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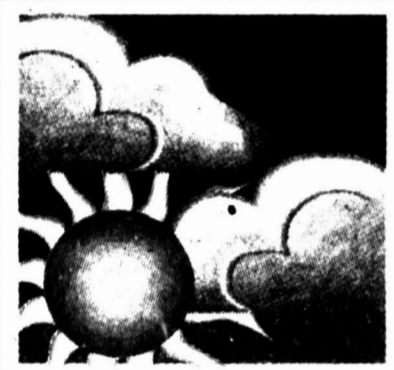
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Houston voters reject same-sex benefits

HOUSTON (AP) — A measure to prevent Houston from being the first city in Texas to offer health benefits to partners of gay and lesbian municipal employees won Tuesday in a very tight election. With 100 percent of the precincts counted an amendment to Houston's charter that prohibits the nation's fourth-largest city from offering the benefits passed 130,310 to 123,592, or 51.5 percent to 48.5 percent. Electrical contractor Dave Wilson, who led the effort to gather enough signatures on petitions to put same-sex benefits on the ballot, said voters deserved to determine whether the benefits should be available. "I feel like we need to send a message that Houston is a pro-family, pro-marriage city and family values are important to our community," Wilson said. Grant Martin, a same-sex benefits supporter, spearheaded a campaign of television commercials broadcast a week before the election to persuade voters to reject the proposition. He said its language may have confused voters because a "yes" vote would prohibit the benefits, while a "no" vote could allow them. Four Texas cities — Houston, Dallas, Austin and Fort Worth — have ordinances or regulations banning discrimination based on sexual orientation. Houston has a provision that allows unmarried employees to obtain benefits for opposite-sex partners. Houston voters previously rejected a provision that could have allowed same-sex benefits for city employees.

- Farris C. Oden, 96, former mayor of Pampa, retired chairman of Western National Life Insurance.
- Virida Louise Sitterly, 79, homemaker.

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Citizens vote down PEDC; turnout high

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

One of the most important decisions in the history of Pampa was decided by 25 percent of the registered voters Tuesday, and it was a record vote in the City of Pampa.

The majority of voters went to the polls Tuesday to vote out the Pampa Economic Development Corporation 1,786 to 1,404. City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers said in her 19 years with the City of Pampa the PEDC issue drew more voters than any other election.

Registered voters in Pampa number 12,410 while 3,190 voters cast ballots in the Tuesday election.

A petition was presented to city officials on Sept. 18 asking

"Maybe it was a pig thing or maybe it was personalities involved. I don't know. It certainly seems like there was a lack of believing and trust in the City Commission and PEDC."

— Commissioner Faustina Curry

for an election to vote on the dissolution of the PEDC. The PEDC has been in operation in Pampa since it was voted in April, 1992.

The request for the election came after several Pampa citizens questioned the financial condition of the PEDC, claiming the organization was \$2.5 million in debt. It was also on the heels of National Pig Development (USA) efforts to move to Gray County.

Several Pampa and area residents were angered when they learned the PEDC paid for the rental of M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium to hold a public meeting for NPD officials to answer questions about their planned move to the area. PEDC also paid for the motel rooms of the company executives.

City Commissioner Jeff Andrews said the PEDC has (See CITIZENS, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Nancy Crocker, counter, and Ruth Riehart, assistant election judge, prepare to take the vote box to the Green Room where the votes were counted Tuesday, after the polls closed in the referendum to dissolve the Pampa Economic Development Corporation.

UMC reports third quarter revenue up 'Business up...expenses down'

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

United Medicorp, Inc., announced this week the company's revenue for the third quarter is up 29 percent over the same period last year.

Dennis Bazhaw, manager of the locally-based company, said he plans on filling several job openings at UMC around the middle of November. Of the four employees which were laid off in late September, Bazhaw said one has been recalled, two have obtained other jobs and the fourth is the only one which remains laid off.

He said several have quit at UMC and the jobs haven't been filled. These are the jobs which will be filled next week. Bazhaw said UMC is taking applications.

The manager said UMC will soon be restoring the temporary pay cuts the company made in late September following a drop in collections following the Sept. 11 attacks.

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12 percent increase in business from September to October. "Our volume of business is up and our expenses are down," he said.

Ending Sept. 30, 2001, the quarter's revenue was \$716,046 compared to \$555,810, according to Nathan Bailey with UMC. Net income for the third quarter was \$64,061 compared to net loss of \$48,927 in the prior year's quarter.

He said net income per share for the third quarter was \$0.0022, compared to a per share loss of (See UMC, Page 3)

What happens next? Decisions pending regarding how to handle PEDC finances

By KATE B. DICKSON Associate Publisher

What happens next?

That's the question being asked this morning following Tuesday's election in which citizens voted to dissolve the Pampa Economic Development Corporation. (See related story).

The Corporation will continue to exist with a functioning board until all the current debt is paid, Alfredo Cardenas of the Texas Comptroller's office told *The Pampa News* today. The Corporation will not be allowed to under-

take any new projects.

Once the debt is retired, PEDC assets, including any sales tax balance, will be transferred to the city, Cardenas said.

One PEDC asset is a section of land east of Pampa near the prison that was given to the Corporation by Celanese, said City Attorney Don Lane. He said Celanese bought the land several years ago as a potential disposal well site. When that plan was nixed, the chemical company gave the property to the PEDC.

"I will be advising both the PEDC board and (See PEDC, Page 3)

Flag burning reward \$1,500

Investigators have developed new leads in the burning of an American flag last week at the Freedom USA Museum.

"It's coming along," Fire Marshal Gary Stevens said Tuesday. "We are going to push it pretty hard."

An American flag, flying in front of the Freedom USA Museum, 600 N. Hobart, was set on fire shortly before midnight Friday, Oct. 26. Pampa police officers said three girls driving down

Hobart spotted the burning flag in front of the museum, put the fire out and called authorities.

The Crimestoppers reward, according to John Triplehorn with the Freedom USA Museum, is now at \$1,500.

Stevens said that despite the new leads, he is still looking for more information.

"People can call Crimestoppers," Stevens said, "or they can call me at 662-0098 any time of the day or night."



(Courtesy photo)

Members of the Pampa Shrine Club, from left: Curtis Broaddus, Joe Bailey, J.B. Fife, R.C. Grider, Al Soukup, Bob Klein and Kelly Miller, are shown here cutting up beef for last year's Shrine Barbecue Dinner. Pampa Shriners are already making plans to heat up the pit for this year's barbecue, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 11, at the Top O' Texas Sportsman Club, South Barnes Street. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for 6-12 years old. Children under 6 eat for free. Carry-outs and bulk meat sales are also available.

'Safety of others' cited in inmate move

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Staff Writer

A man charged in the June shooting death of a Hemphill County Sheriff's deputy has been moved from the county jail here to Randall County Jail due to safety concerns, officials confirmed today.

Authorities transferred Christopher Chad Britton, 27, from Gray County Jail to the Randall County facility late Monday afternoon, Hemphill County Sheriff Dean Butcher said. At last report, Britton was being held in an isolation cell in the Randall County Jail.

He said the reason for the move was due to a concern for "safety of others."

Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland said Britton was moved because "we didn't have an isolation cell available."

He said Gray County Jail contains three isolation cells where prisoners are kept separate from the jail population. One was being used (See INMATE, Page 3)

Want to do volunteer work?

CASA of the High Plains will hold a meeting at 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 8 at the CASA offices (600 W. Francis) for individuals interested in volunteering with the program.

CASA volunteers act as advocates for abused and neglected children in the custody of the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

They attend a 30-hour training course to become qualified and serve as the "eyes and ears" of the court. To learn more about the program, attend this informational meeting which is free and open to the public.

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Daily Record

Obituaries

FARRIS C. ODEN

Farris C. Oden, 96, a former longtime Pampa resident, died Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2001. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Polk Street United Methodist Church in Amarillo. Arrangements are under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mr. Oden was born at Amity, Ark., and graduated from high school at Chickasha, Okla. He later attended Oklahoma University and married Dorothy Helen McCown on Nov. 5, 1927, at Norman, Okla.; she died Sept. 7, 2000. A bank failure in Altus, Okla., made him look West for business activity, and he moved to Borger in 1930, joining Panhandle Insurance Agency. He soon after transferred to the Pampa branch of the Agency.

He was associated with O'Keefe financial group for the rest of his career and served on the board of directors of Southwestern Investment Company and Security Federal Savings and Loan Association.

From 1944-48, he was mayor of Pampa. In 1952, he became president of Western National Life Insurance Company in Amarillo. He retired as chairman of Western National Life in 1978.

He was president of Amarillo Chamber of Commerce in 1969. A Rotarian for 66 years, he joined Pampa Rotary Club in 1933 and the Amarillo Rotary Club in 1952. He was president of the Pampa chapter in 1936 and was district governor of Rotary International District 5370 from 1974-75. At the time of his death, was a honorary Rotarian.

Mr. Oden was a lifelong Methodist, serving in leadership capacities at First Methodist Church of Pampa and Polk Street United Methodist Church of Amarillo. He served on the board of trustees of McMurry University for several years and was active in fund-raising and endowment of the university.

Mr. Oden's civic work also included: Board member, campaign chairman and president of Amarillo United Way; board member and executive committee of Llano Estacado Council of Boy Scouts; YMCA board; and president of Amarillo Chamber of Commerce. He was honored with Boy Scouts Silver Beaver Award for his service to the youth organization.

Survivors include four children, Bob Oden of Forgan, Okla., Richard L. Oden of Minneapolis, Minn., Jon T. Oden of Amarillo and Rebecca O. Weatherall of Houston; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors following the memorial service in the parlor of the church and requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice, Polk Street United Methodist Church building maintenance fund, Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts or McMurry University general fund.

VIRDA LOUISE SITTERLY

FORT WORTH — Virda Louise Sitterly, 79, died Monday, Nov. 5, 2001. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Friday in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa with the Rev. Barry Loving, pastor of First Christian Church of Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Sitterly was born May 26, 1922, at Louisville, Ky. She married Claude O. Sitterly on May 4, 1941, at Nowata, Okla.; he died Oct. 20, 1989. She moved from Medicine Lodge, Kan., to Pampa in 1963 and relocated to Fort Worth in 1991.

She was a homemaker and a member of First Christian Church of Pampa.

Survivors include a daughter, Connie Sitterly of Fort Worth; a son, Frank Sitterly of Midlothian; a grandchild; and a great-grandchild.

The family will receive visitors from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home in Pampa.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Nov. 6

5 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported one to PRMC.

11:51 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Golden Plains Hospital in Borger and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Correction

In a front page article Tuesday, Nov. 6, two facts regarding the Gray County Probation Office were incorrectly reported. The average probation revocation rate for Gray County recorded in fiscal year 2001 was 23 percent. Also, community service performed by probationers in Gray County resulted in a savings of \$80,651. We regret any inconvenience these errors may have caused.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Ahtey Grain of Pampa

Wheat	2.48	Coca Cola	49.58	dn 0.27
Milo	3.42	Iron	8.17	dn 1.50
Corn	3.62	Halliburton	21.85	up 0.12
Soybeans	3.56	KMI	49.49	dn 0.16
Oil Sunflowers	7.45	Kern McGee	54.89	dn 0.42
		Limited	12.23	dn 0.17
		McDonald's	26.99	dn 0.01
		Exxon Mobil	39.05	dn 0.19
		New Atmos	21.38	dn 0.02
		XCEL	29.06	dn 0.44
		NOI	17.25	up 0.25
		OKE	17.55	dn 0.13
		Penney's	23.80	up 0.13
		Phillips	54.08	dn 0.76
		Pioneer Nat	17.42	up 0.45
		SLB	46.25	up 0.28
		Tenneco	1.64	dn 0.06
		Triad Hospitals	27.40	dn 0.26
		Ultramar	49.90	dn 0.50
		Wal-Mart	54.48	dn 0.46
		Williams	28.70	dn 0.31

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa

BP	47.85	dn 0.24
Celanese	15.26	up 0.06
Cabot	34.07	up 0.01
Cabot O&G	22.94	up 0.03
Chem/Texas	86.20	dn 0.60
New York Gold	279.90	
Silver	4.15	
West Texas Crude	19.92	

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Nov. 5

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1000 block of Varnon Drive.

Tuesday, Nov. 6

Criminal trespass of a habitation and interference with an emergency call was reported in the 700 block of Malone. A door received \$25 damage and the telephone was pulled from the wall causing approximately \$75 damage. No arrests have been made. Police are continuing to investigate the incident.

Harassment was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.

Theft of \$1,250 cash using a bank ATM card was reported.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 300 block of North Banks. A .30 caliber World War II era Lugar pistol valued at \$1,400 was reported stolen.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2200 block of North Russell. CDs, a portable CD player and a CD case, with a total estimated value of \$885, was reported stolen.

Four pictures were reported found at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart.

Robbery was reported at Albertson's, 1224 N. Hobart. Store employees tried to stop a man who allegedly stole \$22 worth of New York strip steaks in the store parking lot and a fight ensued. Police arrested Emmitt Ray Calfy Jr., 40, of Pampa on a charge of robbery. No injuries were reported.

Wednesday, Nov. 7

A hit and run collision was reported in the 1300 block of Garland. A vehicle struck a gas meter on Tuesday, Nov. 6, and left the scene. The gas meter belonged to Energas, 1417 S. Barnes. Damage was estimated at \$300.

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Texas Round Up...

Roads key issue in ballot propositions

AUSTIN (AP) — Road building, in the state's jam-packed cities and in remote spots along the Texas-Mexico border, took center stage in the constitutional amendments election.

Campaigning with the theme "Keep Texas Moving," supporters of two transportation propositions credited Republican Gov. Rick Perry with ensuring their success at the ballot box Tuesday.

"You've got to give credit where credit is due," said state Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, a backer of border road bonds. "I've got to thank him publicly."

All 19 proposed constitutional amendments were approved. Voter turnout was low — an estimated 8 percent — as was expected because there were no statewide candidates on the ballot.

Voting in Harris and Travis counties figured heavily into the outcome because local elections drew people to the polls.

In Houston, the nation's fourth-largest city, Mayor Lee Brown and City Councilman Orlando Sanchez were headed to a runoff after none of the six mayoral candidates collected 50 percent of the vote.

Voters also were asked about the fate of light rail and whether the city should be banned in the future from offering health benefits to the same-sex and domestic partners of city employees.

In Austin, former city councilman Gus Garcia defeated seven challengers to finish the unexpired term of former Mayor Kirk Watson, who resigned to run for Texas attorney general.

Incumbent Lee Brown in mayoral runoff against Hispanic councilman

HOUSTON (AP) — A city councilman hoping to become Houston's first Hispanic mayor will face the city's first black mayor in a runoff.

Lee Brown, seeking a third two-year term in the top job in the nation's fourth-largest city, and Cuban-born Orlando Sanchez broke away from a field of six Tuesday. Since neither captured at least 50 percent of the votes, however, the two political opposites will face each other in what is officially a nonpartisan runoff.

Brown, 64, campaigned last year for Al Gore, the Democratic presidential candidate. Sanchez, 43, is a conservative Republican.

With all precincts counted, Brown had 125,187 votes, or 44 percent, edging Sanchez, with 115,965, or 40 percent. Another councilman, Chris Bell, had 45,737, or 16 percent. Three other unfunded candidates shared less than 1 percent of the votes.

"It's absolutely incredible," Sanchez said. "We thought we were doing well, but we had no idea how well."

Sanchez's support topped predictions of recent polls, which gave Brown as much as a double-digit percentage lead.

Two to meet in Northwest Texas runoff

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — A Wichita Falls businessman and a Bowie attorney will meet in a runoff election next month that will give one party an edge in the state Senate.

The runoff comes after none of the six candidates won a majority in Tuesday's special election for the post left vacant by Sen. Tom Haywood's death.

Haywood, a Republican from Wichita Falls, died in July after suffering a heart attack. His death left the Senate balanced with 15 Republicans and 15 Democrats. The seat is the only legislative office up for grabs this fall.

Craig Estes of Wichita Falls had 47.2 percent of the votes on Tuesday. Estes, 48, is the chief executive officer of Estes Inc., a wholesale distributor of chemicals and fertilizer. This is the Republican's first bid for public office. He is endorsed by Pat Haywood, the late senator's widow.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to spend four more weeks talking to people in Senate District 30," Estes said Tuesday night.

Estes will face Bowie attorney Greg Underwood, a Democrat, who collected 23.2 percent of the votes.

Inmate killed in courthouse shooting

DENTON (AP) — A convicted bank robber on trial for charges relating to the 1999 robbery was shot to death at a North Texas courthouse by a bailiff when the man tried to grab another officer's gun.

Texas Ranger Tracy Murphree, investigating Tuesday's shooting with assistance by the forensic team at the sheriff's office, said his preliminary investigation shows the shooting was necessary and justified.

The shooting occurred outside the 16th District courtroom, where state District Judge John Narsutis was presiding over Bourda's trial.

"The response from the deputies was quick and professional," Narsutis told the Denton Record-Chronicle. "It's built into the system that something like this is going to happen."

Courtney Jermaine Bourda was being escorted out of the courtroom to a holding area on Denton County Courts building's third floor at about 3:30 p.m. Bourda, 23, had been on trial on charges of kidnapping and assaulting a public servant relating to the bank robbery.

The jury had just been escorted out of the courtroom for an afternoon break, said Lee Ann Breeding, an assistant district attorney who was in her office across from the courtroom.

Bourda, who was not handcuffed, grabbed for Officer Kent McKee's gun and wrestled him to the floor. A second bailiff, Officer Emmett Huschke, fatally shot Bourda in the head with a .45-caliber pistol.

Names in the News...

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Garth Brooks

will give a welcome-home concert for the crew of the Navy aircraft carrier USS Enterprise and their families on Nov. 21.

It will be the second of three "Garth Brooks: Coast to Coast Live" concert specials broadcast by CBS. The first is Nov. 14 at The Forum in Los Angeles. The site of the third on Nov. 28 hasn't been determined.

The Navy said Brooks will likely do the concert from the flight deck of the Enterprise, which is scheduled to return to Norfolk on Saturday after an extended deployment following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"I announced last year that I won't be touring again," said Brooks, who has sold more than 100 million albums. "But CBS has given me the opportunity to take my music to the people in a new way, to have the fun of performing live, and to do it in such a way that I don't have to be away from home for long periods of time. It's going to be fun."

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — Martina McBride

says she's seeing displays of patriotism that are "almost surreal" at times.

"Everything has taken on a different meaning" since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the singer told AP Radio. "For the first time in my life, I'm really feeling the patriotism and what it means to be an American, so it's an emotional thing to sing the national anthem now."

McBride, 35, has been singing in concerts around the country, and responding to invitations to sing patriotic songs at sports and other events.

"We were doing the (national) anthem on Monday Night Football" and there were 60,000 people all waving American flags

and chanting 'U-S-A, U-S-A.' It's

like something you'd see in a movie, you know. It was such an incredible experience," she said.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tammy Blanchard

missed her chance to shine as an Emmy winner when film work in Canada kept her from attending Sunday's ceremony.

Blanchard won an Emmy as best supporting actress in a miniseries or movie for "Life With Judy Garland: Me and My Shadows." She played the young Garland in the four-hour ABC miniseries.

The 25-year-old said she didn't regret watching the ceremony on television in her hotel room in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

"I had this freedom to express myself as crazy as I wanted," she said by telephone Monday. "I was jumping around my hotel room,

laughing and being hysterical."

Getting to share the good news immediately with her family and friends on the phone was another plus, said Blanchard, who is filming a Lifetime TV movie based on Joyce Carol Oates' "We Were the Mulvaney's."

So what would she have said on stage? "Dreams come true" would have been part of the message, she said.

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Tiger Woods

is still reaping rewards from the Masters.

Augusta National chairman Hootie Johnson announced Tuesday that the club is donating \$500,000 to the Tiger Woods Foundation, which supports community-based programs that promote health, education and welfare of children.

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always paid for motel rooms for anyone coming to Pampa who will be adding jobs to the community even though the PEDC has not recruited the company.

Opponents of retaining a PEDC also said expenses were too high at the taxing entity.

The first vote count released Tuesday evening was the early voting totals. The voters wanting the dissolution of the PEDC lead with 683 votes while 464 of early voters wanted to keep it. Mail in ballots had 32 voters. Jeffers said 25 were for doing away with the PEDC while seven wanted to keep it. Going to the polls M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium on Tuesday were 1,078 voters casting ballots to eliminate the economic development group and 1,404 to keep it.

Dalton Lewis, treasurer of the Concerned Citizens who circulated the petition to dissolve the PEDC, was pleased with the outcome.

"I'm very glad the vote turned out the way it did," said Lewis. "What I found interesting was that there were 1,768 signatures on the petition to bring the dissolution of the PEDC to a vote, and the number of voters who voted to dissolve it was 1,786 — 18 votes more than the number of signatures."

Lewis added, "Now it's time for Pampa to settle down and start taking care of business."

While voters who cast ballots to oust the PEDC are pleased, the pro-PEDC supporters are disappointed with the voters' decision.

Jerry Foote, acting vice president of the PEDC board, said, "I'm disappointed with the results, but I believe everybody involved did what they thought was best for the community."

Foote said Pampa is like many other rural com-

munities that are losing population. He hopes everyone involved will regroup in common cause and to help Pampa survive and even prosper.

Acting vice president Foote was elevated to the leadership role of the organization a few weeks ago when Board President Richard Stowers, resigned in the PEDC controversy. Another board member, Joe Mullenax, also resigned leaving Foote, Darville Orr and Lee Porter as the only board members.

Expressing disappointment Wednesday morning in the outcome of the election was City Commissioner Faustina Curry.

"Maybe it was a pig thing or maybe it was personalities involved. I don't know. It certainly seems like there was a lack of believing and trust in the City Commission and PEDC," she said.

The Pampa City Commission is overseer of the PEDC, appointing board members and approving PEDC projects and finances.

"Apparently, my vision of Pampa is different from the people right now. The people have said they want things different. I hope those people step up in leadership roles to lead Pampa down the path they want it to go," she said.

Curry said the United Way, schools, Chamber of Commerce and the arts are all struggling in Pampa at the present time. "We've lost population, and we need to bring people into the community to grow," she said. "But we got a mandate from the voters."

She said the issue was one of the most divisive in the history of Pampa. "There seems to be an attitude that people don't want change," said Curry. "We need to move forward or we'll go backwards."

"I see so many potentials for Pampa, and so many see so many negatives," she said. "It's so disheartening. I see no plan of action. I'm willing to step back and let other people do it if that is what they want."

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PEDC

the City Commission where to go from here," said Lane, who added he will seek advice from the Comptroller's office in Austin.

One decision that must be made by the PEDC board, the city attorney said, is deciding who will keep the books and records and handle the financial dealings.

Acting PEDC vice president Jerry Foote said he doesn't know the specifics of how the transition will be made but speculated it will be the city that will handle PEDC finances.

"We'll get advice from Don (Lane) and act accordingly," Foote said.

Asked about when the PEDC staff payroll will end, Cardenas said he didn't know the answer and suggested the Attorney General's office be contacted.

A spokesman there said the statute does not address the staffing question. "The law is silent on

that ... it's a local issue," the attorney said. "We're kind of in uncharted territory here," Cardenas said, because Pampa is the first city to entirely vote out a 4A economic development corporation without voting to change it to 4B status.

The EDC sales tax option was created in 1989 with two types of EDCs possible. A 4A corporation is one in which the tax is primarily intended for manufacturing and industrial development, according to Comptroller's office information. A 4B tax provides cities with a wider range of uses because it is intended to give communities an opportunity to undertake a project for quality of life improvements, including economic development.

In Texas, Cardenas said the latest report (1998-99) shows there are 446 cities and towns with an EDC with the numbers split pretty evenly between 4A and 4B organizations. He said the number of EDCs has grown since that report was issued but he did not have the exact number.

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\$0.0017 in the prior year's quarter.

Revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, was \$2,138,009 up 26 percent compared with \$1,698,746 for the corresponding nine-month period a year ago. Net income for the current nine-month period was \$0.0078, compared to a per share loss of \$0.0073 in the prior year nine-month period.

Pete Seaman, CEO, stated in a news release issued by the company, "UMC's third quarter results show significant improvement over the prior year. The company has made great progress

in paying down its liabilities, and is now much better positioned for future growth. While the events of Sept. 11 have impacted our revenues and profitability, management believes we have taken the actions necessary for continued improvement in UMC's financial position. We look forward to additional improvement in UMC's operating results in 2002."

United Medicorp, Inc. provides extended business office services to health care providers nationwide.

The company has been in Pampa a little over a year and has approximately 70 employees.

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for medical isolation and the others for disciplinary isolations, he said.

"I don't feel it would be appropriate for me to comment beyond that," Copeland said.

Sheriff Butcher said he had been notified by Gray County officials that "things had surfaced that they weren't comfortable with." He said the problems were due to "safety of others."

He said he appreciated all that Gray County officials had done in the four months since Britton had been incarcerated there.

After talking with Gray County authorities, Butcher said he contacted Sheriff Joel Richardson of Randall County to see if Britton could be moved to his jail. After reaching an agreement, Butcher

arranged for Britton's transfer to the Randall County Jail late Monday.

Sheriff Richardson had not returned a call from *The Pampa News* by press time today.

Britton has been held without bond since his arrest on June 17 for the shotgun slaying of Hemphill County Deputy Jim Bruce Graham, 54, of Canadian. According to investigating officers, Graham had stopped to arrest Britton on that Sunday morning for four outstanding misdemeanor warrants.

After an extensive manhunt, law officers with tracking dogs found Britton shortly before 5:30 p.m. that same day, hiding in a pond near Canadian. He was arrested without incident.

Britton was later indicted by a Hemphill County grand jury for capital murder. He is being held without bond.

U.S. election highlights

Highlights of the elections and ballot measures around the country Tuesday.

CALIFORNIA:

—San Francisco voters overwhelmingly approved a \$100 million bond issue to pay for solar power in public buildings. Proposals to acquire local operations of Pacific Gas and Electric Co. and provide power to the city were too close to call with some 9,000 absentee ballots still uncounted.

COLORADO:

—Voters rejected a proposal to let the state spend \$50 million to create a prototype for a monorail that would link Denver and some Rocky Mountain resorts.

FLORIDA:

—Miami Mayor Joe Carollo lost his bid for re-election. Former Mayor Maurice Ferre and Manny Diaz, an attorney for Elian Gonzalez's Miami relatives, go into a runoff Tuesday to decide Carollo's successor.

GEORGIA:

—Atlanta elected its first female mayor. Former city administrator Shirley Franklin got 50.25 percent of the vote to succeed term-limited Mayor Bill Campbell. Franklin needed more than 50 percent to avoid a runoff.

MICHIGAN:

—The winner of the Detroit mayor's race was Kwame Kilpatrick, the 31-year-old state House Democratic leader and son of a congresswoman. He succeeds Mayor Dennis Archer, who did not seek a third term.

MINNESOTA:

—Political novice R.T. Rybak defeated Minneapolis Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton, who was the first black and the first woman to be the city's chief executive.

NEW JERSEY:

—Jim McGreevey coasted past GOP challenger Bret Schundler, becoming the state's first Democratic governor since 1989. Democrats also won a majority in the Assembly for the first time in 10 years and gained at least five seats in the Senate, which would divide the Senate 20-20. Democrats refused to concede a sixth district where an incumbent Republican led by a few hundred votes.

NEW YORK:

—Billionaire media mogul Michael Bloomberg, a Republican, beat the city's elected public advocate, Democrat Mark Green, in the race to succeed

term-limited Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

OHIO:

—Mayor Charlie Luken, who had been criticized for his handling of the city's rioting sparked last spring after the police shooting of a black man, defeated challenger Courtis Fuller in the mayoral race.

PENNSYLVANIA:

—Voters in York elected Democrat John Brenner, the 33-year-old city controller, as mayor. Mayor Charlie Robertson dropped his re-election bid after he and eight other white men were charged this spring in connection with the killing of a black woman during the city's 1969 race riots.

TEXAS:

—Voters narrowly approved a

measure to prevent Houston from offering health benefits to partners of gay and lesbian municipal employees.

VIRGINIA:

—Democrat Mark Warner defeated Republican Mark Earley in the race to succeed term-limited Gov. Jim Gilmore. Republicans greatly expanded their majority in the House of Delegates, picking up a dozen seats in districts redrawn this year by the GOP-controlled Legislature.

WASHINGTON:

—Voters approved increasing the state cigarette tax to \$1.42 1/2 per pack, giving Washington the highest cigarette taxes in the nation. The tax would boost the price of a pack of brand-name of cigarettes over \$.55 in some places.

Simple treatments can cut death rates in intensive care

Careful attention to relatively simple treatments, such as blood pressure drugs and insulin, can make a big difference in the risk of dying in the intensive care unit, researchers say.

Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine describes two studies of such treatments.

One found that patients brought to the emergency room with blood poisoning are more likely to live if their blood pressure and several other symptoms are treated immediately, before they go to the ICU.

The early treatment to get blood pressure and the amount of oxygen in the blood to normal cut the number of deaths from the blood infections, called sepsis, by about one-third.

The study of 263 patients was conducted at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

The other study, conducted by doctors at Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium, found that surgical patients in the ICU do better if intensive insulin therapy is used to keep their blood sugar in the ideal range.

This approach is not just for diabetics. High blood sugar and insulin resistance are common in critically ill patients, diabetic or not.

Lost & Scared

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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.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM
White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) winter visiting hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. No charge for admission; elevator provided.

FREEDOM MUSEUM
Freedom Museum, USA, 600 N. Hobart is open from 12-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Revolutionary War to Kosovo. All branches of service are represented. For more information, call 669-6066.

LAS PAMPAS WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY

Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at First Landmark Building, in the Pampa Mall. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Loyd Waters 665-6466.

GIRL SCOUTS
Pampa Girl Scouts meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Pampa Girl Scout House on Kingsmill.

PPQG
Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

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.
HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION
High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP
The local Alzheimer's Support Group meets regularly at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson, 665-0356.

PAMPA GARDEN CLUB
Pampa Garden Club meets at 2 p.m. the second Monday of each month from September through May. Meeting location changes monthly.

TEXCARE PARTNERSHIP
Texcare Partnership is the New Children's Health Insurance campaign developed especially for Texas families with uninsured children, birth through age 18. The following health insurance programs are available: Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicaid and Texas Healthy Kids Corp. For more information, call 1-800-647-6558 or 1-888-892-2273.

PAMPA PILOTS ASSOCIATION
Pampa Pilots Association meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Airport Lounge.

HARRINGTON HOUSE
The 2001 tour season for Harrington House, 1600 S. Polk, Amarillo, is in full swing. Built in 1914 by cattlemen John and Pat Landergerin, the house was

acquired in 1940 and preserved by Don and Sybil Harrington. The hour-long tours are conducted from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, April through mid-December. There is no admission fee. For more information call (806) 374-5490.

HIGHLAND BAPTIST
Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, will host prayer time from 11 am.-2 p.m., each Thursday with a special time of prayer from 12:15-12:30 p.m. For more information, contact the church office at 669-6509.

CAPROCK CANYONS
Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway State Park will offer the following events in October: Panhandle Trailriders Benefit Ride, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Oct. 13; Lone Star Legacy Weekend, Oct. 20-21; Trailway Tours, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Oct. 20; Quitaque Quest Bike Race, 12 p.m., Oct. 21; and Kid Fish, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Oct. 27. Reservations to the trailride are required. To RSVP, call (806) 622-2982 or (806) 655-2286. Registration is \$125 (includes food and campsite.) For more information about the tours, which cost \$10 per person, call (806) 455-1429. For information about the other events or programs, call (806) 455-1254.

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.

GRIEF AND THE HOLIDAYS
BSA Hospice will present a "Grief and the Holidays" workshop from 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 8 at the Pampa hospice, 800 N. Sumner. The workshop - designed to help individuals dealing with grief cope with the holidays - is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, call 665-6677.

FCCLA VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM
White Deer FCCLA will hold a Veteran's Day Program 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.

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.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
The American Cancer Society will present the program "Look Good... Feel Better" from 1-3 p.m. Nov. 10 at the ACS office at 3915 Bell Street in Amarillo. The program is aimed at helping cancer patients cope with the unpleasant side effects of cancer treatments. Cosmetology professionals will demonstrate techniques how to compensate for

hair loss through the use of turbans and scarves. To register or for more information, call the ACS at (806) 353-4306.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
ACTS Amarillo College Theatre School will present "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" Nov. 16-19. For more information, call (806) 371-5353.

BAND CONCERT/AUCTION
Pampa High School Band will stage its "Fall Concert and Live Auction" from 7-9 p.m., Monday, Nov. 19 in the high school auditorium. Items for auction will be available for viewing at 6:30 p.m. and will include baked goods and Christmas decorations. Hire a student (slave) to help with seasonal chores such as putting up Christmas lights or cleaning house or yards. The event is free and open to the public.

WHEELER OPEN HOUSE
Wheeler Chamber of Commerce will sponsor "Wheeler Open House" from 2-5 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 25 and from 5:30-9 p.m., Monday, Nov. 26 in downtown Wheeler.

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.

ACT TEST
College-bound high school seniors currently have two chances to register for the Dec. 8 ACT exam. The postmark deadline is Friday, Nov. 2. The late registration deadline is Nov. 15 (an additional fee is required for late registration). For more information, contact a high school counselor or visit www.act.org on the World Wide Web.

WESLEY UNITED ARTS/CRAFTS FESTIVAL
Wesley United Methodist Church of Hereford will host its 21st Annual Festival of Arts and Crafts from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Dec. 1 at the Community Center in Hereford. Only limited booth space is available. Booth fee is \$10. Applications may be obtained by writing: Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St., Hereford, TX 79045; or by calling (806) 364-0774.

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Veto threatens bipartisan drive to boost anti-terror spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some lawmakers of both parties say they are not ready to succumb to President Bush's threat to veto their efforts to boost the \$40 billion Congress has already approved for anti-terrorism programs.

At the same time, Senate Democrats are forging ahead with a \$67 billion economic stimulus proposal, guaranteeing a partisan confrontation because the package has little Republican support.

Bush issued his veto threat Tuesday at a White House meeting with congressional leaders. He urged them to live within budget and emergency spending limits that were agreed to shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. New needs should be revisited next year, he said.

But Democratic leaders, as well as top Democrats and Republicans on the House and Senate Appropriations committees, say the spending deals were brokered before the recent anthrax attacks and the need for broader anti-terror efforts became clear. They say more money is needed for the FBI,

Coast Guard, public health, food safety programs, as well as for the costs of waging the war in Afghanistan.

Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., said that if Bush opposes congressional efforts to increase anti-terrorism programs, "That's when Armageddon will come."

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bill Young, R-Fla., said he was unsure there would be enough votes to produce a bill within the limits Bush wants.

"It's going to be very difficult for a member to vote against a bill that gives the FBI the tools they think they need," Young told reporters.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., back the president.

"He's concerned about spending just spiraling completely out of control," Lott told reporters. "And I share that concern."

The White House worries that any additional spending approved now will be built upon in coming years, possibly forcing

Bush to confront an endless stream of budget deficits just as he prepares for re-election in 2004.

As a result of Bush's threat, many GOP lawmakers will have to choose between supporting more money for popular anti-terrorism efforts and backing a president of their own party.

Bush put himself in an awkward position as well. With the extra money likely to end up in either a defense spending bill or an economic stimulus measure, he may have to veto legislation that otherwise has strong bipartisan support to follow through on his promise.

Young said he believes about

\$2 billion more is needed for domestic anti-terror programs, plus billions more for defense and to help New York recover from the destruction of the World Trade Center.

Byrd has proposed adding \$20 billion aimed at securing highways, airports, water systems, food safety and buttressing law

enforcement and other programs.

Meanwhile, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., is dropping any effort to negotiate an economic stimulus deal with the GOP.

Instead, he will present his panel with a measure containing fewer business tax breaks than the House and Bush want as well as more aid for the unemployed, including a temporary health insurance subsidy. It contains one piece common to all the plans: Rebate checks aimed primarily at lower-income workers.

The Democratic bill also includes tax breaks intended to help New York City recover from the terrorist attacks and \$6 billion for farm disaster payments and rural development projects.

"We tried for weeks to reach a bipartisan agreement," said Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. "We were left with no recourse. ... We need to get this process under way."

Republicans said Democrats were mainly interested in appealing to labor unions and working-class voters. Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, urged a resumption of bipartisan talks to avoid a "train wreck" once the bill reaches the Senate floor.

"That's where we're headed, it seems to me, in the partisan approach that's being taken," Grassley told reporters.

Baucus said the panel would vote on the legislation Thursday, with floor action possible as early as next week.

A leading moderate, Democratic Sen. John Breaux of Louisiana, said the Democratic bill would make it out of committee "barely" but was unlikely to pass the full Senate. The legislation would probably require 60 votes to overcome opponents' blocking tactics.

"We can't pass a bill unless there's going to be a compromise," Breaux said.

FDA okays first clinical test of infamous ecstasy drug

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time since the drug ecstasy was made illegal, the government will allow researchers to test the drug as a treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder.

Approval came Tuesday from the Food and Drug Administration and marks a shift for the agency, which has virtually banned the drug from researchers for more than a decade.

The trial has not been approved by a review board at the Medical University of South Carolina, the proposed site for the research.

If the university accepts the plan, the test will be supervised by the husband and wife team of Dr. Michael Mithoefer, a psychiatrist, and Annie Mithoefer, a psychiatric nurse in Charleston.

Michael Mithoefer said research should not be impeded

because ecstasy is a hot commodity among some teen-agers.

"It's ironic that when these drugs become illegal, the legitimate research goes to zero, and the illegal and recreational use goes way up," Mithoefer said. "It seems foolish to me to have a situation where millions are using the drug in an uncontrolled way and yet physicians who want to do careful research are not allowed."

The FDA would not comment on the test.

If the study proceeds, 12 people will be given ecstasy, also known as MDMA, as they go through therapy for post-traumatic stress disorder. Eight people will be given a placebo. Each person also will undergo 16 hours of therapy without drugs.

Post-traumatic stress disorder, a mental problem for millions of Americans, is caused by fixation with an emotionally charged event.

Victims often experience bad dreams and have trouble with relationships — essentially having become stuck in the moment of crisis.

In the 1970s, MDMA was used by many psychiatrists to treat the disorder. Some psychiatrists believe the drug can allow victims to have a cathartic moment, releasing their emotional stress over an incident.

Treatment using MDMA stopped as the federal government began to crack down on the drug for its recreational use.

The study is being financed by the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies, a group that advocates use of psychedelic drugs for therapy.

Quilt donation



(Community Camera photo by Donna Reynolds)

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild recently donated a baby quilt to Tralee Crisis Center of Pampa. Above: Linda Town, left, and Whitney Davis, far right, both of Tralee, with PPAQ members Susie Edwards, president, third from left, and Jane Jacobs, vice president, second from left.

State environmental experts to test air quality, benzene levels

TEXAS CITY, Texas (AP) — State environmental experts will take air samples around the city and its heavy concentration of petrochemical plants this week to see if levels of benzene and other chemicals produced by the companies have been lowered.

An April report showed a chronic problem with benzene emissions at BP and Marathon Ashland Petroleum plants, which released benzene and other chemicals at more than three times the acceptable government limits over the last five years.

Benzene — a known carcinogen — has been linked to leukemia, according to the Galveston County Health District.

This week's sampling was scheduled after last week's meeting of city leaders, industry officials and the state's top environmental director.

Twenty-five staff members of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission will take up to 40,000 samples at 50 to 75 sites surrounding

industry fence lines.

Industry officials at the two plants being pinpointed have repeatedly said the chemical levels TNRCC has collected are only trace amounts.

BP and Marathon officials say

the state's standards are drastically out of line with federal requirements, which the companies say they follow.

The TNRCC and the two plants are currently in negotiations to determine the extent of fines for

air violations during the five-year period. Fines could be as high as half a million dollars.

City, industry, TNRCC and health district officials all say that there is no immediate health risk to residents.

Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & ALLISON PARKS Upper Morrow) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #14-2 Jones, 467' from South & 2000' from East line, Sec. 14,A-1,ACH&B, PD 15300'.
Applications to Plug-Back HANSFORD (WILDCAT & TEXAS-HUGOTON) Exxon Mobil Corp., #1 H.J. Collier, 2640' from North & West line, Sec. 41,1,WCCR, PD 4749'.
WHEELER (WILDCAT & LOTT RANCH 14500') Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., Inc., #1049 Horn, 467' from South & 1500' from East line, Sec. 49,—H&GN, PD 14674' — Application to Deepen (below casing)

ROBERTS (ALPAR-LIPS Marmaton) Alpar Resources, Inc., #3 Courson 'D' 170, 1507' from South & 1707' from West line, Sec. 170,C,G&M (BHL: 330' from South & 1707' from West Sec. line) PD 7100'. Horizontal well

Gas Well Completions HANSFORD (HANSFORD White Dolomite) Ricks Exploration, Inc., #1 Rosenbaum '152', Sec. 152,45,H&TC, spud 5-17-01, drlg. compl 5-26-01, tested 7-19-01, potential 105 MCF, TD 4955', PBD 3700' — Multiple Completion

ROBERTS (MORRISON RANCH Upper Morrow) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt., Inc., #2-181 Mary T. Morrison 'E', Sec. 181,42,H&TC, spud 4-6-01, drlg. compl 8-20-01, tested 8-28-01, potential 3200 MCF, TD 10800', PBD 10555' —

Plugged Wells CARSON (PANHANDLE) Ina Street Operating, Inc., #52 R.C. Ware, et al, Sec. 105,4,1&GN, spud unknown, plugged 10-10-01, TD 3251' (oil) —

CARSON (PANHANDLE) Pantera Energy Co., #2 Burnett, Sec. 97,4,1&GN, spud unknown, plugged 10-1-01, TD 3207' (oil) —

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Walsh & Watts, Inc., #6 Kingsland 'F', Sec. 8,M-21,TCRR, spud 9-26-60, plugged 10-4-01, TD 3004' (oil) — Form 1 in Travelers Oil Co.

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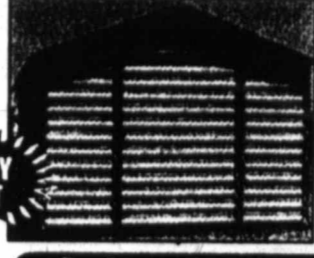
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Man Hopes Former Office Friend Can Remain A Friend

DEAR ABBY: I worked with this great gal, "Lauren," for about four years. She is very attractive. We would see each other about once a month outside of work. We never went out as a couple — always with other co-workers. We didn't see each other as often after she got married, but we maintained our friendship.

Two years ago, Lauren quit work and she, her husband and child moved away. Within a year, they moved back to our city. I now talk to her on the phone once every three months. Whenever we talk, she says we will get together "soon" — but we never do.

I know Lauren is married and I am single, but I would enjoy having lunch with her or going for a walk once in a while. Abby, my question is, do you think Lauren and I are still friends?

JUST A WORK FRIEND?

DEAR JUST A WORK FRIEND: I'm sure Lauren doesn't like you any less, but it's time to face the fact that your friend's circumstances and priorities have changed. She has a husband and child who must come first. Instead of dwelling on the status of this relationship, it is time to move on and cultivate new friends.

DEAR ABBY: I adore the letters about "pennies from heaven." After reading the last one, I thought about it all day and said to myself: That could never happen to me. I don't know anyone in heaven who cares about me — except maybe my brother who was killed in a car crash

Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

thought this could happen to me. I am still shocked. My mother is astounded. Now she knows her son is where she hoped he would be. I absolutely believe it is a "penny from heaven."

LISA ANGLIANO, BERE, OHIO

DEAR LISA: So do I. And since that penny had the power to reinforce your mother's faith and restore yours, I'd say that penny was heaven-sent — wouldn't you?

DEAR ABBY: My parents recently retired and moved into a condo. While in the process of helping them move out of their house of 35 years, I was given some items. In one of the cartons, I discovered some steamy love letters written to my dad from another woman in 1981.

How should I handle this with my father? It was hurtful and embarrassing to find something like this after all this time.

UNSURE SON IN UTAH

DEAR UNSURE SON: Place the letters in a manila envelope or a sturdy box and seal it securely. Give it to your father privately and tell him the contents belong to him and were taken by mistake. Period. End of conversation.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

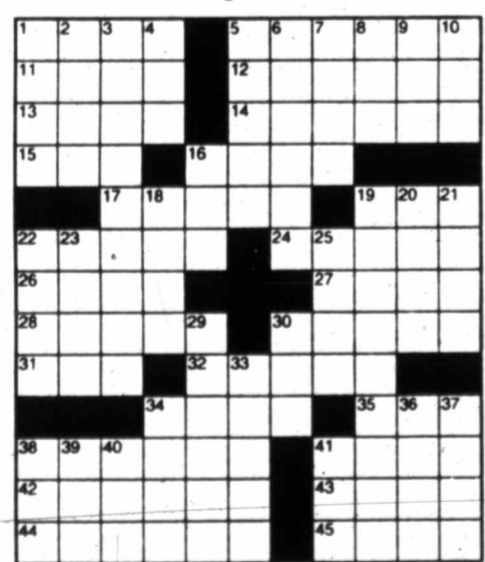
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- 21 Egyptian serpents
- 22 Burn
- 23 Despise
- 25 Pakistan neighbor
- 29 Run
- 30 Vitality
- 33 Friendly get-together
- 34 Transmitted
- 36 Asian society
- 37 Opposite of post
- 38 Dog's dog
- 39 Egg cells
- 40 Hawaiian souvenir
- 41 Rink surface



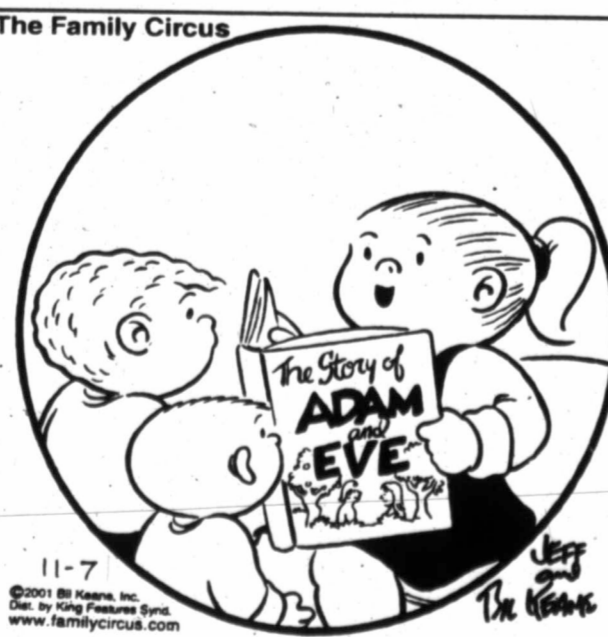
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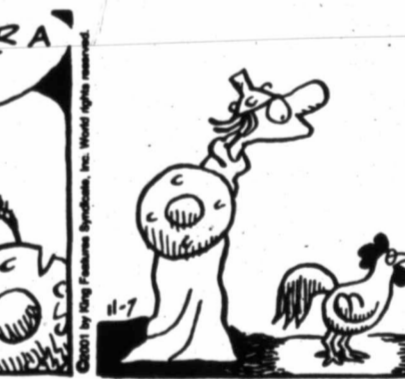
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SPORTS

Pampa vs. Borger: The tradition continues

Notebook

GENERAL

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Evidence in the melee that followed Texas Tech's game with Texas A&M was expected to be presented to prosecutors.

What began as a celebration of Tech's 12-0 victory over the Aggies involved as many as 1,000 students, with goal posts torn down and carried to the Aggie end of the field where there were physical confrontations between fans. The goal posts were pushed up into the stands.

Mike McKinney, Gov. Rick Perry's chief of staff and the father of Aggie center Seth McKinney, had to have eight stitches to close a gash above his right eye. The elder McKinney was trying to keep Tech fans with goal posts from climbing into the A&M section of the stands.

A Texas A&M student punched McKinney in the weekend confrontation, said Texas Tech President David Schmidly following a review of footage from two cameras in the stadium.

FOOTBALL

PAMPA — The week nine Power Point winner was Joe Bates of Abilene with a score of 130 points.

The high score from Pampa was Evan Grill with 110 points.

McLEAN — It will be a battle between wireless teams when McLean visits Higgins in six-man action Friday night. McLean has an 0-9 record while Higgins is 0-8.

Based on statistics, McLean has the edge on Higgins. McLean has scored 83 points this season, 20 more than Higgins.

McLean is coming off a 64-12 setback to Follett.

For the Tigers, their two touchdowns were scored by Chris Sparling on a 61-yard kickoff return and Terrence Fite on an 11-yard run.

Follett clinched a playoff spot with the win.

BASKETBALL

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tony Parker played like a veteran in his first professional start.

Parker, a 19-year-old rookie, had 12 points, four assists and two steals in 32 minutes, leading the San Antonio Spurs to a 104-89 victory over the Orlando Magic on Tuesday night.

"We decided it was the best thing for the team right now and for the future," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said of his decision to start Parker over Antonio Daniels. "Antonio is a combo guard. If Tony Parker wasn't here he would be our guard. He has been our point guard and has done a good job."

Parker, the Spurs' first-round draft pick, played last season for the Paris Basket Racing team in the French A League.

PAMPA — Craig Shores has only been Borger head coach for three years, but he knows what a classic the Pampa-Borger rivalry has been almost from the time some schoolboy first kicked a football across the Panhandle plains.

"This is my third season here, but it seems like every time Pampa and Borger play, it's a crucial ballgame," Shores said. "There's seeding implications this year for this game."

A win for Pampa Friday night would mean clinching a playoff spot. For Borger, a win would keep the Bulldogs in contention for one of the three playoff berths. The district could still end in a five-way tie for first place with the playoff teams being determined by a plus-minus 12-point tiebreaker system.

Cheer sticks available

PAMPA — The Harvester Football Booster Club would like to thank all their fans for their support last Friday night at the Pampa-Randall game. Club members are asking for continued support this Friday night when Pampa meets Borger at Harvester Stadium.

The Booster Club will be passing out inflatable cheer sticks before kickoff at both

the main south gate and the west gate under the bleachers for all the Harvester fans. The cheer sticks are free of charge.

These fun, loud spirit sticks were graciously donated by Curtis Well Service, Hoagies Deli and W.O. Operating. The Boosters are urging the fans to come out to the game, wear your green and gold, make some noise, and help the Harvesters win district.

"Both teams have played awfully hard to get where they're at. Every district game has been very physical," Shores said.

A year ago, Borger advanced to the playoffs by shutting out

7 loss to Borger. The Bulldogs were the second-place playoff seed behind state finalist Hereford.

This year's tradition show-down is predicted to be much closer. The Harris Ratings has Pampa favored by a field goal.

The Harvesters are currently tied for first place with Palo Duro, each with a 5-1 record. For the season the Harvesters are 6-3 and winners of their last five games.

"Pampa has played very well down the stretch the last four or five weeks, Shores said. "Their defense forces a lot of turnovers and their offense doesn't allow a lot of yardage or points."

Borger is 4-2 in district and 6-2 for the season. The Bulldogs are tied with Hereford and Randall for third place in the district standings.

2001 GAME TRAIL

Pampa (6-3)

Pampa 14, Dalhart 0
Lubbock Estacado 13, Pampa 7
Amarillo High 10, Pampa 7
Palo Duro 10, Pampa 7
Pampa 14, Hereford 15
Pampa 14, Dumas 7
Pampa 21, Caprock 7
Pampa 35, Canyon 21
Pampa 20, Randall 19

Borger (6-2)

Borger 7, Andrews 0
Borger 14, Tascosa 12
Clovis, N.M. 14, Borger 0 (game called at halftime due to lightning)
Hereford 20, Borger 12
Borger 35, Caprock 0
Borger 42, Randall 28
Palo Duro 24, Borger 3
Borger 14, Dumas 7
Borger 28, Canyon 13

Pampa bowling roundup

Harvester Lanes
League Individual Scores
Harvester Combo League
Week's High Scores

Men
High scratch game: Steve Nolte 252;
High scratch series: Steve Nolte 636.

Women
High scratch game: Peggy Smith 217;
High scratch series: Peggy Smith 553.

Lone Star League
High scratch game: Ruth Swearingim 221; High scratch series: Ruth Swearingim 569.

Caprock League
ABC Awards

Jesse Cannon (65 years old) — 700 high series recognition; 150 pins over average (series); 125 pins over average (game); 75 pins over average (game). Cannon, who carries a 171 average, bowled 248, 258 and 200 for a 706 series.

Leroy Hilburn (27 years old) — 200 high game recognition. Hilburn, who has a 140 average, bowled a 222.

Senior League
Week's High Scores

Men
High scratch game: Kurt Lowry 238;
High scratch series: Kurt Lowry 597.

Women
High scratch game: O'nita Robinson 226; High scratch series: O'nita Robinson 544.

Chamber Merchants League
Week's High Scores

Men
High scratch game: Mike Podraza 231; High scratch series: Joe Smith 616.

Women
High scratch game: Becky Hall 188; High scratch series: Debbie Smith 498.

Harvester Women's League
Week's High Scores

High scratch game: Joy Hilbern 215; High scratch series: Ann O'Brien 532; High handicap game: Joy Hilbern 253; High handicap series: Jo Hicks 686.

Wednesday Night Mixed League
Week's High Scores

Women
High scratch series: Kristi Lee 484; High scratch game: Billie Gowdy 189.

Men
High scratch series: David Livingston 575; Charlie Sutterfield 244.

JV tennis team places 2nd in Amarillo tourney

AMARILLO — The Pampa Harvester junior varsity tennis team finished second in the Amarillo Junior Varsity Tournament last weekend.

Pampa fell to Canyon in the finals 10-9. Pampa was ahead 4-3 after 'doubles and finished up by winning five of the 12 singles matches to fall short by one match.

Earlier in the tournament, Pampa defeated Palo Duro, followed by a win over Tascosa in the semi-finals.

Pampa players winning all their singles and doubles matches were sophomores Adam Etchison and Erin Norris; freshmen Mitchell Crow and Austin Morton.

Sophomore Shelley Smith won all three of her doubles matches. Sophomore Adam Etchison finished the junior varsity season with a 23-0 record in singles and doubles.

Amarillo JV Tournament
Canyon 10, Pampa 9

Boys Singles
Cade Chase (C) def. Kevin Turner 6-2, 6-4.
Adam Etchison (P) def. Chris Roberts 6-3, 6-1.
Josh Nachtigall (P) def. A.J. Goddard 6-4, 7-5.
Mitchell Crow (P) def. Drew Hicks 6-0, 6-4.

Girls Singles
Lindsey Harland (C) def. Shelley Smith 6-2, 7-5.
Crystal Combs (C) def. Payton Baird 7-6, 6-2.
Janessa Corbett (C) def. Natalie McVay 2-6, 7-5.

6-4. Brianna Bailey (P) def. Cori Simpson 6-4, 6-2.
Amanda Henders (C) def. Anna Shaffer 6-4, 2-6, 6-3.
Allison Hutcherson (C) def. Erin Winegeart 6-0, 6-1.

Boys Doubles
Brianna Bailey (P) def. Charlotte Rumph 8-2.
Chase-Hicks (C) def. Turner-Nachtigall 6-4, 0-6, 6-3.
Etchison-Crow (P) def. Roberts-Goddard 6-2, 6-2.
Bays-Upton (C) def. Simon-Fraser 6-3, 6-4.

Girls Doubles
Smith-Baird (P) def. Harland-Combs 6-4, 7-6.
McVay-Bailey (P) def. Corbett-Simpson 6-2, 6-2.
Henders-Hutcherson (B) def. Shaffer-Winegeart 6-4, 7-5.

Mixed
Nomis-Morton (P) def. Lee-McCright 7-5, 6-4.
Pampa 14, Tascosa 4

Boys Singles
Andrew Ross (T) def. Kevin Turner 6-2, 6-2.
Adam Etchison (P) def. John Stewart 6-2, 6-1.
Daniel Cramer (T) def. Josh Nachtigall 3-6, 7-5, 7-6.

Girls Singles
Shelley Smith (P) def. Emily Webb 6-2, 6-2.
Payton Baird (P) def. Carl Herbert 7-5, 6-2.
Natalie McVay (P) def. Megan Martin 7-5, 6-1.
Brianna Bailey (P) def. Leslie Austin 6-4, 6-1.
Anna Shaffer (P) def. Maggie Blankenship 6-0, 6-1.

Boys Doubles
Jennifer Johnson (T) def. Erin Winegeart 6-1, 6-3.
Turner-Nachtigall (P) def. Stewart-Cramer 1-6, 6-1, 7-5.
Etchison-Crow (P) def. Ross-Aycock 6-4, 6-2.

Girls Doubles
Smith-Baird (P) def. Webb-Herbert 6-3, 1-2, won by def.
Martin-Durrett (T) def. McVay-Bailey 6-4, 7-5.
Shaffer-Winegeart (P) def. Blankenship-Austin 5-7, 7-6, 6-4.



Lacie Thompson stands atop the winner's platform at San Angelo. Teammate Brittany Warminski is on the third-place step.

Canadian gymnast is District champion

SAN ANGELO — Lacie Thompson, a team member with Gymnastics of Pampa, came away a champion at the District One Championship meet in San Angelo.

Lacie, from Canadian, won District titles on balance beam and All-Around in the 12 year old age group of Level 6. Her winning beam score of 9.3 was a personal best.

Lacie won silver medals on vault 9.15, and on bars 8.6.

Her 9.05 on floor exercise was good for the bronze medal.

Lacie's gold medal All-Around score was a 36.1. Her performance at the meet earned her a trip to the Level 6 North State Semifinals.

Lacie is a first-year, Level 6 athlete who trains three days a week with coach Kristi Fatheree in Pampa.

Owners approve eliminating two teams

ROSEMONT, Ill. (AP) — Baseball owners decided to fold two teams before the start of next season but they don't want to start a labor war by locking out players when their labor agreement expires Wednesday night.

Owners voted 28-2 Tuesday in favor of eliminating two teams, with the Minnesota Twins and Montreal Expos opposing contraction, a person familiar with the meetings said on the condition he not be identified.

Montreal, Minnesota and the Florida Marlins recently have been mentioned as the likeliest candidates, while Oakland and Tampa Bay were discussed earlier

this year.

"It makes no sense for major league baseball to be in markets that generate insufficient local revenues to justify the investment in the franchise," commissioner Bud Selig said after a 3 1/2-hour meeting. "The teams to be contracted have a long record of failing to generate enough revenues to operate a viable major league franchise."

Baseball's decision reverses nearly a half-century of expansion during which the major leagues grew from 16 teams in 1960 to 30 since 1998, when Arizona and Tampa Bay were added.

The amount of money that would be paid to the eliminated teams was not discussed.

This would be the first contrac-

tion by major league baseball since the National League shrank from 12 teams to eight following the 1899 season. No major league team has moved since the Washington Senators became the Texas Rangers in 1972.

The action by the owners came two days after the World Series culminated in Arizona's thrilling, Game 7 victory over the New York Yankees, baseball's most-watched game in 10 years.

The players' association called the decision "most imprudent and unfortunate."

"Over this last season, and, especially, over the last several weeks, we have been reminded, vividly, of the special place baseball holds in America," union head Donald Fehr said.



Michael Pergeson on the freshmen team was named a player of the week after his performance against Amarillo Black.

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A special bowler



(Pampa News photo by Tess Kingcade)

Lisa Busby sends the ball down the alley during last weekend's Special Olympics Bowling Tournament at Harvester Lanes. The Pampa bowlers will go to Amarillo on Nov. 10 to compete in an area tournament at Western Bowl.

Francis sparks Rockets' win

HOUSTON (AP) — The Denver Nuggets pushed Steve Francis too far.

He was jostled, shoved and grabbed much of the night, without getting the calls. Frustrated, he missed five of seven shots in the third quarter.

"I was kind of upset," Francis said. "I thought I wasn't getting some calls. But I decided to just shut my mouth and play hard defense and try to pass the ball."

The third-year guard had 22 points, including eight in the fourth quarter, to go with 10 rebounds and eight assists as Houston beat the Denver Nuggets 99-93 Tuesday night.

In the fourth quarter, Francis scored all eight of his points in a three-minute span. That helped Houston turn an 85-81 lead into a 95-85 advantage with 1:07 to play.

"I wasn't worried about getting my shots," Francis said. "I was worried about getting the respect I deserve in this league. When you miss shots, you have to do

other things like rebound and pass the ball."

Coach Rudy Tomjanovich thought it just took Francis a while to get in a groove.

"He just made the plays he had to make," Tomjanovich said. "When he gets in a rhythm, it's just like shooting practice."

Cuttino Mobley scored 17 points, while Kenny Thomas had 14 points and Kevin Willis had 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Nick Van Exel, the NBA's leading scorer at 34.3 points entering the game, scored 25 points as Denver lost its third straight game. Raef LaFrentz had 18 points and 13 rebounds while Avery Johnson added 18 points.

The Nuggets had a 9-0 run at the start of the fourth quarter to take a 79-77 lead, but then seemed to run out of gas.

"I thought we had a lot of opportunities to win the game," coach Dan Issel said.

"We fought hard. But we missed layups and open shots. The big difference was the rebounding. Even when they went small, they

pounded the boards better than we did.

"We played well for a stretch, but when you're that far behind, you have to play almost perfectly to get the victory."

Van Exel scored six in the fourth quarter and didn't feel his team had a letdown.

"I don't think we ran out of gas," he said. "We just missed shots. We had good looks at the basket. They just didn't go in. They made some big shots and they got some key offensive rebounds and putbacks."

Thomas had eight first-quarter points, including six in a row that along with a basket by Francis helped lift the Rockets from a 15-15 tie to a 23-15 lead. They settled for a 28-24 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Willis scored 10 in the second quarter as the Rockets led by as many as 16 en route to a 58-48 halftime lead.

Notes: Walt Williams was hit in the right eye at the end of the third quarter and lay on the floor motionless several minutes before leaving to go to the locker room.

Goalie Thibault keeps Blackhawks undefeated at home

By The Associated Press

With the way he's been playing this season, Jocelyn Thibault probably shouldn't expect a day off any time soon.

Thibault, who has appeared in all of Chicago's 17 games, made 27 saves in his strongest performance of the season Tuesday night to help the Blackhawks remain unbeaten at home with a 2-1 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers.

"He was as sharp tonight as any goalie could be," said Chicago coach Brian Sutter, whose team has lost just one of its last 12 games (8-1-3).

The Blackhawks are 7-0-2 at the United Center and off to their best start at home since 1971-72.

"Tonight was a big test for our team, playing a close game with tight checking in the third," said Thibault, who has started in all but one of Chicago's contests. "We're getting some big wins against big teams and we're getting better at playing in tight checking games."

In other games, it was

Boston 1, Edmonton 0; Vancouver 3, Columbus 2; the New York Rangers 3, Minnesota 1; the New York Islanders 3, Tampa Bay 0; Pittsburgh 2, Carolina 2, tie; Colorado 1, Montreal 1, tie; Toronto 4, Washington 2; and San Jose 4, St. Louis 1.

Alex Zhamnov snapped a 1-1 tie with a power-play goal midway through the second period. He also assisted on a first-period goal by Tony Amonte that tied it at 1 after Philadelphia's Keith Primeau opened the scoring.

"(Thibault) made some great saves; some we hit him with," Primeau said. "There were plenty of quality scoring chances. We have to find a way to bury them, and we didn't." Philadelphia's Roman Cechmanek made 25 saves as the Flyers lost consecutive games for the first time this season.

Bruins 1, Oilers 0

Brian Rolston scored 59 seconds into overtime, and Byron Dafoe made 20 saves to lead Boston over Edmonton.

Rolston took a pass from

Sergei Samsonov, skated down the right side and put a wrist shot just inside the post to beat Edmonton's Tommy Salo as Boston improved to 5-0-0-2 at home.

Canucks 3, Blue Jackets 2

Todd Bertuzzi scored a goal and had an assist in his first game back from a 10-game suspension as Vancouver won at Columbus.

Ed Jovanovski and Brendan Morrison also each had a goal and an assist.

Bertuzzi had to sit out since leaving the bench to join a fight during the Canucks' game against Colorado on Oct. 13. Vancouver was 3-6-1 during his suspension.

Espen Knutsen and Sean Pronger scored for Columbus, which lost its fifth straight at home.

Rangers 3, Wild 1

Theo Fleury had a goal and an assist, and Mike Richter made 23 saves to lead New York over visiting Minnesota.

Fleury's goal gave the Rangers a 3-1 lead at 15:47 of the third period. Eric Lindros and Steve McKenna, in his

Rangers debut, also scored for New York.

The Wild pulled to 2-1 when Pascal Dupuis scored his first goal of the season at 11:14 of the third period. It spoiled another shutout chance for Richter, who hasn't blanked an opponent since Feb. 26, 1999, a 136-game span.

Islanders 3, Lightning 0

Chris Osgood made 29 saves for his third shutout, Michael Peca scored a short-handed goal and Shawn Bates scored one on a power play as New York beat visiting Tampa Bay.

Brad Isbister scored an empty-net goal with 1:35 remaining for the Islanders, who are 11-1-1-1. Last season, it took them until Dec. 29 to get to 11 wins, and until Jan. 13 to get their 12th.

With just over two minutes remaining, Osgood just missed an empty-net goal of his own when his sweeping shot trickled down ice and tipped off the left post.

Hurricanes 2, Penguins 2

Jeff O'Neill scored his team-leading 11th goal with 38.7 seconds left in regulation as

Carolina rallied for a tie against Pittsburgh.

The Hurricanes trailed 2-0 heading into the third period, but Shane Willis scored early in the third and O'Neill beat Johan Hedberg on a rebound 10 seconds after the Hurricanes pulled goalie Arturs Irbe for an extra attacker.

Carolina failed to tie the NHL record of six straight decisions in overtime.

Jan Hrdina and Stephane Richer scored for the visiting Penguins.

Canadiens 1, Avalanche 1

Brian Willsie scored with 13:51 remaining in the third to lift Colorado to a tie with Montreal.

Willisie redirected Rob Blake's slap shot from the right point past goalie Jose Theodore 6:09 into the third as visiting Colorado recorded its first point in four games.

Yanic Perreault scored in the second for Montreal, which has lost four straight and is winless in its last five.

Patrick Roy again failed in his fifth straight bid to become

the first goalie to record at least 200 wins with two NHL teams.

Maple Leafs 4, Capitals 2

Jonas Hoglund scored the go-ahead goal in the third as Toronto beat Washington, which played without injured Jaromir Jagr.

Jagr missed the game with a strained right knee and expects to be out two weeks. The visiting Capitals also were without center Adam Oates (sore left ankle) and Steve Konowalchuk (shoulder surgery).

Mikael Renberg, Dmitry Yushkevich and Garry Valk also scored for the Maple Leafs, who have won four of their last five.

Peter Bondra scored his 11th goal for the Capitals, who are winless in five.

Sharks 4, Blues 1

Evgeni Nabokov made 31 saves as San Jose beat St. Louis for its fifth straight victory.

Mike Ricci, Mark Smith, Vincent Damphousse and Scott Thornton got a goal apiece for the Sharks.

Scott Young scored a power-play goal for St. Louis.

Time to put big back into Big Leagues

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

ROSEMONT, Ill. (AP) — It's not all that hard to figure out what ails baseball. There were 2,429 major league games played during the regular season and 35 more in the playoffs. That's nearly twice as many as most of us need, and more important, are willing to pay for.

Commissioner Bud Selig admitted as much when he said the owners voted to whack two of their 30 partners. Because one of them (Carl Pohlad in Minnesota) will get a suspiciously lavish buyout, the other (Montreal owner Jeff Loria) will resurface with another team (Marlins) and the players will all be offered higher-paying jobs elsewhere. "Whack" might sound like a harsh description. But it's at least as accurate a term as contraction.

Selig emerged from a meeting with owners appropriately somber and said a majority of owners actually wanted to get rid of two more of their partners. But that seemed a little — how to put it? — harsh.

"There are so many moving parts to the puzzle," he said. "No modern American sport has done this, so I understand there will be a fair number of potholes along the way."

Selig is appropriately somber whenever he has to deliver bad news and Tuesday was no exception. He really does love baseball, and to crib a phrase from a much more polished orator than Bud,

he really feels the fans' pain. But the truth is he has no better idea now how to solve baseball's economic woes than he did last November when he appeared in front of a congressional subcommittee and said, "The problem, Senator, is that we've run out of greater fools."

No kidding. The number of people willing to overpay for a small- or middle-market franchise has dwindled to a precious few and here's why: Small-market teams lose most of the time, never make the playoffs and bathe in red ink. The middle-market teams never win it all and barely break even. And the people who own the big-market cash cows aren't about to part with them.

The shortage of fools, Selig said, means that "At the start of spring training, there no longer exists hope and faith for the fans of more than half our 30 clubs."

Since the owners won't agree to real revenue sharing and the players won't agree to a salary cap, there is only one way to restore competitive balance.

It's time to put the big back into big league, to divide the teams into Major and Not-So-Major leagues, to reduce the number of regular season games to 100 and the playoffs to two rounds of best-of-five and a seven-game championship series in each.

Under this plan, Minnesota keeps its baseball team and there's even room for three expansion teams. Then, to keep everybody honest, we import a device

from Europe's top soccer leagues called "relegation," in which the bottom three teams from the higher league and the top three from the lower switch places before the next season begins.

Starting out, the 16 major league teams would be grouped by highest payrolls (last opening day) and divided into two divisions of eight each that would be grouped to achieve some rough geographic balance.

American: New York Yankees and Mets, Chicago White Sox and Cubs, Boston, Baltimore, Atlanta and Toronto.

National: Cleveland, St. Louis, Texas, Colorado, Arizona, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Seattle.

The 16 not-so-major league teams would be the 13-lowest payroll teams, plus the top three Triple-A minor league teams — International League champion Louisville and Pacific Coast League co-champions Tacoma, Wash., and New Orleans.

American: Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Louisville, Cincinnati, Detroit, Milwaukee, Tampa Bay and Florida.

National: Minnesota, Kansas City, New Orleans, Houston, Oakland, Anaheim, San Diego and Tacoma.

Granted, the new alignment will take some getting used to.

But the games, all of them, would be better. It would put teams on the same competitive footing, allow for shifting fortunes, and provide all the opportunity and incentive any owner, player or fan could want. It

Rainey wins full contact tournament

PAMPA — The old ways may still be the best. That's what Pampa's Adam Rainey set out to prove last weekend at the Oklahoma State Full Contact Invitational. And prove it he did.

The 23-year-old Rainey walked away with the Super Middleweight Championship, bringing home a ceremonial Japanese sword for his efforts.

After enduring a grueling five fights, a sore, tired Rainey said he was very impressed with the tournament.

"It was really great," he said. "The competition was fierce, but there was no animosity outside the ring."

Things might have been cordial outside the ring, but inside it was anything goes. Rainey showed no mercy, winning three of his five fights in the first round. He secured a tournament record of 32.5 seconds for the fastest knockout with a stunning combination of punches he learned from J.R. Moreno, a close friend and former Golden Gloves boxing champion.

Rainey, who competes in the 174-pound division, earned his black belt in Traditional Okinawan Kenjitsu, and said of his chosen style: "Kenjitsu is a traditional style of Japanese sword fighting where all empty-hand techniques come from sword movements."

"There are a lot of takedowns and submission techniques, and more of a reliance on the hands than the feet. It may not be as flashy as some of the styles that incorporate high kicks and aerial moves, but I think I've shown it

is effective," Rainey said.

Rainey's fighting showed his traditional schooling as he won three fights with submission moves and two by knockout, earning him a contender seat in

the Arena IV circuit.

Rainey plans to retire, but says he may have to "go for the title."

With three titles already and a 279-32 record, he has nothing to be ashamed of.



(Courtesy photo)

Adam Rainey demonstrates the traditional Okinawan Kenjitsu style of fighting.

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Hewlett family opposes deal to buy struggling Compaq Computer

By BRIAN BERGSTEIN
AP Business Writer

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — Casting doubt on what would be one of the biggest high-tech deals ever, the family of Hewlett-Packard Co. co-founder William Hewlett will vote their 5 percent stake in the company against the proposed \$21 billion acquisition of Compaq Computer Corp.

HP's biggest shareholder, the Packard family foundation — which owns more than 10 percent of HP's stock — has not decided whether to support the deal. The \$5 billion foundation has hired advisers to help determine its decision.

"It has tremendous consequences for us," said Robert Stephens, a son-in-law of co-founder David Packard and a member of the foundation board.

Walter Hewlett, Hewlett's son and a member of the HP board, said the company can create better value for shareholders without adding Compaq. He said the deal would give the new HP too much exposure to the struggling personal computer industry and dilute its profitable printer business.

Hewlett voted for the acquisition when the board originally allowed chief executive Carly Fiorina to pursue the deal.

She has come under intense criticism this year as HP's profits and sales have fallen. Wall Street has been sour on the Compaq deal since it was announced on Labor Day, knocking the value down from the original \$25 billion.

A spokeswoman for Fiorina did not immediately return a call for comment. Investors opposed to the deal said Tuesday's

announcement made an important symbolic statement.

"It sends a strong message to the board from a sizable shareholder that's got more stake than just their investment," said David Katz, president of Matrix Asset Advisors, which has large stakes in HP and Compaq. "We think it opens the door for the board to reconsider the transaction."

Other investors agreed, pushing HP shares up 17 percent, or \$2.92, to \$19.81 Tuesday on the New York Stock Exchange. Compaq shares fell 5.5 percent, or 49 cents, to close at \$8.50.

"While we regret very much the Hewlett family's decision, we are not surprised," HP management said in a statement. "The HP board of directors and HP and Compaq remain fully committed to the merger and expect shareholder approval." The company said it would soon file detailed

documents about the acquisition with the Securities and Exchange Commission that "will serve as the basis for thoughtful shareholder evaluation."

William Hewlett and David Packard founded the company in a Palo Alto garage in 1938 with \$538 of their own money and built it into one of the world's premiere technology companies. Hewlett died in January; Packard died in 1996.

The men are revered at the company — many people still talk about the days of "Bill and Dave," and their old offices are preserved exactly as they were decades ago, down to the funky yellow floor and the low-tech phones on their desks.

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Horoscope

THURSDAY, NOV. 8, 2001
BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***** Pressure builds. You might worry what to do in an important situation. You can count on a partner, who does everything possible to make your life easier. Unexpected developments could upset the apple cart. Tonight: Change plans, if need be.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Carefully establish limits with a well-meaning associate who might go overboard trying to please you. On the other hand, this person could expect the same from you. Verbalize. Don't let any resentment build up. Excitement surrounds work. Tonight: Head home as soon as you can.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Deal with unanticipated events with your normal alertness and spontaneity. Your co-workers rise to the occasion, demonstrating a true sense of flexibility and freedom. Don't allow stubbornness to be a factor. Regroup. Clear out any hassles with a talk or a phone call. Tonight: Out and about.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Caring builds within your immediate circle. Pitch in at work. Add to office morale by bringing in cookies.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** Reach out for those at a dis-

another's financial limits. Laughter surrounds those who are easy with themselves. Tonight: Curb a tendency to go to excess.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Though you might be sure about what you want, others seem to put obstacles in your path. Still, be gentle with those close to you. Creating an uproar won't help, anyway. Allow yourself to be as spontaneous as another. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** Take your time with associates. You could feel as if you have had enough and you want to pull back. Your nerves could be frazzled when dealing with work and people in general. Know when to close your door or vanish. Cut out early if possible. Tonight: Relax.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Get together with friends, and socialize to your heart's content. If a child or loved one acts in an unpredictable manner, be understanding. This person could be jealous and could need you more than you realize. Gain financially through a talent. Tonight: Make a meeting.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** Planetary changes make you unusually attractive and verbal. Use this increased charisma and wit to add to your public or professional profile. Think in terms of image and long-term success. Your family or a roommate follows an unpredictable path. Tonight: Work late.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** Reach out for those at a dis-

ance. Listen carefully to someone. You could be surprised. You also might take someone's comments the wrong way. Try to take emotionalism out of the mix. Detachment provides many more solutions. Tonight: Take in a movie.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Deal directly with an associate or partner. Money might be a critical issue — far more than you realize. Mobilize good will in a meeting. Think in terms of the overall good. Everyone has a different idea. Listen, but cut your losses if you need to. Tonight: Allow someone to treat you.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Your unpredictability unnerves others. You see the results. Perhaps cutting back from knee-jerk reactions could help. Bosses or someone you respect gives you important feedback regarding this issue. You have a friend in the right places. Tonight: Do what another requests.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** Dig into work. Do whatever you need to do to clear out work. Reach out for someone at a distance. You find that others are delighted to hear from you. Make plans to get together with others. Sign up for a workshop or seminar. Bone up on a favorite topic. Tonight: Do an errand or two on the way home.
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More federal rate cuts could be in offing

By JEANNINE AVERSA
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve's latest attempt to prevent the country from sinking deeper into recession could be followed by another rate reduction next month.

Economists wonder, however, whether lower borrowing costs will induce consumers and businesses jolted by the Sept. 11 terror attacks to spend and invest.

With Tuesday's half-point cut, Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues have pushed the target for the federal funds rate to 2 percent, the lowest level since September 1961 for the interest that banks charge each other on overnight loans.

It was the third reduction of a half-point since the attacks and the tenth time the Fed cut rates this year.

The board held the door open to a further rates cut in the future. "The risks are weighted mainly toward conditions that may generate economic weakness," the Fed said in a statement.

Some economists said the Fed could very well cut rates by another half-point at its last meeting of the year, on Dec. 11. That would push the funds rate down to 1.5 percent, a level last seen in July 1961, when John F. Kennedy was president. Others thought the next cut would be by a more conservative quarter-point.

On Wall Street, the Fed's latest rate cut sparked a rally. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 150.09 points at 9,591.12, after being down by 50 points just before the midafternoon Fed announcement.

In response to the Fed's action, commercial banks reduced their prime lending rate by a half-point. The benchmark for millions of consumer and business loans was cut to 5 percent, its lowest level since June 1972.

Consumers, whose spending accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity, hold the key to a recovery, economists said.

Jarred by the terror attacks, consumers put away their wallets and credit cards in September as spending that month dropped by the largest amount in almost 15 years.

While zero-percent financing for cars and heavy discounting for other products probably boosted spending in October, some economists believe the outlook for consumer spending in the months ahead will be weak.

"Households need something to make them feel good to get them

back into the malls," said Joel Naroff of Naroff Economic Advisors. "For businesses, no amount of tax cuts will matter until consumers are out there spending again."

A big fear among some economists is that rising-unemployment and layoffs will trigger a sharp reduction in consumer spending as more people become fearful of losing their own jobs, deepening and prolonging the recession.

The nation's unemployment rate shot up from 4.9 percent in September to 5.4 percent in October and 415,000 jobs were cut, the biggest one-month drop in 21 years.

Some analysts are worried that plunging consumer confidence and the fears generated by the terrorist attacks and anthrax shipments in the mail will overwhelm the Fed's rate cuts.

"Mr. Greenspan should remember that you can lead a horse to water, but you cannot make him drink," said Richard Yamarone, economist at Argus Research Corp.

The government reported last week that the gross domestic product declined at an annual rate of 0.4 percent in the July-September quarter. Many analysts believe the pace of the downturn will accelerate to a drop of 2 percent or more in the current quarter. A recession is traditionally defined as two consecutive quarters of falling GDP.

"Heightened uncertainty and concerns about a deterioration in business conditions both here and abroad are dampening economic activity," the Fed said in its statement.

Many economists believe the Fed's aggressive moves, along with the tax cut President Bush pushed through Congress last spring and an additional \$100 billion in economic stimulus now being debated in Congress, should be enough to assure an end to the recession next year.

Analysts believe the recession will not be worse than the 1990-91 downturn, which lasted nine months, although they caution that it could feel worse to many people given that unemployment was at a 30-year low of 3.9 percent last year.

Martin Regalia, chief economist at the Chamber of Commerce, praised the Fed's action and called on Congress to quickly pass a stimulus package. "The Fed alone cannot save the economy," he said.

On the Net:
Federal Reserve: <http://www.federalreserve.gov>

After partial settlement, Microsoft faces future battles

WASHINGTON (AP) — Failing to settle its antitrust case with all sides, Microsoft Corp. is now in the precarious position of complying with already negotiated sanctions while risking additional future penalties the trial judge could impose as early as next year.

Some legal experts wonder whether Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates jumped this week from a trying pan of secret negotiations into a potential fire in federal court. Instead of a unified battle against the Justice Department and 18 states, Microsoft's lawyers must now wage fights simultaneously on disparate fronts: convincing the judge in one set of hearings that its concessions are

tough enough even as some states press in other hearings for much harsher sanctions.

Nine states, including New York and Wisconsin, announced a settlement Tuesday with Microsoft and the Justice Department after the company agreed to new provisions aimed at ensuring that competitors can build software products that work seamlessly with the monopoly Windows operating system.

As many as nine other states said they will press forward in the antitrust case and begin collecting evidence soon to decide the most appropriate penalties for Microsoft. A federal judge already has determined the software

maker is guilty of illegally using its influence in the technology industry to undermine rivals.

Officials in some of those nine states hinted they may eventually settle their complaints, perhaps within the week. "A number of states said they will take a look at this over the next few days," said Iowa's attorney general, Tom Miller, who was responsible for preserving the states' coalition. Miller, one of Microsoft's most consistent critics, said even he could not rule out a settlement.

But others took firm stands opposing settlement, including California and Massachusetts, signaling a raucous courtroom fight

early next year. West Virginia's attorney general, Darrell McGraw Jr., called Microsoft an "illegal, unlawful actor who has damaged the economy by its misconduct ... and by some curious twist of fate has taken the driver's seat in a process where the settlement legitimizes many facets of the company's misconduct."

California Attorney General Bill Lockyer, who also has emerged among Microsoft's tougher critics, said remaining states will push for tougher sanctions than those contained in this week's deal. "This agreement does absolutely nothing to punish Microsoft for the bad behavior that every judge has agreed they committed," Lockyer said.

Microsoft recognized its strategic risks and asked U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on Tuesday to delay any court proceedings until she decides whether the settlement is in the best interest of consumers. "Sound public policy demands that this court decide whether the proposed final judgment is in the public interest before permitting the states' private litigation to proceed," the company said in court papers.

But Kollar-Kotelly refused Microsoft's request and set an aggressive schedule to move forward on both issues. That dual process also raises the probability that former government partners may end up fighting each other, with the sides that settled with Microsoft opposing the arguments by some states that the deal was too lenient.

Bloomberg defeats Green in NYC mayoral race

NEW YORK (AP) — Billionaire Republican Michael Bloomberg rode \$50 million of his fortune and incumbent Rudolph Giuliani's endorsement to victory in New York's mayoral race, stunning Democrats and earning the task of steering the city through its recovery from unprecedented disaster.

In a dramatic victory Tuesday, Bloomberg defeated Democrat Mark Green in the nation's largest city, where Democrats outnumber Republicans 5-1. Bloomberg had trailed badly in polls just weeks ago, but voters ended up following the popular Giuliani's choice to lead the city out of the chaos left by the Sept. 11 attack that brought down the World Trade Center.

"New York is alive and well and open for business," Bloomberg told cheering supporters early Wednesday.

Bloomberg inherits a city government in crisis since the attack. Nearly 100,000 jobs have been lost due to the resulting downturn in the economy, and the next mayor faces a multibillion-dollar budget gap.

Virginia, New Jersey switch to Democratic governors

By The Associated Press
New Jersey and Virginia each put a Democrat in the governor's mansion for the first time in eight years.

Virginia Gov.-elect Mark Warner, a wealthy businessman who's never before held office, defeated Mark Earley, a former state attorney general. Warner will have to work with a state Legislature that became even more Republican: The GOP added 12 seats in the House of Delegates for a total of 64 out of 100 seats. In New Jersey, Democrat Jim McGreevey, a suburban mayor, defeated Republican Bret Schundler, the conservative former Jersey City mayor.

Voters also chose a slew of mayors. R.T. Rybak, a former newspaper reporter with no political experience, was elected Minneapolis mayor, overwhelmingly defeating two-term incumbent Sharon Sayles Belton, the first black and first woman to hold the office. Cleveland elected its first female mayor: county commissioner and former lawmaker Jane Campbell.

Incumbent mayors Thomas Menino of Boston and Thomas Murphy of Pittsburgh won easily, and Cincinnati Mayor Charlie Luken held his seat against Courtis Fuller, surviving criticism of his handling of riots last spring sparked when a white police officer shot an unarmed black man.

U.S. moves against Islamic money exchanges

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States sought Wednesday to freeze the assets of Osama bin Laden's terrorist network from banks in Switzerland, Italy, Liechtenstein and the Bahamas, two administration officials said.

As investigators examined whether bin Laden also funnels money through United States entities, the Bush administration was asking banks in the four countries to seize the assets of an Islamic cash exchange known as Al Taqva.

It is one of several informal money exchanges — known as hawalas — that investigators believe funnel millions of hard-to-

trace dollars to terrorists outside the traditional banking system. Investigators say they suspect that hawalas, including some in the United States, also act as fronts — buying material and supplies shipped off to terrorists.

Al Taqva funnels terrorists' money through financial companies it controls, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The order requires U.S. banks to freeze the Al Taqva assets, though none are known to exist in the United States. Officials said Switzerland, Italy, Liechtenstein and the Bahamas have agreed to take action in concert with the order.

Officials said they did not know how much money was involved.

Federal health officials remain on guard for anthrax

WASHINGTON (AP) — Investigators are using subway computer records to trace every step a New York woman took before she died from inhaled anthrax, hoping to solve the mystery of how she could have run into the deadly germ.

The big fear had been that the New York woman was the first victim of an anthrax attack by some means other than mail.

But another attack — either newly mailed anthrax-tainted letters or by some other means — can't be ruled out. Particularly until the death of Kathy Nguyen is solved, "vigilance is heightened around the country," said Dr. James Hughes of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Nguyen last week became the fourth person to die from inhaled anthrax in the outbreak that began with the September mailing of tainted letters to news media in Florida and New York, and to Senate Majority Leader Thomas Daschle.

Those letters are presumed to have left a trail of contamination in post offices and government buildings along the East Coast — but traces have been found in the Midwest and as far away as Russia, in a diplomatic mailbag sent to a U.S. consulate.

Flash floods from tropical storm Lingling cause deaths, damage in Philippines

CAGAYAN DE ORO, Philippines (AP) — Flash floods bearing boulders hit homes on a Philippine island known for its beach resorts, killing at least 60 people and leaving dozens more missing Wednesday.

Heavy rains spawned by tropical storm Lingling triggered the pre-dawn floods on Camiguin, an island province just north of the main southern Philippine island of Mindanao, said Casiano Matela, regional director of the Office of Civil Defense.

"I could not believe this would happen. Entire houses were swept away," Camiguin Gov. Pedro Romualdo said when reached by cellular telephone. He said at least 51 bodies were brought to a gymnasium in Mahinog town, which bore the brunt of the storm on the eastern side of the island.

Matela reported three people also were killed in the provincial capital of Mambajao, seven in Sagay and three others in Catarman. The civil defense office said at least 57 people were missing.

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