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'Getting help' topic of support meeting

"Getting Help at Home" will be the lead topic at the next meeting of Pampa Area Cancer Support Group from 7-8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 16, in the second floor classroom at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Delivering the presentation will be Laura Reyher, RN, BSA Homecare.

No advance reservation is necessary. For more information, call 1-800-274-4673, ext. 235.

Salvation Army taking holiday help requests

The Salvation Army is now accepting applications for Christmas Assistance and Angel Tree Program Oct. 15 through Oct. 23, Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 701 S. Cuyler.

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Water rule proposal draws protest

By DAVID BOWSER
 STAFF WRITER

WHITE DEER -- The president of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District said proposed changes in the rules presented at a public hearing here Tuesday were an effort to ease the process in getting a high volume pumping permit.

"We were trying to make it easier," said Charles Bowers.

Boone Pickens, who established Mesa Water, Inc., for the express purpose of selling water beneath his Roberts County ranch and the ranches of neighbors who joined him, accused the board of making the permitting process more difficult and delaying landowners' ability to sell their water.

A roomful of people at the ground water district's offices in White Deer appeared to agree, including lawyers representing Mesa Water, the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority and Roberts



Boone Pickens



David Holt



Pat Kennedy

County landowner groups.

Most of the objections concern a proposed rule that would change the amount of water that could be pumped for export to other areas. The proposed rule would change the maximum allowable from one acre-foot per acre of water rights owned to one percent of the available water at a specific location.

C.E. Williams, general manager of the water district, admitted in many cases that would cut the amount of water that could be pumped and sold, but the amount that could be pumped would more accurately reflect the available water in the ground. In other cases, Williams said, it may allow a landowner to pump and sell more than one acre-foot annu-

ally from beneath his property. "We have tried to strike a balance," Williams said. "We've looked at different areas and have looked at the future."

Williams said his concern was meeting the 50/50 standard set down in 1998, in which 50 percent of the water in storage in the aquifer at that time would remain at the end

of 50 years.

Bobby Stillwell, a lawyer for Mesa, told the board during the hearing that he wasn't sure that the water district had the authority to change the rules in such a manner.

It was a stance echoed by Ron Nickum, an Amarillo lawyer representing a group of Roberts County landowners.

David Holt, a Pampa attorney who has represented some Roberts County landowners, said he was disappointed because he had negotiated in good faith for his clients last summer only to have the rules changed.

Doug Caroom, an Austin lawyer representing the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, also questioned whether the water district board had the legal authority to change the rules.

Several of the lawyers threatened lawsuits over the proposed changes if they go into effect.

Former Gray County Judge (See PROTESTS, Page 3)

Commissioners OK utility rate increase

By DAVID BOWSER
 STAFF WRITER

Pampa residents are about to pay more for water and sewer services.

Pampa City Commission passed on first reading ordinances that will raise the cost to Pampa citizens but will help balance the city's budget.

Base rate for water is now \$11.70 for the first 2,000 gallons, then \$2.30 for each 1,000 gallons used. Under the new ordinance, it will be \$12.70 for the first 2,000 gallons and \$2.50 for each additional 1,000 gallons.

Base sewer rate is \$8.57 for the first 2,000 gallons, then \$1.14 for each

additional 1,000 gallons. With the increase, the base rate will go up to \$9.07 for the first 2,000 gallons, and \$1.29 for each additional 1,000 gallons.

City Manager Mitch Grant said that even with the increases, Pampa's combined water and sewer rates are below the average of similar sized cities in the state.

Commissioner Jeff Andrews pointed out that the price was paying well below the regular rate for water and sewer services. He also pointed out that the soccer field, Optimist Park and the cemetery were paying less than the going rate.

The cemetery, Andrews said, is paying only 20 cents per 1,000 gallons. The soccer field is paying \$600 a year. Optimist Park is paying \$275.

If Optimist Park and the soccer field were brought up to the 20-cent standard of the cemetery, Andrews said, they would pay \$1,077 and \$1,388 respectively.

If they were to pay the regular base fee before the increase, it would cost Optimist Park \$17,038 a year. It would cost the soccer field \$15,734 annually.

Commissioner Bob Dixon opposed increasing the fees for the three entities, but Andrews said that while he appreciated their importance to the

community, an increase might be an incentive for them to be more frugal with water.

"They don't waste it," Dixon said. "Every gallon that goes on their playing field is a donation by the citizens of Pampa," Andrews said.

City staff officials said they would talk to the different entities about the cost of water usage.

Without the water and sewer increases, the city budget would fall short next year about \$300,000.

The commission also authorized the city staff to negotiate for a sports utility vehicle for Ken Hall, Pampa's emer-

(See CITY, Page 3)

Three Americans die in explosion targeting U.S. diplomatic convoy

BEIT LAHIYA, Gaza Strip (AP) — A remote-controlled bomb exploded under a U.S. diplomatic convoy Wednesday, ripping apart an armored van and killing three Americans in an unprecedented deadly attack on an official U.S. target.

The bombing, which also wounded an American, will likely intensify U.S. pressure on the Palestinian Authority to take action against militant groups. The U.S. Embassy advised U.S. citizens to leave the Gaza Strip after the attack.

If Palestinian militants were to blame, it could signal a dramatic change in strategy. While targeting Israeli soldiers and civilians for years, the main militant groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad not targeted U.S. officials.

Both groups repeated their stance Wednesday that they don't attack Americans, and there was no claim of responsibility for the bombing.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat condemned the attack as an "awful crime" and said he ordered an investigation. The Palestinian prime minister

called Secretary of State Colin Powell to express his condolence and promise swift action.

The U.S. ambassador to Israel, Dan Kurtzer, said the FBI would send bomb experts to investigate. "We were shocked by this latest terrorist outrage," Kurtzer told reporters. "The United States government will investigate fully."

A team of investigators who photographed the charred van was pelted with rocks by Palestinians and had to cut short the visit.

Kurtzer said the diplomats had been en route to Gaza City to interview Palestinian applicants for Fulbright scholarships. The three dead were security personnel contracted by the embassy, Kurtzer said.

Israel announced orders to expel three Palestinian militants from the West Bank to the Gaza Strip. The decision came after it issued similar orders a day earlier against 15 other Palestinians.

Wednesday's bomb detonated around 10:15 a.m. (4:15 (See BOMB, Page 3)

Monty's moustache challenge



(Courtesy photo)

Santa Fe District "Popcorn" Monty Montgomery, center, has issued a challenge to the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts in the district to meet a goal of \$130,000 in annual popcorn sales. If they do, he promises to dye his moustache blue and gold and then have it shaved at the victory party. Each year, the scouts sell popcorn to raise funds for individual packs and troops and for the Golden Spread Council. Approximately 36 percent of the money raised goes to pay for pack and troop expenses, badges and awards, and 73 percent pays for Council administration, camp upkeep and the popcorn product, Montgomery said. Pictured with Montgomery, from left are Cub Pack 404 Scouts Jonathan Doyle, Ryan Bromlow, Cubmaster Melinda Montgomery, Zane Robles, Jordan Lemons, Dillon Green, Ryan Clancy, Jonathan Cook of Boy Scout Troop 404, Dale Montgomery, Assistant Cubmaster Sarah Hollis, Bryce Parker and Dallan Poole. Popcorn sales will continue through Oct. 30 and can be ordered from any Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Venture Crew member.

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Mexican-American rights group files lawsuit on redistricting map

AUSTIN (AP) — The Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund has jumped into the court fight over the newly enacted Republican congressional redistricting map.

MALDEF filed a lawsuit Tuesday in federal court in Victoria on behalf of the American GI Forum of Texas, a group devoted to securing equal rights for Hispanics. The lawsuit contends the new redistricting plan does not create another Hispanic district.

"The newly-enacted congressional redistricting plan for Texas does not accurately reflect Latino voting strength in the year 2003," said Nina Perales, MALDEF regional counsel and lead attorney in the court case.

Although the Republican plan "purports to create an additional Latino majority district in

South Texas, in fact it eliminates one district and adds another, with no net increase in electoral opportunity," Perales said.

If Texas is going to redistrict, Perales said, the result should be an increase in the number of Hispanic districts, particularly in South Texas and Dallas.

At least two other legal challenges have been filed since the Legislature gave final approval Sunday to the new congressional districts.

Democrats are asking a federal court in Tyler to stop the state from implementing the new plan for the 2004 election cycle. That court challenge — a motion filed in a previous redistricting lawsuit — alleges that using the new map would be disruptive because it moves more than 8.1 million Texans into new districts and that there are strong arguments that the

map violates federal law.

Also, a group of Democrats has asked U.S. District Judge John T. Ward in Marshall to issue a temporary restraining order to prohibit changing the districts. Rusk City Councilman Walter Session, one of the plaintiffs, said he believes black representation would be lost under the Legislature's new plan.

Republicans wanted a new congressional map to reflect the state's conservative voting trends and to give the GOP the edge in the state's congressional delegation. Democrats, who control the state's congressional delegation 17-15, wanted to keep existing districts.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry, who called three special sessions to get redistricting accomplished, signed the redistricting bill into law Monday. It takes effect after 90 days.

Country Fair to auction car



(Courtesy photo)

Pampa Chamber Director Clay Rice, Greg Boyd of Doug Boyd Motor Co., and Country Fair Chairperson Gladys Vanderpool of National Bank of Commerce, stand beside a red 1995 Chevy Lumina donated by Doug Boyd Motor Co. for the Chamber's Country Fair auction. The car, valued at \$5,995, has 95,000 miles on the odometer, sports new tires, and includes a 30-day engine/transmission warranty. Auction price will include tax, title and license. The winning bidder will be announced at the Chamber's annual Country Fair, Saturday, Oct. 18, at the M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. For more information, call the Pampa Chamber of Commerce at 669-3241.

OBITUARIES

LOUISE WILSON JOHNSON

McLEAN — Louise Wilson Johnson, 87, died Monday, Oct. 13, 2003, in Wellington. Graveside services were Tuesday in Hillcrest Cemetery with Thacker Haynes, of McLean United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home.

Mrs. Johnson was born at McLean to Taylor and Mattie Hamilton Wilson. She grew up in the community where she graduated from high school in 1933. She married Truitt Johnson on May 21, 1938, at Gallup, N.M.; he died in 1972.

She worked as a welder in the shipyards at Mare Island while her husband was in the U.S. Navy. She worked for Marie Foundations in McLean for 20 years and was a homemaker.

She was a member of McLean United Methodist Church, joining in 1958.

Survivors include a son, Mike Johnson of Wichita Falls; two grandsons, Darren Johnson of Canyon and David Johnson of Spearman; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to any organization that assists the blind.

City Briefs

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WEATHER FOCUS

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Today's forecast is calling for sunny skies, highs in the lower 80s and south winds 5 to 15 mph. Night should fall on clear skies with lows in the upper 40s and southeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Thursday should be mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the north in the afternoon.

Thursday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph shifting to the east in the afternoon. Friday night, mostly clear. Lows around 50. Saturday, mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s. Saturday night,

mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s. Sunday, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. Sunday night, mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.

STATEWIDE

Clear and dry through the weekend is the Texas forecast in a nutshell.

The only precipitation in the forecast today is some isolated rain in the deep south, which should end tonight.

A cool front will move through the state Thursday and Friday, bringing slightly cooler temperatures, but little chance of rain.

McAllen recorded 89 degrees Tuesday to lead the state. The mercury dipped to 37 degrees overnight in

Dalhart. Brownsville led the state with an inch and a half of rain Tuesday.

West Texas will see sunny skies through the weekend, with no precipitation in the forecast in any part of the region. Highs will be in the upper 70s to mid 80s today and Thursday, with most areas seeing highs in the low 80s. The cool front will bring temperatures back into the 70s on Friday, with highs around 80 this weekend.

The South Texas forecast

calls for sunny to partly cloudy skies, with highs in the mid 70s to low 80s through the weekend. The region should see little rain. Isolated rain is possible through tonight in the deep south, and Thursday night or Friday may bring a few isolated showers or storms in the west and deep south when a cool front moves through. The Rio Grande Valley is feeling effects of recent rains, as the Rio Grande is predicted to crest at near-record levels this Saturday and Sunday at points near the Gulf of Mexico.

ON RECORD

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents as of 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Oct. 10

7 p.m. - A 1994 Cadillac Seville, driven by Vicki Lynn Merrick, 41, 2133 Mary Ellen, struck the eastbound curb in the 600 block of West Kingsmill Avenue and came to a stop across Kingsmill near the intersection with West Street. No injuries were reported. Merrick was cited for filing a false hit and run report, unsafe speed, failure to drive in a single lane, and failure to comply with an official traffic control device.

AMBULANCE

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

Tuesday, Oct. 14

9:22 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred one to St. Anne's Nursing Home in Panhandle.

11:50 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Hughes on a fire standby.

12:30 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

5:36 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Texas Highway 273, one mile north of Lefors, to Kingsmill to transfer a patient to LifeStar helicopter.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	2.90	Kerr McGee	44.95	-0.17
Milo	3.63	Limited	17.29	-0.24
Corn	4.12	Williams	10.25	-0.18
Soybeans	6.77	MCD	23.94	-0.45
		XOM	38.60	-0.14
		Atmos	24.56	-0.21

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

OXY	36.45	-0.22	New York Gold	375.25
BP	44.03	-0.14	Silver	4.92
Celanese	32.61	+0.26	West Texas Crude	31.82
Cabot Corp	29.43	-0.03		
Coca Cola	26.81	-0.39		
VLO	39.84	+0.08		
HAL	24.20	-0.18		
Triad	29.25	-3.62		

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Oct. 14

7:06 a.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to the 700 block of North Hobart and investigated a suspicious container in a dumpster. The container was an empty 30 pound refrigerant box.

11:46 a.m. - Three units and eight firefighters responded to a report of smoke in a residence in the 400 block of Hughes. A light haze of smoke inside the house apparently came from a washing machine motor that had malfunctioned.

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Friday, Oct. 10

A telephone scam was reported in the 1000 block of South Wells.

A minor in possession of tobacco was reported in the 400 block of Jupiter. A citation was issued.

Saturday, Oct. 11

Public intoxication/juvenile was reported in the 100 block of Randy Matson.

Monday, Oct. 13

Assault was reported in the lobby of Pampa Police Department. The incident occurred at the intersection of Montague Avenue and Wells Street. Minor injuries were reported.

Credit card abuse was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 1600 block of North Summer.

Threats by telephone were reported at the police department. A telephone call from a known felon was received by the police department. The incident is under investigation.

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Theft from a building was reported in the 400 block of South Barnes. A laptop computer was taken. Estimated loss was \$1,400.

A runaway was reported in the lobby of the police department. The report concerned a 13-year-old male.

Tuesday, Oct. 14

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Thomas Randall Townsend, 48, 605 N. Christy, was arrested in the 1000 block of West Harvester for driving while driver's license was suspended.

Deadly conduct was reported in the 1800 block of Christine. A window was shot out. Estimated damage was \$400.

Harassment was reported in the 1300 block of Terrace.

Tyrone Maurice Williams, 18, 936 S. Faulkner, and Crystal Dawn Tambunga, 20, 933 S. Faulkner, were arrested in the 900 block of South Faulkner for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces and criminal negligence endangerment of a child.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Department today reported the following arrests.

Tuesday, Oct. 14

Jacob Crain, 18, 2200 Evergreen, was arrested for probation violation on a charge of possession of marijuana.

Wednesday, Oct. 15

Lindsey Brook Swint, 21, 2122 Hamilton, was arrested for criminal trespass and theft by check.

Marisa Ramirez, 23, homeless, was arrested for criminal trespass.

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Pastor Philip and Phyllis Elsheimer invites all to come.

Federal Court

WASHINGTON — Debtors who turn to counseling for themselves and getting a permanent settlement Tuesday in investigation.

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Federal groups checking credit counseling agencies complaints

WASHINGTON (AP) — Debtors beware. Consumers who turn to nonprofit credit counseling services could find themselves paying high fees and getting little advice, government agencies said Tuesday in announcing an investigation of the industry.

The Internal Revenue Service and the Federal Trade Commission, pursuing an increasing number of consumer complaints, said some nonprofit credit counselors do not meet the standards for educational, tax-exempt status.

The two agencies said consumers sometimes are pushed into debt repayment plans or consolidation loans — fixed payment plans to help pay off debts — without help in learning how to budget, save and manage debt.

Complaints also have centered on high fees, hidden charges, even late fees when counselors fail to pay a con-

sumer's creditors on time. In a few cases, counselors have not paid a consumer's creditors at all, consumer groups said.

"Many of these groups provide a valuable service to consumers, but some use the tax code to skirt consumer protection laws," said IRS Commissioner Mark Everson.

The IRS and FTC warned consumers that the nonprofit label does not ensure the services are affordable or that the organization has a consumer's best interests in mind.

"It's a question of tax status. It's not a Good Housekeeping seal of approval," said Steve Baker, the FTC's Midwest region director.

The IRS announced it has already begun auditing some credit counseling services to see if they meet the nonprofit criteria for tax-exempt status. Applications from new organizations will undergo more rig-

orous screening, including analyses of marketing materials.

An IRS official said the agency lacks resources to audit all credit counselors and refused to name those currently under examination. The official said the IRS will concentrate on areas highlighted by the FTC and credit counseling associations. New applications will be forwarded to IRS headquarters so officials can look for trends among new entrants.

Longtime credit counselors see worrying trends. Lydia Sermons-Ward, a senior vice president at the National Foundation for Credit Counseling, said phone bank operations have proliferated since the early 1990s. They advertise widely, she said, pushing costly consolidation loans and funneling fees paid by creditors back into their operations and advertising.

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agency management coordinator. Half the cost of the vehicle is expected to be covered by a grant.

Jack Hammel and Tim Roberts were appointed to the Construction Board of Appeals.

The commission approved a bid of \$151.50 from George Kilcrease for a tax delinquent vacant lot at 1014 Denver.

The commission also approved a \$130,000 engineering design contract for

cell three at the landfill. Richard Morris, public works director for the city, said the cell will be needed by the end of next year.

Grant told commissioners that as the result of member cities of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority reducing their allocations, there may be an opportunity for Pampa to sell some of its unused allocation to other member cities. He noted that in the past Pampa has sold water to Lubbock.

"It could mean some

money for us," Grant told the city commission.

Grant also polled the commission concerning meeting times.

Based on their preference, he said he would have an ordinance drawn up by the next city commission meeting changing the commission's meeting time.

The commission will continue to meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, but the time will be changed to 4 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. if the ordinance is adopted.

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BOMB

a.m. EDT) as the three-car convoy, escorted by Palestinian police, was heading south on Gaza's main road just after entering the Gaza Strip from Israel. In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Brooke Summers said the blast came from a "previously planted explosive device."

After the first two cars went by, the third car had just passed when the blast went off near a gas station, said Mohammed Radwan, a Palestinian taxi driver who was at the station at the time.

"The first two cars drove quickly and stopped far from the explosion. Palestinian security people jumped out of the car and rushed to the car that had blown up ... I saw two people covered with blood lying next to the car," he said.

The blast gouged a deep crater into the unpaved stretch of road. The attack tore the van in half and flipped it over, leaving the wreckage twisted with the tires up in the air. The pavement was stained with blood and littered with bits of flesh that were collected by Palestinian paramedics.

An AP reporter saw a gray wire with an on-off switch leading from the scene of the attack to a small concrete room at the side of the road. The blast was about a mile south of the Erez crossing between Israel and Gaza.

Palestinian security sources said they had ruled out the major Palestinian factions and were focusing their investigation on some small groups that receive funding from abroad, possibly Iran.

The attack was the second to target U.S. officials in Gaza, according to the U.S. ambassador to Israel, Dan Kurtzer. The previous attack, on a bulletproof car in Gaza in June, did not cause any injuries, he said, providing no further details. In June, the U.S. government announced it had received "credible

reports" of plans to kidnap U.S. citizens in Gaza.

Hamas and Islamic Jihad reiterated Wednesday that they have no interest in taking aim at non-Israeli targets.

"The Palestinian resistance believes that its enemy is the one who has occupied its land, who has killed the people of this land," Sheikh Adnan Assfour, a Hamas leader from Nablus, said in a statement faxed to AP.

Islamic Jihad spokesman Nafez Nazzam said Wednesday after the attack that his group "has no intention to extend a cycle of confrontation with any nation ... except the occupation. Our battle is with the occupiers only."

"In the land of Palestine, it's not proper to target Americans nor any other nations," he said.

Resentment against the United States has been growing steadily, with many Palestinians complaining that Washington sides with Israel.

U.S. convoys of armored black and silver Chevrolet Suburbans travel in Gaza almost daily and usually take

the same route on the main north-south road in the strip. The convoys are easily identifiable: They are escorted by Palestinian police and have diplomatic plates. The color and make of the vehicles are unique to U.S. officials.

Later Wednesday, the U.S. government issued a travel advisory, recommending that "all U.S. citizens depart the area as expeditiously as possible." Kurtzer said between 200 to 400 Americans, some of them of Palestinian descent, work in the Gaza Strip, many for aid groups.

Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia denounced the attack. "We strongly condemn this incident and we will conduct an investigation and we will follow it to find the source of this attack," he told reporters in the West Bank.

Israeli officials said the attack underscored the need to dismantle Palestinian militant groups.

"What happened is evidence that no one is immune, unfortunately, to Palestinian terrorism," said Zelman Shoval, an adviser to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

GOSPEL MEETING

October 12th - October 17th

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Lessons From Proverbs - Billy Jones

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Bible Authority - Billy Jones

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP - 6:30 PM
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MONDAY - 7:30 PM
Requirements For Membership - Kurt Jones

TUESDAY - 7:30 PM
Attendance - Greg Madden

WEDNESDAY - 7:30 PM
Giving - Dan Chaney

THURSDAY - 7:30 PM
Prayer - Jim Blackmon

FRIDAY - 7:30 PM
Godly Living - Paul White

We cordially invite you to attend this lectureship. Please bring your Bible and study with us as we search the Word of God for the truth of what God requires of a person to become a Christian and what He requires of faithful living and worship after God adds the Christian to the church.

Everybody gets a jacket



(Courtesy photo)

Cooper Energy Services of Pampa has had 365 consecutive days without an OSHA Recordable Incident. All field service, shop and office employees received customized jackets for their diligence and hard work in staying accident free.

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PROTESTS

Carl Kennedy and his wife Pat questioned what they said were vague areas of the proposed rules.

Dan Coffey, representing the City of Amarillo, asked that action on adopting the rules be delayed so the proposals could be reviewed in more detail.

"What we're proposing here is very serious," Coffey said.

While a number of people complained about aspects of the proposed rules, Williams kept coming back to his question.

"Is there a better way?" Williams asked.

Caroom called for a cooperative group of the landowners wanting to sell their water to

work with the district on a new set of rules, an idea that Nickum and several others supported.

Williams said that the board will meet and consider some of the suggestions from the hearing.

Copies of the proposed rules are available at the water district's office in White Deer or on the internet at www.panhandlegroundwater.org.

Written comments to the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District concerning the proposed rules will be accepted through Nov. 3.

The district board of directors will consider adoption of the proposed rules at a 1:30 p.m. hearing, Nov. 11, at their offices here.

Prairie Rivers Musical offers family-oriented entertainment

CANADIAN - "Prairie Rivers Musical, a family-oriented production, will open this show season at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18, at Canadian Middle School Auditorium, 404 S. 6th St.

"This is the fifth season for Prairie Rivers Musical and if the crowds at our performances last season are an indication, we look for a full house Saturday night," said Jay Godwin, one of the original organizers.

"It's really been wonderful to have the support of folks from all over the Texas Panhandle and lots of good fans from western Oklahoma. The music we do seems to be very basic to a way of life in this area and many of the people we draw have become hard and fast fans," he continued.

Classic country, western swing, rockabilly, and gospel are the sounds that will be heard from the stage on Saturday. The show continues a tradition of not charging any admission fee and provides comfortable theatre-type seat-

ing, with an atmosphere free of smoke and alcohol.

"We look forward to having all our old friends at the show and invite newcomers. Prairie Rivers Musical presents a venue that is all live performance by musicians and singers who have a wide variety of backgrounds. We are a real diverse group in some ways, but all of us have one big thing in common - having a lot of fun playing and singing the music which is an important piece of our culture. In many ways the show is one big jam session, where we have just as much fun as the audience," Godwin said.

"Most of those who have

been regulars in the past are expected to perform Saturday.

Those include Hank and Venita McPherson, Lonnie Cox, Wayne Wright, George Briant, Mary Lynn Schafer, Pat Popham, and Jay Godwin, all from Canadian. Steel guitarist Harold Studebaker resides near Alanreed. Fiddle player Frankie McWhorter and Phil Ridgway come from the Higgins area. Others from the area, who have been on stage with us in the past, may also perform," he said.

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Senate sends genetic nondiscrimination bill to House

By JIM ABRAMS
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate has moved unanimously to ensure that breaking down the human genetic code will bring health benefits without exposing people to job and health care discrimination.

The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act that cleared the Senate Tuesday on a 95-0 vote would bar employers from using people's genetic information or family histories in hiring, firing or assigning workers. Insurance companies could not use genetic records to deny medical coverage or set premiums.

"The American people cannot have access to the quality of care and the advancement of medical and scientific discoveries if they are subjected and held hostage to the fears of discrimination," said Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, who has backed the legislation for the past seven years.

The measure was strongly supported by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., a physician, and Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota. The White House also supported the bill, saying legislation was needed to "help guarantee that the nation fully realizes the potential of ongoing advances in genetic sciences."

But the bill's future is uncertain in the House and it has met resistance from business groups concerned about an increase in lawsuits, and from insurers who say it could add to regulatory burdens.

Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-N.Y., a longtime sponsor of

Last April, the National Human Genome Research Institute announced it essentially completed a blueprint of the human genetic code — hailed as one of the greatest scientific accomplishments in history. But Slaughter said "unless Congress acts, it could also lead to rampant abuse of patients' private genetic information."

similar House legislation, urged House leaders to take up and pass the Senate bill.

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The concern is that people would forego genetic testing for diseases such as breast cancer, cystic fibrosis or Huntington's disease for fear that information could be used to deny them employment or health coverage.

Dr. Francis Collins, head of the National Human Genome Research Institute, said that when he joined the project 10 years ago genetic discrimination was already becoming an issue "that could cause this wonderful revolution fueled by the genome project to actually be stillborn because people would be afraid of getting the information that otherwise be of great advantage to them

for medical purposes."

June Walker, president of the Jewish women's organization Hadassah, said her group has been pushing the issue since

Hadassah medical facilities found a high frequency of Jewish women with genetic mutations predisposing them to breast and ovarian cancer. "But

as science races ahead, individuals are hesitant to submit to genetic tests for fear of insurance and employment discrimination," she said.

Dr. Donald Young, president of the Health Insurance Association of America, said the bill was "unwise" because consumers already have adequate legal protections. "Imposing restrictions beyond those already in place could hurt the very people they are intended to help by limiting the ability of insurers to appropriately and fairly set premiums," he said.

The legislation bars a company from collecting genetic

data from a worker or family member except in special cases, such as monitoring the biological effects of toxic material in the workplace.

House Education and the Workforce Committee Chairman John Boehner, R-Ohio, said Tuesday he would hold hearings on the issue.

Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Administration Committee and Slaughter's GOP partner in promoting nondiscrimination legislation, said he hoped hearings "would not mean the death penalty for the bill." He said he also would urge House leaders to adopt the Senate bill.

PRMC takes action with breast cancer initiative

Pampa Regional Medical Center has launched a "Breast Friend for Life" campaign, aimed at encouraging women 40 and older to get regular mammograms.

The new campaign is part of PRMC's participation in National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October.

"This effort is our way of being a 'breast friend' to the local community, by raising awareness about the value of mammography screening and early detection," said Dr. Scott Ellis, a local OB/GYN. "We also want to encourage friends and family to be 'breast friends' to women who should be getting regular mammograms."

"As part of our local effort, we are focusing on overcoming barriers that often prevent women from getting mammograms," said Ellis. "In particular we want to address the fear that mammograms may be painful."

Responding to women's concerns about mammogram discomfort, the center is educating patients and doctors about steps that women can take to reduce or even eliminate procedural pain.

Among these steps, said Dr. Ellis are to take a mild analgesic ahead of their appointment and to get a softer mammogram at a center that uses a specially-designed breast cushion.

"In several clinical studies involving more than a thousand women, the breast cushion significantly reduced discomfort for most women," said Ellis. "We have found it to be a very effective way to alleviate women's discomfort

and to encourage them to get annual mammograms."

Many women experience discomfort during breast compression that is part of getting a mammogram. Studies show that concerns about discomfort are a key reason nearly 40 percent of women who should receive regular mammograms do not do so.

Women 70 and older are especially likely to face barriers to getting regular mammograms, said Ellis.

A new report from the American Cancer Society says that older women face dual risks: They are more likely than younger women to get breast cancer, and they are less likely to be regularly screened for the disease. Annual screening mammograms are widely recognized as the best way to detect breast cancer at its earliest and most treatable stage.

"Women over the age of 70 remain underrepresented in screening populations and represent a group in which considerable impact might still be made," said a paper published in the July/August 2003 issue of "CA, A Cancer Journal for Clinicians," the ACS scientific publication.

PRMC is reminding women to ask their family doctor, gynecologist or other physician to refer them for a mammogram.

For more information, visit PRMC's outpatient lobby between the hours of 2:30 and 4 p.m., Friday, Oct. 17. Refreshments and giveaways will be available and door prizes from local merchants will be awarded.

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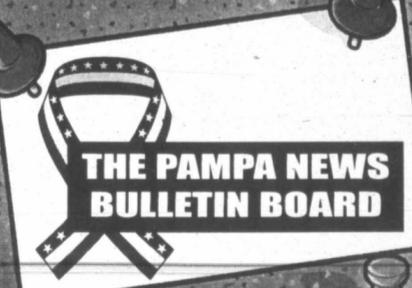
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Dallas home of first birth defects center

DALLAS (AP) — A new research center at a university hospital will be the nation's first dedicated solely to preventing and seeking cures for birth defects.

The center, at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, was created with \$1 million from the March of Dimes and \$2 million in private donations.

It will be led by Dr. Deepak Srivastava, a Dallas pediatric cardiologist, and Carole Mendelson, a professor of biochemistry, obstetrics and gynecology, March of Dimes and school officials said Tuesday.

"We see these children, we treat them, we do the best we can, but we have very little understanding of why they actually got a birth defect," Srivastava said.

Srivastava's research on birth defects as well as a long-standing relationship between the March of Dimes and the university weighed heavily in the decision to put the center in Dallas, said Jennifer Howse, March of Dimes president.

The university's medical campus is an ideal location for the center because of its related research in children's cancer, developmental biology and reproductive biology, university President Kem Wildenthal said at reception for dignitaries and contributors.

The center will allow researchers nationwide to come together to share their knowledge and practices, he said.

"By having a common pool of equipment, they can talk and rub shoulders and exchange ideas and the whole will be better than the sum of its parts," Wildenthal said.

Labor unrest besets Southern California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Labor disputes struck hard across Southern California, leaving hundreds of thousands of commuters stranded, grocery shoppers inconvenienced and county jails and courts threatened with closure.

The strike launched Tuesday against the Metropolitan Transportation Authority stalled the nation's third-largest mass-transit system. Some 2,000 MTA mechanics walked out, with another 6,000 bus drivers and clerks honoring the mechanics' picket lines.

"I'm just stranded," said commuter David Stratling, 59, who made it to Union Station on a bus line not affected by the strike before realizing he couldn't go any farther. "I won't be able to go to work today."

Meanwhile, 70,000 grocery clerks from three chains — Kroger Co.'s Ralphs, Safeway Inc.'s Vons and Albertsons Inc. — began their third day on the picket lines in Southern and Central California with no sign of a new contract.

In another dispute, several Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies, who provide security at county courts and jails, called in sick, as union members have done in spurts over the past three weeks in protest over stalled labor talks.

The transit and grocery clerks strikes could deal a blow to the ailing California economy. Jack Kyser, chief economist for the Los Angeles Economic

Development Corp., estimated the transit strike could cost \$4 million a day while the toll from the supermarket walkout could reach \$6.3 million a day in lost wages.

"Those in both disputes are digging in their heels. And the common thread here is health benefits," Kyser said.

The grocery clerks' strike was forcing consumers to shop elsewhere or cross picket lines at more than 850 supermarkets from San Luis Obispo to San Diego. The chains have coped by bringing in replacement workers and scaling back operating hours.

More than a dozen transit lines, including Metrolink commuter rail and various regional bus lines, were operating as scheduled. But the half-million people estimated to use the MTA's train and bus system every day had to scramble for alternatives to get to work, school or other destinations.

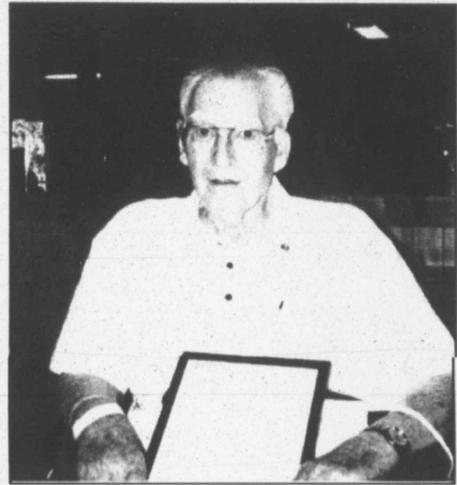
The freeways were more jammed than usual. Some drivers took advantage of the situation by offering to provide rides for more than \$20.

Access Services, a non-profit company funded by the MTA, faced extra demand for its fleet of 484 vehicles, said executive director Alan Cantrell. The company provides transportation for people covered by the Americans With Disabilities Act, including people who are blind or deaf.

Masonic award



Chester Andrews, left, recently received his 50-year award from officials of Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM in a special ceremony held at Coronado Healthcare Center. Andrew has set in lodge in Australia, Cuba and Puerto Rico. Present at the gathering were B.B. Bearden, Mike Helms-junior warden, Kelly Miller-master, Carl Sissom-senior steward, J.B. Fife, Gordon Fore-secretary, Shan Brown of Adobe Walls Lodge in Borger, Ed Andrews, Blake Laramore and Jim Brown of Adobe Walls Lodge.



(Courtesy photos)

Court gives nod to removing comatose woman's feeding tube

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. (AP) — A man can have the feeding tube removed from his severely brain-damaged wife after an appeals court refused to order her kept alive, ending one of the last hopes her parents.

Terri Schiavo, 39, was scheduled to have the tube removed Wednesday at 2 p.m. and was expected to die within two weeks. She's been in a vegetative state since suffering a heart attack in 1990.

A state appeals court in Lakeland rejected motions by an attorney for Schiavo's parents, Bob and Mary Schindler.

"Our legal remedies are exhausted," the

Schindlers' attorneys said in a statement Tuesday afternoon.

Michael Schiavo says he is carrying out his wife's wishes that she not be kept alive artificially. The parents say their daughter has shown signs of trying to communicate and could be rehabilitated.

Doctors have testified that the noises and facial expressions Terri Schiavo makes are reflexes and do not indicate that she has enough mental capabilities to communicate with others.

Gov. Jeb Bush has sided with the parents in court filings, but has not taken any other action. His office has said there is nothing Bush can do to stop the removal of the tube.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Mom Fears Adult Daughter Is Hiding Under Her Baby Blanket

DEAR ABBY: My 25-year-old daughter, "Beth," still carries around the teddy bear and baby blanket she's had since she was a child. Out they come whenever she travels on vacation or visits relatives. She even took them with her when she went away to college. I often wondered what her boyfriends thought.

I don't want to hurt my daughter's feelings, Abby, but I think it represents her refusal to grow up. After seven years of college, Beth still lives with me and has only a part-time job. What is your take on this?

BEARING IT ALL
IN BALTIMORE

DEAR BEARING IT ALL: The bear and the blanket give her a feeling of security. Counseling could help her understand why she needs those tangible symbols. If she's not getting what she wants out of life, you would be doing Beth a favor to encourage her to get it.

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Willing to Trust Again in Tulsa" was right on. Several years ago, I was known for picking "loser" boyfriends. "Sam" hit me daily. "Gene" was married, unwilling to divorce his wife, from whom he had been separated for seven years, and broke, broke, broke! He begged me to loan him \$70,000 to get out of debt. Fortunately, I was smarter than that, and never wasted a dime on him — just five years of my life.

After that, I decided I needed to take a break from men and "find myself." I sought therapy and learned why I was choosing losers. Even more important, I learned how to never feel lonely, even though I lived alone. I am an attractive woman, 37 years old, who is unattached by choice. I love men, and if the right one comes along, I'm sure I'll commit. However, for now, it's nice to be able to take off on a trip at a moment's notice, spend my own money on what I please, and do basically anything I want because I have no one to whom I must account.

"Willing" needs to learn to love herself first before she and "the

right kind of man" can enter into a loving, healthy relationship.
HAPPILY UNATTACHED
IN HOUSTON

DEAR HAPPILY UNATTACHED: Thank you for sharing your success story. You went from choosing losers to being a winner. For people who cannot afford therapy, taking a break, stepping back from a destructive situation and analyzing one's mistakes can be very helpful. That's the way people learn.

DEAR ABBY: The three-question self-test you advised readers to give themselves before spreading rumor or gossip is reminiscent of Rotary International's Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do:

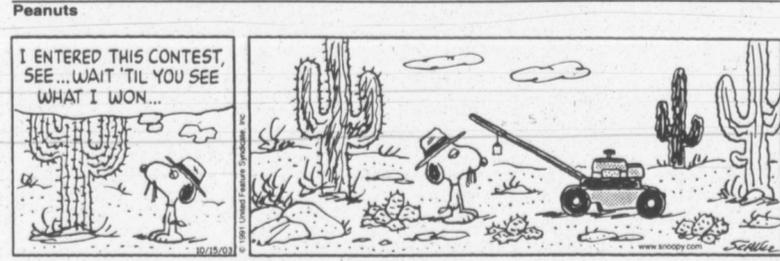
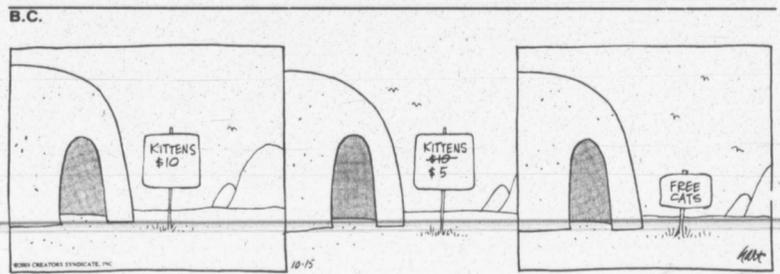
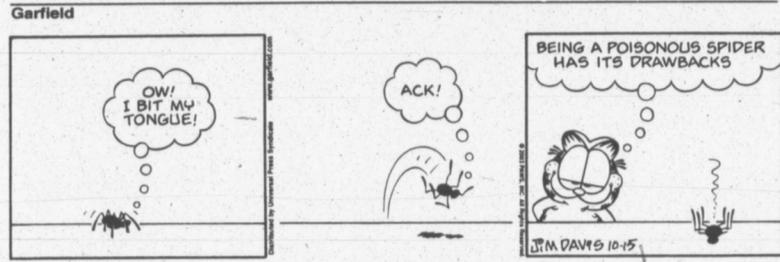
- (1) Is it the truth?
- (2) Is it fair to all concerned?
- (3) Will it build good will and better friendships?
- (4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Asking ourselves these questions before we inflict verbal venom on our brothers and sisters makes us better and more fair-minded human beings.
BRUCE FRASSINELLI,
OSWEGO, N.Y.

DEAR BRUCE: I agree. And in this time of political divisiveness and turmoil — with mud-slinging, labeling and name calling being done both nationally and locally — Rotary's Self-Test should be applied before anyone in the public arena opens his (or her) mouth.

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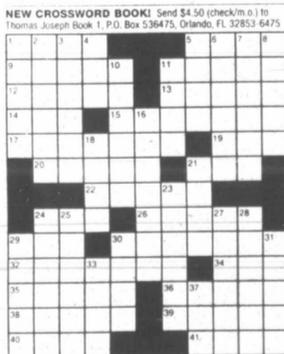
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SPORTS

Palo Duro next up for unbeaten Pampa

PAMPA — Pampa is undefeated at 7-0 for the season. Palo Duro is on a four-game winning streak. It should make for an interesting matchup when the two teams collide at 7:30 Thursday night in Dick Bivins Stadium.

Pampa stayed at the No. 12 spot in this weekend's Harris Ratings, but the Harvesters are favored by 15 over Palo Duro.

Pampa is 3-0 in District 3-4A and Palo Duro at 2-0 is the only other unbeaten team in district play.

The Dons have some offensive weaponry. The Dons had five different players scoring in a half-dozen different ways in their 30-0 shutout of Dumas last week. Corey Gindratt scored on an 11-yard run, Phillip Mason caught a 7-yard TD pass, Roger Perez booted a 23-yard field goal and three extra points. Diamon Hughes returned a punt 85 yards for a TD, and Keenan Oages scored on an 88-yard interception return.

Hughes, a senior, leads the Dons shotgun offense at quarterback. In his second season as a starter, the 195-pound Hughes has thrown for 455 yards and three touchdowns in

six games. Gindratt, a 160-pound junior tailback, is averaging 10 yards per carry.

The Dons are averaging three touchdowns per game while their defense is allowing two TD's a game.

He's not Palo Duro's only worry, but senior quarterback Johnny Moore is a good place to start for the Harvesters. Moore is closing on 1,000 yards rushing (937 yards) and passing (790).

He's rushed for 13 touchdowns and passed for five more. Andrew Curtis was a workhorse running back for the Harvesters, rushing for 201 yards, including a 63-yard TD run against Hereford.

The Whitefaces had some difficulty throwing off blocks by Pampa's frontline, especially from guards Alan Curry and Marcos DeLeon.

The Harvesters are averaging four touchdowns per game.

Pampa's defense is giving only eight points a game and has shut out three of its opponents. The Harvesters keep coming up with the big plays game after game. Defensive end Max Vinson came up with a fumble in Hereford's end zone for Pampa's final TD in

the 37-20 win over the Whitefaces. For Vinson, it was his second TD of the season. He returned an interception 12 yards for a score in Pampa's 27-7 win over Plainview the week before.

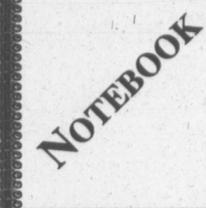
Cornerback Shea Brown had his fifth interception of the season. Brown has inter-

ceptions in the last four games. He had two picks against Randall. Middle linebacker Mark Williams came up with some big tackles, especially in the fourth quarter to help stifle a Hereford comeback.

Pampa Harvesters
(7-0 overall, 3-0 district)
Pampa 37, Perryton 0

Pampa 35, Lubbock Estacado 0
Pampa 31, Amarillo High 17
Pampa 32, Borger 0
Pampa 35, Randall 17
Pampa 21, Plainview 7
Pampa 37, Hereford 20

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(4-2 overall, 2-0 district)
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Palo Duro 37, Hereford 14
Palo Duro 30, Dumas 0



FOOTBALL

PAMPA — The PHS Football Booster Club has Snug Bags and Harvester Stadium Seats for sale at the concession stand during the middle school, junior varsity and freshmen games.

Many fans have asked if these are available. There is a limited supply.

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech's football game Saturday against Oklahoma State has been selected for regional broadcast by ABC and will be carried at 2:30 p.m. from Boone Pickens Stadium in Stillwater, Okla.

The game features two teams ranked in the ESPN-USA Today coaches poll.

HOCKEY

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Martin Biron needed only one chance to get the Buffalo Sabres their first victory of the season.

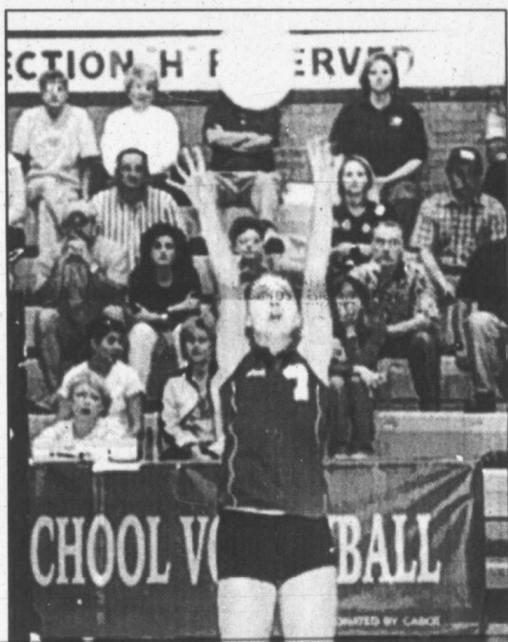
Biron made 18 saves in his season debut, and Miroslav Satan and Daniel Briere each had a goal and an assist as the Sabres beat the Dallas Stars 4-3 on Monday.

After two shutout losses to start the season, Biron and the Sabres ended the slide against the Stars, who won their first two games by a combined score of 7-2.

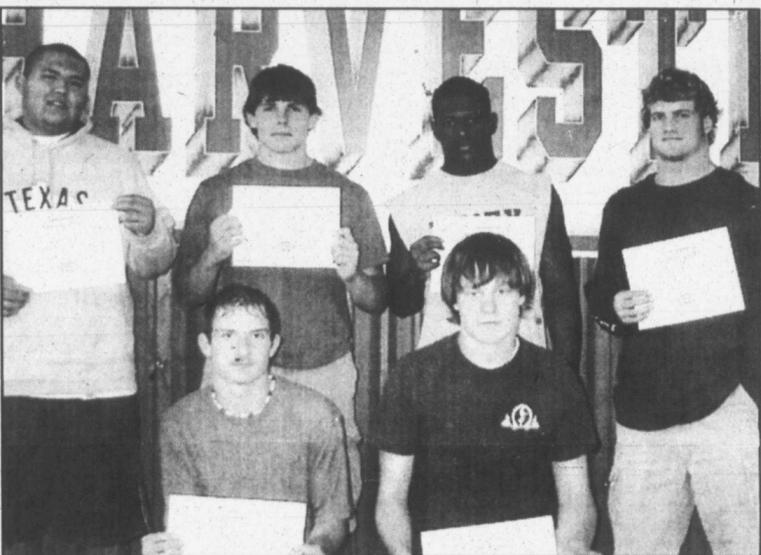
"We came in yesterday with a business mentality for practice," Biron said. "We knew we had a big test coming up this afternoon."

The Sabres passed that test, but just barely, thanks to Biron.

With 1:07 remaining and the Stars on the power play, Bill Guerin was left standing alone to the left of Biron. Guerin took a quick backhand and started to raise his hands to signal a goal before Biron dived and snagged the puck right above the goal line.



(Pampa News photo by Ben Briscoe)
Pampa's Abbi Covalt dished out 17 assists against Palo Duro.



Pampa Players of the Week (Week 7) selected by the coaching staff are: Front row, l-r, Shawn Brown, junior varsity and Brett Ferrell, freshman; Back row, l-r, Sergio Alva, varsity scout team; Jared Winegeart, varsity special teams; Mark Williams, varsity defense; Andrew Curtis, varsity offense.

PHS spikers sweep PD in District 3-4A contest

PAMPA — Pampa swept Palo Duro 25-17, 15-19 and 25-18 in a District 3-4A volleyball match Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

The Lady Harvesters improved to 7-3 in district and 17-8 for the year.

Jaelyn Spearman had 20 kills and 20 digs to lead Pampa.

Abbi Covalt added 17 assists and Jackie Gerber had 6 blocks.

Alyssa Bromwell chipped in 7 kills.

Palo Duro's record is 2-7 in district and 4-20 for the season.

The Lady Harvesters are at Dumas on Saturday with the match starting at 2.

In other district matches, Randall beat Plainview and Hereford defeated Caprock Tuesday night.

Pampa Individual Statistics

Kills: Jaelyn Spearman 20, Alyssa Bromwell 7,

Jackie Gerber 5, Abbi Covalt 4, Teryn Garner 2,

Digs: Spearman 20, Stacey Johnson 13, Covalt 11, Bromwell 6, Gerber 5,

Lindsey Ammons 2, Lauren Winkleman 2.

Total blocks: Gerber 6, Garner 3, Covalt 2,

Bromwell 1, Spearman 1.

Assists: Covalt 17, Ammons 13.

Aces: Spearman 1, Bromwell 1, Gerber 1.

Cubs blow it

CHICAGO (AP) — Five outs to go. Wrigley Field crowd on its feet. World Series within their grasp.

Then, it was almost as if the baseball gods realized these were the Chicago Cubs.

Those lovable losers blew it again thanks in part to — of all things — one of their own fans.

In a stunning eighth-inning turnaround, the Florida Marlins took advantage of left fielder Moises Alou's run-in with a fan on a foul fly and an error by shortstop Alex Gonzalez to score eight runs in an 8-3 victory Tuesday night, forcing the NL championship series to a Game 7.

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Houston wants Red River Shootout

DALLAS (AP) — Reliant Stadium in Houston is interesting in stealing the annual University of Texas-Oklahoma University game away from the Cotton Bowl in Dallas.

Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds said Tuesday that

Reliant officials contacted the university about having the game at its world-class facility.

But Dodds and Oklahoma athletic director Joe Castiglione both agree that Dallas is the best location for the Red River Shootout.

Texas-OU have a contract with the Cotton Bowl that extends through 2006 and includes a yearly opt-out clause. However, Dodd and Castiglione said they don't see the schools using that option to move the game to Houston.

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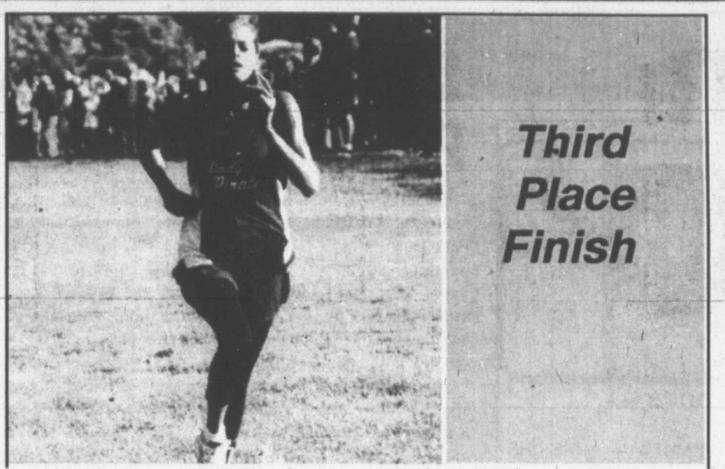
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Third Place Finish

Rachel Stubbs of Lefors heads toward a third-place finish at the Canadian Cross Country Meet. Her time was 10:07. Other Lady Pirates who placed were Janelle Tinney, 17th place, 10:30; Kayla Andis, 41st place, 11:15; Katie Barney, 66th, 12:19, and Danielle Sprouse, 80th place, 15:46. In the junior varsity division, Valerie Willis was third (10:48), Emily Jackson, 25th (11:39) and Tori Meeks, 29th (11:46) for Lefors.

Pampa Middle School Volleyball

7th & 8th grade girls Volleyball results against Westover, 7th grade "B" - lost 25-27, 12-25
 8th grade results
 8th "A" - lost 14-25, 18-25
 Top servers: Jasmine Moore - 5 pts., Trisha Moore - 4 pts., Krishna Henderson - 4 pts., Stephanie Polasek - 3 pts., Kambra Jimenez - 3 pts., Sara Foster - 2 pts., Haili Kotara - 1 pt.
 8th "B" - won 25-23, 25-15
 Top servers: Rachal Nunn - 11 pts., Kathryn Cree - 10 pts., Kayla Mendoza - 7 pts., Layce Beesley - 3 pts., Meagan Crawford - 3 pts., Breawna Richards - 2 pts., Emily Woodruff - 1 pt.
 7th grade results
 7th grade "A" - lost 22-25, 13-25
 Leading scorers: Lilly Price - 4 pts., Kelby Doughty - 3 pts., Libby Dyson - 3 pts., Kamie Doughty - 3 pts., and April Silva - 3 pts.
 Libby Dyson and Lauren Smith both had seven good "ups" in serve receive. Kelby Doughty, Lauren Smith, and April Silva had 3 good spikes. Kelby Doughty and Libby Dyson each had 3 great digs off of Westover's spikes.
 7th grade "B" - lost 25-27, 12-25
 Top servers: Chelsie Douglas - 6 pts., Tristin Reeves - 6 pts., Rikki Beesley - 2 pts., Diana Mechelay - 1 pt., Karlie Novian - 1 pt., and Victoria Campbell - 1 pt.
 Hannah Hopkins and Chelsie Douglas both had 3 good serve receives. Kara Lane and Karlie Novian had one good spike each and Kara Lane also had 4 digs off of Westover's spikes.
 7th & 8th grade Volleyball Results against Dumas, Monday, 10-13-03
 8th grade results
 8th "A" - lost 11-25, 7-25
 Top servers: Krishna Henderson - 4 pts., Stephanie Polasek - 3 pts., Sara Foster - 3 pts., Valerie Rushing - 3 pts., Trisha Moore - 1 pt., Jasmine Moore - 1 pt., Stephanie Jasso - 1 pt.
 8th "B" - lost 10-25, 14-25
 Top servers: Rachal Nunn - 5 pts., Meagan Crawford - 5 pts., Emily Woodruff - 5 pts., Kathryn Cree - 3 pts., Kalynn Jones - 1 pt., Lindsey Riley - 1 pt., Kayla Mendoza - 1 pt., Layce Beesley - 1 pt.
 The 8th grade has a tournament this Saturday, Oct. 18, in Dumas. Their next home game is next Monday, Oct. 20, against Canyon at Pampa Middle School.
 7th grade results
 7th grade "A" - lost 4 -25, 20-25
 Leading scorers: Kylee Warner - 6 pts., Libby Dyson - 3 pts., April Silva - 2 pts., Whitney Brummett - 2 pts., Kelby Doughty - 1 pt., and Keisha Crowell - 1 pt.
 7th grade "B" - lost 10-25, 8-25
 Top Servers: Calce Henley - 6 pts., Rikki Beesley - 3 pts., Tristin Reeves - 3 pts., Chelsie Douglas - 1 pt., Kamy Miller - 1 pt., Diana Mechelay - 1 pt., Hannah Hopkins - 1 pt., Kara Lane - 1 pt., and Karlie Novian - 1 pt.
 The next home game is next Monday, Oct. 20, against Canyon at Pampa Middle School.

Entry deadline Oct. 29 for city volleyball

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be sponsoring a mixed adult volleyball league. Mixed Competitive and Recreational Divisions will be offered. Players must be 14 years old to participate.
 Entry deadline is Oct. 29 at 5 p.m., and the season begins the week of Nov. 4.
 Entry fee (sponsor's fee) is \$150 and player's fee is \$10 per player with a minimum of eight (8) players.
 Roster forms, fact sheets and league by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at City Hall, Room 204.
 For more information, please contact the Recreation Office at 669-5740 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Curse countdown begins for Boston

BOSTON (AP) — Let the Curse countdown begin.
 Unless the Red Sox can rally and get past Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens, the heartache will linger on.
 "We never get overconfident," Derek Jeter said after David Wells pitched New York to a 4-2 victory Tuesday that gave the Yankees a 3-2 lead in the AL championship series.
 Pettitte's 12 postseason wins are one behind record-holder John Smoltz, and he evened the best-of-seven series last week when New York was in danger of falling behind 0-2.
 "Everything I've done in the past isn't going to help," said Pettitte, set to start Game 6 on Wednesday.
 Wells pushed Boston to the brink of another empty autumn, working his way out of trouble to limit the Red Sox to one run and four hits in seven innings.
 "I live for this time," the 40-year-old left-hander said. "I live for being the guy to go out there and be the one on the mound, try to make things happen, try to shut the other team down because I'm not afraid to fail."
 Wells is the biggest Babe Ruth fan on the Yankees — six years ago he wore a 1934 Ruth cap for an inning against Cleveland.
 Does the Boomer think the Curse of the Bambino is fact or fiction?
 "I believe in it," he said. "That's just my opinion."
 Boston hopes Game 6 starter John Burkett — 0-6 against New York in regular-season play — can get past Pettitte at Yankee Stadium on Wednesday and allow Pedro Martinez to face Clemens again the following night.
 "It'll be tough," said Derek Lowe, who lost to Wells and dropped to 0-2 in the series.

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Bryant defense accused of smearing campaign

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — When Kobe Bryant's defense team brought questions of his accuser's sexual history into open court, the judge called timeout and prosecutors were furious, later calling it a "deliberate and calculated" attempt to smear the victim.
 If the topic comes up again when the NBA superstar's hearing on sexual assault charges resumes Wednesday, prosecutors want assurances it will happen behind closed doors.
 In a sharply worded court filing Tuesday, prosecutors said defense attorney Pamela Mackey overstepped last week when she asked a witness whether the 19-year-old woman's injuries were "consistent with a person who had sex with three different men in three days."
 That prompted Eagle County Judge Frederick Gannett to suspend the hearing, which will determine whether the basketball star will stand trial. The 25-year-old player is free on \$25,000 bond and was expected at the hearing. If convicted, he faces up to life in prison.

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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Oct. 16, 2003:
You might want to take a stronger stand at work or in your day-to-day life. What you might see is that example counts much more than action. Laughter and lightness help you see your limits, as well as the limits of others. Your boss or immediate superior gains insight, respect and a deep perspective about you. Know that everything is changing rapidly. Be more loving in how you deal with those in your immediate environment. If you are single, you meet someone quite special this year, though this might not be Mr. or Ms. Right. It will take you a while to determine if this person is really what he or she says. If you are attached, a relationship can become closer if you allow more self-expression. Both of you get into a hobby that will help you release stress; what would be even better is if you choose a mutual interest. **CANCER** pushes your buttons.

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) Start with a more basic approach. Unexpected news delights you and others. Your high energy takes you in a new direction, which others have little problem following. You might be delighted by what goes down if you relax. Tonight: Happy at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Keep reaching out for others, knowing what you want and where you're going. Your laughter and high energy help drive a meeting and allow others to understand what is absolutely necessary. You have a nice way of saying what you have to say. Tonight: Out and about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Just because a boss states some hard and unpleasant facts doesn't mean you cannot handle them. In fact, you might see some justification in her or his point of view. Suggestions come in left and right, but coming up with the "right" idea could take some talent. Tonight: Keep on smiling.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your ability to investigate allows you to see another perspective and move through a problem. Dig, looking for facts and information. Others appreciate your manner and getting down to the very basics. Tonight: Keep on smiling.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Sometimes, the less said can be the more said. Know when to pull back and analyze what might need to happen. A partner or associate might not realize just how much she or he is revealing. Use your keen insight. Tonight: Do your own thing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Others come toward you, acting in an unexpected manner. Your love of life emerges when dealing with those you really care about. Hearing the other side of an issue allows you greater flexibility and understanding. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Take charge, and handle a personal matter in a more effective way. Others often don't agree with you, but that might not be totally important or necessary. You seem to make the final push to make a situation work. Tonight: In the limelight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Reach out for loved ones at a distance. You might be a bit put off by what happens around you. Others want certain things their way and are willing

to push as hard as need be to achieve those very results. Tonight: Think mini-vacation this weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Just because you visualize something one way doesn't mean others see the situation in the same light. You need to sort through information carefully, trying to understand where another's hot head or strong point of view comes from. Tonight: Listen to a dear adviser.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Not everyone understands where you are coming from, though you are bound and determined to let them know. Realize what might be going on in your immediate circle. No one is really trying to challenge you; someone is presenting a different point of view. Tonight: Say "yes."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You might want to defer to a loved one or friend whom you really care about. However, going overboard in spending might not be the real way to get past a snafu. Plunge into work. You might be a lot happier once you clear your desk. Tonight: Be your lively self.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your playfulness comes out despite yourself, even at work. You are in the mood to play and flirt away to your heart's content. Some of you might decide for an early weekend of fun and games. Just go with the flow. Tonight: Start your weekend early.

Three Americans die in blast targeting diplomatic convoy

By IBRAHIM BARZAK
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BEIT LAHIYA, Gaza Strip (AP) — A massive explosion ripped apart a U.S. diplomatic vehicle Wednesday, killing three Americans and wounding one in the first attack on a U.S. target in three years of Israel-Palestinian fighting.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility. The attack was condemned by Palestinian officials who said those killed were members of a U.S. monitoring team sent to the region to supervise implementation of a U.S.-backed peace plan.

Wednesday's attack could deal a major blow to Palestinian efforts to bring more international monitors to the region.

The blast went off around 10:15 a.m. Wednesday as a three-car U.S. diplomatic convoy with a Palestinian police escort drove near a gas station on the outskirts of the town of Beit Lahiya in the northern Gaza Strip, along the main north-south road. Israeli reports said the U.S. cars were armored.

U.S. diplomatic sources said the people in the car were security guards for the U.S. diplomats traveling in the other vehicles.

The explosion apparently was set off by a remote-control roadside bomb. The blast tore the van in half and left the wreckage twisted with the tires up in the air. The pavement was stained with blood and littered with bits of flesh.

An AP reporter saw a gray wire with an on-off switch leading from the scene of the attack to a small concrete room at the side of the road.

Palestinian militants have attacked Israeli army and-settler convoys in Gaza repeatedly in the past three years of fighting, both with bombs and gunfire. Islamic militants, responsible for the bulk of the attacks, have said in the past they have no interest in "exporting" the conflict by taking aim at non-Israeli targets.

Mohammed Radwan, a Palestinian taxi driver, said he was at the gas station when the blast went off.

"I was about to fill up my car with gas when I saw the

American convoy passing," Radwan said. "There was a Palestinian police car in front and then three big (U.S.) cars. When the third one passed, an explosion went off."

"The first two cars drove quickly and stopped far from the explosion. Palestinian security people jumped out of the car and rushed to the car that had blown up. When I tried to approach them, they shouted at me to leave. I saw two people covered with blood lying next to the car."

Three Americans were killed and one was wounded, according to Palestinian, Israeli and U.S. officials. The wounded man was initially treated at a Gaza hospital and was awaiting transfer to Soroka Hospital in the Israeli town of Beersheba.

Israeli radio reports said CIA officials were traveling in the convoy. Palestinian officials said the diplomats were U.S. monitors. Some of the monitors are from the CIA.

Israeli reports also initially said John Wolf, the head of a U.S. peace monitoring team, was in the convoy. However, U.S. officials later said Wolf was not in the region.

Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia denounced the attack. "We strongly condemn this incident and we will conduct

an investigation and we will follow it to find the source of this attack," he told reporters in the West Bank.

Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat suggested the blast would undercut the long-standing Palestinian plea for international supervision in the West Bank and Gaza. "These are American monitors that have come here at our request, Erekat said. "These people were here to help us."

Israeli officials said the attack underscored the need to dismantle Palestinian militant groups — a requirement of the stalled, U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan that Palestinian leaders have refused to carry out.

"What happened is evidence that no one is immune, unfortunately, to Palestinian terrorism, even when we are talking about the representatives of ... the United States, whose entire goal was and remains to advance a peace agreement between the sides," said Zalman Shoval, an adviser to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

The explosion came hours after the United States vetoed a U.N. Security Council resolution that would have condemned Israel for building a barrier that cuts into the West Bank.

China launches its first manned space mission

GOBI DESERT, China (AP) — Against a clear blue sky, China fired its first astronaut into orbit without any visible hitches Wednesday, becoming only the third nation capable of manned spaceflight. The government said the mission was going smoothly and its "taikonaut" radioed back: "I feel good."

The launch capped a decade-long effort by China's secretive, military-linked space program that communist leaders hope will boost the nation's image abroad — and their own standing at home among their own people.

The rocket carrying Lt. Col. Yang Liwei, a 38-year-old fighter pilot turned astronaut, streaked into the sky at precisely 9 a.m. local time (9 p.m. EDT Tuesday) from a Gobi Desert launch pad in China's remote northwest. The government said the Shenzhou 5 space capsule entered orbit 10 minutes later.

China Central Television broke into its programming to announce the liftoff, and 28 minutes later broadcast the first gripping scenes of the rocket blasting off. CCTV said the flight would last 14 orbits and 21 hours, with a landing early Thursday in China's northern grasslands.

The capsule was "operating normally in orbit," the

commander of mission control was quoted as saying.

The United States, Vietnam and other governments congratulated China on what the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration, whose Space Shuttle Columbia was lost in February, called "an important achievement in the history of human exploration."

"The Chinese people have a long and distinguished history of exploration," said NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe. He wished China "a continued safe human space flight program."

Chinese President Hu Jintao, who was at the launch base for the liftoff, called it "the glory of our great motherland," the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

"The party and the people will never forget those who have set up the outstanding merit in the space industry for the motherland, the people and the nation," Hu said.

State television showed Hu and a group of senior officials and military officers watching the launch from outdoor bleachers, craning their necks to follow the rocket toward space. The president, wearing large sunglasses, grinned once it became clear the launch was successful.

No injuries reported from Tokyo quake

TOKYO (AP) — A moderately strong earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 5 shook buildings in downtown Tokyo on Wednesday afternoon, but no damage or injuries were reported.

There was no worry of tsunami, potentially dangerous waves triggered by seismic activity, the Meteorological Agency said.

The quake was centered just northeast of Japan's capital in Chiba state about 50 miles below the earth's surface, the agency said.

Chiba prefectural police spokesman Yoshio Nakadai said there was vertical shaking for several seconds, but no reports of damage or injuries.

Bullet trains between Tokyo, a city of 12 million people, and points west resumed service after a 12 minute suspension when the jolt knocked out the rail system's power, said Mika Kamijo, a spokeswoman for Central Japan Railway. The high-speed trains' tracks were

not damaged, she added.

Office workers stopped in their tracks as they felt the ground move up and down, but resumed their normal duties after the shaking stopped and it became clear the quake was not more serious. The tremor was not strong enough to throw objects off shelves.

Wednesday's quake was the latest since a magnitude 8 temblor struck Japan's northernmost island of Hokkaido on Sept. 27. That quake damaged homes and roads, injuring 756 people injured. Two fishermen were believed to have been swept away by tsunami waves as high as 13 feet.

Northern Japan was hit by dozens aftershocks in the days and weeks afterward.

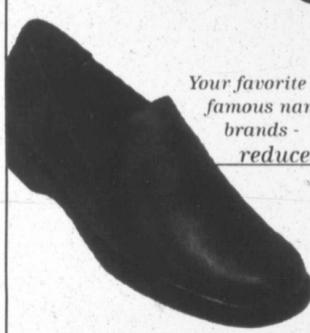
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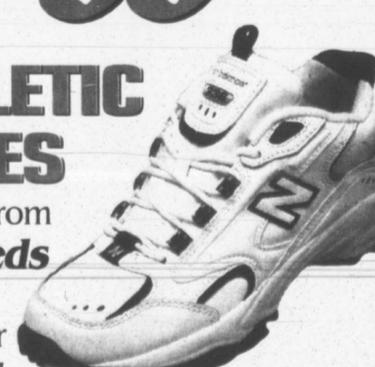
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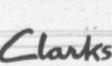


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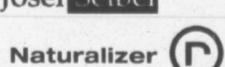
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