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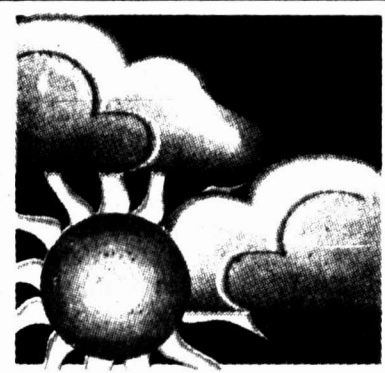
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No Lotto winner; jackpot \$6 million

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.
 The ticket was worth an estimated \$6 million.
 The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 4-25-33-40-49-50.
 Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$8 million.

Authorities await results of autopsy

PAMPA — Authorities were today awaiting the results of an autopsy on a 45-year-old man found dead in his home Friday.
 Perry Dean Pearce, 45, 1036 S. Christy, was found by relatives.
 Officers said that he was in his bed and appeared to have been dead for several weeks.
 Gray County Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman ordered an autopsy in the case.
 Officers said there was no evidence of foul play.

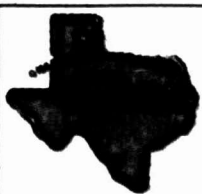
Santa's Helpers need used bikes

PAMPA — Local "Santa's Helpers" need bicycles. The donated bikes will be refurbished and distributed to needy children in the area. Bicycles are not sought for children who already possess one. Bicycle donations should be placed in the bed of the pick-up truck at the Recycling Center at Hobart Street Park.

- Georgia Bowers, 71, long-time Pampa resident.
- W.W. "Bill" Cody, 86, retired Texas Pipeline Co. gauger.
- Corene Musgrave, 76, receptionist for Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors for 17 years.

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Voters to have final say Tuesday

Local voters will go to the polls Tuesday at two separate polling places to decide the fate of 19 amendments and the Pampa Economic Development Corporation.
 Voters in the Pampa city limits are eligible to vote in the PEDC election. The only polling place for that will be at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. Hours are 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
 All Gray County voters may vote on the proposed amendments. Hours are 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
 Voting sites for the amendments will be:

Precinct 1, Lefors Community Center, 103 N. Court, Lefors; Precincts 2, 10 and 13, Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston, Pampa; Precinct 3, Grandview-Hopkins School, Grandview Hopkins; Precinct 4 and 5, Lovett Library-McLean, 302 N. Main, McLean; Precinct 7, 11, and 12, M.K. Brown Auditorium, 1000 N. Sumner, Pampa; Precincts 8 and 9, Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd, Pampa; and Precincts 14 and 15, Travis School Gym, 2300 Primrose, Pampa.

Both sides predict PEDC win

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

Tuesday is Election Day in Pampa and it won't come any too soon for the majority of local residents.
 A record number of voters have cast ballots during early voting in

what has been described by many longtime residents as "the most divisive issue ever experienced by Pampa." The election will decide if the Pampa Economic Development Corporation will continue in operation in the community.
 (See VOTERS, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs visits with Beverly and Neal Odom of McLean during the Texas Cattle Feeders Association convention in Dallas over the weekend. Combs told the cattle feeders that agriculture faces both challenges and opportunities in the years to come.

Prepackaged, precooked beef fuels market growth

DALLAS (AP) — The demand for beef is growing because customers are finally getting what they want, an industry official told the Texas Cattle Feeders Association on Saturday.
 Busy consumers may snub pot roast that requires lengthy cooking times but are grabbing steak strips for fajitas and other prepackaged, precooked products, said Mark Thomas, vice president of consumer marketing for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.
 As a result of industry marketing campaigns touting more convenient beef items, beef safety assurance programs and beef's nutritional value, the demand has increased for the nation's largest agricultural segment, he said.
 "In the last 24 months I have seen more posi-

tive changes in this industry than in the last 25 years," Thomas told about 500 members of the state group at its annual convention in Dallas.
 He said industry officials must keep spreading positive information about beef to ensure the demand grows. Last year was the industry's most intense public relations food safety campaign in the wake of reports of a foot-and-mouth disease outbreak in Britain and mad cow disease, he said.
 Foot-and-mouth disease is harmless to humans but could devastate the livestock industry. Mad cow disease has infected cattle in much of Europe but has never been found in the United States.
 (See BEEF, Page 2)

Why probation? DA details inner workings of pleas

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer



Rick Roach

District Attorney Rick Roach defends the use of probation as a judicial tool to save taxpayers' money and to give an offender a chance to become a law-abiding citizen.
 "There seems to be a misconception in the community about probation," the DA explained. "People seem to think that getting probation is somehow getting off."
 Roach described three types of probation commonly used in the court system here — a pretrial diversion agreement, probation for a conviction, and deferred adjudication probation.
 He explained that in a pretrial diversion agreement, the DA tells the defendant, "If you'll behave and pay restitution and fees, and agree to be supervised for a period of time — usually a year — then we'll dismiss the charges."
 This type of agreement comes into play when the offender is youthful, 17-to-19 years old, the charge is not more serious than a state jail felony, and the offender does not have a criminal history, he said.
 (See PROBATION, Page 2)

Commission passes PEDC resolution, 4-1

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

The Gray County Commissioners approved a resolution in support of retaining the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, but not without some discussion.
 Commissioner Jim Greene voted against the resolution last week saying he didn't think the county commissioners should be approving the resolution.
 "If we as a body do this, we are saying to county employees to vote against the dissolution of the PEDC," he said. "That's the way I look at it."
 Greene said if he voted to pass the resolution his road and bridge employees would feel pressured to vote that way.
 "I just don't think it's right," he said. He added that he didn't think it was correct to encourage the county voters which way they should vote on this issue.
 County Attorney Todd Alvey said he had reviewed the proposed
 (See COMMISSION, Page 2)

Runaway teen faces charge of assault on police officer

A 16-year-old Pampa boy was being held in a juvenile facility today in connection with an assault on a police officer.
 Pampa Police Officer Chad Johnson was hit in the face and the glass door to the Pampa Police Department was broken early Sunday morning as the youth was being transported to a detention facility in Canadian.
 The boy was picked up as a runaway about 5:30 a.m. Sunday, officers said today. As he was being led from the Pampa Police Department on his way to the youth detention facility in Canadian, officers said he hit Officer Johnson near the right eye and kicked the glass door at the entrance to the police department.
 Officers said the case has been turned over to Juvenile Probation Officers for disposition.
 The boy was being held in the Hemphill County Juvenile Boot Camp in Canadian today, authorities said.

Drug probe continues today

A drug investigation is continuing today following a raid on a Pampa home by police officers and officers with the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force Friday night.
 Officers said today that, acting on a tip, a search warrant was executed at 408 N. Sumner, shortly after 9 p.m. Friday.
 The officers, who were at the home about an hour, said they found what appeared to be a small amount of methamphetamine and a large amount of drug paraphernalia.
 Authorities said today that no one was at home at the time the search warrant was served, and no arrests have been made.



Davis S. Haynes, of McLean, who works in Pampa, snapped this photo of a flag flying from a windmill on the Odom Ranch about two miles north of McLean. If you'd like to submit a picture with a photo caption to The Pampa News, send it in a jpeg format with 72 resolution to pamnews1@pan-tex.net.

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A look at the 19 propositions ...

By The Associated Press

Propositions on the Nov. 6 statewide ballot are:

Proposition 1
"The constitutional amendment providing for clearing of land titles by the release of a state claim of its interest to the owners of certain land in Bastrop County."

Explanation: This would relinquish the state's claim to certain disputed land in Bastrop County. It would prevent a loss of title by people who bought and paid for property that was never transferred by the state because of faulty surveys.

Proposition 2
"The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of state general obligation bonds and notes to provide financial assistance to counties for roadway projects to serve border colonies."

Explanation: This would establish the process for issuing up to \$175 million of state general obligation bonds and notes to assist counties for access road projects to serve border colonies.

Proposition 3
"The constitutional amendment to authorize the Legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation raw cocoa and green coffee that is held in Harris County."

Explanation: This would authorize the Legislature to exempt green coffee and raw cocoa held in Harris County from property taxes. In doing this, Harris County would qualify as an exchange port for coffee by the New York Board of Trade.

Proposition 4
"The constitutional amendment providing for a four-year term of office for the fire fighters' pension commissioner."

Explanation: This would set the term of the firefighters' pension commissioner at four years. Currently, the duration of all offices not otherwise fixed by the state constitution may not exceed two years.

Proposition 5
"The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate outdated or surplus firefighting equipment or supplies to underdeveloped countries."

Explanation: This would allow a municipality to give outdated or surplus equipment, supplies

or other firefighting materials to an underdeveloped country. Currently, this cannot be done.

Proposition 6
"The constitutional amendment requiring the governor to call a special session for the appointment of presidential electors under certain circumstances."

Explanation: This would require the governor to call a special legislative session so that lawmakers can appoint presidential electors when it is likely an election outcome won't be clear before the federal electors deadline. If electors are not determined by the certification date, no electoral votes may be cast for the state.

Proposition 7
"The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for veterans' housing assistance and to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide for veterans' cemeteries."

Explanation: This would allow the Veterans Land Board to sell up to \$500 million in bonds to finance additional home mortgage loans to veterans, and it could use certain assets for creating, operating and improving veterans' cemeteries.

Proposition 8
"The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$850 million in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for construction and repair projects and for the purchase of needed equipment."

Explanation: This would allow for \$850 million in general obligation bonds to pay for construction and repair projects or for the purchase of needed equipment by the General Services Commission, Texas Youth Commission, Department of Criminal Justice, Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Department of Parks and Wildlife, the adjutant general's department, Texas School for the Deaf, Department of Agriculture, Department of Public Safety, State Preservation Board, Department of Health, Texas Historical Commission or Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Proposition 9
"The constitutional amendment authorizing the filling of a vacancy in the Legislature without an election if a candidate is running unopposed in an election to fill the vacancy."

Explanation: This would allow state lawmakers to provide for filling vacancies in the Legislature without an election if only one person is a qualified candidate. Currently, a special election must be held.

Proposition 10
"The constitutional amendment to promote equal tax treatment for products produced, acquired, and distributed in the State of Texas by authorizing the Legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation tangible personal property held at certain locations only temporarily for assembling, manufacturing, processing, or other commercial purposes."

Explanation: This would authorize the Legislature to exempt certain goods to be exempted from property taxation if the items are warehoused temporarily to be assembled, stored, manufactured, processed, fabricated or repaired and then forwarded somewhere else inside or outside Texas.

Proposition 11
"The constitutional amendment to allow current and retired public school teachers and retired public school administrators to receive compensation for serving on the governing bodies of school districts, cities, towns, or other local governmental districts, including water districts."

Explanation: This would allow a school teacher, a retired school teacher or a retired school administrator who serves as a member of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district, including a water district, to receive payment for serving on that body. Currently it is not allowed.

Proposition 12
"The constitutional amendment to eliminate obsolete, archaic, redundant, and unnecessary provisions and to clarify, update, and harmonize certain provisions of the Texas Constitution."

Explanation: This would amend, repeal or relocate several sections of the current constitution to improve its clarity, organization, and consistency.

Proposition 13
"The constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to authorize the board of trustees of an independent school district to donate certain surplus district property of historical significance in order to preserve the property."

Explanation: This would allow the Legislature to authorize a school board to donate real property and improvements formerly used as a school campus to preserve that property. The board may make the donation if it determines the property has historical significance, that the donation will help preserve the property and that the school district no longer needs the property.

Proposition 14
"The constitutional amendment to authorize the Legislature to authorize a taxing unit other than school districts to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers that are not held or used for the production of income."

Explanation: This would allow lawmakers to authorize a taxing unit, other than a school district, to exempt travel trailers from property taxation as long as the travel trailers are lawfully registered with the state and are not used to produce income.

Proposition 15
"The constitutional amendment creating the Texas Mobility Fund and authorizing grants and loans of money and issuance of obligations for financing the construction, reconstruction, acquisition, operation, and expansion of state highways, turnpikes, toll roads, toll bridges, and other mobility projects."

Explanation: This would create the Texas Mobility Fund, which would be administered by the Texas Transportation Commission. The fund would finance the construction, acquisition and expansion of state highways and would partly pay for public toll roads and other public transportation projects. No money is allocated to the fund at this time. Traditionally, Texas has used a pay-as-you-go system for road construction.

Proposition 16
"The constitutional amendment prescribing requirements for imposing a lien for work and material used in the construction, repair, or renovation of improvements on residential homestead property and including the conversion and refinance of a personal property lien secured by a manufactured home to a lien on real property as a debt on homestead property protected from a forced sale."

Explanation: This would reduce the waiting period required for a valid home improvement lien on a homestead from 12 days to five days. It would also authorize the conversion and refinance of a personal property lien secured by a manufactured home to a lien on a homestead.

Proposition 17
"The constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to settle land title disputes between the state and a private party."

Explanation: This would allow the state to relinquish claim to certain state land and to clear title defects for people who claim title to those lands. Among other requirements, all taxes due on the land must be paid.

Proposition 18
"The constitutional amendment to promote uniformity in the collection, deposit, reporting, and remitting of civil and criminal fees."

Explanation: This would authorize the Legislature to create a program to consolidate and standardize the collection, deposit, reporting and payment of criminal and civil court fees.

Proposition 19
"The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$2 billion."

Explanation: This would allow the Texas Water Development Board to issue up to \$2 billion of additional general obligation bonds for water supply projects, water quality enhancement projects, flood control projects, state participation in water and wastewater facilities and projects for economically distressed areas.

Source: Texas Secretary of State's Office

VOTERS

Both the pro-PEDC and the anti-PEDC supporters are predicting a favorable outcome in the Tuesday election.

Jerry Foote, acting PEDC vice president, said, "I'm concerned about the outcome, but I'm sure we will retain the PEDC."

He said if the local citizens will look at the real facts, they will know it will be better to leave the economic development corporation in place. Foote said no other entity in the community will be able to recruit businesses to Pampa. He cited the decline in both population and school students as a strong reason to retain the PEDC to bring in more businesses and, ultimately, he said, more jobs.

"There have been successes and failures (in the PEDC). Sure, changes need to be made and they will be when the election is over," said Foote.

Dalton Lewis, a leader in the effort to dissolve the PEDC, said, "Folks for dissolution will win out."

Saying he wouldn't make a prediction on the numbers, but said the PEDC will not be retained. "Many others are predicting a great landslide, but we'll see," he said.

Voting records have been reached in early voting as 1,148 voters cast ballots during the two-week period prior to the Tuesday election, according to City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers. She said it is the highest number of voters to vote early since she has been employed at the City of Pampa.

She said the prior record was set during the May 5, 2001, mayoral race between current Mayor Lonny Robbins who defeated then-incumbent Bob Neslage in a close race.

In that race last spring, 779 voters cast early ballots and a total of 2,210 ballots were cast.

A statewide election to decide on 19 proposed constitutional amendments is also being held Tuesday. Readers may read the proposed amendments to be voted upon on this page.

Americans buying diet drugs in Mexico, despite FDA warning

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — Americans are crossing over to Mexico to buy diet drugs, despite warnings from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration that the potent, unapproved pharmaceutical combinations are dangerous.

Redotex, a powerful weight-loss cocktail, is sold in injection and pill form in clinics and homes in Reynosa, sometimes by doctors, but most often by people with no medical training.

Redotex includes at least five drugs: Aloin, a laxative; Diazepam, a depressant; Atropine Sulfate, a circulatory stimulant; Norpseudoephedrine, an amphetamine; and Tri-iodothyronine, a hormone used to increase the metabolic rate, according to the FDA.

"When there is a health risk or danger to consumers, we alert the border checkpoints," said Maria Velasco, spokeswoman for the FDA's Dallas office.

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FACT: The average wage for the new jobs is \$10.75 per hour

FACT: The property tax base has been increased by \$5,400,000.00 creating in excess of \$100,000.00 in new advalorem taxes annually

FACT: All non local shoppers subsidize our sales tax and E.D.C. income when they shop in Pampa

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Calendar of events

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

VFW CHARITY BINGO
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, Charity Bingo every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open one hour early. No one under 18 allowed. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9. For more information contact Edgar D. Carson, 669-0853 or 669-1264.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON
Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 2004 Williston. For more information, call 665-6898.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER
Women's Support Group for victims of Domestic Violence offers peer counseling, group support and education on issues resulting from family violence and/or sexual assault from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call 669-1131.

GRAY COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION
Gray County Extension Education meets at 1:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Gray County Courthouse Annex.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD
Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is now open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #173-A, in

Pampa. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

GRAY COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS
Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month at Pampa Sheltered Workshop.

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP
The Alzheimer's Support Group meets the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson at 665-0356.

PPHM STORY TIME
Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will present "Story Time" at 2:30 p.m. every second Saturday of each month except December and January on the second floor of the museum. For more information, contact PPHM at (806) 651-2244.

GRAY COUNTY ARC
Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross is in need of wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, potty chairs (with pot) and hospital beds for its Loan Closet. For more information or to make a donation, contact the local Red Cross office at 669-7121.

SKY TEENS
Crown of Texas Hospice is offering SKY Teens, a monthly bereavement series-for teens grades 9-12 who are grieving the death of a loved one, from 5:30-7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at its office at 1000 S. Jefferson in Amarillo. There is no charge for the series. For more information, call 1-800-572-6365.

4-H PECAN SALE
Gray County 4-Hers are conducting their annual pecan sale. Thanksgiving orders are due Tuesday, Oct. 16. Christmas orders are due Nov. 16. On sale are: pecan halves, pecan pieces, chocolate pecans, raw peanuts, chocolate covered peanuts, Hot and Spicy Peanuts, Redskins peanuts, cashews, walnuts, Deluxe Nut Mix, Hunter's Mix, California Fruit Mix and Trash mix. For more information or to place an order, call 669-8033. Prices are the same as last year.

CROWN OF TEXAS HOSPICE
The Rev. Dr. Doug Skinner will present a program entitled "Grieving America: Tools for Coping" at 6 p.m., Nov. 6 in Central Church of Christ Chapel, 1401 S. Monroe, Amarillo. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the program at Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson. The presentation honors National Hospice Month and marks the 10th Anniversary of Crown of Texas Hospice. For more information, call (806) 372-7696 or 1-800-572-6365.

HARRINGTON STRING QUARTET
Harrington String Quartet will perform from 7-8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 9 at Barnes and Nobles Booksellers in Amarillo. This appearance will be its last until the end of its upcoming Midwest Concert Tour which concludes Nov. 24. For more information, contact Katherine Moore at (806) 352-2300.

PAMPA BOOK CLUB
Pampa Book Club will meet at 10 a.m.,

Wednesday, Nov. 14 at Lovett Memorial Library. The group will discuss "The Prayer of Jabez" and "Secrets of the Vine" by Bruce H. Wilkinson. Visitors are welcome.

FRESHSTART
The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold FreshStart, a free two-week smoking cessation support series sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, from 6-7 p.m., Mondays and Tuesdays, Nov. 6-14. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235.

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., Nov. 7 and 21, TDH, 736 Cuyler, Pampa; 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Nov. 15, Groom School, Groom; 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Nov. 20, White Deer Community Center, White Deer; 11 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4 p.m., Nov. 26, City Hall, Canadian; 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Nov. 28, Miami School, Miami.

'Christmas in November' to be held at West Texas A&M

PERRYTON — The Annual "Christmas in November," sponsored by Ochiltree Extension Education Clubs, is in the offing from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 13 at the Expo Center in Perryton. Registration

will begin at 9:30 a.m. The keynote speaker will be Bev Harris of Amarillo. Harris will display and discuss her complete collection of White House Christmas ornaments, giving the history behind each.

Other presenters will include: Dorothy File (demonstrating "Holiday Memory Decorations," "Pop Bottle Butterflies" and "Snowman Pins"); Judy Yarbrough ("Christmas Aglow Lights" and "Glistening Holiday Coasters"); Freddie Seaman ("Holiday Pot Holders and Coasters"); Pearl Dutcher ("Decorative Bath Soap"); and Billye Stamps ("Decorative Cats"). All demonstrations will have written instructions. Cynthia Shattles, County Extension agent, will demonstrate Fabric Pumpkins and present a program on holiday foods. The clubs will offer a salad lunch for \$4 at 12 noon. For more information, contact the Ochiltree County Extension Office at (806) 435-3831.

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- FACT** - Since the passage of the petition to dissolve the PEDC, the City Commissioners say that they have finally seen the light of the PEDC's goof-ups.
- FACT** - At a recent City Commissioners' meeting, Commissioner Jeff Andrews said that a 4A Economic Development Corporation was a legalized way for businesses to extort money from communities.
- FACT** - The PEDC has received \$7,032,394.00 in taxpayers' money and is now in debt for approximately 2.5 million dollars. It will take at least 3 or 4 years to pay off this debt.
- FACT** - The PEDC has paid a total of \$484,902.94 to banks in interest for their clients in the past 4 years. Most businesses should be able to stand alone after 1 or 2 years. Should the PEDC continue to prop up failing businesses with the taxpayers' money?
- FACT** - Several established and proven Pampa business men and women have approached the PEDC, a 4A Corporation, for loans or grants to start new additional business ventures in Pampa. They were told "No, our PEDC is a 4A Corporation, and we can't help you." Why yes to some small businesses, no to others?
- FACT** - In the last 9 years, over 500 jobs have been created or retained in businesses in Pampa that have not received PEDC money. The current PEDC, City Commission, and other city entities would have you believe that Pampa will "dry up and blow away" if we don't have the PEDC, a 4A Corporation. **THIS IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE!!!**
- FACT** - Borger has a 4B Economic Development Corporation. The city of Borger has not lost its small and other businesses.
- FACT** - Pampa has a 4A Economic Development Corporation, and the city of Pampa has lost its small and other businesses.
- FACT** - The current PEDC has actively encouraged at least one business which has the potential to pollute air, water and surrounding properties. (Source - Motel Receipts paid by the PEDC for the National Pig development employees.)
- FACT** - The PEDC gave Top O' Texas Dairy a \$500,000.00 grant and \$250,000.00 forgivable loan to come to Gray County. It has now given \$15,000.00 for a study to restructure the business.
- FACT** - The PEDC borrowed 1 million dollars to give to the Moody Dairy Inc. as an incentive to come to Gray County.
- FACT** - In 1999, Moody Dairy Inc. built a new 3,492 sq. ft. house with a 942 sq. ft. garage and a 2100 sq. ft. barn on a 2 acre homestead.
- FACT** - Our tax supported PEDC has given away 1.5 million dollars to bring in 2 dairies with 2,500 milk cows.
- FACT** - Roswell, New Mexico has no tax-supported Economic Development Corporation, yet its Chamber of Commerce (with private donations and no land or money grants) has brought in 35 dairies with 45,000 milk cows.
- FACT** - The PEDC was sued by Bill Ready. The PEDC settled for \$42,000.00. Thank goodness for liability insurance.
- FACT** - Lawyer fees and travel expenses for the PEDC Board Members to make depositions in Austin, Texas may be forthcoming expenses for the Pampa taxpayers.
- FACT** - There has never been a woman on the Board of Directors of the PEDC; although, half of Pampa's citizens are women.
- FACT** - The PEDC, a 4A Corporation, is not working in Pampa, as shown by the 2.5 million dollar debt and the \$170,447.11 in interest paid on this debt by the Pampa taxpayers during the fiscal year ending on 9/30/01.

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'Make a Difference Day'



(Courtesy photo)

In observance of "Make a Difference Day," Pampa Altrusans recently presented children's books to Susan Collingsworth, center, director of Bright Beginnings Day Care Center. Above with Collingsworth, left-right: Altrusans Brenda Hampton, Pat Johnson, Sue Baker, Altrusa President DeLynn Gordzelik, Lori Groenvold and Project Coordinator Billie Sue Evans.

Top O' Texas Knife and Fork meeting in offing

Dick Conway, actor and baritone, will be the featured entertainer at the next gathering of the Top O' Texas Knife and Fork Club slated at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 13 at Pampa Country Club. Conway's presentation will be "As Long As There's a Song to Sing."

With credits in theater, musical theater, opera and public school classrooms, Conway has performed in several industrial videos as a principal actor. He has appeared in "I Remember Mama," "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten," "Phantom," "Gigi," "The Sound of Music," "Yeoman of the Guard," and the premiere production of "Another Summer" in which he played the part of Norman Thayer, Jr.

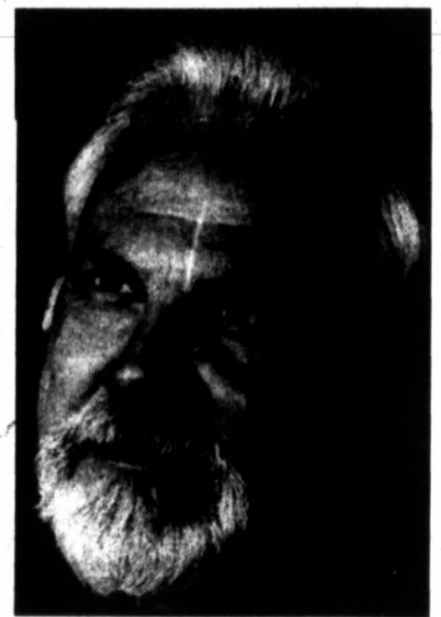
In the theater, Conway has appeared in productions of "A Christmas Carol," "Mass

Appeal" and "Madame Butterfly," among others. In the opera, he sang roles in "Amahl and the Night Visitors," "La Boheme," "La Serva Padrona" and "Bastien and Bastienne."

In addition, Conway has filled solo engagements with the New Hampshire Philharmonic, singing a medley from Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera," with the Massachusetts Festival Chorus, singing selections from "The Messiah," and with Nashua Symphony Choral Society, performing Schubert's "Mass in A Flat."

Dick Conway holds a bachelor of arts degree from Maryville College and a master of music degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He has studied with Boris Goldovsky, Charles Bressler, Judith Raskin, Sanford Sylvan and Connecticut

School of Broadcasting.



Dick Conway

Club members are encouraged to make dinner reservations at this time by picking up tickets at Dunlaps. Tickets will be available until 12 noon Nov. 12.

White Deer FCCLA to hold program

WHITE DEER — White Deer FCCLA will pay tribute to local veterans with a Veteran's Day Program slated at 9 a.m., Friday, Nov. 9 in the White Deer High School Auditorium. Registration for the veterans will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Dr. Raymond Laycock, a World War II veteran and retired physician of Pampa, will give the keynote address.

All branches of the U.S. Armed Services will be represented and elementary school students will present a medley of patriotic songs. Justin Lemons, state FCCLA president, and George Hanna, principal of Borger High School, is to be among those present.

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Debate over Arctic oil drilling blocks energy bill

By H. JOSEF HEBERT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A dispute over oil drilling in an Arctic wildlife refuge is blocking energy legislation and prompting the White House to link the debate to national security and the September terrorist attacks.

That has some Democrats in Congress and environmentalists accusing the Bush administration and Republicans of exploiting terrorist fears to allow drilling in an area where oil won't actually be pumped for a decade.

"It's in our national interest that we develop more energy supplies at home," President Bush told business leaders recently, demanding that the Senate take up energy legislation "and get a bill to my desk" before Congress adjourns for the year.

Opening the Arctic refuge for oil development remains key to "an independent energy policy for

America," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said. He noted the House already has approved energy legislation, including drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, or ANWR.

But in the Senate, an energy bill that six months ago was viewed as a priority has slipped to the back burner, eclipsed by the response to the Sept. 11 attacks and the slumping economy.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-N.D., has put energy legislation on hold, telling reporters: "The most important focus for us now is the economic recovery plan, the airport security plan and the appropriations bills."

It's clear that energy "is an issue that Democratic leaders want to duck for now," Sen. Larry Craig, R-Iowa, contended.

Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, said the reason is the Arctic refuge. He believes he has the 51 votes needed to lift a 1980 congressional ban on developing the Alaska refuge's millions of barrels of oil.

Key Democrats, however, have promised environmentalists they will protect the refuge. That includes, if necessary, blocking a vote with a filibuster — a parliamentary tactic that requires proponents of a measure to have 60 votes to limit debate.

Any debate is likely to be quarrelsome and disruptive, with each side trying to wrap itself in patriotism and hurling accusations at the other. It's a showdown Daschle would like to avoid.

"This is a critical dividing-line issue," said Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., who has pledged to lead such a filibuster. Among those expected to join in are Democratic Sens. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, Hillary Clinton of New York and John Wyden of Oregon, he said.

The events of Sept. 11 and their aftermath have not changed the debate over ANWR, Kerry said. Drilling there "will do nothing to enhance our national security at this moment in time," he said in a recent interview.

Murkowski, contending that oil can be taken from the refuge without endangering the environment, called it a matter of "our national security, as opposed to environmental extremists."

To press the point, he brought representatives from a number of veterans organizations to Capitol Hill last week to deride — as one wrote Daschle — "the heavy reliance of the United States on foreign oil."

Bush administration officials have stressed the same point.

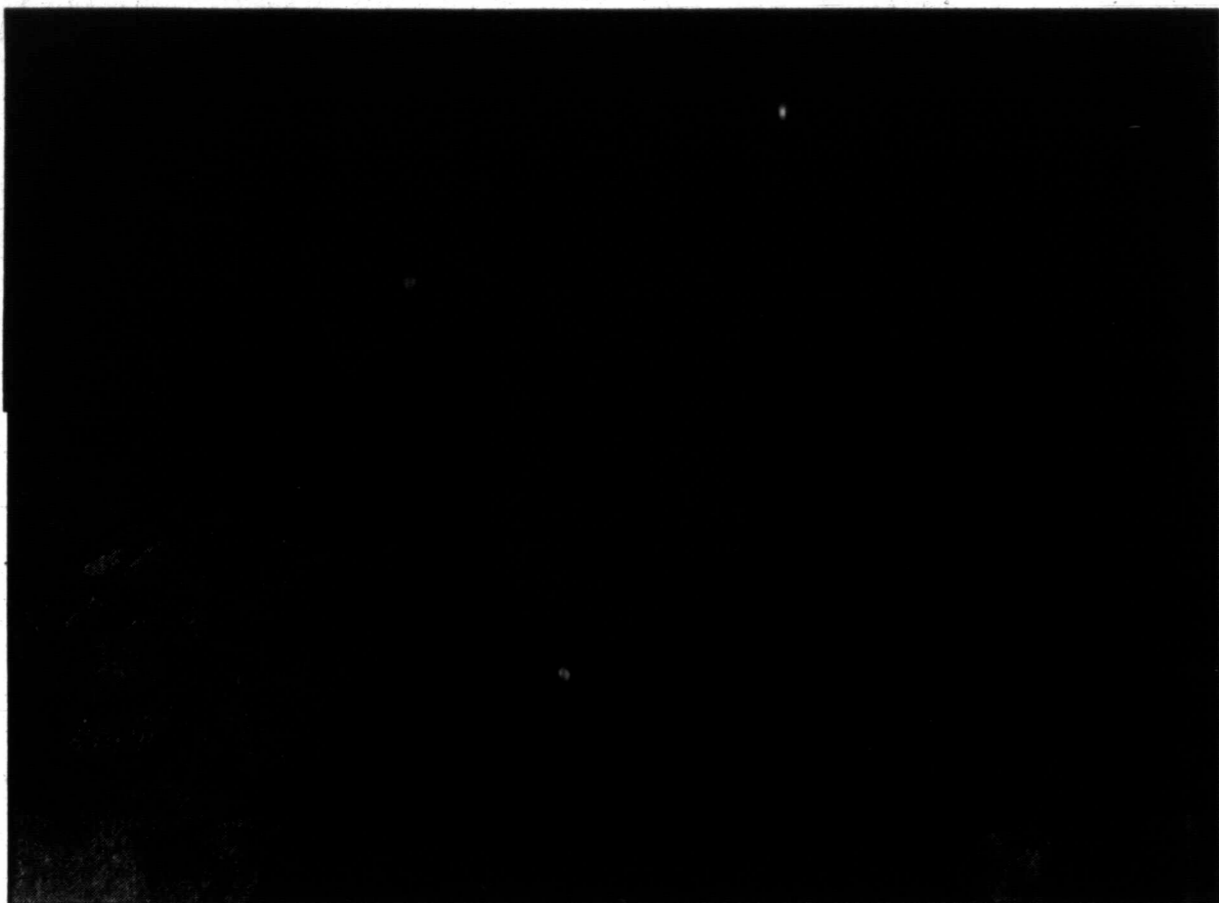
Interior Secretary Gale Norton called recently for action on energy at a Capitol Hill news conference, in a speech to an oil conference in Louisiana and in letters to radio talk show hosts.

"Every day the United States imports 700,000 barrels of oil from (Iraq's) Saddam Hussein. ... It's time to start producing that energy in the United States," Norton wrote the radio hosts, volunteering to discuss the issue if invited.

Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, bemoaned "the almost obsessive attention" focused on the Arctic refuge at the expense of other energy matters.

There are other places in Alaska and in the Gulf of Mexico where domestic oil resources have been ignored, he said. Growth in energy demand "will overwhelm any future domestic production even if ANWR were opened," he added.

All Saints Day



(Community Camera photo)

Hope Brass dressed as a tiger for All Saints Day recently at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School. Hope came as St. Francis' pet.

Criminals increasingly turning to friends, families for firearms, report says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Friends and family are increasingly the source of firearms used by criminals, a Justice Department survey of prison inmates finds.

Nearly 40 percent of state inmates in 1997 who used or possessed a firearm during their crime got the weapon from a friend or relative, up from 34 percent in 1991, said a report released Sunday.

Over the same period, the percentage of inmates who bought or traded for their gun at a pawn shop, flea market or retail outlet fell from 21 percent to 14 percent.

That shift is due in part to the passage of tougher gun control laws during the 1990s, including the 1993 Brady Bill that imposed nationwide background checks on buyers, said the report's author, Caroline Wolf Harlow of the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

The number of state prisoners who used guns to commit crimes rose from 16 percent to 18 percent between 1991 and 1997. Federal prisoners followed the same trend over those years, increasing their gun possession from 12 percent to 15 percent.

Opposing sides on the gun-control debate issue found support

for their views in the report.

"What this shows is that making it harder for stores to sell guns does nothing to deter criminals from getting weapons," said Jeffrey Wendell, a criminal justice professor at the University of Texas.

"They just turn to other sources. No one is walking into a store, finding they can't buy a gun and then deciding not to commit a crime."

Paul Stevens, a lawyer and professor at the University of Pennsylvania, says tougher laws are needed on all fronts.

"We need less guns in society in general," Stevens said. "The problem is that there are so many guns

and they are so easy to get that it is impossible to keep the wrong people from getting a hold of them."

The data came from interviews with 18,000 state and federal prisoners.

The survey found that about 10 percent of federal and state prisoners carried a military-style, semiautomatic weapon when committing a crime. These weapons included the Uzi, Tec-9, AK-47 rifle and several varieties of shotgun.

The firearm most favored by inmates was the handgun, carried by more than 80 percent of the inmates who said they used a firearm.

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Hurricane Michelle barrels into Cuba, churns toward Bahamas

HAVANA (AP) — Hurricane Michelle rolled toward the Bahamas Monday after roaring across Cuba, forcing the government to shut down power for much of the communist island and evacuate 750,000 people.

Forecasters said the storm had probably peaked by early Monday, but a hurricane warning remained in effect for northwestern and central Bahamas.

Maximum sustained winds were near 100 mph, with higher gusts, according to the National Hurricane Center in Miami. Some weakening was expected during the day.

The hurricane warning for all of the Florida Keys has been replaced by a tropical storm warning. But much of the area was evacuated as meteorologists warned that the island chain likely would be brushed by the storm, which was expected to hit the Bahamas by Monday morning.

On Sunday, Cuban leader Fidel Castro called an impromptu news conference in Havana, saying 750,000 people had been evacuated to shelters, friends' homes or other safe havens on this island of 11 million. He also noted that Michelle entered Cuba at the Bay of Pigs, comparing the hurricane to the invasion by a CIA-funded army of exiles that landed there in a botched attempt to overthrow him 40 years ago.

U.S. jets target Afghan cities, helicopters attack near Kabul

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. heavy bombers hammered away at Taliban hilltop positions Monday outside the northern town of Taloqan in an ongoing effort to soften up Taliban defenses.

B-52 bombers struck at three separate sites about 30 miles northeast of Taloqan, near the country's northern border with Tajikistan. Also, U.S. jets pounded Taliban positions to the east of the town, Mohammed Abil, a spokesman for the opposition northern alliance, said in a telephone interview.

Taloqan served as the opposition capital until Taliban troops overran it in September 2000, a major setback for the northern alliance. The alliance is seeking to reclaim the town, but has not

been able to make any major advances despite the U.S. bombing campaign, now in its fifth week.

The U.S. war planes were in action on several other fronts Monday.

The Americans carried out strikes on the Taliban front line north of Kabul, in the Taliban's southern stronghold of Kandahar, and near the contested city of Mazar-e-Sharif in the north, the Afghan Islamic Press reported.

U.S. bombing Taliban front lines with rebels, sending in more special forces

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. aircraft dropped bombs on Taliban front lines close to four key cities in northern Afghanistan, including Mazar-e-Sharif, where the anti-Taliban northern alliance says it has launched a major offensive.

The bombing focuses on targets near Bagram, Taloqan and Konduz, in addition to Mazar-e-Sharif, the Pentagon said Sunday. The Taliban militia have forces arrayed against the northern alliance in all of those areas. Caves and tunnels suspected as hide-outs for the Taliban and the al-Qaida terror network also were targeted by U.S. aircraft.

Mazar-e-Sharif was lost by the rebels to the Taliban in 1998. Retaking it would open a major supply route for the northern alliance from Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

To aid the rebels, more U.S. special forces also have entered Afghanistan in the last few days, Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said last week he hoped to at least triple the number of special forces troops inside Afghanistan, now believed to number between 100 and 200.

Authorities detain suspected Al-Qaida operative in Middle East

WASHINGTON (AP) — Intelligence agents in the Middle East have been questioning a suspected Al-Qaida operative who was observed meeting last year in Malaysia with hijacker Khalid Almihdhar and other supporters of Osama bin Laden, officials said.

The man has been detained and is being questioned about his possible contact with the hijacker, his suspected involvement in the USS Cole bombing and a foiled plot to bomb a hotel in Jordan filled with Americans during the millennium celebrations, officials said Sunday.

Officials did not provide the man's name. They said he has not been charged with any offense.

Israel pulls out of West Bank town despite attack

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli forces withdrew from a Palestinian town early Monday despite a shooting attack that killed a U.S.-born girl and a Jerusalem teen-ager.

The Israeli forces pulled back a few hundred yards to the edge of Palestinian-controlled territory at Qalqilya and into Israel, the military said.

After sunup, Palestinian police took up positions in three outposts the army had abandoned and were set to hold a coordination meeting with their Israeli counterparts later in the day, Palestinian security officials said. A total of 22 Israeli tanks were withdrawn from the city, the officials said.

Israel had sent forces into parts of six West Bank towns the day after Palestinian militants assassinated ultranationalist Tourism Minister Rehavam Zeevi on Oct. 17. Forces withdrew from Bethlehem and nearby Beit Jalla a week ago.

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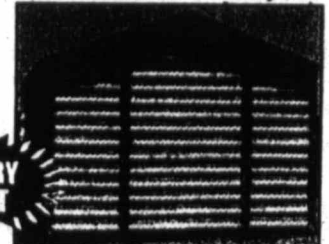
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Take This Test To Find Out If Your Drinking Should Stop

DEAR ABBY: On June 6, 1989, your column included a test: "Are you an alcoholic?" I was only 27 at the time, and the 10 questions woke me up. I answered nine out of 10 with a yes. When I saw that three or more yes answers meant I had a problem, I took the test again. There was no way I could answer less than seven with a yes.

On June 12, 1989, I walked into DePaul Hospital for treatment. I've been sober ever since. Over the years, I've told hundreds of people about my experience and always promised myself I would write to thank you.

KURT H.

DEAR KURT: You're welcome. There's an old saying, "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink." Obviously, you were receptive to the idea that you might have an alcohol problem and willing to do something about it. I applaud you for it.

For other readers who are concerned about their drinking, I'm printing another test. This one has 12 questions:

ARE YOU AN ALCOHOLIC?

- Have you ever decided to stop drinking for a week or so, but lasted only a couple of days?
- Do you wish people would stop nagging you about your drinking?
- Have you ever switched from one kind of drink to another hoping that would keep you from getting drunk?

Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

- Have you had a drink in the morning during the past year?
- Do you envy people who can drink without getting into trouble?
- Have you had problems connected with drinking during the past year?
- Has your drinking caused trouble at home?
- Do you ever try to get extra drinks at a party because you did not get enough to drink?
- Do you tell yourself you can stop drinking any time you want, even though you keep getting drunk?
- Have you missed days at work because of the drinking?
- Do you have blackouts?
- Have you ever felt that your life would be better if you did not drink?

If you answered yes to four or more of these questions, you are either an alcoholic or on your way to becoming one. So, now what do you do?
For openers, look up Alcoholics Anonymous in the tele-

phone directory. It's listed under "A." There are no dues, and you need not identify yourself unless you want to.

You can also write to AA, P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163, for information.

If you need treatment, your physician or local mental health professionals can help you choose among available resources for expert, professional treatment.
Good luck and God bless you.

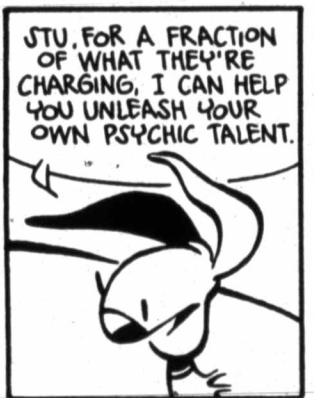
DEAR ABBY: I am 20 years old. My boyfriend of three months is 32. My parents have met him and like him very much. They believe he is the right guy for me. However, when they asked me about his age, I subtracted four years and told them he was only 28. Now I am afraid the truth will come out soon.

Abby, I love my boyfriend and want to stay with him, but I don't know how to break the news to my parents. Please tell me what to say.
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DEAR CONFUSED: Tell your parents you need their help with a "math problem" — and proceed from there.

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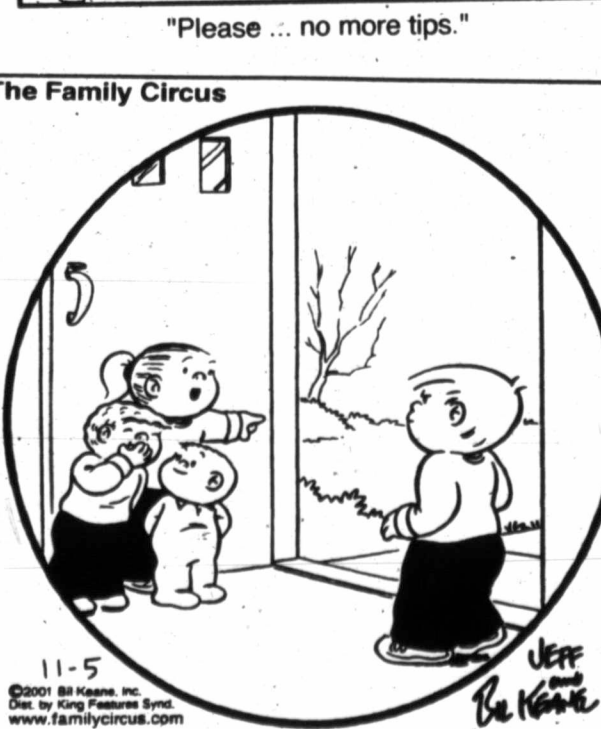
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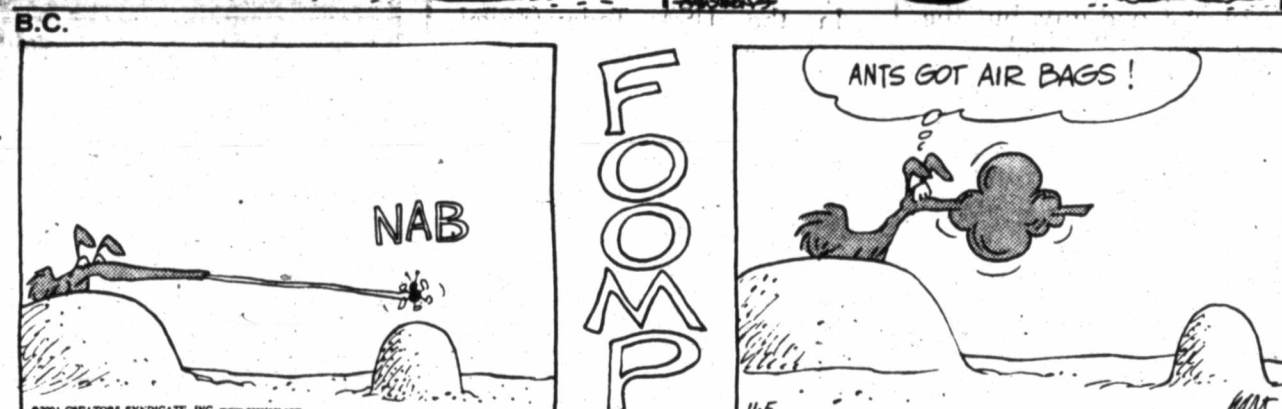
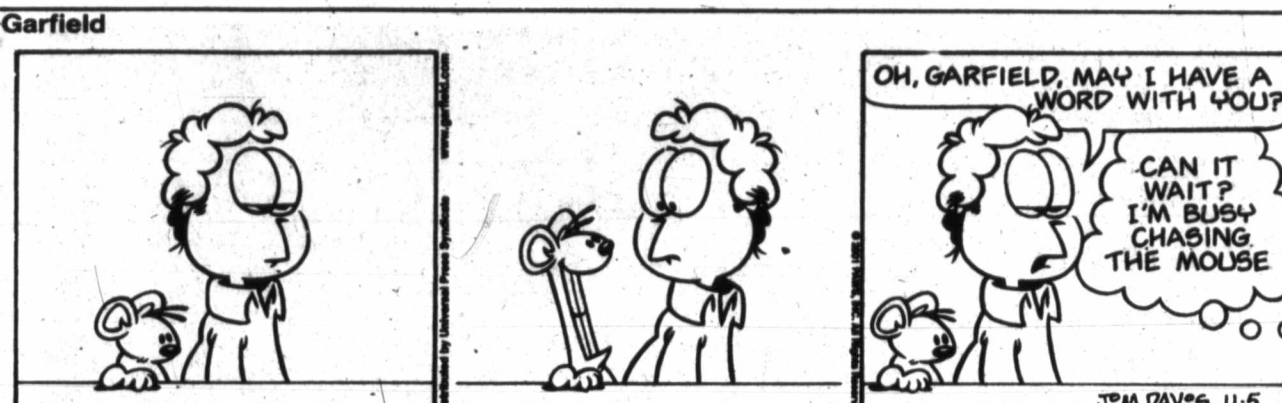
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FOOTBALL

SPEARMAN — Canadian couldn't get anything going until the fourth quarter and fell to Spearman 31-13 in a District 6-2A game Friday night.

Both Canadian touchdowns came in the fourth quarter.

Jay English scored on a 1-yard run and Riley Morris threw a 30-yard TD pass to Jay Parnell.

SOCCER

PAMPA — Harvester Soccer Booster Club will meet at 7:30 tonight at the Pampa High athletic building.

All parents of prospective players are urged to attend.

BASKETBALL

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Juwan Howard helped the Dallas Mavericks overcome their short roster.

Howard scored 36 points — 26 in the first half — to lead the Mavericks to a 94-85 victory Sunday over the Memphis Grizzlies.

"We needed someone to step up," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said. "It would not have been close if (Howard) didn't have that super game. He carried us on his back in the first half."

Dallas, which had just eight players available because of injury, was missing Dirk Nowitzki, its second-leading scorer and rebounder who is sidelined with a sprained ankle, Adrian Griffin (back spasms) and Greg Buckner (sprained ankle).

"When your teammates go out that you depend on for scoring and rebounding, it's up to the rest of the team to step up," Howard said. "Not just one guy, but the whole unit collectively."

Michael Finley finished with 24 points and five assists for Dallas. Reserve guard Tim Hardaway added 13 points.

"Other than (Howard), we didn't play particularly well," said point guard Steve Nash. "Juwan saved us."

Lorenzen Wright, taking advantage of the Mavericks' shortage of big men, had 33 points and 26 rebounds for his third consecutive double-double to lead Memphis. Jason Williams added 21 points, but had five turnovers with only four assists.

"(Wright) had a monster game, an absolute monster game," Grizzlies coach Sidney Lowe said. "Maybe you can't count on a monster game every night, but you can count on him every night when it comes to playing hard and contributing."

The Grizzlies, who moved from Vancouver after last season, still are looking for their first win in their new home.

A 34.2 percent shooting effort didn't help matters.

"We've got to learn when to take jump shots and when to go inside," said Memphis rookie Shane Battier, who finished with 11 points on 3-of-9 shooting from the field. "We're not going to win a lot of games shooting 34 percent."

With players out, Dallas starters Howard and Finley were forced to play 43 and 42 minutes, respectively.

Howard's 26 first-half points helped the Mavericks to a 50-43 lead.

The Mavericks led 72-66 entering the fourth quarter, and Memphis couldn't get closer than five points over the final three minutes.

"I was worried. We couldn't knock them out," Nelson said. "I thought we had them several times, but we could not make the knockout shot. We have a veteran team, coming to play. We have a bunch of injuries, and they took care of business."

Another Pampa-Borger showdown coming up

We can forget about all that five-team tie talk if Pampa can beat Borger this Friday night.

A Pampa win combined with a Randall victory over Palo Duro would give the Harvesters the outright district championship for the first time since 1995.

Pampa would clinch a playoff spot with a win Friday night regardless of the Randall-Palo Duro outcome.

"We have the opportunity to control our own destiny," said Pampa head coach Dennis Cavalier going into the Pampa-Randall tilt last week.

"That's the way it should be. Nobody likes to see some tiebreaker decide play-off spots."

By the way, that '95 season came down to the Pampa-Borger showdown with the winner walking away with the district title.

Pampa won 24-9 and the Bulldogs would join the Harvesters in the playoffs as district runner-up.

Harvester fans joined in the celebration at



By **L. D. Strate**
Sports Editor

Canyon's Kimbrough Stadium after Pampa came away with a 20-19 win over Randall last Friday night.

Many fans rushed onto the field to congratulate the players and coaching staff after the Harvester offense ran out the clock.

They all joined in the school song right out there on the field.

After such a big victory, the players couldn't resist dumping a container of ice water on Cavalier.

He could be in for another drenching this Friday night.

night.

Pampa's win over Randall was highlighted by Michael Galloway's second interception of a Jacob Felton pass in the closing seconds.

That interception, which came in the Harvester end zone, abruptly ended any chance of another Randall comeback.

With Felton being an outstanding kicker, we're wondering why the Raiders didn't try for a game-winning field goal when the ball was sitting on the Pampa 21.

Whatever the reason, we're glad they didn't. Borger stayed on track for a possible playoff spot by beating Canyon 28-13.

Borger could be Pampa's toughest test yet.

The Bulldogs beat Randall 42-28 three weeks ago, but they lost to Hereford 20-12, and were walloped by Palo Duro 24-3.

Pampa beat Hereford 21-15 and barely lost to PD 10-7.

This district remains hard to figure out.

BYU moves to No. 9 spot

TBy **RICHARD ROSENBLATT**
AP Football Writer

BYU is making a move in the AP media poll.

The Cougars (9-0), one of three teams without a loss, cracked the top 10 for the first time in five years at No. 9 in The Associated Press Top 25 poll.

Miami (7-0) and Nebraska (10-0), the other major college unbeaten, remained 1-2 in the poll, and Oklahoma, Florida and Texas held steady from a week ago and Nos. 3-4-5.

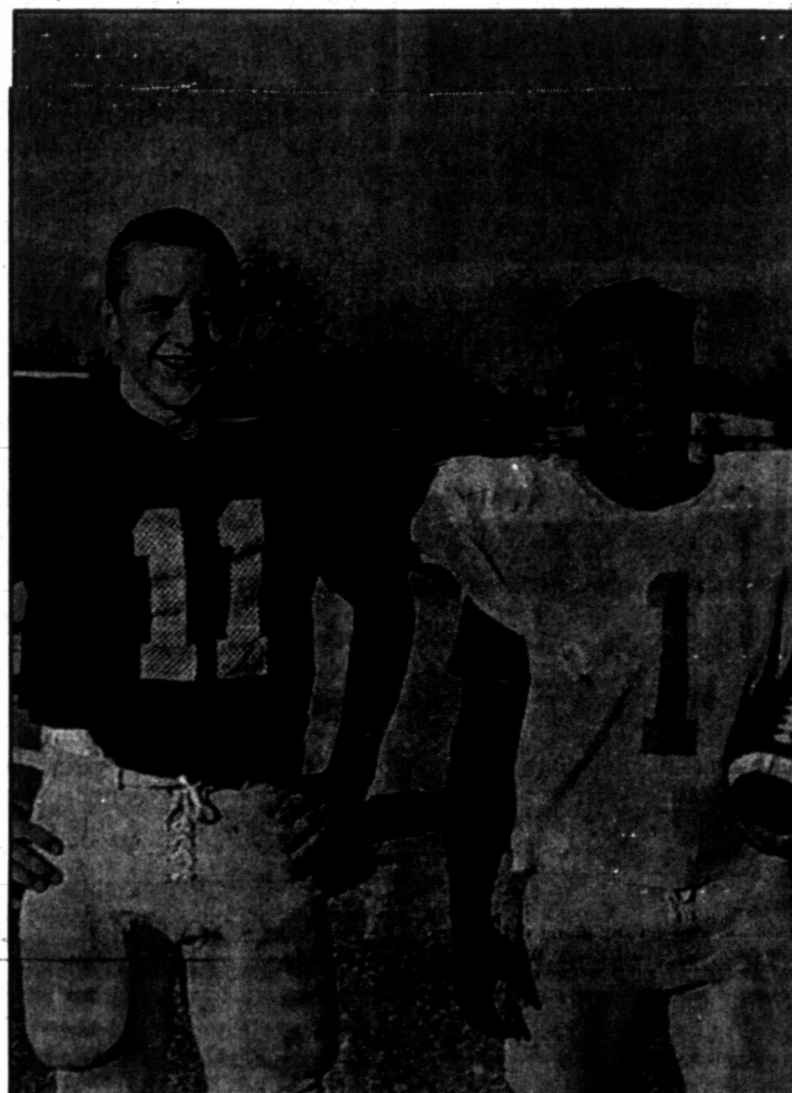
BYU, which beat Colorado State 56-34 last Thursday night, finished No. 5 in the final poll of the 1996 season. The Cougars, under first-year coach Gary Crowton, were No. 13 last week.

Miami, 38-0 winner over Temple, received 55 first-place votes and 1,781 points in Sunday's balloting by the 72 sports writers and broadcasters on the AP panel. Nebraska had the remaining 17 first-place votes and 1,745 points.

In the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll, the top 5 are Miami, Nebraska, Florida, Oklahoma and Texas.

The new Bowl Championship Series standings came out Monday. Last week, it was Nebraska first, followed by Oklahoma and Miami. The final BCS standings will determine which teams play for a national title in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 3.

Week's top players



Randy Tice (1), varsity offense, and Derek Lewis, junior varsity, were the Pampa players of the week based on their performances in the Canyon games two weeks ago.

PHS girls have Tipoff and scrimmages set

PAMPA — It's going to be a busy first part of the week for the Pampa Lady Harvesters prior to their season basketball opener Nov. 13 against Amarillo High.

There will be a Lady Harvester Tipoff at 7:30 tonight in McNeely Fieldhouse, followed by scrimmages on Tuesday.

"Our tipoff is more of a parents night, but the public is invited to attend," said Pampa first-year coach Steve Schmidt.

McNeely will also be the site of scrimmages with Panhandle and Booker, beginning at 5 p.m. Tuesday. The junior varsity and freshmen scrimmage at the same time in the MPAC building.

"It's definitely time to go against somebody else. We're getting tired of practices against each other," Schmidt said. "We're looking forward to

the scrimmages. We'll find out what our strengths and weaknesses are."

The Lady Harvesters open the 2001-2002 season Nov. 13 at Amarillo High.

Schmidt said Lindsey Narron (5-10 senior) at post, Jennifer Lindsey (5-7 senior) at forward-guard and Ashley Derington (5-6 senior) at guard have had outstanding workouts for the Lady Harvesters.

"All three of these girls are seniors, and they're showing good leadership and a good work ethic," Schmidt said. "When a new coach comes in, sometimes the older girls have trouble adjusting to a new system. There's been no problems with that here. All the kids have been enjoyable to work with."

Pampa's home opener is Nov. 19 against Amarillo Tascosa.

9th graders breeze to win over Tascosa

PAMPA — Pampa breezed to a 56-7 win over Tascosa Red in freshmen football action last week.

Pampa quarterback Tyler Doughty threw four touchdown passes, two going to Brittin East covering 20 and 8 yards. Other TD were caught by Seth Foster (30 yards) and Dusty Lenderman (3 yards).

Other touchdowns were scored by Mark Williams (75-yard run), Mateo Campos (5-yard run) and Cam Seger (37-

yard run). Foster was 8 of 8 in extra point kicks.

Pampa's defense scored a touchdown when East ran back an interception 45 yards.

Q.B. Cobb, Michael Pergeson and Jacob Potter led the Pampa defense. Chris Veal, Jamie Resendez and Jared Winegeart on the offensive line turned in an outstanding job.

The Pampa freshmen are now 8-0-1 for the season. They close out the season Thursday at 5 p.m. against Hereford in Harvester Stadium.

Weir takes Tour Championship

HOUSTON (AP) — Growing up in Canada, Mike Weir was more likely to be wielding a hockey stick than a wedge when the calendar turned to November.

All he does now is win big tournaments and cash big checks.

The latest example came Sunday, when the left-handed Canadian atoned for a bogey on the 18th hole by sticking a wedge into 5 feet for birdie on the same hole and put a quick end to a four-man playoff in the season-ending Tour Championship.

"An unbelievable finish to the year," Weir said after beating Ernie Els, David Toms and Sergio Garcia at Champions Golf Club.

Everyone else should have seen it coming.

Weir seems to save his best golf when he's down to his last chance, especially this time of the year.

He had to go through Q-school in November three years ago just to keep his card, and wound up the medalist. A year ago, he

surged past a world-class field at Valderrama to beat Tiger Woods, Lee Westwood and Nick Price in the American Express Championship, the final official event of the PGA Tour season.

The sweetest one of them all came Sunday.

"This probably is my biggest win," Weir said. "The field was stellar."

The finish was wild, a perfect end to a PGA Tour season that featured a six-man playoff in Los Angeles and a seven-hole playoff involving Tiger Woods at Firestone.

Woods wasn't around, but the entertainment value hardly suffered.

Toms (67) and Weir (68) were tied for the lead until Toms missed an 8-foot par putt on the 17th and Weir hit into a fairway bunker on the 18th to make bogey, both of them dropping to 14-under 270 and heading to the range with faint hopes.

"My chances, I didn't think were looking very good," Weir said. "I was lucky to get in."

Cowboys blow big lead against Giants

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The difference between winning and losing for the New York Giants and Dallas Cowboys was playing the end game.

The young Cowboys built a 17-point halftime lead, but didn't finish off the Giants. New York coach Jim Fassel didn't hesitate to turn to one of the NFL's great closers — Morten Andersen.

Andersen kicked a 42-yard field goal with 7:48 left in overtime for his 29th career game winner, and the Giants defeated the Cowboys 27-24 on Sunday, snapping a three-game losing streak.

"We call him money, and there is reason for that," Giants defensive end Michael Strahan said of Andersen. "There is reason he has been around 20 years and 300 games. It was fitting for him to win the game for us."

The Giants (4-4) had to overcome five turnovers, including three by Kerry Collins that either resulted or led to touchdowns for the Cowboys (2-5), to make Andersen's 300th game memorable.

Collins, who saw two interceptions returned for TDs, threw for three touchdowns and passed for 280 yards, including a 33-yard strike to Ike Hilliard that set up the game-winning kick.

"Just get me down there we'll win this thing," Andersen recalled

telling Collins. "You have to instill confidence. I can do that being around a long time. I'm not a big rah-rah guy. You show by example."

Before Andersen attempted the kick, Fassel called a time out to make sure nothing went wrong.

While the players waited, Mike Murphy, the burly Florham Park police officer who is head of team security, ran on the field at Giants Stadium and smoothed out a spot at the Dallas 32-yard line for Andersen.

It helped bring to an end a very bumpy afternoon for the defending NFC champions.

"We hung in there, that's huge," Collins said. "If you don't have that, you're dead in the water."

The comeback was the best for the Giants since rallying from a 17-0 halftime deficit to defeat San Francisco 21-17 on Dec. 1, 1986. It also allowed New York to remain a half-game behind first-place Philadelphia in the NFC East. The Eagles (4-3) beat Arizona 21-7.

In seeing their chance to get back into the NFC East race slip away in the second half, the Cowboys played like a team that is rebuilding under Dave Campo.

Dallas made few mistakes and capitalized on three turnovers in taking a 24-7 halftime lead.

Clint Stoerner, who had a near perfect 149.6 quarterback rating in

the half, threw a 16-yard first-quarter touchdown pass to Joey Galloway two plays after Collins was sacked and fumbled.

Linebacker Dexter Coakley scored on a 29-yard interception just 47 seconds after that and Mario Edwards returned another interception 71 yards late in the half for what seemed an insurmountable lead.

The Cowboys blew it after losing an early third-quarter touchdown because of an offensive pass interference call against Raghbi Ismail for a pick.

Stoerner threw four interceptions after that and the Giants got the game-tying touchdown two plays after Thabiti Davis blocked a Micah Knorr punt at the Dallas 14 midway through the fourth quarter.

"They've always been a second-half team versus us," Cowboys safety George Teague said. "That's happened the last three games and we fell into it again. We had a big lead and couldn't find a way to finish the game in any phase."

Walking out of a very quiet locker room, Coakley refused to blame Stoerner, who was led by Ryan Leaf on Cowboys' last two series.

"We're not going to point fingers," Coakley said. "We're in this thing together, unfortunately we didn't get it done overall."

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New Mexico First Town Hall serious about state's border 'vision'

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — There's nothing border-line about it — New Mexico First is serious about border development.

The 15-year-old public advocacy organization, which holds Town Halls to gather input and formulate policy recommendations, urged Sunday that a task force be formed to sharpen New Mexico's vision for the U.S.-Mexico border and, among other things, to resolve NAFTA issues such as trucking.

"For the last 15 years, we've talked about vision, we've talked about goals and objectives, and we haven't gotten it done," said Maria del Rios, a Town Hall participant who is vice president of Albuquerque-based Orion International Technologies Inc.

The theme for the weekend Town Hall here was

"New Mexico's Border With Mexico: Creating a Viable Agenda for Growth."

The Town Hall wrapped up its session with these recommendations:

—New Mexico, though the task force, should articulate clear goals and vision for border development.

—The Legislature should adopt a resolution or memorial urging the NAFTA Trade Commission, Border Trade Alliance and other groups take steps to resolve any remaining trade issues within five years.

—The congressional delegation should be asked to seek full implementation of North American Free Trade Agreement, or NAFTA. That means adequate funding for truck inspections.

—Greater commercial use of the Santa Teresa border crossing should be sought, including a \$100,000 appropriation for that purpose.

The task force would be formed by the Economic Development Commission and the Border Authority. It would be non-partisan and geographically diverse. It would include no more than 15 people, and it would be "responsible for producing a comprehensive, strategic, community-based plan with action items and measurable outcomes within one year of task force formation."

Mark Lautmann, chairman of the state's Economic Development Commission, said the conference could help stimulate efforts statewide to pursue more business with Mexican counterparts.

"I think the really important thing that's starting to happen, and the conference is an important step,

is that the rest of the state is starting to awaken to the economic opportunities represented by the industrialization of the state of Chihuahua," said Lautmann, president of Santa Teresa Real Estate Development Corp.

His company is trying to develop three industrial parks near the state's busiest port of entry near Santa Teresa.

STRED is associated with border developer Chris Lyons, who owns 22,000 acres surrounding the border crossing.

New Mexico's exports to Mexico rose sharply from \$55 million in 1999 to \$137 million in 2000, but the state still lags behind many other states that don't share borders with Mexico, such as Mississippi and Arkansas.

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 Opportunity touches you on the home front. Maximize another's good news and tell him how happy you are. Optimism and positive sharing add to a general feeling of trust and caring. Make the first move in a stalemate. Tonight: Happy at home.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 Your words mean more to someone than you realize. Carefully review a situation that impacts a key relationship. If you have a problem, you'll also have an opportunity to straighten it out. Make a move. Don't sit back. Tonight: Return all calls.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 Your generosity, both emotional and financial, makes waves. Others respond to your inquiries and understand where you come from. Consider the adage that you might need to spend money so you can make money. Design a business plan. Tonight: Take someone out for dinner.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 Your good will goes far when dealing with those close to you. Investigate new possibilities while others desire to be more open with you. Your personality and insight help others relax. Be careful with someone who might want more from you than you know. Tonight: Whatever you ask for.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 Follow your instincts, and you'll know exactly what to do. Close your door and complete your work. Carefully review a situation. Go over in your mind the fact that you have used all your resources and cannot do anything differently. Make a call to a friend whom you rarely talk to. Tonight: Maintain a low profile.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 Aim for more of what you want. Network and make calls. Rally others to pitch in. Consider yourself the cheerleader of the Zodiac right now. You motivate others with your insight and organization. Help someone see things more clearly. Tonight: Where your friends are.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 Others seek you out. Work with others at your office or in your workplace. Be open to different types of information. Others simply don't have the same vision as you do. Don't take another's understanding for granted. Help mobilize others' energy. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 Make calls and seek out others. Your sense of humor comes out when you're swapping news. As a result, you gain another's interest. Schedule a trip soon involving a friend at a distance. Discuss plans together. Check out travel options. Tonight: Wherever the music is.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 Deal with others directly. They respond enthusiastically. Someone presents an opportunity that needs to be studied, especially if you think it is too

good to be true. A partner has an interesting way of showing his caring. Tonight: Togetherness works.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 Seek out others, though you might not even need to. Others seem to flood your phone and show up at your door. You easily could be on overload with so much going on around you. Calm down. You are experiencing a unique popularity. Enjoy it, for goodness' sake!
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 You prove to be the workhorse. You get a lot done very quickly. Be sensitive to an opportunity that heads your way. You have more energy than normal. Don't make a mistake and take your vitality for granted. Take care of yourself. Tonight: Clear out a personal project.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 Just because you see something as being too good to resist, don't think someone else does. You might need to explain piece by piece the news that comes your way. A relationship heats up considerably. Understand how another feels. Get into the intensity. Tonight: Enjoy yourself doing what you love most.
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