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**Police say no charges expected in drowning**

Pampa Police Department yesterday released a statement concerning the accidental drowning of two-year-old Zaine Avery Platt of Pampa, who was found in a backyard pond at his grandparents' residence by an aunt on the afternoon of Sunday, Oct. 26.

The report, signed by Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner, described the incident and said, "At this time, the Pampa Police Department does not intend to seek any criminal charges in this case."

**DEATHS**

- John W. Barnes**, 78, retired City Service supervisor.
- Floy Nona Fugate**, 74, LVN.
- Neil Johnson**, 72, medical courier.
- Billy Russell**, 33, driller.

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**U.N., aid groups pull out of Baghdad**

By SLOBODAN LEKIC  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Insurgents blasted a freight train west of Baghdad on Thursday and exploded a bomb near a convoy in a northern city, injuring a U.S. soldier, as international organizations continued their exodus from Iraq.

In Baghdad, police said a motorist was arrested after trying to throw a hand grenade into a police station on the edge of the capital's "green zone," the heavily guarded headquarters of the U.S. occupation.

Police said the man was from Fallujah, one of the centers of resistance to the occupation.

A top U.S. diplomat on Thursday blamed al-Qaida for recent attacks in Iraq. In Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, U.S. soldiers raided six houses after receiving tips that the inhabitants were helping establish a "new terrorist network" there, a military spokesman said.

The freight train was carrying military supplies near Fallujah west of Baghdad, when an improvised bomb set four shipping containers ablaze. No casualties were reported, but the attack sparked a frenzy of looting by Iraqis who carried off computers, tents, bottled water and other supplies.

A soldier from the 2nd Brigade of

the 101st Airborne Division was slightly wounded early Thursday when a bomb exploded near a U.S. convoy in the northern city of Mosul, the military said.

The United Nations said Wednesday it was temporarily pulling its remaining international staff out of Baghdad, joining other organizations in withdrawing after Monday's deadly suicide car bombing at the Baghdad headquarters of the Red Cross.

The International Committee of the Red Cross and Medecins Sans Frontieres, or Doctors Without Borders, said it, too, was pulling its workers out of Baghdad.

"We have asked our staff in

Baghdad to come out temporarily for consultations with a team from headquarters on the future of our operations, in particular security arrangements that we would need to take to operate in Iraq," U.N. spokeswoman Marie Okabe said.

She said it was not an "evacuation," and that staff in the north would remain.

Okabe declined to give more details, but about 60 U.N. staff members were believed to be in Iraq, including some 20 in Baghdad, after Secretary-General Kofi Annan ordered most others out in late September.

The United Nations scaled down its (See BAGHDAD, Page 3)

**County to eye two contracts**

By MARILYN POWERS  
 STAFF WRITER

Gray County Commissioners Court will meet at 9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 31 to consider a challenge cost share agreement with the U.S. Forest Service and a contract with the state attorney general's office concerning child support disbursement.

An executive session is planned to consider a report by Gray County Attorney Todd Alvey on pending or contemplated litigation regarding lawsuit 551.071 (1) (A). Gray County Judge Richard Peet said that Alvey will be asked to address the court in regular session also, concerning the law-

suit. No details were given on the written agenda or by Peet concerning the nature of the suit.

- Also on the agenda:
- Pay bills and salaries as approved by the county auditor.
  - Consider intra budget transfer requests.
  - Hear treasurer's report.
  - Recognize county treasurer's continuing education.
  - Consider tax bid for property located at 1014 E. Denver.
  - Consider medical officer contract with Dr. Ron Lacy and his assistant, Tim Lacey, both of Canyon, for provision of medical service in Gray County Jail.
  - Miscellaneous.

**Skellytown receives funds**

Skellytown Area volunteer Firefighters-EMS Association, Inc., recently received a grant toward the purchase of insurance coverage for its members.

The department received \$330 toward workers compensation insurance coverage through the rural Volunteer Fire Department Insurance Program, a funding program established by white House bill 3667 enacted by the 77th Texas Legislature.

Under this program, volunteer fire departments can obtain reimbursement for the purchase of workers compensation insurance, death insurance and disability insurance for their members. A two percent tax on the retail sale of fireworks provides the funding for the program administered by the Texas Forest Service.

**Trail renovation grant**



(Courtesy photo)

TDCJ inmates resurface the City of Pampa Hike and Bike Trail at Aspen Park recently as part of an 80/20 percent grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife, according to Kimberly Lincycumb, City of Pampa public service superintendent. The state agency provided \$35,200, she said, and the city's share is \$8,000. A total of 3,550 linear feet will be resurfaced through the project and 1,200 linear feet of new trail developed. When the project is completed, all of the existing Hike and Bike Trail throughout the city will be resurfaced, she said.

**Report: Most rural traffic deaths preventable**

COMPILED BY MARILYN POWERS

Almost 60 percent of rural traffic deaths in the Texas Panhandle in the last two years could have been prevented, according to the Panhandle Regional Advisory Council for Trauma Service Area A (which covers the Texas Panhandle).

The council studied 96 area accident reports by the Texas Department of Public Safety covering the past two years.

One-car rollovers or loss of control made up 43 percent of the fatalities. Almost three-fourths of those killed in these type of accidents did not have seat belts on. More than half of those not wearing seat belts were ejected from the vehicle.

Nineteen percent of fatalities were caused by failure to yield or stop, resulting in a collision with another vehicle or train. Almost half of these victims were not using seat belts.

Speeding accounted for 15 percent of fatalities. Seventy-one percent of speeders did not wear seat belts, and 64 percent lost control and rolled their

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vehicles. Vehicles striking pedestrians accounted for five deaths, including one involving a bicycle rider who was not wearing a helmet. Two deaths resulted from a vehicle colliding with a motorcycle. Neither driver had a seat belt, and neither rider had a helmet.

Bad weather was a factor in only eight percent of total fatalities. More than 90 percent occurred on dry roads in clear weather conditions.

Following are the fatal accidents on rural roads in Carson, Gray, Roberts and Wheeler Counties for the past two years that were studied by the advisory council.

**CARSON COUNTY**

Jan. 9, 2002 - 1:00 p.m. - U.S.

Highway 60, 1.2 miles east of Panhandle. Clear weather conditions. No seat belt. Vehicle rollover and ejection of victim from vehicle.

Feb. 5, 2002 - 8:35 a.m. - Texas Highway 207, 8 miles north of Panhandle. Seat belt on. Icy conditions. Hit broadside.

April 13, 2002 - 2:20 a.m. - Interstate 40, 2.9 miles west of Groom. No seat belt. Dry road conditions. Vehicle rollover and ejection of victim from vehicle.

June 29, 2002 - 2:40 a.m. - I-40, 11.7 miles west of Groom. No seat belt. Dry road conditions. Vehicle rollover and ejection of victim from vehicle.

Dec. 29, 2002 - 5:45 a.m. - I-40,

mile marker 95. No seat belt. Clear, dry conditions. Vehicle rollover and ejection of victim, age 43, from vehicle.

March 2, 2003 - 4:15 a.m. - I-40, 1.4 miles east of Conway. No seat belt, dry conditions. Vehicle struck cow. Victims ages 44 and 28.

**GRAY COUNTY**

April 20, 2002 - 11:25 a.m. - I-40, eastbound, mile marker 139. Fair weather. Blowout causing rollover. No seat belt.

June 25, 2002 - 10:45 p.m. - Texas Highway 152, mile marker 384. Clear, dry conditions. Pedestrian killed.

Aug. 17, 2002 - 7:42 a.m. - I-40 at mile marker 142. Clear, dry conditions. Seat belt unknown. Truck/concrete post collision and fire.

Sept. 25, 2002 - 11:13 a.m. - I-40, 9.9 miles east of Groom. Dry, clear conditions. No seat belt. Vehicle rollover and ejection of victim from vehicle.

Jan. 9, 2003 - 10:30 a.m. - State Highway 273, south of Pampa. Clear, dry conditions. Seat belt on. Stop/yield violation. T-bone accident; victim age (See REPORT, Page 3)

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## PHS journalists win awards



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Twelve PHS Journalism students, pictured here on the San Antonio River Walk, recently attended the Texas Association of Journalism Educators (TAJE) state journalism conference with sponsor Miranda Bailey. The PHS journalists brought home eight awards during the onsite competition. Winners included: Jared Dunham, advertising; Britny Downey, feature writing; Kera Bruce, photography; Ben Briscoe, who won four awards in photography, and Caleb Darling and Clay Davis, computer-aided design. Other participating newspaper and yearbook students included: Catherine Trimble, Katlin Passini, Amanda Rasmussen, Kera Ivey, Dipali Trivedi, and Sonya Voyles.

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## BAGHDAD

staff following the Aug. 19 truck bombing at its Baghdad headquarters that killed 23 people, including the top U.N. envoy to Iraq, Sergio Vieira de Mello, and a smaller blast near the U.N. offices last month.

The Red Cross said it would remain in Iraq but would scale back the number of international staff and increase security for those who stay. The agency has 600 Iraqi employees.

The Red Cross withdrawal came despite a personal appeal by Secretary of State Colin Powell to remain in Baghdad because "if they are driven out, then the terrorists win."

On Thursday U.S. Undersecretary of State John Bolton said al-Qaida was partly to blame for the recent surge in attacks.

"I think the attack on the Red Cross demonstrated to many Iraqis that they are being used by al-Qaida and other terrorist groups for purposes that have nothing to do with the well-being of the people of Iraq," he said in an interview with British Broadcasting Corp. radio.

U.S. forces are suffering an average of 33 attacks a day. A total of 117 American soldiers have been killed in combat since May 1 or slightly more than the 114 soldiers who died in invasion that began March 20.

The escalating violence has unnerved many of Baghdad's 5 million people. Many parents are not sending their children to school for fear of further bombings.

"Today most of my friends did not come to school," said 18-year-old Duha Khalid at the Al-Khalisa girl's high school,

located near a police station. "We heard rumors about big bombs that will go off at the start of next week."

There also was an apparent assassination attempt Wednesday night against an aide to Iraq's most influential Shiite Muslim cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali Hussein al-Sistani.

Sistani's office in the city of Najaf said they had no details on the attack on the cleric in the nearby city of Karbala and would not give his name. The Baghdad newspaper al Zaman identified him as Abdel Mehdi al Karbali.

In Baghdad, police commander Maj. Gen. Hassan al-Obaid announced measures to bolster security in the capital, including additional 24-hour checkpoints and special patrols around sensitive locations, according to coalition-run Iraqi television.

The Iraqi Governing Council called on neighboring

nations to crack down on infiltrators crossing into Iraq and provide Iraqi authorities with information about former regime figures who may be hiding on their soil.

The council "requests Iraq's brotherly- neighboring countries to adopt a clear stand concerning those criminal acts that target Iraqi citizens and their civilian and security establishments, and their political and religious dignitaries," a statement said.

"There are more than 300 terrorists arrested thus far who have (foreign) nationalities," said Mouwafak al-Rabii, a governing council member. "We do our part to protect our borders and we hope our neighbors do their part".

Mohammed al-Jibouri, head of the State Oil Marketing Organization, said bad weather has delayed Iraq's crude exports from its southern oil terminal for the past three days.

## Homicide detective shot to death in office

HOUSTON (AP) — A 28-year veteran homicide detective, shot to death as he worked alone in his cubicle at Houston Police Department headquarters, was known for meticulous investigative work that provided leads in cold murder cases, colleagues say.

Sgt. Larry Boyd Smith was mourned Thursday as police investigations continued into his death. Smith was pronounced dead Wednesday afternoon by attending physicians at Ben Taub Hospital and the 61-year-old man's

identity was released after relatives were notified, police spokesman Robert Hurst told The Associated Press early Thursday.

"He was one of the finest homicide detectives, and such a perfect gentleman," retired HPD Capt. Bobby Adams, who spent 12 of his 43 years with the department leading the homicide division, told the Houston Chronicle in Thursday's editions. "He ... carried himself so well that you were always proud to send him anywhere."

Adams recalled the detec-

tive as someone who "always had a smile on his face."

Hurst said an investigation is under way by homicide and internal affairs investigators. Police did not immediately release details of the shooting.

The shooting occurred just before 4 p.m. Wednesday at Smith's sixth-floor cubicle as Acting Police Chief Joe Breshears was conducting an unrelated news conference. Breshears was called from the room to be informed of the shooting and returned to continue the news conference.

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## REPORT

25.  
Jan. 31, 2003 - 2:10 a.m. - I-40, 3.4 miles east of Groom. Dry conditions. Truck/pedestrian accident.

June 17, 2003 - 6:00 a.m. - State Highway 70, 1 mile north of Pampa. Clear, dry conditions. No seat belt. Head-on collision. Victim age 34.

ROBERTS COUNTY  
July 14, 2002 - 5:45 p.m. - U.S. 60 at mile marker 402. Clear, dry conditions. No seat belt. Vehicle rollover.

## WHEELER COUNTY

Oct. 28, 2001 - 1:30 a.m. - I-40, 10 miles east of Shamrock. Clear weather. No seat belt.

Nov. 7, 2001 - 6:05 a.m. - I-40, 3 miles east of McLean. Clear conditions. No seat belt.

July 27, 2002 - 12:04 p.m. - U.S. 83 and Farm to Market Road 1046. Dry road conditions. Stop/yield violation. Seat belt on. T-bone collision.

May 7, 2003 - 6:09 a.m. - I-40 at mile marker 170. Clear, dry conditions. Seat belt on. Truck rollover.

Dec. 23, 2003 - 7:45 p.m. - I-40, 4.4 miles east of Shamrock. Icy conditions. Seat belt on. Speeding violation. Vehicle skid and struck pillar. Victim age 30.

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Where would we all be without well-meaning college professors and beaurocrats telling us how to live our lives, or, worse, how to raise your children?

Convinced they know best, these ideologues and elitists have campaigned successfully to have soft drink vending machines and certain types of snack foods removed from school grounds in communities across the nation, Pampa included.

Now Priscilla Connors, a registered dietitian and an assistant professor of hospitality management at the University of North Texas in Denton, warns parents of "a-la-carte" meals that "resemble a mall food court."

Oh, horrors. In a faxed release submitted to The News, Connors worries that offering middle-school students a choice between regular cafeteria food versus - pizza, shall we say? - will inevitably (pose) a serious challenge to children's abilities to make healthy choices in a revenue-driven environment that provides little or no incentive to promote good nutrition.

Oh, those bloody capitalists. How dare they tempt teens and pre-teens by offering them something appetizing at lunch?



SKYLA BRYANT  
NEWS EDITOR

Uh-hm. Correct me if I am wrong, but aren't nutrition and health courses taught these students? They certainly were when I was a teen, and I can't believe so much has changed in the intervening years.

The one thing that Connors and I agree on is that parents should be interested and aware. The article from UNT cites CDC statistics, pointing to growth in incidences of obesity and diabetes in 13- and 14-year-olds.

I say we learn by example, and that most children take a leaf out of their parents' book, but Connors' fleeting deference to the importance of parental guidance is merely so much lip-service as she demonstrates in the following passage:

"In the past, schools in general have been passive about their role in creating a healthful eating environment. They put all the food choices out there and let children decide what's best for them - now schools have an added responsibility to

promote good habits that lead to lifelong health."

Ergo, step aside so the State can raise your children.

Lest you should find this attempt to assert authority over mere parents distasteful, Connors, in a fine example of the "passive-aggressive" mind-set, denies that she is in any way trying to force her opinion upon the rest of us.

"... this isn't an adversarial situation, but a cooperative one," she says, and falls back on the 'it takes a village' mentality.

"It takes more than criticism to create a healthy environment," she states, "it takes the interest of communities and families willing to participate in finding positive solutions."

The question is: Will forcing nutrition down young throats actually benefit teenagers? If temptation never crosses their paths, how will these middle- and high-school age students learn the self-discipline necessary to make responsible decisions? It is easy to eat right when no other choices are proffered.

But these dictatorial "know-bests" will not be satisfied until they impose their will on the majority of the population. Children are the target now, but how long before parents are next?

Opinions expressed on this page do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Pampa News*.

### TEXAS EDITORIAL

#### Texas tapping into another form of energy - wind power

From the Fort Worth Star-Telegram:  
 The state of Texas, which has spawned many a fortune in oil and gas, is to be commended for taking a lead in tapping into another form of energy: wind.  
 The Lone Star State, partly because of its size and abundance of wide-open spaces, already is the nation's leader among the 31 states that have installed wind-generating facilities or have projects in the works. As of August, according to the American Wind Energy Association, Texas had wind-generating capacity of 1,095.5 megawatts — most of it from wind-turbine farms near such places as Lubbock, Fort Davis, Big Spring and El Paso.  
 Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson aims to increase that lead. Patterson announced Thursday that his office will accept bids from companies that want to lease locations to build and operate wind farms on state-owned sites, including some in the Gulf of Mexico.  
 Royalties from the leases would be deposited in the Permanent School Fund, as are royalties from oil and gas leases obtained through the General Land Office. "Within five years, we hope to be generating electricity and royalties for the Permanent School Fund from wind power being produced in the Gulf of Mexico," Patterson told The Associated Press.

Many questions about such a venture still need answers. What are the costs and benefits of wind power for power generators and consumers? Would the payoff justify the capital costs? Will companies be willing to erect windmills offshore? Will real estate developers and owners of beachfront condos raise a stink about wind turbines marring the seascape?  
 So far the United States has no offshore wind farms. One that would consist of 130 power-generating windmills has been proposed for Nantucket Sound in Massachusetts. But local landowners, including such well-known figures as retired newscaster Walter Cronkite, have howled in protest. (Cronkite, by the way, reportedly has backed off his opposition.)  
 Environmental opposition doesn't seem to pose such a problem in Texas. Tom "Smitty" Smith, director of Public Citizen, which monitors environmental issues, noted that offshore rigs already extract oil and gas from the seabed beneath the gulf.  
 Would a cluster of windmills be any less an environmental eyesore than the numerous oil-related facilities on or near the coast? Expanding the exploitation of wind power sounds like a good move, and Patterson should be applauded for thinking beyond oil and gas as sources of energy and revenue.

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## Greens turned California black

As a friend of mine said, "If my house had burned down in the California fires I think I'd get a flame thrower and go looking for an environmentalist's house to return the favor."

He's right. These fires which have killed a number of people and devastated 800 square miles of Southern California, leaving it black and smoldering, and destroyed more than 1,600 houses are solely the fault of the tree-hugging Greens who hate humanity while claiming to love the very forests their own insanely destructive policies are burning to a crisp.

The fact is, we haven't taken care of our forests because environmentalist radicals have been winning the day in Washington for far too long. Roads going into our forests have been closed and as a result we can't access our forests and firefighters can't access them, all because the Greens want to put everything back the way it was before we evil humans arrived on the planet and began to despoil the earth the Greens worship as some kind of goddess.

If you look at the videos of what's burning in California you see that about half the trees about to go up in flames in some of the fire zones are dead from a beetle infestation because for a number of years now we haven't been allowed to go into our forests and thin them and prune them and take care of our them as we take care of a garden or farmland.

What people don't understand is that a forest is a garden - a garden of trees - and it needs to be taken care of, it needs to be pruned and thinned out so that it is kept in a healthy state. And what we are seeing now as those flames and plumes of smoke rise and blacken the sky is what



MICHAEL REAGAN  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The mysterious, 5,200-year-old iceman found in an Alpine glacier was born in a valley in what is now northern Italy and didn't travel far from home, an international team of researchers has concluded.

Indeed, the iceman, known as Oetzi, probably spent his whole life within about 37 miles of the spot near the Italy-Austria border where he was found frozen, according to the team led by Wolfgang Mueller of the Australian National University in Canberra.

Their findings are being reported Friday in the journal *Science*.

A group of hikers discovered Oetzi's well-preserved body in 1991; since then, he and his clothing and tools have opened a window on the previously little known world of copper-age Europe. Oetzi is currently housed at the South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology in Bolzano, Italy.

Mueller's team, which also includes researchers from the United States and Switzerland, studied the forms of different elements in Oetzi's teeth, bones and intestines and compared them with the types found in water and soil in the region.

Elements such as oxygen and argon are found in different forms, called isotopes, and by comparing the ratio of one isotope to another in body tissue scientists can determine the source of the food or water the person has been consuming. The researchers also looked at the isotopes of strontium and lead in Oetzi.

The findings for tooth enamel can show what a person had been eating and drinking as a child, while bone provides a similar measure for adults. In addition, the intestines give an indication of activities during a person's final days.

Water in the area where Oetzi was found varies in

oxygen isotope ratio because rainfall to the north comes from the cooler and more distant Atlantic Ocean, while that to the south comes from the warmer and closer Mediterranean.

Analysis of Oetzi's tooth enamel indicates that between the ages of 3 and 5 he was drinking water with isotope ratios found only to the south of where he was found frozen.

However, bone analysis of the isotope level ingested as an adult shows a contribution from both northern and southern water sources, something the researchers said could indicate migration into one or more of several nearby valleys.

The isotope ratios for strontium and lead vary depending on the types of rock and soil in an area. The scientists also analyzed the argon ratio of bits of mica found in the intestine, believed to have been ingested as a result of eating stone-ground grain.

Using this data, the team was able to rule out the region south of Bolzano as home to Oetzi, saying instead that he more likely resided in the Schnals or Etsch/Adige valley near Merano or the nearby Ulten, middle Eisack or lower Puster valleys, between Bolzano and the Austrian border.

"Our data indicate that the Iceman spent his entire life in the area south of the discovery site" near the border between Italy and Austria, the team concluded.

They noted that one location, Feldthurns, near Bressanone in the Eisack valley, gives the closest match between local soils and Oetzi's tooth enamel.

Earlier studies have indicated that Oetzi was between 25 and 40 when he died, suffered from arthritis and had an arrowhead embedded in a shoulder, probably the cause of death.

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## Firefighters dig in against California wildfires, hope weather cooperates

BIG BEAR LAKE, Calif. (AP) — With towering flames bearing down on Southern California mountain towns, firefighters dug in to protect hundreds of homes Thursday while looking for more help from lower temperatures.

In the San Bernardino Mountains east of Los Angeles, relentless flames engulfed hundreds of homes Wednesday on a wind-driven march toward the resort towns of Big Bear and Lake Arrowhead. Thousands of people were evacuated.

To the south, in San Diego County, the state's largest fire claimed the life of a firefighter Wednesday when a crew was overcome by flames near Wynola. Three other crew members were critically injured.

"It just swept right over them. They probably didn't have time to get out of the way," San Diego County sheriff's Sgt. Conrad Grayson said.

The firefighter, Steve Rucker, a 38-year-old fire engineer from the Novato Fire Protection District near San Francisco, died while battling the Cedar Fire, which has burned more than 250,000 acres and 1,400 homes.

He was the first firefighter among the 20 people who have died in the week of wildfires that have devastated parts of Southern California.

The fires have destroyed more than 2,600 homes and blackened more than 660,000 acres.

"It's like trying to control chaos," fire Engineer Brian Janey of the Camp Pendleton Fire Department said as he battled the Old fire, which claimed about 350 homes in and around Cedar Glen, just east of Lake Arrowhead.

Firefighters were battling westerly winds from the Pacific Ocean. The cool, moist breezes replaced the hotter and drier Santa Ana wind that had whipped fires into raging infernos over the weekend.

Wind that gusted to 60 mph early Wednesday pushed flames up from the mountain slopes into the dense forest between Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear Lake. The wind kept aircraft grounded in the area, further hindering firefighting efforts.

A heavy fog covered parts of the San Bernardino Mountains overnight, and some light rain was reported. Temperatures were expected to peak only in the mid-50s on Thursday, further aiding the firefighting effort.

"So that's the good news, but there is a red flag warning for high winds up to 40 mph," said Bonni Corcoran, a fire information officer. Structures had been destroyed in the Twin Peaks area, she said.

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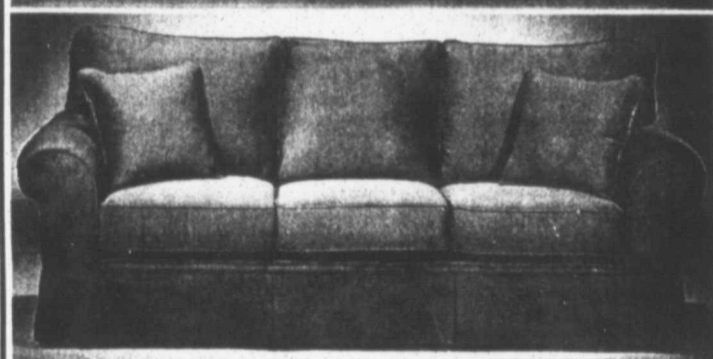
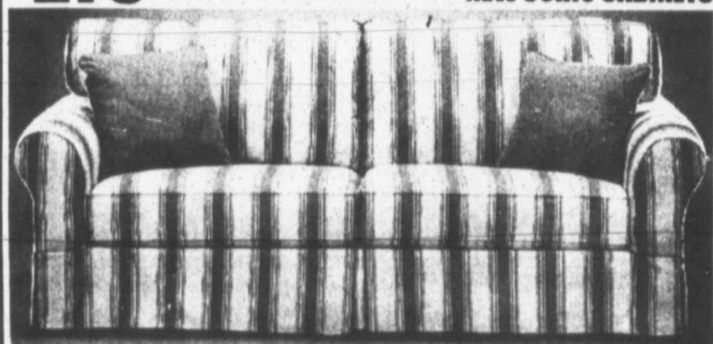


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## We can decide for ourselves

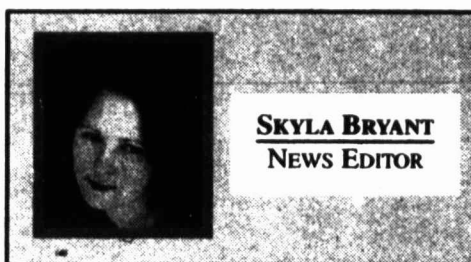
Where would we all be without well-meaning college professors and bureaucrats telling us how to live our lives, or, worse, how to raise our children?

Convinced they know best, these ideologues and elitists have campaigned successfully to have soft drink vending machines and certain types of snack foods removed from school grounds in communities across the nation, Pampa included.

Now Priscilla Connors, a registered dietitian and an assistant professor of hospitality management at the University of North Texas in Denton, warns parents of "a-la-carte" meals that "resemble a mall food court."

Oh, horrors. In a faxed release submitted to The News, Connors worries that offering middle-school students a choice between regular cafeteria food versus — pizza, shall we say? — will inevitably (pose) a serious challenge to children's abilities to make healthy choices in a revenue-driven environment that provides little or no incentive to promote good nutrition.

Oh, those bloody capitalists. How dare they tempt teens and pre-teens by offering them something appetizing at lunch?



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Uh-hm. Correct me if I am wrong, but aren't nutrition and health courses taught these students? They certainly were when I was a teen, and I can't believe so much has changed in the intervening years.

The one thing that Connors and I agree on is that parents should be interested and aware. The article from UNT cites CDC statistics, pointing to growth in incidences of obesity and diabetes in 13- and 14-year-olds.

I say we learn by example, and that most children take a leaf out of their parents' book, but Connors' fleeting deference to the importance of parental guidance is merely so much lip-service as she demonstrates in the following passage:

"In the past, schools in general have been passive about their role in creating a healthful eating environment. They put all the food choices out there and let children decide what's best for them — now schools have an added responsibility to

promote good habits that lead to lifelong health."

Ergo, step aside so the State can raise your children.

Let's you should find this attempt to assert authority over mere parents distasteful, Connors, in a fine example of the "passive-aggressive" mind-set, denies that she is in any way trying to force her opinion upon the rest of us.

"... this isn't an adversarial situation, but a cooperative one," she says, and falls back on the 'it takes a village' mentality.

"It takes more than criticism to create a healthy environment," she states, "it takes the interest of communities and families willing to participate in finding positive solutions."

The question is: Will forcing nutrition down young throats actually benefit teenagers? If temptation never crosses their paths, how will these middle- and high-school age students learn the self-discipline necessary to make responsible decisions? It is easy to eat right when no other choices are proffered.

But these dictatorial "know-bests" will not be satisfied until they impose their will on the majority of the population. Children are the target now, but how long before parents are next?

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### TEXAS EDITORIAL

#### Texas tapping into another form of energy - wind power

From the Fort Worth Star-Telegram:  
The state of Texas, which has spawned many a fortune in oil and gas, is to be commended for taking a lead in tapping into another form of energy: wind.  
The Lone Star State, partly because of its size and abundance of wide-open spaces, already is the nation's leader among the 31 states that have installed wind-generating facilities or have projects in the works. As of August, according to the American Wind Energy Association, Texas had wind-generating capacity of 1,095.5 megawatts — most of it from wind-turbine farms near such places as Lubbock, Fort Davis, Big Spring and El Paso.  
Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson aims to increase that lead. Patterson announced Thursday that his office will accept bids from companies that want to lease locations to build and operate wind farms on state-owned sites, including some in the Gulf of Mexico.  
Royalties from the leases would be deposited in the Permanent School Fund, as are royalties from oil and gas leases obtained through the General Land Office. "Within five years, we hope to be generating electricity and royalties for the Permanent School Fund from wind power being produced in the Gulf of Mexico," Patterson told The Associated Press.

Many questions about such a venture still need answers. What are the costs and benefits of wind power for power generators and consumers? Would the payoff justify the capital costs? Will companies be willing to erect windmills offshore? Will real estate developers and owners of beachfront condos raise a stink about wind turbines marring the seascape?  
So far the United States has no offshore wind farms. One that would consist of 130 power-generating windmills has been proposed for Nantucket Sound in Massachusetts. But local landowners, including such well-known figures as retired newscaster Walter Cronkite, have howled in protest. (Cronkite, by the way, reportedly has backed off his opposition.)  
Environmental opposition doesn't seem to pose such a problem in Texas. Tom "Smitty" Smith, director of Public Citizen, which monitors environmental issues, noted that offshore rigs already extract oil and gas from the seabed beneath the gulf.  
Would a cluster of windmills be any less an environmental eyesore than the numerous oil-related facilities on or near the coast? Expanding the exploitation of wind power sounds like a good move, and Patterson should be applauded for thinking beyond oil and gas as sources of energy and revenue.

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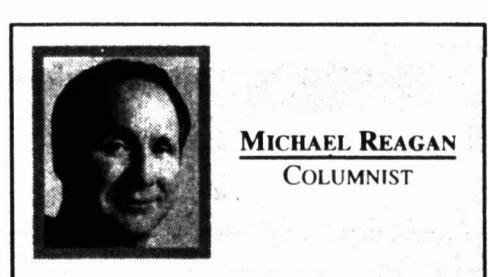
As a friend of mine said, "If my house had burned down in the California fires I think I'd get a flame thrower and go looking for an environmentalist's house to return the favor."

He's right. These fires which have killed a number of people and devastated 800 square miles of Southern California, leaving it black and smoldering, and destroyed more than 1,600 houses are solely the fault of the tree-hugging Greens who hate humanity while claiming to love the very forests their own insanely destructive policies are burning to a crisp.

The fact is, we haven't taken care of our forests because environmentalist radicals have been winning the day in Washington for far too long. Roads going into our forests have been closed and as a result we can't access our forests and fire-fighters can't access them, all because the Greens want to put everything back the way it was before we evil humans arrived on the planet and began to despoil the earth the Greens worship as some kind of goddess.

If you look at the videos of what's burning in California you see that about half the trees about to go up in flames in some of the fire zones are dead from a beetle infestation because for a number of years now we haven't been allowed to go into our forests and thin them and prune them and take care of our them as we take care of a garden or farmland.

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# California fires boost logging bill, more spending for firefighting

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The wildfires racing across southern California are making it almost certain the Senate will approve more extensive logging on 20 million acres of federal forests as a way to reduce the threat of rapidly spreading fires.

Separately, the House was considering a record \$2.9 billion in spending for fighting wildfires and for programs aimed at reducing fire risks in forests as the devastation in California gave the issue new urgency on Capitol Hill.

Democrats joined Republicans on Wednesday in support of legislation that would make it easier to thin out small trees and brush in federal forests by scaling back the requirement for environmental reviews or judicial challenges. It calls for spending \$760 million a year on such thinning projects.

## IRS waging high-profile war on tax evaders

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service has been waging a high-profile attack on corporate tax evaders, but the agency's new chief warns that midlevel and low-income tax cheaters had better watch out too.

"I think that we have to address this vigorously," IRS Commissioner Mark Everson said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Everson, who is six months into a five-year term, said he wants to make enforcement just as important as customer service, the agency's main focus for the past five years.

The changed emphasis comes as a survey conducted for the IRS Oversight Board shows the number of Americans who believe it's OK to cheat "a little here and there" on their taxes increased from 8 percent in 1999 to 12 percent in 2003.

The same survey showed Americans generally agree with

Everson. About 95 percent those surveyed in July by RoperASW said it's "very important" or "somewhat important" for the IRS to make sure corporations and high-income taxpayers pay what they owe.

This year, the survey detected an increase, to 87 percent, in the number of Americans who believe it's just as important for the IRS to make sure that low-income taxpayers pay their fair share. The number who believe that's "very important" jumped 7 percent from last year.

At the top of the income scale, Everson said tax shelter promoters peddle potentially abusive products not just in the United States, but increasingly abroad, both to U.S. subsidiaries and foreign companies, he said.

Among the lowest income brackets, Everson sees challenges in educating new immigrants to a system of taxation that requires people to step for-

A vote was expected Thursday on the Senate legislation as well as the spending bill before the House.

The Bush administration embraced the Senate's "healthy forests" initiative, saying it would provide "the needed flexibility to manage public lands wisely" and implement a forest management plan "good for both the environment and our economy."

Supporters said it not only would lessen the fire threat, but also reduce the damage to forests from disease and insect infestation.

But the legislation has been criticized by environmentalists who maintain the Western wildfires are being used to promote new logging of thick, mature trees even in areas where the danger of forest fires to populated areas is slim. Much of the fuel for the California wildfires has been scrub trees and brush.

"This legislation is not a logging bill," countered Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., as debate began on the measure. "This legislation would allow the brush to be cleared out" in the national

ward and voluntarily assess and pay their taxes.

In the middle, he points to changing attitudes among ordinary Americans.

The board describes the evidence of changing attitudes among taxpayers as a "softening" of Americans' commitments to pay what they owe and said the trend merits a watchful eye. Everson said the trend must be stopped before it spreads further.

"People are willing to pay their taxes," he said. "They recognize that important obligation, but they don't want to feel like they're paying when someone else doesn't have to."

Those who believe it's acceptable to cheat "as much as possible" remains small. But it also increased. Last year, 3 percent of those surveyed agreed with the statement. This year, it was 5 percent.

Overall, the number of Americans who believe it's

absolutely not acceptable at all to cheat on taxes has declined. Last year, 87 percent of Americans polled said it is not acceptable to cheat while paying income taxes. This year, the number dropped to 81 percent.

Doug Shackelford, professor of taxation at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, said taxpayers may be absorbing the examples of corporate tax evasion and starting to wonder whether they should pay their fair share.

The solution, Everson said, is more visible enforcement. Although most people report that personal integrity is the biggest reason they pay their taxes, the fear of being audited has risen sharply.

Actions already taken against those who promote and use abusive tax shelters appear to be having an effect. Everson said the number of shelter transactions registered with the IRS has leveled off.

Congress and the Bush administration have exerted pressure to stop companies from relocating a shell headquarters in a tax haven such as Bermuda to cut their U.S. tax liabilities by millions of dollars.

forests while providing for protection of large, old-growth trees.

Feinstein said additional thinning of forests is essential to reduce the threat of wildfires such as those that have swept across southern California, burning more than 950 square miles, destroying more than 1,800 homes and causing more than a dozen deaths.

But other Democrats said there would be environmental consequences.

"We could see widespread heavy logging of mature trees even in pristine roadless areas," Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, warned.

The legislation would lift the requirement for environmental reviews for thinning activities covering up to 1,000 acres, said Harkin. It also would restrict the ability to challenge the timber sales in court, in some cases barring court challenges altogether.

This would only end "the paralysis through continuous litigation" on timber sales, argued Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho. But Harkin cited studies that showed only about 7 percent of timber sales are ever appealed to the courts.

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, said federal policy for too long has prevented timber managers from removing dead and fallen trees, underbrush and small trees from forests, setting the stage for wildfires.

"Can't environmental organizations understand that there has to be a little bit of a balance?" Craig said.

"Catastrophic wildfires, not logging ... is killing Oregon's forests," said Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore.

Still some senators said they wanted to make additional changes before a final vote.

## PISD turns in record-breaking funds to AHA

American Heart Association's Tri-County Board of Directors recently accepted a check in the amount of \$21,537 from Pampa Independent School District, proceeds from the local Jump Rope for Heart campaign.

This year, more than 500 PISD elementary school students raised a record-breaking \$21,537 through Jump Rope for Heart, an education fund-raising event for AHA. Tri-County Division President Veronica Kirkwood, accepted a mock check from the school district.

Austin Elementary School raised \$9,644 with 168 children participating. Travis Elementary raised \$5,448 with 175 children participating. Lamar Elementary raised \$3,517 with 84 children participating and Woodrow Wilson, \$2,927, with 82 children participating.

## Five-hour standoff, hostage situation ends peacefully

BISHOPVILLE, S.C. (AP) — Two prison guards were held hostage for five hours before inmates armed with homemade knives let them go when a television reporter was allowed inside the maximum security prison, officials said.

The inmates gained control of a wing at the Lee Correctional Institution during dinner time Wednesday, and agreed to release the guards around 10:30 p.m., Lee County Sheriff E.J. Melvin said.

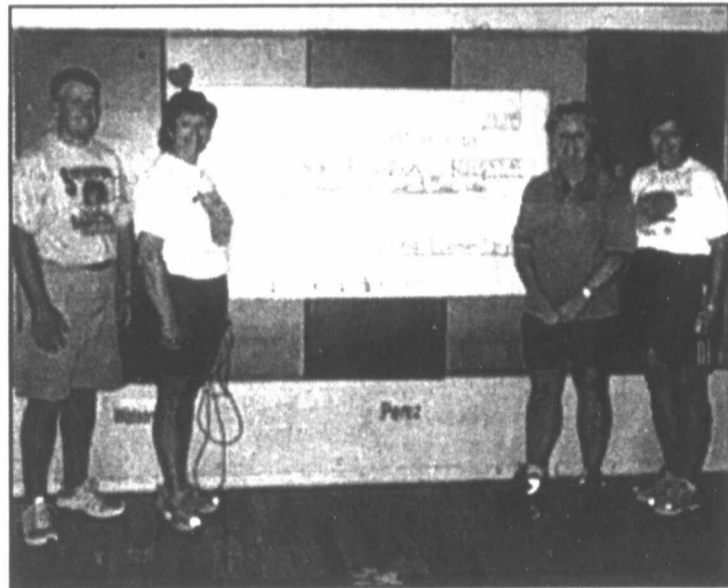
"The deal was once they saw a news reporter, then they would release the hostages," the sheriff said.

Five inmates staged the uprising in a wing that houses about 260 prisoners, Corrections Department Inspector General Charlie Sheppard said.

One of the guards suffered a minor stab wound to the arm and was taken to a hospital. Sheppard said the other guard locked himself in a cell during the standoff.

WIS-TV's Craig Melvin said he was allowed inside the prison after authorities were told the inmates were beating up the guard and wanted to talk to the media.

Melvin was not allowed to



(Community Camera photo)

PISD coaches Josh Blackman, Kelly Porter, Rose Steel and Donna Turner with a "mock" check in the amount of \$21,537, proceeds from AHA's local Jump Rope for Heart campaign.

Jump Rope for Heart raises money to fund critical heart disease and stroke research

while promoting healthy lifestyles and regular physical activity.

bring a camera inside. He talked to the inmates for about 10 minutes. One of them complained that the guard beat the prisoners while they were shackled.

Melvin said he called his mother and girlfriend before entering the prison and didn't think about how dangerous the situation was until he got off the air Wednesday night.

"This was not about some type of exclusive or breaking the story. They don't pay me enough

to go into prison riots," Melvin said.

Sheppard said prison officials would investigate the allegation.

The five inmates who sparked the uprising were placed in holding cells, including the ringleader, who was serving time for armed robbery, Sheppard said. He said prison officials will recommend that prosecutors file kidnapping and assault charges against them.

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Halloween can be a festive and fun time of year for children and families, but for family pets, it can be stressful and even dangerous time of year. Animal Control offers pet owners some common sense tips to help pet owners keep their pets safe during this time of year.

- Don't leave your pet out in the yard on Halloween: There are plenty of stories of vicious pranksters who have teased, injured, stolen, even killed pets on this night.
- Keep your outdoor cats inside several days before and several days after Halloween: black cats in particular may be at risk from children's pranks or other cruelty-related incidents. Many shelters do not adopt out black cats on Halloween as a safety precaution.
- Trick-or-treat candies are not for pets: Chocolate is poisonous to a lot of animals, and tin foil and cellophane candy wrappers can be hazardous if swallowed.
- Be careful of pets around a lit pumpkin: Pets may knock it over and cause a fire. Curious kittens especially run the risk of getting burned.
- Don't dress the dog or cat in costume unless you know he or she loves it. Otherwise, it puts to much stress on the animal.
- If you do dress up your pet, make sure the costume isn't annoying or unsafe; it should not constrict her movement, hearing or ability to breathe or bark. Also, there should not be small, dangling, or easily chewed-off pieces on the costume that your pet could choke on.
- Be careful not to obstruct your pet's vision; even the sweetest animal can get snappy when he or she can't see.
- When opening the door for trick-or-treaters, be very careful your cat or dog doesn't dart outside.
- All but the most social dogs and cats should be kept in a separate room during trick-or-treat visiting hours; too many strangers in strange garb can be scary for a dog or cat.
- Make sure your dog or cat is wearing proper identification. If for any reason they escape and become lost, you increase the chances that they will be found.

For more advice about caring for your pet, call Animal Control at 669-5775

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## Realty seminar



(Courtesy photo)

Pampa Realtors (left-right) Sandra Schuneman, Linda C. Daniels and Sharon McKee are seen here with John Davis and David Grimes during an educational seminar sponsored by Keller Williams® REALTY of Amarillo. Davis, Arkansas Regional director for Keller Williams, led the seminar entitled "Profit Sharing as Passive Income." The seminar was attended by a total of 32 individuals.

## Court upholds Houston ozone blueprint

HOUSTON (AP) — The federal appeals court has upheld a Texas blueprint to reduce ozone levels in the nation's fourth largest city to meet air quality standards.

Environmentalists and business leaders had asked the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to review a state pollution plan to bring the Houston-Galveston region into compliance with national ozone standards by 2007

as required by the federal Clean Air Act.

The court ruled Tuesday that the Environmental Protection Agency, in charge of enforcing the act, followed the law when it signed off on the plan in late 2001.

"This court decision validates our approach to cleaning up the air in Texas," Kathleen Hartnett White, chairwoman of the Texas Commission on Environmental

Quality, told the Houston Chronicle for a Thursday story.

Four environmental groups asked the court to review the plan in January 2002, saying they were skeptical of the state's commitment to improving air quality. Brazoria County, two individuals and the Business Coalition for Clean Air Appeal Group — a 12-member industry association — joined the environmental groups in asking for the review.

Among other things, the petitioners argued that the plan as it was submitted fell 56 tons per day short of the nitrogen oxide reductions needed to meet the federal requirements by 2007. Since the plan was passed, the state — under pressure from industry — has opted to reduce the amount of nitrogen oxides industrial plants must slash.

## Iraq contractors politically active, woo Bush with campaign funds, report says

By LARRY MARGASAK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Companies awarded \$8 billion in contracts to rebuild Iraq and Afghanistan have been major campaign donors to President Bush, and their executives have had important political and military connections, according to a study released Thursday.

The study of more than 70 U.S. companies and individual contractors turned up more than \$500,000 in donations to the president's 2000 campaign, more than they gave collectively to any other politician over the past dozen years.

The report was released by the Center for Public Integrity, a Washington-based research organization that produces investigative articles on special interests and ethics in government. Its staff includes journalists and researchers.

The Center concluded that most of the 10 largest contracts went to companies that employed former high-ranking government officials, or executives with close ties to members of Congress and even the agencies awarding their contracts.

Major contracts for Iraq and Afghanistan were awarded by the Bush administration without competitive bids, because agencies said competition would have taken too much time to meet urgent needs in both countries.

"No single agency supervised the contracting process for the government," Center executive director Charles Lewis said. "This situation alone shows how sus-

ceptible the contracting system is to waste, fraud and cronyism."

The top contract recipient was the Halliburton subsidiary KBR, with more than \$2.3 billion awarded to support the U.S. military and restore Iraq's oil industry.

Halliburton was headed by Vice President Dick Cheney before he resigned to run with Bush in 2000.

Halliburton's top executive, Dave Lesar, said Wednesday he was offended by criticism of the company's Iraq work but believed it was "less about Halliburton and more about external political issues."

"As a company uniquely qualified to take on this difficult assignment, we will continue to bring all of our global resources to bear at this critical time in the Middle East. We have served the military for over 50 years and have no intention of backing down at this point," he said.

Bechtel was second with a \$1 billion capital construction contract involving Iraq's utilities, telecommunications, railroads, ports, schools, health care facilities, bridges, roads and airports.

The company's Internet site says, "We do engage in the political process, as do most companies in the United States. We have legitimate policy interests and positions on matters before Congress, and we express them in many ways, including support for elected officials who support those positions."

"We do not expect or receive political favors or government contracts as a result of those contributions."

## FDA issues second warning against side effects from popular new heart stent

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 60 patients who received a popular new drug-coated heart stent have died, the government disclosed Wednesday — a surprising increase since the last health warning about the device just months ago.

The Cypher stent is a tiny metal scaffold used in patients with heart disease. It props open a cleaned-out artery and, unlike other stents, emits a drug to reduce the chances the artery will clog again.

But that drug doesn't prevent a different risk posed by all stents: blood clots that form around the device and can cause a heart attack.

Cypher stents began selling in April, and in July the Food and Drug Administration warned that it already had received reports of those blood clots in 34 Cypher recipients, including five who died.

Wednesday, the FDA issued a

second warning: It now has counted more than 290 reports of blood clots in Cypher recipients, and in more than 60 the device was associated with the patient's death. Those clots occurred up to 30 days after the stent was implanted.

In addition, the FDA has received more than 50 reports of allergic-type reactions: pain, hives, fever and problems with breathing and blood pressure. The FDA said some of those people died, although it did not reveal how many.

The cause of the problems hasn't been determined, the FDA said, stressing that it doesn't yet know whether the Cypher is riskier than a bare-metal stent. In studies that led to the Cypher's approval, it proved no more likely to cause blood clots than competing stents.

Some 260,000 Cypher stents have been distributed to U.S. hospitals and 180,000 abroad, making the number of problems

reported very small in comparison. And some of the increased reporting since July is likely due to increased publicity, cautioned FDA device evaluation chief Dan Schultz.

However, the FDA often learns of only a fraction of the side effects that occur with medical products. So, in a public health warning to doctors posted on its Web site, the FDA urged physicians to promptly report any problems with Cypher recipients.

"We have a signal," Schultz explained. "It's a strong enough signal that as a responsible public health organization we need to at least inform people" while scientists determine if there's really a serious risk.

Cypher maker Cordis Corp. is conducting a 2,000-patient study that, among other things, will track rare side effects. Enrollment is nearing completion, and data on blood clots should be available by the end of January, Cordis said.

## Child shot, critically hurt in family dispute

DALLAS (AP) — A 3-year-old girl was shot once in the forehead while being held in her father's arms as he and her grandfather exchanged gunfire during a family dispute, police said.

She was in critical condition at Children's Medical Center after the shooting late Wednesday morning at a northeast Dallas home.

"Apparently, they had

some kind of family disturbance," Deputy Chief William Turnage, head of the Dallas Police Department's northeast operations division, told The Dallas Morning News for its Thursday editions. "Then the two men got into a gunfight."

The girl's father was taken to Baylor University Medical Center with three gunshot wounds, and the grandfather was being treated at Parkland

Memorial Hospital for a single gunshot wound, police said. Their conditions were not known.

Their names were not released, pending family notification.

The girl's mother was in a back room when the shooting occurred about 11:45 a.m., police said. According to preliminary reports, police said the woman and her father drove to the home where her husband and daughter were. The woman talked briefly with her husband before heading to another part of the house. The shots were fired in a front room not long after, police said.

When officers responding to a 911 call arrived at the one-story brick home, the woman was standing outside holding her injured daughter, police said.

After hearing the shooting, neighbor Barbara Barnett walked outside and saw that both men were injured. One lay in the yard; the other was on the front porch.

There was no known history of domestic violence at the home, which was rented in the woman's name, according to police.

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# Team says Iceman not well-traveled

By **RANDOLPH E. SCHMID**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The mysterious 5,200-year-old iceman found in an Alpine glacier was born in a valley in what is now northern Italy and didn't travel far from home, an international team of researchers has concluded.

Indeed, the iceman, known as Oetzi, probably spent his whole life within about 37 miles of the spot near the Italy-Austria border where he was found frozen, according to the team led by Wolfgang Mueller of the Australian National University in Canberra.

Their findings are being reported Friday in the journal Science.

A group of hikers discovered Oetzi's well-preserved body in 1991; since then, he and his clothing and tools have opened a window on the previously little known world of copper-age Europe. Oetzi is currently housed at the South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology in Bolzano, Italy.

Mueller's team, which also includes researchers from the United States and Switzerland, studied the forms of different elements in Oetzi's teeth, bones and intestines and compared them with the types found in water and soil in the region.

Elements such as oxygen and argon are found in different forms, called isotopes, and by comparing the ratio of one isotope to another in body tissue scientists can determine the source of the food or water the person has been consuming. The researchers also looked at the isotopes of strontium and lead in Oetzi.

The findings for tooth enamel can show what a person had been eating and drinking as a child, while bone provides a similar measure for adults. In addition, the intestines give an indication of activities during a person's final days.

Water in the area where Oetzi was found varies in

oxygen isotope ratio because rainfall to the north comes from the cooler and more distant Atlantic Ocean, while that to the south comes from the warmer and closer Mediterranean.

Analysis of Oetzi's tooth enamel indicates that between the ages of 3 and 5 he was drinking water with isotope ratios found only to the south of where he was found frozen.

However, bone analysis of the isotope level ingested as an adult shows a contribution from both northern and southern water sources, something the researchers said could indicate migration into one or more of several nearby valleys.

The isotope ratios for strontium and lead vary depending on the types of rock and soil in an area. The scientists also analyzed the argon ratio of bits of mica found in the intestine, believed to have been ingested as a result of eating stone-ground grain.

Using this data, the team was able to rule out the region south of Bolzano as home to Oetzi, saying instead that he more likely resided in the Schnals or Etsch/Adige valley near Merano or the nearby Ulten, middle Eisack or lower Puster valleys, between Bolzano and the Austrian border.

"Our data indicate that the Iceman spent his entire life in the area south of the discovery site" near the border between Italy and Austria, the team concluded.

They noted that one location, Feldthurns, near Bressanone in the Eisack valley, gives the closest match between local soils and Oetzi's tooth enamel.

Earlier studies have indicated that Oetzi was between 25 and 40 when he died, suffered from arthritis and had an arrowhead embedded in a shoulder, probably the cause of death.

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## Firefighters dig in against California wildfires, hope weather cooperates

BIG BEAR LAKE, Calif. (AP) — With towering flames bearing down on Southern California mountain towns, firefighters dug in to protect hundreds of homes Thursday while looking for more help from lower temperatures.

In the San Bernardino Mountains east of Los Angeles, relentless flames engulfed hundreds of homes Wednesday on a wind-driven march toward the resort towns of Big Bear and Lake Arrowhead. Thousands of people were evacuated.

To the south, in San Diego County, the state's largest fire claimed the life of a firefighter Wednesday when a crew was overcome by flames near Wynola. Three other crew members were critically injured.

"It just swept right over them. They probably didn't have time to get out of the way," San Diego County sheriff's Sgt. Conrad Grayson said.

The firefighter, Steve Rucker, a 38-year-old fire engineer from the Novato Fire Protection District near San Francisco, died while battling the Cedar Fire, which has burned more than 250,000 acres and 1,400 homes.

He was the first firefighter among the 20 people who have died in the week of wildfires that have devastated parts of Southern California.

The fires have destroyed more than 2,600 homes and blackened more than 660,000 acres.

"It's like trying to control chaos," fire Engineer Brian Janey of the Camp Pendleton Fire Department said as he battled the Old fire, which claimed about 350 homes in and around Cedar Glen, just east of Lake Arrowhead.

Firefighters were battling westerly winds from the Pacific Ocean. The cool, moist breezes replaced the hotter and drier Santa Ana wind that had whipped fires into raging infernos over the weekend.

Wind that gusted to 60 mph early Wednesday pushed flames up from the mountain slopes into the dense forest between Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear Lake. The wind kept aircraft grounded in the area, further hindering firefighting efforts.

A heavy fog covered parts of the San Bernardino Mountains overnight, and some light rain was reported. Temperatures were expected to peak only in the mid-50s on Thursday, further aiding the firefighting effort.

"So that's the good news, but there is a red flag warning for high winds up to 40 mph," said Bonni Corcoran, a fire information officer. Structures had been destroyed in the Twin Peaks area, she said.

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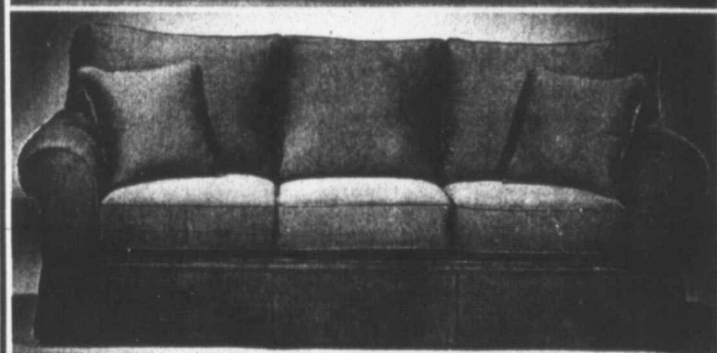
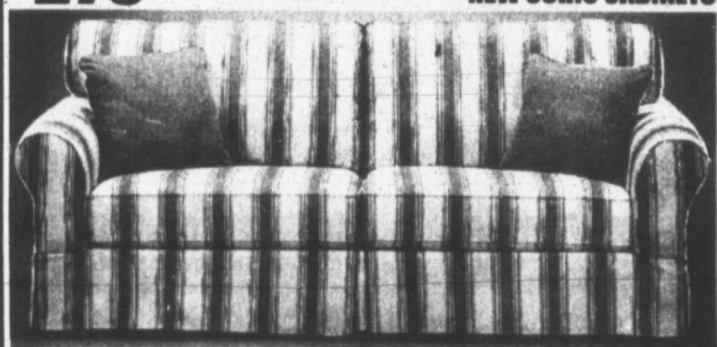
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## DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

### Online Predator Lures Child Into Obsessive Relationship

**DEAR ABBY:** I had to write after reading the letter from "Brokenhearted Mom in Virginia." My 14-year-old daughter developed an Internet relationship with a now 21-year-old man when she was 10. By the time she was 12, he was drawing her into a deeply dysfunctional relationship. Unbeknownst to her, he was a mental patient who was obsessed with suicide and self-mutilation.

Without going into a lot of detail, it took more than a year to permanently end this relationship and purge this person from our lives. When our daughter tried on her own to extricate herself, he threatened to commit suicide and take her with him, as well as kill her family. We were finally able to get him locked up in a mental facility. We were also able to obtain a restraining order to keep him away.

Abby, please impress upon "Brokenhearted Mom" that her daughter is a child and does not see the situation in the same light as she does. Her friends may be encouraging and enabling the relationship. The daughter will most likely see it as an "us against them" situation.

"Mom" must assert control and pay a visit to her local police station. She should speak to an officer about her options, and make sure to document the relationship as best she can. She should also obtain copies of all correspondence between the man and her daughter. There is software that can capture their conversations to a file.

When it comes to obtaining a restraining order, "Brokenhearted Mom" will need evidence of the relationship because it is likely her daughter will refuse to cooperate. Once the police become involved, they will probably contact the perpetrator and warn him. If that doesn't work, a restraining order is next, and if he violates that, he will be arrested.

It's important to bear in mind that the daughter will need professional help in recovering from a

relationship with a pedophile. She's going to be very, very angry at her mother. A therapist can help her deal with this. In fact, a therapist should be contacted for help before any action is taken to end the relationship. It will be a very difficult behavioral period.

And last, please, move the computer to a central location where a parent can supervise exactly what his or her child is doing at all times. Internet access should not be allowed when a parent cannot be around. I learned this lesson the hard way. Access to the telephone may also have to be limited for a time. Caller ID is extremely helpful, because you can block the stalker's number.

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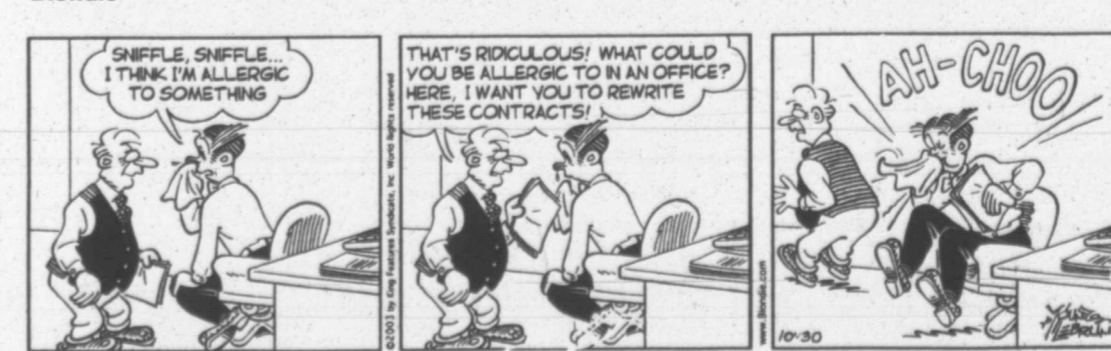
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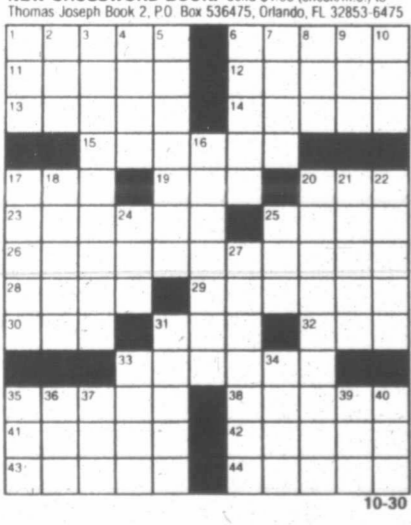
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# SPORTS

## Middle School girls end volleyball season

Pampa Middle School girls 7th and 8th grade volleyball teams completed the season recently with games against Plainview.

"It was a hard way to end their 8th grade volleyball year with a loss. The first game was not very good, but the second game looked much better. These girls have done some great things this year. They have improved so much throughout the season. It has been a joy and a privilege to coach these girls. I know I have said it before but I am so excited about watching how well they play in High School," Coach Deanna Polasek said.

"They played a great game," Coach Polasek said of the 8th grade girls B team.

"Everyone played well. They played together like a team. It has been an honor to coach these girls. I look forward to watching them play in the future," she said.

### 8th A&B Results against Plainview

8th "A" team lost 12-25, 18-25

Team Stats:  
Stephanie Polasek-5 serves, 7 received serves, 4 hits, 2 digs  
Sara Foster-7 serves, 13 received serves, 4 hits, 2 digs  
Krishna Henderson-3 serves, 3 received serves, 2 hits,



(Courtesy photo)

Pampa Middle School 7th grade girls volleyball team finished their season Tuesday night in Plainview. They were coached by Carrie Hicks. Back Row: Kara Lane, Kamy Miller, Holly Winegeart, Keisha Crowell, Tristin Reeves, Karlie Novian, Calee Henley, Kelby Doughty, Chandler Talley, Teysha Parker, Rikki Beasley, Diana Mechelay Middle Row: Whitney Brummett, Lauren Smith, Alex Hutto, Tabby Courter, Hannah Hopkins. Front Row: Victoria Campbell, Kamie Doughty, Chelsie Douglas. Not Pictured: Lilly Price, Jessica Miner, Libby Dyson, April Silva and Kylee Wariner.

2 digs  
Jasmine Moore-2 serves, 4 received serves, 3 digs  
Trisha Moore-3 serves, 2 received serves 6 hits, 1 dig  
Kambra Jimenez-1 serve, 2 received serves

Stephanie Jasso-6 serves  
Valerie Rushing-1 dig  
8th "B" won 25-19, 12-25, 25-23  
Team Stats:

Layne Beesley-13 serves, 15 received serves, 4 hits, 12 digs  
Megan Crawford-4 serves, 1 received serve, 4 hits, 5 digs  
Emily Woodruff-4 serves, 1 received serve, 3 hits, 4 digs  
Kathryn Cree-5 serves, 7 received serves, 4 hits, 5 digs  
Rachal Nunn-7 serves, 2 received serves, 2 hits, 2 digs  
Kayla Mendoza-12 serves, 5 received serves, 5 hits, 5 digs

K'Lyn Holmes-4 received serves, 5 digs  
Kaleynn Jones-1 serve, 1 received serve  
Lindsey Riley-1 serve, 5 received serves, 1 hit, 3 digs  
Amber Brown-1 received serve, 1 hit, 1 dig  
Brianna Richards-2 serves

### 7th Grade Results vs. Plainview

7th "A" team lost in 3 games: 25-15, 22-25, 24-26

Team Stats:  
Kelby Doughty-3 serves, 1 received serve, 4 hits  
Kylee Wariner-3 serves, 2 received serves  
Libby Dyson-3 serves, 5 received serves, 2 hits, 2 digs  
Keisha Crowell-3 serves, 3 received serves, 1 hit, 2 digs

Lauren Smith-7 serves, 5 received serves  
April Silva-3 serves, 1 received serve, 2 hits, 1 dig  
Lilly Price-2 serves, 3 received serves, 2 hits, 2 digs  
Tabby Courter-2 serves  
Kamie Doughty-9 serves, 1 hit  
Holly Winegeart-4 serves, 1 received serve, 2 hits

7th "B" team won in 3 games: 25-11, 14-25, 25-20  
Team Stats:  
Victoria Campbell-4 serves  
Kara Lane-2 serves, 3 received serves  
Diana Mechelay-2 serves, 2 received serves, 1 dig  
Calee Henley-1 serve, 2 received serves, 1 hit, 1 dig  
Kamy Miller-18 serves, 2 received serves  
Karlie Novian-1 hit  
Teysha Parker-2 received serves  
Chelsie Douglas-1 serve, 2 received serves  
Hannah Hopkins-7 serves, 1 received serve  
Rikki Beasley-5 serves, 4 received serves, 4 hits, 1 dig  
Tristin Reeves-2 serves

## NOTEBOOK

### Watch party set

**AMARILLO** - The High Plains OU Alumni Club will host a watch party for the Oklahoma-O.S.U. football game at the Hoffbrau Restaurant on I-40 and Coulter, Saturday, Nov. 1.

Kick-off time will be 2:30 p.m. All alumni are invited as well as ex-students and OU fans to watch the Sooners. Cash bar, food, fun and fellowship.

RSVP to Larry Keaton at 806-352-8528.

### BASKETBALL

#### NEW ORLEANS (AP)

New Orleans Hornets center Jamaal Magloire signed a three-year contract extension shortly before the season opener against Atlanta.

### AUTO RACING

#### FONTANA, Calif. (AP)

The final race of the CART season was canceled because of the wildfires in and around San Bernardino County.

The race was scheduled for Sunday at California Speedway, about 60 miles east of Los Angeles. Track officials said Tuesday night the King Taco 500 had been postponed, but CART released a statement from its Indianapolis headquarters on Wednesday saying the race would not be run.

### BASEBALL

#### WASHINGTON (AP)

President Bush signed legislation awarding Congress' highest honor to Hall of Fame baseball player Jackie Robinson more than half a century after the former Brooklyn Dodger broke major league baseball's color barrier.

Congress voted to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Robinson earlier this month, recognizing his achievements in sports, civil rights and business.

#### LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)

San Francisco Giants outfielder Barry Bonds won his record 11th Silver Slugger award, given to the top offensive players in each league.

Texas shortstop Alex Rodriguez was chosen for the seventh time, and Boston outfielder Manny Ramirez for the sixth time. The winners were announced by Hillerich & Bradsby Co., maker of Louisville Sluggers. Players were picked by major league managers and coaches, who were not allowed to vote for their own players.

## PHS Football Players of the Week



(Courtesy photo)

Pampa Harvester Varsity Offense Players of the Week are, back row, from left: Greg Wiley, Marcos Delgado, Jarrod Carruth, Alan Curry, and Michael Johnson; and front row: Marcus Hunt and Chris Veal.



(Courtesy photo)

These football players were named Players of the Week, from left: John Burns, Freshman Player of the Week; Jesse Tarango, Varsity Special Team Player of the Week; Keenan Davis, J.V. Player of the Week; Jacob Potter, Varsity Defense Player of the Week; and Chase Brewer, J.V. Player of the Week. Not pictured: Eric Kingcade, Scout Team Player of the Week.

### Top 25 Schedule

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- All Times EDT, Saturday
- No. 1 Oklahoma vs. No. 14 Oklahoma State, 3:30 p.m.
  - No. 2 Miami at No. 10 Virginia Tech, 7:45 p.m.
  - No. 3 Southern Cal vs. No. 6 Washington State, 7 p.m.
  - No. 4 Georgia at No. 23 Florida, 3:30 p.m.
  - No. 5 Florida State at Notre Dame, 2:30 p.m.
  - No. 7 LSU vs. Louisiana Tech, 8 p.m.
  - No. 8 Ohio State at Penn State, 3:30 p.m.
  - No. 9 Michigan State vs. No. 11 Michigan, Noon
  - No. 12 Nebraska at No. 16 Texas, Noon
  - No. 13 Iowa vs. Illinois, Noon
  - No. 18 Purdue vs. Northwestern, Noon
  - No. 19 Tennessee vs. Duke, 4 p.m.
  - No. 20 Mississippi vs. South Carolina, 12:30 p.m.
  - No. 21 Northern Illinois vs. Ball State, 2 p.m.
  - No. 24 Minnesota vs. Indiana, 2 p.m.
  - No. 25 Pittsburgh at Boston College, 1 p.m.

## Cross Country stand-out



(Courtesy photo)

Kari Carter, daughter of Brian and Stacy Reyes of Pampa, ran in the cross country meet near Wheeler at Pan Fork. She received a medal for outstanding performance on a tough course with a time of 15:35.

## PMS football teams split wins, losses with Westover

Here are the results from the recent Pampa Middle School 8th grade and 7th grade football games against Westover Park.

**7th Grade**  
**Pampa A - 18**  
**Westover Park - 32**  
Hayden Skinner scored on a 67-yard pass thrown by Casey Trimble. Thomas Fraser scored on a 5-yard run. Darrin Parker scored on a 51-yard pass from Casey Trimble. Record: 1-3-1

**8th Grade**  
**Pampa A - 14**  
**Westover Park - 60**  
Shavious Kelley scored on a 56-yard screen pass thrown by Ryne Malone and also ran in the extra point. Kelley also scored on a 92-yard kick-off return. Record: 1-4

**Pampa B - 13**  
**Westover Park - 0**  
Andy Parker scored on a 4-yard run with Enrique Marquez kicking the extra point. Marquez also scored on a 26-yard run. Record: 4-1

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- Never trick-or-treat alone. Always go in groups with adult supervision.
- Don't wear costumes that are too confining or could make you trip.
- If wearing face paint, read the label and be sure it clearly says "nontoxic".
- Don't eat any candy until you get home and have your parents inspect it.
  - Throw away any unwrapped or suspicious-looking candy.
- Walk, don't run from house to house. Use the sidewalk as much as possible.
  - Make sure you can see and breathe clearly through masks.
    - Never go inside a stranger's house or car.
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