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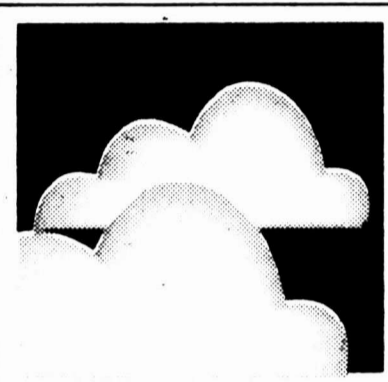
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Parents of PHS seniors to meet

PAMPA — An organizational meeting for parents of seniors at Pampa High School will be held at 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 22 in the library of PHS. All parents of 2002 seniors are urged to attend. Planning will begin for the all-night party to be held in June. Anyone unable to attend or with questions may contact Mauri Johnson at 665-8664 for more information.

PEDC will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday

Pampa Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors will hold a regular monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, in the PEDC offices, 105 E. Foster.

The Board of Directors announced Friday an agenda item for the meeting will be an open discussion of all PEDC business, and are encouraging the public to attend the meeting.

"The board is looking forward to hearing the concerns of the citizens with regard to the future of economic development in our community," said Jerry Foote, board vice president.

The only action items are election of secretary and treasurer and consideration of public relations activities.

Citizens who sign up to speak during the public comment section of the meeting are limited to a three minute presentation.

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Local agencies take added precautions

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

FBI warnings, several confirmed cases of anthrax, and the knowledge that no place is absolutely safe from terrorist attacks, has prompted many local agencies to take out-of-the-ordinary measures to protect the public.

"Many people are sitting at home, watching these things on TV, and they're terrified, wondering, 'If this can happen to those people, what can happen to them?'" said Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris. "And then on the other hand, they're wondering, too, 'What can I do to help?'"

"We're not likely to be a target

of a terrorist attack," the police chief said, but he wants to assure Pampans that officials here are doing all that they can to protect the public in that unlikely event.

Officials say they're working to keep the city's water supply as safe as possible.

"We are looking at extra precautions and security," said Public Works Director Richard Morris. For safety reasons, he declined to tell specifically what is being done other than that he is meeting with SPS officials next week concerning increasing the lighting in that area.

"Realistically, whether it's Pampa or New York City, if someone is really intent to do something to the water system and they have the intent and the

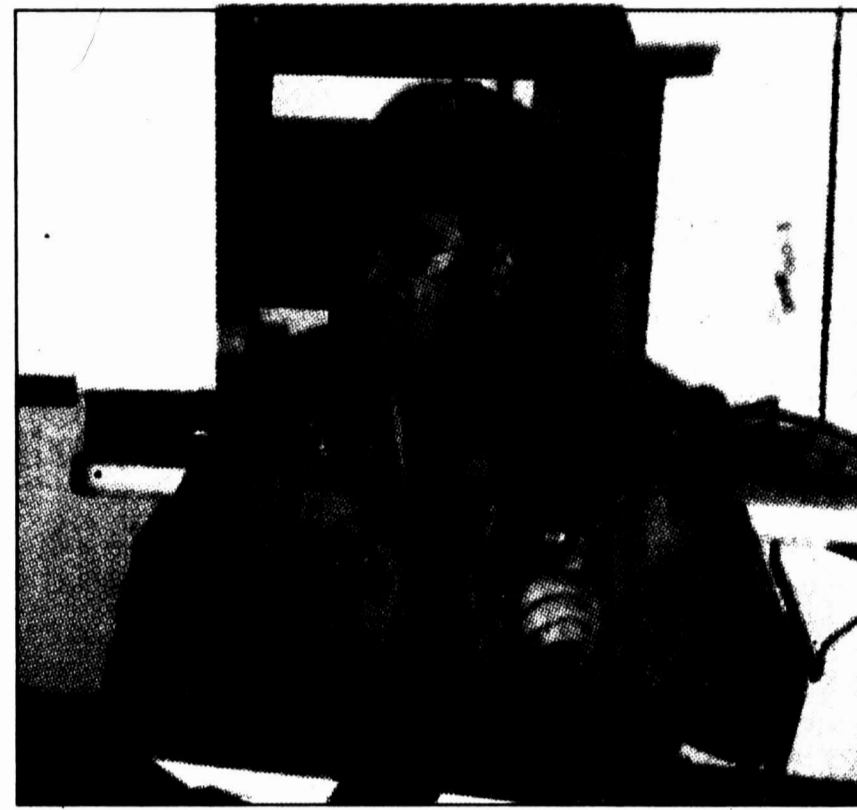
resources, they can do it," he said. "We just want to make it as hard for them as we can."

City employees have also been told to report any suspicious activity to local police, also, he said. The public could help the city in this area, too, he added.

"Stay on your toes," he said. "If you see something odd going on, like someone trying to climb over a fence or cut off a lock, let somebody know."

Last week, Pampa Police Department supervisors went through training on the use of the M-14 semi-automatic rifle. The PPD received six of the extremely powerful military long-range rifles through a grant program. Although the depart-

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(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Pampa Police Sgt. Alvin Johnson instructs local officers in how to use a M-14 rifle, a Vietnam War - era weapon commonly used by NATO forces.



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

These Wilson Elementary students prove the axiom that two heads are better than one. Fourth graders, Ariel Mercado, left, and Jordann Hughes, right, shared a coat while touring a Pampa Fire Department ladder truck in the cool, blustery wind Friday afternoon. Pampa Firefighter Jeremy Lyman greeted the Wilson students as they check out the fire truck and equipment. After the tour, the students were presented with a Fire Prevention program presented by Fire Marshal Gary Stevens and members of the Pampa Fire Department as part of local Fire Prevention Week observances.

PHS 'College Night' Wednesday

Pampa High School will host "College Night" at M.K. Brown Auditorium's Heritage Room from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 17.

High school juniors, seniors and their parents are invited to attend the come-and-go event which is held each year in cooperation with the Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

Colleges, universities, vocational and technical

schools and armed services recruiters will have representatives available to answer questions that students and parents may have.

College Night provides an opportunity for students and parents to meet with many representatives and gather valuable information in a short period of time, explained Karla Howell, PHS counselor.

Judge Waters tells plans for re-election

He's been on the bench 11 years

Lee Waters, Judge of the 223rd District Court of Texas, serving Gray County, announced today that he intends to file for re-election.

"I have worked hard to provide a competent and fair court and will continue to do so if re-elected. Fifteen years as a trial attorney and eleven years as judge have provided me the experience and qualifications necessary to handle the complex litigation of the state court," Waters said.

Judge Waters pledged to continue to do his part to reduce crime and make Gray County safe for its law-abiding citizens.

"I am a conservative Democrat who understands the problems and needs of the people of the area," said Waters. "However, I believe that partisan politics should have no place in the election of judges. In my opinion, judges should be elected based upon their qualifications and experiences."

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United Way reports \$97,000 pledged so far

Halfway through the 2001 United Way campaign, officials report that more than \$97,000 has been pledged toward this year's goal of \$375,000.

Executive Director Katrina Bigham said that after the third check-in meeting this week, a total of \$97,216.73 had been pledged, or 25.9 percent. At the meeting \$11,435 was brought in including pledges from UPS.

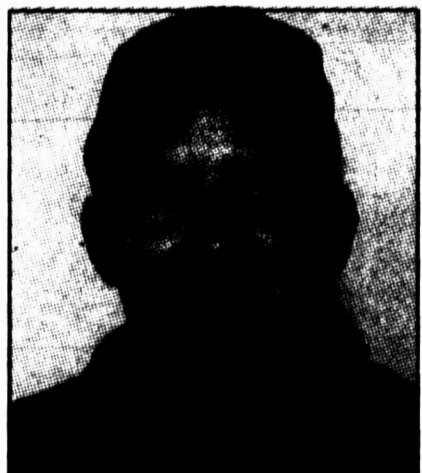
The fourth check-in meeting is set for 11:45, Tuesday, Oct. 16, at Genesis House Activity Building, 409 West. The meal for this check-in will be provided by Genesis House, Pampa Community Youth Services, and Gray County Latch Key.

Dawson Orr, drive chairman, encouraged all workers to attend the check-in and free luncheon and bring a guest interested in learning more about the United Way.

Bigham urged workers to return cards before the meeting Tuesday. She said workers can call the local United Way office, 669-1001, if

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Sunday snapshot



Name: Tina Castleberry
Occupation/activities: Pizza Hut delivery driver.
Birth date and place: July 26, 1967, Iowa.

Family: All my siblings.
If I had a different job, I'd be a: Interior decorator.

My personal hero: My husband.

The best advice I ever got was: Be myself. Be true to yourself.

People who knew me in high school thought: I was quiet and strange.

The best word or words to describe me: Solemn.

People will remember me as being: Hard-working.

The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: My husband and my children.

My hobbies are: Crafts and crocheting.

My favorite sports team is: Florida Gators football team.

My favorite author is: V.C. Andrews.

The last book I read was: "Flowers in the Attic."

My favorite possession is: My life and family.

The biggest honor I've ever received is: Getting married to the world's greatest man.

My favorite performer is: Garth Brooks.

I wish I knew how to: Play the guitar.

My trademark cliché or expression is: "That's life."

My worst habit is: Biting my nails.

I would never: Steal or kill.

The last good movie I saw was: "Oh! Brother Where Art Thou."

I stay home to watch: Animal

Planet.
Nobody knows: My worst fears.

I drive a: 1978 Ford LTD.

My favorite junk food is: Chocolate.

My favorite beverage: Coffee.

My favorite restaurant is: Mi Familia.

My favorite pet: My two small dogs, Lucy and Squirrel.

My favorite meal is: Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, corn, dinner rolls.

I wish I could sing like: Faith Hill.

I'm happiest when I'm: With friends and family.

I regret: Not finishing school.

I'm tired of: All the whining from town people.

I have a phobia about: Spiders

and mice.
The electrical device I couldn't live without is: Stereo.

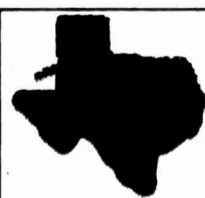
My most embarrassing moment: Too embarrassing to tell.

The biggest waste of time is: Worrying about life's little problems.

If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: Move from Pampa to Oklahoma or Pritchett, Texas, and buy a home.

If I had three wishes they would be: 1) Better health; 2) more money; 3) happiness for all.

If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: The problems of the young teenagers and young adults.



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TOSH, Thomas 'T.C.' — 2 p.m., Barrett Baptist Church, Pampa.

Obituaries

GERALD J. CHASE

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — Gerald J. Chase, 70, died Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2001, of cancer.

Mr. Chase was born July 15, 1931, at Sulphur Bluff, Texas. He moved his family to Taft, Calif., in 1968 and later relocated to Bakersfield. He built a successful career in the oil business and enjoyed his later years at his mountain home near California Hot Springs.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and three brothers.

Survivors include his wife of 17 years, Jeane; a daughter, Cathy Grissom of Talco, Texas; a son, Mike Chase of Walnut Creek, Calif.; two sisters, Mary and Diane; two brothers, Erving and Frank; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

THOMAS 'T.C.' TOSH

Thomas 'T.C.' Tosh, 90, of Pampa, died Friday, Oct. 12, 2001. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Barrett Baptist Church with the Rev. J.C. Burt, interim pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Tosh was born Aug. 8, 1911, at Swifton, Ark. He was a pumper for Texaco from 1944 until retiring in 1976. He married Edna Mae Murray on Oct. 1, 1960, at Pampa. He returned to Pampa in 1964, moving from Stinnett, and was a member of Barrett Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Billy R. Tosh, in 1998, and Donald L. Tosh; a brother, Parker Tosh; and a sister, Ruth Creswick.

Survivors include his wife, Edna, of the home; three daughters, Barbara D. Foust of Wichita, Kan., and Debra Weaver and Barbara Gage, both of Pampa; a son, Richard K. Tosh of Fort Worth; a sister, Joan Watson of Redding, Calif.; 18 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.



Police report

The Pampa Police Department made the following arrests during the 24-hour period that ended at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, Oct. 12

Danny Ray Boyd, 53, 320 Anne, arrested on warrants for issuance of bad checks, possession of drug paraphernalia, and theft by check/Randall County.

Kenneth Dale Putman, 19, 317 N. Sumner, arrested on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear, no seat belt.

Justin Billy Adams, 18, 1806 Coffee, arrested on warrants for minor in possession of alcohol, failure to appear, driving while intoxicated/minor, no proof of insurance.

Saturday, Oct. 13

Randy Earl Matthews, 26, 820 West, evading arrest.

Sherman Kermit Phillips, 33, 1129 Huff Road, hindering apprehension or prosecution.

Leabardo Lopez, 26, 1242 S. Dwight, possession of a controlled substance, escaped while arrested/confined.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, Oct. 12

Bobby C. Shaw, 57, 920 Doucett, driving while intoxicated/first offense.

Charles E. Robinson, 35, 441 Pitts, disorderly conduct/fighting.

Saturday, Oct. 13

Nathaniel Cummings, 20, 1321 E. Kingsmill, minor in possession.

Jeffery Ethan, Young, 28, 1124 Prairie Drive, tampering with government records.

Rodney Earl Young, 34, 125 N. Sumner, driving while intoxicated/open container.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, Oct. 12

7:45 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Mary Ellen and transported one to PRMC.

9:45 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Golden Plains Hospital in Borger and transported one to BSAW.

6:42 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Wilks and transported one to PRMC.

8:31 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Hobart and transported one to PRMC.

10:32 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Christy; no transport.

11:21 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Randy Matson and Hamilton; no transport.

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SPS.....	1-800-750-2520
Water.....	669-5830

Retail sales suffer big drop in wake of attacks

By JEANNINE AVERSA
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers, stunned by the terrorist attacks, stayed away from stores in September and sent retail sales down by the largest percentage in nearly 10 years of record-keeping.

The Commerce Department reported Friday that sales at the nation's retailers plunged by 2.4 percent last month, after posting a 0.4 percent rise in August. There were cutbacks for a wide range of products, from cars to clothing.

Consumers, whose spending accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity, have been a main force keeping the economy out of recession. But economic fallout from the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon have probably made a recession this year unavoidable, many economists said.

Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group, believes the country is currently in a full-blown downturn.

"We were flirting with one before the attacks, and obviously the blow they have dealt to personal security and financial security was what pushed us over into recession," he said.

The drop in September retail sales was the largest since the government began keeping comparable sales records at the beginning of 1992.

"The decline is a recession-type number," said First Union economist Mark Vitner. "September's drop was so large that some additional declines in inventories, factory orders and employment are virtually assured."

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average closed down 66.29 points to 9,344.16, having recovered from a drop of as much as 216 points when a report of a fourth case of anthrax was reported.

While consumer spending stalled after the attacks, it has since rebounded, spurred in part by zero-interest-rate financing for cars and heavy discounting for other products.

But analysts said the outlook for spending in the months ahead is dicey. Consumers could pull back sharply if there is another terrorist attack on U.S. soil and if companies keep slashing jobs, economists said.

Some economists took encouragement from reports that the University of Michigan's survey of consumer confidence showed a rebound in mid-October with a reading of 83.4, up from 81.8 in late September.

The economy grew at an anemic 0.3 percent rate in the second quarter, but analysts believe that will be the last quarter of growth this year. Many believe the economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, will have shrunk in the third and fourth quarters. A recession is commonly defined as two quarters of contracting GDP.

To help stabilize the economy, the Federal

Reserve cut a key interest rate nine times this year, pushing it to the lowest point since 1962. Many economists are predicting another rate cut at the Fed's next meeting on Nov. 6.

One reason the Fed has been able to act so aggressively is because inflation hasn't posed a risk to the economy.

In another report, the Labor Department said inflation at the wholesale level rose for the second month in a row. The 0.4 percent increase in September reflected higher energy costs, which economists said have since eased.

Energy prices increased by 0.9 percent, following an even larger 1.1 percent advance in August. Gasoline prices rose by 6.3 percent last month after an 8.7 percent gain.

Excluding volatile food and energy prices, the so-called core rate of inflation was up 0.3 percent in September, following a 0.1 percent decline.

Even with the uptick in wholesale prices, economists said they weren't worried about a serious flare-up of wholesale inflation.

"Since the economy is softening, I expect inflationary pressures to subside," said Oscar Gonzalez, economist at John Hancock Financial Services. "The door is still open to the Fed to continue easing rates, as necessary."

Economists are hopeful that any recession will be short with growth resuming early next year, helped by the Fed's credit easing and the large tax cuts and increased government spending that Congress is now considering.

In the retail report, auto sales fell by 4.6 percent last month. Excluding that decline, retail sales would have been off by 1.6 percent.

Clothing sales fell by a record 5.9 percent, while sales at hardware and building supply stores were down by 2.2 percent. Sales at electronics and appliance stores were off 1.7 percent and sales at furniture stores were down by 1.5 percent. Sales at bars and restaurants dropped by 5.1 percent.

But necessities such as groceries and gasoline posted gains, with sales rising by 0.5 percent and 3 percent respectively.

On Thursday the nation's largest retailers reported the weakest September results in decades. Department and apparel specialty stores, which have been languishing for months, were hit even harder as more consumers shunned discretionary items in favor of basics. But Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and deep discounters such as Dollar General Corp. were big winners.

Fourth anthrax infection has New Yorkers, nation on edge

NEW YORK (AP) — New Yorkers streamed into emergency rooms after an assistant to NBC anchorman Tom Brokaw was infected with anthrax, intensifying fear about bioterrorism in a city and nation already on edge.

Officials stressed it was an isolated case and no cause for alarm. They also said there was no known link to terrorism or the far more serious inhaled form of anthrax that killed a supermarket tabloid editor in Florida last week.

But the reports Friday of the nation's fourth anthrax case since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks sent New Yorkers scurrying to hospitals in search of anthrax tests and antibiotics. They crowded into the emergency room at St. Vincent's Hospital, wanting to know whether their sore throats and runny noses were symptoms, spokesman William McCann said.

"New Yorkers are nervous about terrorism at this point, and for good reason," McCann said. "I think people heard the word 'anthrax' and panic followed, but there's no reason to panic."

Panic spread to other areas as well, with people reporting suspicious packages from coast to coast.

A federal criminal investigation was launched to find the source of the anthrax at NBC, and health officials scrambled to retest the powder to see if it contained the bacteria. Initial tests had been negative, but authorities said the sample was so small they were reluctant to interpret the results.

The NBC employee, Erin O'Connor, contracted the skin form of anthrax after opening a "threatening" letter Sept. 25 addressed to Brokaw that contained a powder. O'Connor is Brokaw's personal assistant.

The letter to NBC and another letter containing an unknown powder that arrived Friday at the offices of The New York Times both were post-marked from St. Petersburg, Fla., and had similar handwriting, said Barry Mawn, head of the FBI office in New York.

NBC notified the FBI about the letter the same day it was received. Bureau investigators responded the next day, but did not immediately submit the letter for testing, Mawn said.

"That, unfortunately, did not take place," he said. Bureau investigators wanted to speak with O'Connor before submitting the letter for tests, he said, but could not reach her immediately. Mawn did not provide any other details.

O'Connor noticed a dark-colored lesion three days after the letter was received; on Oct. 1, she began taking the antibiotic Cipro. When the lesion started developing characteristics of anthrax, "a very alert and astute clinician" ordered skin tests, said David Fleming, deputy director for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

After she saw the doctor and began receiving treatment, the FBI was separately notified about the NBC case by the city's health department and submitted the letter for testing, Mawn said.

The results of O'Connor's skin test came back Friday; further tests on the envelope and its contents were still under way.

Officials said they expect O'Connor will recover quickly.

During his broadcast Friday, Brokaw thanked viewers for their concerns and spoke highly of the 38-year-old worker.

"She has been — as she always is — a rock. She's been an inspiration to us all," he said. "But this is so unfair and so outrageous and so maddening, it's beyond my ability to express it in socially acceptable terms. So we'll just reserve our thoughts and

our prayers for our friend and her family." Brokaw, who has appeared on NBC's evening newscasts for the last 18 years, later said in an interview on "Dateline NBC" that he would protectively take the anthrax antibiotic Cipro and believed most of his staff would too.

"The chances of anyone else contracting this are very low," he said. "But this is the ultimate nightmare. We just have to stay focused on what we know and not what we don't know."

NBC employees were evacuated from part of the 70-story GE Building in Rockefeller Center, which is home to "Saturday Night Live," "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" and Brokaw's "Nightly News."

About 10 blocks away in Times Square, employees on the third floor of The New York Times building were sent to other floors Friday after Judith Miller, a reporter who co-wrote a recent best seller on bioterrorism, opened a letter containing a powdery substance. A spokeswoman said the substance smelled like talcum powder.

The newspaper quoted Miller as saying the letter "contained future threats against the United States."

Executive Editor Howell Raines said initial tests showed that the powder did not pose any immediate problem. Air tests for radioactive and chemical substances were negative.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said officials were investigating five or six other reports of suspicious letters or powder Friday, but he said none appeared to be "of great concern."

"So far what we're dealing with is one case. The person is either fully recovered or on their way to full recovery," the mayor said. "That should give people some sense of comfort. ... This is treatable, and there are other antibiotics that can be used, and it is not contagious."

U.S. officials have told concerned residents that they should go about their normal business and not be alarmed by anthrax. They have also played down a link to terrorism, but Vice President Dick Cheney expressed skepticism Friday there was no relation. "I think the only responsible thing for us to do is proceed on the basis that it could be linked," he told PBS' "NewsHour With Jim Lehrer."

News organizations across the country tightened mailroom security. The Associated Press, across the street from NBC, temporarily closed its mailroom, as did CBS. ABC stopped internal mail delivery in New York and Washington to allow a security evaluation, while CNN said it closed mailrooms in New York, Washington and Atlanta.

The Los Angeles Times building was quarantined for more than two hours Friday after employees found a "powder-like substance" on the floor; the substance was found to be harmless.

Also Friday, Nevada state officials conducted tests on a suspicious letter sent from Malaysia to a Microsoft office in Reno. Initial testing indicated the presence of anthrax, but secondary tests showed the letter probably did not contain the bacteria.

The anthrax scare began last week when a photo editor for The Sun supermarket tabloid in Boca Raton, Fla., died of the inhaled form of anthrax. The American Media building where Bob Stevens, 63, worked was sealed off after anthrax was found on his keyboard.

Two other employees turned out to have anthrax in their nasal passages, but neither has developed the disease. Both are taking antibiotics, and one has returned to work. No new infections have been found.

Two jailed in explosives theft

HOUSTON (AP) — About 700 pounds of explosives have been recovered by authorities after allegedly being stolen from a storage facility earlier this week.

Jay Lance Watson, 26, and Justin Wayne Dupuy, 23, were arrested late Friday on charges of possession of stolen explosives. The explosives were found buried 5 to 6 feet deep at three sites in a rural area of Houston.

If convicted, each man could face up to 10 years in prison. Officials said neither man has a criminal history.

Officials said there was no evidence that the theft

was related to terrorist activity.

"From every indication, this is an isolated incident" and not related to the Sept. 11 attacks, said Vanessa McLemore, special agent in charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in the Houston area.

The materials belonged to AirJax Drilling of New Iberia, La., which also does business under the name Veritas DGC Land Inc. and has offices in Harris County.

An ATF spokeswoman told the Houston Chronicle that the seismic charges are generally used for drilling and mining.

Fuel spills near Citgo oil dock dumps 4,900 gallons

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Coast Guard officials say lightning may have struck an oil barge tank Thursday night, causing 4,900 gallons of fuel to spill into Corpus Christi Inner Harbor.

The diesel fuel tank was one of two mounted on the deck of the tank, Coast Guard Lt. Nicole Starr

said. Vacuum gas oil within the Coastal Towing Inc. barge was not disturbed. The spill happened near Citgo oil dock no. 2, during a thunder storm.

Coast Guard officials were notified at about 7:30 p.m., Starr said. Coastal Towing hired two private sector firms to contain the spill and clean up.

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Weather focus

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Monday, partly cloudy. Highs near 70.
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Tuesday, partly cloudy. Lows 35 to 40. Highs 70 to 75.

Wednesday, partly cloudy and breezy. Lows around 40. Highs in the middle 70s.

Thursday and Friday, partly cloudy. Lows near 45. Highs 75 to 80.

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ment had owned the rifles for several years, this is the first time they've been brought out for use, the police chief said.
 "We will qualify the upper level staff - lieutenants and sergeants - first, then begin working through the patrol officers," Morris explained.
 Sgt. Alvin Johnson, retired as a Master Chief Petty Officer in the

U.S. Navy, instructed the supervisors last week. He said the rifle can be shot with great accuracy up to 1,000 yards.

"We would use this in a terrorist situation or hostage situation where we can't get close to them. We would not normally use these around the civilian population," he explained.

"Our officers are prepared to resist an attack or to assist another agency or the military in the

event of an attack," the police chief said.

For those who want to help, Morris said many volunteer opportunities are available with such organizations at the local chapter of the American Red Cross and the Police Department's Citizens on Patrol (COP) program.

Morris said city officers continue to patrol Pampa as usual, but are much more alert to anything

that is out of the ordinary.

He said he would also like to see more COP volunteers on the streets to help, especially since one of his officers has been called up for military service.

"They could be our eyes and ears," he said of the Citizens of Patrol volunteers.

Heidi Phelps, Red Cross disaster chair, said the Red Cross has many volunteer opportunities, as well. "We train our volunteers at

no expense," she said.

Phelps said the Red Cross is available to present free programs - like how to prepare for a winter storm - to local civic organizations and church groups.

"The same things you need to prepare for terrorist attacks are the same things you need to know for disasters like a severe winter storm," she said, adding, "We're more likely to be victims of a winter storm than of terrorist attack."

The Red Cross website - www.redcross.org/services/disaster/keepsafe/unexpected.html - lists information to prepare for

terrorist attack titled "Terrorism - Preparing for the Unexpected." Phelps distributed copies to members of the Local Emergency Planning Committee at their meeting last week.

"I feel we can respond to whatever emergency situation comes up," said Ken Hall, local emergency management coordinator.

"We need to focus on what we can do and to inform the public that they don't need to live in fear," Morris said.

"We're at war," he said, "We must be vigilant, but we have to go on and live."

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WATERS

Waters promised to continue to administer justice fairly to all, following the laws the State Legislature enacts. He also pledged to continue to operate his office without increasing its budget.

Judge Waters said that his concern for children in the judicial system led him to help found Court Appointed Special

Advocates (CASA), which are volunteers who report to the court and provide vital information regarding abused and neglected children.

He said that there are over 800 cases pending on the docket at any given time, but that he is current on the docket. He said that because he finds his work to be both interesting and challenging, he wants to continue to serve Gray County as its State judge.

A native of Pampa, the 51-year-old judge graduated from Pampa High School and received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1973 and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the UT School of Law in 1975.

He is a member of the Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas and the American Judicature Society. He also is a past presi-

dent of the Gray County Bar Association. He currently serves on the Legislative Advisory Board of the Texas Association of District Judges.

Judge Waters has also been active in civic affairs in Pampa. He is a past vice president of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce and serves in the Top of Texas Gold Coat Association. He is past president of the Pampa Rotary Club, a former chairman of the American Red Cross and a former Little League manager.

He and his wife, Diane, have three children: Colby, 25, Kellen, 20, and Emily, 19. They are members of First Baptist Church.

UNITED WAY

they are experiencing difficulty making contact with any business or individuals. Assistance will be provided in order to help workers complete their assignments.

United Way is a volunteer-driven organization that helps raise funds for 19 local non-profit agencies. Pampa United Way officials note that 99 cents of every dollar collected remains in Gray County to help the member agencies improve quality of life for local citizens.

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People in the news ...

LONDON (AP) — Paul McCartney has urged Yoko Ono that "there's still time" to mend a rift between the two over the Beatles song "Yesterday," according to a magazine interview.

McCartney revealed earlier this year that he and John Lennon's widow had argued over the writing credit to the song during the making of the Beatles "Anthology" album. "Yesterday," like most of the Beatles songs, was officially credited to McCartney and John Lennon.

But McCartney maintains that none of the other Beatles had anything to do with the song. He said in May that he asked Ono to put his name first on the credit, but she refused.

"It actually is one of the reasons that we're not the greatest of friends," McCartney told Reader's Digest. "But if you're reading this, Yoko, there's still time."

On Oct. 20, McCartney will take part in "The Concert for New York City" at Madison Square Garden, also featuring Mick Jagger, Macy Gray, Eric Clapton and The Who, to aid victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States.

NEW YORK (AP) — She's known for playing such sexy roles as Roller Girl in "Boogie Nights" and Felicity Shagwell in "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me." But Heather Graham said she wants to make a name for herself with more serious work.

"I'd like to think that I could do something great - a performance like Meryl Streep's in 'Sophie's Choice' - at some point in my life," the 31-year-old actress told InStyle magazine for its October issue.

"At the same time, though, I don't want to put too much pressure on myself to be great. That would be wonderful if it happened, but I'm happy to wake up and just see what the day brings."

Graham gets to prove herself in more dramatic roles in "From Hell," as an English prostitute in danger opposite Johnny Depp,

which opens Oct. 19. She also stars in next year's erotic thriller "Killing Me Softly" with Joseph Fiennes.

"I think I was afraid before to do and feel things that I didn't think I could handle," she said, explaining her recent choice in roles. "Now, worst-case scenario, it doesn't work out: You'll go through the pain, and then you'll be fine. You'll be happier because of it."

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Doug Flutie won't be coming back to Buffalo, even on the radio.

The San Diego Chargers quarterback was so popular while he was with the Bills that some folks in western New York still want to follow his fortunes.

WHAM-AM Rochester, N.Y., offered to be an affiliate of the

Chargers, but they declined.

"We felt that market was the market of another team," said Bill Johnston, public relations director of the Chargers. "We've always believed in promoting in our own market and not infringing on other teams' markets."

The NFL does not prohibit teams from being broadcast in another team's market. Rochester is about 75 miles east of Buffalo and is Bills' territory.

Jeff Howlett, WHAM's station manager, said he promised not to carry any Chargers games that would conflict with Bills coverage. WHAM carried the Bills for 15 years until this season.

The Bills went 21-9 with Flutie as a starter from 1998-2000. A new coaching staff chose to let go of the 39-year-old Flutie this past off-season.

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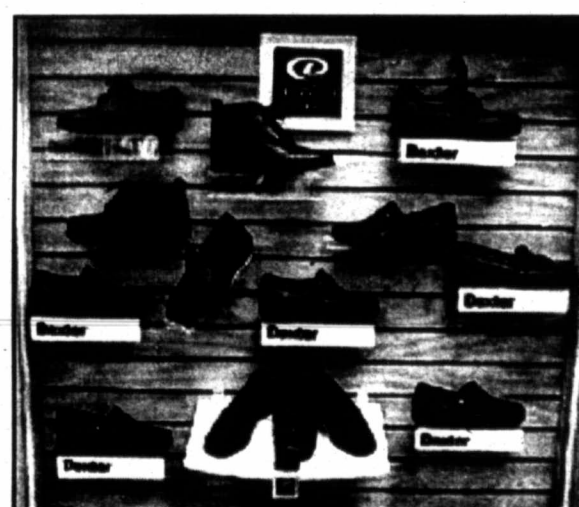
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Old-timey office has best atmosphere

The other day when I was looking at one of the trade magazines it showed the digs of four newspaper buildings complete with a list of perks or, as the case may be, few perks. All are big and in large cities.

Big or small, there's something I love about newspaper buildings ... especially the ones that have presses. They're the buildings that have what I call "a real newspaper smell."

All but one of the buildings I've worked in housed small papers. The largest was the old Memphis Publishing Company building in Memphis, Tenn. The fifth floor housed *The Press-Scimitar*, the afternoon paper, and the third floor was home to *The Commercial Appeal*.

While both newspapers were owned by the same company, there were different staffs and competition to get the story first was always fierce. Obviously, with one being a morning paper and the other an afternoon, sometimes you got or lost the 'big story' based upon timing alone.

While I was still working there in the mid-'70s before *The Press-Scimitar* folded along with most large afternoon dailies, the compa-



Kate B. Dickson

associate publisher/editor

ny built a new building right beside the old one.

When I think back on my days there, I think about the old building mostly, not that shiny, new glass-fronted structure where inside everything was color-coordinated and all the desks and chairs matched.

There was even piped-in music. Which we especially learned to hate after someone said it was most likely programmed in such a manner as to get more work out of us. And there did seem to be many John-Phillip Sousa marching tunes played each day.

The open newsroom was smaller in the old

building with desks touching each other and where the pace seemed more like a 'real' newsroom rather than some newfangled office building.

The old newsroom was messy. Like a real newspaper office should be. And people accidentally set fire to their trash cans when still-smoldering cigarettes were dumped along with the rest of the ash tray contents.

Once we moved into the new, antiseptic building everything had to be off the top of our desks before we left for the day. And elsewhere in the newsroom it was neat, neat. And there was carpet!

Some of the newspapers I just read about have health clubs, tennis courts, cafeterias, Yoga classes and the like.

We don't have any of those things at *The Pampa News*.

But we do have something better. There's that strong sense of comradeship among us — almost like family — that small newspapers foster. And, yes, we have a traditional ... how shall I put it ... less than neat office.

... And I like that a lot.

The opinions expressed on this page are not necessarily the opinions of *The Pampa News*.

Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas: Valley Morning Star (Harlingen) on privacy under attack.

Within a couple of days of the outrageous attacks on Sept. 11, Attorney General John Ashcroft was urging Congress to pass new legislation to give the government more power and authority to go after terrorists. On Sept. 20, more than 150 organizations ranging from Eagle Forum to the ACLU urged Congress to move carefully and consider Americans constitutional rights and privacy.

As details of the proposed legislation have been made public, it has become clear the concerns about freedom and privacy were justified. The Electronic Privacy Information Center in Washington (www.epic.org) has done a detailed analysis that notes serious dangers. Some of the proposed changes might seem technical or inconsequential, but the expansion of government power to track innocent Americans could be substantial.

For example, law enforcement agencies can now get a "pen register" or "track and trace" order on a telephone which simply records numbers dialed or reached with a court order. It doesn't require the finding of probable cause required for more intrusive listening devices that surreptitiously record actual conversations. The proposed new law would expand such authority to the Internet, allowing authorities to record Web surfing, e-mail and other forms of electronic communications. It might lead to recording of all users of a particular Internet Service Provider, not just a targeted customer.

Current law permits the dissemination of information from wiretaps only to "another investigative or law enforcement officer to the extent that such disclosure is appropriate to the proper performance of the official duties of the officer ..." The proposed law would permit dissemination to "any officer or employee of the executive branch of the federal government."

The "roving wiretap" authority the government seeks which would allow interception of whatever communications device a target uses, not just a specific phone could lead to extensive snooping on innocent Americans. If a target uses a library, or cybercafe, the FBI could issue an order that would allow it to monitor all communications on that facility and prohibit the facility from informing consumers.

The proposal also authorizes secret searches in which the subject is never notified not just for suspected terrorists but for any search for material that "constitutes evidence of a criminal offense." Congress and the courts repeatedly have denied this far-reaching and dangerous authority before.

The attack on American lives and symbols does not justify an attack on American liberties.

From our files

40 years ago

SUNDAY, Oct. 15, 1961. CANADIAN (Spl) — Between 3,000 and 5,000 persons are expected in Canadian and at Lake Marvin today for the sixth annual Fall Foliage Tour, an event scheduled each year when the autumn foliage is at its brightest.

MONDAY, Oct. 16, 1961. Thursday, Nov. 23 will be observed as Thanksgiving Day in Pampa in spite of the fact that Nov. 30 is the last Thursday of the month, it was announced today by Lou Troja, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Retail Merchants Committee.

TUESDAY, Oct. 17, 1961. Directors of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce and Board of City Development, with their wives, attended the installation of new officers and directors in the Starlight Room of the Coronado Inn Monday night and heard Farris C. Oden of Amarillo charge the officers and directors with their responsibilities.

25 years ago

FRIDAY, Oct. 15, 1976. A newly organized board of managers for the two Gray County hospitals terminated the services of Robert Monogue, administrator, effective today, during a meeting called at 5 p.m. Thursday, five hours after four new members were appointed.

SUNDAY, Oct. 17, 1976. Enrollment in classes taught in Pampa by Clarendon College more than doubled this fall in comparison to the enrollment at Pampa for the same time last year, according to Lloyd Waters, dean of students at the college.

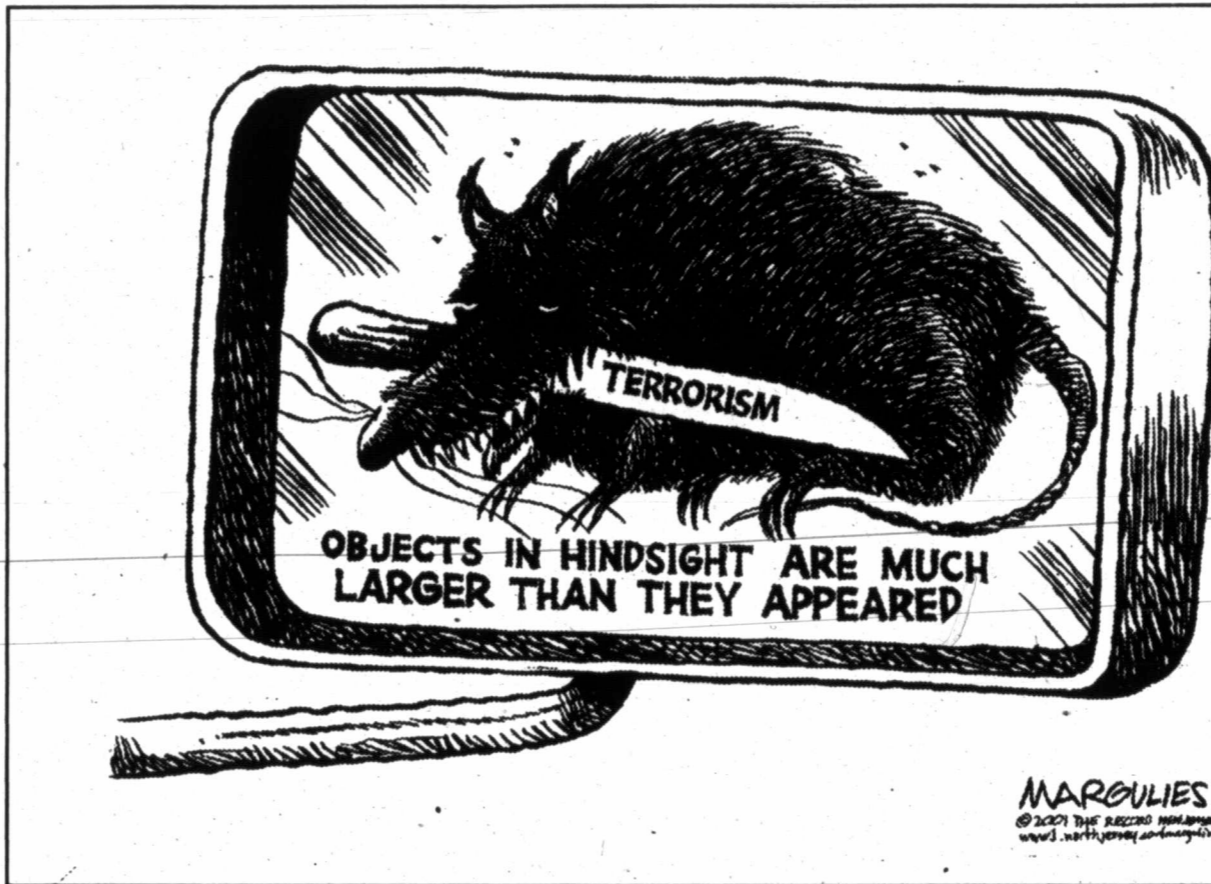
MONDAY, Oct. 18, 1976. The City of Pampa today received a check for \$12,862.29 from the state comptroller's office in Austin covering its October rebate of the city's 1 percent sales tax.

10 years ago

TUESDAY, Oct. 15, 1991. John Paul Miller, Arnett, Okla., will be the guest artist at Rive Valley Pioneer Museum during the month of October and will be featured as the guest artist during the Fall Foliage Festival, Oct. 19-20.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 16, 1991. Members of the Top O' Texas chapter of Credit Unions met at Dyer's Bar-B-Que in Pampa, on Tuesday, Oct. 15, in observance of International Credit Union Week.

THURSDAY, Oct. 17, 1991. Pampa United Way funds are responsible for two mannequins delivered Wednesday to the Red Cross office for use in CPR training, said Lynda Duncan of the Red Cross.



First, second laws of thermodynamics

Each semester, I spend a few minutes explaining to my students, both graduate and undergraduate, the first and second laws of thermodynamics.

Why? Mother Nature permits us to do many things, but she prohibits the construction of machines of the first and second kinds. The first is a something-for-nothing machine, and the second is a perpetual motion machine. If students understand this, they can't be tricked into believing there's a free lunch.

Dr. Paul Krugman, Princeton University economist and New York Times writer, apparently believes in the machine of the first kind. In his column "After the Horror" (New York Times, Sept. 14, 2001), he says, "Ghastly as it may seem to say this, the terror attack — like the original day of infamy, which brought an end to the Great Depression — could do some economic good." He suggests that the destruction will stimulate the economy through business investment in rebuilding.

We know this has to be fishy just by asking: Would there have been even greater "economic good" had the terrorists succeeded in destroying buildings in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston and all other major cities? Of course, you and I know that is utter nonsense. Property destruction always lowers the wealth of a nation. I hope one of Krugman's students asks him, "If



Walter Williams

Syndicated columnist

property destruction is good for the economy, why aren't Beirut and Belfast boom towns?"

There's another question related to both the Krugman article and measures that Congress is considering to jumpstart the economy: Where does the government or private money come from for rebuilding the destruction or bailing out the airlines? If it came from the Tooth Fairy or Santa Claus, then at least some of what Krugman and politicians say has some merit. They both might benefit from reading French economist (1801-1850) Frederic Bastiat's pamphlet "What is Seen and What is Not Seen," where he writes, "There is only one difference between a bad economist and a good one: The bad economist confines himself to the visible effect; the good economist takes into account both the effect that can be seen and those effects that must be foreseen."

Since the money going to rebuild the destruction or bail out the airline industry

doesn't come from the Tooth Fairy or Santa, we might ask what would have been done with the money if it weren't spent rebuilding destruction or bailing out the airline industry? What is seen is the employment associated with the rebuilding and the bailout. What is unseen is what the money would have been used for.

Not asking this question commits the "broken window fallacy." This is a story where a vandal smashes a baker's window. A person in the crowd that gathered (it could be Krugman) tells the baker there's a good side to his misfortune. It will create a job for the glazer, and when the glazer spends the \$100 there will be multiplier effects that stimulate the village's economy.

That's the seen. The unseen is that the baker would have spent that \$100 to buy a suit, and it would have created employment for the tailor. Had the vandal not struck, the baker would have had a window plus a suit; now he has just a window. Of course, there's greater employment for glazers, but at the expense of less employment for tailors.

Steps Congress could take to jumpstart the economy are cuts in the capital gains tax and taxes in general, and deregulation. But guess what: Krugman is against these steps; he calls them political opportunism. I call them sound economics.

Finger-pointing in the right direction ...

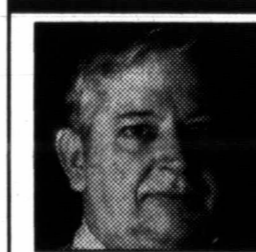
When the terrorist acts happened on Sept. 11, American television was at its best. Television is always at its best when it turns on its cameras and microphones and records live events as they are happening.

Inevitably, however, as things calmed down, they resorted to their Rolodex Heads, and we are now being treated to inane conversations with self-proclaimed experts. Scanning these interviews, I saw two separate television personalities ask the same dumb question. It was not just a dumb question. It was one of the all-time dumbest questions ever asked in public.

With a tinge of indignation in their voices, they asked, "Well, if the FBI could develop so much information about these terrorists after the attacks, why couldn't they have done that before the attacks?"

As I said, this is such a dumb question, you almost don't know where to begin. They are saying, Why didn't you investigate the crime before the crime was committed? Obviously, because the FBI has no authority to investigate people who have not committed a crime or given any overt indications that they intend to commit a crime; obviously, because before the hijackings occurred, there were not 4,000 FBI agents assigned to one case — because there was no case; obviously, because before the hijackings occurred, there was no list of 19 names gleaned from passenger lists that has given the FBI a starting point for its investigation.

If we're going to point fingers, let's point



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

them in the right directions. All of these people entered the country courtesy of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. In the past, when I and others, like Pat Buchanan, warned that we must control our borders, we were called racists and xenophobic. Well, do you want to call us names, or do you want to control your borders? You can't keep terrorists out with open borders.

The weapons used to hijack these planes got on the airplanes either in the carry-on luggage or were planted there by somebody in the ground crews. Neither one of these two critical weak points has been corrected.

People at the airport X-ray machines are poorly trained minimum-wage or near-minimum-wage employees. Sure, they are closely checking everything right now, but how long do you think that will last? We need trained security people who are paid well, and enough of them employed that they can rotate frequently in order to stay alert. This change has not been made.

Second, anybody who has access to a passenger plane must have a serious background

check, and steps must be taken to make sure nobody without a background check goes near an airplane, much less on it. This change has not been made. Instead we have resorted to window dressing.

You can't park your car close to the airport. None of the hijackers used a car bomb to attack an airport. You can't use curbside check-in anymore. None of the hijackers, even if they had checked luggage, had access to it. Pilots are still separated from the passengers by flimsy doors that are often open. Pilots are still unarmed. And the hijackers all had photo IDs and answered the questions that are still being asked.

I fear that it's typical of bureaucracies to impose window dressing after the fact, which might wreck the airline industry while leaving undone what is really necessary — having trained professionals at the X-ray machines, controlling access to the plane by ground crews and sealing off the cockpit from the passenger compartment.

As for checked luggage, whether it's checked at the curb or at the counter, it still can be X-rayed or run through a bomb-detector machine in the baggage handling area. The inconveniences being imposed on passengers accomplish nothing while the danger points remain uncorrected.

It's funny, isn't it, that before Sept. 11, everybody's biggest complaints about airlines were that they weren't running on time, and our government was pressuring the airlines to run on time.

MEDICAL

M.D. Anderson Children's Art Project gearing up for holidays

Houston — Pull on a holiday T-shirt. Tie a silk scarf around the neck. Fasten a silver charm bracelet on the wrist. Write a holiday greeting card and put it in a tote bag made to sling over the shoulder. It's the "dress-for-the-holidays" look from the Children's Art Project at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

From silk to silver, cotton to canvas, deck the holidays in cards and gifts from the Children's Art Project. The new Holiday 2001 collection features designs from 44 talented young patients at M.D. Anderson, and proceeds from the sale of these products fund 19 patient-focused programs at the cancer center.

A decorated gingerbread house. A trio of angels. A shepherd with his flock. A whimsical collage with Frosty, Santa and some flying reindeer. These are just samplings of the artwork selected to appear on the traditional greeting cards and other products produced by the Children's Art Project and created by budding young artists at M.D. Anderson.

"The Children's Art Project's product line has grown along with the project," says Shannan Murray, director. "What began in 1973 with the sale of one greeting card has evolved into a \$6 million dollar year-round business with cards and gift items for every season. To date, more than \$14.2 million has been given back to fund programs such as in-hospital classrooms, college scholarships, summer camps, pedi-parties and activities and more at M.D. Anderson."

Many of the gift items are spin-offs from the artwork used in the greeting cards. The "Reindeer" card is the basis for a long-sleeved holiday T-shirt, which comes in blue for children (\$16) in extra-small, small, medium and large sizes. Adults get the shirt in black (\$20) in small, medium, large and extra-large sizes.

The same charming reindeer fly across an adorable full-length romper suit (\$20) for the littles holiday celebrants — it's available in blue in 6, 12 and 18 month sizes. These high flyers also make an entrance on the second in a series of collectible, brass and porcelain ornaments (\$20); on holiday stationery (25 sheets \$6; 25 envelopes \$6); and on the new self-stick gifts labels (four different designs in a set of 16 for \$4).

Angels, too, fly high in this holiday collection. The "Three Angels," painted with childlike expression, grace a holiday card, a notepad (\$6), stationery (25 sheets \$5; 25 envelopes \$5)

and a cotton canvas tote bag (\$20). "Melissa's Angel" is featured on the first in the collectible brass and porcelain ornament series (\$20) and is still available in limited quantities.

The holiday collection includes the popular "Bug" neckties (\$24) in red and yellow 100 percent silk and a new whimsical seasonal tie (\$29) sure to add some Christmas cheer to any man's wardrobe. Ladies can dress up a holiday outfit with the rich red and

green "Berries" 34" x 34" silk scarf (\$44). A new scarf design, "Poppies and Tulips," is covered with red, purple and yellow spring flowers and comes in the 34" x 34" size (\$44) or in a neckerchief 21" x 21" size (\$24).

Some wear their hearts on their sleeves — with products from the Children's Art Project, hearts can be in the ears, on the wrists, around the necks or on the shoulder. The popular "Hearts" scarf with a bright hearts and flowers design (\$44);

a black canvas "Floral Heart" tote bag decorated with a charming heart-shaped wreath of flowers (\$20); and sterling silver hearts offered in the "Gift Heart" design as a pin/pendant (\$60), pierced earrings (\$34) or a charm (\$16) prove that the Children's Art Project has its heart in the right place.

Not to wear, but still new this year is Alphabet Garden (\$10), an ABC board book for young readers, which includes the artwork of 18 young artists. From apples to kiwis to zucchini, the

colorful fruits and vegetables drawn by M.D. Anderson pediatric patients, have blossomed into a bushel basketful of companion products.

A garden recipe box (\$15) looks decorative in the kitchen, especially when it's accompanied by the matching recipe cards (also sold separately; packaged 40 6" x 4" cards for \$5) and a garden list pad with its own fruit magnet to hold it to the refrigerator door (\$10).

Along with the gift items, this year's holiday collection features 27 greeting card designs. The standard size 4-1/2" x 6-1/4" format includes 23

designs and four are offered as 5-7/8" x 8" deluxe cards, which are complemented by a lined envelope with a linen finish. Standard cards come 15 to a package with 16 envelopes and sell for \$10; deluxe cards are packaged in 10s with 11 envelopes and sell for \$12. Photo cards in four designs are also available (15 cards, 16 envelopes for \$10).

These products and more are available at retail outlets throughout the country, on-line and through direct mail. For a free catalogue or to place an order, call 1-800-231-1580 or visit www.childrensart.org.

UT researchers studying alcoholism

AUSTIN (AP) — Why people drink too much alcohol is the subject of six researchers at the University of Texas at Austin who have received \$8 million in grants for their studies.

During the next five years, the grant money will come from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. That institute, which is part of the National Institutes of Health, also is providing millions to other researchers across the nation who are studying the roots of alcoholism.

Their combined efforts will "almost certainly lead to major breakthroughs," said Antonio Noronha of the alcohol institute.

At UT, the grant money will

allow pharmacology professor Rueben Gonzales to concentrate on the brain chemistry of mice as they drink a solution with an alcohol content akin to wine.

"It is similar to a happy hour situation," Gonzales said in Tuesday's Austin American-Statesman. "We allow them to drink it once a day. It's a model of social drinking, but they're drinking it by themselves. Each animal in its own cage and has its own drink."

A teaspoon's worth is equivalent to a couple of beers, Gonzales said, and "some of them will drink like three teaspoons. They catch a little buzz there."

Gonzales' research has focused

on rats, but with the grants he will study mice. He says mice can be engineered to change their genetic makeup. By eliminating some proteins or making other changes, researchers can compare the changes and narrow down the areas responsible for uncontrolled drinking.

Adriana Alcantara, a UT assistant professor of psychology whose research has concentrated on cocaine addiction, will focus her attention on alcohol. She'll look at how alcohol may change brain circuitry and how the brain may be wired to drive someone toward alcoholism.

The belief that alcoholism is a brain disease like other addictions is a major advance in alcohol research. Rather than attribute the cause to the lack of a single chemical, a change in brain wiring could result in compulsive drinking, said Adron Harris, director of the Waggoner Center for Alcohol and Addiction Research at UT.

Texas recipients of research grants from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism include:

Adriana Alcantara, University of Texas at Austin, to study how alcohol may change brain circuitry and what kind of brain wiring can drive someone to alcoholism.

Susan Bergeson, UT, to examine how genes from the brain determine susceptibility to excessive alcohol consumption.

New treatment for bleeding disorder

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government has recently approved a new method to treat women suffering excessive menstrual bleeding, a device that uses radio waves to zap the tissue at fault.

The Food and Drug Administration approved Novacept Inc.'s NovaSure system as an outpatient treatment option for women hoping to cure the bleeding without a hysterectomy.

Millions of women suffer menorrhagia, benign but troubling menstrual bleeding so excessive they can require more than 20 tampons in a single day. (These are women who have been tested to rule out cancer or other dangerous causes of the bleeding.) Thousands every year get hysterectomies to cure menorrhagia, while other women try hormone treatment.

The other option is to destroy part of the lining of the uterus, called the endometrium. Gynecologists can scrape off part of the endometrium, much as they do during abortion, or can use one of a handful of outpatient FDA-approved devices that destroy the endometrium by freezing or heating it.

NovaSure is the first of those outpatient options that heats the endometrium using radio-frequency energy. A thin catheter is inserted through the vagina up to the uterus, where 90 seconds of radio waves zap the lining.

The company said it will begin selling the devices to gynecologists in mid-November, but refused to say how much the procedure would cost.

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Ovarian tissue implanted in arms functions; finding could lead to sterility prevention

By LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Sections of ovaries taken from two patients were implanted in their arms and continued to function there, raising hopes women can avoid the loss of fertility that often accompanies treatments for cancer and other diseases.

In both cases, the tissue produced clearly visible well-sized bumps — mini ovaries, really — on the forearm, just below the elbow. But more important, the tissue appears to be functioning normally and has produced mature eggs and regulates the menstrual cycle. That offers hope that the women, both in their 30s, could become pregnant.

"It's very promising," said Dr. Kutluk Oktay, a Cornell University reproductive endocrinologist who performed the transplants at New York Methodist Hospital.

Oktay and colleagues describe the procedure in a recent report in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Oktay said the procedure could potentially benefit the estimated 40,000 to 50,000 U.S. women diagnosed annually with cancer during reproductive years, who may require chemotherapy or radiation that can damage the ovaries. The tissue could be removed before treatment begins, then implanted in the arm after chemotherapy has finished and kept out of the way of radiation.

Thousands of others who take sterility-inducing drugs for ailments such as lupus and rheumatoid arthritis also could potentially benefit, Oktay said.

If pregnancy were attempted, it would be through in-vitro fertilization, and eggs would be retrieved in a simple procedure through a syringe, similar to drawing blood, he said.

Other attempts at preserving fertility include freezing patients' unfertilized eggs, but only a few such cases have resulted in successful pregnancies. Whether tissue implants will prove more successful is unknown, said Dr. William Keye, director of reproductive endocrinology at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Mich.

Still, Keye called the research "a pretty unique and exciting new development."

"It's certainly an important step forward in our understanding of this whole process," Keye said.

A few hundred women nationwide already have had ovarian tissue removed and frozen before undergoing cancer treatment, hoping that a medical advance will allow them to use it someday to become pregnant, said Dr. Michael R. Soules, president of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine.

Soules said it's uncertain how long implanted tissue will continue to function. He noted that while Oktay's patients show functioning

for more than a year so far, their tissue was never frozen, a procedure that could "traumatize" the tissue and make long-term success more doubtful.

Oktay and his colleagues used only part of the patients' ovaries because it wasn't necessary to take more, and it allows doctors to take only healthy tissue from damaged ovaries.

In a previous experiment, Oktay transplanted a patient's ovarian tissue inside her pelvis, near the original ovary site, but he said the newer procedure is less invasive and the implanted tissue is much more accessible for monitoring. In addition, the forearm can be kept out of the way in cancer patients who may require repeated pelvic radiation.

Oktay noted that forearms also have been used successfully as an implant site for tissue from parathyroid glands located in the back of the neck. Those glands produce a hormone that helps control the level of calcium in the blood.

Rebecca Pryce, a 28-year-old television producer in Charleston, S.C., had ovarian tissue frozen after she was diagnosed with lymphoma, a lymph-tissue cancer, in January 2000.

Single, with no children, Pryce said learning she'd become sterile was almost harder to accept than the cancer diagnosis.

"That was the straw that broke the camel's back," she said. "That's when I started to cry."

Although she won't be ready for an implant for several years, Pryce said she's thrilled to learn of Oktay's preliminary success.

"When you are in my shoes," Pryce said, "any bit of positive news takes on a phenomenal amount of importance."

Oktay said the patients in the JAMA report did not want to discuss their experiences.

One, a 35-year-old woman, had her ovaries removed before undergoing radiation for cervical cancer. After biopsies showed no cancer cells had spread to the ovaries, small strips of tissue were transplanted in November 1999 into her forearm, using local anesthesia.

That patient wanted children right away, so she was given fertility drugs to stimulate the tissue to produce several mature eggs. An attempt at in vitro fertilization failed, but the woman has continued to show normal ovarian function, Oktay said.

The second patient, a 37-year-old, had her ovaries removed because of benign cysts. Healthy ovarian tissue was transplanted to her forearm in April last year, and it also has functioned like a normal ovary.

On the Net:
JAMA: <http://jama.ama-assn.org>
American Society for Reproductive Medicine: <http://www.asrm.org>

ALA promoting flu shots this month

AUSTIN — October may bring a welcome relief to summer's high temperatures, but it may also bring the unwanted flu bug.

With the start of flu season, the American Lung Association has designated October as "Healthy Lung Month," and is encouraging Texans to get their flu shots.

Influenza is a potentially life-threatening, contagious lung disease that can be prevented with an annual vaccination. Together, influenza and pneumonia, which is the most common complication of influenza, are the fourth leading cause of death among American women, and the fifth leading cause of death among all Americans over the age of 65.

"Everyone, particularly those with respiratory problems, should have a standing appointment with their doctor each year to get vaccinated," said Robin Anderson, RN, director of Medical Affairs of ALA of Texas. "And getting the flu shot during 'Healthy Lung Month' in October is an excellent way to celebrate and maintain good lung health."

The American Lung Association of Texas encourages everyone to get vaccinated between October and December 31. For more information, contact the Texas ALA at 1-800-LUNG-USA or visit www.texaslung.org.

Influenza is a potentially life-threatening, contagious viral disease. Influenza and pneumonia (the most common complication of influenza) combined are the fourth leading cause of death among American women, and the fifth leading cause of death among all Americans over the age of 65.

For healthy individuals, it is typically a moderately severe illness. For individuals with additional health problems, influenza can be a very severe and dangerous disease. When it attacks the lungs, the lining of the respiratory tract is damaged. The tissues become swollen and inflamed, but usually heal within two weeks. Symptoms include: fever, body aches, runny or stuffy nose, sore throat, dry cough, weakness, fatigue, burning eyes and headaches.

Since the late 1940s, the flu vaccine has been the best way to prevent influenza or lessen its severity. The vaccine prevents over 90% of the influenza/pneumonia deaths.

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Who Should Be Immunized? Highest Priority: Persons 65 years of age or older, health care professionals, young children at high risk who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy, nursing home residents, and anyone over six months of age with chronic health conditions such as:

Asthma Anemia, Emphysema, Organ transplants, Chronic Bronchitis, Chronic lung, heart or kidney disease, Tuberculosis, Diabetes/metabolic diseases, HIV/AIDS, Immunosuppressive diseases, Cystic Fibrosis, Long-term aspirin therapy.

Pregnant women who will be in their second or third trimesters during the winter months are also considered "high priority." Since many doctors prefer to minimize any risks of spontaneous abortion during the first trimester, women who will be in the second or third trimester of pregnancy during the influenza season should be vaccinated after the 14th week of pregnancy. Any pregnant woman at a high risk for the flu should be immunized prior to the flu season, regardless of length of pregnancy.

Immunization does not affect the safety of mothers who are breastfeeding or their infants. Second Priority: Anyone 50 years of age or older, and individuals that are in contact with persons at "high risk," including:

—Home care providers
—Family members of individuals at high risk
—dormitory students
—tourist and travel employees.

School children under age 11 can be infectious for a longer period of time. Almost 54% of this age group acquires influenza infection, and they tend to spread influenza to more people. One student infects 2-3 children, who in turn, infect family and friends.

Most people experience little or no reaction to the influenza vaccine. One in four people might experience swelling and redness in the area where the vaccination was given for no longer than two days.

Flu and pneumonia vaccinations given at the same time will not increase side effects. In fact, dual immunizations are strongly encouraged when appropriate.

TB tests required for arthritis patients wishing to take Remicade

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rheumatoid arthritis patients must be tested for tuberculosis before they begin taking a treatment called Remicade, the drug maker and the government announced recently.

Patients using Remicade are at least four times more likely than average Americans to get active

tuberculosis, the Food and Drug Administration estimates. The problem: Apparently the drug suppresses users' immune systems enough that if they unknowingly carry the TB germ, the respiratory illness can suddenly flare up.

The warning is serious because untreated, TB can kill — and it's

also an airborne illness that these patients could spread to family and friends.

Worldwide, 88 cases of tuberculosis have been reported among the estimated 170,000 people who have tried Remicade, FDA's Dr. Bill Schwietzman said Wednesday. Fifteen of those people died.

Some 2 billion people worldwide are infected with TB and risk developing an active case of the disease. In the United States, TB cases dropped to a record low of 16,377 last year. But the illness is a continuing threat here, with increased foreign travel and immigration from countries where TB is common.

Rheumatoid arthritis afflicts more than 2 million Americans when their immune systems go awry and attack their joints, causing severe swelling, pain and stiffness.

Remicade is a bioengineered drug that roams patients' blood to sop up an immune system protein called tumor necrosis, a factor responsible

for much of the swelling.

But that immune suppression, so important in fighting rheumatoid arthritis, can leave users at a higher risk for serious infections. Remicade's label has long carried warnings about various infections, but it now will carry a boxed warning in bold type about the TB risk — the strongest warning possible for a prescription drug.

The warning doesn't say people should stop using Remicade. The risk of activating latent TB appears highest in the first three to six months of use, so doctors should carefully evaluate those patients, Schwietzman said.

But before prescribing Remicade to a first-time user, doctors should test for TB — it's a simple skin test — and treat TB carriers, the FDA concluded.

Manufacturer Centocor Inc. will send letters to thousands of doctors who prescribe Remicade, both for rheumatoid arthritis and the bowel ailment Crohn's disease, alerting them to the warning.



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Study: Antioxidant vitamins lessen response to cholesterol medicine

DALLAS (AP) — Extra doses of vitamins such as C and E may blunt some benefits of widely prescribed cholesterol-lowering drugs, a new study concludes.

Some research suggests that so-called antioxidant vitamins, intended to offset the harmful effects of oxygen, may help keep the arteries healthy, while other reports have disputed this idea.

The latest study compared patients with coronary artery disease who were taking a mix of antioxidant vitamins and drugs to those who were taking drugs alone. The study examined the combines use of the vitamin niacin and the drug Zocor, which lowers artery-clogging LDL cholesterol, while increasing beneficial HDL cholesterol.

It found that the volunteers' HDL levels failed to rise as much as expected when they mixed the vitamins with their cholesterol drugs.

"It looks like antioxidant supple-

ments in general ... have no value of their own" and may actually interfere with cholesterol drugs' ability to boost HDL, said Dr. B. Greg Brown of the University of Washington at Seattle, one of the researchers.

The one-year study was published in the August issue of Atherosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology, a journal of the American Heart Association. It involved 153 patients ages 33 to 74 who had heart disease and high LDL levels.

The patients were randomly assigned to one of four treatment groups: drug therapy with Zocor and niacin; a combination of the antioxidant vitamins E, C and beta carotene plus selenium; drug therapy and the antioxidant supplements; or a placebo.

The patients receiving antioxidants and drugs had an average HDL increase of 18 percent, compared with 25 percent among those who received drugs alone. HDL remained unchanged with vitamins alone or the placebo.

A component of HDL cholesterol called HDL(2), which is thought to account for much of HDL's benefit, was especially affected. Its levels increased by 42 percent with drugs alone but remained unchanged in patients who also received antioxidants.

In an editorial, Dr. Lewis H. Kuller of University of Pittsburgh said the results along with other disappointing findings about vitamins make a compelling case against recommending antioxidant supplements to prevent or treat coronary artery disease.

"It will be important that physicians advise their patients that the use of antioxidants could be hazardous," he said.

But Dr. Kerry Jialal of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas criticized the study's small size and disagreed with the conclusion that patients should be warned off antioxidants.

Jialal, a member of the antioxidant panel of the Institute of Medicine, noted that vitamin E has been shown in other studies to reduce the risk of heart disease.

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**Woodrow Wilson
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Monta Hinkle, Dustin Bennett, Pedro Castillo, Cheyenne Hoskins, Brienne Moyer, Cody Parks, Joleen Pittman, Samantha Powell, Luis Romero.

Third grade

Mariah Anguiano, Cody Davis, Collin Dull, Brandi Garmon, Karen Jimenez, Cody McIntyre, Isabella Mercado, Ashley Mixon, Eric Ortiz, Alex Recendiz, Kaci Reyes, James Scott, Hunter Shay, Ashtyn Roberts.

Mary Beth Cox, Juan Martinez, Austin Rogers, Kira Soto, Jayce Smith, Dakota Turlington, Ryan Weeden.

Brennan Dickinson, Crystal Garcia, Jessica Gutierrez, Salvador Lopez, Moses Mireles, Cynthia Solis, Bernardo Tinajero, Jessica Vargas.

Fourth grade

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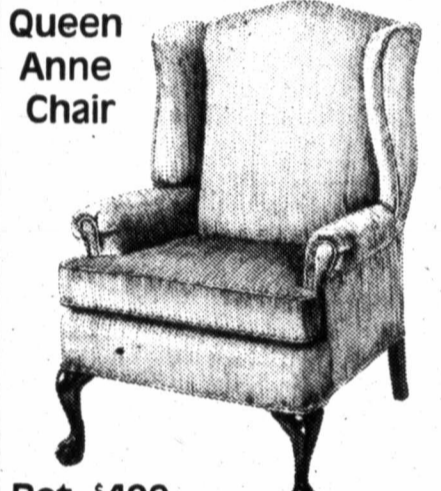
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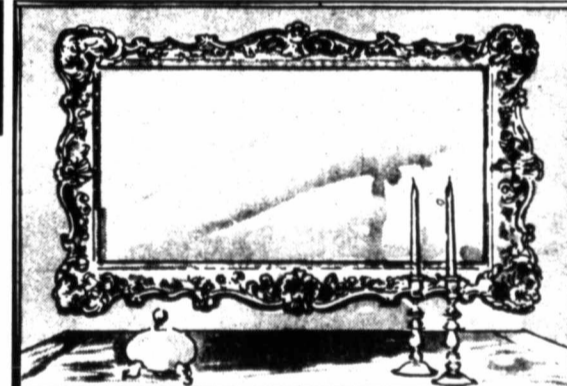
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Large harvest likely to bring lower prices

By PHILIP BRASHER
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers are harvesting more corn, soybeans and other crops than expected, and the government says commodity prices are likely to drop as a result.

In its monthly survey of crop conditions, the Agriculture Department on Friday estimated the soybean harvest at a record high 2.9 billion bushels, up 3 percent from the September forecast and 5 percent above last year's production.

Corn production was estimated at 9.4 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the September forecast and 5 percent below

last year's harvest.

Weather conditions were ideal in many areas of the South and Midwest last month, the department said. As a result, average soybean yields are expected to reach 39.2 bushels per acre, one bushel an acre more than expected in September. In Indiana, yields are hitting 49 bushels an acre.

The average price that farmers are paid for soybeans is expected to drop to about \$4.30 per bushel, down from the \$4.90 estimated last month. Last year, the average price was \$4.55 per bushel.

The government, not farmers, would bear the brunt of that price drop. The government guarantees soybean grow-

ers a minimum return of \$5.26 per bushel by providing subsidies when market prices are below that level.

The estimated corn price was lowered 5 cents to an average of \$2.10 per bushel, still above the government's guarantee of \$1.89 per bushel.

The corn and soybean harvest "is bigger than what the trade thought, but not as big as we were talking in the spring," said Don Roose, an analyst with U.S. Commodities Inc. "We're already at prices that are on the low side of the government estimates."

Commodity prices fell sharply on the Chicago Board of Trade following release of the USDA's harvest estimates.

Corn for December delivery dropped 5 1/4 cents to \$2.08 a bushel and November soybeans fell 11 1/2 cents to \$4.36 1/4 a bushel.

The lower crop prices benefit cattle, hog and poultry producers by holding down the cost of feed.

The cotton harvest is estimated at 20.1 million bales, slightly higher than the September forecast and 17 percent above last year's production.

USDA also is predicting significant increases in crops such as peanuts, canola — which makes a popular vegetable oil — and sorghum, which is used in animal feed. Peanut production is estimated at 3.9 billion pounds, 19 per-

cent above last year. Not every crop is doing so well, however.

The harvest of dry beans is expected to be down 27 percent to 1.9 billion pounds, the smallest production since 1988. Michigan, normally the nation's second leading producer after North Dakota, is having its worst harvest since 1936 because of a drought.

Apples and grape crops also are down this year.

On the Net:
<http://www.nass.usda.gov>

Texas ranchers renewing cattle brands as required

By ANGELA K. BROWN
Associated Press Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — For nearly 120 years, those in the West Texas cattle industry haven't had to guess the ownership of longhorns and horses marked with a three-pronged pitchfork symbol.

And folks at the Pitchfork Land & Cattle Co., the Guthrie-based ranch founded in 1883, want to keep it that way. So they recently re-registered their brand in seven counties.

"It's of the utmost importance to keep our brand, not only for identification and theft prevention but for the prestige factor," said Stella Carter, Pitchfork office manager. "It helps sell our livestock because (buyers) know our genetics and that a lot goes into our animals."

Ranchers across Texas have been flocking to county courthouses since last month to re-register their brands, required by state law every decade. If ranchers don't respond by Feb. 28, their symbols will be available for anyone to register.

Unlike Colorado and New Mexico, where brand ownership is a one-time deal unless an animal is sold, Texas required brands to be re-registered in 1971 and every 10 years thereafter.

Texas ranchers usually record brands in every county where they have animals and where they plan to sell animals, as well as adjoining counties. They also must specify where the symbol will be placed: right or left jaw, neck, shoulder, flank, rib, hip, loin or thigh.

One brand can be used by different ranchers in the same county if it is on different parts of the animal, such as an "A" on the left hip and an "A" on the right shoulder. To prevent that, many ranchers register a brand several times in one county, specifying each body part.

County clerks submit the information to the Fort Worth-based Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, which can trace ownership if an animal is lost or stolen.

There are about 150,000 brands in Texas of all shapes, symbols and sizes. Many use initials or numbers in various positions, such as upside down and sideways, or have rounded corners and other unusual details.

One man recently registered a Playboy bunny brand in five counties. A dentist recorded his brand that resembles a tooth. Another family's symbol looks like an inverted wine glass.

"On some of these, I'd like to see the branding iron that does it," said Rhonnie Mayer, who has seen hundreds of brands since she became Moore County clerk in 1971.

Some famous ranches in Texas have widely recognized brands.

The brand for the Four Sixes ranch, founded in 1900 in Guthrie, is 6666. The brand for the R.A. Brown ranch, a family business since 1895 and based in Throckmorton, is a configuration of the initials: a backward "R" that also is an "A" attached to a "B."

The Vernon-based W.T. Wagoner estate, which started in 1849, brands horses with a "D" and cows with a backward "D." Officials at the state's largest ranch enclosed in one fence, 520,000 acres in six counties, aren't sure how the symbol originated, but say preserving it is important.

"In fact, we re-register the old historic brand that we don't use at all," said Ann Pilcher, the Wagoner ranch secretary who recently re-recorded brands in 17 counties.

The ranch previously branded three backward "D's" on a cow's side, but later changed to a smaller brand that enables more of the hides to be sold, Pilcher said.

Ranchers prefer using hot branding irons on cows. Cold branding irons, which use liquid nitrogen that turns hair white, are often used on horses to minimize pain and hide damage. With light-colored horses, many ranchers use hot irons but sedate the animals first.

Some people who don't have cattle register brands to preserve a symbol from their ancestors' ranches no longer in business. Others record brands that they sear onto steaks with miniature irons during parties.

"There's a mystique in designing a brand," said Susan Wagner, managing editor of The Cattleman magazine.

On the Net:
Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association: <http://texascattleraisers.org>

Farmers look to dough factory to diversify income

ALVA, Okla. (AP) — For years, languishing wheat prices gave Myron Bradt little reason for optimism about increasing the income from his farm.

Then two years ago, he and other farmers started a business making pizza dough to boost earnings. Value Added Products, or VAP, now has 83 employees mixing 60 recipes of dough for pizzas, pastries and breads.

Farmers nationwide are creating similar enterprises to transform raw agricultural products into processed foods.

"I'm looking at this to diversify my income," said Bradt, who serves as VAP's chairman in addition to farming 1,200 acres of wheat just south of the Kansas border in northwestern Oklahoma.

From 75 to 100 similar farmer-owned businesses exist across the country. But interest appears to be surging: The U.S. Department of Agriculture received more than 400 requests for \$10 million in grant funding awarded in September to 32 ventures.

Bradt and 24 other farmers started VAP, but later expanded membership to more than 850. They raised almost \$10 million in two stock offerings and plan to spend up to \$19 million, including \$7.5 million in guaranteed loans, in business improvements.

The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture lent assistance and a consultant helped gauge regional markets and pick products. The business got a \$500,000 grant from the USDA in the recent round of funding.

Farmers in the upper Midwest began similar businesses in the 1970s. Growth picked up in the early 1990s after a new co-op structure that limits membership and stock purchases was introduced.

In traditional cooperatives that operate grain elevators and provide farm supplies, membership is often available to any interested farmer.

VAP was the first new co-op in Oklahoma, but feasibility studies are under way for a farmer-owned beef processing plant in southeastern Oklahoma and a soft pretzel dough cooperative in Chickasha.

California farmers want to develop new wild rice products and North Dakota farmers want to make straw board from wheat stalks. In Michigan, farmers hope to build a plant to refine raw soybean oil into food-grade oil.

High-profile successes include Mountain View Harvest Cooperative in Longmont, Colo., started five years ago by 225 wheat farmers. The farmers bought a large bakery and now control the quality of baked goods from their fields to the customers' table.

"This is happening all across the United States," said Jeff Moser, director of economic and co-op development for the National Farmers Union.

A new farm bill in the U.S. House would set aside \$50 million a year to aid such businesses. Worry about consolidation in the food industry is adding to the interest, said Randall Torgerson, deputy administrator for cooperatives services at the USDA.

TASS collecting information for its annual resource study

AUSTIN — Productivity. The economy. Farm Programs. Drought. Rain. Soil and water conservation. Environmental factors. How are these and other issues affecting agriculture? What should we expect in the future? To gather reliable, objective information about these and other

concerns, the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service (TASS) will soon begin data collection for the annual Agricultural Resource Management Study. This year's commodity of interest is corn, Texas' number two field crop in terms of cash receipts.

Chemical applications, production practices, pest management practices and costs of production are topics this study will address during October and November. Only 4,091 of the 2 million U.S. farm operators — and only 176 in Texas — will be asked to participate in this study, so each response is critical.

This year, TASS has partnered with the Texas Department of Agriculture to allow those farmers who complete the survey to receive one Continuing Education Unit in "Laws and Regulations" toward their pesticide applicator licenses. This is the first year TASS has been able to offer this benefit to producers.

The agricultural producers selected to participate in the

Resource Management Study will also make an important contribution to the overall welfare of the U.S. agricultural community. As with all TASS surveys, individual reports will be kept confidential. All study information will be combined and used by producer organizations, commodity analysts and others to benefit Texas farmers and ranchers.

Study participants have an opportunity to set the record straight about fertilizer and pesticide use. Respondents help in the research for improved production, marketing and profitability of U.S. agricultural commodities.

Agricultural production practices can be developed to improve productivity for farm operators and ensure a safer, cleaner working environment for producers, their families and communities.

Those Texas corn growers selected to participate in this year's study will soon receive a letter from State Statistician Robin Roark. Interviewers will visit each selected farm operator personally to collect data at the operator's convenience. The USDA will publish national information on agricultural chemical usage and analyses of commodity production costs and returns in a series of reports to be released in 2002.

The Agricultural Resource Management Study is only one way that USDA and producers work together to provide the meaningful, accurate and objective statistical information and services to help keep U.S. agriculture and rural communities among the strongest in the world.

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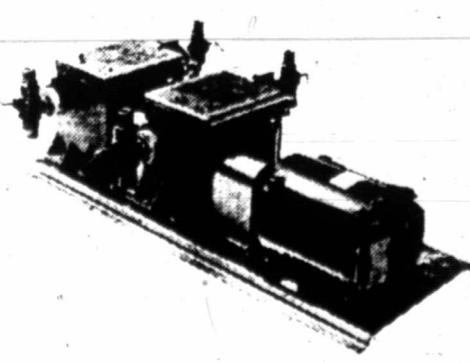
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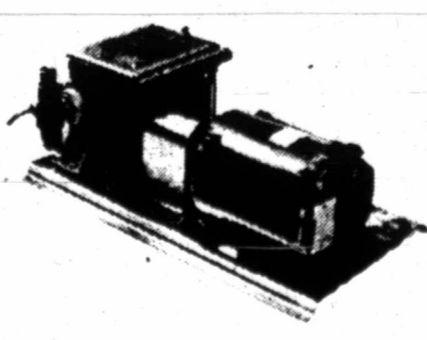


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SPORTS



(Photo by Grover Black)

Pampa's Ty Elledge (31) gets loose for the game-winning touchdown against visiting Dumas.

Harvesters edge stubborn Dumas

PAMPA — Pampa escaped with a 14-7 win over a stubborn Dumas team in District 3-4A action Friday night in Harvester Stadium.

Pampa broke a 7-7 tie when tailback Ty Elledge found a hole up the middle and scampered 35 yards for the winning touchdown with 9:01 remaining in the game.

The Harvesters started strong by scoring on their opening possession when Elledge broke free from a slew of Duma's defenders to score on an 18-yard run at the 9:05 mark of the first quarter. Pampa needed only six plays to go 65 yards for the score,

but the Harvester offense would sputter until Elledge's second TD in the fourth quarter.

Pampa turned in another solid defensive performance, holding the visitors to 166 yards of total offense. Cornerback Michael Galloway seemed to be all over the place for the Harvesters, picking off two passes and recovering a fumble. Lineman Chris McSparrin had a blocked punt.

Elledge was a workhorse back for the Harvesters, compiling 164 yards on 31 carries. Pampa's offense amassed 239 yards, 182 on the ground.

The Harvesters improved to 3-4 for the season and stayed in contention for a playoff berth with a 2-1 district record. Dumas falls to 2-4 overall and 0-3 in district.

Pampa	7	0	0	0-14
Dumas	7	0	0	0-7

Scoring summary
 P-Ty Elledge 18 run (Jerred Snelgrooves kick)
 D-Jose Vargas 8 run (kick)
 P - Elledge 34 run (Snelgrooves kick)

Individual statistics
Pampa
 Rushing: Ty Elledge 31-164, John Braddock 11-16, Johnny Moore 3-9, Randy Tice 1-(-7)
 Passing: John Braddock 6-14-1-66
 Receiving: Johnny Moore 5-57, Justin Waggoner 1-9

Dumas
 Rushing: Gilbert Montes 10-32, Trace Davenport 3-20, Jose Vargas 15-66, Erick Aragon 5-9, Randy Ray 2-13
 Passing: Randy Ray 5-16-2-26
 Receiving: Paul Cox 2-16, Erick Aragon 1-(-2), Andrew Bustamonte 1-6, Trace Davenport 1-6

CLASS 4A Scores

Amarillo Palo Duro 27, Canyon 6
 Borger 42, Canyon Randall 28
 Hereford 50, Amarillo Caprock 0
 Highland Park 35, West Mesquite 0
 Houston Sharpstown 14, Houston-Westbury 12
 Houston Waltrip 12, Houston Jones 6
 Jacksonville 14, Corsicana 10
 Jasper 49, Beaumont Ozon 48
 Kerrville Tivy 43, New Braunfels Canyon 7
 Kilgore 34, Carthage 21
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 La Marque 14, Texas City 7
 Longview Pine Tree 38, Henderson 13
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 PA Lincoln 33, LC Mauriceville 24
 PSJA Memorial 20, Edcouch-Elsa 10
 Pampa 14, Dumas 7
 Paris 28, Greenville 21
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 Plainview 21, Frenship 18
 SA Alamo Heights 35, SA Fox Tech 0
 SA Jefferson 19, SA Burbank 0
 SA Lanier 14, SA Edison 7
 SA Roosevelt 66, SA Sam Houston 7
 Sharyland 21, Roma 7

Area Football Roundup

White Deer 58-Gruver-0

White Deer Bucks Aaron Mckean rushed for 224 yards on only 11 carries and scored on runs of 49, 80, 5 and 40 yards to lead White Deer past Gruver 58-0 in a District opener on Friday night. This one was never a close one as the Bucks (5-1, 1-0) flew out to a 22-0 lead in the first quarter, and by half-time enjoyed a 38-0 advantage.

White Deer rushed 441 yards and had 550 yards total offense, while Gruver (1-5, 0-1) had only 81 yards total, including 62 on the ground.

Wheeler-28-Claude-9

Wheeler ahead of Claude to a 9-0 halftime lead and then came back in the second half to claim the victory. Starting out district the Wheeler Mustangs, 1-1A play at 1-0 and is 2-4 for the season, while Claude is 0-1 in district and 1-5 for the season.

Eric Eddleman scoring a 7-yard run gave the Mustangs their lead. Chris Gallagher scored the go-ahead TD on a 35-yard run in the third quarter, and then sealed the win with a 1-yard run in the fourth quarter.

Canadian-73-Clarendon-8

Canadian proved itself Friday with a 73-8 thumping of Clarendon in District 6-2A behind Jay English's six touchdowns and 226 yards on 11 carries. The Wildcats put the clamps on the Broncos rushing game, holding Clarendon to 15 yards on the ground.

Canadian rolled to 566 yards on the ground and added another 75 through the air.

But, the Wildcats picked off four interceptions while giving up one touchdown when Ray hit Cameron Word on a 5-yard scoring play.

Miami-66-Higgins-0

The Warriors (3-3, 1-0) put 44 points on the scoreboard in the opening quarter and added 22

more in the second to easily win by the 45-point rule.

Jimmy James threw three touchdown passes, ran for one and returned a punt for another lead to Miami past

Higgins 66-0 in a District 1-1A six man game that only lasted only one half.

Miami racked up 308 yards total offense, while Higgins (0-5, 0-1) was limited to 59.

Six-man Scores

Amherst 37, Lazbuddie 22	Novice 62, Veribest 12
Benjamin 58, Vernon Northside 47	Oglesby 60, Abbott 15
Blackwell 56, Paint Rock 0	Panther Creek 58, Brookesmith 0
Blum 49, Cranfills Gap 0	Patton Springs 58, Rule 6
Borden County 48, Loraine 0	Richland Springs 64, Rochelle 16
Follett 48, Fort Elliott 36	Rochester 44, Paint Creek 7
Groom 55, Valley 16	Ropesville 62, Dawson 16
Guthrie 33, Jayton 14	Sands 54, Grady 6
Harold 42, Chillicothe 38	Silverton 41, Samnorwood 6
Ira 60, Highland 14	Strawn 48, Moran 0
Lazbuddie 37, Amherst 22	Three Way 57, Faith Temple 7
Loop 66, Klondike 18	Westbrook 59, Hermleigh 0
Miami 66, Higgins 0	Whitharral 49, Cotton Center 0
New Home 63, Wilson 16	

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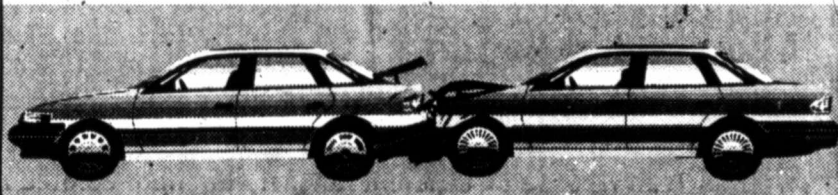
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U-6 play



Coton Bolin of the Celanese Cowboys gets ready to boot the ball down the field as teammate Keenan Hughes (5), along with Trae Hannon (left) and Brandon Gage of the Pampa Crushers get involved in the play. The teams are members of the U-6 boys outdoor division in the Pampa Soccer Association.

Knight opens first season at Texas Tech

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP)— When his new team took the court for its second 10-minute scrimmage early Saturday near the end of Midnight Madness, Knight was joined by a member of his family's youngest generation.

Grandson Braden Knight crawled into the chair next to his famous grandfather. At one point the two struck a similar pose — hands clasped in front of their faces and eyes intent on the action.

Knight barked instructions to his players as the toddler occasionally nudged his grandfather playfully.

After a year away from college basketball, Knight coached his Tech team for the first time shortly after 12:01 Saturday, the official start of the 2001 season.

The team will reassemble sometime Saturday for its first practice session away from the watchful eyes of spectators or media.

It surely was the most anticipated Midnight Madness event in the country, surpassing Rick Pitino's debut at Louisville and Maryland's celebration of a Final Four appearance.

The crowd of about 9,400, some who traveled from as far away as California for "A Sharp Knight in Texas," let Knight and Lady Raiders' coach Marsha Sharp hear their enthusiasm.

The men's and women's teams each played two scrimmages following comments from both coaches.

Knight, who came onto the court about 11:30 p.m. Friday to talk to the crowd at United Spirit Arena, didn't miss an opportunity to comment on referees in college basketball.

"Now occasionally there'll be an official who makes a bad call," he said, encouraging fans not to get too upset. "Except," he said, "when I stand up and say something, you'll know damn well they're wrong."

The fans went wild.

Two of those fans were Anne and Bill Humphreys. They flew in from San Diego for the event. Anne Humphreys graduated from Indiana University two years before Knight came to the Bloomington, Ind., campus.

"People there are as crazy about basketball as they are about football in Texas," she said. "I think that's about to change in Lubbock real soon."

The Humphreys have purchased season tickets and joined the Red Raider Club. They plan to watch as many games as they can afford to fly in for.

"If we can't be here we'll make sure somebody's in our seats," Anne Humphreys said. Hundreds, some who arrived

Groom wins battle of unbeaten teams

GROOM — Groom defeated Valley 55-16 Friday night in a battle of unbeaten District 2-1A six-man teams.

Cody Bivens scored three touchdowns for the Tigers on runs of 1, 15, and 20 yards. Clay Britten scored on a 37-yard run and threw three touchdown passes. He threw for 112 yards and ran for 75 more on four carries.

Clay Ritter caught two TD passes covering 22 and 60 yards while Hugh Weinheimer had a 15-yard TD catch. They Britten caught a 6-yard TD pass from Bivens. Justin

Lucero and Clay Ritter each kicked two extra points conversions.

Other two-point conversions were scored by Owen Weinheimer, Garrett Britten and Hugh Weinheimer.

The Tigers led at intermission by the score of 21-8.

Clif Yeary scored on a 6-yard run and Justin Lucero ran back a kickoff 54 yards for the score.

Groom finished with 383 yards in total offense, compared to 95 for Valley.

Groom is now 6-0 for the year and 1-0 in district. Valley is 5-1 and 0-1.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL
Friday's Major League Playoff Lineups
By The Associated Press

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Reynolds, NCruz (5), Dotel (7), Villone (8) and Eusebio, Burkett, SReed (7), Reminger (7), Karsay (8), Smoltz (9) and Bako. W—Burkett 1-0. L—Reynolds 0-1. HFS—Houston, DWard (1). Atlanta, Franco (1), Clones (2), Bako (1).

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MBatista, BJAnderson (7), Morgan (8), BKim (8) and DMiller, Kile, MMathews (7), Timlin (7), Stechschulte (9), Kline (9) and Matheny. W—MBatista 1-0. L—MMathews 0-1. SV—BKim (1). HFS—Arizona, Counsell (1), LGonzalez (1). St. Louis, Edmonds (1), Renteria (1).

FOOTBALL
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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

Miami	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	3	1	0	0.750	89	90
N.Y. Jets	2	1	0	0.667	100	94
New England	1	3	0	0.250	74	76
Buffalo	0	4	0	0.000	71	128

Central

Baltimore	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cleveland	3	1	0	0.750	73	47
Pittsburgh	3	1	0	0.750	73	53
Cincinnati	2	1	0	0.667	39	31
Jacksonville	2	2	0	0.500	65	71
Tennessee	2	2	0	0.500	63	56
West	0	3	0	0.000	36	70

West

Denver	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	3	1	0	0.750	102	63
San Diego	3	1	0	0.750	108	77
Seattle	3	1	0	0.750	106	59
Seattle	2	2	0	0.500	50	86
Kansas City	1	3	0	0.250	78	73

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

N.Y. Giants	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	3	1	0	0.750	77	56
Arizona	2	2	0	0.500	104	62
Dallas	1	2	0	0.333	52	92
Washington	0	4	0	0.000	66	110
Washington	0	4	0	0.000	25	135

Central

Green Bay	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	3	1	0	0.750	103	27
Tampa Bay	2	1	0	0.667	54	30
Minnesota	2	1	0	0.667	40	36
Detroit	1	3	0	0.250	58	85
West	0	3	0	0.000	20	87

West

St. Louis	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	4	0	0	1.000	127	53
San Francisco	3	1	0	0.750	85	74
New Orleans	2	1	0	0.667	65	42
Atlanta	2	2	0	0.500	74	77
Carolina	1	3	0	0.250	61	89

Sunday's Games

Arizona at Chicago, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
San Diego at New England, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 4:15 p.m.
Denver at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
Oakland at Indianapolis, 8:30 p.m.

Monday's Game

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Thursday, Oct. 18

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Sunday, Oct. 21

Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Washington, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
New England at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
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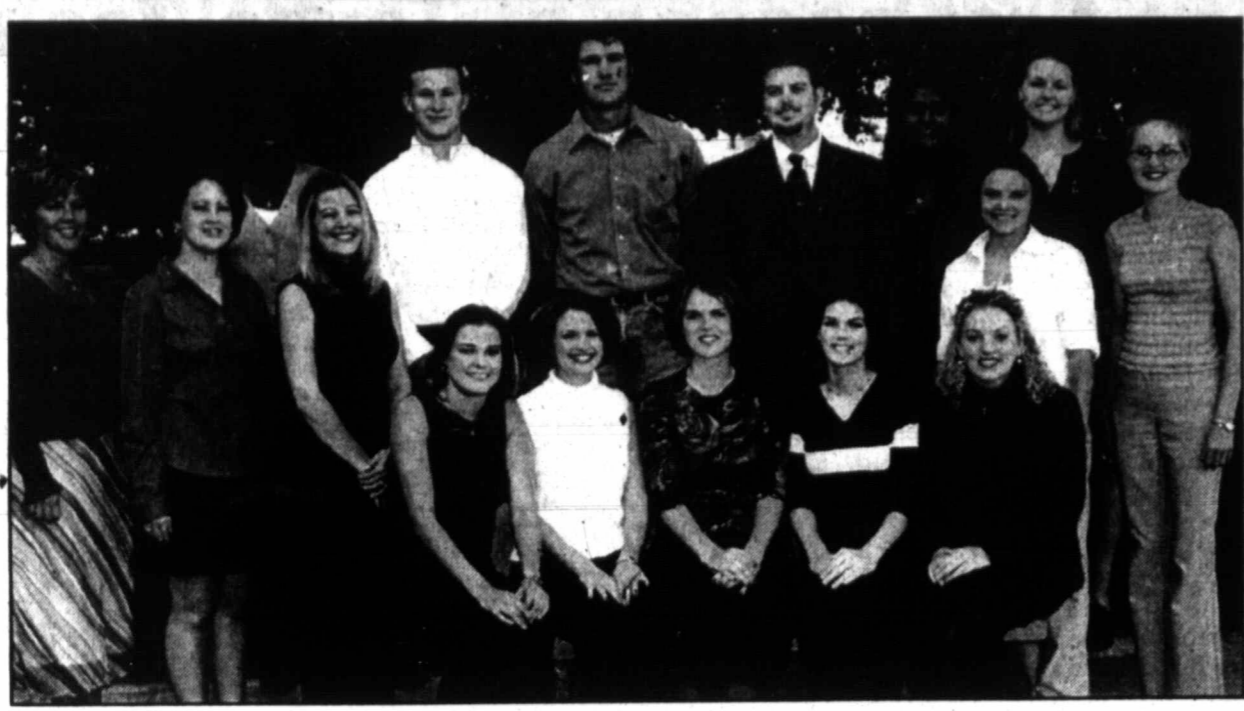
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Pampan SWOSU Homecoming queen nominee

WEATHERFORD, Okla. — Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Catholic Student Association is sponsoring Deanna Dreher, SWOSU student from Pampa, for homecoming queen.

In years past, the king and queen have been selected by a vote of the student body. This year's king and queen, who will reign over SWOSU homecoming activities in Weatherford on Oct. 26-27, will be chosen by a different formula.

Traci Thiessen, event chairperson for the SWOSU Student Government Association, said the Southwestern student body will vote Oct. 15-16 to determine the top three king and queen candidates.

Then, the new formula will be used with the king and queen being selected on a total point system. Fifty percent of the score will be based on the student body vote, while 30 percent of the score will be based on interviews by a panel comprised of faculty, alumni and administrators. The remaining 20 percent of the score will be based on each of the candidate's written application form.

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United Way Check-in Luncheon

At its most recent check-in luncheon, Pampa United Way reported \$97,216.73 — 25.9 percent of its total campaign goal. The next check-in will begin at 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 16 at Genesis House Activity Building, 409 West Street. As always, pledge cards will be due.

The following is a comparison of last year's and this year's receipts: Commercial, \$590 (2001)/\$3,929

(2000); Individual, \$7,753/\$14,779; Major Firms, \$14,140/\$298,620; Oil and Gas, \$10/\$13,020; Professional, \$14,454/\$35,750; Public, \$1,913/\$7,611; Special Gifts, \$21,152/\$33,285; and other \$47/\$3,291.

The next meeting will be sponsored by: Pampa Community Youth Services, Gray County Latchkey and Genesis House. Pledge cards are accepted at any time at the local UW office.

WT to observe Alcohol Awareness Month, host College Night, car show

College Night for High School Students Set for Oct. 16

CANYON — Representatives from more than 50 institutions of higher education will be available to visit with high school juniors and seniors and their parents at the annual Amarillo Area College Night from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16 at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo.

Colleges from Texas, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico and Oklahoma will have representatives available to hand-out informational materials and discuss opportunities with students and parents. Financial Aid offices from both Amarillo College and West Texas A&M University will be available to assist visitors with questions about federal financial assistance.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Pecos Shafer, WTAMU, at 806-651-5286 or Julie Ashby, AC, at (806) 371-5396.

Public Invited to Parents Day Car Show

CANYON — In an effort to fuel donations for disaster relief, Kappa Sigma, a social/service fraternity at West Texas A&M University, will sponsor a Car Show Oct. 20 north of the Classroom Center on campus.

Planned in conjunction with WTAMU's 24th annual Parent's Day festivities, the Car Show is open to anyone interested in showing a vehicle or those merely interested in cars, trucks and motorcycles, according to Kappa Sigma vice president and Car Show coordinator Jason Hollingsworth.

"Anyone who wants to register the day of the show is more than welcome, and it can be any type of vehicle," Hollingsworth, a sophomore economics and finance major from Wichita, Kan., said. "We're expecting some really great cars, but the main thing is to raise money for disaster relief."

Admission to the car show is \$3 for students and \$5 for others. Cost to register a vehicle for the show is \$20. Plaques will be awarded to the top three entries in each of eight categories such as sports cars, imports, pre-1960s and even motorcycles and trucks. A special President's Favorite award will be given to the owner of a vehicle selected by WTAMU President Russell C. Long, Hollingsworth said.

Some highlights of this year's Parent's Day will be breakfast with former WTAMU football standout Mercury Morris, a casino-type event called "A Night in Havana" and President Long's announcement of the Parent's of the Year.

For more information about the Kappa Sigma Car Show, contact Hollingsworth at (806) 651-6439. For more information about Parent's Day, contact Amy Pifer, associate registrar,

at (806) 651-2022.

Alcohol Awareness Week set for Oct. 22-27

CANYON — Students at West Texas A&M University shouldn't be surprised to see some of their classmates' obituaries during the week of Oct. 22-27.

Posting make-believe obituaries on the Virtual Wall of Death is one of the many activities scheduled for Alcohol Awareness Week, a nationwide effort to teach college students alternatives to drinking as well as the need to drink responsibly. It is sponsored at WTAMU by Peers Understanding, Listening, Speaking and Educating (PULSE).

Awareness activities are scheduled on campus throughout the week for students to participate in.

A highlight on the agenda will be the Beer Boggle Bumper Cars. In this activity, students will drive bumper cars through an established course twice, once without beer boggle goggles and a second time with them on to demonstrate how alcohol impairs a person's vision and judgment.

Other activities include Beer Boggles Relay, Dr. Death Day, Testing Your Tolerance and Root Beer Keg Party.

Girl Scouts receives support from UW

This article is one in a series of articles of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information is being provided by Pampa United Way as part of its 2001 "The

Way America Cares, Community by Community!" fund-raising campaign.



Seven girls from Pampa attended the spring break camp held at Camp Kiwanis. The girls lived for one week in a group setting with girls from all over the panhandle.

They talked about conflict resolution, played team work games, and ate three meals family style. For some of the girls, this was the first time away from home in this kind of setting.

The program consisted of creative dance, softball, volleyball, tennis, songs and campfires.

Amarillo College students served as counselors and sports instructors. The girls went swimming as a special treat. They made friends and had a lot of fun.

Annual Haunted Canyon in offing

CANYON — Spooks and ghouls will be on hand to entertain park visitors during the third annual Haunted Canyon slated from 7-9 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 20. The event is free and open to the public.

Activities will include: face painting, games, haunted hayride, costume contest and pumpkin carving contest.

Both the costume and pumpkin contests will be open to children between the ages of 0-12. Registration for the costume contest will be from 7-7:30 p.m. Judging will take place at 8 p.m.

Participants in the pumpkin carving will need to bring their carved pumpkin and a nonflammable lighting source (i.e. glow stick) to the event by 7:30 p.m.

Judging categories for both contests will be based on age and prizes will go to first, second and third place winners. Contestants must be present to win.

For more information, call Heather Lanman at (806) 488-2227, ext. 49. Donations will be accepted for the Lone Star Legacy Endowment Fund which benefits state parks.

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Dear Mr. President...

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

After the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, second graders at Austin Elementary School expressed their feelings in a letter to President George W. Bush - a letter that reflects how their studies helped them cope with the national tragedy.

"This letter is special to me because it's honest and written from their hearts," said Joylynn Simpson, the students' teacher.

She explained that on the week before the attacks, her students learned about bullies in their *Weekly Reader* in a cover story titled, "Back Off, Bullies." The second graders also were studying about kindness in their "Principles for Living" class, she said.

"I wish we didn't have to use those lessons to apply to this letter," she added.

"Wednesday, after it happened, we decided to put our thoughts in a letter to President Bush," she said.

"We wrote because we were sorry this tragedy happened and we wanted to be kind and help," explained Treyci Carroll.

Logan Karbo said he wrote the letter because, "I wanted the President to feel better. He was feeling bad because terrorists hit those buildings."

What is a bully? I asked.

"A bully is a coward," said K'lyn King. "It's someone who is really mean and does something to someone who didn't do anything to them."

"I'm very sorry it happened," added Nate Towry. "I never want it to happen again. When we made this note it brightened my day."

"Whenever we wrote this letter, it made me feel more relieved that my family is safe," said Brendon Burrell.

His lower lip quivering, Karl Pfitzner said his brother Michael is serving in the U.S. Navy in Hawaii.

The students decided to write the letter on large sheets of paper using red, white and blue markers, alternating the colors with each line. The students took turns writing the letter. All of the 22 students helped compose the letter, and after it was finished, they voted to sign it "Sincerely," with their names in alphabetical order at the end.

"We thought it was appropriate to use the democratic process to write it," Mrs. Simpson explained.

She said now that most of the students' parents have seen the letter, she will send it to the President.

Here is the letter Mrs. Simpson's class wrote to President Bush:

Dear President Bush,
We live in Pampa, Texas and we're in second grade at Austin Elementary. We are writing this letter to tell you how very sorry we are about what happened in New York City and Washington D.C. on Sept. 11, 2001.

We've been watching the news and we hope you find the 5,000 missing Americans soon and alive. We feel very sad for those who have lost their loved ones.

Also we're very sad because all of the innocent passengers on all four airplanes died. We hope you find the missing airplane boxes and cameras soon so you will know what happened and who did this terrible thing.

Last Friday morning we had a school assembly. We listened to patriotic music and had a moment of silence. Many teachers and children cried. It was a very sad day for all of us.

We don't like the new word we learned last week. That new word is terrorist. A terrorist is a bad person who does terrible things. They are like a bully and they are a coward. A terrorist doesn't show love and doesn't show kindness.

The kids in our school are donating money to the Red Cross. We hope the Red Cross can use our money to buy food and water for the brave fireman who are working hard to rescue the missing people. We hope there will be enough money to buy medicine for the sick innocent people.

We hope you can rebuild the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. We're glad the planes didn't hit the white house where you live. We will never forget this tragedy that happened and we hope it will never happen again.

Sincerely,
Brendon Burrell, Treyci Carroll, Tyler Coats, Austin Farmer, Laketon Harris, Zac Hernandez, Austin Hinkle, Logan Karbo, Taylor Kennedy, K'lyn King, Ty Linder, David Moore, George Patterson, Karl Pfitzner, Karami Rice, Farmer Schaeffer, Rance Schindler, Chris Taylor, Nate Towry, Chelsie Winkleblack, Kaylene Wyant.

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(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)
Mrs. Joylynn Simpson's second grade class pose with the letter they wrote to President Bush.

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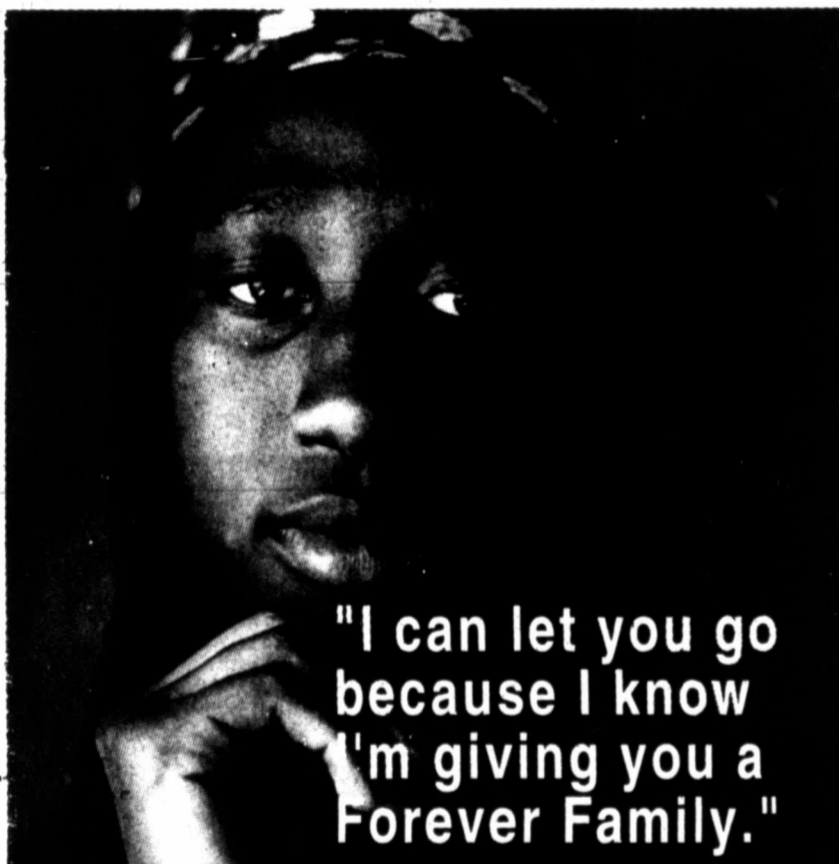


Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ray

Ray anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ray celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary recently. Larry Ray and Lynn Murphree were married Oct. 13, 1961, at Hobart Baptist Church in Pampa. They are lifelong Pampa residents and belong to First Baptist Church of Pampa. Mr. Ray retired from Diamond Shamrock in May 1997 after 33 years of service. Mrs. Ray retired in May 2000. She worked as a legal secretary for Bob Gordon, as a tax consultant and as a bookkeeper for a total of 25 years. Children of the couple are Kristi Hutto of Lubbock and Randy Ray of Kingston Springs, Tenn. They have four grandchildren.

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October 15-19

Pampa Schools		Senior Citizens	
MONDAY Holiday.		WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Hot cereal, cereal, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza, chicken nuggets, mixed vegetables, fruit, milk.	
TUESDAY Breakfast: Pancake and sausage on a stick. Lunch: Mini corn dogs or macaroni and cheese, potato rounds, corn, mixed fruit.		THURSDAY Breakfast: Breakfast pockets, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Polish sausage, beans, cornbread, coleslaw, mixed vegetables, jello, fruit, milk.	
WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast. Lunch: Beef enchiladas or chicken nuggets, pinto beans, salad, Spanish rice, cookies.		FRIDAY Breakfast: Yogurt, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Beef stew, grilled cheese sandwiches, beans, fruit, milk.	
THURSDAY Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls. Lunch: Oven-fried chicken or chef salad, whipped potatoes, green beans, fruit, rolls.		Senior Citizens	
FRIDAY Breakfast: Cereal, toast. Lunch: Pizza or hamburgers, English peas, salad, applesauce.		MONDAY Chicken-fried steak or chicken broccoli casserole, mashed potatoes, green beans, beets, northern beans, chocolate fudge cake or cherry cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.	
Lefors Schools		TUESDAY Salisbury steak or chili rellenos/cheese sauce, onion potatoes, cream corn, turnip greens, pinto beans, dump cake or pineapple squares, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.	
MONDAY Breakfast: French toast sticks, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken, egg rolls, oriental vegetables, rice, fruit, milk.		WEDNESDAY Roast beef brisket, brown gravy, or	
TUESDAY Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, sausage, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Mini corn dogs, mini burritos,		cook's choice, mashed potatoes, California blend, fried okra, beans, German chocolate cake or banana pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.	
		THURSDAY Chicken strips or taco salad, curly fries, Spanish rice, pinto beans, butter pecan cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.	
		FRIDAY Catfish and hushpuppies or spaghetti, potato wedges, broccoli spears/cheese, beans, red velvet cake or tapioca, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, garlic toast or cornbread.	
		Meals On Wheels	
		MONDAY Chopped sirloin, vegetable blend, mashed potatoes, pumpkin bars.	
		TUESDAY Sausage/rice, cauliflower, English peas, cookies.	
		WEDNESDAY Stew, cornbread, vanilla wafers.	
		THURSDAY Ravioli, chuckwagon corn, green beans, cake.	
		FRIDAY Chicken spaghetti, pickled beets, broccoli, jello.	



Susan Rae Thornton and Brad Lee Redwine

Thornton-Redwine

Susan Rae Thornton and Brad Lee Redwine, both of Oklahoma City, Okla., plan to wed Oct. 27, 2001, in New Life Assembly of God Church in Pampa. The bride-elect is the daughter of Raymond and Sue Thornton of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1992. She then attended Evangel University in Springfield, Mo., from 1992-94. She is a 1996 graduate of Texas Tech University with a bachelor of science degree in biology. She completed her medical degree at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio medical school in May of 2000. She is currently a pediatrician in her second year of residency training at the Children's Hospital of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City. The prospective groom is the son of Charles and Linda Redwine of Farnsworth. He graduated from Perryton High School in 1993. He is a 1997 graduate of Texas Tech University with a bachelor of fine arts degree in design communication. He is currently employed as an art director at Smith & Associates Advertising, Marketing, and Public Relations in Oklahoma City.



Dana Katharyn Wood and Gregory Scott Macik

Wood-Macik

Dana Katharyn Wood of Avon, Colo., and Gregory Scott Macik were wed Sept. 22, 2001, in Tigivon Community House at Minturn, Colo., with Pastor Keith Hudiburgh, of the church, officiating. The maid of honor was Lynn Burns of Edwards, Colo. The bridal attendants were Amber Gary of Colorado Springs, Colo., Lynn Lewis of Richland Hills and Katharyn Zagorin, cousin of the bride of Austin. The flower girls were Caroline Zagorin and Sarah Zagorin, both cousins of the bride of Austin. The best man was "Brother," an 11-year-old Golden Retriever. The groomsmen were Marc Hayes of Dallas and Mark Taylor Wood, brother of the bride of Austin. Music was provided by Harry Baxter Duet on saxophone and acoustic guitar and soloist Brent Gordon, both of Vail, Colo. A reception was held following the service at Tigivon Community House. The bride is the daughter of Ronnie and Suzanne Wood of Pampa. She holds a bachelor of business degree from Texas Tech University and owns Rocky Mountain Property Management, Inc. The groom is the son of Yvonne and Bob Hill and the late Fred Macik of Galveston. He holds bachelor and master degrees in architecture from Texas Tech University. He is currently project manager of TAB Associates Architectural Design and serves on the City of Avon Planning and Zoning Commission. The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Tahiti and intend to make their home in Avon.

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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.

PPQG
Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild met Sept. 27 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center with President Susie Edwards presiding. Twenty-three members

and eight guests were present. The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Members voted to offer a mystery quilt, "Know as You Go."

—The annual Christmas party was discussed. Members may bring a Christmas block for exchange.

—Sue Kruger of Warsaw, Ind., presented the program. She is a quiltmaker and fabric designer with her own line of quilt patterns.

The next meeting will be Oct. 25. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 665-4268.

20th Century Club
Twentieth Century Study Club met Oct. 9 in the home of hostess Dot Stowers with Adelaide Colwell assisting.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Roll call reflected 100 percent attendance. Billie Dixon and Thelma Cotner were welcomed as new members.

—The theme for them for the new year is "Texas Panhandle Heritage."

—Fay Harvey presented a program on "The Life of Quannah Parker."

—The new officers for the 2001-02 club year are Pat Terry, president; Louise Bailey, vice president; Rue Park, secretary; Phyllis White, treasurer; Vona Wolf, parliamentarian; and Evelyn Warner, reporter.

The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m., Oct. 23 at the home of Cleo Worley, 1901 Russell.

Altrusa

Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa met Oct. 9 at Pampa Country Club with President DeLynn Gordzelik presiding. Glydene Shelton and Ruby Royse served as greeters.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—The accent "Ideals of Altrusa" was presented by Diann Bjrdsell.

—Betty King, Beth Sutherland, Tina Sutherland and Becky Holmes were granted leaves of absence.

—Altrusa has established a foundation known as the Altrusa International Foundation of Pampa, Texas, Inc. Terri Gamblin was appointed assistant treasurer.

—Laser Light Show, a major fund-raising event, was held at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Each member was encouraged to sell 20 tickets.

—"Make a Difference Day" will be celebrated Oct. 27. Members were given a list of books to be purchased for Bright Beginnings Day Care Center.

—Sheltered Workshop Open House is set for Nov. 1. Members were asked to volunteer for refreshments and to serve as hostesses.

District Nine Gov. Mary Osentowski will make an official visit at the next meeting. The local chapter will also host a reunion on that date for all former Altrusa members.

—Birthday greetings went to Royse.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 23 at Pampa Country Club.

Newsmakers

CANYON — West Texas A&M University's radio station, KWTS-FM, has a variety of talent this semester with 36 students on staff. KWTS has been nationally recognized through a series of competitions with colleges around the nation.

The radio station went on the air in 1972 as an educational broadcast facility designed for both educational and entertainment purposes at WTAMU. All management and on-air talent is provided by WTAMU students.

The University's chapter of the National Broadcasting Society attended the NBS National Convention in Los Angeles during spring break of 2001 and received five awards for achievement in community service. It was named a model chapter for the Broadcast Society. KWTS has also received a variety of awards on campus including the President's Community Service Award two times and the President's Silver Buffalo Award.

Students working as on-air talent for the station include: Deawn Guess, senior mass communications major - director's assistant, and Patti Montoya, junior mass communications major - promotions, both of Pampa; and Alan Gill, sophomore mass communica-

tions major - special shows, of Canadian.

Doing his part to defend our country is Pampa native Waylon Griffin who grew up in Pampa and graduated from Pampa High School as a "Fighting Harvester" in 1999.

Griffin, son of Glenda and Danny Kohler and Walter and Christine Griffin, is known to his shipmates as EW3 Griffin.

Griffin joined the Navy in 1991 and shipped off to boot camp the summer after he graduated. He was quickly singled out as a section leader in his division and by the end of boot camp was selected for meritorious advancement from the rank of Seaman Recruit to Seaman Apprentice, a rank that usually takes nine months.

Following basic training, Griffin went to Pensacola, Fla., where he would learn his rate as an Electronic Warfare Operator. After four months of intense training, he left Corry Station as EWSA Griffin with a secret clearance and orders to the USS John Hancock, a destroyer.

He spent eight months on board the USS John Hancock, learning his rate and attaining another rank, his first time up as Seaman before the decommissioning of the vessel. (See, NEWSMAKERS, Page 24)



Kathy Davis
GARDEN WISE

Fall chores not to be put off

The north wind scampers down the street scattering gold leaves in its wake. White clouds tinged with blue preceded the cold front looming on the northern horizon. It is nearly potato soup weather.

This little cold snap is my hurry-up-and-get-my-outdoor-chores-done warning. The first freeze is headed our way. I hope I have not waited too long. October 12th is our average first frost date.

As I write, I am an hour into that magical date. If I scurry about, I can move the mandevilla and asparagus ferns to a warmer climate before a frost. The Moneypit is fairly drafty in the winter, but warm enough, I think, to overwinter a few plants.

When the Bradford pear leaves begin to change to maroon, it is time to plant tulips, narcissus and crocus bulbs. After a long winter's nap, these beauties explode into color.

Unfortunately, I usually wait until a sharp north wind and freezing drizzle add excitement and a sense of urgency to the task. Nothing quickens a chore like the thought of freezing to a spade handle.

Here are a few fall gardening tricks:

Tulips, and other spring bulbs, produce a more dramatic effect if they are planted in clumps of six or eight bulbs. A six-inch deep hole about the diameter of a gallon can will nicely house eight bulbs. Asparagus ferns usually outgrow their containers by the end of summer. Give them a severe haircut, hack the root ball into quarters and replant into new containers. Water sparingly during the winter. Poof! Four new plants for spring.

Mulch. The perfect mulch is a 3-inch layer of composted cottonseed mulch. I also use leaves, wheat straw and pine needles. Organic plant blankets.

Transplant roses and shrubs after the second hard freeze. When moving plants to a new location, take as much of the root ball as possible. Water well.

Plants get thirsty during the winter. An occasional drink, between the rain and snow, thwarts winter freeze-out.

As we wait, wonder and worry, remember: "The United States is not a nation of people which in the long run allows itself to be pushed around." — Dorothy Thompson, "On the Record"



Daphne Loraine Barry and Timothy Lee Cox

Barry-Cox

Daphne Loraine Barry and Timothy Lee Cox, both of Amarillo, were wed Saturday, Oct. 13, 2001, at Westcliff Bible Church with the Rev. Dr. Steven Waterhouse officiating.

The maid of honor was Claire Altman of Amarillo. The bridal attendants were Karen Barry, Aldeena McAlister, Kim Waters, Debbie Adams and Lori Sangster, all sisters of the bride, and Dee Dee Howard. The flower girls were Esther Waters, Abby Adams, Emarie Waters and Eden Waters, all nieces of the bride.

The best man was Jason Clifton of Austin. The groomsmen were Josh Wilson, Rick Gatlin, both cousins of the groom, Sam Whipkey, Jerry Faltinek, Kevin Fortenberry, brother-in-law of the groom, and Andrew Fortenberry, nephew of the groom. The ring bearers were Seth Adams and Evan Waters, both nephews of the bride.

The ushers were Tim McAlister, Gary Waters and Doug Sangster, all brother-in-laws of the bride, and Matt Holley. The candlelighters were Michael Sangster and Matthew Sangster, both nephews of the bride, Justin Fortenberry, nephew of the groom, and Andrew Altman.

Registering the guests were Katrina Pinkerton and Denise Fortenberry, both sisters of the groom.

Music was provided by pianist Becca Mathews and soloists Kari Brock, Dan Bentley and Kevin Fortenberry. Sound was done by Ron Roten.

A reception was held following the service at The Wellington Room. Guests were served by Oleta Ray, Elizabeth Hale, Monica Glenn and Alison Glenn.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerold W. Barry of Amarillo. She is the granddaughter of Annie Daphne Barry and the late L.H. Barry and the late Mr. and Mrs. James Faudree. The bride graduated from Tascosa High School. She earned an associate of applied science degree in commercial art in advertising from Texas State Technical College in Amarillo. She is a typesetter and layout artist for Amarillo Speed Print.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin G. Cox. He is the grandson of Elsie Hughes and the late Claude Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Laford Vise and the late Lorene Vise. The groom graduated from Randall High School in Amarillo. He is a salesman for General Office Plus.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Manitou Springs, Colo., and intend to make their home in Amarillo.

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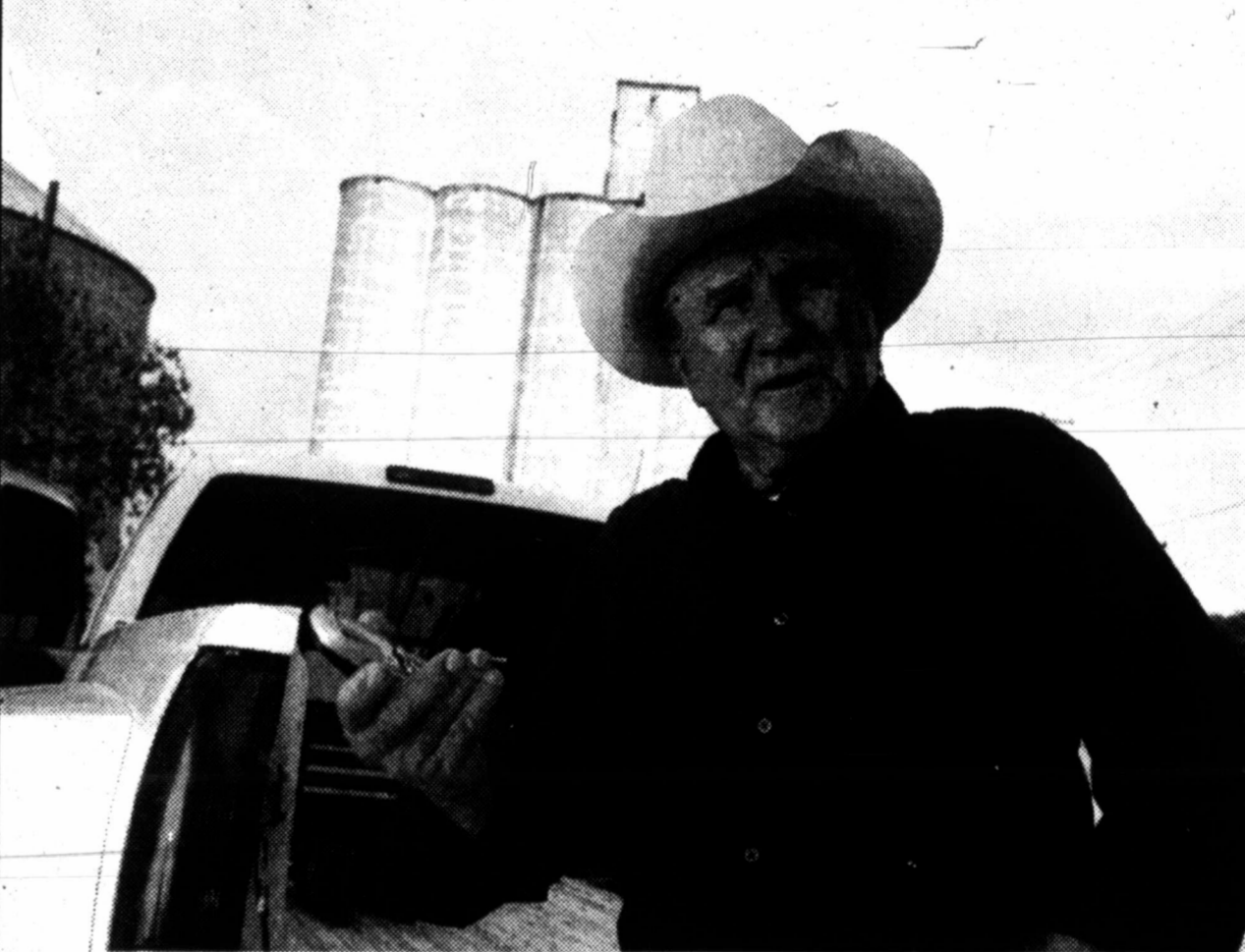
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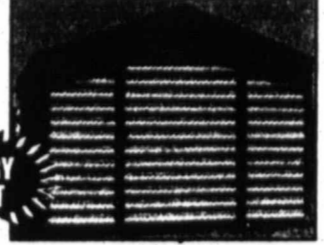
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Grandpa Is Not Living Up To Grandson's Expectations

DEAR ABBY: I'm worried about Grandpa, who is 96. Ever since Grandma died two years ago, Gramps has been acting like a playboy. Granted, he works out every day and looks like he's only 70, lives independently in his own home and still drives a car. However, Grandpa chases around with women half his age, spending money like it's water, going to social events and sometimes having a cocktail!

Abby, how can I get Grandpa to behave himself, keep those gold-diggers away and stop spending my inheritance?

I've tried talking to him. He says it's his life, he practices safe sex and to mind my own business! Since it's my inheritance he's wasting, I think it is my business!

What do you think about this, Abby?

WORRIED GRANDSON,
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P.S. I'm worried his new lifestyle will kill him.

DEAR WORRIED GRANDSON: No, you're not. You're worried that Grandpa's got a new lease on life, and when the lease is up, you'll be broke. Shame on you.

DEAR ABBY: My 11-year-old niece, "Tori," has begun sending thank-you notes by e-mail rather than snail mail. Although I would much prefer receiving an old-fashioned thank-you note, I understand that in this day and age, an electronic acknowledgment for a gift may suffice.

Dear Abby

Is written by
Pauline Phillips and
daughter Jeanne Phillips.

However, what I find more upsetting is the fact that Tori writes only one thank-you message, and then copies it to everyone who has given her a gift.

Recently she participated in a school fund-raiser that happened to fall on the same week as her birthday. Certain family members and friends contributed to her fund-raiser, while others sent only birthday gifts. Tori's one-size-fits-all e-mail read: "Thank you for your fund-raiser/birthday contribution."

What do you think of this, Abby? How can I tactfully let my niece know that a mass mailing is no different than not being thanked at all?

UPSET AUNTIE

DEAR AUNTIE: Say it in an e-mail. Each thank-you should be individual and personal — and now is the time for your niece to learn this valuable lesson. Your message is an important one.

DEAR ABBY: Your column recounting timeless maxims of the now defunct Finch School for Women in New York City reminded me of more Finch wisdom — something taught by Jessica Cosgrave, the school's founder and president when I was a student there in the '40s.

Those maxims contained the philosophy she most wanted us to remember and to be guided by. Like her school, Ms. Cosgrave is no longer in existence, but I hope you'll agree that hers is a still timely philosophy and consider sharing it with your readers:

"Thought makes action
"Action makes habit
"Habit makes character
"Character makes Destiny."

MARY "MIMI" KEY HENLEY,
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P.S. The Finch motto, "Inearnus Meliora," translates to: "Let Us Go On to Better Things." Your column promotes that goal by creating better understanding among people.

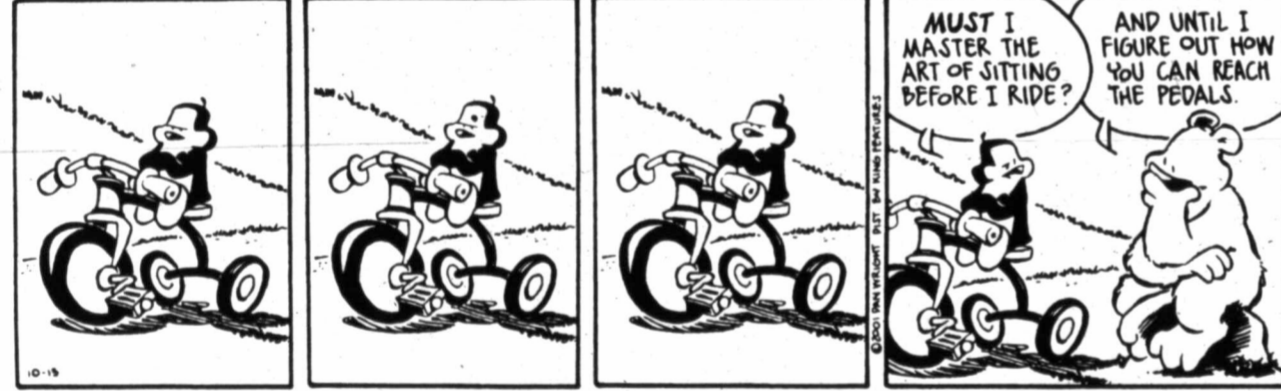
DEAR MARY: Thank you. Good advice, like good manners, never goes out of style. Although Ms. Cosgrave is no longer with us, she left behind a beautiful legacy.

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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Catches figures
- 6 Surrey town
- 11 Steamed
- 12 Like a he-man
- 13 Without help
- 14 Arthur's father
- 15 Yankee legend
- 17 Lennon's wife
- 18 List shortener
- 19 Like the strong Samson
- 22 Spot
- 23 To wit
- 24 Emperor of India
- 25 Happened to
- 27 Exist
- 30 Spend-thrift
- 31 Critic Reed
- 32 Nile serpent
- 33 Game outing
- 35 Enjoy the rink
- 38 Princess Leia, for one
- 39 Prison-related
- 40 New Brunswick neighbor
- 41 Bare

DOWN

- 1 London sight
- 2 Tell a tale
- 3 Immediately
- 4 Fourth down play
- 5 Cave enthusiast
- 6 Large bird
- 7 Butter bit
- 8 Fish group
- 9 "The Gift of the Magi" writer
- 10 Idiot
- 16 Makes possible
- 20 Hand-guns, e.g.
- 21 That lady
- 24 Toward the wake
- 25 Bike accessory
- 26 Sevilla's nation
- 27 Middle East region
- 28 Let again
- 29 Banishes
- 30 Some stingers
- 34 Accomplishment
- 36 Sea dog
- 37 Moose's cousin

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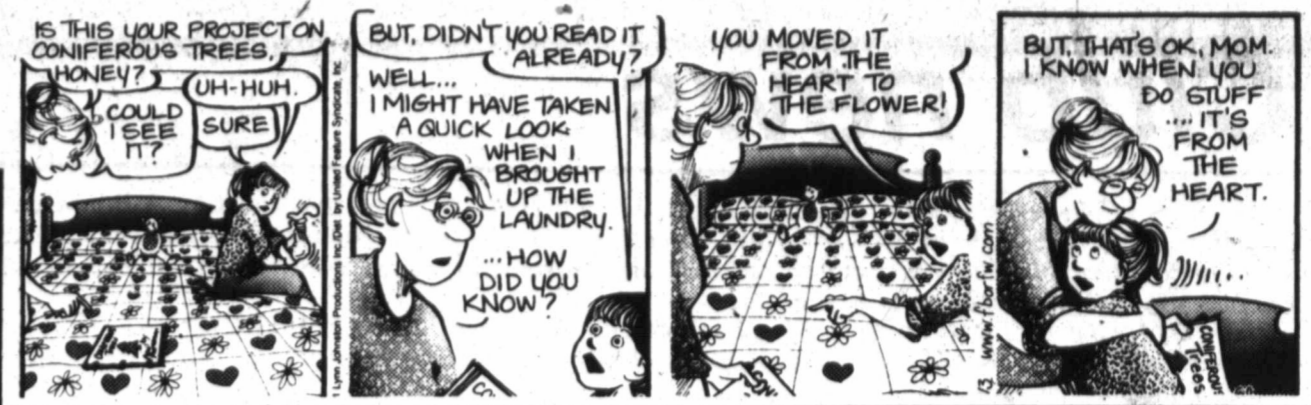
"Have you ever thought about just letting go?"

The Family Circus



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"Wow! Think how many guardian angels are flyin' around in that stadium!"

For Better or For Worse



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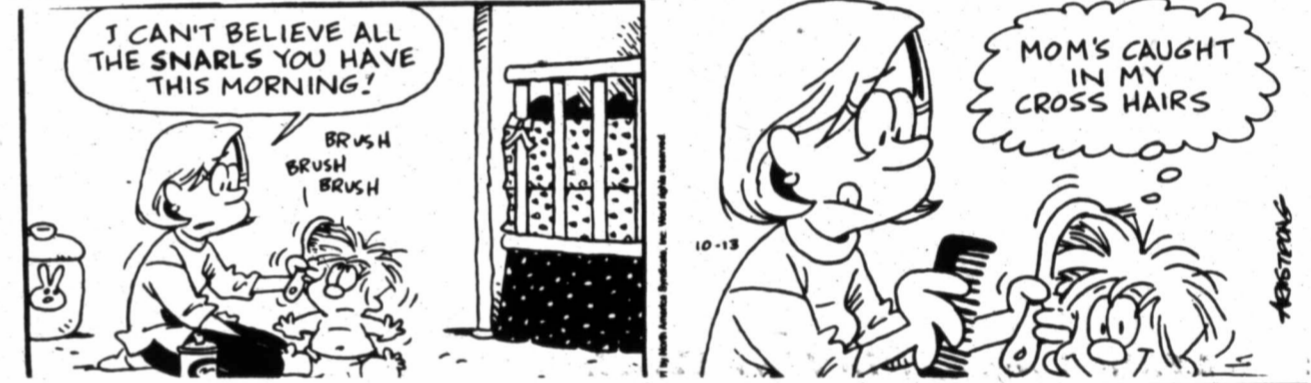
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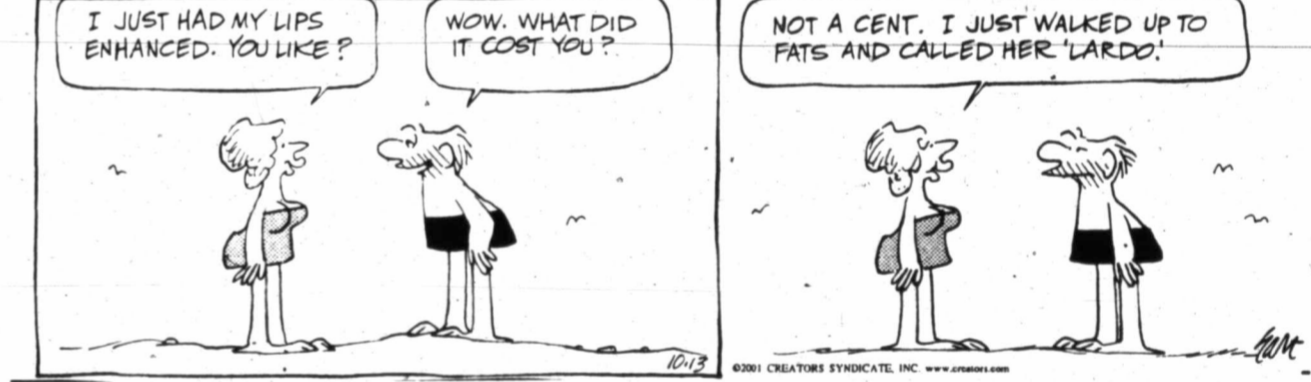
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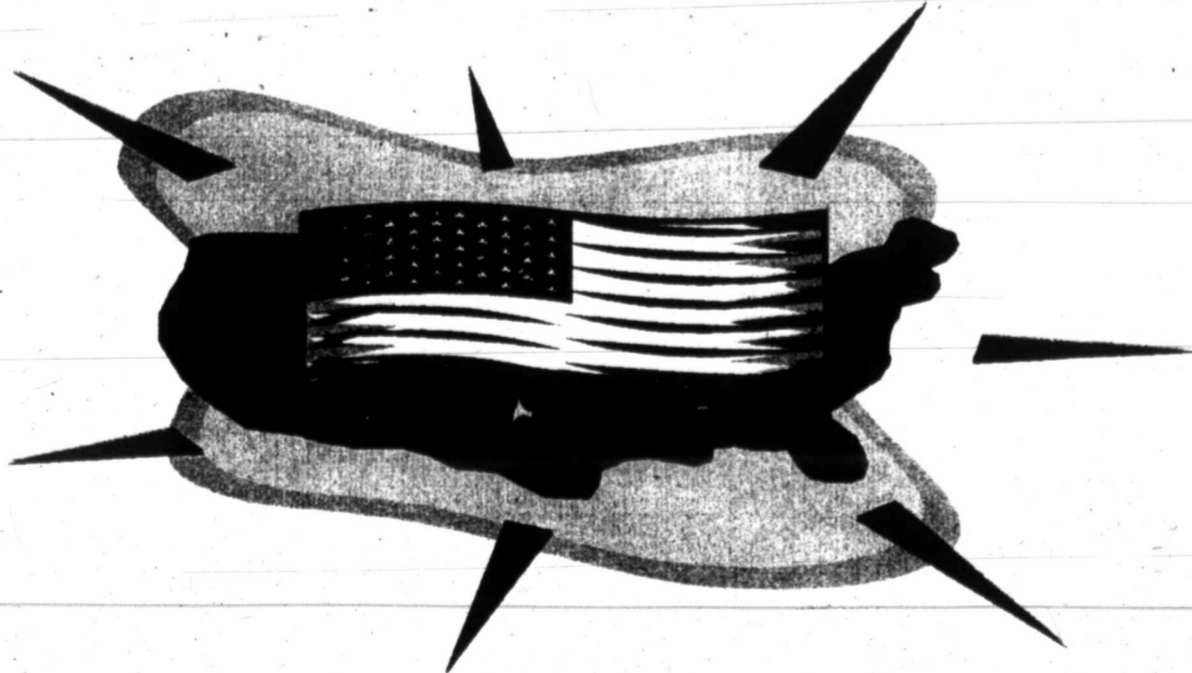
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Billboard music charts

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.)

A-Fella/Def Jam/IDJMG.

9. "U Remind Me," Usher. Arista.
10. "Let Me Blow Ya Mind," Eve (feat. Gwen Stefani). Ruff Ryders. Copyright 2001, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

10. "Break The Cycle," Staind. Flip/Elektra. (Platinum) Copyright 2001, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

Hot Adult Contemporary
(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "There You'll Be," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
2. "Thank You," Dido. Arista.
3. "If You're Gone," matchbox 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," Diamond Rio. Arista Nashville.
7. "I Want Love," Elton John. Rocket.
8. "Follow Me," Uncle Kracker. Top Dog/Lava/Atlantic.
9. "All Or Nothing," O-Town. J.
10. "Never Had A Dream Come True," S Club 7. A&M.

Billboard Hot 100: Top 10

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan; radio playlists; and monitored radio by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "I'm Real," Jennifer Lopez (feat. Ja Rule). Epic.
2. "Fallin'," Alicia Keys. J.
3. "Family Affair," Mary J. Blige. MCA.
4. "Where The Party At," Jagged Edge With Nelly. So So Def.
5. "It's Been Awhile," Staind. Flip/Elektra.
6. "Hit 'Em Up Style (Oops!)," Blu Cantrell. RedZone.
7. "Differences," Ginuwine. Epic.
8. "Izzo (H.O.V.A.)," Jay-Z. Roc-

The Billboard 200 Top Albums: Top 10

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Pain Is Love," Ja Rule. Murder Inc.
2. "The Blueprint," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella.
3. "A Day Without Rain," Enya. Reprise. (Platinum)
4. "Songs In A Minor," Alicia Keys. J. (Platinum)
5. "Silver Side Up," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
6. "Totally Hits 2001," Various Artists. Warner Bros./Elektra/Atlantic/Arista.
7. "Hybrid Theory," Linkin Park. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
8. "8701," Usher. Arista.
9. "Satellite," P.O.D. Atlantic.

Mainstream Rock Tracks
(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "How You Remind Me," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
2. "Gets Me Through," Ozzy Osbourne. Epic.
3. "Control," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless/Geffen/Interscope.
4. "I Wish You Were Here," Incubus. Immortal/Epic.
5. "Fade," Staind. Flip.
6. "Down With The Sickness," Disturbed. Giant/Reprise.
7. "Schism," Tool. Tool Dissectional.
8. "It's Been Awhile," Staind. Flip/Elektra.
9. "Crawling," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
10. "Alive," P.O.D. Atlantic.

Hot Rap Singles
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Crystal," New Order Reprise.
2. "Little L," Jamiroquai. Epic.
3. "Yes," Amber. Tommy Boy.
4. "Official Chemical," Dut Pistols. Geffen.
5. "It Began In Afrika," The Chemical Brothers. Freestyle Dust.
6. "Break 4 Love," Pete Dinklage + Pet Shop Boys + The Collaboration. Star 69.
7. "Feel This 2001," Robbi Rivera. Strictly Rhythm.
8. "The Player (Remixes)," Firs Choice. Philly Groove.
9. "Imagination," Ceevox. Star 69.
10. "Absolutely Not," Deborah Cox. J.

Gospel Albums
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Live In London And More..." Donnie McClurkin. Verity. (Gold)
2. "CeCe Winans," CeCe Winans. Wellspring Gospel.
3. "Thankful," Mary Mary. C2/Columbia. (Gold)
4. "Send It Down," Bishop Dennis Leonard And The Heritage Christian Center Mass Choir. EMI Gospel.

5. "Virtuosity!," Virtue. Verity.
6. Soundtrack: "Kingdom Come." Gospo Centric.
7. "Still Tramaïne," Tramaïne Hawkins. Gospo Centric.
8. "Persuaded — Live In D.C.," Richard Smallwood With Vision. Verity/Zomba.
9. "Awesome Wonder," Kurt Carr & The Kurt Carr Singers. Gospo Centric.
10. "Cliches," Greg O'Quinn 'N Joyful Noyze. World Wide Gospel. Copyright 2001, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

Modern Rock Tracks
(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "How You Remind Me," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
2. "I Wish You Were Here," Incubus. Immortal/Epic.
3. "Smooth Criminal," Alien Ant Farm. New Noise/DreamWorks.
4. "Control," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless/Geffen/Interscope.
5. "Alive," P.O.D. Atlantic.
6. "Fade," Staind. Flip.
7. "In The End," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
8. "Schism," Tool. Tool Dissectional.
9. "Down With The Sickness," Disturbed. Giant/Reprise.
10. "Lipstick And Bruises," Lit. Dirty Martini.

Top Country Albums
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Greatest Hits," Martina McBride. RCA. (Nashville).
2. Soundtrack: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Mercury. (Platinum)
3. "Pull My Chain," Toby Keith. DreamWorks. (Gold)
4. "Alright Guy," Gary Allan. MCA Nashville.
5. "Set This Circus Down," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
6. "The Rock: Stone Cold Country 2001," George Jones. Bandit.
7. Soundtrack: "Coyote Ugly," Curb. (Platinum)
8. "Greatest Hits," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Platinum)
9. "I'm Already There," LoneStar. BNA. (Gold)
10. "New Favorite," Alison Krauss & Union Station. Rounder/IDJMG. Copyright 2001, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Singles and Tracks
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and radio playlists)
1. "Differences," Ginuwine. Epic.
2. "Family Affair," Mary J. Blige. MCA.
3. "Rock The Boat," Aaliyah. Background.
4. "Living It Up," Ja Rule (feat. Case). Murder Inc.
5. "I'm Real," Jennifer Lopez (feat. Ja Rule). Epic.
6. "U Got It Bad," Usher. Arista.
7. "Ugly," Bubba Sparxxx. Beat Club.
8. "Lifetime," Maxwell. Columbia.
9. "Izzo (H.O.V.A.)," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam/IDJMG.
10. "Feelin' On Yo Body," R. Kelly. Jive. Copyright 2001, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

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. "Angry All The Time," Tim McGraw. Curb.
4. "I Would've Loved You Anyway," Trisha Yearwood. MCA Nashville.
5. "What I Really Meant To Say," Cyndi Thomson. Capitol.
6. "Complicated," Carolyn Dawn Johnson. Arista Nashville.
7. "On A Night Like This," Trick Pony. Warner Bros.
8. "Love Of A Woman," Travis Tritt. Columbia.
9. "Angels In Waiting," Tammy Cochran. Epic.
10. "I'm A Survivor," Reba. MCA Nashville. Copyright 2001, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums
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1. "Pain Is Love," Ja Rule. Murder Inc.
2. "The Blueprint," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella.
3. "8701," Usher. Arista.
4. "No More Drama," Mary J. Blige. MCA.
5. "Ghetto Fabulous," Fabulous. Desert Storm.
6. "Gerald's World," Gerald Levert. Elektra.
7. "Now," Maxwell. Columbia. Copyright 2001, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

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Hot Rap Singles

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1. "Raise Up," Petey Pablo. Jive.
2. "How We Do," Big Lew BKA Popeye Reds (feat. Nonchlant). Col-Beast.
3. "Buster," Dennis Da Menace. 1st Avenue.
4. "I'm Your Girl," Dena Cali. ES3.
5. "Nothing's Wrong," Won-G (feat. DJ Quick). TNO.
6. "Jump Up In The Air," Original P Introducing Hyped Up Westbound Soljaz. Westbound.
7. "Po' Punch," Po' White Trash & The Trailer Park Symphony. Pocket Change.
8. "Ugly," Bubba Sparxxx. Beat Club.
9. "Girls, Girls, Girls," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella.
10. "I'm Ghetto," Baby S. Ruthless. Copyright 2001, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

Hot Dance Music — Club Play

(Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)
1. "Crystal," New Order Reprise.
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3. "Yes," Amber. Tommy Boy.
4. "Official Chemical," Dut Pistols. Geffen.
5. "It Began In Afrika," The Chemical Brothers. Freestyle Dust.
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10. "Absolutely Not," Deborah Cox. J.

Hot Latin Tracks

(Compiled from national Latin radio airplay reports)
1. "Suerte," Shakira. Epic.
2. "Heroe," Enrique Iglesias. Interscope.
3. "Pueden Decir," Gilbert Santa Rosa. Sony Discos.
4. "Tantita Pena," Alejandro Fernandez. Sony Discos.
5. "No Me Conoces Aun, Palomo. Disa.
6. "O Me Voy O Te Vas," Marc Antonio Solis. Fonovisa.
7. "Me Vas A Extranar," Pep Aguilar. Musart.
8. "Usted Se Me Llevo La Vida," Alexandre Pires. Ariola.
9. "Cada Vez Te Extranamos Mas," Banda El Recodo. Fonovisa.
10. "Como Se Cura Una Herida," Jaci Velasquez. Sony Discos. Copyright 2001, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

The Billboard Latin 50: Top 10 Albums

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "En El Idioma Del Amor," Grupo Bryndis. Disa.
2. "Historia Musical Romantica," Grupo Bryndis. Disa.
3. "Historia Musical," Los Angeles Azules. Disa.
4. "Samos Gitanos," Gipsy Kings. Nonesuch.
5. "Origenes," Alejandro Fernandez. Sony Discos.
6. "En Vivo: Desde La Plaza El Progreso De Guadalupe," Joan Sebastian. Musart.
7. "Uniendo Fronteras," Los Tigres Del Norte. Fonovisa.
8. "Shhh!" A.B. Quintanilla Y Los Kumbia Kings. EMI Latin.
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Kid-friendly medical practice helps keep comfort levels high

By AMANDA ROGERS
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH, Texas — Seven-year-old Sarah looks at books and plays video games in the big, bright, open room that is her dentist's office, located in south Fort Worth. While she waits for shots in her mouth to take effect so an abscessed tooth can be pulled, she watches other kids. Some are being treated in nearby chairs. Others are at play with giant stuffed animals that sprawl across the floor or with books and games pulled from primary-colored bins.

When it's time for Sarah to climb into a reclining chair for treatment, she gets a high-five from a dental technician.

Nearby, in another reclining chair, 6-year-old Chad wears a big pair of sunglasses and a paper bib with his name and a smiley face drawn on it, and squirts water into his mouth with a metal instrument. His dental hygienist grins.

After Sarah is secure in the chair, Dr. Bruce Weiner pulls on a mask with a bear face on it and gives her a kid-speak play-by-play as he works on her teeth.

"I'm going to paint your tooth with a paint brush," he says. "Now I'm going to shine a light on it."

Weiner holds a light on Sarah's tooth and sings along with Kenny Rogers on the radio.

"Does that taste bad?" he asks. "Does it feel healthy when you bite? I just filled your tooth. We're going to put a tooth raincoat on to keep yucky stuff out of your mouth while we wiggle out the tooth that hurts."

"You tell me if anything hurts and I'll make it stop," he says. Huh?

This is a dentist's office? You bet your bottom molar it is. It's a pediatric dentist's office, where the focus is on the kids' emotional well-being as well as on the health of their teeth.

"We had a child throwing a tantrum because he didn't want to leave," says Sherry Reeves, Weiner's office manager. "He was throwing himself at the door."

But if a child is upset about a visit to the dentist, Weiner may ask to see him or her another day.

"The child is more important than the tooth," Weiner says firmly. There is a little body attached to the tooth. It's OK to say 'Ma'am, I can't treat your child today. Maybe it'll be a better day next time.'

"Is it worth it if you treat the tooth and the child never wants to come back?" he asks.

Weiner's not alone in his philosophy. For the past couple of decades, many children's doctors have been focusing on ways to make health care less threatening and more kid-friendly. Today's child-centered pediatrician is just as concerned with your kid's feelings as with the condition that's brought the child to his or her office. Sounds good, but how do you spot a practice that puts feelings first?

The philosophy plays out in many ways, but the easiest way to spot a child-centered doctor's office may be to take a look around the room. Weiner says he chose to have one large room with several dental chairs because it would help kids relax.

"If you put them in a little room, they're more likely to feel threatened," Weiner says. "Here they see other children getting the same things done and surviving."

"It used to be that offices were generic," says Dr. Joel B. Steinberg, professor of pediatrics at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. "Now everything from the offices to the rooms the kids are put into is child-friendly. Kid-friendly docs have smaller-scaled furniture and offices decorated in bright, happy colors. They may have a free video-game room, stuffed animals piled on the floor, children's movies or shows on TV."

A child-focused attitude is a little more difficult to detect, but look for details, says Steinberg. A doctor might put an anesthetic patch on a child's arm to numb the spot before inserting an IV or giving a shot, for example. Or will use a stuffed animal or doll to model a procedure to a child beforehand.

Pediatric neurosurgeon Dr. David Donahue of Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth says communication is the key to working with children.

"We spend as much time talking to families as we do operating," Donahue says. "If you spend more time talking to your kid on the front end, they'll do anything for you."

Talking to them on the other side of a visit is important, too. Many of Weiner's dental patients are surprised when he calls them at home after a visit to his office.

"I just want to make sure they're OK," he says.

Dr. Paul Gillette, medical director of pediatric cardiology at Cook Children's, says a doctor with a kid-friendly practice will also work around the child's comfort level.

"If you have a 3-year-old, you take the exam where you can get it," he says, including a parent's lap, his own lap or playing in the middle of the room.

Many children's hospitals are more kid-friendly, too, Steinberg says, using red wagons instead of stretchers and providing beds for parents in their children's rooms.

One of the hallmarks of a doctor with a kid-friendly philosophy is honesty with a child.

"You really need them to trust you," explains Dr. Paul Bowman, a pediatric hematologist-oncologist at Cook Children's. "You have to use trust and compassion. They love me despite the fact that sometimes I have to hurt them. They know I'm trying to make them better."

Weiner has his own kid-speak for dental procedures, like magic bubbles for a local anesthetic and happy nose gas for nitrous oxide, but if a child asks him if she's going to get a shot, he will not lie.

"I say 'Yes, darling, but we don't like to call it a shot because shots hurt,'" Dr. James Cunningham, a pediatric pulmonologist at Cook Children's, perhaps sums up the kid-first philosophy best when he says that dealing with his young patients is the best part of being a pediatrician.

"Kids don't know who you are and they don't care," he says. "They expect you to help them. We just enjoy playing with them."

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Yellowstone National Park ranger banned from speaking to reporters about hunting

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — A Yellowstone National Park ranger who criticized unscrupulous hunters has been ordered not to speak to reporters and a government watchdog group wants an investigation.

Park officials said the order was to remind seasonal ranger Bob Jackson that he's not an official park spokesman.

But Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, which defends government employees who speak out on environmental issues, called the order "offensive and blatantly illegal."

"The implications are that you're doing something wrong by having a gag order. But I didn't feel like I was doing anything wrong," said Jackson, 54.

Jackson criticized hunting guides who he says illegally lure elk from the park by placing salt licks just outside Yellowstone's boundaries. Elk hunting is illegal in the park, but permitted in the national forests next to Yellowstone. The use of salt to bait game is illegal, however.

Jackson was told this fall to return home to Promise City, Iowa, weeks ahead of schedule. After 23 years as a backcountry ranger, he worries he won't have a job next summer.

Yellowstone's order, issued in August, prohibits Jackson from expressing "opinions regarding Yellowstone, the National Park Service or about anything he does in his official capacity."

Welcome!



Top O' Texas Goldcoats welcome new Chamber of Commerce member O'Reilly Auto Parts. Goldcoats, from left, are Goldcoat President Pat Montoya, Neil Fulton, Jack Reeve, Ronnie Holmes, Charlene Morris, Chuck White, and Benny Horton. O'Reilly District Managers Marc McGhee, Scott Leonhard, Crystal Johns, Deon Wilbanks and assistant manager Joe Davila.

Retailers face balancing act as they try to weather tough business climate

GREER, S.C. (AP) — Small businesses are trying to balance patriotism with capitalism as they look for the edge necessary to make it through rough economic times.

From letting people take a sledgehammer to a car with Osama bin Laden's name on it, to offering a \$9.99 oil change only to American-made cars, they are coming up with creative business ideas while trying to avoid the appearance that they're cashing in on patriotism.

Sales at used car lot Thoroughbred Inc. have been down 30 percent since last month's terrorist attacks, finance manager Hugh Williams said.

Williams was trying to come up with an idea on how to get customers to the James Island lot and how to help out the local high school when he came up with Bash bin Laden Day.

"We're going to have Mr. bin Laden or whatever that idiot's name is all over it and charge \$2 to hit it with a sledgehammer," Williams said.

The lot will donate a junked car to the football team and let people take a whack at it. The car will debut at James Island's homecoming game on Nov. 2 before it gets bashed the next day.

Williams said the lot is running radio ads to drum up interest. "People can take out their frustrations on this guy and help a good

cause, too," Williams said.

Places like Greenville Army Store has seen a marked increase in business since the attacks, owner Jeff Zaglin said.

Some hot sellers include gas masks and U.S. flag patches, but Zaglin said he's also seen an increase in military-style clothes for the 13-and-younger crowd.

Dave Engelmann is seeing a lot more people in his motorcycle shop, but they aren't buying his custom machines or leather biker clothes. It's the U.S. flag magnets and the pro-American stickers that are flying off the front counter.

At Stivers Lincoln-Mercury in Columbia, anyone with an American-made car can get an oil change for \$9.99. The normal price is \$24.95.

"We've effectively tripled our oil change business," said Stivers. The \$9.99 price is a loss, but "it's our way of trying to help the economy."

Stivers, whose lot is peppered with U.S. flags and pro-American slogans, never worried for a moment he was going too far to cash in on this wave of patriotism.

"We sell to a very patriotic customer base," Stivers said. "Our demographic is people over 55. A lot of them served in Vietnam, a lot of them served in Korea and a lot of them served in World War II."

Census reconsiders adjusting numbers; decision could affect billions in federal funds

By GENARO C. ARMAS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Census Bureau is nearing a recommendation on whether to use adjusted census figures to help dole out some \$185 billion in federal assistance to states and cities.

The federal government uses population-based formulas to distribute the money to Medicaid, foster care and other social service programs. Essentially, the more people a place has, the more money it is eligible for.

The Census is debating whether statistical sampling produces more accurate figures than the raw head count now available.

Most Democrats and civil rights groups say it does, specifically for minority groups and inner-city residents — typically missed by the head count.

Generally, Republicans contend adjustment could create more mistakes in the 2000 census, which had a lower net national undercount than 1990's.

Bureau officials set a Monday target date to issue their recommendation, but have hinted it could take longer. A final decision would then be made by Commerce Secretary Don Evans, whose department oversees the bureau.

"The question is, can you use the (adjusted data) to help improve the count," Acting Census Bureau director William Barron said.

The administration faced the same issue earlier this year before recommending against using adjusted data to redraw congressional, state and local political districts.

The bureau then cited too many discrepancies between the sampled figures, the raw count

and a third set of data used to measure accuracy, and said it had too little time to study the issue. Evans agreed, clearing the way for only the raw head count to be used for redistricting.

"Adjusted data is the only way to get a fair and accurate count," said New Orleans Mayor Marc Morial, president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

"The failure to adjust will just create another decade of suspicion about the accuracy of the numbers of people who live in these cities," Morial said. An undercount deprived New Orleans of up to \$60 million in funding over the 1990s, he added.

Bureau officials have said further research indicates they made the right decision earlier this year. Overall, the Census Bureau has estimated fewer Americans were missed this time than in 1990. Undercounts for most minority groups were also lower.

In most cases, however, there were still higher undercount percentages for minority groups than for non-Hispanic whites.

Other organizations have offered wide-ranging views on the census. For instance: "Earlier this week, the National Research Council said the 2000 count was 'well executed in many respects,' including advertising and the redesigned questionnaires."

But the report also noted problems with address lists, and questioned the counting of some 1.2 million people at addresses without information about the size of the households or whether the homes were even occupied.

—A report commissioned by Clinton appointees to the U.S. Census Monitoring Board, an oversight panel, said that states and cities with large minority

populations would lose the most money if undercounts were not corrected.

—Republican board members reiterated last week that adjustment could cause more errors. Specifically, the GOP report said sampled data would create "vir-

tual people" and fail to place people who were missed in the neighborhoods where they actually lived.

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Polaroid files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection

BOSTON (AP) — Polaroid Corp., known to generations of consumers for its instant cameras and film but buried beneath a mountain of debt, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Friday.

The widely expected move comes three months after Polaroid said it would miss payments to bondholders and explore strategic options as it negotiated with creditors.

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Calendar of events

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.

PFA ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

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

CIRCUS CHIMERA

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

MINI BAZAAR

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

BSA VOLUNTEER TRAINING

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

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 ARC 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 is \$40. The fee for the CPR portion only is \$35 (book included.)

PAMPA AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Pampa Area Cancer Support Group for individuals, families and friends who have been touched by cancer will meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 18 in the cafeteria of the Pampa Regional Medical Center, One Medical

Plaza. Tom Hill, director of Pharmacy at PRMC, will speak. His topic will be flu vaccinations. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. The public is invited. For more information, call 665-4742 or 665-2654. For a ride, call Betty Whitson after 5 p.m. at 669-2198 or Linda Norris at 665-2654. In case of inclement weather, call ahead in case meeting is canceled.

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.

PHS MEETING

An organizational meeting for parents of seniors at Pampa High School will be held at 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 22 in the library of PHS. All parents of 2002 seniors are urged to attend. Planning will begin for the all-night party to be held in June. Anyone unable to attend or with questions may contact Mauri Johnson at 665-8664 for more information.

ADOPTION WORKSHOP

Forever Families of Amarillo will host a short information workshop for families interested in adopting from 7-8:30 p.m., Oct. 22 at Trinity Fellowship building, 1200 S. Sumner in Pampa. The workshop will include a short video presentation as well as a question/answer session. Interested single adults and married couples are invited to attend. For more information, call (806) 345-7908 or 1-877-924-KIDS.

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.

SUNSHINE LUNCH

Crown of Texas Hospice will sponsor a bereavement "Sunshine Lunch" at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 25 at Dos Caballeros, 1333 N. Hobart, in Pampa. Cost of the luncheon, which serves as a social time for those suffering the death of a loved one, will be between \$5-\$8. For more information, call 1-800-572-6365.

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 online.

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.

PARTIAL GED TESTING

Clarendon College will offer partial GED testing beginning with check-in at 7:30 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 3 at its Pampa campus and Dec. 1 at its main campus in Clarendon. Testing will get under way at 8 a.m. Cost per partial test is \$12. Payment is due at time of testing and should be in the form of a check or money order. Test-takers should also bring picture identification and two No. 2 pencils. To register or for more information, call (806) 665-8801 (Pampa) or (806) 874-3571 (Clarendon).

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.

AMARILLO BOTANICAL GARDENS

Amarillo Botanical Gardens is accepting orders to purchase holiday treats and gourmet entrees through Nov. 5. For more information, call (806) 352-6513. Proceeds will benefit the organization's educational programs. Entree include: Penne chicken di Genoa, hot chicken salad, green chili chicken enchilada, Santa Fe taco soup, beef enchiladas with red sauce, chili plus breads (herb, apple/nut, cranberry/orange, pumpkin spice) and cakes (pound, Kahlua, rum, Banana/walnut).

WACKY TACKY GALA

"Wacky Tacky Gala," a women's fellowship ministry event, will be held at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 8 in Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church, 203 N. West. Activities will include: a tackiest outfit contest, tackiest table contest, program, salad supper and personal testimony of Karen Williams. Participants must RSVP by Tuesday, Nov. 6. To make reservations or for more information, call 669-1155 or stop by the church.

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.

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 long-term 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 hours a week to the residents served by the Ombudsman program. For more 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 Center has 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.

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NEWSMAKERS

small arms from 9 mm to M6C and 50 cal. His most recent achievement was graduation from Search and Rescue swimmer school, a rigorous two-month course designed to ready students against all types of life threatening and hazardous sea obstacles. At his present rank of 3rd Class Petty Officer, EW2 (SAR), Griffin is sailing the high seas, patrolling the shores of our country and protecting us from unseen threats. In October 2000, he reported to duty aboard the USS Taylor, a frigate homeported in Mayport. Since that time, he has taken on many collateral duties and achieved vital qualifications, taking on the responsibility as one of the ship's intel assistants and serving as a command Physical Readiness Training coordinator. He is also a member of the ship's Self Defense Force, receiving training in

Letters to the editor

Downtown lights a seasonal delight ...

To the editor,
As we drove through downtown the other night, we were delighted by the pumpkin lights. We just wanted to thank the private donor who has supplied all of these seasonal lights. They make downtown Pampa really sparkle.
Faustina and John Curry
Pampa

This is not a military deal but an American deal

To the letter,
Recently in a letter to the editor a Mr. Kenneth Winters wrote a letter stating that we American Christians had to be killed. What is the deal, what is wrong? I would like to explain the following.
Many years ago Bible prophecy teacher Hal Lindsey said, "The major threat to world peace would not be a political party or nation, it would be Muslim fundamentalist." Why? Because the objective stated by Benjamin Netanyahu "is to install an extremist form of Islam as the dominant power in the world."
Why do these people declare America as their main target? There are many nations that are primarily non-Muslim, but America is the strongest. When America is brought down, the other non-Muslim nations will be easy to bring down.
As the fundamentalists start making rapid progress toward their

goal, will the Muslim nations continue to distance themselves from the Muslim fundamentalists? Can we trust the leaders of Muslim nations when a basic tenet of Islam is that it is okay to lie if it suits your purpose and that non-Muslims refusing to convert should be killed?

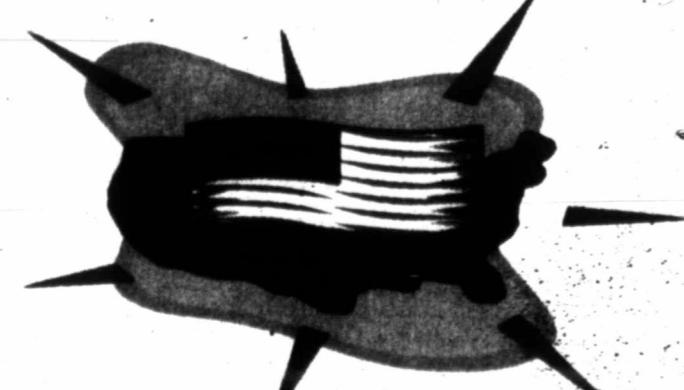
The American left-winged politicians who have embraced every religion except Christianity and every political system except democracy need to wake up. Better yet, the people who elected them need to wake up.

American democracy is the oldest form of government in the world. As you said, we have been around only about 200 hundred yeas or so. But we were founded under GOD to peace, love and happiness. When the Muslim fundamentalists take over, see if you can take your children to a Christian church. See if you can send your girls to school. This is not a military deal; this is an American deal.
Ed Robinson
Pampa

History of Middle East fascinating ...

To the editor,
We are told several things about Saddam Hussein and Iraq. I went to the World Book Encyclopedia, to the country of Iraq and read about that country. Boy, was I surprised.
I highly recommend that every person read up on all history about Arab nations.
C. Kenneth Williams
Pampa

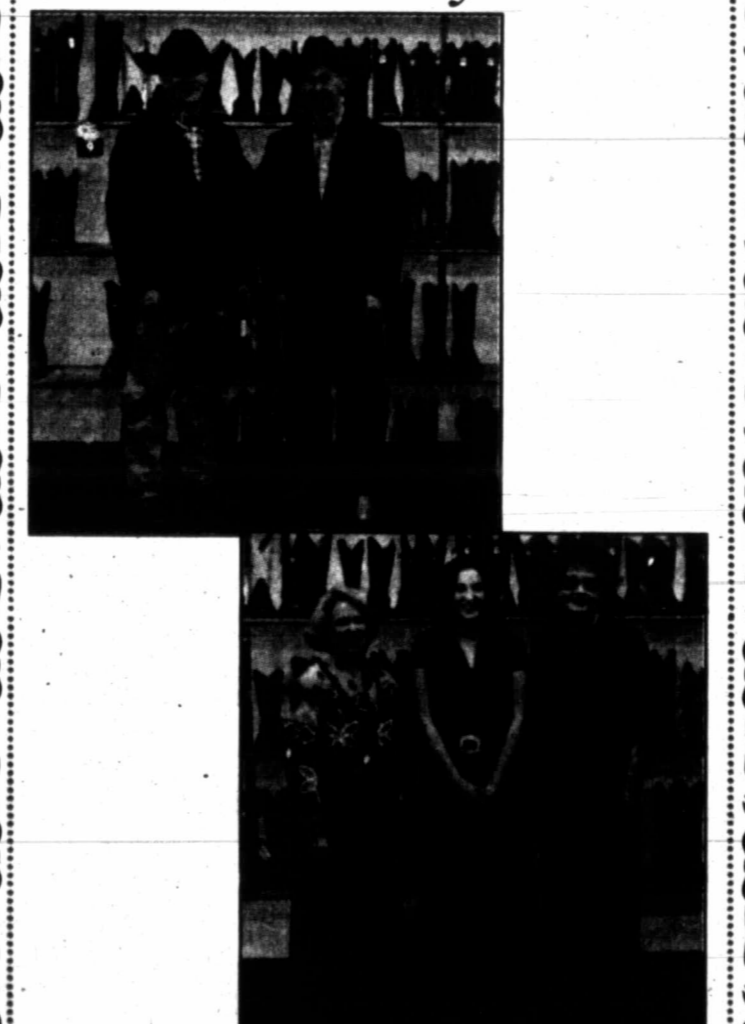
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