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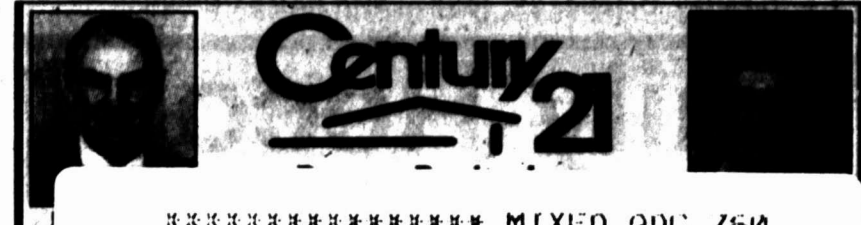
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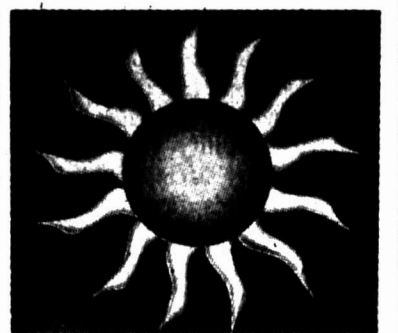


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City Halloween Party October 31

Pampa — The city's Recreation Department will hold its annual Children's Halloween Party on Wednesday, Oct. 31. The party will be at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium starting at 5:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the best five costumes. All children attending will receive a bag of goodies. Sponsors include Gray County Red Cross, First Bank Southwest, Franks Food Store, National Bank of Commerce, Albertson's, Wal-Mart, and the Pampa police and fire departments.

Halloween craft day at library

Pampa — The Lovett Memorial Library will have a Halloween Craft day at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27. Shanla Brookshire, the children's librarian, will assist the children in making ghost mobiles and paper plate skeletons along with other Halloween crafts. Children of all ages are invited to attend. The program is free but registration is necessary. Contact the library at 669-5780.

Sunshine Lunch on tap Thursday

PAMPA — 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.

• Danny J. Goad, 49, lifelong resident of Pampa and White Deer.
• Barbara Keller, 69, homemaker.

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Mayor speaks on PEDC, local attitudes

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

In two weeks local residents will go to the polls to decide if the future includes an Economic Development Corporation for Pampa.

Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins believes all residents want an excellent future for Pampa, but says citizens are divided on how to accomplish those goals.

Robbins thinks the majority of people favor having an EDC in the community, but that they want a fresh start.

"The question I think a lot of people are really struggling with is not "Do we need an EDC", it is "What about the present one?"

"I believe that Pampa needs an economic development corporation," Robbins said during an interview Monday afternoon, adding there are about 472 EDCs in Texas.

"The biggest issue in this election is restoring credibility," said Robbins, "and it is hard to do when lines are drawn like this in the community. Everyone has a different opinion of how that needs to be done. It depends on

what their perception is and in what area."

He said the perception of some residents is probably the most difficult problem to combat because some perceptions can be based on misinformation, or lack of information.

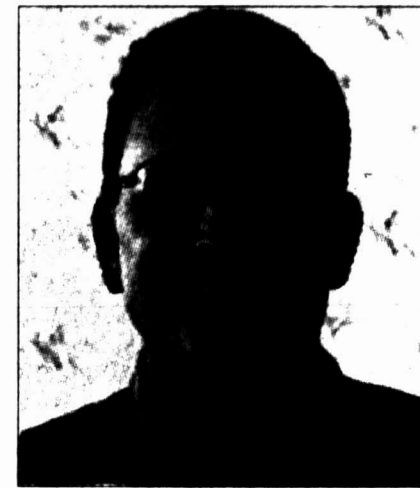
"The Pampa City Commission and the citizens of Pampa have not held the PEDC accountable. There has to be some more accountability," he said.

Robbins said in visiting with some of the PEDC board members he thinks they are con-

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"The biggest issue in this election is restoring credibility and it is hard to do when lines are drawn like this in the community..."

— Mayor Lonny Robbins



Six guilty pleas draw sentences

Six persons entered guilty pleas or had probation revoked on a variety of charges in district court action here recently.

District Judge Steven Emmert heard the cases in 31st District Court here last week.

Kenneth Dunquane Seawright, 23, of Montgomery, Ala., received five years probation after pleading guilty to possession of marijuana charges. Judge Emmert also assessed a \$2,000 fine, \$140 restitution and ordered Seawright to complete 160 hours of community service as part of the plea agreement.

A Gray County grand jury had indicted Seawright in connection with his arrest for possession of marijuana over five pounds and under 50 pounds on July 30, 1999.

Curtis McGill Lee pled guilty to possessing less than four grams of cocaine on Sept. 24, 1999. In exchange for his plea, Lee, 44, 1201 Frederic, received a probated sentence of three years, a \$1,000 fine, \$140 restitution and ordered to complete 160 hours of community service.

Judge Emmert revoked probation for Aquilla Lynn Duck, 27, 704 E. Kingsmill, and sentenced her to two years in a state jail facility and fined her \$1,500. She received 204 days credit for time served. Duck had been placed on five years probation on March 26 after pleading

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United Way slow getting to its goal

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

With two more weeks left in the 2001 campaign, the Pampa United Way has only reached 35 percent of its \$375,000 goal.

At the fourth check-in meeting, \$25,113 was turned in bringing the overall total to \$132,183.53, reported Katrina Bigham, executive administrator.

"I don't think it's a major problem," Bigham said. "We have only four major firms in right now. The rest have not been turned in yet. I think there's a lot out there, it's just not in yet."

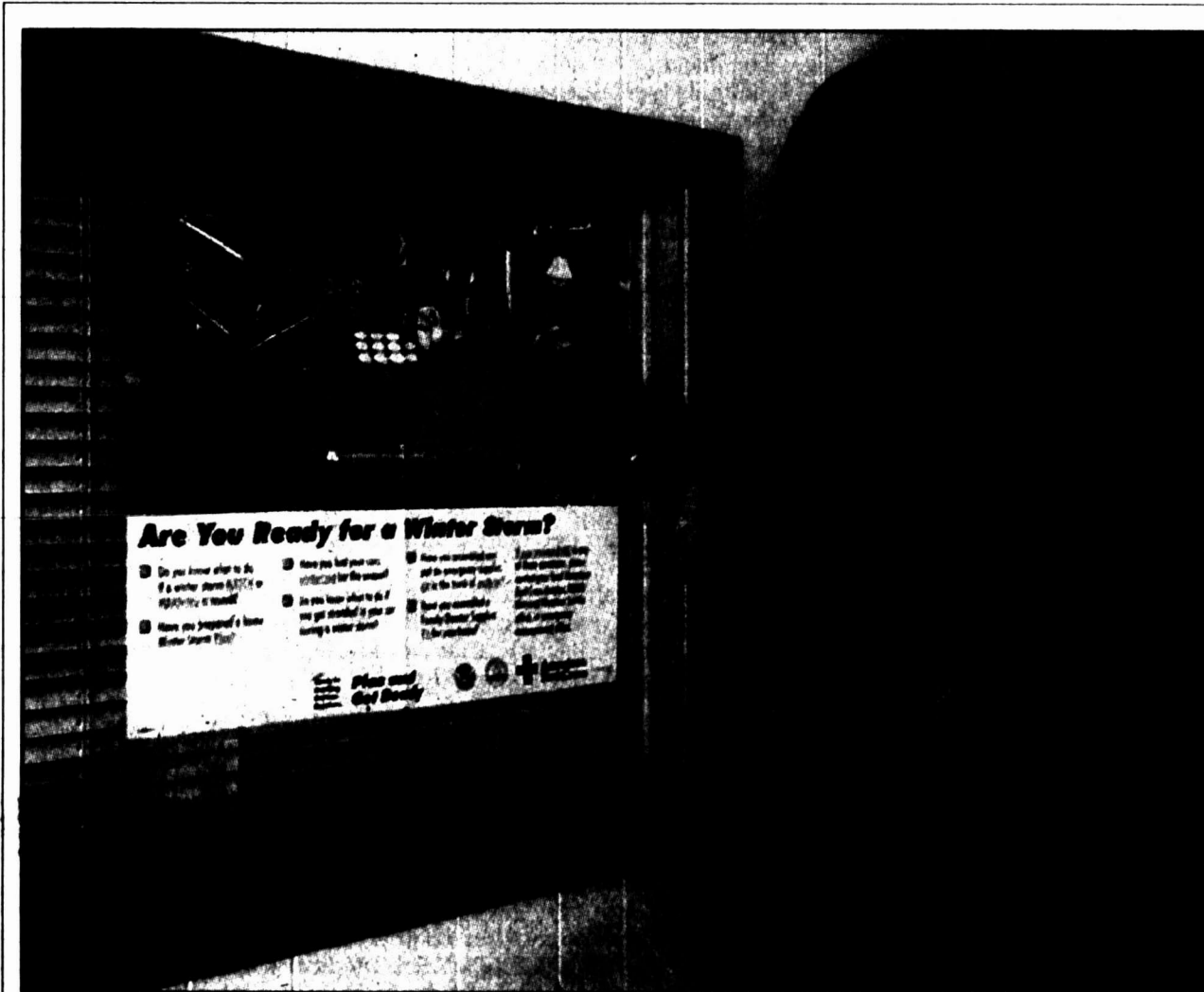
She said Celanese — usually one of the top United Way contributors locally — has not turned in its pledges because the plant is going through a turn-around.

"They'll probably come in at the last," she said.

Recent national and world events may have affected this year's campaign, as well, Bigham said.

"Some (donations) are lower than before, but I'm not really worried about that," she said. "I tell them, there's ones that are more and there's others that give that have never given before. It all evens out."

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(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Jana Gregory, executive director of the Pampa/Gray County Red Cross, displays a poster listing ways to weather a winter storm. These same procedures would also help in a terrorist attack, she said.

Red Cross a helping hand

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

On Sept. 11, everything changed for persons living in the United States.

Before that day, the phrases "terrorist attacks" and "germ warfare" had little meaning to most Americans, except as something they would see on world news reports.

Now terms such as these can be heard in almost every conversation and on every news cast — not in relation to countries thousands of miles away, but to communities throughout United States.

While the seriousness of a nation at war cannot be denied, emergency officials say the best course of action for local citizens is not to panic, but to prepare.

"I just want people to be aware that if basic needs are threatened, they can call the Red Cross," explained Jana Gregory, director of the Pampa/ Gray Chapter of the American Red Cross.

"The Red Cross is very good at helping people, but we also want people to help themselves," she said.

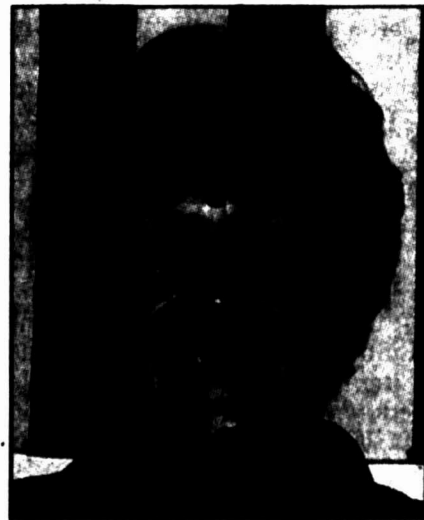
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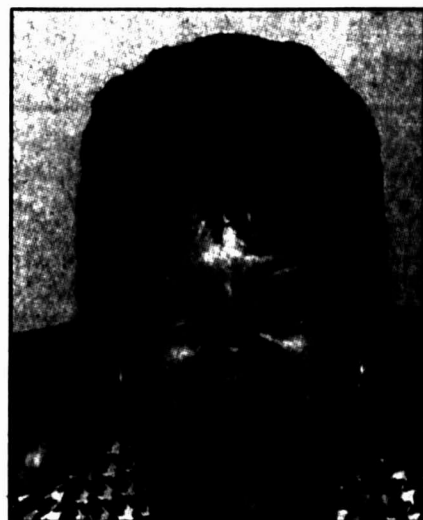
"Yes, I shop Pampa when I can. But if I can't find it, I have no choice but to go out of town."

— Troy Hestor



"Yes, definitely. I shop Pampa as often as I can. I try to get everything here."

— Katda Schale



"Yes, I shop Pampa and I think that the new businesses and remodeling going on is a positive asset for our community."

— Sheila Webb



"Yes, I like the convenience of shopping at home."

— Chris Kerbo



"Yes, I always shop Pampa first because Pampa is my home and I want to see it stay alive."

— Rene Garrison



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cerned about the future of Pampa. "They (board members) will admit they have lost credibility in the community," he said.

"I agree. I think the PEDC has lost some credibility," he said.

Robbins said the petition to bring the matter to a vote has caused the community and Pampa City Commission to look at the way they have operated, especially in the area of economic development.

"Sometimes we need a reality check and really see if we're being effective in things that we are doing or in the way they are being done," the mayor said.

Robbins said there is a wide-spread perception in the community in regard to the PEDC that is going to be difficult to change.

"I believe that the only way to begin to do that is to hopefully try to make some changes that will bring credibility to the EDC," he said. "I think the board has been trying to do that."

"The question being asked by a lot of people is 'Is this (changes) just temporary, or is it something that they will diligently continue to do?'"

Robbins said the EDC hasn't had proper accountability. "That is at the fault of the city commission," he said. "We need a clearer line of communication between the Pampa City Commission and the PEDC," said Robbins, saying this needs to be corrected.

Robbins said it is the fault of the city commission for not being aware of what has been going on. He said the PEDC is to take all projects and financial affairs to be approved. PEDC board members are appointed by the city commission, also.

Elected to the mayor post just six months ago, Robbins said, "We have to do what is already stated in the by-laws."

"A lot of issues that are at the forefront are things that happened years back," he said. "These are issues that have not been properly dealt with and communicated to the citizens of Pampa."

He said he doesn't blame the present board for what has happened in the past, citing that some of the board members have only been on it about six months.

Three PEDC Board members—Jerry Foote, Lee Porter and Darville Orr—remain in place. Richard

Stowers, president of the board, and Jerry Mullenax resigned from the board shortly after a petition with over 1,240 voter signatures was certified in September to bring the matter to a vote.

Robbins said the people of Pampa have gotten the attention of the PEDC Board. "I think this is a wake up call," he said.

The young mayor said it has caused everyone to reevaluate what they are doing and seeing if they are being effective.

"Sometime we've got to lay down the past so that we can enter into the future," said Robbins. "and that's hard for all of us in our own individual lives as well as any other things because so much of the past affects us." He said it affects the way people think and do, and the individuals are the only ones who can do anything about it.

He described the division and mistrust on both sides. "Both sides are skeptical of each other. There is the issue of trust," he said.

Petitioners are asking, "How do we know it's going to be different?," he said. Robbins answer is, "We don't know. As the mayor, I can say I can do all within my power to do that but I'm not the only one who makes that decision. I'm just one person."

The city commission is composed of the mayor and four city commissioners.

Robbins said not having an EDC would have an affect in competing for new businesses and industry in the Pampa area.

"Change sometimes is necessary for people to feel like there is a fresh start," said Robbins. "If that means wiping the slate and starting over, that is a viable option."

Robbins said he believes strongly in the future of Pampa. "Our people have a negative attitude," he said, saying that attitude needs to change.

"There are so many positives to our community," he said. "We have to change, but we can only do this as individuals first before doing so as a community."

Robbins said what some see as a negative, he sees as a challenge to overcome. "If something isn't working let's not throw it out. Maybe we need to restructure. Maybe we need to get new personnel. Maybe there needs to be some change to get a different outlook— to see things in a different way. If we need to do that, let's do it for the betterment of Pampa."

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RED CROSS

A few basic preparations are all that's need to be ready for any emergency, whether natural or war-related, she said.

"If they're ready for a Texas Panhandle winter storm, they'll be ready for any kind of terrorist event," Gregory said.

Another phrase that the public should know is "shelter in place." This phrase is used often in the case of a chemical emergency. It means to stay where you are and make yourself as safe as possible until the emergency passes or they are told to evacuate. Sometimes it's safer to stay indoors than to go outside where the air may be unsafe to breathe.

"In other words, people need to be able to take care of themselves in their own homes for a three- to five-day period if they had to," Gregory said.

In times of emergency, citizens may not have access to light, heating or water. They may not be able to go to the store for food or to the pharmacy for medicine. Medical care may not be immediately available.

Gregory suggests that area residents plan what to do if asked to "shelter in place" for several days. She recommended putting together an emergency supply stash with a battery-powered radio and flashlight with extra batteries for each; a change of clothing; rain gear and sturdy shoes; blanket or sleeping bag; an extra set of keys; cash, credit cards, change; personal hygiene supplies; phone numbers of relatives and friends; insurance agent's name and number.

In addition, it would be wise to put up a water supply of bottled water — one gallon a day per per-

son. Replace this supply every six months. Also store non-perishable foods that are easy to carry, nutritious and ready-to-eat. Rotate these regularly. Put a manual can-opener with them. Don't forget pets. Have water and non-perishable food for them, too.

It's important to consider medical needs in an emergency situation, as well. Medical supplies to have on hand include prescription medicines, list of medications with dosage and a list of allergies, extra eyeglasses and hearing aid batteries, medical insurance and Medicare cards, list of doctors and relative or friend to notify if you are injured, as well as any other medical supplies needed like extra oxygen, wheelchair batteries, etc.

In the case of an evacuation, emergency officials recommend packing an easy-to-carry bag or back-pack with supplies you would need include medical and general items and put an identification tag on it.

"We want people to understand that as willing as the Red Cross is to help, we are not going to move in and endanger volunteers unless it's a life-threatening situation," Gregory said, adding that by preparing ahead, most residents can "weather the storm" at home for a few days until emergency workers can get to them.

Gregory said commuters should prepare an emergency kit for their vehicle, also. An emergency car kit should include battery-powered radio and flashlight with extra batteries for both; a blanket; booster cables; fire extinguisher; first aid kit and manual; bottled water and non-perishable high energy foods like granola bars, raisins and

peanut butter; maps, shovel, tire repair kit and pump; and flares.

She also suggests adding a candle, a box of matches, and a metal container to the kit.

"It's amazing how much warmth a lighted candle in a metal container can give," she said. "You won't have to run your heater. And a cell phone always helps."

Ken Hall, local emergency management coordinator, said local residents can receive emergency information in several ways.

"We have the capability of accessing all the cable channels, like on the tests we do on Saturday," he said. "We also have an excellent working relationship with Darrell Sehorn and KGRO-KOMX. If necessary, we can broadcast through them."

The outdoor warning systems not only have sirens, he said, but also have microphones that can transmit spoken messages to persons outdoors.

In addition, local emergency officials can access the nationwide Emergency Alert System (EAS). KGNC AM 710 and KGNC FM 97.90 are the local primary stations for the Texas EAS, he said.

"We can request access through this system in Amarillo if we need to. We've never done that," Hall said, "but we could."

"It's better to be prepared and not need it, than to not be and need it in an emergency," Gregory said.

Red Cross offers a number of free brochures on disaster preparedness at the local office, 108 N. Russell, or for more information, contact the Red Cross at 669-7121.

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guilty to unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, according to court records. The probation was revoked after Duck left a managed care halfway house after staying there only three days.

A delivery of a controlled substance charge against Stacey Earl Lamm, 33, of Richardson, was dismissed after his probation for another charge was revoked. Judge Emmert sentenced Lamm to eight years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice institutional division.

Connie Denise Ballard, 33, 1072 Prairie, received

five years probation and was ordered to pay a \$500 fine and \$32.67 restitution, after she entered a guilty plea to an enhanced charge of theft under \$50. The charge was upgraded to a state jail felony due to two prior theft convictions.

Misty Dawnette Kimbley, 39, Lefors, entered a guilty plea to an injury to a child charge in exchange for a seven-year probated sentence and a \$1,000 fine. She was also ordered to complete 240 hours of community service. As part of the plea bargain arrangement, charges of sexual assault and indecency with a child were dismissed, court documents show.

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UNITED WAY

Bigham encouraged United Way volunteers to get their pledge cards and donations in as soon as possible. "I need to get them in so I can get them posted," she said.

The next check-in meeting is at noon, Tuesday, Oct. 23, at the large meeting room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. United Way agencies sponsoring the check-in luncheon include Boy Scouts, Gray County Child Protective Services,

and Girl Scouts.

Last week, United Way volunteers met at Genesis House Activity Building for a free Mexican dinner. Co-sponsors of the luncheon in addition to Genesis House were Gray County Latch Key and Pampa Community Youth Services.

Bigham released the receipts to-date from this year's campaign by division:

Commercial — \$1,530; Individual — \$14,173; Major Firms — \$36,702; Oil & Gas — \$2,110; Professional — \$22,114; Public — \$3,535; Special Gifts — \$25,252; and Other — \$47.

Officials: Death of two postal workers caused by anthrax

WASHINGTON (AP) — Officials confirmed Tuesday as the cause of death in two local postal workers, the latest victims in the nation's bioterrorism scare. A mail employee was hospitalized in New Jersey, also believed to be suffering from the inhalation form of the disease.

"We now know the two deaths that were reported to you now are confirmed cases of inhalational anthrax," District of Columbia Mayor Anthony Williams said at a news conference.

He spoke as a Postal Service official said roughly 3,400 employees across the nation's capital had been evaluated and given antibiotics in 72 hours.

Ivan Walks, the city's top health official, also announced an expansion in the number of people who should be treated as a precaution.

In all, Walks said, the city knew of two patients hospitalized with inhalation anthrax; two postal workers confirmed dead of the disease and four cases listed as suspicious. He said another 12 cases are being watched but are of "very low suspicion" for anthrax.

In addition, Walks said envi-

ronmental testing proves anthrax spores are in the back work areas of the city's central Brentwood mail facility. That means all employees need treatment, he said.

"We do not need to do further testing, but we need to treat and we need to treat quickly," he said.

Not just postal workers but anyone who visited the back mail-processing area of any Washington postal facility that received mail from Brentwood needs to get the antibiotic treatment, added Deborah Willhite of the U.S. Postal Service.

She said the Brentwood facility has been declared a crime scene.

The disclosure came as New

Jersey Health Commissioner George DiFerdinando said a postal worker in his state had contracted inhalational anthrax was hospitalized in serious but stable condition. She works at a facility that processed at least three anthrax-tainted letters mailed to Washington and New York.

The twin developments came as Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson pledged a more aggressive testing and treatment effort if additional tainted mail is received. He spoke after federal officials had spent time on Monday defending a delay in testing at the Brentwood facility.

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UA student dies after falling off ledge

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — A student fell five floors to his death after climbing onto a window ledge to have a cigarette at a smoke-free dormitory.

University of Arkansas student Alexander W. Gilbert, 18, fell from Pomfret Hall late Monday. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Authorities said the death appears to be accidental, and found no evidence that drugs or alcohol were involved.

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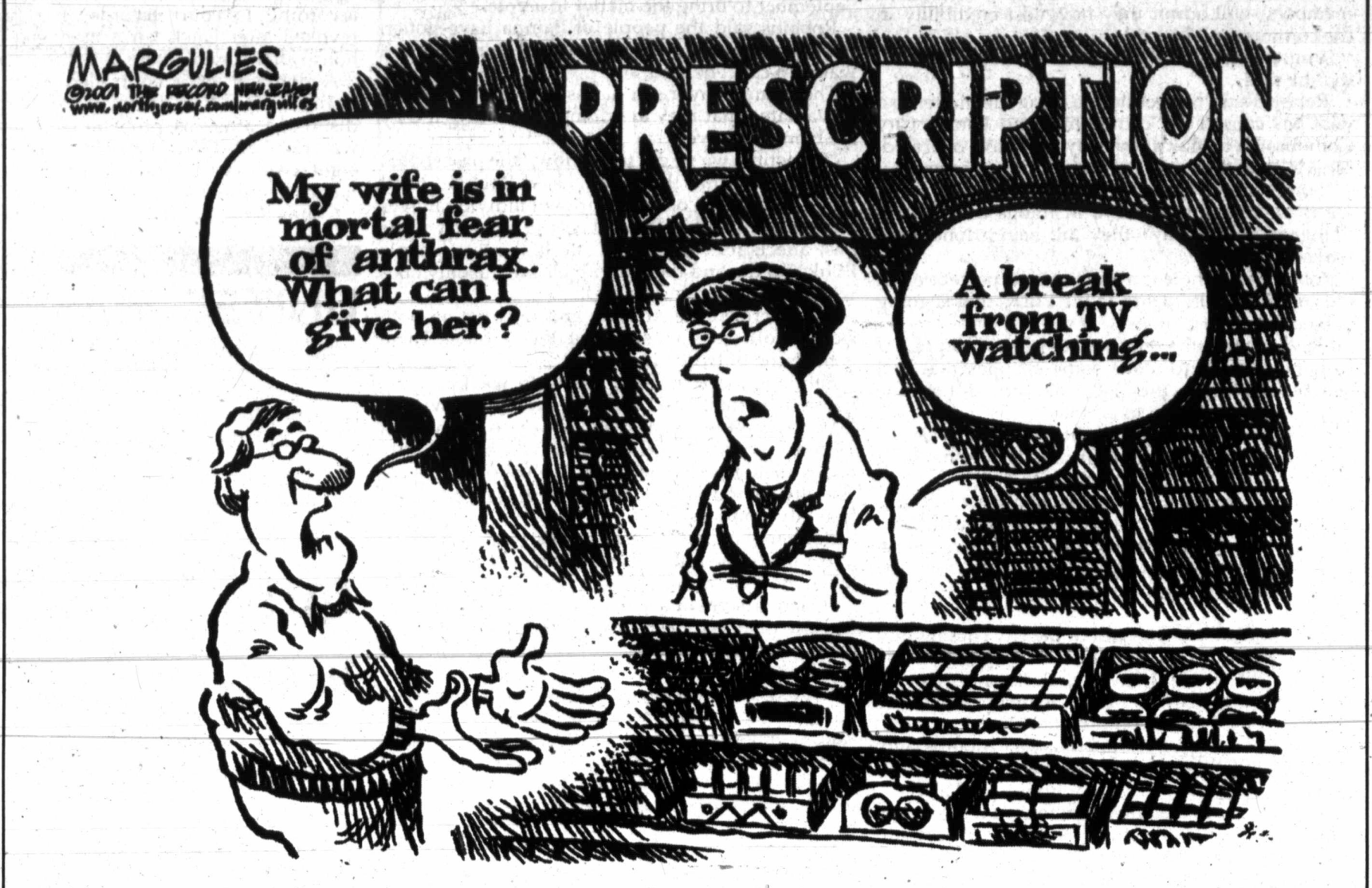
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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas: San Antonio Express-News on bailout of troubled industries:

Although it is unusual for the United States to bail out troubled industries, almost everyone agrees that the government had to rescue the nation's airlines a la Chrysler Corp. and the steel industry.

The Sept. 11 terror attacks crippled the airline industry, which already was in deep trouble.

However, since President Bush and Congress authorized the \$15 billion airline bailout, a growing number of industries think that they, too, deserve government help.

The list includes the insurance industry, hotels, restaurants, car rental companies, Amtrak, steel mills, various manufacturers, oil and gas producers and corporations seeking tax breaks.

The federal government has to say no to such calls for help, which could add up to as much as \$100 billion.

Besides the airlines, those who should receive government help are the thousands of Americans who are out of jobs, especially those who received their pink slips in the aftermath of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The additional industries and corporations seeking government help must bear in mind that even before last month's strikes, the U.S. economy was rapidly slowing.

Now, the question is not if but for how long the recession will be. If it's as deep as the last one, the government can do little to save dying businesses or industries.

There simply is not enough money to go around. Besides, taxpayers' money is for national priorities such as defense, health care and education.

The \$60 billion to \$75 billion stimulus package that Bush and Congress are working on is to shore up the faltering economy, not to bail out troubled businesses.

The rare exceptions are when the public interest is at stake, as it was in the case of the airline industry.

Every deep recession, industries surely understand, brings a heavy casualty toll. For instance, two of the biggest victims of the 1990-91 recession were major airlines, Pan Am and Eastern.

As consolation for some of the troubled industries, if the airlines rebound, tourist attractions, hotels, restaurants and car rental companies also will benefit.

The United States, like the rest of the world, faces hard economic times. The government can't rescue all industries. That's not the free-market way or the American way.

God, guns making a comeback

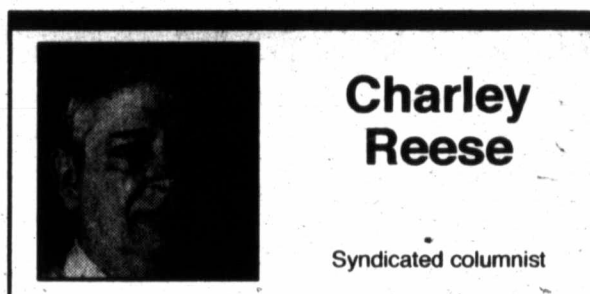
I hope a lot of you noticed that after the terrorist attacks, Americans turned to God and guns. Kind of reminds me of a bumper sticker I used to see that used words to the effect that America was created by "God, guns and guts."

The Airline Pilots Association has asked Congress to permit pilots to have firearms in the cockpit. That's a reasonable request. The old rule that you obey the hijackers in order to survive is no longer applicable. And there is talk of putting armed marshals on the planes. Likewise, that's a reasonable idea.

There is only one logical reply to force, and that's counterforce. That's why warplanes were scrambled. That's why President Bush had already given the order to shoot down the airliner that was flying over Pennsylvania, heading toward Washington. The passengers on that plane, to their credit, did the job themselves and brought it down in an open field.

And, of course, every politician in the country was praying and attending religious services. The president even proclaimed a national day of prayer and remembrance.

In the face of all that praying by the high and mighty, the federal court orders that state our children cannot start their school day with a prayer, have a prayer at a commencement exercise or pray for the safety of the players at a high school football game certainly seem to be the petty, nonsensical rulings that they are.



You will notice that during this crisis period, we have not heard even a peep, much less a squawk, from all those people so hot-to-trot on the subject of church and state separation. Well, if the House and Senate can start their sessions with a prayer, if the president can proclaim a day of national prayer and remembrance, if politicians of every stripe can attend prayer service after prayer service, if even television networks can put up little messages saying the network's prayers are with the victims and their families, why in hell can't children pray at school events?

I've heard other commentators say that this atrocity has diminished in the eyes of the public the importance of professional athletes and entertainers. It is now clear that they are not heroes. I hope it will also diminish in the eyes of the public those few secular cranks who wish to drive all traces of religion from

American public life. It's quite clear that most Americans are religious, and it's always been clear to anybody who bothered to read American history that this nation has always had a strong religious base.

Freedom of religion has never meant freedom from religion. The only purpose of the First Amendment was to simply forbid the federal government from adopting a particular church as an official church subsidized by tax dollars. In fact, the stated hope of the Founding Fathers was that by prohibiting an official church, religion would flourish in America. And, indeed, it has.

Most people, when faced with death, will reach for God. Most people, when faced with men who want to kill them, will reach for a gun. Perhaps more Americans will realize that it is no accident that the First Amendment, which guarantees freedom of speech, religion, assembly and press, is immediately followed by the Second Amendment, which guarantees the right of individuals to keep and bear arms.

Ultimately, even in our day, the world is ruled by force. That's why we have the armed forces, armed police, armed federal officers and an armed citizenry. If you see a terrorist about to crash a truck into a school, what are you going to do? Throw a law book at him? No, you had better shoot him dead where he sits.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 23, the 296th day of 2001. There are 69 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On Oct. 23, 1983, 241 U.S. Marines

and sailors in Lebanon were killed in a suicide truck-bombing at Beirut International Airport; a near-simultaneous attack on French forces killed 58 paratroopers.

In 1864, forces led by Union Gen. Samuel R. Curtis defeated Confederate Gen. Sterling Price's army in Missouri.

In 1910, Blanche S. Scott became the first woman to make a solo, pub-

lic airplane flight, reaching an altitude of 12 feet at a park in Fort Wayne, Ind.

In 1915, 25,000 women marched in New York City, demanding the right to vote.

Time to reassess school funding



Public education in Texas has been shaped by reform since birth. In fact, one of the catalysts that fueled the Texas Revolution was the charge that Mexico hadn't done enough to provide Texans with public schools.

Today, we have grown from a young nation with 50,000 Texans into the second largest state with nearly 21 million people. Our population soared 23 percent in the last 10 years alone, spurring demographers to point out that 3.9 million new Texans counted in the last census rival the 1990 populations of Houston, Dallas and San Antonio combined.

Growth and changing dynamics mean the time has come again to look for new ways to pay for public education. Since many newcomers may not know what state leaders have gone through to find an equitable way to finance our schools, it is vitally important for everyone to understand the difficult job it has been.

The Texas Constitution, adopted in 1876, established public schools in state law and requires the Legislature to provide for "an efficient system of public education." It is the word "efficient" that raised the issue of equity in school finance that lawmakers still struggle with today.

The first major overhaul of our school system came with the Gilmer-Aikin Act passed in 1949 after a heated debate. The new law created a foundation program to help equalize state aid. Opponents called the proposals "communist" or "fascist," and the House Education Committee held the first all-night committee hearing in state history to take public testimony. But perhaps the most lasting legacy of the Gilmer-Aikin Act are two concepts that remain at the core of equalization today — equity for students and equity for taxpayers.

School finance changed little until a federal district court declared the system unconstitutional in a 1971 landmark decision in Rodriguez v. San Antonio. Plaintiffs argued that children who lived in communities with

low property wealth were treated unfairly because the highest tax rates couldn't begin to approach the funding the wealthiest communities could raise with much lower tax rates.

The U.S. Supreme Court overturned the decision in 1973, ruling school finance was a state issue and not a federal matter. But the stage was set. The struggle for equity would continue for the next generation.

The mid-1980s, brought sweeping reform of the Texas public school system and the momentum for equity increased when a group of poor districts filed a lawsuit in state court — Edgewood v. Kirby. Plaintiffs cited discrimination and charged it violated the constitutional requirement for an "efficient and free public school system."

In 1987, the court agreed and ordered the Legislature to create a more equitable funding mechanism. The case reached the Texas Supreme Court on appeal in 1989. It ruled with the plaintiffs and ordered a new plan for the next school year.

Four consecutive and contentious special sessions followed before lawmakers finally approved a bill that would increase school funding more than \$500 million. But the plaintiffs weren't satisfied. Three months later, the district court agreed and ordered another plan within the year.

Once again, the Texas Supreme Court heard the case on appeal. And once again, found the system unconstitutional. It gave the Legislature a little more than two months to come up with another idea. Under a tight deadline and serious threats to cut off state finances, lawmakers created County Education Districts to consolidate funding.

Within the year, the high court found that

unconstitutional too, labeled the new districts unlawful taxing units, and demanded another plan. In short order, the Legislature hammered together a new multi-option school finance plan just three days shy of the court-ordered deadline that set a top tax rate and required high-wealth districts to share with low-wealth schools. A number of poor school districts appealed that plan, too. But this time, the Texas Supreme Court ruled it constitutional.

Recently, a number of wealthy districts filed a new suit in state court arguing the current system is a state property tax and violates the law. The court disagreed — noting a majority of school districts would have to reach the top tax rate to support that argument. The court also said as long as districts were giving optional homestead exemptions and spending funds on activities other than academics, they were voluntarily taxing at the top rate — and not due to any state requirement.

Nonetheless, the challenge was clear. It is time once again to thoroughly reexamine the way Texas pays for public education and look at alternatives that will meet constitutional muster.

Speaker Pete Laney and I have appointed a Joint Select Committee on Public School Finance for that very purpose. A skilled group of legislators and seasoned public members led by Sen. Teel Bivins of Amarillo and Rep. Paul Sadler of Henderson have been asked to consider all of the equity issues that govern school finance and revenue resources that fund it, including the property tax system. Public hearings will be held throughout the state and I hope all Texans will seriously consider taking part in the latest debate.

History has shown that just being dissatisfied with the way we fund our schools isn't going to change it. We must all work together now to make sure all children are getting the opportunities they need and deserve with a school funding system that is not only constitutional, but fair.

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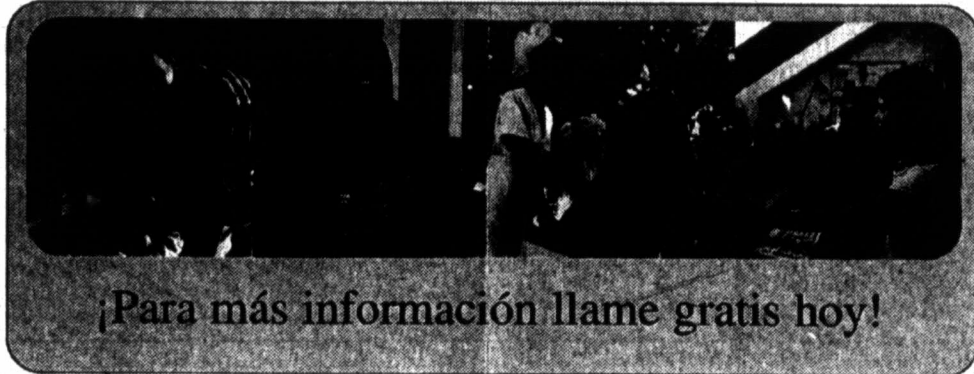
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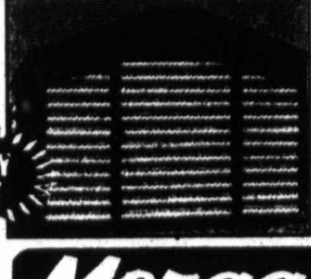


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Swift Action Against Bullies Makes Schools Safer For All

DEAR ABBY: I am writing about the letters you have printed about bullying. If an adult attacks an adult, the victim can call the police. If an adult attacks a child, the child can call the police. But if a child attacks or bullies another child, no adult will step in. The adults stand back and say things like, "They'll work it out," or, "It's part of growing up," or, "The bully must come from a broken home."

All violence is wrong. Kids will not work it out. Talking to bullies doesn't deter them any more than talking to fish stops them from swimming. Child psychologists need to remember that bullies do it because they enjoy it. Bullies bully because society allows them to.

VETERAN OF THE SCHOOLYARD WARS

DEAR VETERAN: I agree that bullying must not be tolerated and must be dealt with on a proactive basis. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have zero tolerance for bullying. As a mother, foster mother and grandmother, when it happened in my family, a call to the principal describing the problem and insisting on a meeting with the bully's parents usually ended the problem. I always explained, both to the principal and the parent, that if the problem wasn't taken care of, I would press civil charges, and I meant it. If my child was causing the problem, I would see that it stopped. Only once this didn't work — when the bully's father was a policeman. On the second interview, I suggested to him, in my sweetest voice, that he was seriously damaging the

Dear Abby

is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

chief of police's public relations program. That was the end of the problem.

DEAR CAROL: Good for you. Making sure the school principal is aware of the problem is a must. Also, taking the time to document each incident is helpful should legal action be necessary. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I grew up in one of the most affluent cities in the country. My high school was one of the top 15. While I was bright academically, I was a loner. I was teased, taunted and physically bullied. Had I been wired just a little differently, I could have caused a bloodbath at my high school.

Instead, I turned all my anger inward and became bulimic and suicidal. My parents and the 12-step program of Overeaters Anonymous saved my life at age 16. I was lucky to find in O.A. a place filled with unconditional acceptance.

During those years, my high school saw two suicides and several suicide attempts, all from bright but alienated students. While teachers and administrators offered counseling about the suicides, they never addressed the core issues of bullying, teasing and labeling. Those suicides, like the homicides of the past several years, could have been prevented if people in authority had taken a stand for the health and well-being of the entire student body.

Since high school, I have become a much happier person. I have traveled in 30 countries, met and spoken with world leaders, enjoyed financial prosperity, friendship and love.

Please let your readers know that the various 12-step programs can be lifesaving resources not only for adults, but also for young people. They offer acceptance to alcoholics, drug users, obese teens, bulimics, anorexics, and even those with emotional difficulties but no substance addiction.

FORMER OUTCAST

DEAR FORMER OUTCAST: Your letter illustrates that while the teen years may feel like a life sentence for some, there really is an end in sight — a bright new beginning filled with hope. I'm pleased to spread your message. Twelve-step programs can be an excellent resource for teens and cost nothing to join.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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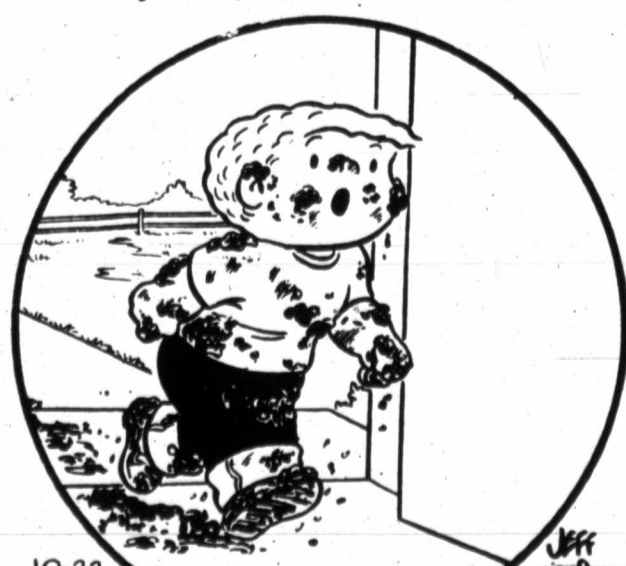
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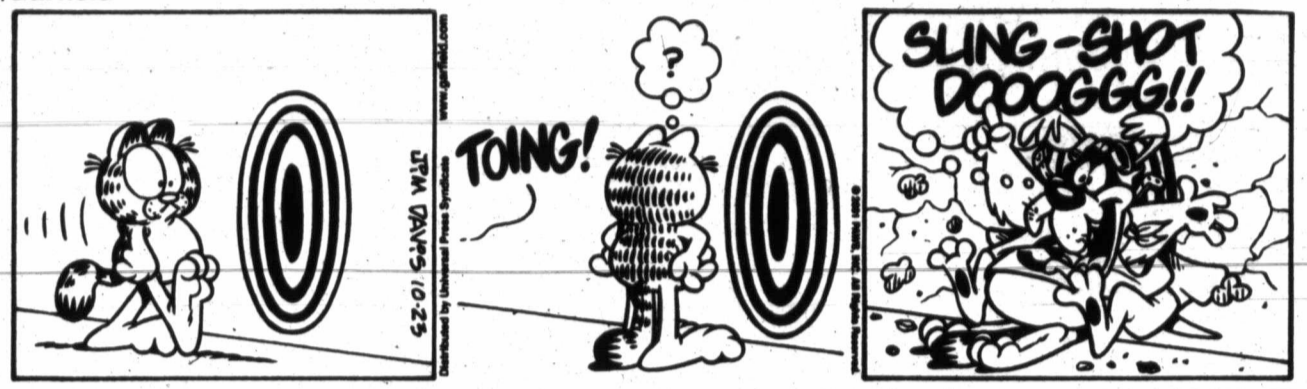
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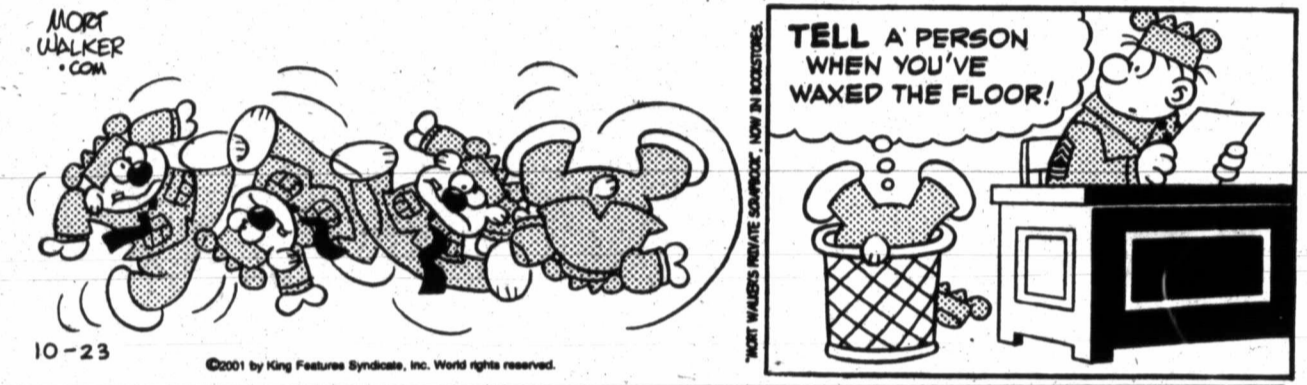
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Wheeler defeats Gruver to go 2-0 in District 1-1A race

GRUVER — Wheeler defeated Gruver 21-7 last weekend to go 2-0 in District 1-1A, but head coach Jim Verden wasn't real happy with the way his Mustangs played. "We haven't been playing too well, but we're winning games," coach Verden said. "The injury bug's hit us a lit-

tle bit, so that hasn't helped." Wheeler edged Gruver in total yards (227-223) while Gruver had more first downs (17-12). "We dropped five interceptions and had several dropped passes on offense. It just wasn't a good night for catching the ball," Verden said.

Chris Gallagher paced the Wheeler offense with two touchdowns and 100 yards in rushing on 20 attempts. He scored on runs of runs of 1 and 27 yards. Jake Britt scored the other TD on a 1-yard run. A defense led by Britt, Gavin McQueen and Joe Salas held Gruver scoreless

for the first three quarters. Britt had 6 tackles and 1 assist, including 1 tackle for a loss. McQueen had 6 tackles and 5 assists, while Silas had 6 tackles, including 1 for a loss and 2 quarterback hurries. Gruver's touchdown came on an 8-yard run by Zack Christian in the fourth quar-

ter. Wheeler is 3-4 for the season. Gruver is 1-6 overall and 0-2 in district. The Mustangs host Booker on Friday night.

last weekend. Ryan Manley led the Warriors with four touchdowns and 221 yards rushing on 17 attempts. Miami is now 2-0 in District 1-1A and 4-3 for the season. Lefors is 1-1 and 4-3. Lefors is at Follett on Thursday night while Miami hosts McLean.

PHS swim team earns points at San Angelo meet

PAMPA — Eleven Pampa High School swimmers competed this past weekend at the San Angelo Invitational. Preliminaries were held on Friday afternoon, and the top 12 swimmers advanced to Saturday's finals. Both Pampa men and women's teams finished in 12th place overall. The Harvesters defeated teams from Amarillo Tascosa, Lubbock Monterey, Lubbock Coronado and Abilene Cooper. Sophomore Garrett Johnston led the Harvesters by swimming a personal best time of 1:04.65 in the 100 backstroke to finish ninth. This earned the Harvesters four points. Johnston also finished 18th in the 50 freestyle out of 75 competitors. Clay David, Ben Whitten and Joe Johnson all earned three points each by placing 10th in their individual events. And Willie Griffin earned two points by placing 11th in the 500 freestyle. The Harvesters also claimed six points by placing 10th in the 400 freestyle relay. Relay members were Garrett Johnston, Clay David, Joe Johnson and Willie Griffin. Kody Kirkland was another swimmer who qualified and swam at the meet.

The Lady Harvesters beat Abilene Cooper, Amarillo Tascosa, Lubbock Monterey, Monahans and Odessa Permian. Pampa was led by junior Tamra Henthorn, who earned 11 points by placing 11th in the 200 freestyle and sixth in the 100 freestyle. Henthorn set a new personal best time with a 1:00.38 in the 100 freestyle.

Jessica Hall earned another point for the Lady Harvesters by placing 12th in the 100 breaststroke. Other Lady Harvesters were Misty Moman, KeHey Stowers and Jessica White. The next meet will be Nov. 2-3 in Abilene.



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- Object of the game is to amass as many of the 136 possible points as you can. Simply review the week's schedule of games, listed on entry form, and decide which game you are SUREST of picking a winner in. Write the name of your projected winner on the 16-point line. If that team wins its game that week, you win 16 points. Write the name of your second-surest winner on the 15-point line, and so on down to the 1-point line, which game you figure to be a loss-up. Next, fill in Tiebreaker 1, the total points scored by both teams in the week's designated game. If this step fails to produce a winner, the judges will apply Tiebreaker 2, total offensive yardage from scrimmage in this game. If a winner still doesn't emerge, a drawing will be held among those contestants still tied. Decisions of the judges are final. The weekly Southwest region winner of the contest will receive \$1,000.
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- Entries that fail to forecast a winner from each and every game will be disqualified, as will entries that fail to distinguish between the Jets and Giants of New York and other similar teams.
- No points are awarded on tie games or in case any game is not played for any reason during its scheduled week.
- Entering POWER POINTS constitutes permission by contestant for his or her name and photograph to be used for news and reasonable promotional purposes at no charge.
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- Weekly deadline for entry will be 2 p.m. Fridays except when noted otherwise on weekly entry form.
- Neither this newspaper nor any co-sponsor will be responsible for illegible entry forms or those lost, stolen or damaged in any way.
- Limit: one entry per person per week. Each entry must represent the original work of one entrant; "group" entries, "systems" or other attempts to enter multiple entries will be disqualified. Filing out extra forms and putting your friends' and relatives' names on them violates this rule. Any such entries are destroyed prior to grading.
- Contestants must have reached the age of eight (8) years by the Sunday of any week's play.

PAMPA SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Monday - October 22**
Volleyball... Pampa Middle School hosts Valley View, 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday - October 23**
Football... Pampa 7th Grade at Dumas, 5:00 p.m.
Pampa 8th Grade hosts Dumas, 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday - October 25**
Football... Pampa Junior Varsity at Canyon, no time listed
Pampa 9th Grade at Amarillo Black, 4:30 p.m.
- Friday - October 26**
Football... Pampa Varsity hosts Canyon 7:30 p.m.
Tennis... Pampa at Wichita Falls, 8:00 a.m. Regional Tournament
- Saturday - October 27**
Cross Country... Pampa at Canyon, District Meet, no time listed
Golf... Pampa Boys at Borger, Pampa Girls at Plainview

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Pampa wins fifth straight district tennis title

Next stop is regional tournament in Wichita Falls for Harvesters

PAMPA — It's another championship fall for the Pampa High tennis team.

No. 10-ranked Pampa claimed their fifth district team title in a row by defeating Borger 17-2 last weekend.

The win raised the netters' record to 18-3 for the season with a district mark of 14-0.

The match with Borger was never in doubt as the Harvesters jumped out to a 7-0 lead after doubles, and coasted to the lopsided victory.

The Harvesters dominated the second half of district play by winning the seven second-round matches by a combined score of 117-16, individual matches.

The Harvesters travel to Wichita Falls on Thursday to participate in the regional tournament Friday and Saturday.

"I am really pleased with our play, especially in the second round," said coach Carolyn Quarles. "One of our goals was to be undefeated district champions. Now we start a new season with the regional tournament. I really like our chances this year. We have reached the

semifinals the last four years, so are used to the routine and pressure that goes with regionals."

Six schools in the top 20 rankings will join Pampa in Wichita Falls.

Players of the week are the undefeated individuals throughout district. They include: No. 2 boys doubles team of juniors Jay Gerber-David Thacker (14-0 district, 21-0 season); No. 3 boys doubles team of sophomore Zach Hucks and junior Tyler Howard (14-0 district, 15-0 season); junior Tyler Howard, No. 6 boys singles (14-0 district, 18-0 season); senior Brittany Kindle-sophomore Tara Jordan, girls doubles (14-0 district, 14-0, season); sophomore Tara Jordan, No. 3 girls singles (14-0 district, 18-1 season); junior Vanessa Orr, No. 6 girls singles (14-0 district, 15-2 season).

Pampa 17, Borger 2

Boys Singles
Mark Milner (B) def. A.J. Smith 4-6, 6-3, 6-0.
Jared Spearman (P) def. Michael Limoges 6-0, 6-3.
Jay Gerber (P) def. Colter

Braden 6-3, 6-2.
David Thacker (P) def. Glen Hicks 6-1, 6-1.
Zach Hucks (P) def. Aaron Birtell 6-3, 6-2.
Tyler Howard (P) def. Brandon Feese 6-2, 6-2.
Britton White (P) def. Jeff Fernandez 6-1, 6-1.

Girls Singles
Abbie Fleming (B) def. Brittany Kindle 6-3, 6-2.
Ashlei Jordan (P) def. Melissa Culwell 6-1, 6-2.
Tara Jordan (P) def. Abby Alexander 6-0, 6-0.
Michelle Lee (P) def. Ashley Jerige 6-0, 6-0.
Helen Brooks (P) def. Jordan Forrest 6-2, 6-0.
Vanessa Orr (P) def. Srujana Pattabathula 6-0, 6-0.

Boys Doubles
Smith-Spearman (P) def. Braden-Limoges 6-2, 6-1.
Gerber-Thacker (P) def. Hicks-Milner 6-0, 6-2.
Hucks-Howard (P) def. Birtell-Feese 6-1, 6-1.

Girls Doubles
Lee-A. Jordan (P) def. Alexander-Fleming 6-1, 6-1.
Kindle-T. Jordan (P) def. Culwell-Forrest 6-2, 6-2.
Brazile-Orr (P) def. Powell-Ormsby 7-6, 6-0.

Mixed Doubles
White-Brooks (P) def. Fernandez-Jerige 6-1, 6-1.



Seniors Ashlei Jordan and Michelle Lee (right) won their doubles match against Borger.

(Courtesy photo)

Fans can Meet the Harvesters Oct. 29

PAMPA — Texas high school basketball season is here and the Pampa boys' team has a Meet the Harvesters night set for Monday night, starting at 7 in McNeely Fieldhouse.

"This is a way for us to tie our team to the community," said Pampa head coach Jerry Schaeffer. "The public is invited to attend and we're asking people for a dollar donation, which would go to the Red Cross relief fund in New York City."

Local fans can also donate bottled water to the local Red Cross. Jana Gregory can be contacted at the Pampa Red Cross office at 669-7121 if more information is needed.

The Harvesters will have a short scrimmage, followed by a dunking contest. "We'll have a short scrimmage of about 20 minutes," coach

Schaeffer said. "We've got some players who can dunk, so that's going to be fun."

Basketball schedules will also be passed out to the parents and fans.

Schaeffer attended a coaching clinic conducted by Texas Tech coach Bobby Knight last weekend at the United Spirit Arena in Lubbock.

Between 350 and 400 coaches from 19 states plus Canada and Mexico attended the clinic.

High school practice tipped off Monday and a new University Interscholastic Rule will give the players more practice time this season. Teams can now hold workouts in addition to the athletic period under UIL rules. The new rule allows players involved in other sports more practice time for basketball.

Yankees head for another World Series

NEW YORK (AP) — There was no need for suitcases when the New York players arrived at the Yankee Stadium for Game 5.

In a quiet form of bravado, the Yankees knew a cross-country flight wouldn't be necessary.

"Why put any thoughts in your head when we have the opportunity to go out and play the game we did to win it here," Paul O'Neill said.

Winning another AL pennant was nothing new, but even the low-key Yankees said this one was special.

They came from two games down to beat Oakland, knocked out the team with the best record in baseball and gave their city something to cheer about.

"This ballclub will be remembered by me forever," manager Joe Torre said.

The Yankees wrapped up their fourth straight trip to the World Series with a 12-3 victory over the Seattle Mariners in Monday night's Game 5 of the AL championship series.

A team that looked old and tired and was a home run swing away from being swept by the

Athletics, the Yankees showed a resiliency that endeared them more than ever to their fans in this shaken city. As unlikely as it seemed two weeks ago, the Yankees have a chance to win their fourth straight championship and fifth in six years.

"Down 2-0 to one of the best clubs in baseball, you never, never, never doubted yourselves," Torre said in a toast. "This city needed something like this. We needed something like this."

MVP Andy Pettitte took a shutout into the seventh inning, Bernie Williams, Paul O'Neill and Tino Martinez homered and the Yankees put the bumbling Mariners away early and made a liar of their manager, Lou Piniella, who guaranteed the series would return to Seattle.

Next up for New York is Game 1 of the World Series against aces Curt Schilling, Randy Johnson and the Arizona Diamondbacks at Bank One Ballpark on Saturday night.

The Yankees jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the third inning — thanks to third baseman David

Bell's error and Williams' third homer in as many days.

The rest was just a formality as the Yankees brought a swift ending to Seattle's record-tying 116-win season and won their 38th pennant.

"To get to this point is very gratifying," Martinez said. "I like to think it's destiny. The city's gone through a lot, but the country's gone through a lot, but mainly the city. We try to represent New York City well."

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani was among the 56,370 fans cheering so loudly the stadium shook. The win was a wonderful distraction from the heartache and devastation endured by this city following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"The Subway Series was terrific, but that was normal times," Giuliani said. "This was very needed. It was very important. I think some of the Yankees felt that pressure."

After Shane Spencer's sliding catch ended the game, Giuliani and Torre walked arm in arm to the mound to congratulate the celebrating players.

Afterward, a simple toast by Torre replaced the usual raucous party in the winning clubhouse, a gesture of respect to the victims of the attacks.

"It's an emotional time for the whole city," owner George Steinbrenner said. "This was a great victory for New York."

The Yankees of Derek Jeter, Williams, Pettitte and Mariano Rivera became the first team since their predecessors in 1960-64 — led by Mickey Mantle, Roger Maris, Yogi Berra and Whitey Ford — to win four straight pennants.

There was no more tough talk to come from Piniella on this night. All he could do was stare at the field and pop his chewing gum while the Yankees romped around the bases.

After two straight losses at Safeco Field to open the series, a defiant Piniella made a promise his team couldn't keep — that the ALCS would return to Seattle for Game 6.

"First of all, I won't say it again," Piniella said. "You live and learn. I just had confidence in my team. That was it."

OU-Nebraska more than just Big 12's best — they're 1-2 in BCS

DALLAS (AP) — Oklahoma and Nebraska, the teams that are 1-2 in the first Bowl Championship Series standings, most likely will play more than once this season.

If there is a rematch after Saturday's game in Lincoln, Neb., it will be in the Big 12 championship game Dec. 1 at Texas Stadium. Not in the Rose Bowl for the national championship Jan. 3.

The outcome this weekend won't alter the Big 12 standings of the No. 2 Sooners (7-0, 4-0 Big 12) in the South Division or No. 3 Cornhuskers (8-0, 4-0) in the North Division. The loser will fall to no worse than a first-place tie in their division and will still have control of the tiebreaker.

But the BCS poll that determines the Rose Bowl participants will be quickly shaken.

The release of the initial BCS poll

Monday just added to what already was the nation's top game this week. Well, for everybody but the players and coaches.

"Oh, I guess that's good. It would be better if we were already finished playing," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said about the No. 1 BCS position. "That's for the fans and media to get all caught up in. There is a lot of football left to be played, so we've got to go play it."

The Sooners have won 20 straight games, the nation's longest I-A winning streak. Nebraska has the longest home winning streak at 19 games.

"If you're able to play great football and win every game, you'll be there in the end," said Nebraska coach Frank Solich.

Stoops knows that if his team wins out — just like it did last year

— the Sooners will be playing for another national title.

"We just put our emphasis on winning," Stoops said.

Oklahoma and Nebraska were both almost too anxious for this game, even before the BCS poll. The Sooners struggled for a 33-17 victory over Baylor, which has lost 25 straight Big 12 games, and Nebraska was tied at halftime before beating Texas Tech 41-31.

"You don't get much help from media and fans in preparing your team when everybody really is looking down the road," said Solich, adding that he liked the way his players responded with intensity when challenged.

None of the other Big 12 coaches were bold enough to make predictions Monday, but they had their takes on the game.

Oklahoma State coach Les Miles

gives the edge to the Sooners. But he doesn't have to face Nebraska, and doesn't need to bad-mouth the instate rival he plays in the Nov. 24 season finale.

"I think Oklahoma's defense will match up against Nebraska's offense, and if Oklahoma's offense can do what Texas Tech's offense could do against them, it would be an opportunity for an Oklahoma win," Miles said.

Kansas coach Terry Allen still has to face Nebraska, but the Jayhawks have already lost 38-10 to Oklahoma. Allen said the Cornhuskers will have to work hard to get their points against an Oklahoma defense he believes is even better than last year.

Kansas State's four-game losing streak — its longest since 1992 — started with a 38-37 loss to the Sooners. And the Wildcats don't

go to Nebraska until Nov. 10.

"It ought to be a whale of a game," said Kansas State's Bill Snyder. "Having not really seen Nebraska, it would be hard to make a comparison, but recognizing the outcome of the Texas Tech-Nebraska game opens up some questions."

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "We went to Texas and laid an egg. ... We have to get over that now. We are embarrassed as a team, but we are still in pretty good shape and we still have a lot out there for us. ... It's one of those things we want to get behind us as fast as we can," said Colorado coach Gary Barnett, whose team fell from 14th to 25th in the AP poll after a 41-7 loss at No. 7 Texas.

EXTRA POINTS: That looks like

a misprint in the Big 12 standings, with Kansas (2-4, 1-3 Big 12) ahead of Kansas State (2-4, 0-4) in the North Division. It's not. But Kansas coach Terry Allen knows that won't make anything easier when the instate rivals play Saturday. "We're facing a K-State team with more losses than they are accustomed to. Watching their defense, it's the same old K-State but they are a little sporadic offensively. I'm sure they are ready to play the Jayhawks." ... Kansas State coach Bill Snyder prefers to stick with one quarterback, but said Monday that doesn't mean he won't use both Mark Dunn and Ell Roberson. Dunn, the backup, was 8-for-11 passing and directed to straight TD drives in Saturday's 31-24 loss to Texas A&M after Roberson's ankle injury gave him more problems.

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UIL endorses more physicals
AUSTIN (AP) — High school athletes would be required to get an additional medical physical exam under a plan approved by University Interscholastic League officials.
If approved by the state education commissioner, student athletes would be required to get a physical in their third year of high school. Athletes already are required to receive physicals upon entering their first year of junior high athletics and their first year of high school. The change would start next school year.
A standardized medical history form also would be required annually. Schools are currently given the option of using the standardized UIL physical exam forms, or forms of their own. The new medical rules apply to members of the UIL, which regulates athletics at Texas public schools. The plan was approved by the UIL on Monday.

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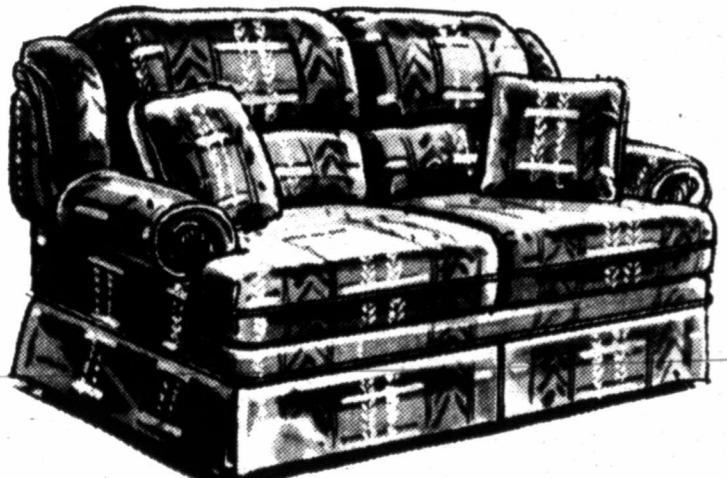
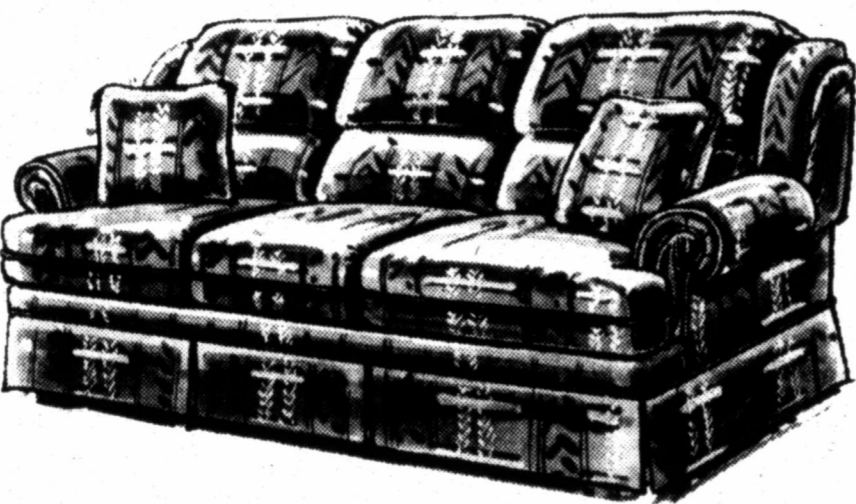
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Meals on Wheels 'Keeping Seniors Independent' with help of United Way



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

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Calendar of events

- PAMPA MASONIC LODGE #966**
Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. at 420 W. Kingsmill.
- PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY**
The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call or J.B Walker at 669-2266.
- TOP O' TEXAS RODEO ASSOCIATION**
Top O' Texas Rodeo Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of every month in the Nona S. Payne Room of Pampa Community Building.
- ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**
Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.
- MACEDONIA BAPTIST**
Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, conducts prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. daily for the citizens of Pampa — the churches, the schools, etc. All are cordially invited to come and pray. For more information, call 665-4926.
- BOY SCOUTS**
Pampa Boy Scouts meet at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Caprock Apartments Clubhouse.
- PAMPA ROTARY CLUB**
Pampa Rotary Club meets at 12 noon every Wednesday at Pampa Country Club.
- PAMPA CITIZENS PATROL ASSOCIATION**
Pampa Citizens Patrol Association meets at 8 p.m. the second Saturday of each month at 1224 E. Francis.
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- MEALS ON WHEELS LUNCHEON**
Pampa Meals on Wheels Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled at 11:45 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 24 in the M.K. Brown Room of Pampa Community Building (Chamber building). Volunteers eat free. Guests will be charged \$5. RSVP no later than Friday, Oct. 19 by calling 669-1007.
- REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON**
Top O' Texas Republican Women's Luncheon is set from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Oct. 24 at Furr's Cafeteria. Visitors are welcome.
- SGT RETIREES CLUB**
Skelly-Getty-Texaco Retirees Club will meet at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 25, at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.
- 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.
- HCC 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-1:30 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.

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