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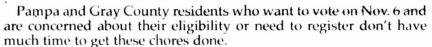
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# Nov. 6 election voter registration deadline Tuesday

By NANCY YOUNG **Managing Editor** 



Voters who live within the city limits of Pampa will decide whether to dissolve the Pampa Economic Development Corporation on that date. In addition, all Gray County voters will vote on 19 statewide amendments. County voters won't vote on the PEDC

Voters who need to update any voting information have only two days to get it done so they can cast ballots in the Tuesday, Nov. 6 elec-

Anyone with questions regarding their voting status are urged to do so no later than Tuesday, Oct. 9.

Any registered voters who have moved within the community must update the information on their voter registration card.

Jan Woods of the Gray County Tax Assessor's office said the office has had numerous calls from residents to ascertain if the information on their voting cards is correct.

Anyone who will be 18-years-old may vote in the election if they have registered to vote.

The tax collectors office is on the first floor of the Hughes Building. Anyone wanting to vote may contact them.

#### Hall of Fame inductees





(Pampa News photos by Dee Dee Laramore)

Dr. Sylvia Grider, left, chats with Ann Lusk after the Pampa High School Hall of Fame luncheon at the Pampa Country Club Friday. Dr. Grider credits her success to the ethics of "hard work" she learned from her parents R.C. and Mildred Grider and from her teachers at Pampa High School. Dr. Robert Jernigan, right, reminisced about various points of interesting architecture in Pampa – the high school, the post office, and the library, while speaking at the Hall of Fame luncheon. The annual Hall of Fame event was moved this year to Homecoming Week rather than in the spring during a more hectic time of the school year.

# about PEDC issues

The forum will be in regard to the election to decide the

It will have a panel consisting of two member of the city council, Faustina Curry and Jeff Andrews, and two members of the PEDC Board, Lee

MIAMI - Miami school board members are to meet at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 8, in the school administration office, 321 Custer, to consider a bond closing announcereceived from issuing

Requests to speak before the board have been made by Reuben Espinosa regarding the senior trip and by Jimmie Glenn concerning the FFA

Other matters to be considered by the board include sale of school buses, school board, training, current bills and fund balances, and a

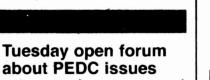
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· Ronnie Lee Gaines, 57, meter and gas tester. • Alice F. O'Toole, 96, former bank teller.

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An open forum sponsored by the Pampa Chamber of Commerce will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9 at M.K. Brown.

High today 80

Low tonight 53

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For weather details see

future of the PEDC.

Porter and Jerry Foote.

All local residents in Pampa are encouraged to attend the meeting, according Chamber Board Chairman Chuck White.

#### MISD board meet Monday at 7:30 p.m.

ment and use of the money \$500,000 in revenue bonds.

trip to National Convention.

leave request.

# **∟oaned execs aid United Way**

Amy Robbins and Chris Lewis were crowned Friday night as King and Queen of

percent toward its \$375,000 goal following the second check-in meeting this week.

PHS Homecoming 2001.

A total of \$58,409.73 – 15.5 percent – has been received so far this year in the annual fund raiser, officials report. The third check-in is set for 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 9, at the large meeting room of

Pampa's United Way is slightly more than 15 the Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. Sponsors for the check-in are Pampa Meals on Wheels, Community Day Care Center and CASA of the High Plains.

Seven Pampa professionals are donating their

# County mulls how to comply with animal law

By NANCY YOUNG **Managing Editor** 

Just what to do about prohibiting dangerous wild animals in unincorporated areas is a question Gray County Commissioners Court decided to leave for another day when more information is avail-

Counties may prohibit person from keeping the animals within county boundaries according to a state law, said County Judge Richard Peet during the court's last meeting.

Animals which are listed as "dangerous" are lion, tiger, ocelot, cougar, leopard, cheetah, jaguar, bobcat, lynx, serval, caracal, hyena, bear, covote, jackal, baboon, chimpanzee, orangutan, and gorilla. Peet said the law would apply to animals which are outside the

city limits of Pampa, McLean and Lefors in Gray County. Precinct One Commissioner Joe Wheeley said before the commissioners court takes action on the matter he wants the law to be inves-

'Before I vote on something, I want to know I'm voting on," said (See COUNTY, Page 2)

# **High Plains Ranch** rodeo winners told

Last weekend ranch teams from Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma competed in the 2001 High Plains Fall Classic, Ranch Rodeo in Pampa. This WRCA-sanctioned ranch rodeo consisted of "real" cowboys competing in events that simulate what they do everyday to earn a living.

Ranch Bronc Riding was sponsored by Pat Helton Well Service and the two teams from the Parker and Finley Ranches and Adcock's Lazy Eleven Ranch tied with 17.5 points. The winner was determined by a coin toss with Adcock's Lazy Eleven Ranch winning. The winning bronc rider, Burke Adcock from Miami, Texas, won a handmade bit provided by Gary Wiggins.

The Team Doctoring event was sponsored by Gray County Veterinary Clinic and the winning team from the Masterson Ranch of Guthrie, Texas, received ropes provided by Equestrian Equipper of Amarillo and spur leathers donated by Olivers Saddle Shop.

(See RODEO, Page 3)

#### time and talents as loaned executives for the 2001 (See UNITED WAY, Page 3)



Edna Rich Darnell at age 65

Birth Date & Place: Oct. 5, 1917, Glasgow, Ky. Family: Father, Mother, three

girls, one boy. **Favorite** Childhood **Memory:** Fishing with my dad.

When I Grew Up I Wanted To Be: A school teacher. My Best Friend was: Mary

People Remember Me As **Being:** Polite and very quiet. My Favorite Toy: A doll my mother made for me.

My Favorite Game: Hide and My Favorite Radio Show:

The First Movie I Ever Saw & The Cost: A western – cost

Senior snapshot

The First Phone I Ever Used Belonged To: My Aunt

The Person That Most **Influenced My Life:** My father. The Historical Event That Most Affected My Life & Why: Fourth of July. All the aunts, uncles and cousins got

together for a big dinner in a

park. The Thing I Remember Most About The Depression **Was:** Working very hard on the

Received Is: My husband's proposal of marriage.

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

My Whole Family Enjoyed: My mother reading the Bible to us every night.

The Person From My Childhood I Wish I Could Visit With Today Is: My cousin Joe Pedigo.

My First Job Was: A cook.on a country farm for old people. Year & Make of The First Vehicle I Drove: Model T-Ford. Cost of Gasoline When I

The Biggest Honor I've Ever First Drove: 15-cents a gallon. On My First Date I Went To: A box supper

> My Favorite Hang Out Spot Was: Grapevine swings on our

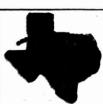
The Fashion Trend Was:

Handmade dresses My Favorite Saying Was:

My Favorite Song Was: All

church songs Another Memory I Want To

**Share Is:** The school house was used for Sunday school, prayer meetings, church services — by



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#### **Obituaries**

**RONNIE LEE GAINES** 

Ronnie Lee Gaines, 57, of Pampa, died Thursday, Oct. 4, 2001. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Charles Lowry, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Gaines was born Feb. 5, 1944, at Wheeler and graduated from Pampa High School in 1963. He married Rita Bryant on March 20, 1964, at Pampa.

He began working at Thurmond McGlothlin in 1970 and, at the time of his death, was a meter and gas tester. He was a member of Barrett Baptist Church.

Survivors include a wife, Rita, of the home; a son, Jeffery Gaines of Augusta, Ga.; a daughter, Kristi Baten of Pampa; his mother, Maxine ed the following arrests during the 24-hour peri-Gaines of Pampa; a sister, Pam Redus of Georgetown; a brother, Don Gaines of White Deer; and five grandchildren.

American Heart Association, 2404 W. 7th, Amarillo, TX 79106.

ALICE F. O'TOOLE

Alice F. O'Toole, 96, of Pampa, died Friday, Oct. 5, 2001, at Panhandle. No local arrangements are planned, and the body will not be available for viewing. A private burial will be held Monday in Tucson, Ariz.

Mrs. O'Toole was born March 8, 1905, at El Reno, Okla. She married William L. O'Toole in 1940 at El Reno; he died in 1995 at Tucson.

She had been a bank teller in El Renó and was a Catholic.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Irene VanMerdelvt.

Survivors include a sister, Marie Jamieson of Pampa; and numerous nieces and nephews.

#### **Emergency numbers**

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	1-888-Energas
Fire,	
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	
SPS	
Water	

#### Services tomorrow

GAINES, Ronnie Lee — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel,

#### Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrest during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, Oct. 5 Elijah Walid George Nasr, 17, 2001 Williston, possession of marijuana under two ounces in a drug-free zone.

#### Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reportod ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, Oct. 5 Brian Lee Rossiter, 27, 736 S. Barnes, violation The family requests memorials be to of probation/assault causing bodily injury, no failure belt/Carson County, appear/Carson County.

> Saturday, Oct. 6 Greer Douglas, 55, 2302 Alcock, arrested by the TABC for public intoxication on a licensed

#### **Ambulance**

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday. Thursday, Oct.4

11:39 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Wells and transported one to

12:38 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Willow Road and transported one to PRMC.

Friday, Oct. 5

8:24 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing center and transported one to PRMC. 10:30 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of North Hobart and transported one

10:57 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of East Malone and transported one to

12:25 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Banks and Kentucky on a motor vehicle accident; no

# Texas round up

San Antonio officer who died in Pentagon attack laid to rest

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A hero's honor was given Friday to Lt. Col. Karen J. Wagner at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Wagner, 40, died when a hijacked jet crashed

into the Pentagon on Sept. 11. The fourth-generation soldier was buried in the same cemetery as her father, Army Sgt. William E.

She was posthumously awarded the Legion of Merit, the Purple Heart and the Order of Military

Medical Merit. The Purple Heart is awarded to all military personnel who are wounded or killed in action. The if U.S. halts military action Order of Military Medical Merit cites Wagner's "exemplary contributions" to the Army medical ruling Taliban offered Saturday to free eight interdepartment.

#### Scientists test food-poison germ

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A \$1.5 million federal grant is being used by Central Texas scientist to try to develop an oral vaccine that uses a foodpoisoning bacteria to protect people from potential bioterrorist threats.

Scientists from the University of Texas Health Science Center, Brooks Air Force Base and Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research say salmonella could prove valuable in developing oral vaccines against anthrax, tularemia and other potential biological weapons. The bacteria could serve as the vehicle that carries anthrax and tularemia antigens into the immune system.

Karl Klose, the lead researcher on the project, said scientist will test strains of salmonella to create an anthrax vaccine first, and if successful, they will then try to apply the same techniques to develop tularemia vaccine.

Microbiologists already have shown that salmonella can penetrate the gastrointestinal tract after the bacillus has been disabled so it doesn't cause food poisoning. The challenge now is to attach antigens that will help people develop. immunity against diseases, said Klose, an assistant professor of microbiology at the health science center.

"People have long thought that salmonella would be a good vehicle for delivering antigens to provide immunity," Klose said in Saturday's edition of the San Antonio Express-News. "It goes into the intestine and kind of invades your immune system a little bit, and that's all we liquor when he wasn't barnstorming with surplus

#### Lawyer looks to NFL in Senate bid

AUSTIN (AP) — Austin lawyer Ed Cunningham plans to use his ties a sports agent to raise money for his bid for the U.S. Senate. He's reaching out to NFL players.

Cunningham is seeking the Democratic nomination for the seat being vacated by Republican Sen. Phil Gramm.

This Sunday, a fund-raiser in Philadelphia will be hosted by the Eagles' John Welbourn and Troy Vincent, Cunningham said.

Fund-raisers also will be sponsored by the Chargers' Elliot Silvers in San Diego on Oct. 17, and the Saints' Cam Cleeland in New Orleans, for which a date hasn't been set, he said.

Cunningham, 35, said proceeds from the Philadelphia fund-raiser will go to victims' fami-

His goal is to raise \$100,000 at the \$500-per-per-

son fund-raiser.

As he turns to raising money for his own effort Cunningham said he hopes to get players on all 31 NFL teams "energized for the campaign."

for the party, it's going to be beneficial to have University of Texas football player, said in Saturday's edition of the Austin American

In his work, Cunningham said he represents players on every team.

#### Taliban offer to free aid workers

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Afghanistan's national aid workers accused of spreading Christianity if the United States stops threatening military action, the Afghan Islamic Press news agency said.

The news agency quoted a Foreign Ministry statement from the Afghan capital, Kabul. "If they stop issuing threats, we will take steps

for the release of the eight foreigners," it quoted the ministry as saying. The private news agency, based in Islamabad,

has connections to the Taliban. Efforts by The Associated Press to contact the Taliban directly for confirmation were not immediately success-The eight aid workers are charged with trying

to convert Muslims to Christianity, a serious crime in that devout Islamic nation, especially under the strict rule of the Taliban militia. Two of them include Americans Heather

Mercer, 24, and Dayna Curry, 29, who both attended Baylor University and were active members of Antioch Community Church in Waco.

The ministry, in the statement, linked the aid workers' fate with that of the Afghan population, weary from years of war.

'On humanitarian grounds, if aid workers are important, so are the people of Afghanistan who have been hit by drought, cruel sanctions and are facing winter," the ministry said, according to the

#### Marker placed to honor Slats Rodgers McALLEN, Texas (AP) — He was a daredevil

with a crop duster, known to bootleg Mexican

Texans will mostly remember Floyd "Slats" Rodgers (1899-1956) as the self-taught aviation buff believed to have built the state's first plane, a lopsided affair he called "Old Soggy." A historical marker in Rodgers' honor will stand at the McAllen-Miller International Airport, where Old balls. Opening evenings Tues-Fri Soggy was dedicated Friday.

Old timers — some who learned to fly from Rodgers, at least one who remembered Rodgers literally dropping into her family's front yard attended the dedication, as did descendants.

"He was kind of a showoff, I guess," said Anne Macaluso of Dallas, 83, the youngest of four daughters from Rodgers' first marriage.

Born in Tunnel Hill, Ga., Rodgers moved with his family to Keene, 30 miles south of Fort Worth, and to an uncle's farm near Waco. A boyhood interest with kites evolved into one of flying, and he read avidly on the topic.

#### COUNTY

Wheeley, adding he has a neighbor who has a tame bobcat and would like to know how that would

"I'd like to know if we could remove an animal from the list if we passed it," said Precinct Three Commissioner Gerald Wright.

Precinct Four Commissioner James Hefley said he would like to know how the law will affect people that deal in exotic animals. "Besides, people have to have a federal license to hold these animals," he said.

Hefley said the interpretation of "regulate or permit" which is in the law needs to be clarified.

"I would imagine we (county commissioners court) can't do anything until someone complains," said Precinct Two Commissioner Jim Greene. "But we need to find out before we take any action."

Peet said the commissioners court has a Dec. 1 deadline regarding the measure. Penalty for violating the measure, if enacted, would be a Class C misdemeanor. On another subject, County Treasurer Scott Hahn

told the court elected officials in Gray County have not been covered by workers compensation since

Hahn said the county moved its workers com-

pensation coverage to a local agent on that date and he assumed the original agreement with Texas Association of Counties would re-enact itself.

Hahn said he needed a minute order for coverage to be activated. He said the county is fortunate none of the officials have needed to file a claim. The county has been paying for the coverage for the officials, he added.

"This could have been disastrous," said Commissioner Wright, "especially with law enforcement not being covered.

County Auditor Elaine Morris said the deputy treasurer in the county treasurer's office discovered the error when she was researching all insurance policies of the county recently.

In other action, Nancy Coffee was appointed to serve out the unexpired term of Dr. Dawson Orr on the White Deer Land Museum Board. Approval was granted to the museum to remodel the outside facade of a building located at 124 N. Cuyler.

Lipscomb County Judge Willis Smith was reppointed to the Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation Board of Trustees. Peet said He has been on the board about 15 years and desired to serve the eastern Panhandle. Chairman of the committee is Dean Copeland of Pampa.

County payroll in the amount of \$182,459.49 and accounts payable in the amount of \$102,919.11 were approved by the commission.

## Study: Children of Gulf War vets more likely to have birth defects

WASHINGTON (AP) — The children of Gulf War veterans are two to three times as likely as those of higher risk of bearing children with birth defects," other vets to have birth defects, suggests a government study based on questionnaires and interviews and the lead researcher. with the veterans.

Gulf vets reported more miscarriages, too. The research, published in this month's Annals of Epidemiology, follows other studies that did not find

evidence of greater risk of birth defects. The latest study, conducted by the Department of Veterans Affairs and Johns Hopkins University scientists, surveyed Gulf and non-Gulf veterans from all four service branches. Just under 21,000 active and retired military, reserve and National Guard members answered questionnaires about their health, reproductive outcomes, exposure to risk factors and

Many of the veterans who did not respond to the questionnaire were interviewed by telephone. About

70 percent of those who were sent questionnaires validated any specific cause and that more study is

"Veterans are very concerned that they have a said Dr. Han Kang, a Veterans Affairs epidemiologist

There are two or three studies that tried to address that concern and did not find any evidence of that," Kang said, "and now we are reporting at least a strong possibility of that happening."
The Pentagon says an estimated 90,000 troops who

served in the Gulf War complain of maladies including memory loss, anxiety, fatigue, nausea, balance problems and chronic muscle and joint pain. The ailments are known collectively as Gulf War Syndrome. Some veterans also worry that their war exposure harmed their reproductive health, making them more likely to have babies with serious birth defects.

Millions of dollars have been spent on government studies on the subject. A presidential panel in December concluded that none of the research has

# South Carolina women, all over 60, bare themselves for charity

AIKEN, S.C. (AP) — Wearing little more than erty, but there were moments of mild embarrasspearls and smiles, more than two dozen women, ment, Ryberg and Ridley said. all older than 60, have brought new meaning to dropping everything to help charity.

Their 18-month "Still Magnolia" calendar is less graphic than it is revealing about how the group came together to raise money for local programs "The players are getting real excited. Long-term for older residents, including Meals on Wheels. "When I learned of the problems our Council on

these guys active," Cunningham, a former Aging was having, I couldn't say no," said 64year-old Dorothy Ridley, a Meals on Wheels volunteer. In the calendar, she appears on a private tennis court wearing pearls and tennis shoes with her otherwise private parts covered by a loosely held towel and the top of the net.

Scott Murphy, executive director of the Aiken Area Council on Aging, said the program will be list of couples wanting to pay \$75 to get in. expanded and include better meals with some of he \$125,000 raised by calendar sales.

Betty Ryberg, who helped organize the project, said the Still Magnolias name was picked because the women are still as beautiful as the magnolia flower.

The women also offer a message that "it's not all about 16-year-olds and Britney Spears," Ryberg

The photos were taken mostly on private prop-

"The funniest thing was the color of the photographer's face," Ridley said. "I think he just hadn't adjusted.

A brush with uninvited eyes came outside a city performing arts center when six women dropped their shirts to pose just as a couple of inmates that clean the park came around a corner, Ryberg said. They started screaming," she said.

"I ducked at that point," Ridley said. "I hid my

face and everything else." The project already has covered a \$26,000 production bill and has \$30,000 in the bank from sponsors and a sold-out calendar unveiling gala set for Friday — with 360 couples and a waiting

The Aiken women kept their doings as secretly as possible, referring to shoots and planning meetings as "tea parties." Over the weeks, a group that started with nine people swelled to more than 70.

"A couple of women still haven't told their husbands," Ryberg said.

On the Net: Still Magnolias: http://www.stillmagnolias.org

#### Slowdown triggers unemployment tax hike AUSTIN (AP) — Texas employers will be pay- both the number of claims filed for unemploy-

ing higher unemployment taxes next year because ment insurance benefits and in the average benefit of the economic slowdown, the Texas Workforce Commission announced Friday.

The increase results from a hike in the general tax rate for employers who experienced lavoffs over the last 12 months. The automatic increase cannot be stopped without changing state law, the agency said.

Over the last 12 months Texas had an increase in

payment amount.

For the period ending Sept. 30, there were 862,221 new claims for unemployment benefits compared to 685,478 for the same period a year ago. That's an increase of 176,743 claims.

The average weekly benefit payment amount was \$227.90, compared to \$218.21 per week a year ago, an increase of \$9.69 a week per claim.

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#### **Weather focus**

sunny with highs around 80.

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#### RODEO

The wild and woolly event of Wild Cow Milking was sponsored by James Bradley of the JLB Ranch and won by the Johnson Ranches headquartered out of Amarillo, Texas. Slickers and Wild Rags provided by Cavender's Boot City were their prizes. Another wild event was the Wild Horse Race sponsored by State Rep. Warren Chisum. This event provided spectators with lots of excitement and was won by the team members from the Cimarron River and Winters Ranches of Kenton, Okla. They took home headstalls and reins provided by Olivers Saddle Shop and brushes provided by Equestrian Equipper.

A tie in the Team Penning event is a rare occurrence but the Tongue River Ranch from Dumont, Texas, tied Quien Sabe Ranch from Oldham County with a point total of 22. Therefore, the tie-breaker rule was used and the team with the fastest total time was the Tongue River Ranch. Sponsored by Larry Baker Plumbing, Heating and Air, the team members from the longue River Ranch took home saddle blankets provided by Olivers Saddle Shop and scrubbers provided by Equestrian Equipper.

During the competition, each contestant and each horse are also competing for the prestigious prizes awarded to the "Top Hand." Sponsored by M&H Leasing, the custom-made saddle and saddle blanket for the "Top Horse" went to Kenny Chambers of the Johnson Ranches. The custom handtooled saddle is provided by Olivers Saddle Shop.

The "Top Hand" award of custom-made spurs and saddle blanket was also sponsored by M&H Leasing and went to Burke Adcock from the Adcock's Lazy Eleven Ranch of Miami. The ner. Five chuckwagons had their Thriftway and Desperados.

spurs are made by Dale Bass of hands full cooking for over 300 Amarillo and the saddle blankets people and getting their food were provided by Equestrian ready for the judges at the rodeo Equipper.

Another tie occurred for the overall winning team. The Nail Ranch and The Tongue River winner was determined by the team who had the fastest time in mined to be the winner.

the 2001 High Plains Fall Classic received many outstanding prizes, complements of M&H Leasing. Each member of The Tongue River Ranch received custom designed hand-made silver belt buckles made by Dale Bass of Amarillo, Resistol Hats provided by Wayne's Western Wear, custom made key chains donated by Dale Bass and cologne, complements of Bob Clements Cleaners. The members of The Tongue River Ranch team will also share in the \$500 cash prize sponsored by M&H place.

turing the expert skills of Buster Cattle Co. Chuckwagon, first McLaury. This clinic was well place; McFall Chuckwagon, secreceived by a very attentive audience. Following the demonstrahis Junior Ranch Rodeo in the

The Juniot Ranch Rodeo was sponsored by Romines and Topper. The winning Pee Wee division team was from the Prothro and Landess Ranches of Kenton, Okla. The winning Amarillo Civic Center.

Chuck Wagon Cook-off and din- Jiffy Cleaners, Utility Oil, Frank's

pavilion. The meal of chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, beans, biscuits and dessert was great and folks were enter-Ranch tied with 76.5 points. The tained by music and cowboy poetry from Rod Taylor, Curt Brummet and Buster and Cheryl the team penning event. The McLaury Pokey the Clown also Tongue River Ranch was deter- auctioned some of his famous custom-made stick horses to ben-The overall winning team of efit Fellowship of Christian Cowboys.

Winners of the chuckwagon cook-off were:

MEAT CATEGORY. First place, Old Town Ranch Chuckwagon, Pampa; The Wild Cow Ranch, Way

BEANS CATEGORY. McFall Chuckwagon, McLean, first place; The Weems Cattle Co. Chuckwagon, Amarillo, second POTATO CATEGORY. McFall

Chuckwagon, first place; Weems Cattle Co. Chuckwagon, second BREAD CATEGORY. McFall

Other activities held during the Chuckwagon, first place; The weekend included a colt starting Wild Cow Ranch, second place. and reining demonstration fea- DESSERT CATEGORY. Weems

ond place. The winner of the Best Overall tion, Pokey the Clown presented Chuckwagon was The Wild Cow Ranch Chuckwagon. The winner of the Best Wagon was the Weems Cattle Co. and winner of loaned execu-

Wild Cow Ranch. Sponsors were: M&H Leasing, Cattle Exchange of Canadian, Culligan, Engine Parts and junior division team was from Supply, Red River Steakhouse of the Keith Outfit of New Mexico. McLean, Dyers Enterprises, These teams will represent Keyes Pharmacy, Complete Pampa at the WRCA Junior Travel, Inc., R&R Catering, Ranch World Championship National Bank of Commerce, Finals Rodeo in November at the Parts In General, Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee, Another great activity was the Jim Leverich, Newman Welding,

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#### UNITED WAY

Pampa United Way campaign. Led by Dr. Dawson Orr, this year's campaign chair, the loaned executives are meeting with area businesses and organizations to help raise funds for the Pampa United Way and the 19

member agencies it serves. This year's loaned executives are as follows:

James "Buddy" Allen – James "Buddy" Allen is loaned to the United Way again this year by Cabot

Pampa plant. "The United has always . put forth a gallant effort in Pampa and has served the community very well," he

Corporation

A member of the Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ, he also has served the community as a board member of the Pampa Optimist Club.

Allen and his wife Linda are the parents of two sons, Jarod Independent and Darrin.

Jack Bailey - Bailey serves as personnel director for the Pampa Independent School District. He is a veteran United Way volunteer with expe-

rience both as a the Best Campsite went to The tive and as chairman of the United Way. "As a loaned

executive, I will be happy to inform anyone about how

United Way functions," Bailey said. "Pampa has 19 entities this year and the money goes to help in many different ways. It's great to be a part of the United Way.

Bailey has been an active member of the community in other ways as well, serving as chairman of the Pastor/ Parish Relations Committee, Finance Committee and chairman of the Administrative Board. He and his wife Jo have three children, Angie Ware, Leslie

nesses and their employees to campaigns. give to this worthwhile min-

Hancock pastor Briarwood Church, has served the United Way in the past as the loaned executive chairman. He also is a

member of the Pampa Rotary Club, the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce and the Pampa Ministerial Alliance.

"This is a great opportunity for us to touch the lives of so many people," he said.

Hancock and his wife Janet Lynnsee and Jansen.

the major firms campaign drive. the needs of our local citizens." Employed as business man-

ager of the Pampa he is an active member of St. Vincent's Catholic Church,

Knights Columbus, CASA of the High FirstBank Plains, Boy Scouts, Rotary Club and Pampa Optimist Club.

"Community support has best always been a cornerstone in about Pampa," McVay said. "The community has always been gener- that I know ous and supportive of the United

McVay is married to Ginger McVay. They have three children, Natalie, Stephanie and Trevor.

Stanley Stabel is loaned to the Pampa United Way Carmichael-

Whatley Funeral Directors where he has been employed for 16 years. His past work with Way United



role as a loaned executive as "to ing as allocation committee and motivate and encourage busi- as a loaned executive in previous

> "(The United Way) is a very important cause for Pampa," Stabel said. "Someone you personally know will benefit from the United Way this year."

A member of First Baptist Church, Stabel is past president of the Pampa Kiwanis Club and also helped coach Pampa Optimist Club sports. He and his wife Devonna have a son Christopher and a daughter

Sharon Strickland joins the United Way as an executive loaned by FirstBank Southwest. She presently serves as president of the loaned executives and has also served as vice president.

"United Way is a vital part of have three children - Jamisen, our community," Strickland said. "It is the way you can assist oth-Mark McVay also serves as ers of all ages and walks of life in chairman of the major firms com- our community. United Way mittee where he will coordinate helps many local agencies meet

Strickland and her husband Ken are the parents of a daughter, Kendra, and a son, Justin. Her community involvement extends to First Baptist Church, Sunday School teacher. She also serves as president of the PAC -Swim Team Board. Randy Watson also comes to

the United Way as a loaned execfrom utive

Southwest. "One of the things

United Way is that 99 cents of every stays

Pampa, Texas," he said. "It is efficient and the funds are used wisely."

Watson's community service includes attending First Baptist Church, and serving as a member of the Pampa Rotary Club and as treasurer for the Pampa Center Foundation. He is married to Beth Watson and they have two children, Emily and Luke.

His duties as a loaned executive include soliciting donations from major firms and working in the special gifts division.

#### Scientists hold memorial for animals lost in flood

**HOUSTON** 

they remembered the lab critters School in June. that had become their friends.

monkey, became inexplicably tor of veterinary medicine and upset — until someone realized surgery for the medical school's he was missing his rubber ducky, animal laboratory. "It went the which had been misplaced while his cage was being cleaned.

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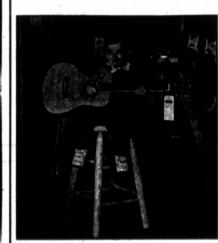
There was the time Scuba, a ute," said Dr. Chris Smith, direc-mals. gamut from laughing and recalling the antics of these animals, to

— ries shared at a memorial service again."

Texas Medical School at Houston when Tropical Storm Allison ulty, research staff and students on Friday cried and laughed as flooded basement labs at the attended the service, which fea-"It was a very touching trib- and photos of some of the ani-

About 150 administrators, factured an altar of fresh flowers

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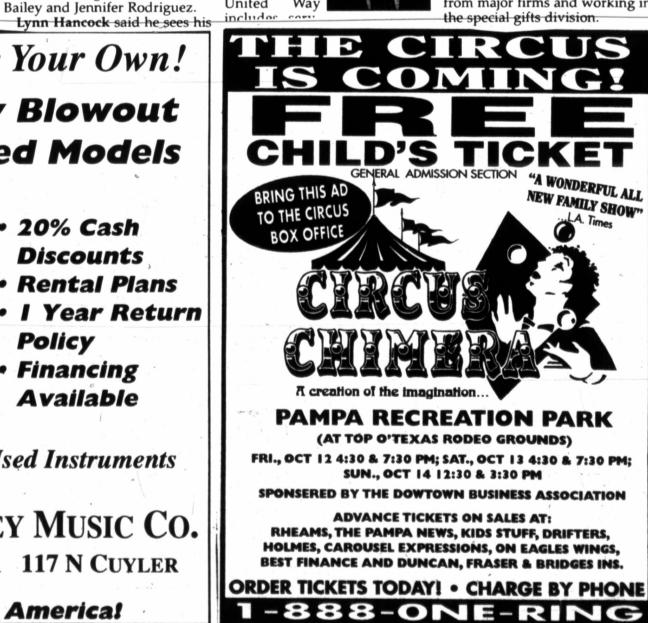
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#### Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas:

Austin American-Statesman on securing the nation: Mere weeks ago, it was a back-burner issue compared to other national topics. Now, though, homeland security has become the No. 1 concern throughout

The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks proved how vulnerable this nation remains. President Bush responded wisely and powerfully, announcing a new Office of Homeland Security. Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge will head the agency, which is accorded Cabinet-level status. That's another smart move by the president. Soon after the attacks, Bush declared national security his administration's most crucial issue, and the leader of this new department belongs in the Cabinet.

Ridge's office will create a new plan to tighten security across the nation. The Office of Homeland Security will bring under one umbrella the numerous counterterrorism functions that are scattered among the FBI, the CIA, the National Guard and local police and fire-

Collaboration is key if this focus is to be accurately trained. And El Paso could be one of the major focal points. U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes has long advocated a more effective cooperation among Border Patrol, Customs and INS officials. All three agencies, especially now, are intently focused on national security, and it would be a good idea for the Office of Homeland Security to consider strengthening, perhaps by consolidation and certainly with more effective communication, the efforts of these agencies.

Reyes is anxious to see the priorities of the new Cabinet-level office. "If it's terrorism and how people are getting into the country, then the Immigration and Naturalization Service should be the lead agency," Reves said. "If the priority is the movement of good and commerce, then the U.S. Customs Service would be the choice. If they say both are priorities, then we will end up with the status quo ... with about 40 different agencies doing different things related to border security, and the lack of coordination we now have."

The Office of Homeland Security will not just focus on preventing terrorist attacks. It will also fortify potential targets by developing plans to protect the nation's transportation, power and food systems. Those are worthwhile ambitions, but without strengthening security at our borders, the Office of Homeland Security goals cannot be met.

#### From our files

40 years ago

SUNDAY, Oct. 8, 1961. Pampa's observance of Fire Prevention Week will be launched Monday with a parade scheduled for 11 a.m. through downtown streets.

MONDAY, Oct. 9, 1961. SKELLYTOWN (Spl) — Miss Sally Banks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Banks, was installed worthy advisor of the Assembly of Rainbow for Girls at an open installation ceremony recently in the Masonic Hall in

TUESDAY, Oct. 10, 1961. CANADIAN (Spl) — Hemphill County's sixth annual Foliage Tour will start Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. at Lake Marvin east of here, John Wilkinson, Chamber of Commerce manager, announced today. 25 years ago

FRIDAY, Oct. 8, 1976. Robert Monogue, administrator of Highland General and McLean General hospitals, said today that he has submitted his resignation, effective Nov. 11, to members of the hospital board of managers.

SUNDAY, Oct. 10, 1976. About 60 airplanes landed at Perry Lefors Air Field shortly after 4 p.m. Laturday, the final stop of a week-long All-Texas Air Tour that began a week ago in

MONDAY, Oct. 11, 1976. Louise Brown and Darlene Birkes won Sweepstakes Awards for the most blue ribbon entries at the annual Pampa Garden Club fall flower show "America Sings" Saturday and Sunday at M.K. Brown Auditorium. 10 years ago

TUESDAY, Oct. 8, 1991. MIAMI — Public school trustees here formally excepted the resignation of school tax collector Debbie Stribling during an emergency meeting Monday night. WEDNESDAY, Oct. 9, 1991. Pampa United Way has reached 18 percent of its \$349,000 goal and is expected to continue

moving closer to that goal during a Thursday check-in meeting.
THURSDAY, Oct. 10, 1991. Nurses from across the area gath-

ered at Pampa's Coronado Hospital Tuesday, Oct. 8, for a daylong training session presented by M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Nursing Outreach Program, according to Monette Blando, RN, MSN, coordinator of in-service education at Coronado.

# Please, don't confuse me with the facts

I know (we know) that we are all concerned about the future of Pampa. And if you will allow me, I will attempt to use the "we" tense through most of these comments that will hopefully not be too much in the form of rambling. We, as I would care to use it means my family, our employees at Culberson Stowers, the board members and staff at the PEDC, and the citizens of Pampa/Gray County. We have to act together, function together, and pull together, for as we should all believe - it is not you or me, but we, and together we have to help the town grow.

is through inaction. Sometimes, we will sit on the "sidelines" because it's more convenient, or maybe, if we don't perform the task, someone else will step forward and accept the responsibility. But what if "they" (whomever that is) don't get the results that we want, does that mean that "they" were wrong, especially if we never provided our input? Who is responsible for an absence of communication as it relates to PEDC meetings and activities if we do the normal publication of meeting times and maintain the office to answer any other questions?

No one can dispute the fact that we live in a much different world - internet, air travel, lifestyles, personal health, etc., and terrorism. How will we react to the challenges of each day, and can we even project what they may be? If we were retired, or contemplating such, how could we address the current volatility of the stock market? Or, if we've always played it safe, the returns on interest rate sensitive investments has dropped dramatically? Have all of our plans should ask ourselves everyday. But the primary issue that I would like to review with you, my fellow residents and neighbors, is our PEDC.

First and foremost, it would not be my intention to point fingers, for the blame of any of our failures would not fall on any one person or entity. However, if you think that you'll feel better to establish blame, then blame me. Much has been said recently about our unresponsiveness. To that, please accept my apology. To those most adamant about wanting answers, how have you tried to get your answers? As I recently became aware, while we are in an open meeting, we can only answer any questions with a statement of fact if it is an agenda item, otherwise we cannot respond to your questions or comments. Does this mean that we are not interested in providing your answers? Not only no, but h\_\_ no!! The rule can be that any of your questions or requests for information will be answered or provided for could be no more than a phone call away. by the staff, or the other board members either For those who object to our granting our direc- acted upon at the next (Oct. 9) Pampa City after the meeting or during normal business tor a pay raise, accept my apologies. We did not Commission meeting.)



Richard **Stowers** 

Guest column

The only way that we can avoid any mistakes hours. I do not know of anyone who has been turned down in a request for information, at least as long as we are asked civilly. It is in our best interest to provide the correct information, as the biggest problem that we have is misinformation.

As to misinformation, that has become a major problem. Maybe this is not completely correct, but NPD has not been an agenda item with the exception of our discussion of how to handle the ill-fated public meeting. The meeting was called because of our desire to keep the public as informed as possible. That ultimately created a nightmare for our board. We have not, and will not offer NPD or any other swine operation of any variety any incentives now or in the future. I believe it to be fair to say that this is the will of

Because of the fact that we live in a reasonably small community, and because of the demands that each one of us experiences on a daily basis, it is extremely difficult to avoid conflicts. It has been my pleasure to serve this town through all of the different venues that I have been privigone to pot? These are all questions that we leged to serve on. The PEDC board has been one of the most rewarding, and of late, the most challenging. I have absolutely not abused my position at any time, and will offer no excuses for any involvement with US Bus, the Suburban, or any other potential conflicts between myself, Culberson Stowers, and the PEDC. I have provided documents several times, and will continue to do so, to defend any claims of misuse or abuse in the time that I have been on the board.

We have been blessed to have the support of the paper through most of our existence. There was a recent comment that I made that questioned the number of people that read the paper. This was by no means intended to be a reflection on the paper, but of the citizens only reading the negative news and not the positive. How many times have sales tax numbers been repeated at the coffee shop? Why do we have the desire to believe street gossip, when correct information

communicate that intent to our city commission. Our City Commission has had an extremely difficult job to balance the budget with a declining population. My opinion is that the population decline would have been more severe had the PEDC not been there recruiting companies like American Energy. But the reality is, we did not communicate the intent to change our directoris salary. Some may say that she's not worth it. My challenge to you is find me someone with the knowledge, desire, and commitment, especially compared to her predecessors, who will put up with public sentiments like we have had recently. Mrs. Tripplehorn has been great to work with, and has given of herself tirelessly and unselfish-

Now I would like to offer some basic facts. I would like to think of myself as an eternal optimist, and as such, feel that the citizens will affirm the economic development corporation for the City of Pampa. I will also offer that the best type of corporation will be a 4A, although a 4B will be better than nothing. For our ninth year of existence just ended we had our second best year of sales tax revenue - \$705,115.30. We have created and/or retained close to 270 jobs. We have worked with Celanese, as our largest employer to identify and develop related industries for opportunities for more jobs. We evaluate each lead to the best of our ability, and sometimes, we are successful. Sometimes, we are not, but we learn and go on to the next project. We do have a plan for the dairies that requires more milking cows to reach a number that will support the milk processing (bottling, cheese, ice cream, etc.) industry. We have previously and will continue to work with our local business/industry to help expand their market with resultant employment increases. We have laid the base for Enterprise and Foreign Trade Zones. We have had many successes that seem to get lost in much of the other chaos.

In closing, please accept my apologies to anyone whose feelings I have hurt, or lives disrupted. For the current "firestorm", I apologize with the exception that it has gotten a group of people involved. For the upcoming election, I hope that we can get more people involved for it is important to have the tools that the EDC offers. Lastly, I know that I have rambled too much, but maybe it will make a difference in someone's attitudes or opinions. And if anyone would like to express their opinions to me, feel free to call or email at rstowers@pan-tex.net

(Editor's note: Stowers has announced his resignation from the PEDC board and it is scheduled to be

# New federal regulations oppressive, stupid

Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta, Czar Norman, has ordered new, ill-thought out, oppressive airline regulations in the wake of recent terrorist attacks. Among them: a ban on plastic or steel — ar port and on airplanes, even in kitchens, no curbside check-in, restricted carry-on luggage, no visitors beyond security checkpoints and who knows what else.

Has Czar Norman gone far enough to protect us? I've watched "Investigative Reports" and the "History Channel" documentaries about supermax prisons. Taking away plastic knives is not enough for real security. Knife-like weapons can be fashioned out of plastic forks and spoons, toothbrushes, ballpoint pens, razor blades, eyeglass lenses and glass utensils. That means if Czar Norman is serious about protecting us, he should ban all these items on airplanes and from air-

mentaries about supermax prisons, such as California's Pelican Bay, simply passing people through metal detectors and patting them down ous body cavities. To ensure total air travel safety, Czar Norman can't allow indelicacies such as ry mandated body cavity searches to impede American safety.



Walter

Syndicated columnist

American litigiousness, I can easily see where body cavity searches might produce numerous suits for sexual harassment. But technology offers an alternative. Some supermax prisons have equipment, that the FAA might consider, that employs a tidier method of body cavity search. The prisoner is strapped to an X-ray chair and a picture taken.

If Czar Norman thinks that a ban on plastic Even if all items that can be used to produce forks and spoons, toothbrushes, ballpoint pens, knives are banned, I know from watching docu- razor blades, eyeglass lens, glass utensils and even fingernail clippers is impractical, and body cavity searches a bit too intrusive, a substitute would be to order that passengers be handcuffed is not enough. Weapons can be secreted in vari- to their seats during flights save for necessary bodily functions, and then escorted to the lavato-

Being knowledgeable about World War II, I can suggest another way to deal with hijacking But there's a potential problem: Given threats. Say there are a thousand planes flying

from the East Coast to western destinations. Just have them take off, group up in a formation and then have squadrons of F-15s provide escort. If one plane deviates from the flight plan without ion one of the F-15s coul or shoot it down.

By now you should realize the potential for ridiculous air-safety measures. Also, you should realize that some mandates (such as banning knives) won't improve air travel safety by one iota. The reason why is that terrorists will never use knives to hijack an airplane again. The reason why knives were successful this time was that passengers thought that the hijacking simply meant that they'd wind up in Cuba or some other destination. If they knew that the hijackers were going to take them all to their death, knives wouldn't have stopped them from trying to subdue the hijackers.

The new air safety regulations are consistent with today's anti-crime strategies: If people commit crimes with guns, call for gun control; if people commit crimes with knives, call for knife control. Current law prohibits pilots from having guns to protect their crew and passengers. That law should be changed.

Instead of meekly going along with the FAA's new, costly, oppressive and stupid safety regulations, Americans should rebel against them. Are we so timid and feminized that we'll accept anything politicians do in the name of safety?

#### Today in history

By The Associated Press Today is Sunday, Oct. 7, the 280th day

of 2001. There are 85 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History On Oct. 7, 1777, the second Battle of

Saratoga began during the American

Revolution. (British forces under Gen. reçorded John Burgoyne surrendered 10 days later.) On this date In 1849, author Edgar Allan Poe died Germany was formed.

in Baltimore, Md., at age 40.

Hoagy "Stardust" for RCA Victor. In 1949, the Republic of East

In 1950, the U.N. General In 1940, Artie Shaw and his Orchestra Assembly approved an advance by

Carmichael's U.N. forces north of the 38th parallel in the Korean Conflict.

> In 1960, Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy and Republican opponent Richard M. Nixon held the second of their broadcast debates.

# Remember, every Muslim is not a terrorist

The P.U. prize for the worst statement during the terrorism crisis goes to the Rev. Franklin Graham, son of the famous evangelist.

Appearing on Fox News, he tried to frame the acts of terrorism as an Islamic attack against Christianity. The un-Christian tone of his remarks even drew a wry comment from Brit Hume.

The remarks were not only un-Christian in tone, they reflected an ignorance of both Islam and the Middle East, not to mention New York City. You've got to love those New Yorkers for their spirit and toughness, but I doubt anybody in the world, looking for a symbol of Christianity, would choose New York City — or the Pentagon, for that

What Graham said was the equivalent of saying that the troubles in Northern Ireland are a papal plot against the Anglican Church. Religion has nothing to do with either Ireland or the acts of terrorism against the United States. What is involved in both cases are purely secular issues.

Islam reveres Jesus of Nazareth as a holy prophet of God and teaches Muslims that they must treat Christians as they treat themselves. Muslims and Christians have lived together in the Middle East for centuries. After all, both religions

Sure, there are small sects of fanatic Muslims, just as there are small sects of fanatic Christians and fanatic Jews. And to believe the nonsense that Islam is trying to destroy Christianity is to fall victim to the propaganda of a Christian sect.

There are a billion Muslims in the world, and 7



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

million of them are American Muslims. It's important that Americans not let some religious yahoos mislead them into condemning all Muslims for the entirely secular acts of a tiny group of individuals. At this writing, we don't know if Muslims were involved. If some were, they were not motivated by their religion but by their hatred of America, which has been generated by our own policies and

One young girl being interviewed during the constant TV coverage was in tears and asked the questions: "Why does anyone hate us? What have we done wrong?

Unfortunately, she will never know by listening to the politicians who, in both parties and in Europe, are trying to depict the terrorism as an act of war against "freedom and democracy." That's as absurd and misleading as Graham's statement. Does anybody actually believe there are people sitting around in the world saying to themselves: "I hate freedom. I think I'll go attack the United States"? What balderdash.

Unfortunately, we have given plenty of people

reason to hate us. Men in both parties presume the right of the United States to intervene militarily in the internal affairs of other countries whenever it pleases us. We made war on Yugoslavia - killing civilians and destroying what was left of their economy — without any provocation at all. We have killed more than 500,000 Iraqi children (and those are United Nations figures) by maintaining an embargo as cruel as any siege in the Dark Ages.

We have been outrageously one-sided in supporting Israel, which, with the help of our money and our weapons, has brutally killed Palestinians, Syrians and Lebanese and seized their lands. Every single time that those victims of Israel's violations of international law have sought relief from the United Nations, the United States has blocked any help with our veto or threat of a veto. That is not the action of a nation that allegedly supports the rule of law or democracy.

The fact is, we have overthrown governments that were democratically elected when we didn't like the outcome of the democratic process. We did that to the Iranians and imposed the shah's rule on them. Then we supported the shah's repression with money, arms and training for his secret police, which routinely used torture and arbitrary

executions. Iranians have good reason to hate us. And to show you further how cynical our government has acted, we even clandestinely helped

Iraq when it invaded Iran. I love our country, but our government is not some pure, innocent band of angels. It's important for us to realize that.

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PLUNTEER! anhandle 4-H Distinguished Leader

presented Joe Couts, left, and Doug Abbot, right, with plaques during the "Distinguished 4-H Leaders in the Panhandle."

Angie Graves, Panhandle 4-H Adult Leaders Association president, recently Panhandle 4-H Fall Forum in Miami. Couts and Abbot were among 44

# Annual Panhandle 4-H Fall Forum honors 'Distinguished 4-H Leaders'

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The annual Panhandle 4-H Fall meetings and workshops on a ceremony honoring 44 "Annually more than 5,300 Burkham, Panhandle 4-H and Program. Recognized from Gray Forum was held recently at Fashion and Fabric Design, Pork "Distinguished 4-H Leaders in volunteers are involved in the youth specialist. Miami School in Miami. Area 4- Quality Assurance, Entomology, the Panhandle." These volun- Panhandle 4-H program. In Distinguished 4-H Leader Doug Abbott. For more informa-Hers, adult volunteers and coun- Horticulture and the Clover Kids teers were honored for commit- addition, the Panhandle 4-H pro- Awards were sponsored this tion about the 4-H and Youth

The highlight of the event was and county 4-H programs.

ment and service to their local gram reaches nearly 20,000 year through the Amarillo Globe Program, contact your local youth each year," said Angela News Reach Out and Volunteer county Extension office.

County were Joe Couts and

Former Pampan, now A&M-Kingsville professor, to attend FFA Costa Rica leaders experience knowledge and understanding to nity to experience the agricultural tural sciences and natural resources. Ganaderia where the students do

KINGSVILLE - Dr. Randall H. Williams, agriculture professor at A&M University-Kingsville, has been selected by the National FFA to participate in the State Leaders Experience in Costa Rica in Central America.

Williams, originally from Shamrock, is the only person from Texas to be selected for the prestigious program since its inception three years ago. Williams and 11 others will make the trip in this, the final year of the experience. In all, only 36 agriculture leaders nationwide were chosen for this honor. Williams has been teaching

agriculture sciences at Texas A&M-Kingsville since 1990. Prior to coming to Kingsville, he was chair and instructor in the agriculture and technology department at Vernon Regional Junior Kingsville has to offer."

instructor at Caprock High agreed to share the knowledge he it is a beautiful country with lush School in Amarillo and taught in gains from the trip with his stu-tropical rainforests. I have been to the vocational agriculture and dents, local and area leaders and nearly 40 foreign countries, but I cooperative education program at even statewide representatives. Pampa High School.

return Nov. 21, spending his time to others. What better way to get gaining international experience the word out than for me to teach become my life. It is who I am and learning about the agricul- what I learn to the students in my and it is what I do. How could I ture industry and the culture of classes, most of whom will live in a profession where discov-Costa Rica.

this trip. I will represent our university and bring my experience need to know themselves about be a better professional in workback to Texas A&M-Kingsville the importance of global and ing with FFA youth for a continand the rest of the state," social issues concerning the rest ued assurance of a strong, sus-Williams said. "This will also give of the world and their impact on tained and successful future of me an opportunity to talk to domestic agriculture here at agriculture throughout the 21st prospective students in Costa home. They then will be better century," Williams said. Rica and tell them what A&M- prepared to pass along their



Dr. Randall H. Williams

He was a vocational agriculture to go to Costa Rica, Williams has Williams aid. "I also have heard

Williams will leave Nov. 9 and bring back what we have learned the country." become agriculture teachers or ery is not paramount to knowl-"I am honored to be selected for cooperative extension agents."

the students in their own class- and natural resources and diverrooms," Williams said.

local service clubs and church groups in addition to passing on knowledge at the State FFA Convention and the Texas Cooperative Extension agents meeting. "As I work with state officials,

both in the political realm and with the education agency, I will be better informed with more current, first-hand information in order to provide educated opinions, backed with factual information that will 'assist all involved in making correct decisions that impact FFA youth and the future of Texas agriculture," he said.

research agriculture in Costa Rica In exchange for being selected and bring back information," have never been to a rainforest so "Part of this trip is that we I am looking forward to seeing

"Agricultural education has edge and progression? Having "These new future teachers this experience will allow me to

Williams will have the opportu-

sity, the formal and post sec-Williams also plans to speak to ondary educational systems, the governmental structures and the country's interrelation with the United States and experience and understand business procedures and operations.

The group will visit the Dole banana plantation to learn the history of United States banana companies on foreign soil and what the U.S. is now doing to meet the Costa Rican sustainable development standards.

They will also visit EARTH College (Escuela de Agricultura de la Region Tropical Humeda), a private, nonprofit, international college contributing to the sustainable development of the humid tropics "It will be interesting to through education in the agricul-

Cooperation on Agriculture, visit butterfly farm in San Jose. the Escuela Centroamericana de

Williams and his group will research with sheep, goats, iguameet with representatives of the nas and crocodiles, take a walk Inter-American // Institute for through the rainforest and tour a (See, FFA, Page 6)

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#### Home for Holidays program offers free tickets to 15 area seniors

Fifteen applicants from the panhandle area will be selected to receive complimentary round-trip tickets based on need for economic assistance and reason for travel. This year marks the 22nd anniversary of the holiday program.

Southwest Airlines and Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle have announced the start of the 22nd annual "Home for the Holidays" program, which will provide panhandle seniors with complimentary airline tickets to visit family and friends over the hol-

Over the years, the airline has allowed thousands of seniors the opportunity to be reunited with family and friends during the holiday sea-

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Camille Keith, vice president of Special Marketing at Southwest Airlines, has nurtured 1986.

the program through the years. "I have been proud to watch the Home for the Holidays program grow tremendously as Southwest Airlines has expanded," said Keith, "and I am grateful for our loyal Customers and hardworking Employees that allow Southwest Airlines to continue to give back to the community."

Applications are available at senior centers across the panhandle and by contacting the Area Agency on Aging at (806) 372-3381 if calling from the Amarillo/Canyon area or 1-800-

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642-6008 outside of Amarillo.

To apply, a person must be 65 years of age or older and demonstrate a strong economic need. Southwest Airlines is sending senior citizens "Home for the Holidays" in each of the 57 cities it currently serves. Deadline for submission of applications is Monday, Nov. 26.

Since its inception in 1979, thousands of senior citizens have been given the opportunity to go "Home for the Holidays." This worthwhile community service program has earned several honors including the Distinguished Private Service Award from the Nevada Governor's Conference on Aging, a Private Sector Initiatives Award from the Nebraska Governor's Conference on Aging and the Presidential Award for Private Sector Initiatives bestowed by President Reagan in

#### WTAMU to host Parent's Day, poster display

WTAMU Parent's Day set

CANYON — Parents from near and far will converge on the West Texas A&M University campus Saturday, Oct. 20 for the 24th annual Parent's Day 2001. Highlights of the event include breakfast with Mercury Morris, a tailgate party and President Russell C. Long's announcement of the Parents of the Year.

Parent's Day is sponsored by the WTAMU Mom and Dad's Association and gives parents an opportunity to visit the campus and meet other WTAMU parents.

"Parent's Day is a great way for parents to come and spend time with their students," Amy Pifer, associate registrar, said. "Instead of the student sping home on the of the student going home on the weekend, parents can come and see their student's new home."

Registration begins at 8 a.m. in the Virgil Henson Activities Center. Breakfast will be served and Mercury Morris, a former football star with the Miami Dolphins, will be the featured guest speaker. Morris played for the University from 1966-68 and still holds the WTAMU record for career scoring touchdowns.

A Mom and Dad's Association meeting will follow at 11:30 a.m. The WTAMU band will host a band parents luncheon at noon in the Hazel Kelley Wilson Dining

Hall. During the afternoon, a variety of campus activities will be available. Students and their parents may choose to visit the newly Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum or watch the

Kappa Sigma, a social/service fra-pus. ternity, will host a car show from ceeds will benefit the National Disaster Relief Fund.

will host their annual tailgate barbecue beginning at 5 p.m. in the south parking lot at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium. Entertainment will be provided by members of the band fraternity, Kappa Kappa Psi. Cost of the tailgate barbecue is \$6 per person.

The Buffs will take on Texas A&M — Kingsville at 7 p.m. Halftime festivities will include by the President of the 2001 finalists will also be recognized.

Parent's Day activities will con-clude with "A Night in Havana" by Panhellenic. Cost is \$5 per coulocal charity.

Registrar's office at 1-800-99-WTAMU or (806) 651-2022.

Poster display illustrates patri-

CANYON — The spirit of patrion." she said otism and the fight for liberty are and bright." portrayed through a collection of World War II posters now on dis- the public. For more information, play at the Cornette Library on the call Rausch at (806) 651-2219.

Lady Buffs in volleyball action. West Texas A&M University cam-

The "Art of War" display now 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Classroom Center parking lot. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. All proposters urge Americans to plant victory gardens and to buy victory bonds. The Mom and Dad's Association till host their annual tailgate barcaptions of information and trivia about the war.

The library plans to switch out the homefront-themed posters in November with a series on the nation at war. The 15 posters depict the war effort by portraying the darker side of war. Many recruitment posters are included in the series. A number of Pearl the long-awaited announcement Harbor posters will also be feaby the President of the 2001 tured in the display. The nation-at-Parents of the Year. The top three war series will run through December.

The World War II posters are part of the library's collection in its Government Documents section. from 10:30 p.m.-midnight in the Government Documents section. Jack B. Kelley Student Center The posters were produced by Commons. The event is sponsored government agencies such as the Office of War Information and the ple and students are admitted for Treasury Department and issued free. All proceeds will benefit a by the government in the 1940s. it is a Circle i CMary Rausch, whead catalogue For more information about librarian, said the posters were Parent's Day 2001, call the inventoried by Government Documents staff in the 1940s and have been sitting on shelves for the past 60 years.

"We were absolutely amazed at the wonderful condition they are in." she said. "The colors are clear

The display is free and open to

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degree in agricultural education 1998. with an animal science minor and his master's degree also in agricul- Williams was on the Faculty tural education from Texas Tech Senate for several years and was University and his doctoral degree the only person to ever serve two University.

the Center for Leadership in Executive C Higher Education Class of 1999 by Intercollegiate

The audition schedule is as follows:

Education Coordinating Board Advisory Council; the Crisis Summer Program Fellow for the Texas Council of Faculty Senates Williams received his bachelor's and The Coordinating Board in

in agricultural education with a terms as president. He was a minor in educational administra- member of the Presidential Search tion from Oklahoma State Committee; the Assessment, Planning Budgeting and He was chosen as an intern for Committee; President's the Committee; the **Athletics** The Texas A&M University Committee; the Bachelor of System and he was a Texas Higher Applied Arts and Sciences

Management Committee; the Enrollment Management Team; the University Curriculum Committee and the Admissions, While at A&M-Kingsville, Scholarships and Financial Aid Committee, among others.

In 1991, Williams was a member of the university's delegation to Russia as part of the Texas International Exchange Consortium, charged with developing a faculty exchange program. Williams was a National FFA Representative of the United States

Agricultural Educators for Participation in a Farmer to Farmer Program also in Russia in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture and the Land O'Lakes International Corp. in 1997. He was a member of the

National Task Force for Local Program Success-FFA and is now the assistant superintendent of the National Agricultural Issues Career Development Event and a member of the National Task Global Force for the Competitiveness of American Agriculture, all for the National FFA Board.

Williams was given an Honorary American FFA Degree, the highest honor awarded by the National FFA Organization and the Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor awarded by the Texas FFA Association.

He is past president of the Agricultural Consortium of Texas and serves on the Board of Directors of the Professional Agricultural Workers of Texas.

He received the University Distinguished Service Award as Outstanding Faculty Senator of the Year, the Division of Student Affairs Faculty/Student Advocate Award and the College of **Agriculture and Home Economics** (now Human Sciences) Faculty Service Award.

Have A Safe Halloween

Pampa Civic Ballet casting call

Jeanne Willingham, director of Pampa Civic Ballet, has issued a

SUNDAY, Oct. 7 — 2-3:30 p.m. (Company auditions/Advanced)

SUNDAY, Oct. 14 — 2-2:30 p.m. (3-7-year-olds); 2:30-3:30 p.m. (8-

Anyone wishing to perform must be present for the cast call, said

All dancers chosen to perform will be required to furnish their

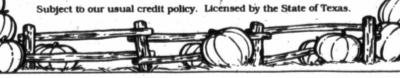
own costumes and to attend all rehearsals to which they are called.

14-year-olds); and 3:30 p.m. (Call back/Clara and Prince)

casting call for the December performance of "The Nutcracker" slated at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 1 in M.K. Brown Auditorium.

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# House considers shift in farm spending

By PHILIP BRASHER **AP Farm Writer** 

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The House is considering a historic shift in farm spending that would switch some crop subsidies into conservation payments that reward farmers for leaving acreage idle or improving environmental practices.

Groups representing grain and cotton growers oppose the proposal, which would primarily benefit dairy-producing regions and states in the East and West that traditionally have received relatively little

An amendment to a \$170 billion farm bill that the House was to debate Thursday would shift \$19 billion from planned crop subsidies into conservation programs.

The measure "helps preserve open space and protect water quality while helping more farmers — especially family farmers," said Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, R-N.Y.

legislation would encourage continued overproduction of crops and dies, which would have saved \$1.3 billion over 10 years. A program

benefit the nation's largest farms.

Major farm groups so dislike the conservation proposal that the large farms and corporations can collect. chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Rep. Larry Combest, R-Texas, has threatened to shelve the bill if the amendment were to be approved. Aides expressed confidence that it would not be.

The bill would guarantee a steady flow of money over the next decade to the grain and cotton growers that have traditionally received most federal farm payments. It also provides new subsidies to peanut farmers and revives honey and wool supports that were abolished in the 1990s.

The bill would boost commodity programs by \$50 billion, or 65 percent, over the decade and conservation spending would grow by \$16 billion, or nearly 75 percent. Environmental groups say the increase in conservation programs is inadequate, and they also oppose a rise in payment limits that would allow large livestock operations to qualify for assistance in cleaning up manure problems.

A vote Wednesday afternoon indicated the administration was Environmentalists were buoyed by a White House statement failing to sway a significant number of lawmakers in its effort to Wednesday that criticized the farm bill and urged lawmakers to put limit payments. The House rejected 238-187 an amendment that more money into conservation programs. The administration said the would have imposed strict \$150,000-per-person limit on crop subsi-

begun by the Clinton administration sets no limit on benefits that

'A limit of \$150,000 is not only reasonable, it's plain generous,"

said Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn. The farm bill's supporters say the administration's criticism came

'This isn't news that the economy is in trouble in farm country. It's

been that way for over four years," said Rep. Jim Nussle, an Iowa Republican who chairs the House Budget Committee.

The bill would replace a 1996 law that was supposed to wean farmers from government payments. Grain prices subsequently collapsed, however, and Congress has since approved billions in addi-

On the Net:

White House statement: http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/legislative/sap/107-1/HR2646-h.html

Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman's

http://www.usda.gov/news/releases/2001/10/0192.htm House Agriculture Committee: http://www.agriculture.house.gov

# Cotton farmers hurting adrift on a global glut

By KILEY RUSSELL **Associated Press Writer** 

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — The state's cotton farmers market left over from last year's crop, Borba said. are struggling to survive the latest in a series of ousy seasons that have driven prices to Depression-era levels.

Farmers blame big crops in India, China and the United States for the poor prices, and a strong U.S. dollar for slumping domestic sales and exports.

With the world production of cotton far outpacing demand, growers are earning about 65 cents per pound for the pima variety and around 82 cents for acala. The California upland variety is earning about 60 cents per pound, but that price is still subject to change, said Bruce Groessema, vice president of sales for Calcot, a Bakersfield-based cotton it has required growers to pay back advance

Most growers' break-even price is about 70 cents

per pound. The industry also is suffering the long-lingering effects of the Asian economic crisis, which has forced top textile regions to cut back on U.S. imports, said Calcot spokesman Mark Bagby.

closed and some textile companies have filed for \$194 million out of the federal budget to provide

"We haven't seen these levels since 1972, and the federal subsidies they'd already received adjusted for inflation, it's below Depression prices," said Mark Borba, owner of Borba Farms in Fresno County.

The story is much the same in other cotton states. Texas cotton farmers, for example, have been hurt by drought and high irrigation costs the last two years, and the toll can be seen in the industries that

"We're getting squeezed pretty hard," said Scott Wylie, who sells chemical application equipment at nine locations in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, and has laid off about 20 percent of his employees.

"The South Plains and the Panhandle are being harder hit and it's a direct result of the cotton downturn," Wylie said.

The total world output for cotton is forecast at between 88 million and 90 million 500-pound bales, of which the United States will contribute roughly

20 million bales this year. California is expected to produce about 2.25 million bales.

There's also about 36 million bales on the world The global market conditions will have particularly harsh effects on California's growers, who

export up to 85 percent of their crop. "We've had to lay off people and are farming less intensively this season," said Chuck Nichols, who grows 2,700 acres of cotton near Hanford.

The low prices caught Calcot by surprise this year, and the cooperative's 1,725 cotton growers in California and Arizona were told they will have to give back some of the advance payments doled out before the season began.

This is the second time in Calcot's 74-year history

"This has been the season from hell, it's one thing after another. Then the terrorist attacks shut down commodities trading, and all the planes were grounded for crop dusting," Bagby said.

The last couple of seasons haven't been much better for the nation's growers. In 1999, things got so Even in the United States, several mills have bad that Congress and President Clinton carved growers with support payments — in addition to

Although Americans consume about a quarter of the cotton produced in the world, U.S. shoppers just couldn't make up for such depressed market conditions and the world's surplus continued to grow through last year, further depressing prices paid to farmers.

"The row crop growers are hemorrhaging money" right now, and the future is not very bright," Borba

AP writer Betsy Blaney in Lubbox, Texas, contributed to this report.

On the Net:

U.S. Cotton Exchange: http://www.cotton.com Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.:http://www.plain-

# Texas winter wheat crop up over '00, down from '99

AUSTIN — The 2001 Texas winter wheat promated at 57.0 million bushels, up 115 percent from 65 percent from last year but 11 percent below

According to a September survey by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the statewide yield year and the same as was forecast in August. Acreage harvested for grain, at 3.2 million acres,

duction is estimated at 108.8 million bushels, up last year. Winter wheat production on the Low Plains is estimated at 23.8 million bushels, up 132 percent from last year. Production in the Cross Timbers area is estimated at 4.2 million bushels, up 62 percent from last year. Production in the averaged 34 bushels per acre, 4 bushels above last Blacklands is estimated at 11.4 million bushels, 48 percent lower than the 2000 crop.

U.S. winter wheat production for 2001 is estiwas up 45 percent from 2000 and 7 percent above mated at 1.36 billion bushels, down 13 percent from last year. Yield per acre averaged 43.5 Production on the Northern High Plains is esti- bushels, down 1.2 bushels from a year ago.

#### McAnear Farms on Dam of Merit list

McLEAN — McAnear Farms in McLean was recently named to American Gelbvieh Association's annual Dam of Merit list, a program honoring cows that calve by the age of two and rebreed quickly and consistently, year after year. Cows with longevity and stayability make money for cattle producers.

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# Hereford breeders, youth to attend meet

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Hereford breeders will Royal show grounds. Fifteen elite heifer calves are visit Kansas City and the American Royal for the offered at the sale, and will be on display through-American Hereford Associations (AHA) annual membership meeting and national show, Oct. 27-

Throughout the week, Hereford enthusiasts may participate in the annual membership meeting and view Hereford cattle vying for national show awards. State delegates will elect three new board

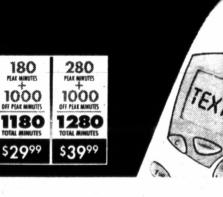
The national shows will be held Oct. 30. Bill Jacobs, Sulphur, Okla., will judge the horned show while Brett Barber, E. Lansing, Mich., will evaluate the polled cattle. In conjunction with the show, AHA will host The Belles of the Royal Heifer Sale Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. in Wagstaff Arena on the American Frampton.

out the week's activities.

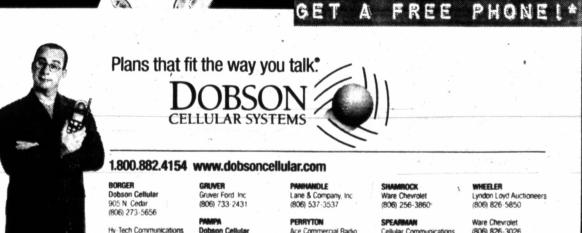
Sale listings can be viewed at www.herefnet.com. For more information on this elite heifer calf sale, contact Joe Rickabaugh at (816) 842-8878.

Hereford youth from around the country will travel to Kansas City for their annual PRIDE Convention, Oct. 27-29. The National Junior of directors and new officers for the board will be Hereford Association (NJHA) PRIDE Convention workshop spotlights nationally renowned speakers who will inspire and educate. The keynote speaker on Sunday, Oct. 28, is Mark Mayfield, Smithville, Mo. He is known as "The Corporate Comedian," and has shared the stage with celebrities like Colin Powell, Paul Newman and Peter





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# MHMR: Free depression screenings to be available in Big Spring

BIG SPRING — Free, confi- Week, Oct. 7-13. a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 11 in tional

The screenings are being held materials. National Depression

dential depression screenings Participants who attend the will be administered from 9 screenings will hear an educapresentation about the Big Spring Mall by qualified depression, take a written screened nearly 40 people durmental health professionals from screening test, review the test Big Spring State Hospital and results with an attending clini-West Texas Centers for MHMR. cian, and receive educational

Screening Day in conjunction confidential results, are not a Many of the people we screened and the Press." More than a third with Mental Illness Awareness substitute for a psychiatric eval- were depressed and needed have had trouble concentrating.

tor of Psychology.

Last year, the two agencies nation.'

The screenings, which produce waiting for us to open last year. Research Center for the "People

uation, said Dr. John Pichitino, help. And we expect the number Big Spring State Hospital directo be even higher this year in light of the troubles facing our

Seven in 10 Americans say ing four hours, he said.

"We found that people really wanted this service," Dr. Pichitino said. "We had people according to a survey by the Pew

Darticipants who attend screenings with hear an educational presentation about depression, take a written screening test, review the test results with an attending clinician, and receive educational materials.

What people are feeling to perfectly natural in the wake of these disasters," said West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO Shelley Smith, LMSW. "Even if you didn't know someone who was personally affected by the terrorist range from loss of appetite to a attacks, it has touched us all as Americans."

"And now that we're sending troops overseas, there's a lot of uncertainty."

Coping with terrorism may produce shock, trauma, feelings of anxiety, fear and depression, may think they are depressed, Smith said.

Texans - nearly one in six peo- ment. ple, live with some form of mental illness. About 20 percent of all Americans experience a mental disorder each year. Clinical depression is the most common form of mental mental retardation in 23 rural illness.

people who live with depression than 200 patients who need can be effectively treated with intensive hospitalization for medication and/or therapy, Big their illness in 78 counties in Spring State Hospital CEO Ed West Texas and the Texas Moughon said.

depression keep getting better and better each year," Moughon said. "But there's this stigma with admitting you're depressed. That's why we're urging people to come to the mall and take this anonymous and confidential test."

Questionnaires addressing symptoms of depression are prepared for several age groups children, teenagers, parents and adults. Following completion of the questionnaire, recommendations concerning treatment options are made available if necessary.

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Nine different symptoms of depression are targeted during the screening, and if the respondents answer positively to five of them, they may be clinically depressed, Smith Symptoms of clinical depression disinterest in friends and activi-

The questionnaire can be an eye-opener for many people. who are unsure if they are depressed, Dr. Pichitini said. "Our hope is that people who and who test positive for forms Approximately 2.94 million of depression will seek treat-

> "We feel as if this is a very important public service."

West Texas Centers for MHMR provides outpatient services for people with mental illness and West Texas counties. Big Spring Nearly 80- to 90-percent of all State Hospital cares for more Panhandle. For more informa-The medications for treating tion, call (915) 270-1878.

## Sheppard AFB Commissary 'holding its own'

By LYNDA STRINGER **Times Record News** 

WICHITA FALLS, Texas — It's a longstanding military family tradition: load up the kids for your monthly trip to the commissary.

But why take the extra time to drive on base to shop when you have plenty to choose from right around the corner? Sheppard Air Force Base Commissary directheir customers. tor Mike Cox said the answer is simple.

"Since we don't operate with a profit fully every month," Cox said. motive, we have the best prices in town," Cox said.

But competition with civilian grocery stores is still tough. With many customers living off base, it's an increasingly harder sell. At the Sheppard store, one of almost 300

at military installations worldwide operated by the Defense Commissary Agency, sales mated at \$2,300 a year for a family of four. are down 8% over this time last year, Cox

"But, we are certainly seeing a change to that; we've started picking up over the last 11 months," Cox said.

ative to get people to take advantage of the commissary savings. "It's not so much about competition with growing trend with the students. "It gives

people about the benefit," Cox said. The commissary is there, he said, as a mil-

National Guard and Reserve personnel and at wholesale cost plus a 5 percent surcharge. "There is no markup," Cox said.

The retirees make up about 40 percent of

"Those are the folks that come here faith-

Younger military families, Cox said, shop regularly once they realize how much they can save. According to the latest market basket survey, service members save 29.2 percent on their overall grocery basket compared to civilian grocery stores and super centers, Cox said. The yearly savings is esti-

Cox specifically targets the single airmen on base who don't have the facilities to cook a big meal. "It's a challenge to reach the student population because they have a limited area they are living in, so we try to give them civilian choices the military commissary is

The Sheppard commissary is being cre- a touch of home," Cox said. Home meal replacements — homecooked meals ready to heat and eat - are a

the folks downtown as it is about educating them something like mom used to make," he

They've also had special gimmicks like itary benefit for active duty, retirees, moonlight madness sales with popular music playing on the intercom to entice their families. Products are sold to customers younger military shoppers. The Cowboys mascot, Rowdy, even made a recent appearance. The store also hosts customer focus groups to find out what shoppers want and how the store can improve to meet their

The biggest draw, Cox said, is a case lot sale. The case lot sales — where hundreds of items are sold at even bigger discounts compete with warehouse stores like Sam's.

This past weekend 264 of the DeCA commissaries, including Sheppard, participated in what was billed as the World's Biggest Case Lot Sale, with more than one million cases of items ordered worldwide. Case lot sales increase the savings for military customers to 50 percent, according to a DeCA

Cox said despite the ample supply of holding on to its share of the market and isn't planning to go anywhere.

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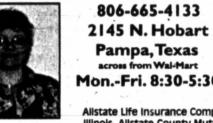
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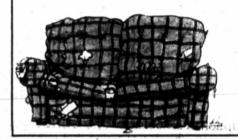


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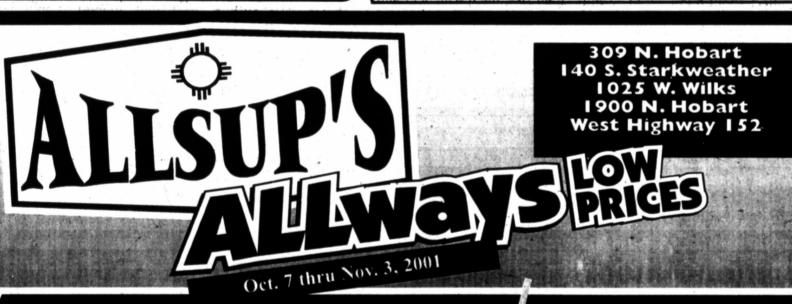
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DALLAS — Heat may be high school athletes' most serious opponent at the beginning of this football season. Dr. Benjamin Levine, director of the Institute for Exercise and Environmental Medicine — a joint venture between UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas and Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas - says the best approach is a gradual period of acclimatization to the heat.

"Football players should spend a week acclimating to the heat by easy jogging or walking without helmets or pads, wearing only light-weight and light-colored clothing," Levine says.

Maintaining adequate hydration is also essential, Levine says.

"All players should be weighed at the beginning and end of practice. Any player more than two pounds lighter than they were the day before should be scheduled for a lighter workout."

Players should also take frequent rest breaks without their helmets in a shaded area and add extra salt to their foods during mealtime.

When the blush of summer refuses to fade DALLAS — If flushing and acne mark your peaches-and-cream complexion, the culprit may not be hormones but a skin disorder.

Rosacea, a chronic condition that affects 13 million Americans, appears as flushing, broken blood vessels or pimple-like pustules on the cheeks, nose and chin, says Dr. Gene Jones, an associate professor of physician assistant studies at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"These symptoms are often mistaken for sunburn, a complexion change or acne," Jones says. "Many people don't recognize rosacea in its early stages and don't seek treatment."

Although there isn't a cure for rosacea, a dermatologist can provide topical or oral antibiotics to minimize symptoms, Jones says. Avoiding environmental and dietary triggers, such as spicy foods, alcohol, sun exposure and rigorous exercise, will also help to keep symptoms in

Pass the Salmonella, please

DALLAS — The next time you have a dinner party, an uninvited guest

Food preparation and handling are the two main causes of food poisoning, says Dr. Greene Shepherd, a toxicologist at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. But if you follow a few simple precautions,

food poisoning can be turned away at the door. Make sure to refrigerate or freeze perishables immediately, and cook food at recommended temperatures to kill bacteria. Wash your hands in hot, soapy water for at least 20 seconds before preparing, serving or eating food, and thoroughly wash plates, utensils, cutting boards and countertops after contact with raw meat. Also don't leave leftover food stand-

ing too long.
"Hot or cold foods left standing too long at room temperature provides an ideal climate for bacteria to grow. Just be smart about how you buy, store, prepare and serve food, and you'll reduce the risk of food-borne illnesses," says Shepherd, medical director of the North Texas Poison

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Breathe easier this school year

DALLAS — For children with chronic diseases, returning to school can disrupt management of their condition. But parents can avert potential problems by learning in-school medication rules and creating an action plan for care of their children in school, says Dr. Patty Hicks, assistant professor of pediatrics at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"The family should communicate fully with the school nurse so that management of disease and taking medication is as seamless as possible for the child, with the least disruption of school activities," Hicks says. For children with asthma, many area schools use a plan that is customtailored to meet each child's medical needs. Under the plan, a peak-flow meter is used to gauge blockage of a child's respiratory passages and pro-

vide an early-warning system, Hicks says.

If indicated by the child's score on the peak-flow meter, the plan specifies use of an inhaler or other medication, taken by the child in the presence of an authorized adult. The plan also defines further specific actions to be taken, ranging from additional use of inhalers to seeking immedi-

ate emergency care. "This approach takes the guesswork out of when to administer medications and when to disrupt normal activities," Hicks says. "Perhaps best of all, action plans help educate the children to take on the role of managing their own disease.'

Getting the blues in the golden years

DALLAS — Depression is a disorder that many associate with the middle-aged. But it affects the elderly in increasing numbers and can exact a considerable toll, says a professor of psychiatry at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Dr. Myron Weiner, who specializes in geriatric psychiatry, says that it is not unusual in his practice to encounter older patients who have been suffering needlessly from depression.
"Older folks with emotional disorders seek treatment less often than

younger folks do," he says. "They grew up thinking that being depressed is a normal state when you get older, that you should just bear up and get

Weiner says that many older people are unaware that there are medications that can help, as well as psychotherapies that have been designed to use alone or with these medications.

If the elderly exhibit signs of depression, Weiner encourages them to

"See your family physician or seek a therapist for a professional diagnosis," he advises. "If the thought makes you feel timid, talk to family

members and ask them to assist you in finding help. "You may be missing out on some of the best years of your life."

Got pain? Could be kidney stones ...

DALLAS — Before you attribute your achy body and flu-like symptoms to a summer cold, you should rule out kidney stones, which nearly 1 million Americans suffer from each year. The typical stone former is a 20- to 40-year-old male.

"Kidney stones are one of the most painful conditions known. Moreover, kidney stones commonly recur," says Dr. Howard Heller, assistant professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical

Kidney stones form because of genetics, too little fluid intake, misuse of certain medications, total bed rest for several weeks, urinary tract blockage and chronic infections.

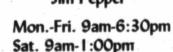
Although some people with kidney stones have no symptoms, Heller says most will have at least one or more of the following: severe pain in the back or lower abdomen; pain that lasts for minutes to hours, followed by periods of relief; nausea and vomiting; burning and frequent urges to urinate; fever, chills and weakness; or cloudy, bloody or foul-smelling urine. If you experience a combination of these symptoms, consult a physician.

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# Heart Association revises prevention guidelines with recent studies

By SUSAN PARROTT **Associated Press Writer** 

DALLAS (AP) - The American Heart Association is revising its prevention guidelines for heart attack survivors to recommend wider use of beta-blockers and drugs called ACE-inhibitors, along with more aggressive control of risk factors.

The guidelines, recommended jointly with the American College of Cardiology, incorporate recommendations from clinical trials completed since original guidelines were published in 1995. They are to be published in a recent issue of Circulation, a journal of the American Heart Association.

"We felt the evidence is so powerful over last two or three years that these needed to be updated," said Dr. Sidney C. Smith, chief science officer of the AHA. "These medical

major change in the guidelines ... recom-**I** mends that women not be prescribed estrogen solely to prevent strokes and heart disease, because of growing evidence that the supplements might cause harm.

procedures.

A major change in the guidelines, first announced by the AHA in July, recommends that women not be prescribed estrogen solely to prevent strokes and heart disease, because of growing evidence that the supplements might cause harm.

Doctors long believed that hormone supplements are good for women's hearts. But the heart association - one of the most authoritative organizations in the field of evidence that has come out over the past few a clot. years. Studies have suggested that in some cases, women had a higher risk of heart problems if they took hormone replacement

The heart association said that women taking hormones for the non-cardiac benefits do not need to stop. But women should not start taking hormones simply to prevent heart trouble. Hormone supplements are prescribed to about 20 million American women, mostly to treat hot flashes and other post-menopausal symptoms and to lower the risk of brittle bones.

Also, heart attack survivors should be treated more widely with drugs called ACE inhibitors and beta blockers. Beta blockers work by blocking the body's response to the high levels of stress-related hormones that pour into the bloodstream of heart failure patients. ACE inhibitors widen blood vessels, reducing stress on the heart.

Patients also should be given cholesterol- http://www.acc.org/

therapies can significantly extend lives and lowering drugs before hospital discharge, quality of lives as well as diminish future the guidelines emphasize. Smith said only one-third of eligible heart attack patients are prescribed the drugs while hospitalized.

"The patient's acceptance of these therapies is greater in the hospital," Smith said "The hospital environment is an important location to introduce these therapies.

Patients also should avoid secondhand smoke, eat foods high in omega-3 fatty acids such as tuna and salmon, and use new antiplatelet drugs if they are unable to take aspirin. Antiplatelets prevent sticky heart disease prevention — cites conflicting blood cells from clumping together to form

The guidelines are important because as the average age of the American population rises, so does the incidence of cardiovascular disease, Smith said. Also type 2 diabetes is on the rise and two-thirds of deaths in diabetic patients are from cardiovascular dis-

"Much of what is stated here has already been incorporated by several people in practice, but there are still a lot of people who are not very much at the cutting edge of research," said Dr. Salim Yusuf of the Population Health Institute of McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. Yusuf was not connected with the study.

"It's a very influential study, in essence telling us what the rules of the game should be," he said.

AHA: http://www.americanheart.org American College of Cardiology:

## Artery disease underdiagnosed, according to latest research

heart attacks and strokes is underdiagnosed and undertreat-

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Compared with healthy ed, despite widespread avail- patients, those with PAD face at ability of a simple test, a study least four times the risk of developing a heart attack or stroke. The research in a recent But the study indicates primary-Journal of the American Medical care doctors may be underesti-Association suggests that mating the disease's severity and peripheral arterial disease or are not giving patients appropri-

"PAD is equally important to previously American health as heart disease itself," said Dr. Alan T. Hirsch, a It also suggests that doctors vascular medicine specialist at are overlooking the disease in the University of Minnesota and

Healthy people should wait

About 56 percent of this year's

The flu kills about 20,000 peo-

older or those suffering from

and lung disease, asthma or dia-

Flu season typically peaks

between January and March.

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CDC

until November and, if possible,

December, the agency said.

arteries in the legs and some- tors. times arms. It usually stems from the same type of fatty patients, more than 40 percen plaque buildup that causes had not been prescribed aspirir hardening of the arteries leading or other blood-thinning medica to the heart.

The research involved 6,979 blood pressure drugs. high-risk patients — over age 70 Criqui said many doctor or between ages 50 and 69 but think of the disease as a les with a history of smoking or diabetes. The authors evaluated how well the disease would be of patients have classic leg pain diagnosed in 350 primary-care doctors' offices in 25 cities, using a simple test that compares blood pressure in the arms and ankles.

the nearly 7,000 patients tested, had PAD — 823 whose disease said. was diagnosed by the physicians during the study and about 1,000 whose diseases had already been diagnosed.

Among those already diagnosed, the study found, only about half of the doctors treating them said they knew of the previous diagnosis — even though the patients' charts contained documentation about it.

Doctors had either forgotten about their own diagnoses or more likely - were unaware of diagnoses made by others, said co-author Dr. Michael Criqui of the University of California-San Diego School of Medicine. Either way, he said, the results suggest

The condition, also known as to a serious condition that peripheral vascular disease, is a should have been suspected narrowing of blood vessels and because of the patients' risk fac-

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Overall, 1,865, or 29 percent of to catch PAD, you miss 90 per cent of PAD patients," Criqu

Dr. Kenneth Ouriel c Cleveland Clinic Foundation wrote a JAMA editorial callin the study "an importar reminder for primary care clin cians to be cognizant of PAD an its associated signs and symp

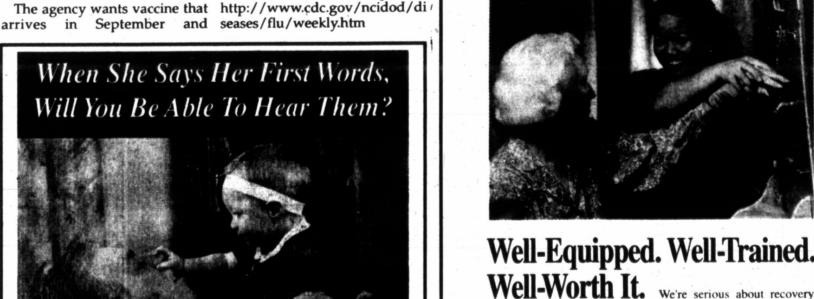
Identifying patients earlie will lead to earlier treatment tha "can be expected to improve th overall health status and lif expectancy of elderly patient with athersclerosis," Ouriel said

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American Heart Association doctors weren't paying attention http://www.americanheart.org



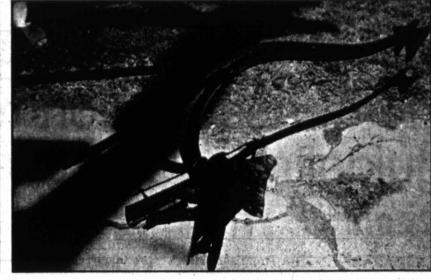
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## Kretzmeier and Baer families remembered in Pampa's street names

(The Kretzmeier and Baer stories were written for "Gray County Heritage," published in 1985. On the Chamber of Commerce map of Pampa for 2000, Kretzmeier Street is:D2 and Baer Street is E-G2.)

Stanley Kretzmeier, born 1906 in Clay Center, Kan., was the son of Otto and Elizabeth Baer Kretzmeier. Both of his grandparents had come from Germany in the middle 1800's to avoid compulsory military service. A grandfather's clock made of wood from the Black Forest of Germany stands in the Kretzmeier

When the Panhandle area was opened for farming in the early 1900's, Otto Kretzmeier and his brother-in-law, Chris Baer, made an inspection trip to Pampa from their home in Kansas. The sight of nothing but grass waving in the wind as far as the eye could see was aweinspiring. Only an occasional windmill could be seen for miles in any direction. Otto and Chris bought and equally divided 640 acres of land for \$12 an acre.

The farms demanded much hard work but there were some fun times. Once Stan (about 12) and his brother Roy (about 10) hitched their half-Indian pony to their grandfa-ther Baer's best buggy. The boys started throwing corn cobs. One hit the pony and caused him to break into a run. The low-hanging branches of a tree caught the top of the buggy. The top flew off and so

Halloween night when some boys of Amarillo; Margaret Ann Since they had six children to feed

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**Eloise Lane** White Deer Land Museum



Nels Walberg's implement store Roberta Schwind of Borger; and (location of present Rose Building) and pushed it into the street. They dismantled buggies and hauled them by ropes onto roofs of buildings lining Cuyler Street. The boys had to return all of the machinery and buggies the next day before they could attend classes at school.

When Stan played football in smithing. Because he was mechanically inclined, his father gave him the responsibility of keeping the August 17, 1984. farm equipment in good running

Because of health problems, Otto gave up farming in Texas and left Stan (age 20) and Roy (age 18) in charge of the farm. They did all their own financing and paying the from Clay Center, Kan., to their

his 22nd birthday, he met Theresa one half section of land but later had to stand when they ate. Werding who had come to Texas to another quarter of a section was Cuyler Street was only two visit her brother. They were married purchased which was always blocks and one lot long on a and had four children: Mary Adair referred to as the "south quarter."

dismantled the farm machinery in Hartman of South Gate, Ky.; Stanley Warren Kretzmeier of Fritch.

Through the years they had

many struggles. Farming did not always provide a steady source of income, and Stan had to supplement his finances with outside jobs. The dirt storms of the 1930s were especially devastating. Stan learned high school, the practice field was to tell the origin of the storm by the on the lot where the Gray County color of the dust that settled after courthouse is now located. He fin- the winds died down. White dust ished high school in Kansas where came from Colorado; red dust was he learned the basics of black- from the Dakotas, and black dirt blew in from Kansas.

Theresa Wehling Kretzmeier died

-White Deer Land Museum **Archives** 

In 1913, Chris Baer (brother of Elizabeth Baer Kretzmeier) and his wife, Freida Schroeder Baer, moved farm located two and one-half miles At a party given by Stan's aunt on northwest of Pampa. The farm was

also two black walnut and two pecan trees. He also planted a grape arbor and blackberry and raspberry bushes. A large garden was planted each spring which kept the family in vegetables in the summer, and what was left over was canned and preserved for use in the winter months. The strawberry patch was a delight to the family and to many

famous home made ice cream.

she always went willingly.

All six children graduated from Pampa High School and some had a good life and a lot of fun. friends who partook of the berries, Harold, Al and Isabel passed especially when Freida made her away in the 1970's, but three are now, but the memory of them still still living. Franklin lives in Chris and Freida were active in Dumas, Carl in Rockport and

and clothe, it was not long until the Methodist Church all their lives. Florence (Baer) Oates in Pampa. they were experimenting with Freida, a teacher in the children's Many of the artifacts that the piogrowing all types of grain and food. department for 15 years, enjoyed neer farmer used in his everyday Many friends and neighbors mothering the "little ones." Chris work may be seen at the White scoffed at Chris when he planted an was on the board of stewards and Deer Lands Museum, the old anvil, orchard, but he had faith in the was a leader in the move to build a the forge, the blacksmith shop land, and in time he was producing new church which was at the same equipment that Chris used every a variety of fruit, such as apples, location as the present church. They day in the work on the farm. Since pears, peaches, plums and cherries, were active in community affairs horses had to be shod and plow and in the farming community shears sharpened, these things where they lived. Freida was often were a necessity to the pioneer called to sit with and administer to farmer. In fact, he had to be "a Jack some sick neighbor or friend, and of all trades," and most of them

The farm house still stands on Price Road just off Kentucky Street. went on to higher education. It is now surrounded by oil fields Even through hard times they and commercial buildings. The orchard and shade trees that were so lovingly planted are all gone lingers on.

-by Florence Oates



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Home of Chris and Freida Baer — on the west side of Price Road just north of the Kentucky Street intersection.

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#### RRC: Teach children after-school rules for propane appliance safety

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission is reminding adults to discuss propane gas appliance safety procedures with children for when they are home alone after school.

"It's estimated that there are close to one half million latchkey children in Texas so it's imperative that they know what to do in the event of an emergency," said Chairman Michael Williams.
"Teaching our children the basic propane safety rules will allow them to recognize those emergencies when an adult isn't home."

"It should go without saying that propane appliances are not toys," said Commissioner Charles Matthews. "Children should never play near or around propane tanks. In addition, appliances should not be used without adult supervision."

#### Speech/Debate tournament results

saw 20 schools from around the Borger High School. place sweepstakes award went Richard Conner.

Top O' Texas Tournament to Amarillo High School. hosted recently by Pampa High Second place went to Tascosa School Speech and Debate Team High School and third went to

panhandle competing. First The PHS team leader is senior

"Children need to remember ABC when it comes to propane appliances-always be careful," said Commissioner Tony Garza. By teaching children how to identify common noises and smells from propane appliances they'll learn to recognize anything out of the ordinary. It's a lesson that can't be repeated enough."

Propane gas has an odorant added to help identify any gas leak. Show your child how to identify that "rotten egg" smell by using a "scratch and sniff" brochure available from Texas propane suppli-

The Railroad Commission of Texas' Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division (AFRED) can provide consumers with basic safety tips, as well as additional propane uses and rebates by calling toll-free, (800) 64-CLEAR (800-642-5327).

Propane safety tips are also available on-line at the Texas Railroad Commission web site: http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/afred/safety/safety.html.

At its most recent check-in luncheon, Pampa United Way reported \$58,409.73 - 15.5 percent of its total campaign goal. The next check-in will begin at 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 9 in the large meeting room of Pampa Community Building. As always, pledge cards

The following is a comparison of last year's and this year's receipts: Commercial, \$165 (2001)/\$3,929 (2002); Individual, \$6,383/\$14,779; Major Firms, \$5,070/\$298,620; Oil and Gas, \$10/\$13,020; Professional, \$10,109/\$35,750; Public, \$1,893/\$7,611; and Special Gifts, \$12,640/\$33,285.

The next meeting will be sponsored by: Pampa Meals on Wheels, Community Day Care Center and CASA of the High





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# United Way helping Genesis House meet its valuable mission

This article is one in a series of articles of profiles on . The average length of stay for a resident is four-United Way. This information is being provided by Pampa United Way as part of its 2001 "The Way America Cares, Community by Community!" fundraising campaign.

Genesis House is a residential substance abuse

males and the other housing females.

behavior patterns through grams. education and develop-

Through the implementation of Behavioral cents can be changed. The residents attend school at Pampa Middle School or Pampa High School. family income exceeded \$100,000 annually.

ment of positive social and life skills.

the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa to six-months. Also, educational family groups are provided monthly along with individual family sessions. Services offered to the families are designed to identify family protective and risk factors associated with behaviors in adolescents who Ann was court-ordered to Genesis House

treatment facility for male and female adolescents. as a Basic Child Care Facility and Texas was experiencing depression and had an explo-There are two residential Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. It is a sive temper, which had caused serious family conhomes — one housing non-profit corporation governed by a volunteer board of directors.

Genesis House is funded in part by Pampa The mission of Genesis United Way and Texas Commission in Alcohol House is to provide the and Drug Abuse, and from the beginning has been opportunity for residents dependent upon the Pampa community, which to reverse their destructive has continued to generously support the pro-

poverty-ridden neighborhoods. It flourishes in all Therapy, the Genesis House Program incorporates neighborhoods. For example, one of Genesis' the principal that unwanted behavior in adoles- House recent success stories is of a resident who

refer to the resident as Ann. Ann was a 17-year-old constructive one. female with severe drug abuse problems.

cannabis, alcohol, amphetamines and nicotine. earned enough credits to receive her high school Treatment Program due to her drug abuse, viola-Genesis House is licensed by the State of Texas tion of a court order, truancy and run-aways. She flicts and also included incarceration for Ann.

problem and needed help. Together they set goals for her to reach. Her short-term goals were to be drug free and to finish high school. Her long-term goal was to attend college in order to become a pathologist.

Prior to her use of drugs, Ann had been an "A" Drug abuse abounds in all societies. There student, a cheer leader and a member of the seems to be a misconception that it only thrives in National Honor Society. Ann was enrolled as a senior at Pampa High School where she once again became an "A" student.

worked diligently to abide by Genesis House and lescents like Ann, Genesis House is currently cele-

For the purpose of anonymity, let's hereafter destructive behavior pattern into a positive and

She successfully completed the Genesis House Her history included the use of cocaine, Program in four months. At that time, she had diploma. She chose to return to Pampa and graduate this past spring with the senior class of 2001.

Ann's family was very supportive of her and participated in the family counseling sessions. Ann was successfully discharged in March 2001. Her family reports she has remained drug-free, Ann admitted to her counselor she had a drug currently has a job, attends church with the family, attends Alcoholics Anonymous four or five times each week and has a positive relationship with her family.

She plans to attend West Texas A&M University this fall. The family has also continued the recovery process by attending Al-Anon on a regular

Genesis House was the first residential facility in the State of Texas to deal solely with alcohol and drug abuse problems of adolescents. Because Ann actively participated in her treatment plan, of the community support and the success of adoschool rules and began to turn her negative and brating its 30th anniversary.

# Organized crime slaying spawns a fraud-fighting software company

By ELIZABETH GOLDMAN Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — Twenty years ago, Roger Wheeler unwittingly fell in with the wrong crowd. Looking for some good investments, the Oklahoma businessman bought some jai alai clubs on the East Coast, seeing the potential profit in the gambling business. But he got more than he bargained for, running up against organized-crime fig-

Wheeler was shot and killed Tulsa — home to this year's U.S. Open golf tournament after playing a round on May 27, 1981. The crime went unsolved until this year, but out of it came a data-mining technology that could eliminate billions of dollars in fraud every year. The Similarity Engine and its related software are the fruit of a decade of effort by Wheeler's son, David, who turned his obsession with finding his father's killer into Austin's InfoGlide Corp.,

Wheeler case. Michael Shultz became InfoGlide's new chief executive four months ago, charged with expanding on David Wheeler's work. After many lean years and a misguided foray into ecommerce, InfoGlide is taking a new tack. The company has brought in new leadership, drastically cut its staff and cemented a major deal with

Computer Sciences Corp. It's the CSC agreement that will allow InfoGlide to move forward.

The CSC deal is absolutely vital," said Gene Lowenthal, a general partner with InfoGlide investor Sanchez Capital Partners and a board member. "CSC will provide the momen-tum we need." Terms of the deal were not disclosed, but Shultz said the minimum benefit to InfoGlide will match its total revenue from the previous year, roughly half a million dollars.

An international consulting and technology company with substantial operations in Austin, CSC will bundle InfoGlide's Fraud Investigator product with the cost-containment solutions it offers to insurance companies. CSC has exclusive global rights to resell the software in the multiyear deal. "The systems that they offer work, and they work well," said Joe Jensen, executive vice president of Cost

#### Club news

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. (Tuesday at 12 noon on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.) The deadline does not guarantee publication. Thank you.

**Highland Hobby Club** 

Highland Hobby Club met recently for a block party in the 1900 block of Banks in Pampa. The event was hosted by Johnnie and Art Rohde. Thirteen were present.

Club president Ferline Calvert presided over the business portion of the meeting and members enjoyed a music video provided by the hosts.

Mildred Salsman will host the November meeting.

Containment Solutions for Financial Services

ucts such as Fraud Investigator to CSC's offerings, which aim for evaluation of claims.

in the Similarity Engine, which in the parking lot of the searches databases for near vice at eBay, no matter how Southern Hills Country Club in matches as well as exact match- many times you change your es, something Wheeler thought alias, we'll get you. We do that might make the difference for about 47,000 times a month." police searching for links among crimes.

variation on a name, address,

Hunting the sharks

The technology, for which which is based in InfoGlide has received or applied for a dozen patents, has Property and casualty insur- applications anywhere fraud is ance companies lose an esti- a problem. It's used by eBay, mated \$26 billion annually to the online auction house, to filfraud, which Jensen thinks can ter out fraud, especially people be stemmed by adding prod- who use aliases to bid up a price against themselves. "If there are sharks in the pool, to trim costs in the insurance people will not swim. EBay's industry by setting frameworks very future depends on minimizing the number of sharks in Fraud Investigator is based the pool," Shultz said. "Now, if you've ever been denied ser-

InfoGlide is also in preliminary discussions with a group Those who commit insurance in Nevada that hopes to take fraud commonly use a slight advantage of that state's recent decision to allow online gam-Social Security number or other bling. That work brings the identification — different company back to its origins in enough that an exact-match Roger Wheeler's flirtation with search wouldn't notice the con- the gaming industry, which has nection. The Similarity Engine only now come to any closure. combs through databases and John Martorano confessed to highlights items that could be second-degree murder and was related. Upon closer examina- sentenced to 15 years in prison founded in 1991. The technolotion, it's often clear that people on May 3. First-degree murder gy has been used in law with different names are really charges were filed in Tulsa

and Stephen "The Rifleman"

David Wheeler, who is on InfoGlide's board of directors but is no longer involved in day-to-day operations, has not expressed discomfort with the gambling efforts, Shultz said. David operates at 50 or 60 thousand feet," he said. "I don't know what makes David nervous." (Wheeler could not be reached for this article.)

One thing might be his company's struggles during the past year, when it broadened its focus well beyond fraud in an attempt to cash in on the frenzy of e-commerce activity. The Similarity Engine can also be applied to online shopping, finding products a customer wants even if he types in an inexact request. But InfoGlide didn't have the expertise in that industry to get a good foothold, and when e-commerce sites started dropping like flies, it was hurt. A year ago, the company had about 75 employees; today, after Shultz's firing of an additional 16 people in July, it

Finding new footing The company has received

three rounds of venture funding, including \$13 million last fall. "There were no limits to

James Joseph "Whitey" Bulger what you could do. Money was possibly with a company such year. "In retrospect that wasn't Systems Corp.
as good a decision as it seemed Shultz, who came to as good a decision as it seemed

next two years. This year alone, Medicare and health insurance grateful." industries, either working with individual companies or in deals similar to that with CSC, Associated Press

endless," Shultz said of the past as Dallas-based Electronic Data

at the time, so we're going back InfoGlide after selling Austin? startup QuestLink Technology The company has never been Inc. a year ago October, says he profitable, but Shultz expects to tried to head off the inclination reach that milestone within the to bash the previous leadership. next two years. This year alone, "I say, 'Excuse me, but this he hopes to double revenue on company is alive,' " he said." a staff that is a quarter of its for- "Yeah, we did a lot of things mer size. Revenue growth will wrong, but the company's come by expansion into the alive, and for that we must be

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October 7-13 is National Fire Prevention Week for 2001. This year's theme is "Cover the Bases and Strike Out Fire." The following are some fire prevention safety reminders and tips for consumers to keep in mind year-round.

Safe at Home: The Basics Know the facts

According to National Fire Prevention Association:

—In the U.S., a home fire is reported to a fire department roughly every 85-seconds.

—In Canada, a home fire is reported to a fire department every 25-30 minutes.

-In both the U.S. and Canada, four out of five deaths occur in the home.

—In the U.S., someone is killed in a home fire every three hours. —On average, Canada loses one person a day to a home fire. —Smoke alarms are the most effective early warning device available. Having a smoke alarm in your home cuts your chance

of dying in a fire nearly in half! ■ Safety Advice

-Install at least one smoke alarm on each level of your home and in or near all sleeping areas. Smoke alarms should be tested once a month and batteries replaced once a year or when the alarm "chirps," warning that the battery is low.

-Every household should develop and practice a home fire escape plan that includes two ways out of every room and an outside meeting place.

-Consider installing an automatic sprinkler system if your are building a new home or retrofitting your existing home.

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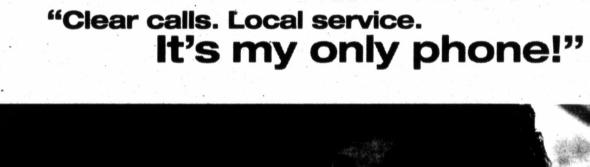
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# Harvesters have happy homecoming against Herd

PAMPA — Pampa's defense over Hereford before a huge tions — two each by lineback- final quarter alone. came through in a big way in homecoming crowd Friday ers Tanner Dyer and Zack Another interception, this the fourth quarter to help give night in Harvester Stadium. Cobb — off Hereford quarter- one by cornerback Ryan Nash

the Harvesters a 21-15 win Pampa had four intercep- back Cody Marsh just in the late in the second quarter,

gave Pampa five interceptions third quarter, but the been hobbled by a sore leg during the week, also displayed some outstanding Hereford went on a 10-play, open-field tackling and pass coverage against the Hereford Gonzales scampered 14 yards offense.

A pair of 1-yard touchdown plunges by quarterback John Braddock, coupled with a pair of field goals by Jered Snelgrooes, gave Pampa the offense it needed to shock previously-unbeaten Hereford.

Pampa struck quickly to take the lead on the opening kickoff as Braddock connected with receiver Randy Tice on a 37-yard pass to set up the first score.

Two plays later, Braddock sneaked into the end zone and Snelgrooes followed with the PAT to give Pampa 7-0 lead at the 9:03 mark of the first quar-

Hereford claimed a brief 8-7 lead on a safety in the first quarter and Marsh's 7-yard TD run in the second quarter, but Snelgrooes' 35-yard field goal with 6:37 to go before halftime gave Pampa an 10-8 advantage. With 1:11 until the half, the Harvesters extended their margin by driving 50 yards in seven plays with Braddock's touchdown and his 2-point conversion pass to Jon East making the score 18-

Snelgrooes' 31-yard field goal padded the lead to 21-8 in the final seconds of the

for the game. Nash, who had Harvesters weren't out of danger yet.

Following a Pampa punt, 45-yard scoring drive as Jorge into the end zone.

Pampa fumbled the kickoff and Hereford's Edward Villarreal recovered on the Harvester 24. But two plays later, Dyer stepped in front of Marsh pass for his first interception of the night to end the threat.

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Hereford would have two more possessions, but Dyer and Cobb came up with interceptions to spoil anymore comeback attempts.

Pampa improves to 2-3 overall and 1-1 in District 3-4A. Hereford drops to 4-1, 1-1.

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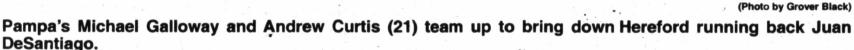
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P - Snelgrooes 31 field goal H - Jorge Gonzales 14 run (Refugio Alvarez Individual statistics

Pampa Rushing: Ty Elledge 18-58; Johnny Moore 4-13; John Braddock 7-15; Jesse Tarango 1-5. Passing: John Braddock 17-23-0—167; Johnny Moore 0-1-0—0

Receiving: Johnny Moore 8-34; Randy Tice 4-68; Adam Rodgers 2-15; Jordan Klaus-2-27; Jesse Tarango 1-26. Hereford

Hereford
Rushing: Jorge Gonzales 9-41; Cody Marsh
15-27; Juan DeSantiago 9-48; Geoffrey
Marquez 1-12; Jerry Coronado 2-0.
Passing: Cody Marsh 16-30-5—110.
Receiving: Steve Thomas 6-35; Chris Ruckman
1(-1); Geoffrey Marquez 7-67; Josh Rodriquez
1-6; Juan DeSantiago 1-3.



# Bonds hits No. 71, sets homer record, then hits No. 72

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — of 41,730 stayed for a post-game Even Willie Mays didn't think ceremony, despite the late hour. his godson Barry Bonds could It was already early Saturday break the record.

Bonds surprised the Giants' Hall of Famer on Friday night by not only hitting his 71st n't contain his emotion when home run — breaking Mark McGwire's three-year-old single-season record — but adding No. 72 for emphasis.

"I am one he made a liar out of, because I didn't think he'd do it," Mays said.

The celebration of Bonds' feat was tempered because the Giants lost 11-10 to the Los Angeles Dodgers and were eliminated from playoff con-

But many in the sellout crowd

when the festivities got under

The enigmatic slugger couldthe fans chanted his name.

"We've come a long way. We've had our ups and downs. Thank you," he said, before burying his face in his hands and bursting into tears.

Bonds connected on Chan Ho Park's 1-0 pitch to break McGwire's 1998 record. It came on his first swing since hitting No. 70 Thursday night in Houston's Enron Field off rookie Wilfredo Rodriguez. Both

homers arced high over the

field in the same direction.

an elated Bonds trotted around homer in 1998, he was overrun the bases and was mobbed at the by high-fives, hugs and handplate by his teammates and his shakes all around the bases holder from Knight's Landing, 11-year-old son, Nikolai — from the opposing Chicago much the same scene that played Cubs and Sammy Sosa, who out in Houston.

returning to the field.

above the outfield, Bonds home run. hugged his wife, Liz, and daughter Aisha, as well as his mother, Pat.

They were barely back in the stands before the crowd went crazy again. Bonds hit No. 72 off Park on a 1-1 count, the ball just clearing the wall in center field near the 404-foot mark.

Until Big Mac came along, Roger Maris' record of 61 stood for 37 years. Before Maris came along, Babe Ruth's record stood for 34 years. Now, Bonds has rewritten the record book after only three years — and he still has two games to go against the

When the popular McGwire After hitting his 442-foot shot, hit his record-breaking 62nd challenged him for the mark.

Bonds slipped into the dugout In sharp contrast, Bonds for a short time and talked by never the most likable player cell phone with his father, for- among fans, opponents and mer major leaguer Bobby, before even some of his teammates wasn't embraced by any of the As a "71" flashed on the score-rival Dodgers. Park didn't even board and fireworks soared turn around to watch the first

Earlier this season, the Dodgers were infuriated when the Giants stopped the game at Pac Bell after Bonds hit his 500th home run against them.

This time, the on-field celebration lasted just five minutes, while the second homer drew only a curtain call.

Bonds has hit seven career home runs in 39 at-bats against Park, who was pitching with a 5-0 lead in the first inning and decided to go right after him unlike the walkathon Bonds endured in Houston.

It was Bonds' 56th career multihomer game, and 10th of this season. He passed Jimmie Foxx for fifth on the career multihomer list. Jerry Rose, 49, a season ticket-

Calif., caught the ball on the fly. He had no immediate plans for the souvenir.

"We'll keep it for a while and watch the game. The Giants need to win," he said.

But it wasn't to be. While Bonds got his record, he didn't get the one thing he wished for more: a chance in the playoffs.

The Giants' loss, combined with wins by the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Houston Astros, eliminated San Francisco from a chance to reach the postseason. "It's a tough loss. We played

hard. You have to commend the Dodgers, they played good, too. Nobody gave up," he said. "It's just unfortunate we came up short. It was a great year all the way around."

From the day he was born, the 37-year-old left-hander seemed destined for baseball greatness. But this season he surpassed everyone's expectations — even his own.

of giants, raised in major league clubhouses by his father Bobby, an All-Star outfielder, and spent time on the diamond with Mays, his godfather. Reggie Jackson is a distant cousin. He became the 17th member

He grew up in the company

of the exclusive 500-homer club on April 17.

On Sept. 9, Bonds hit Nos. 61, 62 and 63 at Coors Field in Colorado, surpassing Maris' mark and giving him the most homers in a single season by a left-handed hitter.

Since then, he has moved into seventh place on the career list with 566 home runs, three more Jackson. Harmon Killebrew is in sixth place with

The 10-time All-Star set the new home run record on just about four hours of sleep.

After swatting No. 70 on Thursday night, Bonds arrived in San Francisco early Friday, then attended the burial of close friend Franklin Bradley.

"I'm going to miss you Franklin," Bonds intoned after the game. "You believed in me and I did it."

# Stars capture National Hockey League opener

Area Football Results

DALLAS (AP) — Giddy with teams Friday night. the excitement of the Dallas Stars' 4-1 victory in the first game at their new \$420 million home, team owner Tom Hicks was had nerves." already talking about how good the Stanley Cup would look in the building.

smiling.

Ronning make American Nieuwendyk and a textbook luxury seats, fancy scoreboards Airlines Center history with the first goal, Sydor helped fuel a and Morrow scored again mid
"This building is a 'Wow!" Dallas runaway with three way through the third period.

"I think we were really grip-

ping the sticks at the beginning," Sydor said. "I think everybody

Sergei Zubov tied the game

home in Dallas the same way they opened their first: With a win. They beat Detroit 6-4 in their first-ever game at Reunion Arena in 1993.

Reunion, which was outdated with a power-play goal from just soon after opening in 1980, was inside the blue line about five smaller and lacked amenities, "Gee, no pressure now," Stars minutes after Ronning's goal. but it sure was loud. The AAC, as defenseman Darryl Sydor said, Then Dallas scored on its first it's being called for short, sacritwo shots of the second period — fices the intimacy and roaring After seeing Nashville's Cliff a 45-foot wrister by Joe crowd noise for three levels of

NHL commissioner Gary assists in the opener for both. The Stars opened their second Bettman said in a pregame, on-

The upgrade comes at a hefty price: The average ticket costs \$75.91, the most in the NHL. This game drew 18,132 fans, marking the team's 150th straight sellout.

"It's a great atmosphere, a great building," Nieuwendyk said. "We haven't lost in this building yet. We'd like to keep that going."

Nieuwendyk wasn't only referring to the opener. Dallas

also won its five preseason games at its new home, which also will be used by the NBA's

WT High 42, Canadian 21

The West Texas High Comanches scored the final 28 points Friday night, including 21 in the fourth quarter. For a final score of 42-21 win against the Canadian Wildcats in a key District 6-2A football game.

Jay English rushed for 95 on a touchdown on a 31-yard game.

Groom 45, McLean 0

Groom remains undefeated while McLean stays winless in a six man clash that needed three quarters on Friday night. Groom ran up 264 yards total offense, including 215 yards rushing, while McLean had 36 yards total offense. Clay Britten threw three touchdown passes

Childress 40, Wheeler 14

to a 40-14 win over the Wheeler Mustangs with three touchdowns and rolled up 224 yards on 11 carries.

Childress improved to 4-0, while Wheeler dropped to 1-4. Brisco opened the scoring run for the Bobcats and threw a 25touchdowns runs of 63 yards 136 yards passing.

and 48 yards.

Michael Brisco lead Childress Stratford 42, White Deer 13

The Startford Elks totally dismantled a high-quality opponent to a blow out victory as the Elks blasted highly regarded White Deer 42-13.

The Elks defense was outstanding, holding the high-octane White Deer offense to yards on 18 carries to lead for the Tigers and added anoth- yard touchdown reception octane White Deer offense to Canadian's offense. He scored er 8-yard run that ended the from Dietrich Polley. He added minus two yards rushing and



Pampa varsity's special teams unit received Player of the Week honors after their performance against Palo Duro last weekend. They are (front, from left) Michael Galloway, Andrew Curtis, Ryan Nash and Sepp Haukebo; (back row, from left) Oscar Ortega, Aaron Willis, Trey Curtis, Curtis Pritchett, Charlie Craig and Jered Snelgrooes.

# Little room for error in CART's **Grand Prix of Houston today**

HOUSTON (AP) - Four drivers skills. head into the Texaco/Havoline Grand CART championship could be over.

"You have to eliminate those things stretchable in some way. I enjoy that." from your mind," said Gil de Ferran, within 24 points with four races

"You can't push too hard or hold back either," the defending series champion said. "That's the difficult thing to figure

Still, de Ferran enjoys racing on tem- one for leading the most laps. porary street circuits like the one in Houston, where concrete walls loom at every turn.

"You're running between walls all the Prix of Houston knowing that one small time and you can't make a mistake. At miscue today and their hopes for a the same time, you can push very, very hard and it seems that your results are lap at 87.909.

one of the quartet of drivers bunched Saturday's qualifying, series leader afternoon session was slowed by light Kenny Brack holds a six-point lead over rain that forced the teams to go to the de Ferran and leads third-place Michael Andretti by 22 and fourth-place Helio Castroneves by 24.

> There are 88 points still available this season, with each race paying 22 points session. - one for the pole, 20 for the win and

De Ferran, who won the pole last year with a lap of 93.558 mph and was third in the race, was fastest on Friday at "I think it's a special challenge," said 89.791. Christian Fittipaldi was next at though, it's the whole car and, I didn't de Ferran, the fastest on the 1.527-mile, 89.522, followed by Castroneves, de want to say it, but maybe the driver, 10-turn course in Friday's practice. "It's Ferran's Marlboro Team Penske team- too. On a street course like this one, a different type of racing and it requires mate, at 89.505, Jimmy Vasser, who won maybe it's just the suspension or some a unique approach and a unique set, of last year while driving for Chip Ganassi pieces that's damaged.'

Racing, at 89.417, Bryan Herta at 89.390 and Mauricio Gugelmin at 89.156.

Brack was seventh at 89.127, while Andretti struggled to the 20th fastest

All the fast laps on Friday came in the With one point up for grabs in morning practice on a dry track. The slower, grooved racing tires.

> Fittipaldi's last run ended when he clipped the concrete barrier at the end of the final turn early in the afternoon

"That was going to be my last lap because we had done all the work we wanted to do," he said. "Then I ran out of talent and hit that wall.

"When you have damage on an oval,

# Riley, Kaye and Mattiace share lead at Michelob tournament

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"I like being at the top because it's nice to be seeing the good scores," he said Friday after being told he had a share of the Michelob Championship lead at 9-under-par. "It's nice to be in this position."

ing as a player to thank.

round at 4-under 67, Mattiace shoot. I did that," he said. tried to play smart on the first

to hit his tee shot on hole No. 2. back from mistakes all day long.

par (number) two."

From then on, it was much Riley and Jonathan Kaye.

well, you want to let the flow go. who shot a 69 to get to 134. You want to let your momentum Mattiace had his own season- and your positive thoughts and from a sand trap on No. 3, he folyour confidence take you to lowed both of his remaining saved par and then stayed After starting the second however many under you can bogeys with birdies, then steady.

hole. He hit a 4-wood fat, ended making four birdies in his 67, on the par-5 15th. up in two bunkers and made and Riley was easily the oddball bogey on the par 4, one of the of the group. He double- you expect to make," he said. easier holes on the River Course. bogeyed the second hole, eagled Luckily for him, he had to wait the third and kept bouncing

Colorado (Thomson 3-5) at San Diego

American League

little more solid."

The leaders were one better go in. simpler for Mattiace, who made than defending champion and six birdies and reached the mid-first-round leader David Toms, point at 133, tied with Chris who followed his 64 with a 70; local favorite Carl Paulson, who "I think when you are playing had a 66; and Neal Lancaster,

After Riley's chip-in eagle capped his scoring by chipping Kaye had a less eventful day, in for another eagle from 20 feet

"It was one of those chips that

Kaye, 5 under at the start of his round, could have been better.

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP) - "I berated myself a little bit "It was kind of an up and long, 8-, 10-footers is all," he end," he said. "I'm pretty happy held here, followed an opening Even when Len Mattiace was inside and then let it go," he down day," Riley said. "But I said. "But I have hit a lot of about that." summoned to the media room, said. "I was really upset with will take it any day — 4 under. greens, a lot of good iron shots, he didn't know where he stood myself and I did a good job to Hopefully tomorrow will be a and I have burned the edge (of 135, including Charles Howell the cup) a lot. Not all good putts III, whose 65 was the lowest

> first hole when his caddie gave Chalmers, Kirk Triplett, Michael him the wrong distance, by 12 Muehr and Esteban Toledo. yards, on his second shot to the par-4 green. The shot flew the course with just 22 putts on tough up-and-down for par.

He chipped within 5 feet, as 10 feet.

forecasts for 60-degree temperatures and more wind.

"It's going to be kind of nasty this weekend and looks like it is Kingsmill and is the only player total. Jim Furyk missed by one "I haven't made anything real going to be a grinder's week- to have played in all 21 events shot at 142.

Six players were two back at round of the day. The others The key, he said, came on the were Jimmy Green, Greg

Toms, who made it around the green, leaving Kaye with a Thursday, wasn't quite as sharp Friday, making only one as long

"Somebody dipped it in a bucket of ice water," the PGA Paulson, who grew up in champion said of his putter after Virginia Beach, expects the using it 27 times. "The holes weekend to be interesting with where I have made bogey, I had missed it by following a 71 with opportunities to make par with a 72. less than 10-foot putts."

68 with a 71.

Ty Tryon, the 17-year-old player making his professional debut, followed an opening 76 with a 72 and was among those heading home for the weekend.

The cut at 1 under kept twotime winner David Duval around, but only because he made a 12-footer for birdie on his last hole. For several other big names, Saturday and Sunday will be chances to watch some football.

Scott Hoch, who made the cut all 18 times he's played here,

Justin Leonard, who won last Curtis Strange, who lives at week in Texas, shot a 73 for a 145

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By The Associated Press All Times EDT **East Division** Pct 595 506 494 Boston Toronto Tampa Bay Pct .562 .519 .519 c-Cleveland Chicago Minnesota 83 65 63 .409 24 1/2 .396 26 1/2 Detroit Kansas City **West Division** Pct 15 .625 x-clinched division

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Pittsburgh (J.Anderson 9-17) at Chicago Cooper 0-0), 4:05 p.m Cubs (Lieber 20-6), 2:20 p.m. Los Angeles (Mulholland 1-1) at San Texas (Oliver 11-11) at Seattle (Sele 15-5), Francisco (Rueter 14-12), 4:05 p.m. **End Regular Season** 

Mariners set American League wins record By JOSH DUBOW AP Sports Writer

New York Yankees' regular season wins mark.

Now they have to do it in the The Mariners won their 115th

game to become the winningest team in American League history, passing the record that seemed unbreakable when the Yankees set it three years ago. "This is pretty darn special,

isn't it?" manager Lou Piniella asked in his office minutes after the Mariners beat the Texas Rangers 6-2 Friday night.

With two games to play, the Mariners (115-45) have a chance to break the major league mark of 116 set by the Chicago Cubs in

"This only comes around once in a lifetime," Piniella said. "We've got a shot at 117 wins in the next two games. We'll see what happens.

To validate the record, the Mariners need to win the World Series — like the Yankees did three years ago. Seattle opens the

It's a phenomenal season, no The Seattle Mariners beat the 'doubt about it," New York's Paul O'Neill said. "I don't think you can put tags on a team until the World Series. I'm sure they feel

the same way." In other AL games, it was Oakland 6, Anaheim 2; Tampa Bay 8, New York 4; and Chicago 7, Minnesota 4.

Boston swept a doubleheader at Baltimore, winning 5-0 and 7-5 in 10 innings. Toronto swept Cleveland in a twinbill as well, winning 5-0 and then 4-3 in 11 innings at SkyDome.

The Kansas City-Detroit game was rained out.

Jamie Moyer became the oldest first-time 20-game winner in history, Bret Boone and John Olerud homered off Rick Helling (12-11) as AL West champion Seattle won its fifth straight game.

Moyer, 38, joined Randy Johnson as the only 20-game winners in Mariners' history. Moyer (20-6) allowed two runs and four hits in seven innings.

"It's pretty awesome to be part Red Sox 5, Orioles 0, 1st Game

night your team wins its 115th milestone before heading into game is very special. It's some-retirement, playing in his 3,000th thing I'll hold onto for the rest of my life."

Mariners reliever Jeff Nelson has a unique role in the record, having played on the '98 Yankees team that previously held it.

"I was happy in '98 and I'm happy now," he said. "But I'll be even happier if we win the World Series.'

Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki went 1for-4, collecting his major leagueleading 241st hit — the most in the majors since Babe Herman of Brooklyn in 1930.

Athletics 6, Angels 2

Tim Hudson (18-9) pitched Oakland to its 100th victory of the season as the Athletics won at Anaheim.

The Athletics became the eighth team in modern major league history to win 100 games but finish second in their division. Oakland trails Seattle by 15 Devil Rays 8, Yankees 4

The wild card A's won for the 27th time in 31 games.

of this," Moyer said. "To win 20 Red Sox 7, Orioles 5, 2nd Game

playoffs at home on Tuesday games for the first time on a Cal Ripken reached another career game as Baltimore lost to Boston in the second game of a day-night doubleheader.

Frank Castillo (10-9) pitched seven innings of two-hit ball, and Trot Nixon went 3-for-4 with a home run to lead Boston to a 5-0 victory in the opener.

Nixon's two-run homer off Willis Roberts (9-10) in the 10th inning of the nightcap gave Boston a sweep and assured the Red Sox (81-79) their fourth straight winning season with

only one game remaining. Ripken, who will end his Hall of Fame career after Saturday's game, became only the seventh player in baseball history to play in 3,000 games. After getting one of the Orioles' three hits in the opener, he went 0-for-5 in the nightcap to extend his slump to

Roger Clemens allowed five runs in five innings of his final tuneup before the postseason as AL East champion New York lost

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# Calendar of events

T.O.P.S. #149

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. For more information, call 665-6898. **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.

**CLASS OF 1961** 

Pampa High School Class of 1961 will hold its 40th class reunion this year. Anyone interested in helping plan and organize the event should contact Zip Swaney at 665-5532

BEEF AMBASSADOR CONTEST Top O' Texas CattleWomen is seeking youth between the ages of 15-

19 to compete for the Beef Ambassador Award. For more information, contact Amy Brainard at (806) 323-6397

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.

**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

#### PAMPA MASONIC LODGE

Pampa Masonic Lodge #1381 will meet at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 9 at the lodge. Refreshments will be served

PAMPA BOOK CLUB

Pampa Book Club will meet at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 10 at Lovett Memorial Library. The group will discuss books by Belva Plain. Visitors are welcome.

**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 aginning Oct. 11 in McLean United Methodist Church, 219

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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 preregister, 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)

ARC CLASS

Gray County American Red Cross will offer a Community CPR and First Aid Class Wednesday, Oct. 17 at the local ARC office, 108 N. Russell, "Have You Saved a Life Today," the CPR portion, will be conducted from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and the first aid portion from 5-9 p.m. To register or for more information, call 669-7121. Cost of the eight hour class if \$40. The fee for the CPR portion only is \$35 (book included.)

**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.

ARTIST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Official State Arts and Crafts Fair is sponsoring an "Emerging. Texas Artist Scholarship Program" in conjunction with its 31st Official Texas State Arts and Crafts Fair slated in May 2002 at Schreiner University in Kerrville. The juried competition is open to art students throughout the state. Deadline for entry is Oct. 31, 2001. For more information, call (830) 896-5711 or visit www.tacef.org on-

ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

Ten free trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout this month. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Nov. 1-Dec.10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, "Arbor Day" and "The Tree Book" with information about tree planting and care. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Oct. 31, 2001.

MAMMOGRAPHY CONFERENCE

"The Nuts and Bolts of Mammography: An Interactive Case Review Approach," sponsored for continuing medical education credit by Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center, Chicago, will take place Nov. 3 in Dallas. The one-day event will integrate presentations of mammographic diagnosis and evaluation with an interactive case review, allowing attendees to diagnose breast diseases. Cost is \$195 per person and includes conference materials, a continental breakfast, lunch and a CME certificate. To register or for more information, call 1-800-456-6781

**MIRACLE EAR** 

Miracle-Ear Children's Foundation, a non-profit organization, works in cooperation with Miracle-Ear Centers nationwide to provide free hearing aids and services to children 16 and under whose families do not qualify for public assistance, yet cannot afford the expense of hearing aids for their children. For more information, contact the local Miracle-Ear Center at (806) 795-0188 or 1-800-808-0188.

DIALOGUE

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1 p.m. this month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

**PATHWAYS** 

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will offer "Pathways," a four-part support series for those who have lost a loved one, from

1:30-3 p.m. Tuesdays throughout the month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., Oct. 3 and 17, TDH, 736 Cuyler, Pampa; 12-4 p.m., Oct. 29, City Hall, Canadian; 2-4 p.m., Oct. 25, Young at Heart Building, McLean.

HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, is currently accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds will benefit Heifer Project International, an Arkansas-based service organization which provides livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) along with training and support services to families and communities worldwide. For a limited time, donations will be matched 3-1 by a private foundation. HPI is a non-denominational not-for-profit agency. For more information, call the church office at 665-1031. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Friday and before 10:45 a.m. Sunday. For more information about HPI, call 1-800-422-0474 or visit http://www.heifer.org. on the Internet.

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING** 

Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle is seeking volunteers to serve as advocates for nursing home residents as part of its Ombudsmen program. The Ombudsmen will visit residents of longterm care facilities and help resolve complaints involving residents rights, quality of life and quality of care. Once accepted into the program, volunteers complete a three month internship including intensive training and supervision in preparation. Ideal candidates will have strong sense of fair play, excellent problem-solving skills, good relationships with older people and the ability to devote two hoursa week to the residents served by the Ombudsman program. Formore information, contact Jeff Price, regional Ombudsman, or Tanya-Mock, Ombudsman Program Aide, at 1-800-642-6008; or write P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX, 79105.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Centerhas announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Oct. 1, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, and Oct. 23, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, Pampa; Oct. 3 and 17, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; Oct. 10, Family Care Clinic, Shamrock; Oct. 8, Parkview Hospital, Wheeler. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

ACT, Inc., education and career planning organization has announced the following do-it-yourself college planning resources Internet: www.act.org, www.c3apply.org, www.collegenet.com. www.finaid.org, www.ed.gov/finaid.html and www.fafsa.ed.gov (financial aid sites), and www.bls.gov/ocohome.hum (career planning)

STUTTERING FOUNDATION

Stuttering Foundation of America is offering a free copy of its brochure "The Child Who Stutters at School: Notes to the Teacher For more information, contact the non-profit foundation by mail: Stuttering Foundation of America, P.O. Box, 11749, Memphis, TN 38111; or phone 1-800-992-9392. The brochure is also available at www.stutteringhelp.org. on the World Wide Web.

TWC WEBSITE The Texas Workforce Commission recently unveiled its new website

located at www.texasworkforce.org on the Internet. The new site is designed to meet the needs of five customer groups — businesses and employers; job seekers and employees; service providers; boards and network partners; and researchers and policy-makers. **BBB RESOURCE GUIDE** 

The Better Business Bureau is offering "The Spring BBB Membership Directory and Resource Guide." The publication is available free of charge and includes a listing of BBB member companies as well as businesses who qualify as members and who uphold BBB's standards of ethical practices. The guide also provides tips on how to be better shoppers along with information on current scams. For more

information or to obtain the guide, call (806) 379-7133 NATIONAL ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

The National Arbor Day Foundation is offering "What Tree is That?," a 72-page tree identification guide book. The book is free of charge and may be obtained by sending your name and address to: "What Tree is That?," The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

TCA WEBSITE

A list of "10 Hot Summer Cultural Events" can be accessed via the Texas Commission on the Arts website at www.artonart.com — the most comprehensive arts calendar on the Internet in Texas. Visitors to the site can search the database by city, region, date, topic or organization name as well as access a travel planner section that allows visitors to hyperlink to vendors to rent a car, make airline reservations or book hotel rooms.

PETFINDER.COM

Petfinder.com, the Internet's largest and oldest virtual animal shelter, is available to those seeking to adopt a pet. The Internet service includes a total of 100 shelters in Texas and represents 1,600 shelters nationwide. The website allows users to search by kind of animal, breed, gender, size and age. Results of the search are ranked in proximity to the user's zip code.

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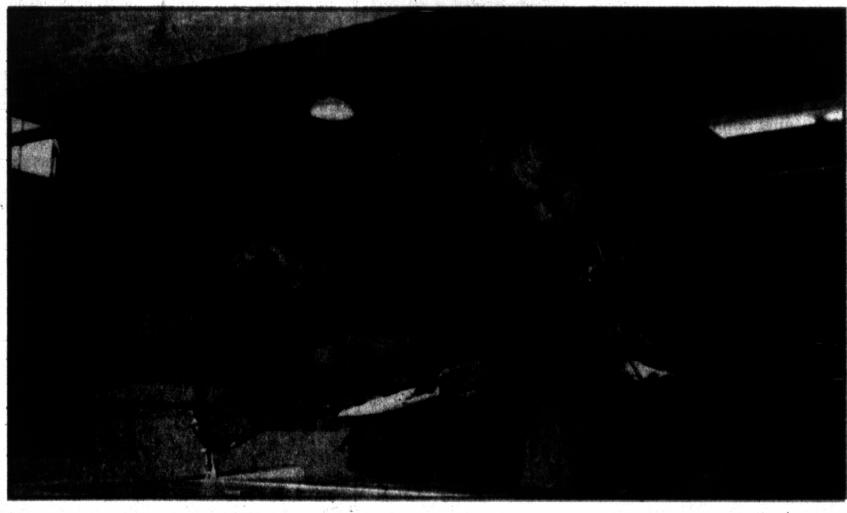
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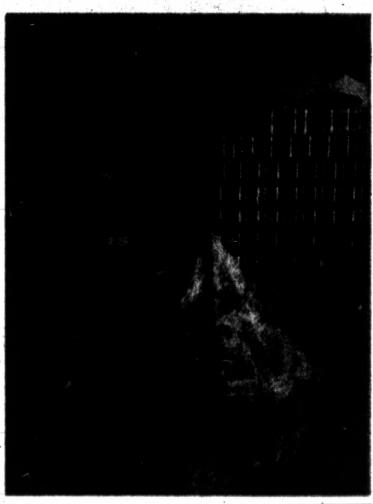
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Drake Jackson and Gabriel Miller spent many hours painting bleachers at the Clyde Carruth Pabvillion.



Tori Meeks, kneeling, hands canned food to Misty Pairsh and Nick Miller when they worked at the High Plains Food Bank.

The following are quotes from 4-H members in response to the question: How has 4-H Made a Difference to you? The members' names and ages are listed in addition to the 4-H group of which they are a member.

"Being, active in 4-H has helped me to become a more confident person and has taught me the importance of working hard so that I may reach goals that I set for myself."

Lindsey Price, 15, Prime
 Time

"Learning and doing things differently."

—Julie Schuneman, 11, Prime

"I know how to sew and cook."

— Megan Pettit, 11, Super Clover

"4-H has built my character, established my career goals, and has helped me to try my hardest in anything I do."
—Sarah Schwab, 16, Super Clover

"It gives me something to do."
—Dustin Forsyth, 10, Lefors 5H 4-H

"4-H has taught me to be con-

siderate of others."
— Drake Jackson, 13, Lefors 5-H 4-H By Joan Gray Gray County Extension Agent

Gray County 4-H members will join 4-H members around the United States to celebrate National 4-H Week, Oct. 7-13.

4-H is the world's largest youth organization with over six million participants nationally, and is in all 50 of the United States as well as over 80 countries worldwide.

4-H is the youth development program of the Cooperative Extension. The first 4-H club was organized in Texas in 1909. It was a boys "corn club" and was established in Jack County with 25 members.

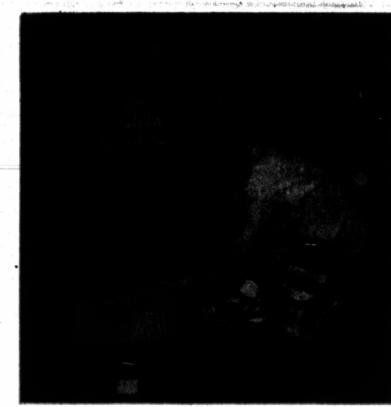
In 1912, the girls "tomato clubs" were established in Milam County. Texas peaked at just over one million participants in 2000.

The four H's stand for head, heart, hands and health. With this focus on the total development of young people, 4-H continues to prepare youth, ages 5-19, to be responsible, capable citizens.

While 4-H enjoys a reputation of program excellence in the traditional areas of agriculture and consumer sciences, the Texas program is also at the forefront of contemporary public issues such as workforce preparedness, leadership development, and environmental stewardship. By taking part in 4-H, young people gain academic and interpersonal skills that provide a foundation for their future.

Joining 4-H costs nothing. Some project areas may require an investment to get started

For more information about the 4-H program, contact the Gray County Extension Service at 669-8033.



Wakely Pairsh and Gabriel Miller packaged food at the High Plains Food Bank.

4-H Pledge

"I pledge

my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and

my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world.



Emily Jackson and Misty Pairsh help distribute the U. S. flags at the cemetery for the Memorial Day service.



4-H Slogan: "Learning by Doing"



Travis Fish, Gabriel Miller, Jessica Baggerman, Tammy Syfrett and Lucas Webb at Dion's of Texas in Shamrock on a clothing project tour.



# LIFESTYLE



Mr. and Mrs. Billy Waggoner

# Waggoner anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Waggoner of Pampa celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently. The couple was showered with cards, letters and other remembrances in recognition of the occasion.

Billy Waggoner and Bobbie White were married Sept. 28, 1951, at Panhandle, Texas. The couple have been Pampa residents for 50 years and belong to Central Baptist Church of Pampa.

Mr. Waggoner retired from Cabot Machinery Division/IRI in December 1986 after 35 years of service. Mrs. Waggoner is a homemaker.

Children of the couple are Carol and Jimmie Clark and David and Louann Waggoner, all of Pampa. They have five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

#### **Books: A rich diet** of food for thought



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For Momma



**Amy Hahn and Brian Raney** 

# Hahn-Raney

Amy Hahn of Pampa and Brian Raney of Dallas were wed Aug. 4, 2001, in Calvary Baptist Church of Pampa with Paul Nachtigall, of Highland Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating.

The matron of honor was Rachel Behnke of San Antonio. The bridesmaids were Cassi Speed of Lubbock, Nicole Henkelman, sister of the groom of San Antonio, and Amy Wagner of Augusta, Ga.

The best man was Mark Alley of Rapid City, S.D. The groomsmen were Stephen Jennings of Pampa, Jeremy Bertsch of San Francisco, Calif., and Travis Bernhard of Detroit, Mich. The ring bearer was Warren Bradley, cousin of the bride of San Diego, Calif.

The ushers were John C. Hahn, brother of the bride, and Marcus Schock, both of Pampa.

Registering the guests was Whitney Davis of Amarillo. Music was provided by vocalists Darrell and Dixie Danner who

sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "From This Moment." Dixie also A reception was held following the service at Pamcel Hall of

Pampa with Candy Wood of Pampa, Jennifer Bradley of San Diego and Shelley Sellers of Amarillo, all cousins of the bride, serving the The bride is the daughter of John and Annette Hahn of Pampa. She

currently attends Texas Woman's University at Denton where she plans to graduate in May 2002 with a bachelor of science degree in

The groom is the son of Charles and Audrey Raney of Deering, N.D. He holds a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (1998) and is currently employed as an accounts representative for Celanese in

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Playa del Carmen, Mexico, and intend to make their home in Denton.

#### Menus

#### Pampa Schools MONDAY

Breakfast: Pancakes. blackeyed peas, potatoes, pears,

#### TUESDAY

Breakfast: Yogurt, toast. Lunch: Teriyaki chicken or cornbread. or burritos, green beans, rice pilaf, pineapple, rolls.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Chocolate chip

Lunch: Chicken fajitas or Spanish rice, flour tortillas, fresh fruit.

#### THURSDAY Breakfast: Scrambled egg, bis-

cuits, sausage Lunch: Beef patty or cheese nachos, whipped potatoes, English peas, chocolate pudding,

#### FRIDAY Breakfast: Cereal, toast.

peaches. **Lefors Schools** MONDAY Breakfast: French toast

Lunch: Sloppy joes or hot dogs/chili, French fries, corn,

milk. Lunch: Mexican casserole, chicken fajitas, beans, rice,

sticks, toast, cereal, juice,

#### salad, fruit, milk. TUESDAY

Breakfast: Yogurt, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: SOS, ham, potatoes, green beans, fruit, milk. WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Ham, eggs, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken patty, fish,

macaroni and cheese, blackeyed peas, jello, fruit, milk.

#### **THURSDAY** Breakfast: Pancakes, toast, cake.

cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken fry or chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, rice, pinto beans, jello. corn, fruit, milk

#### **FRIDAY**

tos, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburgers, barbecue, mixed vegetables, tater potatoes, brussels sprouts, gratots, fruit, milk.

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#### Senior Citizens MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or baked Lunch: Fish strips or pizza, crispy cod fish, mashed potatoes, spinach, corn, northern beans, apple spice cake or butterscotch pudding cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls

#### TUESDAY

Parmesan chicken Salisbury steak, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, macaroni/tomatoes, blackeyed peas, coconut cream steak fingers, refried beans, cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread or jalapeno cornbread.

Roast beef brisket, brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, carrots/peas, fried squash, beans, strawberry cake or bread pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or corn-

#### **THURSDAY**

Chicken strips or sausages and kraut, cheese potatoes, spring blend veggies, turnip greens, beans, peaches and cream pound cake or blackberry cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or corn-

Catfish and hushpuppies or Swiss steak, potato wedges, brussels sprouts, beans, fudge marble cake or tapioca, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, garlic toast or combread. **Meals On Wheels** 

#### MONDAY

Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, cookies. **TUESDAY** 

Hamburgers, tater tots,

#### WEDNESDAY Mexican casserole, Spanish

THURSDAY Sausage spaghetti, green Breakfast: Breakfast burri- beans, cauliflower, banana. **FRIDAY** 

Chicken nuggets, mashed ham crackers.

## Newsmakers

CANYON — West Texas major from Pampa. A&M University's Student Government has announced its freshmen and graduate student senators for the 2001-2002 school year.

The elections were Sept. 13-16, and all voting was done online. Sophomore, junior and senior senator positions were

filled last spring.

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

In all, eight freshmen and two graduate students were elected. They include: Seth Lewis, a freshman mass communications

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Sarah Fraser, a Pampa High School senior, has been nominated to compete in the national Principal's Leadership Award scholarship program (PLA), sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). Herff Jones, Inc., funds the Principal's Leadership Award program.

John Kendall, principal, Pampa High School, announced the nomination, which places Fraser in the national competition. One hundred fifty national PLA winners will be chosen this spring to receive \$1,000 college scholarships.

High school principals from across the country could nominate one of their student leaders. Nominees were selected based on leadership skills, participation in service organiza- Honor Society, a National Merit tions and clubs; achievements in Scholar Semi-Finalist, and recip-

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ment experience; and academic record. They were also required to write an essay.

"Fraser has demonstrated exemplary achievement in her academic work and service to her school and community,' said Gerald N. Tirozzi, executive director, NASSP. "She's a fine example of the outstanding caliber of young people in America's high schools."

In recognizing leadership in co-curricular activities as well as academic performance, the PLA recognizes the importance of a well-rounded education. Co-curricular activities are an essential part of the school curriculum.

While at Pampa High School, Fraser has been on the D-FY-IT Advisory Board as well as the Multicultural Advisory Board. She is a member of the National the arts and sciences; employ- ient of the Spanish IV and

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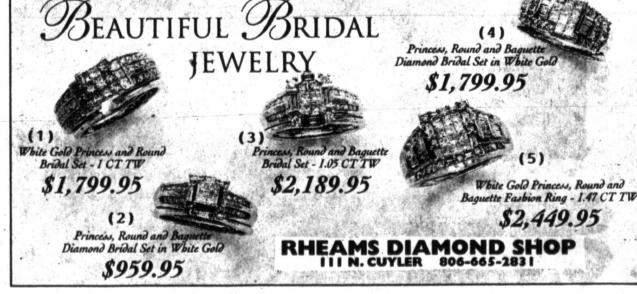
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Speech and Debate Awards. She aftended the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp and also The National Youth Leadership Forum. Next fall, she plans to attend either Notre Dame or Wheaton to study eco-

nomics and finance. NASSP, the pre-eminent school leadership organization, serves as the national voice for middle level and high school principals, assistant principals and aspiring school leaders. NASSP promotes the intellectual growth, academic achievement, character development and leadership services. NASSP administers the National Honor Society, the National Junior Honor Society, and the National Association of Student Councils. NASSP is also the sponsor of National Leadership







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#### **LETTERS**

#### Harper Valley PTA, indeed!

This letter is in regard to Nancy Young's story relative to the sus-

pension of the McLean superintendent of schools:

Attorney Harold Comer's put down of our community, school district and school board by attributing our current school problems to a Harper Valley PTA syndrome is a cheap shot and was made only to attempt to portray his client in a better light. It is less costly to try cases in the newspaper generally, but in that event the information should be complete.

For two years, taxpayers of this district have requested Mr. Griffin to tell us the whereabouts of the band instruments of the McLean High School Band.

We requested an inventory and information as to how the instruments were unilaterally "loaned" by Mr. Griffin to a Roger Meyers, a teacher in the Pampa school system.

Unable to get information locally, Dr. Dawson Orr was requested to help us find out just what instruments were involved, their condi-

Although Dr. Orr was not aware of the loan arrangement between Griffin and Meyers which had gone on for seven or more years, he was able in one week's time to furnish an inventory of the instrunents and their condition.

These band instruments were and are property of the McLean ISD and at one time had a value estimated at about \$40,000. Their value and condition have not improved in seven years. Until an issue was nade of the instruments, the ISD board was not aware of the "loan," or really gift, as no return date was divulged and after seven years ampa schools could believe they own them.

This is but one of several examples of the suspended superintendent's attitude toward ISD property. Other examples of his custodiulship can be found at the Alanreed school building and at the Alanreed gymnasium. There is at least one recently completed engthy, expensive contract signed only by Mr. Griffin and completed without a vote or knowledge of the school board.

Attorney Comer is well known in the area, is experienced and will, am sure, provide excellent representation for Mr. Griffin in whatever forum. The ability to understand the misadventures occurring in numan conduct comes with experience.

**Bill Reeves** McLean

P.S. I have empathy with Mr. Griffin in one respect. When a man is required to hire a lawyer to defend his character and activities, it is likened to a man ingesting poison in the hope of improving a questionable physical abnormality. Harper Valley PTA, indeed!

#### What does 'Cow good — Pig bad' have to do with PEDC?

I first came to Pampa in November of 2009 as an employee of a computer consulting company to set up the infrastructure of the Jnited MediCorp in their new building at 200 N. Cuyler Street. I was namored of the friendly folks and quality of life here. After the first of the year, the opportunity came for me to move my family here and escape the DFW Metromess with it's two-hour daily commute on the LBJ Memorial parking lot.

A couple of months ago, I saw that there was a "Town Hall" meetng about water quality concerns and the impact of NPD coming to Gray County. Being a registered voter and a civic minded kind of guy, I took my 14-year-old son to one of these meetings so he could

ee how our democratic system works.

At the meeting, an older gentleman got up to speak. He identified nimself as an attorney who has practiced law in Perryton since 1954 and was the legal council for the area's water quality board. Imagine ny embarrassment when he was shouted down, by the back of the oom, when he attempted to inform the crowd that there had never seen a recorded incident of any watershed, in this area, being contaninated by a swine facility's lagoon. That is when we took our queue o leave.

On the way home, I discussed the events of the evening with my on. We both observed that most of the people at the meeting already and their minds made up: Cow good - Pig bad.

What does that have to do with the PEDC? Tom Richardson

#### Support the American way: Go out and vote

To the editor,

Pampa

Over 5,000 people in this country are dead. Not because of Islam, ot because of religious fanaticism, but because we have the right to ote, wave the flag, sing 'God bless America,' be patriotic, go to the hurch of our choice and be American.

We also have the right not to do these things. There are serious ssues facing Pampa and its citizens, each and every one, which will be decided by election. If you chose to watch TV, do some other recreational activity, or forget to vote, do the terrorists win?

You waved the flag, you cried for 'God bless America,' you mourned and were emotionally involved. All of this is symbolism. Whatever your beliefs, believe that the vote is what the terrorists wanted to kill.

Liz Smith

#### Voters need to be cautious, think before they elect ...

To the editor,

First of all, I think it is only fair that you allow me to say that you deleted four-fifths of my letter last week.

Secondly, for anyone wishing to keep the pigs out of Gray County, they need to write to the TNRCC: 3918 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, TX

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They need to include the words "I wish to protest application WQ0004371" or words to that effect along with some scientific reason. "Gray County" and "NPD" should also be included.

Lastly, I just want to add how disgusted I felt about the way our city commissioners, mayor and, I have to believe the city manager,

handled the petition to abolish the PEDC.

They did everything in their power to stop the petition drive including shortening the clays from 10 to six. Then scheduling themselves an extra meeting to try to place their own proposition on the ballot — you think that is legal? Weren't they the ones responsible for the "goings on" of the PEDC in the first place.

We have two wards up for re-election in the spring. Faustina Curry in Ward 4 and Jeff Andrews in Ward 2. Let's take a long hard look at who we elect and keep a better eye on things.

#### What is wrong with this picture, America?

We were told by news media and government that Bin Ladin ordered his followers to kill Americans because we are their enemy,

Christianity was established 2001 years ago. Nearly all of Europe practiced Christianity 600 years before America was discovered.

Kenneth Williams

#### Community must rally to preserve way of life

By now everyone is aware of the terrorist attack on our nation. We watched in horrified disbelief that this could be happening to our country! Only those old enough to remember Dec. 7, 1941, could comprehend what was occurring. Thanks to our news media, we

There is, however, another attack against America being carried out in rural America. The devastation is not readily seen, but nonetheless is very real. The "terrorists" can be easily identified, but much more difficult to control. Those who aid them are well known in the communities where the attacks are occurring.

While foreign terrorists do their deeds in the name of their religion, Islam, domestic terrorists, aided by their co-conspirators, commit their dastardly deeds in the name of money. They hide under a disguise named "Economic Development," while foreign terrorists disguise themselves as airline pilots.

The domestic form of terrorism is even more insidious than the deeds of those who hate the United States. Domestic terrorism is committed in the name of love and compassion. However it leads to the pollution and eventual destruction of our most valuable resources — water, air and the land we love and upon which we live.

History tells us that nations can survive external attacks, but few, if any, can survive attacks from within! Most of you have probably figured out the "demon" of which I speak ... corporate hog and poultry feeding, breeding and research facilities. They pay taxes into the public coffers and attempt to "cover up" their true objectives with hollow

But these "terrorists" have vastly underestimated the intelligence and resolve of rural folks who dearly love the land for which our ancestors fought and settled. They endured hardships we cannot imagine. Their foes were visible and easily identified.

The Indians fought bravely to defend the land they loved. Primarily due to conflict between the tribes, they lost the battle for the land. Let this be a lesson to us - no infighting, no personal anger, no blaming others and absolutely no "miss-information."

Let's stand up for all the things in which we believe. We believe in our ability to overcome adversity. I think the majority of my fellow citizens share my belief. We care more for the health, economic and moral, of the community as a whole rather than our own individual selfish interests. I believe our common goal is to preserve our priceless heritage.

No other location can compare with our Texas Panhandle. I am going to fight for what I believe to be in the best interest of this area! How about you?

Jim Terry

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The Pampa News welcomes and encourages readers to express their opinions on issues of public interest and concern. However, we also reserve the right to accept or reject any letter for publication.

Letters should be 300 words or less. Letters submitted for publication should be neat and legible, typed if possible, or at least handwritten in a clear manner. Letters may be edited for length, clarity, spelling, grammar, taste and potentially libelous statements. Submission of a letter does not guarantee its publication, nor can we guarantee a date of publication due to space and time limitations.

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<u>Publisher's note</u>: 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.

## Tips on modern manners

By The Associated Press

Some tips from "Emily Post's Etiquette" by Peggy Post:

Cellular, portable telephones "It is ludicrous to ask those around you to hush so that you you and your loaded cart." can hear on the telephone when you're standing on the street or are in a restaurant or on a train, considering that a telephone conversation is not an expected part of the gathering or environ-

Public displays of affection "In this country, holding hands, affectionate greetings accompanied by a kiss on the cheek, or a quick hug are perfectly acceptable in public. Passion is not."

Consideration for those

who serve you is rude or inconsiderate of the norm." people who serve him in restauplaces. It can safely be said that fare." this sort of discourtesy is a sure sign of insecurity. Those who have self-confidence do not need nature that they treat everyone appealing. with whom they come in contact there is anything to be gained by ing components: shoulders back, doing so or not."

Consideration for strangers through a door, respecting the When left to their own devices,

what civilized behavior entails. When in the checkout line at the supermarket, unless you are in a raging hurry, it is courteous to let the person behind you who has only three items go ahead of

Dining "Don't ever put liquid into your mouth if it is already filled with food. You might have a little toast in your mouth when

you drink your coffee, but it should be so little as to be undetectable by others."

**Tipping** "It wasn't long ago that 15 percent of the bill, excluding tax, was considered a generous tip in elegant restaurants. Now the figure is moving toward 20 percent for excellent service. In ordinary family-style restau-"Only the lowest type of boor rants 15 percent is still the

"In general, a tip to a taxi drirants, stores or any public ver is about 20 percent of the

Posture

"There is no doubt that a person who stands and sits erect to act in that way in an effort to looks best. A round-shouldered prove themselves superior, slouch, with head thrust for-Good manners and thoughtful- ward and stomach sticking out, ness are so much a part of their certainly does little to make one

"Graceful standing and walkwith the same courtesy, whether ing posture includes the followchin in and slightly up, abdomen and stomach in, back Whether on the road or going straight and knees relaxed. rights and sensitivity of others, arms are relaxed and swing nateven total strangers, is part of urally during walking."

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# Billboard music charts

By The Associated Press Weekly charts for the RedZone. nation's best-selling recorded . 6. "It's Been Awhile," Staind. music as they appear in next Flip/Elektra. week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permis- Arista. sion. (Platinum signifies more than one million copies sold. Eve (feat. Gwen Stefani). Ruff Gold signifies more than Ryders. 500,000 copies sold.):

Billboard Hot 100: Top 10 Epic. (Compiled from a national ed, compiled and provided by SoundScan Inc. SoundScan; radio playlists;

1. "Fallin'," Alicia Keys. J. (feat. Ja Rule). Epic. 3. "Where The Party At,"

Broadcast Data Systems)

Jagged Edge With Nelly. So So

4. "Family Affair," Mary J. Blige. MCA. "Hit 'Em Up Style sales of 1 million units)

(Oops!)," Blu Cantrell.

8. "Let Me Blow Ya Mind,"

9. "Izzo (H.O.V.A.)," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam/IDJMG. 10. "Differences," Ginuwine.

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and monitored radio by The Billboard 200 Top Albums: Top 10

(Compiled from a national 2. "I'm Real," Jennifer Lopez sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by Hot SoundScan) 1. "The Blueprint," Jay-Z.

> Roc-A-Fella. 2. "Songs In A Minor," Alicia Keys. J. (Platinum - certified

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name is "Value"!

3. "Totally Hits 2001," Various Artists. Warner Arista. Bros./Elektra/Atlantic/Arista. 4. "A Day Without Rain," 7. "U Remind Me," Usher. Enya. Reprise. (Platinum)

"Silver Side Nickelback. Roadrunner. "Satellite," Atlantic.

7. "Hybrid Theory," Linkin Park. Warner Bros. (Platinum) 8. "Break The Cycle," Staind. Flip/Elektra. (Platinum) 9. "8701," Usher. Arista.

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Contemporary (Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Sytems) 1. "There You'll Be," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.

2. "Thank You," Dido. 3. "If You're Gone," match-

box twenty. Lava. 4. "Only Time," Enya.

Warner Sunset. 5. "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Womack With Sons Of The Desert. MCA Nashville. 6. "One More Day," Arista Rio. Diamond

Nashville. 7. "Follow Me," Uncle Kracker. Dog/Lava/Atlantic. 8. "I Want Love," Elton John.

9. "More Than That," Communications Inc. and Backstreet Boys. Jive. 10. "All Or Nothing," O-Town. J.

> Mainstream Tracks

sample of airplay supplied by **Broadcast Data Sytems**) 1. "How You Remind Me,"

Nickelback. Roadrunner. 2. "Gets Me Through," Ozzy Osbourne, Epic.

3. "Control," Puddle Of Chesney. BNA. (Platinum) Flawless/Geffen/Interscope. 4. "Schism," Tool. Tool

Dissectional. 5. "I Wish You Were Here," Incubus. Immortal/Epic. 6. "It's Been Awhile," Staind. Flip/Elektra.

"Down With the Disturbed. Sickness," Giant/Reprise. 8. "Fade," Staind. Flip.

9. "Crawling," Linkin Park. Warner Bros. 10. "The People That We

**Modern Rock Tracks** 

Love," Bush. Atlantic.

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by

**Broadcast Data Sytems**) 1. "How You Remind Me," Nickelback. Roadrunner.

2. "I Wish You Were Here," Incubus. Immortal/Epic. "Smooth Criminal," Alien

Noize/DreamWorks.

4. "Control," Puddle Of Flawless/Geffen/Interscope. 5. "Fade," Staind. Flip.

6. "Schism," Tool. Tool Dissectional. 7. "Alive," P.O.D. Atlantic.

8. "In The End," Linkin Park. Warner Bros. "Down With The

Sickness," Disturbed. Giant/Reprise.

Eastwood," "Clint Gorillaz. Virgin.

Hot Country Singles and Tracks

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

1. "Where I Come From," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville. 2. "Only In America," Brooks & Dunn. Arista Nashville.

3. "Angray All The Time," Tim McGraw, Curb.

4. "What I Really Meant To Say," Cyndi Thomson, Capitol. 5. "I Would've Loved You Anyway," Trisha Yearwood. MCA Nashville.

6. "Complicated," Carolyn Johnson. Arista Nashville.

7. "On A Night Like This,"

Trick Pony. Warner Bros. 8. "Austin," Blake Shelton.

Giant. 9. "Love Of A Woman," Travis Tritt. Columbia.

10. "Angels In Waiting," Tammy Cochran. Epic. Copyright 2001, Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

Top Country Albums

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collect- Epic. ed, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Greatest Hits," Martina . McBride. RCA (Nashville). 2. Soundtrack: "O Brother, Pistols. Geffen. Where Art Thou?" Mercury.

(Platinum) 3. "Pull My Chain," Toby Rock Keith. DreamWorks. (Gold)

(Compiled from a national Enough," Chely Wright. MCA Chemical Brothers. Freestyle Nashville. 5. "Set This Circus Down,"

Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum) Groovilicious/Strictly 6. Soundtrack: "Coyote Rhythm. Ugly," Curb. (Platinum) 10. "Break 4 Love," Peter 7. "Greatest Hits," Kenny Rauhofer + Pet Shop Boys +

8. "I'm Already There," Lonestar. BNA. (Gold) 9. "New Favorite," Alison

Rounder/IDJMG. 10. "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Womack. MCA Nashville. Interscope.

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R&B/Hip-Hop Singles and Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and Santa Rosa. Sony Discos. radio playlists)

1. "Differences," Ginuwine. Aguilar. Musart.

Blige. MCA. 3. "I'm Real," Jennifer Lopez (feat. Ja Rule). Epic.

Blackground... (feat. Case). Murder Inc.

6. "Izzo (H.O.V.A.)," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam/IDJMG. 7. "Fallin'," Alicia Keys. J. 8. "Ugly," Bubba Sparxxx.

Beat Club. 9. "Where the Party At," Jagged Edge with Nelly. So So

10. "I'm A Thug," Trick Daddy. Slip-N-Slide/Atlantic. Hancock. Transparent. Copyright 2001, SoundScan Inc.

R&B/Hip-Hop Albums

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, com- Tribute," Various Artists. GRP. piled and provided by SoundScan) 1. "The Blueprint," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella.

2. "Gerald's World," Gerald Miller. 3 Deuces. Levert. Elektra. "Ghetto Fabolous,"

Fabolous. Desert Storm. 4. "No More Drama," Mary J. Blige. MCA.

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Trash & The Trailer Park 5. "I'm Your Girl," Dena Cali. ES3.

6. "Ugly," Bubba Sparxxx. Beat Club. 7. "How We Do," Big Lew

BKA Popeye Reds (feat. 8. "My Projects," Coo Coo

Cal. Infinite/Tommy Boy. 9. "Izzo (H.O.V.A.)," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam/IDJMG. http://www.billboard.com.

10. "Who We Be," DMX. Ruff Ryders.

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Hot Dance Music Club Play

(Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)
1. "Feel This 2001," Robbie Rivera. Strictly Rhythm.
2. "Little L," Jamiroquai.

3. "Crystal," New Order.

Reprise. 4. "Yes," Amber. Tommy Boy. 5. "Official Chemical," Dub

"Absolutely Not," Deborah Cox. J. 7. "The Player (Remixes),"

First Choice. Philly Groove. "Never Love You 8. "It Began In Afrika," The Dust.

9. "Stand Still," Aubrey.

10. "Break 4 Love," Peter The Collaboration. Star 69.

**Hot Latin Tracks** 

(Compiled from national Krauss & Union Station. Latin radio airplay reports) 1. "Suerte," Shakira. Epic.

2. "Heroe," Enrique Iglesias. 3. "Tantita Pena," Alejandro

BPI Fernandez. Sony Discos. 4. "Como Se Cura Una Herida," Jaci Velasquez. Sony Discos.

5. "No Me Concoces Aun," Palomo. Disa. 6. "Pueden Decir," Gilberto

7. "Me Vas A Extranar," Pepe

"Cada Vez Te Extrano 2. "Family Affair," Mary J. Mas," Banda El Recodo. Fonovisa.

9. "Azul," Cristian. Ariola. 10. "O Me Voy O Te Vas," 4. "Rock The Boat," Aaliyah. Marco Antonio Solis. Fonovisa. Copyright 2001, 5. "Living It Up," Ja Rule Communications Inc. and

SoundScan Inc. **Top Contemporary Jazz** 

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

1. "Crush," Richard Elliot. Verve. 2. "Future 2 Future," Herbie

3. "Urban Knights IV," Communications Inc. and Urban Knights Narada Jazz.

"AArt," Acoustic Alchemy. Higher Octave. 5. "Deep Blue," Keiko Matsui. Narada Jazz/Virgin.

6. "A Twist of Marley - A 7. "Nice & Slow," Brian Culbertson. Atlantic. 8. "M Squared," Marcus

9. "Songs From The Analog Playground," Charlie Hunter.

Blue Note. 10. "In Modern Times,"

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**Top Classical Albums** (Compiled from a national

sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan) 1. "Classic Yo-Yo," Yo-Yo Ma.

Sony Classical. 2. "Dreams & Fables,"

3. "Verdi," Andrea Bocelli. Philips. (Gold) 4. "Sacred Arias," Andrea

Bocelli. Philips. (Platinum) 5. "Appalachian Journey." Ma/Meyer/O'Connor. Sony Classical.

"Vivaldi: Late Violin Concertos," Guiliano Carmignola. Sony Classical. 'American Seasons," O'Connor. Mark

Classical. 8. "Richter Rediscovered." Sviatoslav Richter. RCA Victor. 9. "Ultimate Relaxation Album," Various Artists. Decca. "Richard Strauss: Ariadne Auf Naxo," Giuseppe

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**Hot Rap Singles** 

SoundScan) "Raise Up," Petey Pablo. Jive.
 "Buster," Dennis Da Menace. 1st Avenue. 3. "Jump Up In The Air,"

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# Letters to the editor

#### No personal income drawn from funds

To the editor,

During the Sept. 23rd PEDC meeting, it was brought up and discussed about the non-payment of a loan to George Kilcrease DBA/Promise Land Parkmodel Homes Inc. My dad always told me excuses only satisfied the people that make them. No excuses, but I do want to apologize for some bad business decisions that I made and for trusting some people I should not have. I also felt clarification was due on my part as the article in the Pampa Daily News on Sept. 24th reflected poorly on my integrity.

I established Promise Land Parkmodel Homes Inc., in July of 1996. I approached the PEDC for a loan of \$80,000 in November of 1997. The statement made in The Pampa News stating that no payments have been made on the loan is true; but I want to clarify that I've made many transactions. To date, I've paid material costs of \$421,632.45 with a less than 2 percent remaining debt. My labor cost has exceed \$214,000. The building in question was leased for \$1104.16, which was applied directly to my loan payment, taxes and insurance on a monthly basis.

If not for this lease, I would have lost my building. All this is to counter the question raised by the board president regarding the use of the lease money. There simply was no money left for the PEDC or me. I continue to do work in the area, employing four part-time employees. I consider it four jobs that Pampa needs. I want the Pampa taxpayers to understand that I used their money in running a business and not in supporting my family. No personal income was drawn from these funds. I appreciate the efforts made by the PEDC and the board members. My intent, as was that of the PEDC, was well

George Kilcrease **Promise Land Parkmodels** 

#### Questions to ponder ... reflecting on the PEDC

Since this seems to be our last chance to express our views on the PEDC and pig factories for awhile, I thought that I might list some questions and tasks for the paid ads endorsing the PEDC to use. After all, I believe most of the following are what a lot of the citizens of Pampa are asking and wondering about.

1. Why are so many people involved with the PEDC and their friends in Pampa threatened by the democratic process of a vote? 2. Why the PEDC and its supporters think it stands for change

when it has failed and gone into debt? 3. Why was it allowed to go into debt?

4. Why the same people can't admit that these are the same reasons that the voters, many who voted for the PEDC in the beginning, are asking for a chance to decide the PEDC's fate?

5. If the PEDC was not supporting or encouraging the pig factory, why did it pay for motels and M.K. Brown? (Why didn't they just say

6. A complete list of businesses that received money from the PEDC in the last 10 years.

7. A full report on the status of those businesses now.

9. A check of what kind of businesses those were. For example, were they small, local businesses or large, out of area businesses? 10. Itemized, detailed lists of expenditures from the PEDC for the

11. Why our water treatment and waste treatment plant must meet guidelines that the pig operation will not have to?

12. Why if the pig operation is not offensive in any way, that one of the criteria mentioned for locating here is a sparse population?

13. Why other areas are cleaning up and banning such operations but we are told this one will be different?

14. Can we say "Genetic Research"? (For those of you who like

nature the way it is.) 15. Why depleting the aquifer which is a nonrenewable water

source by 50 percent in 30 years is acceptable to some? (My only answer is they won't be here so why care?)

16. Why the rural area residents who are the most to suffer from the flies, odor and possible overflows and run-off are not being supported and protected 100 percent by their Pampa neighbors? (They have cern already had a whiff of progress — dairies.) 17. If a nice pig factory and open waste pits will help promote

18. Will new Pampa residents be willing to take advantage of the rent houses in town or will they prefer the better low cost houses left by the citizens moving out to escape?

19. Have you ever heard a retired person say, "I'm just looking for a nice place with open pig waste lagoons to retire?

20. Do we really never get an east wind?

21. Why those in the area who will benefit financially are so willing to sell the rest of us and the future generations down the river? (We know the answer to this one)

22. Can these questions be answered properly in a paid advertisements for the pro-pig and pro-PEDC camps?

Remember the old television ad of the American Native standing on the mountain crying for what had been destroyed? I know how he

Tonya Lewis Pampa

#### Pampa voters need to learn facts before vote

To the editor,

I believe that every individual has the right to their opinion, and their opinion is every bit as important as my own. It is time to express mine. I have recently seen a side of our town and of some of my fellow Pampan's that has shocked and disappointed me greatly. Your opinion and mine should at least be based on the

I have heard many rumors about the PEDC, the PEDC board and Susan Tripplehorn (which has been particularly distressful to me). Susan has been criticized and called names for things that occurred before she was director of the PEDC, that she had nothing to do with, or that simply are not true. She has been open to and has welcomed any questions from the public. Rather than take coffee-shop gossip as the truth, I know that you would be welcomed at the PEDC office anytime, and if you do not already know Susan, you will find her to be very intelligent, professional woman who loves

She has worked hard to earn her certification and her credentials are equal to any others in her field. Can all of you who have criticized her say that you have been to every meeting and you have vis-

ited with Susan or the PEDC board and that you know all the facts? I believe it is imperative we keep the PEDC. It is a very competitive market and many towns are striving to attract businesses to their area. I don't think we can compete without the PEDC. We are probably due for some changes, but to get rid of the PEDC would be a giant step backward. The PEDC is comprised of volunteer professionals from our community who want to serve Pampa. The tax that goes to the PEDC is one-half of 1 percent (that equates to 5-cents of every \$10) Affordable, I think.

We have all learned a great deal in recent weeks, and we will prosper only by working together. Attend the informational meetings, not. Pampa for other cities that offer a more diversified economy. The loss will be happy to tell you how much they value their job.

ask the questions that concern you. You owe it to yourself and your neighbors to learn the facts before you vote.

Kadda Schale

#### Grant does not have to be repaid ...

To the editor,

The audits of PEDC, which are public records, make interesting reading. From 1992 to September 2000, its revenue was \$5,770,200.62. This does not include interest on certificates of deposit or the U.S. Treasury note in the amount of \$496,015.65, or the amount received from the City of Pampa taxes each year. Yet, they ended the year 2000 with a total liability of \$2,673,567. When you add the \$5,770,200.62 received plus the \$2,673,567 liability it totals \$8,443,767.62. I have not seen \$8 million worth of benefits to Pampa.

Isn't the City Commission supposed to approve the PEDC expenditures? Did the City Council investigate any of the expenditures? Did they actually approve the note of \$1,000,000 borrowed by the PEDC on Nov. 4, 1998, to fund a grant to a business that moved to Gray County? It is my understanding that a grant does not have to be repaid, and therefore, we gave one company \$1,000,000 to move here. Aren't our City Commission members better business people than that? When is the next election date?

Don Reed

#### PEDC has lost a great deal of trust, support

I was somewhat surprised when I read the notice in the Friday, Sept. 28, 2001, edition of The Pampa News. I quote: Publisher's Note: The last day letters to the editor will be run that relate to items on the November 6 ballot, including the Pampa Economic Development Corporation issue, will be Sunday, October 7. The deadline for submitting final letters is noon, Wednesday, October 3. 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."

I do not recall a publisher of the The Pampa News in prior times ever setting a 30-day gag rule or topic/column restrictions. My first impressions were:

1. This notice was intended to initiate a "money-making advertising situation" to benefit The Pampa News.

2. The intent was to restrict freedom of speech for both sides of the

PEDC issue and other issues on the Nov. 6th ballot. I do think it is important for our local newspaper to make money through advertisements, but some people can't afford the price of advertisements and the Opinion Page of the newspaper is their only

option for expressing an opinion. I read and understood Mr. McCall's pro-PEDC position in the Sunday, Sept. 23, 2001, issue of The Pampa News, entitled "Both Sides Voice Concerns re: PEDC" He stated and I quote: "... If you are going to make an attempt to come back and grow (as a community), you're going to have to have a PEDC, there is no choice. There is no one else 8. A complete list of business turned down by the PEDC in the last to go out and solicit business for this community. I think there has the local economic development that puts people in jobs and butter been too much 'coffee shop talk' and too little fact'.'

I did have some reservations about the publisher of a newspaper I have volunteered for 15 years in community and school affairs. last 10 years. No general or miscellaneous accounts allowed without tion, and said that it was the only option for the growth of Pampa. people need to know that when they graduate from high school However, it is my hope that his singular opinion would not overexpression and print opinions on both sides of the issue.

> PEDC — a 4A corporation. But now, there are numerous reasons, future. aside from the hog factory/motel bill connection, that we and many

1. The current PEDC, according to certain newspaper reports, is approximately \$2.5 million in debt. As our nation faces uncertain times and untrod paths after the Sept. 11, 2001, "Attack On America", citizens must use good business sense at all levels of government. The PEDC is an entity monitored by the City of Pampa. The fact that the PEDC is some \$2.5 million in the red is cause for just and great con-

2. The PEDC recently settled a lawsuit with Bill Ready for improprieties to the tune of \$42,000. Yes, the PEDC insurance plan did pay all but \$1,000, but the fact that the PEDC settled the lawsuit for \$42,000 as a result of improprieties is a cause of just and great con-

3. It is common information that prior to the establishment of the PEDC companies such as Celanese, Ingersoll Rand and Cabot were invited and came to the Pampa area. The first prison was established before the PEDC. My husband and I pledged support to securing the bid for the first person. Somehow, all of this was accomplished without the PEDC.

4. A raise was proposed by the PEDC board for the PEDC director when no other city employee was to get a raise. This fact is a matter for reasonable concern

the trust and support of a great majority of Pampa citizens. In the past, citizens who have questioned certain policies or monetary expenditures have been told by the PEDC, "We cannot respond to your questions." This veil of secrecy and lack of communication has been cause for great concern. Does a month or two of communication and answering questions justify the many years of poor communication about the PEDC's use of taxpayer money?

6. I personally would like for the following to happen: -Sunset the current PEDC for reasons noted above.

—Pay off the outstanding, incurred debt.

—Take a look at the possibility of establishing a 4B corporation which could help existing business in Pampa which are struggling to 'stay afloat" and also, help newly-formed businesses in Pampa.

Others may disagree with me on these issues. I respect their right to do so. Through the years, my husband has worked very hard to see that the people of Pampa get a chance to vote on issues important to

them. Most importantly, vote on Nov. 6th. Linda Olson

Pampa

#### Life is full of learning from mistakes ...

To the editor,

It is a fact of life that everyone makes mistakes, and the PEDC has made some in the past. By making mistakes, we learn from those mistakes. At least the PEDC is trying to bring a more diversified economy that Pampa so desperately needs. The people who are seeking to destroy the PEDC are really seeking to destroy Pampa!

A child's story about a little boy who cried wolf one to many times comes to mind when I think about this situation. Like the little boy who cried wolf one to many times, Pampa will find itself in a world of hurt without any hope of being rescued. What business owner in their right mind would want to relocate to a town that opposes any new business venture of any type?

The PEDC and I share a common goal to see Pampa grow and not to become a ghost town. Pampa can not afford to loose more populato boo and hiss like a rowdy 12-year-old, but to listen, learn and to of population led to the recent shortfall in meeting the budget

requirements, and I fear it will become worse if the PEDC is abol-

We need to put the pettiness aside and decide what is good for Pampa as a whole and not just for a small group of citizens. If the PEDC is abolished, it will be a very big mistake, but it will be too late to learn the lesson from that mistake.

Sacora Belknap Pampa

#### The importance of how a message is carried

To the editor,

When PEDC was formed, there was a brief mission statement, which read as follows: 'The primary purpose of the PEDC is to promote, assist, and enhance development through the attraction, expansion, and retention of business enterprises.' That is the message that was to be carried forth to business enterprises to reduce Pampa's population decline. This message, the mission statement, is similar to ne statements used by 450 cities and towns in Texas.

PEDC has not operated in a vacuum. The five-member board is appointed by the mayor and city commissioners. The director is appointed by the board. All projects must be approved by the city commissioners and the mayor. Therefore, our mayor and city commissioners must share in the praise and the blame for PEDC activi-

Here, let me state, there is absolutely no reason to believe that any illegalities have occurred. I believe that the board, director, mayor and commissioners have performed to the best of their ability.

There have been PEDC successes to the tune of 265 new jobs. However, there was one major failure — U.S. Bus. The responsibility for that failure must be shared by the board, past mayor and past commissioners.

There is an economic theory called "critical population mass." When a towns' population is declining and the population reaches the critical mass, there will be an exodus of people, reduction of city enterprises and services, empty buildings and homes and a decline in school population. This is not a dream. It has happened to town after town between here and North Dakota.

It is essential that we do not forget the message and recognize the importance of the way the message is carried.

Wilbur C. Cotner, Jr., P.E.

#### Vote for the future, not for retirement

To the editor,

To the citizens of Pampa Texas:

What a proud state to live in. I always felt Texas was a state that rallied around its fellow citizens and had the one-for-all and all-for-one deep-seated heartfelt attitude.

It's hard for me to write this letter because I have been seriously considering moving to the Pampa area. I have been watching with great interest the discussion of a high-tech hog research company, which decided on its own to move into the surrounding area of Pampa. Now somehow that discussion has become directed toward

taking an obviously biased position, but I respected his right to free- I know for a fact that in order for a community to survive there dom of speech as he voiced support for the PEDC — a 4A corporamust be jobs available for everyone who wants one. Our young technical school or college that the community they were born in shadow his duty as a newspaper publisher to permit freedom of and grew up in not only has a place for them but wants them. There are truly hurtful, mean-spirited feelings being expressed by sever-Some years age, my husband and I voted for the inception of the al people who seem intent on making sure your lovely town has no

I believe that everyone should volunteer to make our America a other people in Pampa are concerned about and opposed to the curbetter place. Progress and caring about your community should be your number one priority. After all, why should one very high-tech company moving into the area do anything but help your future and by the way, high-tech is the wave of the future.

By ignoring the future and refusing to move into it aggressively, who will be the winners and losers? Pampa truly is a lovely community, and this combined with my many friends there has made your town very inviting to me; however, I am looking for a future, not retirement. I will be watching with great interest to see if the good, responsible people of your community vote to give Pampa a future, and me too maybe, or if this terribly negative campaign results in a terminal diagnosis for your community. God bless America, God bless Texas and God bless the people who

care and see the future in our children and do what they can to see they have jobs and a future.

Like many of you, I too am a concerned parent. Come on, you guys, get out and vote for your future, not retirement.

Lonna Hogan

Oklahoma City, Okla.

#### **UMC** viable part of local 5. It is my opinion that this PEDC — a 4A corporation — has lost Community, economy

To the editor,

I would like to return the "gold star" to UMC that Ms. Nicholson attempted to subtract from UMC's list of successes in last Sunday's paper. I am the Pampa resident whom Ms. Nicholson referred to in her letter. Unfortunately, she is not completely informed on the facts surrounding my home sale and subsequent purchase of another

The house I sold was on the market long before UMC came to Pampa. I have been a Pampa resident for over 27 years, and I am fully aware of Pampa's past and present economic outlook. When I decided to buy another home here, it was almost entirely due to the fact that I had been employed at UMC for eight months, and I believe strongly enough in UMC and its future to purchase another home here. If not for my employment with UMC, I probably would not have remained in Pampa after the sale of my prior home.

As for my new home being in a more "modest neighborhood," my neighbors include several prominent long-term Pampans, all of whom seem to believe that we live in a very nice area. There are at least two houses within two blocks of my current home that probably appraise for well over \$200,000. I hope they know they are in a "modest neighborhood." Ms. Nicholson has never been a guest in my new home, so she has not had the opportunity to evaluate my

I have been with UMC for over a year. I am very grateful to PEDC for bringing the company to Pampa. There were other communities which would have truly appreciated a company the size and quality of United Medicorp. Most of the incentives given to the company have been used to simply provide an office with necessary floor space and wiring to support our computer and telephone systems. We provide valuable on-the-job-training to many of our employees, most of who have never worked in the medical claims industry prior to their employment with UMC.

As to Ms. Nicholson's concerns that UMC could face "heavy competition in this area" in the future, there is always competition in business. None of our competition is local, as we are the only business in Pampa providing claims management services

Since UMC has come to Pampa, we have been and continue to do business with over 45 local businesses. We are a growing, viable part tion and that will happen if the PEDC is abolished. People will leave of the Pampa economy. The vast majority of the employees at UMC

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Our concern is for the future of our town. We need to have the other businesses in Pampa prosper. We need them to be here to provide services and goods that our company needs to continue to grow. We need an available pool to draw new employees from in the

Our families depend on Pampa schools, businesses, and services. Major corporations understand the critical importance of advertising, otherwise why would Coca-Cola, Nike, Kraft and thousands of other businesses spend billions of dollars each year?

Marketing the advantages Pampa has to offer falls outside the scope of city government. Our city government has a well defined purpose, and they are busy enough trying to accomplish their assigned tasks in these economic conditions. Without the PEDC, who will be out in the market place selling Pampa?

Someone once told my daughter that "no one likes their job." She was able to tell them that they were wrong - her mother likes her job very much. Thank you, PEDC.

Toni Reed **UMC** employee

#### Pampans need to regenerate pride in community

Your policy of cutting off letters to the editor concerning the economic development issue as of this week is not understandable to me for a thinking newspaper. Many of us can't remember what was written yesterday, much less a month ago, which will be the case when the Nov. 6 election arrives.

We have been loaded with confusion, untruths and myths for several weeks. I hear people say they are for economic development but not the PEDC. What do these people mean? Without the PEDC, there will be no home for economic development in Pampa. What are the alternatives? The Pampa Chamber of Commerce is not funded to do a professional job presenting Pampa to potential new industries. Volunteers can't carry a sustained professional search and presentation of Pampa and why it should be attractive to a new business. Our former citizens who gave enormous financial support to opportunities that came along are no longer here or able to repeat their generosity. No, this type of effort is accomplished through an economic development corporation, and the only one we have is

Do we need to review why economic development is important to the survival of Pampa as the crown city in the Top of Texas? There are communities all around us that are trying desperately to woo new businesses to them. Most of these fund an economic development corporation to run an aggressive and polished campaign for new business. How can we talk about Pride in Pampa if were backtracking and withering? Will our leading businesses and industries take a dim view of Pampa if we quit trying to be better, larger, enthusiastic and optimistic?

If PEDC is dissolved, what do you think the chances of voting in another EDC would be? I'd say about like building a ship channel in

Some already have. Conditions of acceptance by the city commissioners might be that in event the vote goes to dissolving PEDC, some of the old board and staff might be requested to continue to wind down all activities and to pay the bills. In event of a vote not to dissolve PEDC, the commissioners would be required to appoint a new board without carryovers and at their discretion. The commissioners may also want to issue some clearer guidelines for future PEDC operation. This would certainly be a sacrifice of some hard working and dedicated people but might be for the greater benefit of Pampa by assuring a clean slate of directors and staff. Would this will forgive me for outlining this suggestion. It is not original but it does make some sense if PEDC would be more acceptable with a

We need PEDC for Pampa. We need to regenerate some Pride in Pampa.

The goose that laid \$100 million in golden eggs ...

I read with interest the letter to the editor in last Sunday's edition of this newspaper entitled "Who would kill the goose that lays the

The information provided by Ms. Nicholson and attributed to me is factually correct in all respects, but for some reason Ms. Nicholson forgot to mention some other financial information I provided which I believe is far more significant ... UMC has grown during the last year from the level of about 40 jobs which we committed to the PEDC that we would bring to Pampa, to about 75 today.

Our payroll in Pampa for the year ending December 2001 will be about \$1.4 million. The money spent by UMC employees in Pampa will become income for other Pampans, who in turn will spend their money creating income for yet another group of Pampans, and so on until the original money has been spent five times over. This "multiplier" effect is well documented and recognized in economic theory, as any undergraduate college student who has completed a course in basic economics can attest.

Ms. Nicholson states that "When the PEDC contract runs out, it will be interesting to see if the cost of wages ... forces UMC to seek a new group of generous taxpayers to contribute \$673,000 to run their business for another eight years." Several thoughts come to

mind regarding this statement. UMC's payroll in Pampa during the eight years, assuming no future growth, will total \$11 million. Using the previously mentioned multiplier effect, this is an economic impact on Pampa of approximately \$55 million over the eight years. Assuming that 50 percent of these expenditures are subject to sales tax, and a local sales tax of 2 percent, the UMC payroll will generate (\$55,000,000 X .50 X .02 =) \$550,000 of local sales taxes. Again, this assumes no growth in UMC's payroll; UMC management believes that the UMC payroll will grow several times over during the next seven years.

Assuming only modest growth, UMC's economic impact on Pampa will exceed \$100 million during UMC's contract period with the PEDC. During that period, UMC will pay about \$52,000 in property taxes. UMC has already invested about \$175,000 in the building we own at 200 N. Cuyler Street. Does Ms. Nicholson believe we are simply going to walk away from the first and only building the company has ever owned and in which we have invested so much money? And does she not understand how difficult it has been to hire and train 80 people during the last year and manage an extremely difficult transition of the computer and telephone systems upon which UMC's business is dependent?

In my opinion, if a person understands the facts and basic economic theory, it should be clear that the golden eggs that are laid by the PEDC are benefiting the community of Pampa in a huge way! While UMC has become profitable since our move to Pampa, no dividends have been paid to UMC 's stockholders and all of the company's cash flow has been used to pay down debts and reinvest in updated computers and training new hires. These investments are fellow employees all living in Pampa.

necessary to provide services to our customers and secure the longterm success of UMC.

UMC's commitment to stay in Pampa will endure as long as we can accomplish what we came here for; the ability to hire as many people as we need to grow our business ... people with a good basic education, the right skills and a strong work ethic.

If the citizens of Pampa vote to shut down the PEDC, I wonder how this community will compete with over 400 other communities in Texas that recognize the need to compete to attract new jobs and are funding their local economic development corporation?

I wonder if Pampa will suffer the same fate as so many other small towns that have seen their oil and agriculture dependent economies decline and their tax base erode, eventually leading to the closure of the local hospital, school system, fire department and finally police department? I wonder whether in eight years UMC will be able to hire enough people to meet our needs ... or will too many people have moved to other communities that can still provide a school, hospital and police and fire services? I cannot foresee any other circumstances under which UMC would depart Pampa.

In my opinion, the people who would kill the goose that lays the golden eggs for all of Pampa are the same people who are seeking to shut down the PEDC. While I recognize that the PEDC has had some missteps, I think it is important for all Pampans to realize that (a) these missteps occurred under prior management, and (b) attracting new businesses to Pampa is not easy ... you can't hit a home run every time you come to the plate!

At this juncture, I believe the citizens of Pampa must recognize the age-old saying, "the only constant is change." The oil field is in decline, and we must attract new industry to Pampa to preserve the high quality of life that so many people have enjoyed here during

The PEDC is the best "change agent" available, and we need to support it and work to make it better rather than throw stones because of a few setbacks in its initial efforts. The good old days are gone ... but there can still be good times ahead. The decline in Pampa's population from 1990 to 2000 is a wake-up call. I urge the citizens of Pampa to wake up and support the PEDC before it's too

Pete Seaman, CEO United Medicorp, Inc.

#### A retirement community will go no where but down

In last Sunday's paper, Edna Haydon suggested that Pampa become a retirement community, so let's look at that suggestion.

By definition a retirement community is for older people, people who have retired and have ceased to be employed. These people don't have young children, so there will be no need for a progressive. Susan Tripplehorn puts in, after hours, trying to bring new, good school system. The state funding for education would be reduced, so Pampa ISD would need to lay-off many in our public schools to include teachers and staff.

These are assets we will say good-bye to as they will leave town seeking employment elsewhere. Then because the young people are gone the city and county will lose taxable property valuation since nobody will be building new houses or businesses, and that will lead to reduced services by both entities. More assets, or maybe in this case benefits, we will say good-bye to.

Because merchants rely on a wide cross-section of customers to keep their doors open, they will go under for lack of customers. Another asset for our community to say good-bye to. New businessdoors. Another asset gone forever from this community.

And of course there is Celanese, Edna, which relies on a young workforce to keep its ranks filled. Will they stay in a town that has a "retirement" workforce? One more precious asset this town can say good-bye to. We currently have several financial institutions here in Pampa, but as a retirement community with a dwindling population, how many of them will close their doors for lack of customers? Edna, one more asset gone forever!

We are already down to three grocery stores and a handful of quick marts, but they will have to go also as the result of no one young give a vote to continue PEDC a better chance? I only hope my friends enough to man the stores plus the reduced customer base. Yep, Edna,

> We have numerous playgrounds and parks here in Pampa and something will need to be done with them since there will be no children to play in them. Edna, have any suggestions? Or, Edna, maybe you think retired senior citizens are going to flock to Pampa like they do to south Texas and Florida. I'm sure they will be really impressed with our cold as sin winters and hot as Hades summers where plant life burns to a crisp between rains. I think not, Edna!

> Now, Edna, this is just the tip of the iceberg and a pitiful, pitiful, legacy to sentence Pampa to. If you truly want to take Pampa down or just simply don't like young people, why not just say so and be done with it? Tell those of us who love this community and believe in it the truth and stop dealing in subterfuge. Tell us why you would rather kill this town than to do us the service of simply moving to a place more suited to your tastes.

Jean Sims

#### What diabolical hatred behind terrorist plot ...

To the editor,

September 2001

The sirens wail in the home of the brave. The middle of the great city has become a massive grave.

Tears flow like a river as blood runs in the street. The people cry for justice while our nation's leaders meet.

No one in the world wants to take credit for this plan. What diabolical hatred must fill the heart of this man.

Soldiers roam the streets as war planes roam the skies. How many of our brave soldiers will not come back alive.

Surely all of this is my imagination running wild or a nightmare in

But on the TV screen the President tells the people now is the time

The reserves are called up while the generals make their plans. While the people cry out loud for God to bless our land. -By Daniel V. Casey of Pampa

#### One local PEDC-sponsored business thriving

I moved to Pampa Aug. 31, 2000. PEDC helped get me here. In July 2000, the company I worked for, UMC, made a decision to move to Pampa. The other towns that were considered were Terrell, Mesquite, and Fairfield, all in Texas. (All within 30 minutes to an hour and one half from Dallas.) The reason I mention the distance is we could commute to all those cities or be close to Dallas. You see, I have three grown children and seven of the most beautiful grandchildren in the world. They all live in the Dallas area as do my two brothers. I miss my family, and did not wake up one morning and decide to move. I was given a promotion. Now I have a family of 75

At first, I decided to change employers, but after a brief visit to Pampa, I fell in love with the people. Everyone was excited to have an employer moving in instead of out. The greatest asset this or any town has is people. Where are all the people going? At the current rate of 600 per year, the assets are leaving faster than moving in. Pampa is a great city with great traditions because of the great people. I remember as a young man watching Pampa play basketball in Austin. Those were smart young men, well coached and well disciplined, and talented. Pampa's school system is one of the finest. How do I know? Over 70 of them work with me.

Not only has the PEDC investment in UMC been recovered once, but many times. In the month of July, UMC paid over \$6,000 in bonus money to the employees. Even with all the problems the country had last month, UMC will pay over \$1,000 in bonus money. Every management person was given stock options by UMC. They own part of the company. Eighteen of them are from Pampa. UMC does not load up a truck and go to Amarillo to buy supplies, we buy in Pampa more times than not. There are 75 people downtown eating lunch and drinking cokes and coffee. They wanted to stay in Pampa.

Last week a local physician was having billing problems. Two UMC ladies went to his office and helped him. No charge for advice. I want to invite anyone that would lie to see the UMC/Pampa

operation to stop by and look for yourself. **Dennis Bazhaw** 

#### Being positive can be uplifting experience ...

In the Sept. 30 edition of the letters to the editor, Ms. Karen Son wrote a letter that was very pointed in one respect. She stated that the people of Pampa should be allowed to spend their "pennies" the way they wanted to. And Ms. Son, without aggressive economic development in our community, that is exactly what we will have here in Pampa — pennies. Thank you for pointing that fact out, I hope every reader is listening!

You further stated that the PEDC should have its records "reviewed and investigated." Obviously, you have listened to Pampa's detractors and refuse to believe the fact that the city reconciles the PEDC accounts on a monthly basis.

Are you implying that the city finance department is dishonest? You stated that the PEDC was "playing with all our pennies." Have you ever bothered to attend a PEDC meeting and witness for yourself the many hours those board members put in, uncompensated hours, by the way, trying to do the best they can for Pampa's economic future? Or do you just sit at home complaining and penning unsubstantiated letters to the editor?

Have you ever inquired about the literally hundreds of hours paying businesses to Pampa or the number of days and nights she spends away from her husband and daughter trying to recruit those same businesses? Or do you just sit at home criticizing and penning misinformation letters to the editor?

And, yes, Ms. Son, there have been some honest mistakes made in the past by the PEDC board. But then the only ones who never make mistakes are those who never do anything or those of heavenly decent. Makes one wonder which category you and the other detractors fall into?

Ms. Son, it's always so easy to criticize when you are sitting on the sidelines, but, for a change, try coming up with something positive, try helping this town instead of pulling it down, try being supportes will not be attracted to Pampa because the population is older and ive of those who give freely of their time and energies trying to ben-A final thought: Should the entire PEDC board of directors and dwindling. The Pampa News will see its subscriptions decline and efit Pampa. It might surprise you to find out that being positive feels staff turn in formal resignations with non-re-appointment requests? as a result go from a daily paper to a weekly and eventually close its far better and is far more productive than being part of the "let's kill

H.D. "Joe" Bailey

#### Pampans should to look before they leap ...

"Look Before You Leap" ... this is the main worry I have with the current situation concerning the PEDC.

Three years ago about this time, I was one of the ring leaders in the petition to keep Gray County from getting involved in the juvenile facility effort, which had been proposed for the county-owned building on Hobart near the National Bank of Commerce, and originally built to house nurses for the county hospital.

The reason I was against this was not because I felt a juvenile facility was a bad idea. Rather, I was against this project because it seemed very little "looking" had been done by various county officials before they were willing to "leap" into a poorly-thought-out effort. At that time, no assessment had been made on the condition of the building, no evaluation had been done to know if the plumbing and electrical systems could maintain a 24/7 residential facility, and very little planning was apparent on how to pay staff salaries or cover an operating budget once the facility would have been open.

Now I am again worried that there has been very little "looking" before "leaping" on the bandwagon to do away with an agency that has only been in place for something over eight years. And during that time, two of the four directors (that I'm aware of) did little to encourage a real economic development program for Pampa and the Gray County area.

If Pampa eliminates the PEDC, what is our chance of 'leaping" into an abyss of no economic development because there will be no entity able or authorized to promote economic development.

On paper, it may sound like a good idea to abolish the PEDC. But consider the future: What else can do the job PEDC was mandated to

The City of Pampa cannot take the place of PEDC; it is understaffed now. If you don't believe that, look at your recent water bill. Most likely, it reads "Bills were averaged this month." That is because there are not enough employees to read every water meter every month in the City of Pampa.

The Chamber of Commerce cannot function as an economic development corporation; it is not a government entity, but only a membership organization. Using the Chamber of Commerce to function as an economic development corporation would (besides being illegal) be like having the Rotary, the Altrusa or First Presbyterian Church functioning as an economic development corporation. All four of those organizations are membership-based, and could not handle tax money for economic development.

And consider other unintended consequences.

One consequence is already evident, and it is this: "What is going on in Pampa? Don't you folks want to improve? Don't your families want your children to be able to find work there? Don't you want to encourage new businesses? Do you just want to turn off the lights, close the door, and disappear into the sunset, leaving behind a oncethriving city (the second-largest in the Texas panhandle) to the tumbleweeds and the rats and the lizards?"

The above quotes are a combination of comments I've received in the last week from people as near as Vega, Texas, and as distant as Madisonville, La.

Before you vote next month, consider ALL of the consequences and decide what is really best for Pampa. Remember to "look before you leap." Lorales Cooley

Pampa Past President: Pampa Fine Arts Association (host of the ARTrain in 1998; sponsor of the Labor Day Chautauqua Festival

and stayed.)

since it began 20 years ago) -Member: Tourism Committee for the Greater Pampa Chamber of Commerce -"Damn-yankee." (Born in Illinois, married a Texan, moved South

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Part Of One Big Happy Family

DEAR ABBY: I am a 12-year-old girl and I need some advice. My dad recently had an affair with a woman he met when he went back to school. She is also married. He asked her to marry him, but she said no, so he decided to come back home. He has left us twice before, so my home isn't very stable.

My parents got married at a very young age and have been together for 26 years. Mom tells me she doesn't want to get divorced, because she is still in love with him and thinks that "a two-parent home is better than a one-parent home." She may be right, but even my counselor agrees that one stable parent is better than two unstable parents.

Now that Dad is living back home, he expects me to act like nothing happened — that we are "one happy family." I can't do it, and I'm still very hurt. What should I do?

NEEDS ADVICE IN CALIFORNIA

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DEAR ABBY: Our oldest daughter "Bonnie" has just entered into Dear Abby

' Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

her second relationship since her feel like an outcast. If June recent divorce. We are concerned that she continually uproots our grandchildren to move to a different place. We feel it's time a woman in her 30s "settled down" and gave adding to her grief. Punishing her children a stable home environment. The father of the children was killed in an unfortunate acci-

Each time she claims to be "in love" and expects us to welcome her new man when we have barely had time to adjust to the last one. Our youngest daughter, "June," feels as we do. Consequently, the two girls no longer speak.

Our dilemma: Since we all live far away from each other, we get DEAR NEEDS ADVICE: together once a year for a family explain to Bonnie and settle on a neutral place to meet without any hurt feelings?

CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE **DEAR CAUGHT: There is no** way you can do that, so I urge you to rethink your plan of action. You are not helping your daughter, Bonnie, to make "wise choices" by making her doesn't want to speak to her fine. But Bonnie has suffered her will only widen the rift. DEAR ABBY: The woman I live

with accepted a gift - a dog from a guy. Six weeks later she had an affair with him. It happened only weeks after we had made commitments for a future together.

The problem now is the dog. She says she is keeping it because it was a personal gift. I don't want it around because it is a constant reminder that she cheated on me Marvin with the person who gave it to her. I feel that keeping the dog shows a lack of respect for me and our relationship. I need an answer. Should she

keep the dog?
GARY IN LINCOLN, NEB.

**DEAR GRAY: Considering** are valid. Family counseling Bonnie and the grandchildren, but what the dog symbolizes, cercould be helpful to all of you, are not interested in meeting her tainly not. And if she insists on but if your parents are unwill- new man or traveling to her new keeping it, I predict your

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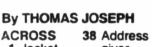
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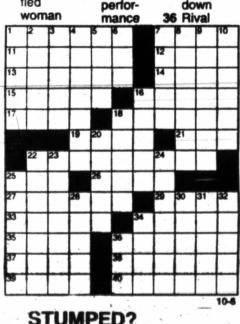
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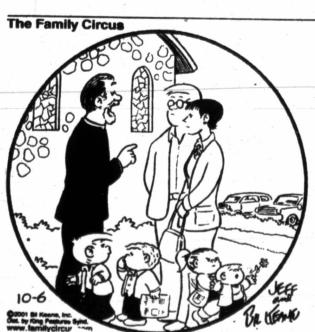


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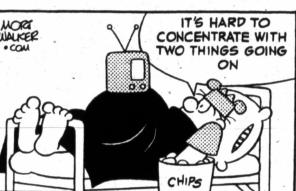


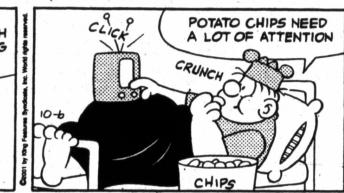










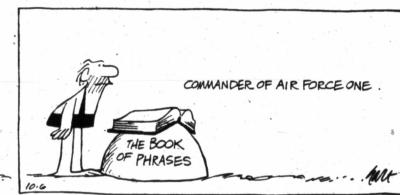


























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# Southwest Airlines' balance sheet made it stand out from rivals

By DAVID KOENIG **AP Business Writer** 

DALLAS (AP) — In the hours after terrorists seized four jetliners, key officials of Southwest Airlines holed up in the company boardroom and tracked about 260 Southwest jets still in the air.

Federal officials had ordered all planes grounded. When the last Southwest jet landed safely at Dallas Love Field, the 20 or so employees, including chairman Herb Kelleher and chief executive James Parker, broke into cheers.

Then they turned to the realization that air travel wouldn't be the same after Sept. 11, that passengers would be skittish about getting back on a plane.

'We were worried about, what cash do we have? Where is it? Can we get it?" chief financial officer Gary Kelly says. "We had \$1 billion in cash on Sept. 11. I was worried it would go to zero."

By the next morning, Southwest had tapped a \$475 million line of credit with banks and had called Boeing Co. to postpone taking 11 more 737s, worth about \$30 million apiece — including one that had been scheduled for delivery Sept. 11.

Analysts say this slavish devotion to cash and financial fundamentals helps explain why Southwest avoided layoffs and maintained investor confidence during a crisis while its rivals were battered.

'By far they had the strongest balance sheet in the industry," said Ray Neidl, an analyst with ABN Amro. "They might have been the only carrier that could have survived without government assis-

In an industry where heavy borrowing to buy expensive aircraft is common, Southwest had a net debt-to-capital ratio of 33 percent compared to 59 percent at American Airlines' parent company, 66 percent at United's parent and 88 percent at Continental, according to Salomon Smith Barney. In the first few days of trading after the attacks, investors ham-

mered airline stocks, some of which lost two-thirds of their value and only regained ground after it became clear that Congress would approve a \$15 billion bailout:

Through Thursday, shares in Houston-based Continental had fallen 55 percent since Sept. 11, and stock in Fort Worth-based American, United, Delta and Northwest had lost 25 to 40 percent.

Dallas-based Southwest, with the largest stock-market value in the industry, saw its shares fall less than 8 percent.

With the credit it drew upon, plus \$144 million in federal aid, Southwest now has \$1.5 billion in cash to cushion \$120 million in losses since Sept. 11, Kelly said.

Kelly said the burn rate has slowed to less than \$3 million a day and ridership climbed to 53 percent last week, compared to 66 percent a year ago.

The break-even point, he said, is between 55 percent and 60 per-

Southwest had clung to its daily schedule of 2,800 flights, despite 20 percent cuts at the other major carriers.

The other carriers have also announced 100,000 layoffs, but Southwest has avoided job cuts and made a \$180 million contribution

to its employee retirement plan on schedule on Sept. 14. 'We're very far away from considering layoffs," Kelly said, while adding that Southwest will "keep all options open. We're not out of the woods yet, and we're not sure we're going to know when we are out of the woods."

The president of the union representing Southwest's 6,700 fight attendants said the absence of layoffs — a promise made early on by Parker and other top executives would pay off in better labor re

They made it clear that their first priority was to protect the jobs of people that were already here," said Thom McDaniel, president of Local 556 of the Transport Workers Union. "They immediately took a cautious approach, cutting anything nonessential that they could."

Southwest says it will actually hire more flight attendants this fall. The airline had 400 unfilled positions before the attacks, preferring to pay overtime rather than hire more employees who would be eligible for benefits.

The airline has made a profit every year since 1973, even during the early 1990s, when the industry lost about \$6 billion in two years.

In the first half of this year, only Continental and Southwest earned money, and analysts now expect Continental to fall into the red for the full year. But they still look for Southwest to earn 53 cents per share, or about \$400 million, according to a survey by Thomson Financial/First Call.

Some analysts have questioned whether tougher security rules at airports will delay Southwest's quick turnaround times and add to

Southwest operates mostly short-haul flights to smaller secondary airports and eschews the hub-and-spoke system of connecting flights used by other carriers.

Some analysts think Southwest is more vulnerable if travelers decide driving is safer than flying.

"The airlines that are going to hold up the best in our opinion are those with big hubs located in large cities," said Brian Harris, an analyst with Salomon Smith Barney, who believes Southwest will lose 8 cents per share in the fourth quarter. "It's much easier to recapture traffic in those hubs."

Southwest has put some of its expansion plans on hold. It says it will begin service in Norfolk, Va., as planned this fall but only by taking planes off other routes.

It continues to cut costs, including a reduction in travel agent commissions that it figures will save \$40 million. Kelly said Southwest will make any changes necessary to survive in the new, post-Sept. 11

"Were not static," he said. "We can innovate."

On the Net: http://www.southwest.com

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#### Airlines drastically lower prices to draw customers after attacks

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The nation's biggest airlines have launched a sale that provides considerable discounts to get travelers back in the air after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Passenger loads have fallen off sharply since terrorist hijacked four airliners last month. To boost passenger loads, No. 3 Delta Air Lines kicked off the global fare sale, and industry leader United Airlines, No. 2 American Airlines of Fort Worth, Texas and No. 4 Northwest Airlines quickly matched.

Terry Trippler, airline expert with OneTravel.com, said it appeared all of the major airlines had matched the fares by Thursday after-

"This is the clearance sale. There are some people who will never travel at any price and there are some people who have a price at which they will travel. For many people, not all of them, this is the price that will get them to travel," Trippler said.

No. 4 Northwest, for example, was offering roundtrips between New York and Los Angeles for \$279, Minneapolis-Boston for \$251 and Detroit-Dallas for \$251. Delta's roundtrip prices included New York-Mexico City for \$200, Atlanta-Zurich for \$342 and Chicago-Honolulu for \$398.

The new sales came as Northwest said the number of passengers flying on its planes dropped nearly 34 percent in September, from a

Northwest's traffic decline was in line with what other major carriers have reported in the wake of the attacks, which have forced more than 100,000 job cuts at the airlines and in related industries.

#### New restaurant welcomed ...



Pampa Chamber of Commerce Top O' Texan Goldcoats welcome new Chamber member Consuelo's. Goldcoats, from left, are Benny Horton, Chuck White, Dick Stowers, Jack Reeve, Jerry Foote, Charlene Morris, Ronnie Holmes, Pat Montoya, and Bill Hildebrandt. With them from Consuelo's are D. Martinez, Diana Lara, Elizabeth Solis, Consuelo Martinez, Minerva Rodriguez and Velia Perez.

# Neiman Marcus sales fell 19 % in Sept.; expecting lower earnings in first quarter

DALLAS (AP) — The Neiman Marcus Group said Thursday that its in the first fiscal quarter, down from \$1.01 reported a year ago. September sales skidded 19 percent from a year ago, as consumers reined in spending in the face of a weakening economy and the terrorist attacks.

The luxury retailer, which operates Neiman Marcus and Bergdorf Goodman stores, said it is planning for lower earnings this quarter, which ends Oct. 27, but did not provide an estimate.

"We are in the process of adjusting our purchases, examining our marketing activities, reviewing our expense structure, and reconsidering our capital expenditure plans," said president and chief executive Burton M. Tansky.

"While it is now clear that first quarter results will be below previous guidance, given the uncertain economic and political events which continue to unfold worldwide, we cannot provide further guidance at this time," Tansky said.

The consensus forecast of analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial/First Call was for earnings per share of 61 cents per share

In trading Thursday on the New York Stock Exchange, Neiman-Marcus Class A shares fell 26 cents to close at \$26.30.

The company said in the five weeks ended Sept. 29, its total revenue fell to \$248.6 million from \$306.4 million in the same period a year ago. The decline was 21 percent at the stores and was especially steep at New York-based Bergdorf Goodman, the company said, while direct-marketing sales declined 9 percent.

The plunge in sales was concentrated in the three weeks after the Sept. 11 attacks, the retailer said. Comparable revenues fell an average of 25 percent from a year earlier, although they improved at the end of September, the company said.

For the nine weeks ended Sept. 29, total revenue dipped 11.6 percent to \$441.9 million from \$499.9 million in 2000, the retailer said.

http://www.neimanmarcusgroup.com

# Business highlights

Bridgestone/Firestone recalling more tires

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. agreed to energy demand triggered by the poor economy. recall 3.5 million more Wilderness AT tires, ending a 1 1/2-year federal investigation into thousands of reports that the tires suddenly lost their tread.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which ordered the recall, also announced it had discovered 68 more fatalities connected to Firestone tire failures, raising the total to 271. Twenty-five of those deaths and about 50 injuries involve the newly recalled tires.

Most of the accidents reported to NHTSA involved rollovers of the Ford Explorer, which used Wilderness AT tires as standard equipment. However, NHTSA said Thursday it found no evidence to support Bridgestone/Firestone's claim that the design of the Explorer was faulty and at least partly to blame.

#### Thousands to be helped by worker relief package

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tens of thousands of Americans who have lost their jobs in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks should get longer unemployment benefits and \$3 billion in health care, training and other aid, President Bush said. The White House and Congress debated plans to revive the economy.

Bush unveiled his worker relief package amid fresh evidence that the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington had stunned an already wobbly economy. The Labor Department said new claims for unemployment benefits rose last week to the highest level in nine years.

Economists expect more bad news Friday when the government releases broad unemployment figures for September. More than 200,000 new layoffs have been announced in the past three weeks.

#### Dell, Cisco optimism boosts stock prices

NEW YORK (AP) — With optimism from technology mainstays Dell Computer Corp. and Cisco Systems Inc. boosting stock prices, investors appear to be coaxing the larger information technology industry out of its money-shedding morass.

Some analysts say investors could be misguided. The two companies are bright spots against a backdrop that still looks pretty gloomy.

Dell, the nation's No. 1 computer maker, announced it would meet third-quarter earnings expectations and that the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks had little effect on operations.

Chief Executive Michael Dell said the company's low-cost direct-

to-consumer model continues to win customers. The company's stock closed up 8 percent, or \$1.68, to \$22.32.

#### Will security hamper global movement of goods

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — In the days following the jetliner terror attacks, the normally smooth flow of trade was practically paralyzed. Now that global commerce is back near normal, businesses

With wartime-type security at American points of entry still in place, some businesses are concerned that protracted anti-terrorism efforts will complicate — and slow — the movement of goods that anchor the world economy.

The cost could amount to one-half of 1 percent of U.S. gross domestic product — the total output of goods and services, estimates Peter Morici, a senior fellow at the Economic Strategy Institute in Washington D.C. That would be about \$51 billion per

#### Winter fuels to be more affordable

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most Americans hard hit by the economy's downturn have one less thing to worry about: this winter's

With plenty of supplies and weak demand, the government predicted Thursday the cost of gasoline, heating fuel and electricity all should be much lower this winter than last. That's in sharp contrast to a year ago, when short supplies and

spikes in demand saw prices soar.

The Energy Information Administration's winter fuels report said that prices have been declining and should continue to do so

The most striking turnaround is seen in natural gas prices, expected to average about a third of what they were last winter on the wholesale market.

Fallout from attacks ripples through economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fallout from the terror attacks is rippling through the economy, catapulting new claims for unemployment benefits to a nine-year high.

in the coming months because of solid inventories and sagging

Layoffs mounted for workers in travel and tourism last week, and economists believe the jobless picture will get worse in coming

Even before the attacks, the nation's unemployment rate had risen to 4.9 percent in August from 4.5 percent, the biggest onemonth jump in more than six years, as businesses eliminated 113,000 jobs.

#### Swissair resumes flights after two-day shutdown

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) — Propped by a government loan, Swissair resumed flights Thursday after a two-day shutdown, with takeoffs for South Africa, the United States and Macedonia, the air-

Besides attempting to resume as normal schedule, the airline was also trying to move thousands of passengers stranded by the carrier's shutdown Tuesday in a squeeze between banks and creditors. Swiss Finance Minister Kaspar Villiger announced Wednesday

that the government was giving Swissair a loan of \$281 million to enable it to operate until Oct. 28, when Crossair, a financially healthy regional airline, would take over two-thirds of its flights. Meanwhile, European Union regulators in Brussels promised to

quickly consider Belgium's offer to give a similar bridging loan of \$114 million to its national carrier, Sabena, to keep it in the air.

#### French firm buys into Stonyfield Farm PARIS (AP) — Food and beverage maker Groupe Danone said

that it has acquired a 40 percent stake in fast-growing yogurt maker Stonyfield Farm, extending its U.S. interests. Danone declined to disclose financial terms of the deal, but said

that Stonyfield has annual revenue of about \$85 million and that it makes the top brand in the U.S. natural yogurt segment. The French company, which also sells bottled water and cookies,

had revenue of about \$600 million from its U.S. dairy product operations in 2000 and revenue of about \$1.4 billion for all U.S. operations, a spokeswoman for the company said.

Danone said that under the operational terms of the deal, it has an option to acquire majority control of Londonderry, N.H.-based Stonyfield, in 2004.

#### Family won't collect any of \$13.7 million jury award HOUSTON (AP) — The family of an oilfield worker will not

receive any of the \$13.7 million awarded them by a jury for the death of a Harleton employee killed in a gas well explosion in Louisiana in 1998.

Danny Smith's relatives were given \$65 million to settle related lawsuits earlier this year. Under state law, a party in a negligence suit receives nothing if a jury awards it less than what other defendants in the case have settled the case.

Smith, 32, and six others were killed while trying to cap a natural gas well in Bienville, La., on Oct. 24, 1998. The jury found Cudd Pressure Control, an Oklahoma company

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#### Horoscope

MONDAY, OCT. 8, 2001

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\*\* Spring into action. Act on your high-voltage enthusiasm. Others continue to respond to your dynamic ideas. Discussions had over a relaxing recent happenings.

lunch reveal much more about where VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) into your favorite chair. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

person. Review the expectations this per- Where your friends are. son has for you, and follow through. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Remember who butters your bread! \*\*\* Return calls, especially to Energize others. Share a vision of where GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

turn an issue upside down and study dif- office. Tonight: In the limelight. ferent points of view stars as one of your SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) make money and enhance your present surprises you with his ideas. Detach from Time for fun and games. finances. Tonight: Balance your check- a question or problem. Sooner or later,

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

before you state your case. Understand SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) that another might not see an issue as you

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

become a team as a result. Stop fighting Togetherness works. the inevitable. Talk about a problem that no longer can be swept under the rug. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You have some serious thinking to do in \*\*\*\* Complete work quickly and

the future how much more open this per- knowledge that success becomes you! would like. Others share important feedson is when he's eating! Tonight: Sink Others respond to your unusual yet back. Tonight: Accept an invitation. steady leadership and follow-through. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You understand better than most what it ★★★★ Establish greater recognition \*\*\* A boss or associate has a bee takes to fulfill certain obligations. A and understanding with a child or loved in his bonnet. This is one determined meeting proves to be an asset. Tonight: one. Creative projects benefit from your

Communication develops into your educators, lawyers and consultants, a project is heading. Tonight: Work late. strong suit. Tonight: Visiting with a pal. Don't worry so much about a money PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) matter; consider what might be best for \*\* Deal with a domestic matter \*\*\* \* Use the daylight hours when you. Sign up for a class or a seminar. before you launch into work. Separate the moon is in your sign. Your ability to Assume greater responsibility at the your work and personal lives if you want

you'll find the password to open up a sit-

do. How you present your facts can make ★★★ Others surprise you with their all the difference in the end. Schedule a reactions. Get out of the prediction busimeeting later in the day, once you are ness; it isn't your forte! Discussions at sure of yourself. Tonight: Anything goes. work or within groups draw a similar conclusion. Follow through on a key \*\* \* Aim for what you want. Your conversation with an associate. The two focus surprises someone, but you of you make quite a team. Tonight:

the near future. Tonight: Reflect about effectively. Not everyone supports your moneymaking ideas, as you hit an unconventional note. If you take responsibility another is coming from Remember in \*\*\*\* Dig into work with the for the results, everything goes as you

flair. Unfortunately, others often wait for your feedback before they do anything.

to do your best in both areas of your life. You're unusually creative, but you canstrongest assets. Creativity helps you \*\*\* \* One more time, an associate not scatter as you have recently. Tonight:

uation. Return calls later in the day. Political Leader Jesse Jackson (1941), \* \* Do the appropriate research Tonight: Rent a movie on the way home. actress Sigourney Weaver (1949), actor

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	1121 S. Nelson	\$21,500	4/1.75/1 cp - 1512 SF/GCAD
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2234 Lynn	135,000	4/3/2 - 3095 SF/GCAD 3/1.75/2 - 1679 SF/GCAD
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2216 Lea	575,000	4/2/2 - 1723 SF/GCAD
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1907 N. Faulkner	562,000	3 or 4/2/2 - 1650 SF/GCAD
510 Perry	57,500	3/2/2 cp - 1680 SF/GCAD
		3/2/none - 1500 SF/GCAD
2131 N. Nelson	543,000	3 or 4/1/2 - 1725 SF/GCAD
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1101 Sirroco		3/1.75/1 - 1258 SF/GCAD
1612 Christine		2 or 3/1/1 - 1236 SF/GCAD
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2613 Rosewood	\$25,000	4/1/1 - 1331 SF/GCAD
		3/1.75/1 - 1229 sF/GCAD
		3/1.5/1 - 1112 SF/GCAD
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			5/2/none - 1812 SF/GCA
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601 Lowry.			3/1/none - 1012 SF/GCA
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324 Canad	dian	\$22,500	2/1/1 - 1226 SF/GCA
412 Hughe	s	\$22,500	2/1.75/1 - 984 SF/GCA
1133 Junip	er	21,900	3/1/1 - 888 SF/GCA
408 Douce	ette	\$20,900	3/1/1 - 1229 SF/GCA
623 E. Brov	vning	\$20,000	2/1/none - 980 SF/GCA
628 Starkw	eather		2/1/none - 720 SF/GCA
332 Anne.			3/1/1 - 875 SF/GCA
324 Henry.		517,900	2/1/1 - 1036 SF/GCA
712 Deane	Dr		3/1/1 - 732 SF/GCA
523 S. Ballo	ard	15,000	2/1/none - 960 SF/GCA
509 E. Fost	er Ave		4 apts 2112 SF/GCA
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1064 N. Hobart	3150,000	Office Building - 2400
112 Commercial - Miami	3105,000	14/7.5/2 - 6246 SF/GC
501 West 4th - White Deer	\$95,000	3/2/2 - 2141 SF/GC
South of Hwy. 60 @ Price Rd	565,000	5 Acres, 2 Mobile Hon
316 S. Cuyler	562,500	
606 E. 4th - Lefors	560,000	3/1.75/2 - 2285 SF/GC
HCR 3 Box 52		3/2/1 - 1488 SF/GCAD 5+/- Ac
401 Rider		1/1.5/2 - 1536 SF/GC
401 N. Main - McLean	\$46,000	4/1.75/1 cp - 2157 SF/GC
406 W. 6th - White Deer	\$28,500	3/2/none - 1412 SF/GC
Hwy 60 Rabbit Lane	\$12,500	Vacant
301-313 E. 2nd - Lefors	57,000	3 RV Hookups & 2 Trailer Hooki
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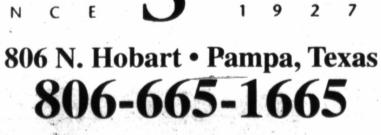


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#### **LETTERS**

#### A 'good citizen' would cough up for bills

I received a letter from Mr. John Carter of National Pig Development dated Aug. 21, 2001. In it, he stated that they (NPD) would be good citizens of Pampa.

If this is true, why haven't they, way before now, offered to reimburse the taxpayers for the motel rooms? They are multi-billionaires, yet, we, the taxpayers, paid for their rooms when, according tot PEDC, we, the taxpayers, are in debt \$2.5 million.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out we can't even afford to take them to McDonald's for hamburgers much less pay for their motel rooms.

I've been told that when we, the taxpayers, also paid for the room at M.K. Brown on July 10 for National Pig Development it was a "courtesy" to them. How nice of us! Shouldn't we be reimbursed for this, too? Since PEDC did not seek NPD out, shouldn't they be paying their own bills?

NPD, good citizens? I would like to know how PEDC arrived at \$2.5 million that we, the taxpayers, are in debt. Wouldn't you?

Joyce Davis

#### Pampa EDC: How deep in debt can it become?

We have been gone for two weeks on a vacation that had been planned for many months, and it appears there has been a lot of action while we were gone. Before I came to Pampa 21 years ago, I lived and practiced in Shattuck, Okla., for 30 years. My friends and patients were dairy farmers, ranchers, wheat and alfalfa farmers.

their dairy business. I visited with the director of Roswell's Chamber of Commerce for over a hour. At present, they have 35 dairies with approximately 45,000 milk cows.

The Director stated they are maxed out on dairies and are now having pollution problems caused by the dairies. She stated that Roswell has no economic development corporation, and that the dairy recruitment was done by the Chamber of Commerce committees.

Their Chamber of Commerce spent \$60,000 on feasibility studies to prove dairies could succeed in Chaves County. There was no need to give incentives as their dairy business model showed that dairies coming to Chaves County could reduce current operational expenses by 28-30 percent.

She also stated that the county and the city does not help dairies because of an anti-donation clause which prohibits this. No land or grants were given. There was some tax abatement. The dairies came from California and Wisconsin where the land cost was much higher, and some came from Stephenville, Texas, where they were having big pollution problems.

In last Sunday's Pampa News, there was an article telling what a problem the dairy cow pollution is causing to the area around Los Angles, Calif. As for allied industries that the dairies might attract, they are told Roswell has only a cheese factory that provides the dairies a secondary outlet for its product when there is a over-production of the unique qualities of life associated with open spaces, clean air, Grade A milk and when the price of milk is low.

Our PEDC has given grants or gifts to two dairies in the amount of \$1,319,000 million plus a \$190,000 loan. Roswell gave their dairies none. The PEDC has stated it plans to give the next dairy a \$300,000 grant, the next one \$200,000 and the next one a \$100,000 grant.

The PEDC says it wants to get more than 10,000 dairy cows in Gray Co. based on the reasoning that this will attract other milk related business such as an ice cream plant, a cheese plant, dry milk plant and others. Roswell with its 45,000 milk cows has only a cheese plant that operates only when milk prices are low.

Portales, N.M., has 38 dairies and approximately 45,000 milk cows. These dairies came from California, Wisconsin, New York and Stephenville. The county agent stated that they did not receive financial incentives to come to Portales. They came because because of the better climate, cheaper land, less need for protective buildings and

factory which uses the over-production and milk that is not Grade A.

Milk Transport Supply Corp. is also headquartered there. They pick up and transport 100 or more tank trucks of milk each day to all areas of the country where milk is needed.

If our two dairies decide to sell out, do they walk off with the \$1,319,000 million of our tax money in their pocket plus the value of

It has been stated that the PEDC is now in debt.for approximately 2 1/2 million and it will take three years to pay this off with the tax money. If we keep the PECD, how far in debt will we be in three years?

It has been said many times that we need to reduce government. By getting rid of the PEDC and returning economic development to the Chamber of Commerce, we will be eliminating this layer of bureaucracy that has been wasteful and unresponsive to the taxpayers.

Dr. Louis W. Haydon

#### **Economic development** issue brewing a long time

To the editor,

Pampa Economic Development Corp. and John G. Carter of National Pig Development would like to have you believe that the recent petition to recall PEDC was because of PEDC's embracing of the proposed hog farm.

While that obnoxious prospect was obviously one of the reasons for concern on the part of those who signed the petition, or "the straw that broke the camel's back," it is also true that PEDC has been arrogant, unresponsive and wasteful with taxpayer funds for years. This has long been festering beneath the surface, and finally came to a head when the people were presented with the opportunity to do something about it.

The good citizens who have the courage to protest what needs to be changed should not be made to feel guilty or unjustified for doing so, nor should their motives be distorted.

#### On this trip, I stopped in Roswell and Portales, N.M., to discuss Article discusses rural America's future ...

The following are excerpts from an article, "Large Scale Corporate Hog Operations," by Dr. John Ikerd, Agricultural economist, University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.

Tomorrow's problems are disguised as today's solution.

My number one concern regarding large-scale, corporate hog operations is that rural communities will see them as "the solution" to today's problems without seeing them as a potential "source" of problems for tomorrow. Maybe there are some communities so desperate for jobs that it makes sense to take the risks. Maybe they feel they have to do something today to give them a chance to do something better tomorrow. But, hog factories are a short-run solution, at best, that may create more long run problems than they solve today. Low-wage jobs should be viewed as a stop gap strategy suitable only for communities with no other options. Sooner or later non-thinking jobs will be done somewhere else on the globe, where people will work harder for less money and are accustomed to doing whatever

The primary advantage for rural areas in the 21st century will be clean water, scenic landscapes, and communities of energetic, thinking, caring people. Communities that sacrifice these long run advantages for short run economic gains may have a difficult time surviving in the new century.

Thus my number one concern is that large-scale, corporate hog operations are tomorrow's problem disguised as today's solution. They keep rural people from doing the things that need to be done today to ensure the future of their communities. Large-scale hog operations will not create communities where our children and their children will choose to live and grow. Communities with a future must take positive actions today to ensure a desirable quality of life for themselves, their children and rural children of future genera-

We also know that we cannot allow large, corporate organizations, such as those operating Confined Animal Feeding Operations, to do whatever they want to do wherever they have the money and/or can In Portales, they have two auxiliary dairy businesses, a dry milk buy the votes to do it. Rural America may well be the place where America makes a historic stand.

The most significant long-run social, economic, and cultural impacts of CAFOs on rural communities could well be the beginning of a new revolution - a revolution that ultimately will discard the outdated paradigm of short-run, self-interest economics for a new paradigm of sustainable economic, ecological and social develop-

The full text of this article can be reached on the Internet at http://www.ssu.missouri.edu/faculty/jikerd/papers/top-10h.htm Edna L. Haydon

#### Town must stand up; freedom is what it's about

(Publisher's note: Mr. McCracken, if indeed I intended to "control the communication of the citizens of Pampa," your letter would not be in The Pampa News. To the editor,

Fellow American citizens, I have some astonishing news for you, it seems that here in our great State of Texas, in a small town called Pampa, the city fathers will go to any length to stifle their citizens.

As you have most likely heard the NPD, (National Pig

Developers) are planning to put a 50,000 hog facility 11 miles east of Pampa. This company is part of Smithfield Foods Inc., the largest pork manufacturers in the world, and condemned by environmentalists as "outlaw" polluters. Our Pampa Economic Development Corporation welcomed these folks with open arms on July 10th of this year, obviously without looking into their method of operation or history. There are numerous lawsuits against Smithfield by environmental group's across our country. They have a reputation that

The welcoming of this company comes only after about 10 years of pathetic performance, failed companies, conflicts of interest and who knows what all. They have put us 2.5 million dollars in debt. Pampa citizens have had enough. They don't want the PEDC squandering our tax dollars anymore, and most of them don't want a hog

Now a group of concerned citizens got up a petition to abolish the PEDC. They succeeded in gathering way more than the required 10 percent of the registered voters signatures. (Big surprise.) Obviously this upset the few of this community who seem to think they run the town and everyone in it.

Now here is the really astonishing part. Mr. L.W. McCall, our Pampa newspaper's publisher, has just announced he is going to control the communication of the citizens of Pampa by not allowing any letters to the editor that speak of hogs or the PEDC until after the

This is a critical time for folks to voice their opinions and relate their feelings about the PEDC, and the hog factory. What does Mr. McCall think has been selling his newspapers lately? Could this have anything to do with the fact that Mr. McCall is a very close friend of Richard Stowers, the president of the PEDC, who has recently submitted his resignation to the city commissioners? Mr. Stowers is also very pro pig. One would guess Pampa is no longer a part of the *free* United States of America.

It is becoming more and more obvious that this poor little town has stood by and let a few people walk all over them for entirely too long. Now that they are standing up for their rights, these same people are doing everything they can to shut the majority up.

Say good-bye to your rights fellow American citizens. When you are told what you can and cannot write about, you are no longer free. Tom McCracken

#### Monies could possibly have been put to better use

I've been conned a lot of times, and I have run into a lot of Slick Willy's, but all this mess I think took the cake. They didn't just do it

to one person, they did it to the whole town. Did they really enjoy making us all look like idiots? I guess we might have been since we were listening to them and believing everything they said. Telling us everything we did had to be turned into the Credit Bureau because it was the law. That we couldn't have any back bills and a big income.

Then they were doing the same thing they were holding against the people. What's good for the goose ought to be good for the gan-

Two-point-five million might not be a lot to them but think what it could have done for the town.

It could have put a lot of food on people's tables that they can't afford to buy. Look what it could do for the disabled and terminally ill. The elderly, children. It could help put roofs over peoples' heads. It could have fixed homes, so people could heat this winter.

There are a lot of things that much money could do for the town.

It could have helped with the city debt. Here they were making the whole town think bad about themselves. Making us feel bad because we couldn't do what we needed and some things we wanted. Making us believe it was all our own

Then we find out it wasn't. They were in bigger messes than we ever though of being in. If ou are going to do the crime, then you ought to do the crime.

#### Government is soley funded by taxpayer money

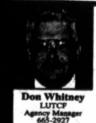
I keep hearing the statement that the PEDC operates on "state money" or "money given to them by the state" or "grants from the

The PEDC is funded by the one-half cent tax that is collected by the State from the Taxpayer on every purchase he or she makes. The State then gives the half-cent to the economic development corporaion to invest in businesses to boost the local economy.

All money that is spent by the PEDC (or any other government program, whether federal, state, county or city) is taxpayer money. The only place governments get money is from the wallet of the taxpayer, and no matter how it is collected and redistributed, it is still taxpayer money.

We taxpayers are aware that we paid all the money that PEDC has given away, we paid all the salaries paid by PEDC, and we will pay the \$2.5 million dollar debt owed by PEDC with our half-cent

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