use some help in picking genes out of those long strands of DNA letters, something like a pair of highlighters that would paint genes in yellow and on-off switch sequences in blue. And that's where mice, zebrafish, pufferfish and the rest come in.

Here's the idea: Humans and those other creatures have been evolving separately for tens of millions of years, and of course they look and act pretty differently. But gene for gene, there are some surprising similarities. Human genes can stand in for their counterparts when inserted into yeast and *C. elegans*, for example.

How can that be? Because Mother Nature sticks with good ideas. Universally important genes, and their regulatory DNA sequences, persist as species evolve apart. Other DNA, either not useful or important for only particular species, tends to fall away.

So what better way to identify important sequences of DNA — genes and on-off switches — than comparing long DNA strings from different species and looking for resemblances? If a sequence appears in both humans and mice, which have been evolving separately for 80 million years, or humans and pufferfish, which have followed separate paths for some 400 million years, it's probably important.

Just the other day, Bult typed such a request into her black laptop computer at the Jackson Lab.

She's trying to track down a gene that causes a skeletal malformation in mice. Once found, its human counterpart can be investigated to see if it causes trouble in people. Breeding techniques had shown the mouse gene lies somewhere within a region of mouse DNA that runs 1.4 million "letters" long. Scientists also know what section of human DNA roughly corresponds to that region in the mouse.

So before leaving work one day, Bult asked a specialized Web site to line up the known DNA sequences in the two corresponding regions and look for hotspots of high resemblance. (This is harder than it sounds, even apart from manipulating the mass of data involved.)

"When I came in the next morning, I had the e-mail waiting for me," she said.

If she had printed it out, it would have run 500 pages of mind-numbing comparisons along the two DNA strings. Instead, she focused on a graphic summary of what the comparisons had turned up. It looked like a minute-by-minute NASDAQ chart, covering a particularly stomach-churning month.

The jagged peaks of the running chart were telling a biological story: peaks indicated that a 100-letter section here and there had shown very high resemblance between mouse and human, while other areas showed little or no resemblance.

Using this approach, Bult can find indications of unknown genes. If she's lucky, she might see peaks in the same places when she compares the human DNA sequence with data from yeast or fruit flies.

"That's telling you a (DNA) segment that has withstood the test of time," a testament to its importance, she said.

And if she's really lucky, she'll find that genes corresponding to those peaks had already been identified and studied in yeast or flies. If so, she can ask, what do they do? Would it make sense they might be involved in skeletal formation in mice? If so, she now has "candidate genes" to focus on with further studies in mice.

Scientists have a phrase for such computerized research. Rather than "in vitro," which means in a test tube, or "in vivo," which means in an animal, this is "in silico," as in the silicon used to make computer circuitry.

Apart from finding genes and the regulatory switches that control them, scientists are hoping that cross-species DNA comparisons can help them tackle a series of big questions. How do chromosomes, the microscopic rods of DNA, function? Why are genes located where they are? Are their positions just random, or is it important that they occupy certain DNA neighborhoods?

On another level: Why do some animals get certain diseases that other creatures avoid? That might hold useful clues for medicine.

By comparing creatures with varying degrees of brain development, scientists might be able to turn up key genes for building sophisticated brains, says Dr. Eric Green, chief of the genome technology branch of the National Human Genome Research Institute. The same holds for studying other bodily systems, he says.

"All things are going to be looked at in a (DNA) sequence context from this point," he said. "You'll feel like you haven't even turned the lights on until you have the sequence in front of you."

To really take advantage of the variety of genomes, scientists want DNA sequenced from a wide range of creatures. That goes well beyond the well-known lab animals, like fruit flies (whose genome was reported last year), rats (whose genome is now being deciphered) and mice. Celera Genomics announced in April that it had assembled the mouse genome, although Bult, who works with Celera mouse data, said it still needs some work. A publicly funded project is also busy cracking the mouse genome.

So now, for example, British scientists are deciphering the genome of the zebrafish, which has previously been much studied for insights into early development of vertebrates. Other scientists are pursuing genomes from two species of sea squirts, creatures that resemble rubbery blobs. As ancestors of vertebrates, their DNA could give clues about the evolutionary transition to backboneed animals.

And late last year the federal government announced it was entering a collaboration to sequence the DNA of *Fugu rubripes*, the pufferfish best known for its contribution to Japanese cuisine. That was a relief for Sydney Brenner, a professor at the Salk Institute in La Jolla, Calif., who had championed that cause for years.

Fugu, Brenner says, is the discount genome. After all, sequencing DNA costs money. A really precise job on a mammal-sized genome can run about \$100 million or more. And bit for bit, the "junk DNA" costs just as much as the good stuff.

The great thing about the *Fugu* genome, Brenner says, is that it contains so little junk. It's only about one-eighth the size of the human genome, but it appears to contain just as many genes. In fact, its set of genes appears highly similar to the human one.

Green said it's as if the human genome is an accordion stretched out, while the pufferfish genome is the same accordion crunched together. While genes and their on-off switches remain visible in this crunched genome, most of the other DNA disappears, he said.

So, Brenner said, it can be sequenced without wasting so much money on "meaningless junk."

Not everyone is so quick to dismiss that vast trove of DNA that lies outside genes and the genetic on-off switches. Just because we don't know what it's doing doesn't necessarily make it junk, some argue. What if important discoveries lie hidden there? Could it be a mistake to overlook it?

Brenner, who is 74, is unmoved. "We should leave such problems to our successors," he says. "We should get on with the real genes."

On the Web:
Pufferfish sequence project: <http://enews.lbl.gov/Science-Articles/Archive/fugu-genome.html> or www.jgi.doe.gov/programs/fugu.htm
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Children's Health Alert Fever check?

Dr. John Hellerstedt, MD, FAAP

Usually you can tell if your child isn't feeling well. Children will slow down, lose their appetite, and may feel warm to your touch. However, the only way to know for sure if they have a fever is to take their temperature.

There are a number of thermometers on the market, but most parents still rely on the glass mercury type or simple digital thermometer. Make sure the thermometer is clean by rinsing the tip in cool, soapy water. Shake down a glass thermometer until it reads below 96 degrees.

To decrease the amount of mercury in the environment, the American Academy of Pediatrics now recommends the use of digital thermometers, instead of mercury-filled glass thermometers. Don't throw your mercury thermometer in the trash, that makes the problem worse! Your local hospital may be willing to accept your old mercury thermometer, and provide environmentally proper disposal.

The oral method should be used with children old enough to hold the thermometer under their tongue for several minutes. Rectal readings are best for babies or younger children. Taking the temperature under the armpit can provide a good estimate of fever, if done properly.

While 98.6 degrees has long been considered a "normal" temperature, it can vary slightly. Your child's doctor will be able to give you more information about fever. Don't wait until your child is sick, and you are worried. Ask your doctor about how to deal with fever at your very next visit.

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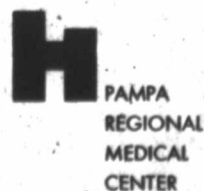
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TDH: Refrigerate food promptly to stave-off food-borne illness

AUSTIN — Has what you've eaten ever made you sick? It's not a feeling you want to repeat and in some cases, what you eat could kill you, all because someone didn't do what it takes to keep harmful bacteria from growing in food.

Food safety authorities at the Texas Department of Health (TDH) advise consumers to refrigerate foods quickly. "Get those groceries into the refrigerator fast, and do the same with leftovers," said Joel Ortiz of TDH's

Bureau of Food and Drug Safety. "The colder food is kept, the less chance bacteria have to grow. Set the refrigerator at 40 degrees F and the freezer unit at zero degrees F. Then occasionally check these temperatures with an

appliance thermometer," Ortiz added. More cool tips for keeping food safe and good to eat: —Follow the "Two-Hour Rule." Refrigerate or freeze perishables, prepared food and left-

overs within two hours. —Never defrost or marinate food on the kitchen counter. Use the refrigerator, cold running water or the microwave. —Divide large amounts of leftovers into small, shallow containers for quick cooling in the refrigerator.

—With poultry and other stuffed meats, remove the stuffing and refrigerate it in a separate container. —Don't pack the refrigerator with too much food. Cool air must circulate to keep food safe. Most foodborne illnesses are caused by eating food that contains harmful bacteria or viruses that continue to grow after the food is eaten, causing an infection. Foods also can cause illness if they contain a toxin or poison produced by bacteria growing in the food. Each year, up to 33 million people suffer from food-borne illness.

—Separate: Don't cross-contaminate. Keep bacteria from spreading from one food product to another by separating raw meat, poultry and seafood from other foods in your grocery shopping cart and in your refrigerator. Use a different cutting board for raw meat products. Never place cooked food on a plate which previously held raw meat, poultry or seafood. —Cook to proper temperatures. Use a clean food thermometer to make sure meat, poultry, casseroles and other foods are cooked all the way through. Cook roasts and steaks to at least 145 degrees F. Whole poultry should be cooked to 180 degrees F. Cook ground beef to at least 160 degrees F. Never eat ground beef that is still pink inside.

Always heat leftovers thoroughly. Follow these guidelines and there's a good chance you'll never have to say "It must have been something I ate."

For more information call TDH's Bureau of Food and Drug Safety at 512-719-0232 or visit www.texasfoodsafety.org.

Medical researchers use CT scan to study mummy whose body turned to soap

By MICHAEL RUBINKAM
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Sometime in the 19th century, a fat woman died and her body changed almost entirely into soap.

It may sound like an urban legend, but researchers are serious. They recently performed a CT scan on the woman's mummified body hoping to learn more about the process that turns some corpses into a waxy, soap-like substance called adipocere.

The body, dubbed "Soap Lady," has been on display for more than a century at the Mutter Museum, a former haven for medical students but now a Philadelphia tourist attraction featuring thousands of medical oddities.

The CT scan unexpectedly revealed some organ tissue, raising hope that researchers might be able to learn how the woman died. "There's tons of stuff in there," said Gerald Conlogue, a Quinipiac University professor of diagnostic imaging. "What we may be looking at is a shell or casing made out of this soapy substance sealing out the outside environment."

Conlogue said the results will give researchers greater understanding of saponification, the chemical conversion of fat into adipocere.

Saponification is an unusual occurrence, dependent on factors such as humidity, temperature, the presence of clothing and bacterial activity. The fatter the person, the greater the chance saponification will occur.

Thursday's scan was the first time the Soap Lady had left her wooden display table since 1874, when a prominent University of Pennsylvania anatomist named Dr. Joseph Leidy donated the body to the museum.

Leidy claimed the Soap Lady, who was discovered by workers removing bodies from an old burial yard, had died in the late

1700s. "The woman, named Ellenbogen, died in Philadelphia of yellow fever in 1792 and was buried near Fourth and Race Streets," according to the original label attached to the exhibit.

Leidy's explanation stood until 1942, when museum curator Dr. Joseph McFarland determined the Soap Lady had actually died in a four-hole button manufactory in the 19th century.

McFarland could find no record of any yellow fever deaths in Philadelphia in 1792. A yellow fever epidemic did strike the city in 1793, but the name "Ellenbogen" appeared nowhere on an official list of the dead. Furthermore, there was never a cemetery at Fourth and Race.

A 1987 X-ray of the mummy showed eight straight pins and two four-hole buttons manufactured in the 19th century.

"At this point, we know less about her than we thought we did before," said Gretchen Worden, the Mutter's current curator.

The CT scan, a computer-enhanced image of areas that cannot be seen by X-ray, was taped for a new television series called "The Mummy Road Show," premiering Oct. 5 on the National Geographic Channel.

The filming made for a bizarre scene: With the television crew and museum workers eating cheese steaks a few feet away, the blackened mummy slowly passed through a portable CT scanner in a Mutter side room filled with large oil portraits of long-dead Philadelphia physicians.

The Mutter was founded in 1849 by the Philadelphia College of Physicians, which still operates it. Its exhibits include malformed skeletons, a 27-foot-long human colon and a plaster cast of the famous Siamese twins, Chang and Eng Bunker.

On the Net: Philadelphia College of Physicians: <http://www.collphypphil.org>

Study: People with suspected heart disease may extend life-span with aspirin

CHICAGO (AP) — People who take aspirin regularly to reduce their short-term heart attack risk may also be substantially extending their lives, new research suggests.

The study of 6,174 adults with suspected heart disease found that regular aspirin users faced a 33 percent lower risk of dying during a follow-up period averaging three years than patients who didn't take aspirin.

The findings extend the known benefits for heart patients in taking aspirin at least every other day, which previous studies have shown can reduce the risk of heart attack and the short-term risk of death in heart attack sufferers, said the authors, led by Dr. Patricia Gum of The Cleveland Clinic.

"Up until now it really had not been very well established" that aspirin had long-term survival benefits for heart patients, said co-author Dr. Michael Lauer, clinical research director in the clinic's cardiovascular medicine department.

The study appeared in a recent Journal of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Lynn Smana, a cardiologist at Guthrie Clinic in Sayre, Pa., said patients often ask him if they should regularly take aspirin, which improves blood flow through the arteries by making it less sticky and less likely to clot.

For those who've had previous heart attacks, "it's pretty clear that that's an appropriate recommendation," said Smana, past president of the American Heart

Association. The new study "lends credence to the possibility that long-term aspirin therapy may be of significant benefit" even for patients with no previous heart attacks, Smana said.

Lauer stressed that patients should consult with their doctors about whether to start taking aspirin on a regular basis.

Study participants were male and female patients who underwent ultrasounds called echocardiograms and stress tests to evaluate suspected heart problems. Included were 2,310 people who were taking about one aspirin daily or every other day at test time and 3,864 nonusers.

There were 276 deaths during about three years of follow-up. While there were about equal

numbers of deaths in both groups, the aspirin users were older when they were tested — aged 62 on average compared with 56 for the nonusers and had more diagnosed heart disease. Adjusting for those factors, the authors found aspirin users were 33 percent less likely to die than nonusers.

The greatest benefits were seen in patients who were physically unfit, over age 50 or who had known heart disease. Lauer said most of the deaths likely were heart-related, though exact causes weren't available.

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LETTERS

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

To the editor,
Each year, since 1987, October is proclaimed National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Battered women's advocates in our area and across the nation focus public attention on the epidemic of domestic violence and encourage everyone to become part of the solution.

Domestic violence has reached staggering proportions. In the United States, nearly one-third of American women (31 percent) report being physically or sexually abused by a husband or boyfriend at some point in their lives.

The Texas Council on Family Violence states that there were 175,282 family violence incidents reported in Texas last year. Of all the women killed in 1997 in Texas, 37 percent were murdered by their intimate male partners. This is higher than the national average of 28 percent reported by the FBI. Family violence costs the nation from \$5 to \$10 billion annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters and foster care, sick leave and absenteeism. Last year alone, Tralee Crisis Center served 2,815 victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in our area.

In order to demonstrate that domestic violence crosses all boundaries in our society, we are looking for religious organizations to participate in a statewide "Ringing Awareness" event, which will be held on Wednesday, October 14 at 4 p.m. On this day, religious organizations will ring their bells simultaneously across the state for four minutes. The four minutes represents the four women each day in the United States who are killed by a current or former partner.

People need to understand that domestic violence is their business when a neighbor, friend, co-worker or the woman down the street is suffering. Domestic violence is not something that can be regarded as a "private affair" any longer. Only when people recognize this fact, will the violence come to an end. For more information or to find out about volunteer opportunities, please call Tralee Crisis Center at 669-1131 or toll free 1-800-658-2796.

Lori Sailor
Victims Services Coordinator
Tralee Crisis Center

Oh, the possibilities Pampa may one-day realize ...

To the editor,
After my vision of last week, I had several dreams that have boggled my mind. The time is ripe for people of vision to take advantage of our golden opportunity that would come as a result of a pig factory in our area!

Just think about it ... high-tech jobs for entomologists to identify the flying insects normally associated with livestock operations, since we do not have flies up here on the High Plains. (We don't have trees, so we don't have flies. It must be something else.)

Jobs would abound for chemists since this is a research facility; entrepreneurs would flock to this area to establish new businesses such as: A wagon manufacturing company to make red wagons for happy hogs to lie under; a paint company to make red paint for the aforementioned establishment; a wheel business to supply wheels.

A company to convert pig tongues to wagon tongues; a water-testing group to check on the amount of pig poop in our local drinking water; a project engineer to oversee the development of the Hidden Hills irrigation plan, which would utilize effluent from the pig lagoons, thereby eliminating the need for fertilizer; a used hog dealer; a new livestock arena for greased pig wrestling; a hogs-head cheese factory; a pickled pigsfeet cannery; a pork and beans processing center; a canvas distributor to supply tarps for pigs to wrestle under, and so forth and so on — you get the idea. Just think about it!

Jim Terry
Pampa

PEDC not spending our pennies effectively ...

To the editor,
Today I would like to discuss hogs, hog waste, and the PEDC. If nothing else, it seems that the PEDC has been exhibiting poor judgment and "conflicts of interest."

I see no reason we should not abolish this corporation and have all its records reviewed and possibly investigated.

Our nation celebrates its 225th birthday this year and amazingly it survived and prospered very well without economic development corporations. People bought and sold property, competed in business, moved where they pleased and spent their own money without any help.

We just don't need them deciding for us what to do with our pennies, which amounts to a whopping \$700,000 per year when gathered all together. I prefer to keep my own pennies in my own pocket, thank you very much!

I think they have been having great fun playing with all our pennies and it's time for the party to end.

Karen Son
Pampa



(Courtesy photo)
Kayla Pursley, left, along with Linda Davis and Jill Snider, far right, visited recently with Pam Henson, a remarkable woman who is riding in eight 150-mile bike-a-thons to raise money and awareness for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Henson was recently in Amarillo to speak at a Society-sponsored luncheon.

Bike-a-thoner speaks at annual 'WAMS' luncheon

The Panhandle Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society hosted their annual "WAMS" (Women Against Multiple Sclerosis) luncheon in Amarillo recently. Pam Henson, a woman with MS who is riding in eight different 150 Bike Tours across the United States, spoke to the audience about her experiences along the trail.

The Betaseron Manufacturers offered grant money to "Champions" — people willing to go around the country raising awareness and money for the NMSS during

its fund-raising, two-day, 150-mile bike race. Henson decided she wanted to do that.

"I get more from the MS Society than from my doctor," said Henson. "They understand what I'm dealing with." Henson, who lives in Dallas, saw this as a chance to do something for NMSS. She started training and applied for the grant (twice before she got it). Henson rode in her first bike tour five years ago. She was able to go 15-miles in two days. Her perseverance has paid off and this year she completed two 150 mile Bike Tours.

"I'm not a fast rider, but I did it," said Henson. Her next tour is in Fort Worth, and her last for the year will be in San Angelo.

Through its 50-state network of chapters, the Society funds research, furthers education, advocates for people with disabilities, and provides a variety of empowering programs for the third of a million Americans who have MS and their families. For more information about multiple sclerosis support in our area, call Kayla Pursley, 665-8848 or 1-800-FIGHT-MS.

Quartet to perform at West Texas A&M

CANYON — At 8 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 21, Harrington String Quartet (HSQ) will be featured during a concert put on by West Texas A&M University Orchestra in Mary Moody Northern Hall on the university campus. The orchestra will be under the direction of Dr. Gary Garner.

The performance will feature the quartet in this, its 20th anniversary season. The quartet will be performing Mozart's "Sinfonia Concertante" for violin and viola and Brahms' "Double Concerto" for violin and cello.

Harrington String Quartet was created in 1981 through a gift from The Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation. Annie Chalex, violin; Corinne Stillwell, violin; Joanna Mendoza, viola; and Emmanuel Lopez, cello, make up the quartet. All are principal players with Amarillo Symphony as well as members of the string faculty at WTAMU.

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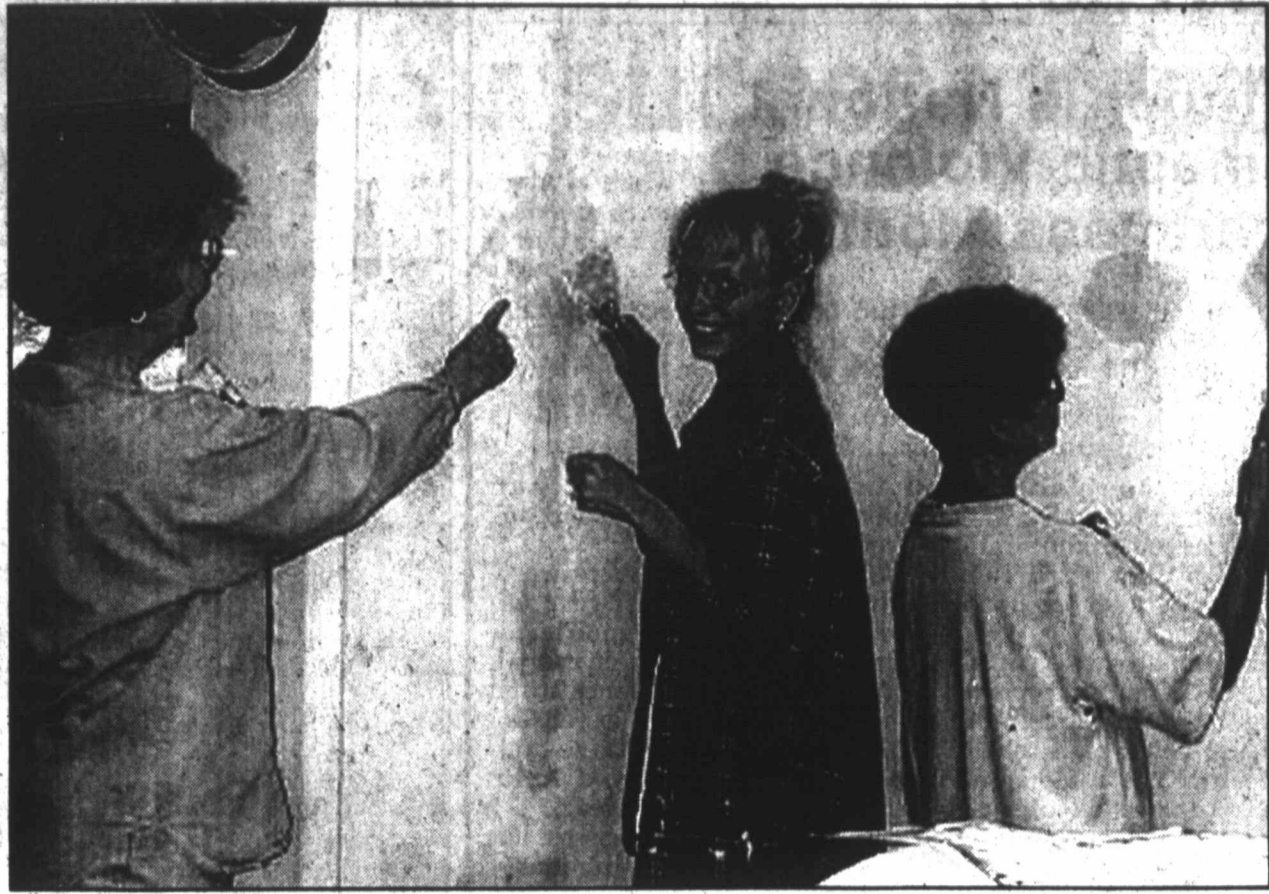
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Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa



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Left: Jeanne Mitchell and other Altrusa members are hanging posters announcing the Laser Spectacles coming to Pampa on October 11, at 7 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 each or a family pack for \$20 available from any Altrusa member. Right: Chleo

Worley, Maxine Watson, and Myrna Orr were among the Pampa Altrusa members who volunteered for the rejuvenation project at the Shining Star Day Care Center recently. Altrusa members installed new mini-blinds, painted several rooms, and furnished new carpet.

Railroad Commission sets allowables for October

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission recently announced the October natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 28,895,720 Mcf (thousand cubic feet).

For these fields, the October 2001 allowable represents a

decrease of 5,996,454 Mcf when compared to actual production of 34,892,174 Mcf in October 2000. In setting the October 2001 allowable, the Commission used historical production figures from October 2000 and producer forecasts for the October 2001 demand, and then adjusted the

figures to account for such factors as well capability, new wells in a field, etc.

Texas natural gas storage reported by the Commission for the month of August 2001 is 259,621,379 Mcf compared to 197,985,450 Mcf in August 2000. The September gas storage estimate is 267,863,385 Mcf.

Gas well gas from prorated fields accounts for 9 percent of total gas well production in Texas.

Preliminary statewide production reported for July 2001 is 26,301,908 barrels of crude oil and 373,483,260 Mcf of gas well gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for this month can be obtained by multiplying these preliminary production totals by a production adjustment factor of 1.0392 for crude oil and 1.0998 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

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A gigantic sunflower exceeding 20-feet in height 'bloomed out' recently at Pollie's Greenhouse, 529 Hobart. Many motorists have enjoyed viewing the exceptionally tall flower which grew taller than the greenhouse. The sunflower received no special fertilizer, only Pampa water and cocoa mulch.

Local Realtor achieves recognition

Linda Carrol Daniels with Keller Williams Realty has been awarded the Accredited Buyer Representative (ABR) designation by the Real Estate Buyer's Agent Council (REBAC) of the National Association of Realtors (NAR).

"Today's real estate brokers and agents want to provide a full menu of services for their clients, whether they are buyers or sellers," explains Terrence M. McDermott, president and CEO of REBAC. "The ABR designation, the benchmark of excellence in real estate buyer representation, demonstrates to clients that the agent has taken steps to continue their education in the field of buyer representation, and has the proven experience and training to deliver ethical and professional service to real estate buyers."

Daniels joins more than 27,000 real estate professionals in North America who have earned the ABR designation. The requirements for this coveted designation include a comprehensive two-day course in buyer representation, a written examination on legal and practical aspects of client representation in the field of buyer representation.

REBAC, founded in 1988, is the world's largest association of real estate professionals focusing specifically on representing the real estate buyer. There are more than 35,000 active members of the organization world-wide.

The National Association of Realtors, "The Voice of Real Estate," is the world's largest association, representing over 750,000 members involved in all aspects of the real estate industry.

Daniels has opened a new Keller Williams Realty office located at 110 W. Kingsmill in Pampa.

You may contact the Real Estate Buyer's Council by phone at 1-800-648-6224, by e-mail at rebac@realtors.org or by visiting www.REBAC.net on the World Wide Web.



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Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

T.O.P.S. #41

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.

VFW CHARITY BINGO

The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

OUTREACH HEALTH SERVICES/WIC

Outreach Health Services/WIC Nutrition education classes. Open to the public. For more information, call 665-1182.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. This week we are discussing the negative symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING

First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking volunteers from the community to respond during times of crisis in Pampa and other parts of the county. As well as personal satisfaction, volunteers learn how to protect themselves and cope with disaster by planning ahead, particularly essential during tornado season. In addition, ARC is willing to deliver informational discussions on disaster preparedness to area church or community organizations. For more information, call (806) 669-7121.

TENT REVIVAL

The Church of God will host a Tent Revival Sept. 23-30 at Recreation Park. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. both Sundays and 7:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

WCRA WORKING RANCH RODEO

WCRA Working Ranch Rodeo and Chuckwagon Cook-off is slated Sept. 29-30. For more information, contact the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association at (806) 669-0434.

HOBART BAPTIST CHURCH

Hobart Baptist Church will host its fifth Sunday singing from 2-4 p.m., Sept. 30 at the church. The event is free and open to the public.

PAMPA LODGE #1381

Pampa Masonic Lodge #1381 will meet at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 2, for chili and crackers. The regular meeting will follow at 7 p.m.

TSV BENEFIT SEMINAR

A free Texas State Veterans benefits seminar will be held Wednesday, Oct. 3 in the Ambassador Hotel, Trinity Canadian Ballroom, in Amarillo. Registration begins at 6 p.m. followed by the seminar at 6:30. For more information, call 1-800-252-VETS or go on-line to www.glo.state.tx.us.

ADOPTION INFORMATION SESSION

Catholic Family Service, (CFS) Inc., will sponsor an Adoption Information Session for the Amarillo area from 7-9 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 4 at the Tyler

Street Resource Center in Amarillo. Applicants must meet the following criteria: must be 21 years of age; must have a medical reason for infertility; may be single; if married, must be married for two years; preferably reside in the area; and must be able to provide a letter of recommendation from their pastor, priest, rabbi or other religious leader. CSF is also seeking foster families for long-term foster care. For more information, contact Gail or Danny at (806) 345-7908.

CELTIC FESTIVAL

The fourth annual Celtic Festival and Craft Faire will be held Oct. 6 and 7 at the Rex Baxter Building on the Tri-State Fairgrounds in Amarillo. Show hours are: 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday. A schedule of workshops and events will be listed in the program, free to attendees. Admission is \$6 per adult/\$3 per child per day or \$3 per adult/\$2 per child (plus two freebies) per groups of 10 or more per day. Participants who donate two or more cans of food for the High Plains Food Bank get a \$1 off on the entry fee.

ALTRUSA FUND-RAISER

Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa will sponsor a laser light show at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 11 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 a piece. For more information, call Pat at 665-2826.

BSA SUPPORT GROUP

BSA Hospice will offer "Putting the Pieces Together," an adult grief support group, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Thursdays for four consecutive weeks beginning Oct. 11 in McLean United Methodist Church, 219 N. Gray, McLean. The group is open to McLean residents and residents of the surrounding area. Registration will be held 30-minutes prior to the beginning of the first meeting. A minimum of 10 must register for the group to be offered. For more information or to pre-register, call McLean United Methodist Church at (806) 779-2337 or BSA-Pampa Hospice at 665-6677.

PFA ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

Pampa Fine Arts Association Annual Arts and Crafts Show is slated Oct. 13-14 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. A gourmet booth, Santa Fe stew and drinks will be available along with a wide variety of booths featuring fine paintings, carvings, silver jewelry, handmade soap, Halloween decorations and much, much more. For more information, contact Lee Crow and John Darby at 665-0343.

CIRCUS CHIMERA

Pampa Downtown Business Association will sponsor Circus Chimera Oct. 12-14 at Recreation Park. Tickets are \$6 for children and seniors and \$10 for adults. For more information, call Chase Roach at 665-1251 or call 1-888-ONE-RING.

MINI BAZAAR

The 12th Annual Mini Bazaar, sponsored by Waka Church of the Brethren as a fund-raiser, will be held from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 13 at Ochiltree County Exposition Building in Perryton. Booth space is \$15 for a 10x10 space. Wares can include arts and crafts, small entrepreneurs, antiques, collectibles, stamps, coins, rocks, guns and even cars. No live animals. For more information, call (806) 435-4515, (806) 435-3874 or (806) 435-2104.

BSA VOLUNTEER TRAINING

BSA Hospice will hold a Fall Volunteer and Community Education Class from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, Oct. 15-Nov. 8 at Frank Phillips College in Borger. This comprehensive course is designed for adults interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, wanting to learn more about hospice care or desiring personal growth and enrichment. The program is offered free of charge to Borger and surrounding communities and CEU's will be awarded. For more information or to register, call BSA Hospice-Borger at (806) 274-9111.

COUNTRY FAIR

Pampa Chamber of Commerce Country Fair will kick-off at 6 p.m. Oct. 20 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The festivities will include good food and dancing to the music of FlashBak.

CHRISTIAN MUSIC SEARCH

Embassy Music of Nashville, Tenn., is conducting a new Christian music artist and song search. Entry deadline is Oct. 24. To enter or for more details, visit www.embassymusic.com or call Ultimate Helpline at (615) 846-1700.

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Square House to hold Museum Day

PANHANDLE — Museum Day, the Carson County Square House Museum's largest fundraising event, will be held Oct. 6. The Board and staff wish to extend an invitation to surrounding communities to join them for a day of fun-filled activities and outstanding exhibits.

This year's theme, "Facets of Spiritual Heritage," will feature photographs by Dr. Phillip Periman ("The Attribute of Eternal: The City Churches Designed by Sir Christopher Wren") and Jim Jordan ("Iglesia Suite").

Dr. Periman, a distinguished Amarillo physician and member of a Texas Panhandle pioneer family, shares his interest in architecture through the photographs of these English cathedrals installed in the Hazlewood Gallery.

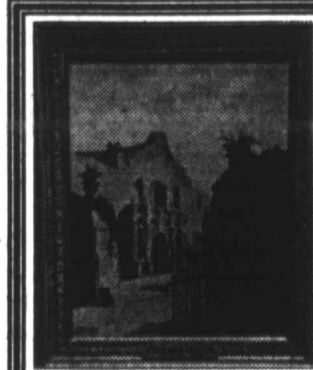
Periman's photography began in 1957 and has been exhibited nationwide and in France. A book on the Wren cathedrals with the same title as the exhibit will be on sale at the Museum Store with a generous portion of the proceeds going to the museum.

Another Amarillo native and popular photographer, Jim Jordan has shown his photography throughout the Southwest and in Germany. Jordan has exhibited at the Square House previously. His last exhibit was "X-ing the Panhandle" in 1994.

Other activities will include Panhandle High School class reunions beginning at 9 a.m. at

the High School, an antique car show from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., a Country Store from 9 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the County Agriculture Building, a barbecue from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Ag Building,

a King Hill original production, "Only in an Instant," at 11 a.m. at the Hazlewood Auditorium, and a Pioneer Memorial Program at 3 p.m. at Conway Community Church.



FIRST BANK SOUTHWEST ART SHOW

OCTOBER 3, 4, & 5

You are invited to a free Art Show by nationally known American Artists, presented by FirstBank Southwest, in association with Rice Fine Art of Amarillo. The show will be held in the Bank Lobby at 300 W. Kingsmill from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day.

The Art Show features original works of western art, landscapes, wildlife and bronze art by outstanding American artists like G. Harvey, Tom Lovell, Frank McCarthy, and popular sculptor Glenna Goodacre. Gallery owner Richard Rice will be present all three days to discuss the art on display. All of the works are available for sale.

FirstBank Southwest extends an open invitation for all to attend, including school students. There is no admission charge. Join us Wednesday through Friday, October 3rd - 5th.



SPORTS

Notebook

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — A Pampa Optimist Club girls' basketball organizational and coaches meeting will be held at 3 p.m. today at the Optimist Club building, 601 E. Craven.

For information, call Jeff Skinner at 665-8120 and leave a message.

GOLF

VIRGINIA WATER, England (AP)

The Ryder Cup is going continental. After stops in Wales in 2010 and Scotland in 2014, golf's premier team event will be rotated across mainland Europe for the next four matches outside the United States between 2018 and 2030.

Paris and Munich, Germany, are leading contenders as future venues, with courses in Sweden and Spain also expected to bid.

The decision announced Friday by Europe's Ryder Cup board broke with the tradition of keeping the event in Britain.

"If (founder) Sam Ryder had been here, this is the way that he would have seen it — the Ryder Cup across continental Europe rather than keeping it for ourselves," said Sandy Jones, chief executive of the British PGA.

Celtic Manor was awarded the 2010 Ryder Cup, the first time the event will be held in Wales. Its biggest rival for 2010, Gleneagles, will stage the Ryder Cup four years later.

With continental Europe taking over after that, Britain won't get the Ryder Cup back until 2034.

Held alternately in the United States and Europe, the Ryder Cup has been played almost exclusively in England during non-American years. The exceptions were at Muirfield, Scotland, in 1973 and Valderrama, Spain, in 1997. After next year at The Belfry in central England, Ireland will stage the 2006 match at the K Club near Dublin.

Ken Schofield, executive director of the PGA European Tour, said that by moving the event to continental Europe, the Ryder Cup committee had created a blueprint for the future.

"Wales are ready to roll, Scotland will be ready to roll," he said. "Then continental Europe will be given an opportunity and France and Sweden have indicated they would like to stage future Ryder Cups."

"France, Germany and Sweden have, like Spain, long been at the forefront in advancing professional golf. We also recognize that Italy and other nations, many of whom are host countries on the European Tour's schedule, will similarly see the opportunity to host future Ryder Cup matches."

The announcement came on the day the 2001 Ryder Cup had been due to start at The Belfry.

But the 34th meeting of the United States and Europe was postponed for a year following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington. The event was rescheduled for Sept. 27-29, 2002.

Officials also decided to reschedule the matches on even years instead of odd. Oakland Hills Country Club outside Detroit will stage the match in 2004 instead of 2003, with the K-Club in 2006, Valhalla, Kentucky, in 2008 and Medinah, outside Chicago, in 2012.

Jones said the U.S. PGA was expected to announce its venue for 2016 next week. After that, the event will swing around mainland Europe whenever it comes back to this side of the Atlantic.

Jones said France would be a strong candidate and a likely venue would be the course at Saint Nom La Breteche, just outside Paris.

Defending champ Leonard leads Texas Open

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Carl Paulson is tiring of the late season money chase.

A win, or at least a strong finish at the Texas Open, would let him breathe much easier.

He'll get his chance to earn a breather this weekend after shooting 10-under 132 in the first two rounds, tying him with Marco Dawson for second place three shots behind leader Justin Leonard.

The dash for cash is weighing heavily on a lot of players, said Paulson, who ranks 130th on the money list. The top 125 earn tour exemptions for next year.

"Everybody wants their job back for the next year. You've just got to keep playing and hopefully you make enough money at the end," Paulson said. "I'd like to get to the point in the next few years I don't have

to worry about it all at the end of the season."

A win, and the two-year exemption it carries, would take care of everything.

If only Leonard would cooperate.

The defending champion rolled in 10 birdies Friday on his way to a second round 7-under 64 at the La Cantera Golf Club, scene of his only victory in 2000.

"Fifteen great holes and three others," Leonard summed up his day. "Making those three bogeys cost me."

Paulson and Dawson will be playing with Leonard on Saturday. What will it take to reel him in?

"A lot of birdies," Paulson said. "He's in his home state, he feels comfortable here."

"It seems like everybody's got their tournaments they feel good in. This is kind of a second home

to him and he feels really comfortable out here. He's obviously got his game in shape."

Sweden's Jesper Parnevik (66), Jay Williamson (68) and Tripp Isenhour (65) were four strokes back at 9 under.

Williamson (105th) and Isenhour (158th) are among those players fighting to earn a money list exemption for 2002.

"In my position, you know one good week can put you over the top," said Isenhour, a tour rookie who tied for seventh in the Greater Hartford Open in July. "It's hard not to think about that. You've got to block it out and go play golf."

Dawson, the first-round leader at 7 under, also needs to make some money in the waning weeks to keep his exemption. He must earn about \$200,000 over the final weeks to meet the requirements of the medical

extension he was granted after back surgery last year.

He started with consecutive birdies on the back nine and likely would have been alone in second if not for a double-bogey on the par-3 3rd hole.

His tee shot on the 202-yard hole flew over the green and across a cart path. His chip under trees was too firm and the ball ran well past the cup.

"The pin was all the way back and I couldn't hit it over the green" with a 3-iron, Dawson said. "Just before I hit I just got a bad feeling and felt the wind change a bit. It just kind of threw me off and I made a bad swing."

He closed the round with birdies on two of his last three holes.

Leonard, whose best finish this year was a fourth-place tie at the Houston Open in April, isn't about to step aside to let

someone else play their way into an exemption.

He's got his own goal to reach: the Tour Championship in Houston in November.

"I'm just doing my job and they're doing their job," he said. "If we butt heads at the end of that, that's great."

"I've helped myself over the last two days," he said. "Hopefully, I can continue that over the weekend."

Most notably among those missing the cut of 2-under 140 was PGA champion David Toms, a member of the U.S. Ryder Cup team. He shot a 73 on Friday for a 5-over total.

Toms, fifth on the tour money list at \$2.7 million, made a last-minute decision to play at LaCantera this week after the Ryder Cup matches in England were postponed until next year following the terrorist attacks.



MG Flyers compete in first meet

LUBBOCK — The MG Flyers Competition Team of Abbey Rios (front, center) and (from left) Danielle Zuniga, Allison Cooper and Caylee Steward, entered their first meet of the season at Lubbock.

Abbey Rios received a blue ribbon on vault with an 8.0, a white ribbon on floor, yellow ribbons on beam and bars, and a yellow ribbon for an All-Around score of 23.65.

Danielle Zuniga received blue ribbons on vault with an 8.25, and floor with an 8.45, a white ribbon on beam, a yellow ribbon on bars and a white ribbon on an All-Around score of 27.8.

Caylee Steward received red ribbons on vault and floor, yellow ribbons on bars and beam, and a yellow ribbon for an All-Around score of 25.05.

All three gymnasts competed in level 4.

Allison Cooper competed in Level 5 and received a fourth-place ribbon on vault with an 8.5, and eighth place on floor with an 8.6. She also placed 10th in All -Around with a score of 30.7.

Madeline Graves is head coach of the MG Flyers. Assistant coaches are Jeanna Zuinga and Shauna Munsell. The gymnasts took part in an Amarillo meet over the weekend.

Bonds hits 68th, moves within two of McGwire's mark

By The Associated Press

Somber and withdrawn following the death of his former bodyguard, Barry Bonds released his emotions by hitting his 68th home run.

"It just felt good to do something for him, to just be able to do something on a day you really wanted to do something," Bonds said after his drive Friday night helped the San Francisco Giants beat the San Diego Padres 10-5. "I got through today, and that's the most important thing. I'm fine with it now, and I can move on."

Moments after he emphatically pointed skyward with both arms as he crossed home plate, the slugger shed tears on the bench.

"I lose one of my best friends yesterday," he said before the game. "Whenever I want to enjoy it for a minute, something happens."

Bonds hit a deep drive to right-center on a 3-0 pitch from San Diego rookie Jason Middlebrook (1-1), who has yielded three homers to Bonds in six days. With eight games remaining, Bonds is two homers shy of the record Mark McGwire set three years ago.

In other games it was Arizona 4, Los Angeles 3 in 11 innings; Atlanta 5, New York 3; Florida 6,

Philadelphia 5 in 10 innings; Chicago 6, Houston 2; St. Louis 14, Pittsburgh 3; Montreal 7, Cincinnati 6; and Colorado 6, Milwaukee 5.

At San Francisco, the Giants (85-69) remained three games behind St. Louis (88-66) in the wild card race and two games behind NL West-leading Arizona.

Shawn Estes (9-8) allowed two runs and seven hits in seven innings, striking out eight in his first victory since July 29.

Diamondbacks 4, Dodgers 3 Mark Grace hit a tying single in the eighth at Phoenix and Luis Gonzalez led off the 11th with his 54th home run, a drive off Mike Trombley (0-4).

Los Angeles dropped six games behind the Diamondbacks.

Mike Morgan (1-0) won in relief of Curt Schilling, the winningest pitcher in the majors at 21-6. Schilling allowed three runs and seven hits in eight innings.

Braves 5, Mets 3 Andruw Jones and Javy Lopez each hit two-run homers as Atlanta won the opener of a three-game series at Turner Field, taking a two-game lead over second-place Philadelphia and a four-game lead over New York.

Tom Glavine (15-7) allowed two runs in six innings and Julio

Franco added a solo homer off Steve Trachsel (10-13). The Braves are seeking their 10th straight division title.

Marlins 6, Phillies 5, 10 innings Kevin Millar's homer off Cliff Politte (2-3) with one out in the 10th completed Florida's rally from a 5-1 deficit.

Antonio Alfonseca (3-4) pitched a perfect 10th. Five Marlins relievers combined for seven innings of shutout relief.

Phillies closer Jose Mesa let a 5-4 lead slip away in the ninth, his fourth blown save in 42 chances this season. Two singles and a passed ball put runners on first and third with one out, and Eric Owens' sacrifice fly off Mesa tied it at 5.

Cubs 6, Astros 2 Matt Stairs drove in two runs and Sammy Sosa tied the club record for extra-base hits as Chicago held off elimination in the division for at least one more day.

Jon Lieber (19-6) scattered five hits over seven innings at Wrigley Field to become only the second Cubs pitcher in nine years to win 19 games. Ricky Gutierrez, Bill Mueller and Joe Girardi added RBIs for the Cubs, eight games behind Houston in the NL Central.

The Astros' lead in the NL Central fell to three games over

St. Louis. The Cubs remained five games behind the Cardinals in the wild card standings.

Cardinals 14, Pirates 3 Edgar Renteria and Miguel Cairo had three RBIs apiece and St. Louis took advantage of five errors.

Mark McGwire hit his first Busch Stadium homer since Aug. 1 and Cairo doubled in three straight at-bats as St. Louis won for the 12th time in 14 games.

Jason Kendall, the Pirates' regular catcher, made his eighth start in right field and made a pair of errors. The Pirates also had throwing errors by second baseman Rob Mackowiak, third baseman Aramis Ramirez, and reliever Mike Lincoln.

Expos 7, Reds 6

Brian Schneider's two-out, two-run single off Danny Graves (6-5) in the ninth dropped Cincinnati to 25-51 at Cinergy Field, tying the 1937 Reds for most home losses in franchise history.

Cincinnati also lost another infielder to a season-ending injury. First baseman Sean Casey tore his right calf while running to first base in the third.

Rockies 6, Brewers 5 At Denver, Terry Shumpert hit a tying double and Alex Ochoa, pinch hitting for Jay Powell (5-3), singled home the winning run with two outs in the ninth off Curtis Leskanic (2-6).

Jerome Burnitz hit his sixth home run in a four-game span and doubled twice.

A-Rod delivers 50th homer

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Alex Rodriguez has learned that winning is more rewarding than individual accomplishments.

"I've been spoiled," Rodriguez said after the Texas Rangers routed the Anaheim Angels 11-2 on Friday night. "I've been in situations in Seattle where we did a lot of winning. And we're going to win here. It's just a matter of time."

his AL-leading 50th homer in the win, leads the league with 131 runs scored, 181 total bases and 85 extra-base hits. But the Rangers are last in the West — 39 games behind Rodriguez's former team, the Seattle Mariners.

"I tell people, 'Get the stock now when it's low, because it's going to go up someday — and soon.' I feel very strongly about that," Rodriguez said.

Bucks are 4-0

WHITE DEER — Unbeaten White Deer (4-0) scored 21 first-quarter points enroute to a 61-0 win over San Jacinto Christian Academy on Friday night.

Nick Ball led the Bucks' touchdown parade with scoring runs of 28, 14 and 34 yards. Aaron McKean rushed for 164 yards on just seven carries while scoring on runs of 29 and 66 yards.

Matt Henderson threw for two touchdowns, connecting with Dustin Harper on a 56-yard pass, and Brian Knocke on a 17-yard score. Knocke also scored on a 71-yard run.

Isaac Reyes scored on a 46-yard run.

The Bucks compiled 598 yards of total offense. The visitors had 83 total yards.

White Deer travels to Stratford for the next game Friday night.

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PAMPA — Palo Duro defeated Pampa 22-11 in a junior varsity game Thursday.

For Pampa JVs, Dannie Meza kicked a field goal, and Derek Lewis ran for a touchdown. Hunter Craig had a conversion run.

Coach John True said Lewis, Mac Smith and Charles Mills looked good for Pampa.

"We played pretty good. We just got behind and couldn't catch up," True said.

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St. Louis
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Milwaukee
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San Francisco
Los Angeles
San Diego
Colorado
Thursday's Games
Colorado 13, S. N.Y. Mets 12, Florida 7, Atlanta 2, Cincinnati 2, Houston 6, Chicago 4, Arizona 13, Milwaukee 5
Friday's Games
Chicago Cubs
Montreal 7, Cincinnati 7, Philadelphia 11-8, 1:15 p.m.
Philadelphia (C) 4:05 p.m.
Saturday's Games
N.Y. Mets (Leit 12), 1:15 p.m.
Houston (Mick 11-8), 1:15 p.m.
Montreal (Thur 9-13), 1:15 p.m.
Milwaukee (Su 7), 3:05 p.m.
San Diego (Loc 15-9), 4:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (B 10-8), 4:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (D.W 20-8), 4:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (D 9-9), 7:05 p.m.
Sunday's Games
N.Y. Mets (App 6), 1:05 p.m.
Montreal (Pava 6-9), 1:15 p.m.
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Anaheim
Texas
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y-clinched wild card
Thursday's Games
Chicago White Sox
Oakland 6, Anaheim 4, Boston 5, Tampa Bay 5, Toronto 3, Kansas City 8, Detroit 4, Boston 1, Cleveland 7, N.Y. Yankees 7, Tampa Bay 3, Chicago 6, Texas 11, Anaheim 5, Oakland 6
Friday's Games
Minnesota (Mays 8), 1:05 p.m.
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Groom under
GROOM remained untroubled to a 64-8 win in six-man night.
Groom improvement
the season wins drops to 2-2.
Hugh Weinheimer
Fields, Cody Ritter each scored runs from Weinheimer passes of 77 from Clay scored on runs yards. Ritter kickoff returned interception. a 4-yard run interception. added a 1-Bivens had kicks.
The Tigers scored yards of total defense turnovers.
Fort Elliott's 28-yard pass to Junior G Hand kicked version.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL

National League				
All Times EDT	W	L	Pct	GB
East Division				
Atlanta	83	71	.536	—
Philadelphia	81	73	.526	2
New York	79	75	.513	4
Florida	72	82	.468	11
Montreal	65	89	.422	18
Central Division				
All Times EDT	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	91	63	.591	—
St. Louis	88	66	.571	3
Chicago	83	71	.539	8
Milwaukee	65	89	.422	26
Cincinnati	63	91	.409	28
Pittsburgh	58	96	.377	33
West Division				
All Times EDT	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	87	67	.565	—
San Francisco	85	69	.552	2
Los Angeles	81	73	.526	6
San Diego	76	78	.493	11
Colorado	69	85	.448	18

American League				
All Times EDT	W	L	Pct	GB
East Division				
x-New York	91	61	.599	—
Boston	76	76	.500	15
Toronto	74	79	.484	17 1/2
Baltimore	61	92	.399	30 1/2
Tampa Bay	56	97	.368	35 1/2
Central Division				
All Times EDT	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	87	66	.569	—
Minnesota	81	73	.526	6 1/2
Chicago	80	74	.520	7 1/2
Detroit	63	91	.409	24 1/2
Kansas City	61	93	.396	26 1/2
West Division				
All Times EDT	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Seattle	110	44	.714	—
x-Oakland	95	59	.617	15
Anaheim	74	80	.481	36
Texas	71	83	.461	39

FOOTBALL

National Football League									
At A Glance									
All Times EDT	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
AMERICAN CONFERENCE									
East									
Indianapolis	2	0	0	1.000	87	50			
Miami	2	0	0	1.000	49	38			
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	34	48			
New England	0	2	0	.000	32	66			
New England	0	2	0	.000	20	33			
Central									
All Times EDT	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Cincinnati	2	0	0	1.000	44	27			
Jacksonville	2	0	0	1.000	34	9			
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	27	27			
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	30	23			
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	3	21			
Tennessee	0	2	0	.000	29	44			
West									
All Times EDT	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Denver	2	0	0	1.000	69	37			
San Diego	2	0	0	1.000	62	24			
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	42	42			
Seattle	1	1	0	.500	12	33			
Kansas City	0	2	0	.000	27	40			
NATIONAL CONFERENCE									
East									
All Times EDT	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500	33	34			
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	44	23			
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	17	38			
Dallas	0	2	0	.000	27	42			
Washington	0	2	0	.000	3	67			
Central									
All Times EDT	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Green Bay	2	0	0	1.000	65	6			
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	10	6			
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	23	27			
Detroit	0	2	0	.000	20	52			
Minnesota	0	2	0	.000	23	41			
West									
All Times EDT	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
St. Louis	2	0	0	1.000	50	43			
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	24	6			
Atlanta	1	1	0	.500	37	32			
Carolina	1	1	0	.500	40	37			
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	42	43			

Tagging the runner



(Special photo)

Shortstop Weston Teichmann of Holmes Sports put the tag on an Amarillo Lugnuts baserunner in a recent Amarillo YMCA League fall baseball game. Holmes Sports, a Pampa team, competes in the 13-year-old division. All games are played Saturdays at the River Road baseball complex.

Twins stay alive in NL Central

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Minnesota Twins haven't given up on the AL Central just yet. Eric Milton didn't allow a hit until the sixth inning and Cristian Guzman scored on a throwing error by pitcher Danys Baez as Minnesota won 1-0 at Cleveland on Friday night.

Minnesota closed within 6 1/2 games of the Indians, whose magic number for clinching the AL Central remained at three. Milton (15-7), who combined with two relievers on a three-hitter, didn't allow a hit for 5 2/3 innings until Wil Cordero grounded a ball into the hole at shortstop that Guzman back-handed but had no play on.

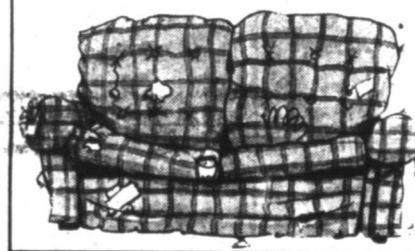
"Against that lineup, it was not even fathomable," Milton said of a possible no-hitter. "If there were two outs in the ninth I would have thought about it, but I didn't even come close." In other AL games, it was

Seattle 5, Oakland 3; Texas 11, Anaheim 2; New York 7, Baltimore 0; Detroit 4, Boston 1; Tampa Bay 6, Toronto 1; and Kansas City 3, Chicago White Sox 2.

Indians starter C.C. Sabathia struck out 11 in seven scoreless innings, allowing four hits and four walks. Minnesota scored in the eighth.

Guzman bounced a one-out single up the middle off Baez (5-3) and stole second. David Ortiz was walked intentionally with two outs, and Torii Hunter hit a slow roller in front of the plate. Baez charged off the mound and fielded the ball, but threw wildly past first baseman Jim Thome, allowing Guzman to score.

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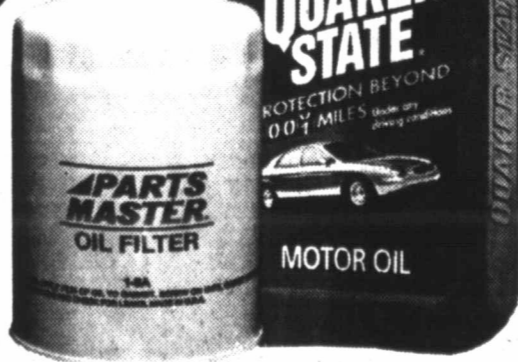
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Groom stays undefeated

GROOM — Groom remained undefeated, rolling to a 64-8 win over Fort Elliott in six-man action Friday night.

Groom improves to 4-0 for the season while Fort Elliott drops to 2-2.

Hugh Weinheimer, Doug Fields, Cody Bivens and Clay Ritter each scored two touchdowns from the Tigers. Weinheimer caught scoring passes of 77 and 16 yards from Clay Britten. Bivens scored on runs of 38 and 7 yards. Ritter had a 75-yard kickoff return for a touchdown and scored on a 16-yard interception. Fields scored on a 4-yard run and a 44-yard interception. Garrett Britten added a 1-yard TD run. Bivens had 5 conversion kicks.

The Tigers finished with 296 yards of total offense. Their defense forced three turnovers.

Fort Elliott's TD came on a 28-yard pass from C.J. Bryant to Junior Gonzales. Monty Hand kicked the 2-point conversion.

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Business may want to update finances before military calls

By PAMELA YIP
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Before thousands of military personnel are deployed to carry out President Bush's promised war on terrorism, they need to make sure that things are financially squared away at home.

"You can be professionally prepared, you can be administratively prepared, but if your personal house isn't in order, you are going to be distracted from the personal mission that you are going on," says Jim Moon, program manager of the Deployment Assistance Team at USAA in San Antonio. The financial services company serves current and former members of the military and their families.

"You want to know that when you deploy, back home, your personal side is taken care of," he said. That includes several tasks:

Make a will. Name an executor to settle your estate in the event of your death. If you have young children, name a guardian for them. Draw up a power of attorney. This authorizes someone to conduct your business affairs on your behalf. Make sure the person to whom you give this power is someone you really trust.

Make sure your financial accounts designate who will take them over if something should happen to you. If an account is in your name only, consider adding your spouse, a trusted friend or other family member so he or she can have access to the money to take care of financial issues that may arise during your absence.

"They should make sure that their military pay is on direct deposit, so that the family has access to the dollars," says Joe Morrin, director of financial planning at First Command Financial Planning in Fort Worth, which does financial planning for military families.

Update beneficiaries on insurance policies and retirement plans.

Review your life insurance policy and make sure your coverage matches your family's needs. The Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program provides policies of up to \$250,000 to those on active duty, reservists and others. For more information, call the Department of Veterans Affairs' Insurance Center at 1-800-669-8477 or check out www.insurance.va.gov.

If no one will be driving your car while you're gone, tell your auto insurance company. You may be able to drop some coverage and save money. "You're trying to find those changes that could occur as a result of deploying and becoming mobilized, and trying to find ways to reduce the stress financially," Mr. Moon says.

Keep as much savings as you can. Mr. Moon recommends saving at least six months' worth of salary.

"Six months is about the time you may be deployed if you're a

reservist," he says. When you have to leave your civilian job to report for armed services duty, you may experience a dramatic drop in pay.

"There's a financial change that people need to be aware of if they're in the reserves," Mr. Moon says. "And they need to prepare for that."

The law doesn't require your employer to keep paying you while you're on active duty. But it does require employers to offer you the

same or equivalent employment when you return, Mr. Morrin says.

Many companies will pay a salary differential to someone called to active duty, says Jeanne Glorioso, a certified financial planner at Frost National Bank.

"This would be the difference between their regular salary and military pay, if military pay is less than their normal salary," she says.

Pay off as much debt as you can before leaving. However, if you have lingering debt, you may qualify for protection under the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940.

The act was passed by Congress to provide protection for individuals entering or called to active duty in the military. It's intended to postpone or suspend certain civil obligations to enable service members to devote their full attention to duty. The protection begins on the date you enter active duty and generally ends within 30 to 90 days after the date of discharge.

The act also provides relief from high interest rates. For example, if prior to entering service, you take out a loan with an interest rate of more than 6 percent, you won't be obligated to pay the interest in excess of 6 percent during any part of military service.

But you're not entirely home free. You get the protection only if your ability to pay the loan has been "materially affected" by your service in the military.

"If you're a doctor, and you're a sergeant in the reserves and you have to give up your doctor's pay to go to active duty, you're materially affected," Mr. Morrin says. However, if you're earning \$3,000 a month at your civilian job and your military pay and allowances

also total \$3,000 a month, "you probably have not been materially affected, so you're not granted relief under the act," he says.

The act protects military members from "unfair or adverse credit actions, foreclosures, excessive interest rates," Mr. Morrin says.

Relief under the act "has to be requested and they have to honor it," he says. For more information on the act, go to www.military.com/Resources/ResourceFileView?fileActive=Benefits-Relief.htm.

Consumer debt shouldn't be more than 15 percent of your gross monthly income, Mr. Moon says.

"They need to forecast an income which may be lower than their civilian job and salary and think about how to handle the debt with a reduced income," says Lee Montgomery, a First Command agent and representative in Dallas.

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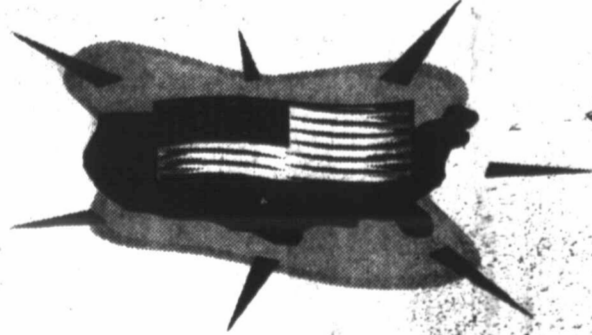
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Helping One Student To Succeed

By **NANCY YOUNG**
Managing Editor

Helping One Student To Succeed — That is what volunteers are doing at Woodrow Wilson Elementary in Pampa under the leadership of Principal Tom Lindsey.

Doctors, lawyers, firemen, homemakers, school employees, emergency medical responders, city commission members, retirees, commercial employees, secretaries, high school students, store clerks, library employees, grandparents, certified public accountants — these are just a few of the volunteers who are helping students to succeed in math.

Rural/Metro Assistance Service has been involved in the program since its inception six years ago. The Pampa Fire Department has also helped for several years. While the fire personnel haven't been able to help the past two years, they are back in the program this year.

Approximately 70 community volunteers are involved in the mentoring program at Wilson. By providing 30 minutes a week to children for 30 weeks, a mentor is giving an additional 15 hours of individual attention which the student wouldn't otherwise receive.

Texas has 262 schools involved in the HOSTS program. Several are in the Panhandle area.

"We have several volunteers who devote 30 minutes of their time each week to working with our students," said Teresa Dyson, director of the program. "Also, there are some of our mentors who are able to spend an entire day at school helping the students."

Many of the mentors establish long term relationships with the children. Freda Lankford has been volunteering as a mentor since the beginning of the program. Known affectionately by the teaching staff and students as "Miss Freda", she has helped guide many young students through their math blocks.

"I do it just because I love kids," said the mother of one and grandmother of two. "I have learned a lot since I have been mentoring. I really appreciate the quality of teachers we have at Wilson. They are so interested in the students."

Rosa Garcia said she likes working with children. She said she has learned a lot about what goes on in school. "Being in HOSTS is a challenge," she said. "I've learned how to be patient."

The mother of two girls said she is very glad she learned about the mentoring program. "I've enjoyed it ever since I got involved in it," she said.

Dyson said the goal of the program is acceleration of knowledge in math. "Lessons are custom-tailored to each child," she said.

Students in the program are in the second through fifth grades, she said. At present time there are 75 students in the program.

"Mentors don't necessarily have the time," said Dyson, "they just have a big heart." She said they are still in need of volunteers for the program, and encourages anyone who would like to help children with their math to contact her at Wilson at 669-4930.

Local volunteers who are Six Year Mentors are Jack Albracht, Roy Anderson, Karen Bridges, Helen Burns, Linda Clark,



Mary Hartley, a volunteer with the HOSTS program, assists Micaela Anguiano in her acceleration of knowledge in math at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School. Hartley has been mentoring students in the program for four years.

JoAnn Jones, Freda Lankford, Janet Stowers and Ernie Upton.

Five Year Mentors are Peggie Coleman, Susan Dunigan, Karen Newkirk, Nancy Northcutt, and Jean Stewart.

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McElwain, Lee Porter, Duane Smith, Melinda Stowers, Maryoln Topper, and John Warner.

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Gavin Porter, Alan Price and

Jack Reeve.

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"Children need strength to lean on, a shoulder to cry on, and an example to learn from."



Photos by Nancy Young



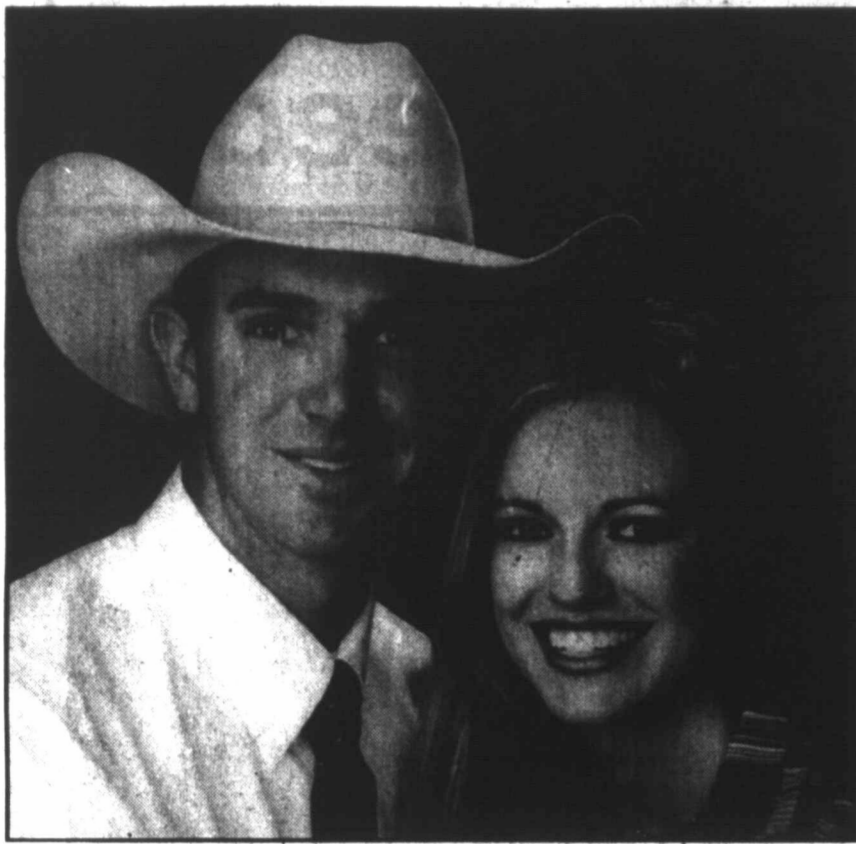
Top left, Heidi Baggerman, HOSTS assistant and Teresa Dyson display a wooden sign proclaiming HOSTS is #1; center, Top, Kendrick Tillman is assisted by Joe Anstey while Alex Bedalla is helped by Brandon Standefur. Anstey and Standefur are with Rural/Metro; Top, right, Freda Lankford works with Bethney Mosteller in HOSTS; Bottom, left, Lariat Lowery is assisted by fourth year volunteer Jerry Tomashik of the Pampa Fire Department; Bottom, right, Jessika Rosenberg is helped by Dr. Jack Albracht, a seven year volunteer.

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Celie Jo Stewart and Jim Locke

Stewart-Locke

Celie Jo Stewart and Jim Locke of Miami plan to wed Oct. 20, 2001, at Treasure Island Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stewart of San Angelo. The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Locke of Miami.

Menus

October 1-5

<p>Pampa Schools MONDAY Breakfast: French toast sticks. Lunch: Chicken rings or pizza, whipped potatoes, corn, rolls, mixed fruit. TUESDAY Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast. Lunch: Chicken fried steak sandwich or macaroni and cheese, vegetarian beans, potato rounds, peaches. WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy. Lunch: Spaghetti/meat sauce or chicken nuggets, green beans, salad, garlic toast, fresh fruit. THURSDAY Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast. Lunch: Egg rolls or chef salad, broccoli/cheese sauce, rice pilaf, pineapple. FRIDAY Breakfast: Cereal, toast. Lunch: Corn dogs or hamburgers, French fries, salad, cookies.</p> <p>Lefors Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Breakfast pockets, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Roast beef, steak fingers, whipped potatoes, gravy, corn, salad, fruit, milk. TUESDAY Breakfast: Hot cereal, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Spaghetti/meat sauce, chicken</p>	<p>nuggets, green beans, garlic toast, salad, fruit, milk. WEDNESDAY Breakfast: French toast sticks, cereal, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Barbecue wieners, beans, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, fruit, milk. THURSDAY Breakfast: Muffins, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken pot pie, ravioli, spinach, salad, fruit, milk. FRIDAY Breakfast: Breakfast pockets, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Ham or bologna sandwiches, cheese, beans, tater tots, salad, fruit, milk.</p> <p>Senior Citizens MONDAY Chicken fried steak or chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, broccoli casserole, beets, beans, German chocolate cake or lemon pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread. TUESDAY Turkey/dressing or meatloaf, yams, green beans, macaroni/cheese, pinto beans, Boston cream pie or rice pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread. WEDNESDAY Roast beef brisket, brown gravy, or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, winter</p>	<p>blend, buttered squash, beans, lemon streusel cake or cherry cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread. THURSDAY Chicken strips or ham salad, potato salad, spinach, carrots, baked beans, carrot cake or chocolate sundae cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread. FRIDAY Catfish and hushpuppies or chili/tamales, potato wedges, fiesta blend vegetables, beans, pineapple upsidedown cake or tapioca, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, garlic toast or cornbread.</p> <p>Meals On Wheels MONDAY Chicken/rice casserole, tomatoes, mixed vegetables, pears. TUESDAY Sausage, eggs, biscuits/gravy, apricots. WEDNESDAY Shepherd's pie, lima beans, candied carrots, pineapple. THURSDAY Oven-fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, zucchini and tomatoes, vanilla wafers. FRIDAY Chopped sirloin, sliced potatoes, peas, fruit cocktail.</p>
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Newsmakers

PARRIS ISLAND, S.C. — Marine Corps Pvt. Michael S. Shortnacy, son of Ronda L. Shortnacy of Shamrock, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island.

In addition to intense physical conditioning, recruits received instruction in first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat, assorted weapons training, close order drill and much more.

Shortnacy and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem-solving evolution culminating in the presentation of the Marine Corps Emblem.

Shortnacy is a 1992 graduate of

Sammorwood High School at Sannorwood, Texas.

CANYON — Fifteen West Texas A&M University students will be recognized as recipients of the 2001 Zeta Tau Alpha (ZTA) Academic Achievement Fund awards in conjunction with the annual observance of ZTA's Founders Day on Oct. 15.

Criteria for the award requires that each student meet or surpass the all-women's grade point average the preceding spring and return as a student in the fall. The recipients will each be presented an award check and a certificate.

The 15 award-winners include: Patti Montoya, junior mass communications/public relations, Pampa; Denise Lee, senior reading education major, Canadian;

and Ashley Ware, junior reading education major, Wheeler.

CANYON — West Texas A&M University's Student Government has announced its freshmen and graduate student senators for the 2001-02 school year.

The elections were held recently with all voting done on-line.

Sophomore, junior and senior senator positions were filled last spring.

A senator is elected for every 200 students enrolled in a given class.

In all, eight freshmen and two graduate students were elected including: Seth Lewis, freshman mass communications major of Pampa.

Anyone wanting to reserve a Sunday gallery page in the lifestyles section should contact Nancy Young at *The Pampa News*. Reservations for pages are taken a year in advance for many of the Sunday gallery pages.

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Progressive TEEA Club
Progressive TEEA Club met Sept. 20 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center with President

June Rowan presiding. The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Helene Baumgardner, secretary, called roll with "Which is your favorite photo and why?"

—Mary Ann Bailey presented the treasurer's report.

—Lery Howard discussed the last Council meeting and members paid membership dues.

—Florence Rife was welcomed back after a lengthy illness.

—Rowan, delegate to the recent state meeting at College Station, gave the program.

—The 2001 Craft Workshop led by Joan Gray was reviewed by those present.

The next meeting will be at 2 p.m., Oct. 11 with Howard at 2506 Fir. New members are being accepted.

(See, CLUB, Page 17)



(Courtesy photo)

Air Force Airman John D. Schlewitz recently graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. This 2001 Pampa High School graduate is the son of Dave and Sarah Schlewitz of Pampa.



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Autumn: A delicious feast of the senses

Kathy Davis Morris
GARDEN WISE



Autumn is a delicious feast of the senses. Autumn is a crisp season filled with the taste of crisp, juicy apples layered with sticky caramel. The evening air is crisp with a slightly cool bite. Somehow even the night noises sound sharper. In autumn, the hot, dry south-

west wind still blows. But, it is a wind without sustainable ferocity. It is a wind on a diet. Thinner and less greedy for moisture. Bradford pear trees, emerald green in the summer, slip into their cerise dresses. Around town, baskets and pots of blazing gold and burnished bronze mums

adorn walkways and porches.

Autumn leaves begin their silent earthbound journey, awaiting a long winter's nap. Many foolish years ago, I raked them into piles, stuffed them into bags and carried them away. Oh, the misguided work of youth.

The old, giant lacebark elms in my front yard hang onto their autumn leaves until deep into the season. It is as though they are reluctant to shed their graceful, slender fingertips that densely shade the house.

These golden leaves hold so tightly to the tree, I think that they will wave at the first snowfall. Then, one morning I will stroll outside and the trees will be leafless sticks. The wait is over.

The winter mulch is ready to apply. Ankle-deep in crispy leaves, I will rake them to the flowerbeds. It is still a wee bit of work; but it is a seasonal joy. The loosely piled leaves will warm the roses and protect the roots of the crepe myrtle. With fall rains and winter snows, these crunchy leaves will become leaf mold, the fluffy remains of decomposed vegetation. Call it lawn dandruff.

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Internet entrepreneur selling astronaut vittles

By KRISTEN HAYS
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Space food has come a long way from the bland applesauce pioneering astronaut John Glenn squeezed from a tube while in orbit 39 years ago.

These days astronauts aboard the International Space Station for months at a stretch nosh on such comfort foods as meatloaf, beef stew and bread pudding. The fare may not look pretty, but it's the real thing.

"It's not like chicken — it is chicken," Internet entrepreneur Dayna Steele Justiz of Houston said of NASA's culinary concoctions she sells to the earthbound at www.thespacestore.com.

Justiz, whose husband, Charlie, is a test pilot for NASA, sells overruns of actual ready-to-eat fare the space agency's food contractor prepares for astronauts on space shuttles and aboard space station Alpha.

A great deal of the chow consumed by shuttle crews is dehydrated, and needs water unless astronauts prefer it dry. But food contractor Johnson Engineering, nestled in one of the nondescript buildings at the Johnson Space Center grounds in Houston, is continually adding more fully cooked, ready-to-eat entrees, desserts and side dishes so station astronauts facing long stints in orbit can get more of a taste of home.

After all, Domino's doesn't deliver 250 miles up.

"It's pretty darn good, actually," said Susan Helms of

Houston, who arrived home in August after more than five months aboard the station with U.S. astronaut Jim Voss and Russian cosmonaut Yuri Usachev. "All three of us on the flight ended up eating quite a bit of it."

Station astronauts consume a 50/50 mixture of American- and Russian-made food, and the Russian Space Agency provides dehydrated as well as ready-to-eat fare. Helms said the Russian offerings added to the variety.

NASA nutritionist Beverly Swango said space food has evolved along with the space program, and the need for better-tasting, more diverse food offerings increases with the length of missions.

Shuttle astronauts can tolerate adding water to dehydrated fare because a two-week flight "is literally like a camping trip," Swango said. Water is a plentiful byproduct of the systems that produce electricity aboard the shuttle, and the need to limit weight aboard the spacecraft increases the acceptance of mushy vegetables.

But different systems aboard the station do not produce water, so hydrated food is more practical.

"The foods have a five-year shelf life, but thick soups, yogurt and meat entrees contain no more preservatives than food on grocery store shelves," Swango said. The food is "thermostabilized" — a process like pasteurization — and then packaged in high-tech

soft aluminum pouches that keep contents fresh. The Russian ready-to-eat foods come in cans.

And, NASA's thermostabilized fare is cheaper to produce. Swango said it takes several days to siphon moisture for dehydrated foods, while the ready-to-eat vittles are simply cooked and packaged.

"You can get the high quality out of this as you do frozen food," she said. "The bread pudding came from Emeril's cookbook."

Dr. Bernard Harris, a former astronaut who flew shuttle missions in 1993 and 1995, said it would have been nice to have the thermostabilized food when he was in orbit. Harris is now vice president of Space Media Inc., a subsidiary of Spacehab Inc., the parent company of Johnson Engineering and www.thespacestore.com.

"Just like on the ground, you get hungry," he said. "I've tasted some of the food they're preparing, and it actually is very good. The variety is much improved from when I was a shuttle astronaut."

Justiz was a Houston radio personality when she started selling space-related products out of her basement as a hobby in 1997. Two years later, she retired from radio to focus on the business.

She started selling items like mission badges, replicas of flight suits for newborns, memorabilia and toys for space buffs. The addition of real space food — not those peanut butter

sticks touted by Pillsbury as space food in the 1970s — came this year, selling for \$6.95 per package. She also sells a few dehydrated Russian space food items for \$8.95 per package.

"I'd been trying to think of a way for a couple of years to sell real space food because people are really interested in it," Justiz said.

So far, the NASA food has generated plenty of interest, she said. A camping company called Justiz to ask if she can sell bulk supplies to be resold to campers, hikers and other outdoorsy types, but so far she just sells what NASA doesn't send into orbit.

With three astronauts aboard the station and small crews on periodic shuttle flights, Johnson Engineering doesn't need to mass-produce the fare, Justiz said.

Helms said the thermostabilized food was by far her favorite while in space from March to August, but even good-tasting stuff gets boring. And some things, like fresh eggs and crisp lettuce, just can't make it in space — yet.

"I really missed fresh vegetables and just making a salad," she said. "At five months we hit a wall in terms of the food."

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Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa met Sept. 25 at Pampa Country Club with President DeLynn Gordzelik presiding. Mayda King, Jeanne Mitchell and Dorla McAndrew served as greeters.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Diane Birdsell and Jodi Roden were welcomed back after leaves-of-absence.

—The following prospective members were present — Vonda Higgins, Susan Winborne, Dottie Fraser, Joyce Fields, Janice Minor, Gaye Whitehead and Sandra Martin. Mitzi Hallmark and Clarice Hough also attended as guests.

—Cinda Jennings delivered the Accent, "Living Life to the Fullest."

—Glyndene Shelton conducted a membership initiation for new members Brenda Hampton and Terri Williams.

—Joan Gray presented the program "Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?" Gray shared information to consider in transferring non-titled property to family members.

—The Oct. 5 Hall of Fame Banquet at Pampa Country Club will serve as a make-up meeting.

—A Laser Light Show fundraiser is scheduled at 7 p.m., Oct. 11 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Members were urged to sell more tickets.

—Mitchell, McAndrew and Mattie Norton received 21st Century Stars awards for outstanding service.

The next meeting will be at 12 noon, Oct. 9 at Pampa Country Club.

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Lone Star Living: Restaurants play name game ...

By DAI HUYNH
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — The names roll off the tongue so easily, so softly — Bistro Lancaster, Bombay Brasserie, Cafe Annie.

So what if Bistro Lancaster isn't really a bistro by French definition or that Cafe Annie isn't really a cafe? They sound good.

"Americans use food and restaurant terms so imprecisely," said Tom Williams, owner of Fox Diner.

"People are calling restaurants anything and everything, whatever they choose. It's no longer, it seems, necessary to be correct," added Sharon Tyler Herbst, author of Food Lover's Companion (Barron's, \$14.95).

In the United States, a restaurant by any other name is still a restaurant. In France, Italy, Spain and many other countries, names are regulated. To be classified as a restaurant, the eatery needs to do certain things, appear a certain way. The same rules apply to a brasserie, cafe, trattoria and cantina.

"In other countries, these terms have very definite meanings. It has to do with hundreds of years of restaurant tradition, which we haven't established in this country," said Sarah Labensky, co-author of Webster's New World Dictionary of Culinary Arts (Pearson, \$25.95).

Take for instance, the traditional French bistro (or bistrot if there's a wine bar), a small, informal eatery with Mama at the cash register and Papa at the stove. The decor generally is simple compared to a restaurant, a French term referring only to full-service, usually upscale eateries that generally serve elegant, classic

cuisine or creative, modern cooking. At a French bistro, diners may share long tables draped with butcher paper, menus are often handwritten on paper or a chalkboard, and offerings are traditional rustic fare, such as coq au vin (chicken simmered in red wine) or lapin a la moutarde (rabbit with mustard).

In the United States, the definition of a bistro has been expanded and somewhat exalted.

"Here, bistros are fairly upscale, sophisticated restaurants," Labensky said.

In the United States, there's not much to distinguish a restaurant from a bistro or even a brasserie.

Brasseries originally were late-1800s beer halls at major Paris intersections, founded by refugees from Alsace-Lorraine fleeing from German invaders. A brasserie, with its signature brass fixtures and large mirrors, tends to be simpler than a bistro. Along with beers and wines, it has a simple menu of sauerkraut and assorted sausages.

In the United States, brasseries are more about food than wine and beer, running the gamut of cuisines: from French and Spanish to Italian and Indian.

Travel to any U.S. city these days and you're likely to find a number of eateries that call themselves cafes. Do a quick search on the Web for a cafe, and about 150 restaurants pop up in Houston alone. They range from the very casual, counter-service Alonti Cafe and Chinese Cafe to the very elegant Cafe Perrier and Cafe Annie.

In Webster's New World College Dictionary, a cafe is described as a "coffeehouse" or "barroom" or a "small restaurant, especially one serving alcoholic drinks and some-

times providing entertainment."

"In some countries, they may have some pastries, but an elegant restaurant is certainly not a cafe," Labensky said. "Trattoria is the same way. We'll see any Italian restaurant call themselves a trattoria."

In Italy, trattorias are small, family-run restaurants, often located in alleys and on side streets. The Italian equivalent of the French bistros, trattorias serve simple, down-to-earth cooking. If you're craving pizzas in Italy, you need look no further than a pizzeria.

For a tall glass of beer, diners may visit a cantina in Mexico.

"There, a cantina is strictly a place where you can get a beer or glass of tequila," said Roland Lorenzo, who co-owns El Tiempo Cantina with son Domenic. But here, a cantina is a full-fledged restaurant with a full-service bar.

In Mexico, there are makeshift taquerias on almost every corner street. Taqueria basically translates to taco stand, since it serves mostly tacos and maybe a couple of tortas, or sandwiches. In Texas, a place that refers to itself as a taqueria simply connotes a casual restaurant serving a number of Tex-Mex dishes, including enchiladas, soups, burritos, tortas and tacos.

"It gets back to that old thought of being a melting pot. We use what we like and we discard the rest. We're not concerned about the history or tradition," Labensky said. "We're very easy to assimilate people and cultures from other parts of the world."

Americans also have a knack for creating new categories of restaurants.

The American cafeteria came about in 1893 when restaurateur John Kruger opened a "cafeteria" at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, Labensky said. The word cafeteria comes from the Spanish word for coffee shop, but today, most people associate it with quick steam-

table food, not espresso.

Another type of restaurant is a Spanish tapas bar, such as Houston's Tasca, Solero and Mi Luna.

"There's no such thing as a tapas bar in Spain," Labensky said. "Tapas — it's food. You go to a bar to get tapas, but it's not really a place. Still, we'll hear Americans say that they're

going to a tapas bar."

A grill is essentially a French word for a piece of cooking equipment.

"There's not a category of restaurants known as grill, like there are categories for brasseries and bistros in France," Labensky said.

Yet, Americans have adopted the term grill for restaurants that serve grilled foods.

Restaurateurs distinguish their restaurants even further when they choose the American spelling — grill — or the French version, grille.

"Grille with the 'e' is uptown; the grill without the 'e' is downtown," said Frankie B. Mandola, co-owner of the State Grille.

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Chris Shaffer, right, son of Dr. Craig and Nancy Shaffer, was recently awarded the H J and Evelyn Johnson Scholarship. Presenting the award was Dr. Jay Johnson, left. Chris, a 2001 Pampa High School graduate, is currently attending the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Johnson awards the scholarship annually in honor of his parents who were also Pampa graduates.

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Billboard Hot 100: Top 10

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan; radio playlists; and monitored radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Fallin'," Alicia Keys. J.
 2. "I'm Real," Jennifer Lopez (feat. Ja Rule). Epic.
 3. "Where The Party At," Jagged Edge With Nelly. So So Def.
 4. "Hit 'Em Up Style (Oops!)," Blu Cantrell. RedZone.
 5. "Family Affair," Mary J. Blige. MCA.
 6. "It's Been Awhile," Staind. Flip/Elektra.
 7. "U Remind Me," Usher. Arista.
 8. "Let Me Blow Ya Mind," Eve (feat. Gwen Stefani). Ruff Ryders.
 10. "Someone To Call My Lover," Janet. Virgin.
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The Billboard 200 Top Albums: Top 10

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "The Blueprint," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella.
 2. "Songs In A Minor," Alicia Keys. J. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
 3. "Silver Side Up," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
 4. "StrangelittleGirls," Tori Amos. Atlantic.
 5. "Greatest Hits," Martina McBride. RCA (Nashville).
 6. "Gerald's World," Gerald Levert. Elektra.
 7. "A Day Without Rain," Enya. Reprise. (Platinum)
 8. "Satellite," P.O.D. Atlantic.
 9. "The Look Of Love," Diana Krall. Verve.
 10. "Hybrid Theory," Linkin Park. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
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Hot Adult Contemporary

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "If You're Gone," matchbox twenty. Lava.
2. "There You'll Be," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
3. "Thank You," Dido. Arista.
4. "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Womack With Sons Of The Desert. MCA Nashville.
5. "Only Time," Enya. Warner Sunset.

6. "One More Day," Diamond Rio. Arista Nashville.
7. "Follow Me," Uncle Kracker. Top Dog/Lava/Atlantic.
8. "More Than That," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
9. "Never Had A Dream Come True," S Club 7. A&M.
10. "All Or Nothing," O-Town. J.

Top Gospel Albums

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Live In London And More..." Donnie McClurkin. Verity. (Gold)
 2. "CeCe Winans," CeCe Winans. Wellspring Gospel.
 3. "Thankful," Mary Mary. C2/Columbia. (Gold)
 4. "Persuaded — Live in D.C.," Richard Smallwood With Vision. Verity/Zomba.
 5. "The Experience," Yolanda Adams. Elektra.
 6. "Awesome Wonder," Kurt Carr & The Kurt Carr Singers. Gospo Centric.
 7. "Still Tramaime," Tramaine Hawkins. Gospo Centric.
 8. "WoW Gospel 2001: The Year's 30 Top Gospel Artists And Songs," Various Artists. EMI/World. (Gold)
 9. "The Storm Is Over," Bishop T.D. Jakes & The Potter's House Mass Choir. Dexterity Sounds.
 10. Soundtrack: "Tae-Bo Inspirational: Walk By Faith... Not By Sight." New Spirit.
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Mainstream Rock

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "How You Remind Me," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
2. "Gets Me Through," Ozzy Osbourne. Epic.

3. "Control," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless/Geffen/Interscope.
4. "Schism," Tool. Tool Dissectional.
5. "Down With the Sickness," Disturbed. Giant/Reprise.
6. "It's Been Awhile," Staind. Flip/Elektra.
7. "I Wish You Were Here," Incubus. Immortal/Epic.
8. "Crawling," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
9. "Fade," Staind. Flip.
10. "Astounded," Tantric. Maverick.

Modern Rock Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "How You Remind Me," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
2. "I Wish You Were Here," Incubus. Immortal/Epic.
3. "Smooth Criminal," Alien Ant Farm. New Noize/DreamWorks.
4. "Control," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless/Geffen/Interscope.
5. "Fat Lip," Sum 41. Island.
6. "Schism," Tool. Tool Dissectional.
7. "Fade," Staind. Flip.
8. "Clint Eastwood," Gorillaz. Virgin.
9. "Down With The Sickness," Disturbed. Giant/Reprise.
10. "Alive," P.O.D. Atlantic.

Hot Country Singles and Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of monitored country radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "What I Really Meant To Say," Cyndi Thomson. Capitol.
 2. "Where I Come From," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
 3. "Only In America," Brooks & Dunn. Arista Nashville.
 4. "I Would've Loved You Anyway," Trisha Yearwood. MCA Nashville.
 5. "Angray All The Time," Tim McGraw. Curb.
 6. "Austin," Blake Shelton. Giant.
 7. "I'm Just Talkin' About Tonight," Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
 8. "Complicated," Carolyn Dawn Johnson. Arista Nashville.
 9. "On A Night Like This," Trick Pony. Warner Bros.
 10. "Love Of A Woman," Travis Tritt. Columbia.
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Top Country Albums

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1. "Greatest Hits," Martina McBride. RCA (Nashville).
2. Soundtrack: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Mercury. (Platinum)
3. "Pull My Chain," Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
4. "Set This Circus Down,"

5. Soundtrack: "Coyote Ugly," Curb. (Platinum)
 6. "New Favorite," Alison Krauss & Union Station. Rounder/IDJMG.
 7. "Greatest Hits," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Platinum)
 8. "I'm Already There," Lonestar. BNA. (Gold)
 9. "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Womack. MCA Nashville. (Platinum)
 10. "Greatest Hits," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
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Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Singles and Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and radio playlists)

1. "Differences," Ginuwine. Epic.
 2. "Family Affair," Mary J. Blige. MCA.
 3. "I'm Real," Jennifer Lopez (feat. Ja Rule). Epic.
 4. "Where The Party At," Jagged Edge With Nelly. So So Def.
 5. "Izzo (H.O.V.A.)," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam/IDJMG.
 6. "Rock The Boat," Aaliyah. Blackground.
 7. "Fallin'," Alicia Keys. J.
 8. "Living It Up," Ja Rule (feat. Case). Murder Inc.
 9. "I'm A Thug," Trick Daddy. Slip-N-Slide/Atlantic.
 10. "Contagious," The Isley Brothers (feat. Ronald Isley AKA Mr. Biggs). DreamWorks.
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Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums

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1. "The Blueprint," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella.
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 3. "Ghetto Fabulous," Fabolous. Desert Storm.
 4. "Now," Maxwell. Columbia/CRG. (Platinum)
 5. "No More Drama," Mary J. Blige. MCA.
 6. "Superhero," Brian McKnight. Motown.
 7. "Aaliyah," Aaliyah. Blackground. (Platinum)
 8. "Songs In A Minor," Alicia Keys. J. (Platinum)
 9. "The ID," Macy Gray. Epic.
 10. "8701," Usher. Arista.
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Hot Rap Singles

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Raise Up," Petey Pablo. Jive.
2. "Jump Up In The Air," Original P Introducing Hyped Up. Westbound Soljaz.
3. "Pull My Chain," Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
4. "Set This Circus Down," Westbound.

3. "My Projects," Coo Coo Cal. Infinite/Tommy Boy.
 4. "Buster," Dennis Da Menace. 1st Avenue.
 5. "How We Do," Big Lew BKA Popeye Reds (feat. Nonchlant). Col-Beast.
 6. "Po' Punch," Po' White Trash & The Trailer Park Symphony. Pocket Change.
 7. "Grippin Grain," The Young Millionaires. Urban Spears/Urban Dreams.
 8. "Izzo (H.O.V.A.)," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam/IDJMG.
 9. "Let's Be Friends," Ta Ta + Brando (feat. Larry Poteat Of The Donz). Heartless.
 10. "All My Thugs," Young Phantom. Heartless.
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Hot Dance Music — Club Play

(Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)

1. "Stand Still," Aubrey. Groovilicious/Strictly Rhythm.
2. "Feel This 2001," Robbie Rivera. Strictly Rhythm.
3. "Little L," Jamiroquai. Epic.
4. "Crystal," New Order. Reprise.
5. "Absolutely Not," Deborah Cox. J.
6. "Yes," Amber. Tommy Boy.
7. "Keep It Coming," 7 (feat. Mona Monet). King Street.
8. "Know You Can," Whatever. Girl. Strictly Rhythm.
9. "Official Chemical," Dub Pistols. Geffen.
10. "I Feel Loved," Depeche Mode. Mute/Reprise.

Hot Latin Tracks

(Compiled from national Latin radio airplay reports)

1. "Suerte," Shakira. Epic.
 2. "Me Vas A Extranar," Pepe Aguilar. Musart.
 3. "Azul," Cristian Ariola.
 4. "Como Se Cura Una Herida," Jaci Velasquez. Sony Discos.
 5. "No Me Concoces Aun," Palomo. Disa.
 6. "Heroe," Enrique Iglesias. Interscope.
 7. "O Me Voy O Te Vas," Marco Antonio Solis. Fonovisa.
 8. "Como Olvidar," Olga Tanon. WEA Latina.
 9. "Pueden Decir," Gilberto Santa Rosa. Sony Discos.
 10. "El Ayudante," Vicente Fernandez. Sony Discos.
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The Billboard Latin 50: Top 10 Albums

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Galeria Caribe," Ricardo Arjona. Sony Discos.
 2. "Historia Musical," Los Angeles Azules. Disa.
 3. "Uniendo Fronteras," Los Tigres Del Norte. Fonovisa.
 4. "Historia Musical Romantica," Grupo Bryndis. Disa.
 5. "Embrace The Chaos," Ozomatli. Interscope.
 6. "Thalia Con Banda-Grandes," Thalia. EMI Latin.
 7. "Shhh!," A.B. Quintanilla Y Los Kumbia Kings. EMI Latin.
 8. "Paulina," Paulina Rubio. Universal Latino. (Gold)
 9. "Historia De Un Idolito Vol. 1," Vicente Fernandez. Sony Discos.
 10. "Despreciado," Lupillo Rivera. Sony Discos. (Gold)
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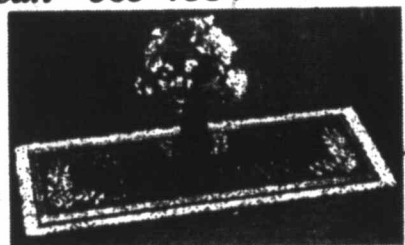
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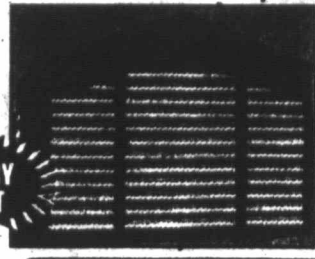
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Farmer's Wife Finds Letter That's Too Hot To Handle

DEAR ABBY: I am in a predicament! I don't know what to do. We live on a farm. Last night after the children were asleep, I went out to the barn and found my husband hurrying to put away a mysterious bag. I asked him what he was doing. He said, "Nothing, just going through some old things." When we returned to the house together, he had some old photos of his ex-wife he said he was giving to her sister. I didn't mind. I felt that at least he was getting rid of them.

This morning, after the kids went to school, my curiosity got the best of me. I opened the bag and found some old family photographs and collectibles. Underneath, I found an envelope with his name on it. I opened it and found a letter written by his ex-wife. It wasn't an ordinary love letter — it was a sexual fantasy.

The contents of the letter are disgusting. Now I don't know if I should destroy it, confront him, or put it back and try to forget I ever saw it. I'm afraid if I mention it he'll get angry that I snooped through his private things. If I destroy it, he will get really angry. If I leave it, I'm afraid he will read it from time to time, and I'll be angry all over again. I wish I hadn't found it.

Abby, I love my husband and have never had any reason not to trust him, but after finding that letter, I don't know what to do.

THE FARMER'S SECOND WIFE

DEAR WIFE: Under no circumstances should you be the one to destroy the letter. Tell your husband what you did and offer him an apology for snooping. When you tell him how upsetting the contents of the

Dear Abby

is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

letter were, he may volunteer to get rid of it. However, the decision should be his. And if he wants to keep it, he won't be the first man (or woman) to keep a souvenir of a dead romance.

DEAR ABBY: So many people can't seem to get off the couch and into an exercise program. May I offer the following "Exercise Program for Lazy People"?

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- Beating around the bush
- Climbing the walls
- Passing the buck
- Dragging my heels
- Pushing my luck
- Making mountains out of molehills
- Hitting the nail on the head
- Running around in circles
- Climbing the ladder of success
- Opening a can of worms
- Starting the ball rolling
- Jumping on the bandwagon

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DEAR ANN: What I like best about your "exercises" is they require no particular talent and no expensive equipment. However, my favorite wasn't listed: Putting your foot in your mouth.

DEAR ABBY: I am 17. My boyfriend graduated from high school this year and soon will be leaving for college far away. I plan to visit him during school breaks and during the summer. I want to become engaged and be married after I graduate next year.

Abby, how do I know that is the right thing — that he is ready for marriage — and that I will not get rejected? SCARED IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR SCARED: Curb your fear and don't pressure him. This is an opportunity for you both to grow as individuals. Neither of you should tie yourself down at this point in your lives.

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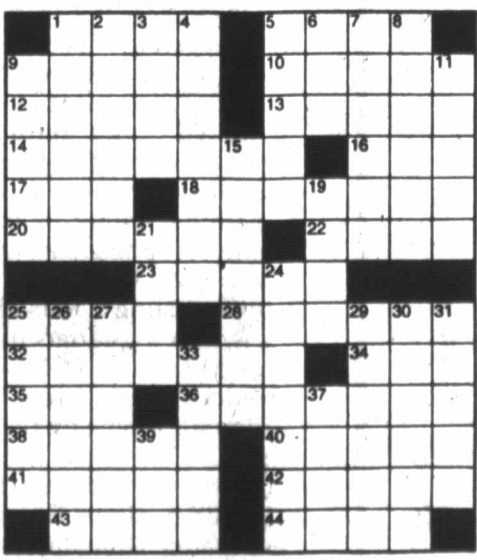
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 1 Fund
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 - 13 Acid type
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 - 16 Took a load off
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 - 20 Bahamas city
 - 22 Terminates
 - 23 Whodunit award
 - 25 Goatee setting
 - 28 Customs
 - 32 Conrad novel
 - 34 Undoing word
 - 35 Before today
 - 36 Under discussion
 - 38 Church law
 - 40 River to the Bay of Biscay
 - 41 Settling item
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- 1 Split start
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 - 6 Sleep state
 - 7 Light creator
 - 8 Huey's uncle
 - 9 Strips for breakfast
 - 11 Marginalia
 - 15 Go camping
 - 19 Cook's ingredient
 - 21 Transmit
 - 24 Piglet's creator
 - 25 Typewriter sound
 - 26 Navajo homes
 - 27 Like O. Henry tales
 - 29 Contained
 - 30 Saw the sights
 - 31 Take the wheel
 - 33 Michael's sister
 - 37 Enjoy a bath
 - 39 Son-gun connection

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Yesterday's answer



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"Marmaduke isn't sure about hair dryers."

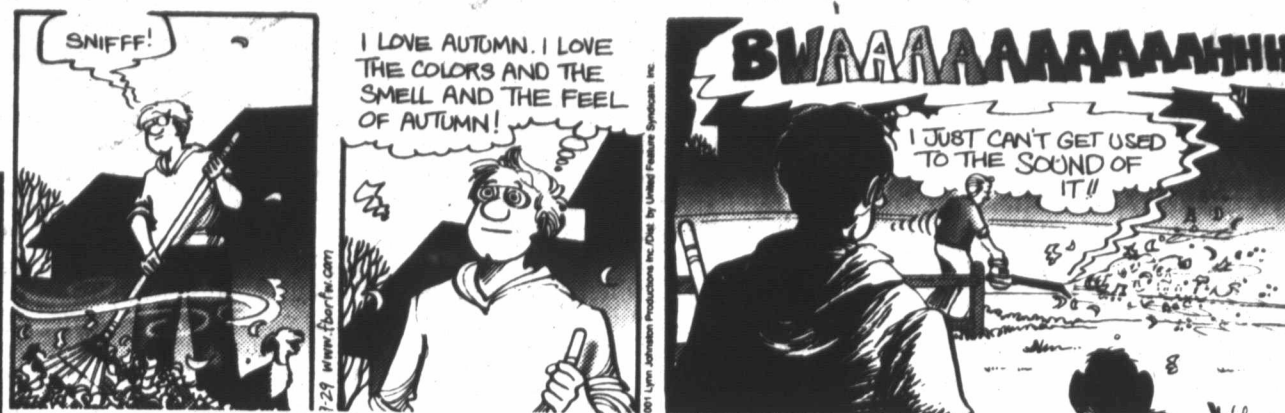
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"Did you learn to build a brick house by readin' 'The Three Little Pigs' book?"

For Better or For Worse



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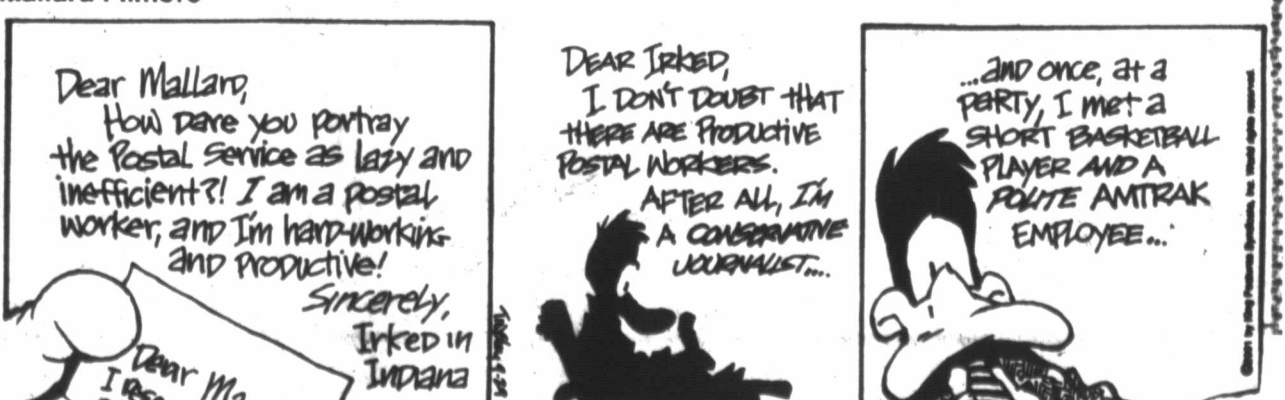
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Gates still America's richest person; Buffett moves to second place

By MATT MOORE
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates isn't quite as wealthy as he was a year ago, but he remains the richest person in the world, according to a Forbes Magazine survey.

Gates' net worth fell to \$54 billion this year, down from \$63 billion last year, largely due to the declining value of Microsoft shares. But the diversity of his portfolio, which includes significant investments beyond Microsoft, kept him in the top spot for the eighth straight year.

Investor Warren Buffett moved into second place on Forbes' list of the 400 wealthiest Americans, followed by the other Microsoft co-founder, Paul Allen. Oracle chief executive Larry Ellison dropped from second to fourth.

The rest of the top 10, except for Microsoft chief executive Steve Ballmer, was made up of

relatives of deceased Wal-Mart Stores Inc. founder Sam Walton.

The survey, which was released by Forbes on its Web site Thursday night, reflected wealth as of Aug. 27.

Buffett, 71, saw his net worth fall to \$33.2 billion. But shares in his Berkshire Hathaway Investments outpaced the Standard & Poor's 500 last year, according to Forbes.

The slowing economy was reflected in the declining worth in the rankings. For only the third time since Forbes began compiling the list in 1982, the combined net worth of all 400 fell, from \$1.2 trillion in 2000 to \$946 billion this year.

Fifty-four "new economy" entrepreneurs were pushed off the list as the high-tech sector continued to slide. They were replaced by people in more traditional sectors, including retailing and manufacturing.

This year's list includes 236 billionaires, down from 274 last

year. It took a minimum net worth of \$600 million to make it into the top 400 this year, down \$125 million from last year.

After the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the magazine recalculated the impact on 50 of the list's more recognizable names since the cutoff date of Aug. 27.

Gates lost another \$7.2 billion from Aug. 27 to Sept. 24, leaving his net worth at \$46.8 billion. Buffett lost \$2.8 billion, dropping his net worth to \$30.4 billion, and Allen's net worth fell \$4 billion to \$24.2 billion.

The total net worth of the group of 50 dropped from \$311 billion to \$266.5 billion, or more than \$44 billion.

Lobbyists for grain and cotton farmers are trying to stop an effort in Congress to shift billions in crop subsidies into programs that pay farmers for retiring land and improving environmental practices.

An amendment to a farm bill that the House is to take up next week would boost farm conservation spending by \$1.9 billion a year over levels set by the legislation.

One of the amendment's chief

sponsors, Rep. Ron Kind, said Friday he has at least 190 votes for the measure, within 30 of a majority. Ninety of the House's 431 members remain undecided, he said.

The amendment would ensure that federal farm aid goes "to more farmers in more regions of the country," said Kind, a Wisconsin Democrat who represents a major dairy region.

The bill, approved by the House Agriculture Committee in July, would overhaul food and

agricultural programs at a cost of \$170 billion over the next 10 years.

The bill would boost conservation spending by \$1.6 billion a year, 75 percent over current levels. But environmental groups say that's not enough, and they also oppose a planned increase in payment limits that would allow large livestock operations to qualify for assistance in cleaning up manure problems.

Farm groups opposed to Kind's proposal say they have received

"By looking at the impact of recent events on the working capital of a group of America's top businesspeople and investors, we thought we could provide one measure of the shock the American financial system sustained," said Forbes editor Bill Baldwin.

The magazine uses its own

methodology to analyze and come up with its net worth estimates. Publicly held assets were priced to the close of markets Aug. 27.

On the Net:
<http://www.forbes.com>

Momentum builds to shift crop subsidies

assurances from committee aides that the panel's chairman, Larry Combest, R-Texas, will block a final vote on the bill if the amendment passes.

The committee's members "are not going to be put into the position of voting against a farm bill that guts support programs for farmers," said Keith Williams, a spokesman for the panel.

The bill "provided a very balanced and equitable approach. This undoes that balance," said Mary Kay Thatcher, a lobbyist for the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Groups representing grain, cotton and soybean growers, who have traditionally received most farm subsidies, sent a letter Friday to House members urging defeat of the conservation measure.

"Our members are facing both economic and environmental pressures on their farms, and we support the development and funding of programs to meet these specific needs. However, altering the distribution of funds ... will not assist growers in meeting economic or environmental pressures," the letter said.

Supporters of the conservation proposal say it uses just 15 percent of the bill's crop subsidies.

Some highlights of the proposals:

—The Conservation Reserve Program, which pays farmers to idle environmentally sensitive land, would be expanded from 34 million to 45 million acres, 5 million more than the committee's bill would allow.

—Authorizes retirement of another 3 million acres of grasslands, a million more than the bill.

—Provides up to \$500 million annually — 10 times what the bill allows — to farmers near urban areas who pledge not to sell land to developers.

On the Net: House Agriculture Committee: <http://www.agriculture.house.gov>

High-tech visas may slow border crossing

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — Warning that new high-tech visas will slow border crossings, lawmakers are warning Mexican nationals who have not updated their immigration papers to stay away from points of entry next week.

No extension has yet been granted for Mexicans to obtain the new visas, the legislators said.

U.S. Rep. Sylvestre Reyes said Thursday he had "given up hope" that President Bush, Congress, the State Department or the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service would do anything before a weekend deadline.

At midnight Sunday, current border crossing cards will no longer be valid and Mexican citizens will only be able to enter the United States if they possess the new laser-imprinted visas which are more resistant to tampering.

Reyes said he doesn't believe the estimated 2.5 million Mexicans still carrying the old cards will be given a temporary waiver from the INS.

Wildfire sparks evacuations

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — Five homes were evacuated before dawn Friday as firefighters tried to stop a wildfire that has scorched 3,200 acres about 60 miles northwest of Yellowstone National Park.

Families living in the foothills south of Bozeman were awakened at 2 a.m. and told to evacuate as gusting winds blew flames to within a quarter-mile of some homes. Fire officials warned other residents they, too, could be ordered to leave by the end of the day.

Twenty-five homes adjacent to Gallatin National Forest had been evacuated Thursday as winds up to 35 mph stoked the fire. Some livestock were also moved.

Ash and blackened pine needles blew into the streets of Bozeman.

Buy at Home Support America Now



The attack on America is not just a strike at people and buildings, it is an attack on our economic way of life.

Our enemies want to steal our optimism.

They want us to approach the future with fear, uncertainty and hesitation.

If we do, they win.

Americans have responded quickly with generous support for rescue and relief efforts.

We also must invest in our freedom by investing in our local economy.

A strong economy could be our strongest defense against the forces of terror and destruction.

We must show the world our confidence in our own economy is high.

We must bolster that confidence with strong, bold economic actions.

Instead of cutting back, we should push forward boldly with investments in our community.

Buy at home, support America now.

Buying something now is a way to stand up for our country.

There are many ways to make your investment, but we all must act now to keep our economy strong.

This message is supported by Panhandle area cities and chambers of commerce.

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CHARGES REPORT 'A LIE'

Price Of Gas Cut 4 Cents Gallon Here

Pampa motorists "got a break" yesterday afternoon when the retail price of gasoline dropped four cents a gallon, one of the biggest drops in years.

Church Census To Be Taken Sunday

Fourteen of the local churches will cooperate in taking a city-wide church census next Sunday afternoon from 1 to 4 o'clock.

Cordell Hull May Attend Texas Cotton Convention

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (AP)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull will "exert every effort" to visit Texas.

Paddle 'Em!

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 3 (AP)—"Old fashioned wood shod paddlings," thinks Judge Henry O. Goett, might result in fewer divorces.

Otis Hendrix Martyr To Law Enforcement, Says Bayless

Hundreds gathered at the First Baptist Church at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon when funeral services were held for Otis Hendrix, 44-year-old constable of precinct 2.

Franco Will Execute Scores Of 'Enemies' In Next Few Weeks

HEADS FIESTA



Directors of the Pampa Junior Chamber of Commerce in session last night named Carl Benefiel as chairman of the 1939 Top O' Texas Fiesta.

The directors are delighted that Mr. Benefiel has accepted the chairmanship, President Hall said today.

FDR Will Stick To Floyd Nomination

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (AP)—President Roosevelt told his press conference today he would not withdraw the nomination of Floyd H. Roberts to be a federal judge in Virginia.

Osborne To Sell Two Herd Sires

Sunshine today and forecasts for clear and warmer weather tomorrow indicated that J. P. Osborne and his son Jake will not have to use stoves in the big barn on their ranch 16 miles northeast of Pampa tomorrow when their auction sale of line-bred Prince Domino Herefords will be held.

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French Socialists began a new drive today to win aid for the hard-pressed Spanish government as France made informal overtures to insurgent Generalissimo Francisco Franco.

BARCELONA, Feb. 3 (AP)—The insurgent military intelligence service, with Barcelona's famed "Fifth Column" supplying information for arrests, is rapidly rounding up the enemies of the Franco regime.

Insurgent police last night disclosed the arrest of several persons charged with "having stained their hands with the blood of their brothers."

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IT'S A 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY'



Looking fit and hearty... President Roosevelt on his 57th birthday.

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President Denies He Declared U. S. Frontier On Rhine

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (AP)—President Roosevelt termed a "deliberate lie" today a statement that he had said the American frontier is on the Rhine.

The President, at a press conference at which he restated America's foreign policy informally, also described as a lie the report he had said the American frontier was in France.

The Chief Executive declared some reports of his conference with the Senate Military committee last Tuesday had given an erroneous impression of this nation's policy.

This nation's foreign policy, the President said, has not changed and would not be changed. He reiterated it to be: 1. Opposition to any entangling alliances.

As a nation we are sympathetic with the peaceful maintenance of political, economic and social independence of all nations in the world, he said.

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Policeman Slain At Tourist Camp

STEPHENVILLE, Feb. 3 (AP)—A badly wounded gunman sought as the slayer of Policeman Jack Fuston in a Brownwood tourist cabin early today was captured by a posse between Dublin and Stephenville at noon, when he leaped from a car and attempted to flee to thick brush.

Deputy Sheriff Ed Hassler said the man believed to be William Thomas Haley, Jr., 24, fugitive from the Palo Pinto jail, was wounded in the arms and legs.

Hassler said the man had commandeered an automobile at Dublin several minutes earlier and forced a youth to drive him toward Stephenville.

Haley headed a posse which flushed the man on the highway and captured him as he fled into C. E. Jordan's house near the Green Creek community.

BROWNWOOD, Feb. 3 (AP)—Scores of officers seeking the slayer of Jack Fuston, rookie Brownwood policeman, were baffled today when bloodhounds brought from Gatesville lost the trail of the man identified by police as a fugitive from the Palo Pinto county jail.

Fuston was slain early today at a tourist camp on the outskirts of Brownwood as he questioned the suspect named by police as William Thomas Haley, Jr., 25, who escaped from the Palo Pinto jail Dec. 29 with a soap pistol.

City Alderman A. P. Sprinkle, tipped that Haley was at the tourist camp, went to the place with Fuston and Policeman Fred White.

An exhaustive investigation by the grand jury of the gun battle at the Southern Club Monday night in which Constable Otis Hendrix and J. D. White, club operator, were killed, and four other persons wounded was expected to be completed today.

Meeting at 1:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, the grand jury was in session until 10 o'clock that night, returning to its work at 9 o'clock this morning.

Two balliffs maintained a strict vigil at the grand jury and witnesses waiting room Thursday. Persons were not allowed to congregate in the halls, and orders were given to arrest any person talking to witnesses or moving from one witness to another.

Questioning of witnesses in the grand jury room has been done largely by two Texas Rangers and an agent of the Texas Liquor Control Commission, according to a reliable source.

Efforts to contact the district attorney were blocked as newspaper reporters were not permitted to wait for him in his office. Instructions have been issued to officers not to discuss the case.

U. S. Demands Italy Explain FDR Attacks

ROME, Feb. 3 (AP)—The United States embassy today asked the Italian government for an explanation of bitter personal attacks on President Roosevelt published in the fascist press.

Sunshine Melts Snow Over Plains

(By The Associated Press)—Snow threw a feeble punch at North and West Texas early today and then took a quick knockdown from brilliant sunshine that promised to reign for a day, or two, at least.

The white mantle, light in most regions, stretched from the Plains as far south as the Palestine sector.

Eight degrees at Lubbock, where the sun melted snow in mid-morning, was the state's low reading, but Berger, with its 10 degrees and snow was a good second.

The weatherman forecast fair weather with cold temperatures of tonight melting into more pleasant readings tomorrow.

I Saw ---

Pandemonium's first cousin reigning at the gym last night when Canyon got within one point of catching Pampa. What yelling! Even Gene Green, the Frank Perry, the Clyde Patheens, Doc Brown (who have become ardent basketball fans) were standing up doing the lung act.

Vera Brunson, brunet and pretty, announced that she has won a dollar off the doc by citing to him two only words which contain all the vowels in their alphabetical order and another word which contains the vowels in their reverse order.

MEMO: Make a date to meet Susie. The girl who proved that even the homeliest woman can achieve beauty and love! Susie's coming in the romantic serial.

WOMEN WANT BEAUTY! Beginning— SUNDAY in THE PAMPA NEWS

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Top Realtors



(Courtesy photo)

Roberfa Babb, Bill Stephens and Becky Baten, above, were recently presented checks by Mike Keagy and Judi Edwards, owners of Quentin Williams, REALTORS, in Pampa. The three honorees were the top producing agents for the first six months of the year with Babb coming in first, Stephens second and Baten third. Quentin Williams was involved in sales exceeding 3 million dollars which represents over 48 percent of the dollar volume sold through Pampa Multiple Listing Service.

High Plains Epilepsy Foundation changing lives with help of United Way

This article is one in a series of articles of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information is being provided by Pampa United Way as part of its 2001 "The Way America Cares, Community by Community!" fund-raising campaign.

Donna is a 45-year-old woman who has had seizures since she was 8-years-old. She has tried several different medications without any relief from her seizures three or four times a week.

Her husband has had to miss work on occasion to stay home with her. She saw her neurologist on a regular basis hoping one day she would find a combination of medication that worked for her.

Because of her seizures, Donna is unable to drive or work. The sense of freedom that most individuals experience from the ability to drive a car is not open to her.

The medication she took to maintain her seizures made her drowsy and at times made it impossible to stay awake. Because she was so drowsy, it made it difficult for her to clean house and cook.

Donna went to see her neurologist, and they decided to try a new medication. Unfortunately, the side-effects of this medication are sometimes extreme.

Donna began to experience severe memory loss and the drowsiness increased. The seizures did not decrease in frequency, so the medication was increased. The increase in the medication caused Donna to be in a stupor. She was not able to effectively communicate with others.

The neurologist then visited with Donna and her husband

about a new procedure that might help Donna's seizures, and they might be able to reduce the amount of medication that she took. The Vagal Nerve Stimulator is a new treatment for epilepsy. The implantation of the stimulator is a simple one-hour procedure. Donna and Jerry decided it would be worth trying.

Donna was excited as the day for surgery approached. She was hopeful this would provide some relief from her seizures. The surgery took place and everything went as planned.

She went back to see her neurologist to have the stimulator programmed. Her seizures did not immediately stop. She continued taking her medication. Gradually she was able to reduce the amount of medication she was taking.

Almost a year later, Donna has been able to drastically reduce the amount of medication she takes. Her seizures are less frequent and her quality of life has improved dramatically.

High Plains Epilepsy Foundation is one of many agencies helping individuals in the panhandle. If a United Way volunteer has not contacted you, please call 669-1001 today to receive a pledge card or mail your donation to Pampa United Way, P.O. Box 2076, Pampa, TX 79066.



HPG grant open to rural communities

AMARILLO — Panhandle Community Services (PCS), located in Potter County, will receive a Housing Preservation Grant in the amount of \$126,140, said Bryan Daniel, Texas State director. USDA Rural Development is charged with assisting rural communities by administering programs targeted to strengthening the economy and infrastructure of rural areas.

The funds will be used to assist homeowners in the rural areas of the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle by providing rehabilitation assistance to rural, low-income families with housing health and safety issues.

"USDA Rural Development is very pleased to be able to provide housing rehabilitation funding for rural Texans," said Daniel. "It is our goal to ensure rural residents are afforded an opportunity to live in decent housing that meets basic health and safety standards and provides the benefits of energy efficient features."

Loans and grants are available to rural communities of fewer than 10,000 residents. Public bodies, corporations operated on a nonprofit basis and Indian tribes that are unable to obtain credit from other sources at reasonable rates and terms are eligible for assistance.

For more information, contact the USDA Local Service Center in Amarillo at (806) 468-8600, ext. 4.

PCB to hold fall auditions

Auditions for Pampa Civic Ballet Co. will begin at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 7 at Beaux Arts Dance Studio, 315 N. Nelson.

Area ballet dancers who would like to audition for the company must do so at this time.

Dancers selected to join the company will be required to take a minimum of two ballet classes per week from their regular instructor and attendance at all company rehearsals is mandatory.

PCB members must be 13 or older. Junior members will be chosen from auditioning 11- and 12-year-olds.

This year's guest audition examiner will be Neil Hess of Amarillo, artistic director of Lone Star Ballet and director of the musical drama "Lone Star Rising."

An audition fee will be charged.

Pampa Civic Ballet is entering its 30th season under the direction of Jeanne Willingham. Auditions are held each year in September. A non-profit organization, it serves many purposes in the community — providing cultural exposure and educational activity for young and old alike.

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