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Trisha Lynn Anderson, 37, housekeeper.
Patty D. Smith, 46, office manager.

Texas Today

Plan for college campus unveiled

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Plans for a Tarrant County College campus on the north end of downtown include a building spanning the Trinity River.

A plan for the \$135 million campus, which would incorporate the historic TXU power plant, was unveiled Friday morning in a ceremony on the north bank of the Trinity River.

The campus would become a centerpiece for the city's Trinity River development plan, which envisions a mix of housing, retail and recreational uses.

Officials said the 500,000-square-foot campus is expected to open in September 2008, the Fort Worth Star Telegram reports in its Saturday editions.

Although final plans for TCC's fifth campus have not yet been drawn, preliminary designs call for a sky bridge across the Trinity that would link buildings on the south bank of the bluff to the lower classrooms along the river's north bank.

San Antonio soldier dies in car bombing

WASHINGTON (AP) — A soldier from San Antonio was killed in Iraq this week in a car bomb blast near his checkpoint, the U.S. Department of Defense said.

Sgt. 1st Class Michael Battles Sr., 38, died Thursday in Baghdad, the defense department said in a news release Friday.

Battles was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 21st Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood.

Deadly fire caused by electrical problem

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — An electrical malfunction caused the fire that killed a doctor, his wife and their 11-year-old son, fire investigators said.

The couple's daughter, 10-year-old Alexis Serrao, survived the Oct. 19 fire.

Here's where to vote on Tuesday

By **MARILYN POWERS**
 Staff Writer

Election day is Tuesday, with polling places open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for registered voters to cast their ballots for national, state and local offices.

Polling places for each precinct are as follows:

Precinct 1 — Lefors Community Center, 103 N. Court, Lefors

Precinct 2 — Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston

Precinct 3 — Grandview Hopkins School, Grandview Hopkins

Precinct 4 — Lovett Library, 302 N. Main, McLean

Precinct 5 — Travis Elementary School, 2300 Primrose

Precinct 6 — Austin Elementary School, 1900 Duncan

Precinct 7 — M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium, 1000 N. Sumner

Voter registration cards show the precinct in which the registered voter may cast their ballot. Voters should bring their cards with them to the polling places, said Gray County Clerk Susan Winborne. Voters who do not have their cards with them may show their driver's license to election workers.

Early voting ended at 5 p.m. Friday. As of 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, early voting had been "heavy,"

Winborne said, with 3,581 ballots cast.

"In the last presidential election, a little over 3,200 early votes were cast for the entire early voting period," she said.

Local races on the ballot are for 31st District attorney, county attorney, sheriff, county tax assessor-collector, county commissioners for

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Headed for disaster, Part I

Local Red Cross disaster volunteer relates experiences in devastated area

Editor's Note: Glenda Bills of Shamrock returned this week after serving as a disaster volunteer for the American Red Cross to the devastation left by Hurricane Ivan in Pensacola, Fla. This is the first part of her experience...

By **GLENDIA BILLS**
 for The News

First, I want to say that the American Red Cross is No. 1 in my book and I am proud to say I belong to this wonderful organization.

There are very few things that are easy about being a National Disaster volunteer. The easiest is probably the airplane flight to your destination, but packing is not as simple. You are told to pack your bags light enough so that you can carry them yourself. This is just a partial list of things you are to put in your "light" suitcase: Comfortable clothes (enough for 10 days), a flashlight, batteries, raincoat or poncho, toiletries, writing paper, stamps, a jacket, watch, wash cloth and personal items you might need



Glenda Bills stands by a fleet of Emergency Response Vehicles (ERVs) that responded to devastation left by Hurricane Ivan.

later. I am sure there are a few things that I failed to mention.

The first problem arose at the Amarillo airport, with my batteries. They were neatly packed into that

light suitcase, still in their original package. To the trained eye of the baggage inspectors, it appeared to be a bomb, so they sent my bags through three additional times after

rummaging through my neatly-packed suitcase. I was glad to know that the security at our International airport was so strict, so the inconvenience of repacking was not minded at all.

On Sept. 23, 2004, I caught a plane from Amarillo airport to Dallas. From there I flew to Montgomery, Ala. The person in the seat by me was from Kansas and was also a volunteer. Little did I realize the bond that would be formed on that short airplane flight. We arrived at 3:45 p.m. The American Red Cross had made arrangements for us to be picked up at the airport and taken to headquarters. There were hundred of people processing in and out at the center, approximately 10 other volunteers and myself were taken to a motel for the evening and told to report back to the center at 7 a.m. This motel stay would be the last one for over a week.

Sept. 24 was full of signing papers, checking out vehicles, orientations,

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Treasurer, commissioners to discuss report Monday

By **MARILYN POWERS**
 Staff Writer

An executive session to consider personnel matters regarding County Treasurer Lee Cornelison is included on the agenda of Gray County commissioners, who will meet in regular session at 9 a.m. Monday in the second floor courtroom at Gray County Courthouse.

An item of old business on Monday's agenda is to consider the county treasurer's report for September. Commissioners did not approve the report during their Oct. 15 regular meeting

because they said they had some questions about the report and Cornelison was absent from the Oct. 15 meeting.

Commissioners will discuss the possible sale of a 120 Caterpillar motor grader, and seeking bids for a new motor grader. Requests for proposals for landscaping the courthouse grounds will also be discussed.

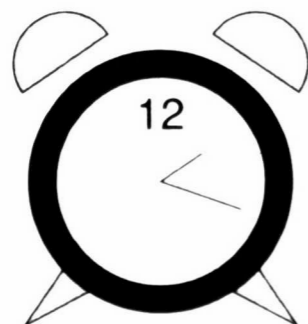
An election judge will be approved for Tuesday's general election. An interlocal agreement to designate a common voting place for Gray County and Lefors Independent School District,

and for Gray County and McLean Independent School District, will be discussed.

Increasing the county's capital threshold to \$5,000 will be voted on, as will reducing the speed limit to 35 miles per hour on County Road J between Roads 5 and 6.

Commissioners will consider extending an AWOS contract with CLH, Inc., and a contract for local telephone service.

An appointment to the Gray County Appraisal District Board of Directors is also on Monday's agenda.



Fall back

WASHINGTON (AP) — The return of standard time on Halloween means drivers will have to exercise extra caution for trick-or-treating youngsters in Sunday's early darkness.

For most of the country, daylight-saving time was ending at 2 a.m. Sunday, stealing an hour of light from evening to morning as people moved their clocks back an hour.

United Way needs \$117,000 to reach '04 campaign goal

At the sixth and final check-in meeting for the 2004 United Way Campaign, Chairman Bob Marx announced that the total given to date was \$195,013.97 — 62 percent of this year's goal.

"A number of major firms have not yet finished their campaigns," said Katrina Bigham, executive director of the local United Way. "We are counting on their donations to reach our goal of \$312,000. We will continue with our campaign for two more weeks in order to finish the cards that

are out."

The last check-in meeting featured three United Way agencies, Meals on Wheels, CASA of the High Plains and Pampa Optimist Youth Club.

Tickets for the signed Zach Thomas-Miami Dolphins football jersey will continue to be available until Nov. 12, Bigham said. The drawing will be held on Nov. 15. Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased at the United Way office, from board members and various United Way agencies.



Pampa News photo by **MARILYN POWERS**

Happy Pumpkin Day

In the spirit of Linus from *Peanuts* cartoon fame, Marilyn Powers of the Pampa News went in search of the Great Pumpkin. She found a number of "great pumpkins" like this one at houses throughout the city. Look for them and learn more about how pumpkins became a symbol of Halloween on Page 1-B of today's edition. The Pampa News staff wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday.

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Square House museum to host exhibit of pastels

PANHANDLE — Carson County Square House Museum will host a month of pastels done by the Lone Star Pastel Society for their annual Members Only Exhibit, in the auditorium of the Hazlewood Education Building in Panhandle.

To complement the exhibit, Janette Dickerson, current exhibit chair, will display a body of her work in the Purvins Gallery of the Square House. Over 70 pieces will be shown. Over 30 artists will be representing during the exhibition.

Since its founding in 1995, the Lone Star Pastel Society has become a prestigious

group of artists interested in promoting the qualities of this medium, according to a news release from the museum. Frank Reaugh, honored as a posthumous member, shares membership honors with Ben Konis, Len and Ginny Slesick, Mike Mahon, Ann Crouch, and Amy Winton, among others. A wide variety is presented in the Square House exhibit as each artist shows their specialty, whether it is portraits, still-life, or landscapes.

A reception for the artists will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Nov. 7 in both galleries.

For more information, call (806) 537-3523.

Gray County Weather

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 66. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Chance of precipitation is 20%. Partly cloudy, with a low near 40. Southeast wind around 10 mph.

Monday: A 30 percent chance of rain. Cloudy, with a high near 43. Windy, with a north northeast wind

between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Monday Night: A chance of rain before 3am, then a chance of snow. Chance of precipitation is 50%. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31. Windy, with a north wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Election Day: Mostly sunny, with a high around 53. North northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly

cloudy, with a low around 34. West southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 66. West northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 39.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 60.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 56.

Obituaries

Trisha Lynn Anderson, 37

Trisha Lynn Anderson, 37, died Friday, Oct. 29, 2004, in St. Mary's Hospital in Enid, Okla. Graveside services are set for 10 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2004, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa with Pastor Bob Hudson officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ladusau-Evans Funeral Home of Enid, Okla.

Mrs. Anderson was born March 23, 1967, in Wichita, Kan., to Phillip and Betty Bamburg Foster. She was raised in Enid, Okla., and attended school there. She married Gary Anderson on May 19, 1991, in Enid at the Cornerstone Baptist Church. She moved to Pampa in 1997 and worked as a



Anderson

private house cleaner. She was a newspaper route person for The Pampa News for several years.

She is survived by her husband, Gary, of the home; her mother, Betty Bamburg of Pampa, and one sister, Toni Foster of Lawrence, Kan. She was preceded in death

by her father, Phillip Foster, and a brother, Dwight Eugene Foster.

Patty D. Smith, 46

WHITE DEER — Patty D. Smith, 46, of White Deer died Thursday, Oct. 28, 2004, in Amarillo. The body was donated to Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in Lubbock under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m., Monday, Nov. 1, 2004, at the First Baptist Church in White Deer with the Rev. Jim Shamburger, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Victoria, officiating.

Mrs. Smith was born Jan. 3, 1958, in Pampa. She had been a resident of White Deer for 28 years. She was a 1976 graduate of White Deer High School. She married Geary Smith on May 7, 1976, in White Deer. She worked for the Ford Family Chiropractic Clinic as the office manager until 2001. She was a very active member of



Smith

the First Baptist Church of White Deer where she was a member and past president of the WMU, and past director of the First Baptist Church Youth Group.

Survivors include her husband Geary Smith of the home; two sons, Leeland Hackbarth of Orlando, Fla., and Ryan Smith of Canyon; one daughter, Jana Smith of White Deer; her mother, Lee Ledford of Skellytown; two brothers, Michael Ledford of Jonesboro, Ark.; three sisters, Karen Williams and Brenda Madden, both of Pampa, and Mary Ruth of Skellytown; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, A.J. Ledford, on Dec. 22, 2003.

Memorials may be made to Global Mission Fund, c/o First Baptist Church, 411 S. Omohundro, White Deer, Texas, 79097, or the Tralee Crisis Center for Women, 310 S. Cuyler, Pampa, Texas, 79065.

— Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Services Monday

SMITH, Patty D. — Memorial, 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, White Deer.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department made the following arrests according to Gray County Jail records on Saturday.

Friday, Oct. 29
Lorena Rodriguez, 37, 1517 Dogwood, was arrested for duty on striking fixture on highway.

April Elaine Kirby, 40, 1037 S. Wells, was arrested on 10 traffic warrants out of municipal court.

Kim Blanco, 31, 526 N. Gray, was arrested on capias pro fines for no seat belt and failure to appear. She was released after paying fines.

Saturday, Oct. 30
David Farrar, 42, 601 Wynne, was arrested for assault by threat.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office Saturday reported the following arrests.

Friday, Oct. 29
Kyle Ray Roberts, 30, 2126 N. Banks, was arrested by Texas Rangers for violation of

a protective order.

Ronda Spotts, 38, Lefors, was arrested by Pct. 3 Constable for violation of probation.

Jackie Hembree, 22, McLean, was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, no insurance, driving left of center lane.

Saturday, Oct. 30
Amanda Ruth Sexton, 23, 919 E. Francis, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury.

Fire

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

Friday, Oct. 29
10:25 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a lifting assist in the 2100 block of Coffee.

2:41 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Randy Matson and Hobart streets. The call was canceled before they arrived.

7:42 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a fire alarm in the 100 block of East Houston. A fog machine for Halloween had set off the alarm.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS Transport responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m., Saturday.

Friday, Oct. 29
10:29 a.m. — A Mobile Intensive Care Unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred one patient to BSA-West, Amarillo.

11:02 a.m. — A MICU responded to the 2100 block of Coffee. No transport.

1:02 p.m. — A MICU responded to the 500 block of Doucette and transported one to PRMC.

3:04 p.m. — A MICU responded to the 600 block of Deane Dr. No transport listed.

9:30 p.m. — A MICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

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All candidates offices are Republican. All are unopposed. All but one is an incumbent.

Local candidates chosen by all voters are Rick District attorney Seabourn, county

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Local employment to continue advantage of hiring workers groups, according to Texas Workforce Center in the Panhandle.

Privately owned workforce center in conjunction with Workforce Center help ensure that employers receive share of tax credit services represent the local workforce assist employers up a process to take of the savings amount to thousands a year, according to news release from the center.

Most employers hire workers with



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Windb

AMARILLO applications to break and wind seedlings are now landowners in Panhandle through Forest Service Nursery, or through water contractors, according to release from the Service's Amarillo office.

Several varieties of shrubs are available.

Each year, the Nursery produces adapted tree seedlings, at landowners in windbreaks and into their farming operations.

"Windbreaks shrubs system adjacent to fields, or feedlots to reduce or wind," said B Amarillo, Texas Service staff for release. "And v planted, they be agement tool every aspect of

Polls

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Precincts 1 and 3, and constables for all four precincts.

All candidates for local offices are Republicans, and all are unopposed in their races. All but one candidate is an incumbent.

Local candidates to be chosen by all Gray County voters are Rick Roach, 31st District attorney; Joshua M. Seabourn, county attorney;

Don Copeland, sheriff; and Gaye Whitehead, county tax assessor-collector. All four are incumbents.

Precinct 1 candidates are Joe H. Wheeley, commissioner, and James H. Lewis, constable, both incumbents.

Lewis is also constable for Precinct 3, and is on that ballot as incumbent, along with incumbent Gerald Wright for the commissioner's post.

Chris Lockridge is the only candidate for Precinct 2 Constable, and he is an incumbent.

Don Fletcher of Pampa is

the only new name in any of the local races. Fletcher won a primary run-off election in March to earn his place on the ballot for Precinct 4 constable.

In district and statewide elections, Jim Campbell, a Republican (Rep.), is unopposed for justice of the 7th court of appeals, place 4. Warren Chisum (Rep.) of Pampa is running unopposed for re-election as state representative of the 88th District.

Robert Duncan (Rep.) is unopposed in his bid for re-election as state senator of District 28. Mac Thornberry

(Rep.) is up against M.J. (Smitty) Smith of the Libertarian Party (Lib.) for his seat as United States Representative for District 13.

Other state offices and their candidates are railroad commissioner, Victor G. Carrillo (Rep.); Bob Scarborough, Democrat (Dem.); and Anthony Garcia (Lib.); and several judicial offices.

Unopposed judicial candidates are Harriet O'Neill (Rep.) for the office of justice, Supreme Court, Place 3; and Paul Green (Rep.),

justice, Supreme Court, Place 5.

Place 9 of the Supreme Court is a race between Scott Brister (Rep.) and David Van Os (Dem.).

Three races are on the ballots for the Court of Criminal Appeals. Place 2 candidates are Lawrence "Larry" Myers (Rep.) and Quannah Parker (Lib.). Place 5 is between Cheryl Johnson (Rep.) and Tom Oxford (Lib.). Place 6 pits Michael E. Keasler (Rep.) against J.R. Molina (Dem.).

Voters will also elect the next President of the United

States from among three choices. President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney are the Republican candidates. John F. Kerry and his running mate, John Edwards, are the Democratic candidates, and Michael Badnarik is representing the Libertarian party, with his vice presidential running mate Richard V. Campagna.

There is also a write-in space, as well as the option of voting a straight Republican, Democrat or Libertarian ticket.

Employers tax credits extended through 2005

Local employers will be able to continue taking advantage of tax credits for hiring workers from targeted groups, according to the Texas Workforce Centers of the Panhandle.

Privately operated local workforce centers work in conjunction with the Texas Workforce Commission to help ensure that Panhandle employers receive their fair share of tax credits. Business services representatives from the local workforce centers assist employers with setting up a process to take advantage of the savings that can amount to thousands of dollars a year, according to a news release from the centers.

Most employers already hire workers who qualify the

employer for the tax savings, but they do not take advantage of it, according to the release.

"I am so pleased any time I can show one of our employers how to put more money back into their pocket," said Kathy Cota, office manager for the Pampa Workforce Center.

The tax credits are a result of the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) and Welfare-to-Work (WtW) Tax Credit, extended by the U.S. Congress through Dec. 31, 2005.

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) received more than 110,000 requests for certification and issued \$129,601,100 in potential tax credits in fiscal year 2003, according to the release.

"WOTC and WtW tax credits are a great opportunity for Texas employers who may have hired or are intending to hire workers from one of the targeted groups," said Ron Lehman, a TWC commissioner representing employers. "Through these tax credits, employers can defray their personnel costs while adding employees to their workforce."


Authorized by the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996, the WOTC reduces employers' federal tax liability if they hire new workers from targeted groups such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients, qualified veterans, qualified summer youth, high-risk youth, ex-offenders, vocational rehabilitation

participants, food stamp recipients and Supplemental Security Income recipients. The maximum credit available is \$2,400 per eligible worker for the first year of employment. The credit is based on 40 percent of up to \$6,000 in qualified wages. Summer youth qualify for 40 percent of the first \$3,000 in wages during the required working period.

The WtW tax credit encourages employers to hire long-term TANF recipients. This tax credit is 35 percent of qualifying first-year wages and 50 percent of qualifying second-year wages of up to \$10,000. The maximum WtW tax credit for first-year wages is \$3,500 and for second-year wages is \$5,000. An

employer's federal tax credit liability can be reduced by as much as \$8,500.

More information about WOTC and WtW tax credits can be found on the TWC web site at www.texasworkforce.org.

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This beach-side restaurant, ruined after Hurricane Ivan, brings new meaning to dining al fresco.

Disaster

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training, and eating snacks that were so generously provided by donations. Each volunteer was given bug spray, disinfectant, and sanitation instructions. We were supplied with clean water and more snacks to take on our journey to our next destinations, some

of us went to Orlando, some to Pensacola, and others to various parts of Alabama and parts of the U.S.A. Montgomery was known as the central staging headquarters for five states.

Later that afternoon I was dispatched in a 24-foot U-Haul truck to Pensacola, Fla. It was a nice surprise to see they had paired me up with Nan, the girl I had met on the plane in Dallas. Upon arriving at the Pensacola headquarters, we were directed to a school shelter,

given cots and a sleeping bag for the evening. After the drive, we welcomed the sleeping arrangements, but I must say I never knew that five women in one room could snore so loud. We had one that sounded like a buzz saw, one that sounded like frogs croaking, and we won't go into any further details on the other sounds.

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Windbreak seedling applications available

AMARILLO — Seedling applications to order windbreak and wildlife habitat seedlings are now available to landowners in the Texas Panhandle through the Texas Forest Service West Texas Nursery, or through local soil and water conservation districts, according to a news release from the Texas Forest Service's Amarillo office.

Several varieties of evergreens and deciduous trees and shrubs are available.

Each year, the West Texas Nursery produces climate-adapted tree and shrub seedlings, at cost, to assist landowners in incorporating windbreaks and wildlife habitat into their farming and/or ranching operations.

"Windbreaks are trees and shrubs systematically planted adjacent to fields, home-steads, or feedlots as a barrier to reduce or redirect the wind," said Brian Scott of Amarillo, Texas Forest Service staff forester, in the release. "And when properly planted, they become a management tool that affects every aspect of the farm or

ranch."

Windbreaks create permanent, natural protection, habitat for wildlife, reduce blowing soil and snow, protect livestock and feedlots from winter winds, and increase land value and aesthetics.

Evergreens are sold in boxes of 30, and the hardwoods are sold in bundles of 50 and 100. Seedlings ordered this fall and winter will be shipped in the spring of 2005.

Wildlife packets come in four choices geared toward quail/pheasant, deer, turkey, or squirrel.

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Pampa ISD Event Calendar
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Events for Pampa ISD for the week of November 1 - November 6

All Campuses • End of the 2nd 6 Weeks

Wilson Elementary
November 1 & 3 • 6:00-7:30 • Family Literacy Center


Lamar Elementary
November 2 & 4 • 6:00-7:30 • Family Literacy Center

Travis Elementary
November 1 • 5:30 • Team Travis • Library

Pampa High School
November 1 • 7:00 • NHS Induction • Library
November 1 • 7:00 • Football Boosters, Valhalla
November 2 • 7:00 • Volleyball Banquet • Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ
November 5 • 5:00 • FFA/Soccer Steak Dinner • Cafeteria
November 6 • Choir Regional Clinic • Canyon
November 6 • 7:00 • Meet the LadyHarvesters, McNeely Field House
November 7 • 11:00-3:00 • Lady Harvesters Day at Dos

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Viewpoints

Test will show who election winner will be

Here's a two-part test to determine who will win on Tuesday:

a) Ask yourself: What is the issue we are talking about these days? Are we focused on terrorism and Iraq, or on health care and jobs? The answer is obvious: terrorism and Iraq.

b) Now look at the polls. Not the page that shows who they're voting for. That changes every hour. Look at the page that asks, "Which candidate do you think would do the best job of handling the war in Iraq?"

The answer is always President Bush, usually by 10 points. And right below that, on "Which candidate do you think would do the

best job of handling the War on Terror?" Bush leads again, usually by 20 points.

If the issue is terrorism and Iraq, and Bush wins those issues by double digits, then the winner will be... voila, Bush!

John Kerry was on the verge of moving out to a victory after the third debate.

Taking advantage of its pre-ordained focus on domestic issues, he had finally, finally swung the debate back to the issues on which he has — and has always had — a lead: domestic policy.

Next he got a short-term bounce from Bill Clinton's presence on the campaign

trail and seemed on his way to closing the Bush lead.

Then came the "disappearing explosives" story. Kerry's handlers, tacticians to the last, disregarded the needs of basic strategy and hopped on the issue with all four feet, running a TV ad lambasting Bush for losing the weapons after the invasion.

Strategically, this flawed decision assured that the final week of the campaign would focus on the areas of Bush's strength and Kerry's weakness: Iraq and

terrorism.

Tactically, it tied the electorate's confidence in John Kerry to the mystery of what actually happened in an ammo dump in the desert 18 months ago.

Then it began to explode in Kerry's face. Soon we heard that there

were only three tons of explosives... and they weren't there when we occupied the dump... and they were removed by the Russians before we got there... and, perhaps, there are satellite photos to

prove it.

All of a sudden, Kerry seems just not ready for prime time.

The backfire is amplified by the involvement of CBS and The New York Times. The plans of "60 Minutes" and Dan Rather to break the story on the Sunday before the election reflect overt partisan bias — an overt conspiracy of these leading outlets to stack the deck in favor of Kerry.

This controversy unraveling in front of us all, replete with conspiracy theories and denouement of media bias, is enough to occupy our attention and rivet our focus as Election Day approaches.

It will drive all other stories off the front pages and will make the war in Iraq the key element in the election.

At this writing, the possibility that the alleged al Qaeda tape virtually endorsing Kerry will hit the airwaves makes one even more confident of a Bush victory.

A threat to let blood run in the streets of America if Bush wins won't intimidate voters, but rather remind them of the importance of sending a warrior to fight the terrorists — and seal Bush's victory.

Dick Morris, a political analyst, was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.



Dick Morris
Columnist

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Oct. 31, the 305th day of 2004. There are 61 days left in the year. This is Halloween.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Palace church, marking the start of the Protestant Reformation in Germany.

On this date:

In 1795, English poet John Keats was born in London.
In 1864, Nevada became the 36th state.
In 1926, magician Harry Houdini died in Detroit of gangrene and peritonitis resulting from a ruptured appendix.
In 1941, the U.S. Navy destroyer Reuben James was torpedoed by a German U-boat off Iceland with the loss of 115 lives, even though the United States had not yet entered World War II.

In 1956, Rear Adm. G.J. Dufek became the first person to land an airplane at the South Pole.

In 1968, President Johnson ordered a halt to all U.S. bombing of North Vietnam, saying he hoped for fruitful peace negotiations.

'An old error is always more popular than a new truth.'

— German proverb

In 1980, Reza Pahlavi, eldest son of the late Shah of Iran, proclaimed himself the rightful successor to the Peacock Throne.

In 1984, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated by two Sikh security guards.

In 1993, movie director Federico Fellini died in Rome at age 73; actor River Phoenix died in Los Angeles at age 23.

In 1998, a genetic study was released suggesting President Thomas Jefferson did in fact father at least one child by his slave Sally Hemings.

Ten years ago: A Chicago-bound American Eagle ATR-72 crashed in northern Indiana, killing all 68 people aboard.

Five years ago: EgyptAir Flight 990, bound from New York to Cairo, crashed off the Massachusetts coast, killing all 217 people aboard.

One year ago: A man angry at a lawyer over the handling of his trust fund was captured on videotape shooting the attorney by crews covering actor Robert Blake's murder case in Van Nuys, Calif. (The shooter, William Strier, was later ruled mentally unfit to stand trial on charges of attempted murder.) Teen surfing star Bethany Hamilton lost her left arm in a shark attack off Kauai, Hawaii. Abdullah Ahmad Badawi was sworn in as Malaysian prime minister, ending Mahathir Mohamad's 22-year reign.

Today's Birthdays: Former Attorney General Griffin Bell is 86. Author Dick Francis is 84. Actress Barbara Bel Geddes is 82.



Bankers smarter than politicians

I don't pretend to be a financial expert, but I do agree with John Adams, one of our smart Founding Fathers.

"All the perplexities, confusion and distress in America arise, not from defects in their constitution or confederation, not from want of honor or virtue, so much as from downright ignorance of the nature of coin, credit and circulation," Adams said.

Money is usually defined as a medium of exchange and as a store of value. When we talk about the value of money, we are not talking about the nominal value printed on the bill, but its purchasing power. How many goods and services can you acquire in exchange for money?

Most Americans have been deliberately conditioned to think of inflation as simply a rise in prices. That is true only in rare cases where supply falls far short of demand. There is another kind of inflation in which the value of money declines because so much of it is put into circulation. That is the kind of inflation that has robbed Americans of both their labor and their savings.

The Constitution says this, under the listing of legislative powers: "The Congress shall have the power to coin money, regulate the value thereof, and of foreign coin, and to fix the standard of weights and measures."

Many people believe that the government does issue

our currency. In fact, it doesn't. Take a dollar bill out of your pocket and read both sides. Nowhere on it will you see the words "U.S. Currency."

What you will see are the words "Federal Reserve Note," and in smaller type the words "This note is legal tender for all debts, public and private."

A note is a promise to pay, but if you take your Federal Reserve note to a Federal Reserve Bank and present it for payment, they will just laugh at you. Federal Reserve notes are backed up by nothing.

They work as a medium of exchange because the government declared them to be legal tender. What that means in practical terms is that if someone owes you money, you must accept Federal Reserve notes no matter how worthless you think they are.

You cannot, as Fidel Castro has just done, decline to accept them and demand payment in another currency.

Congress in 1913 abrogated its duty to coin money and set its value when it passed the Federal Reserve Act, cre-

ating a central bank. Again, many people think the Federal Reserve is a government agency, but it is not in the strict sense of the word. There are 12 Federal Reserve Banks.

They are all privately owned by the commercial banks in their districts. Only the Federal Reserve Board consists of people appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate. Even these appointees serve staggered seven-year terms, which means no president can really control them.

The whole scheme is a racket by the bankers, in my opinion. Here's how it works: Let's say a y Congress, as it often does, spends more money than it takes in from taxes.

Congress goes to the Federal Reserve and says that it needs, say, \$200 billion. OK, says the Fed, give us \$200 billion in U.S. government bonds. At that point, the Fed, which acts as the government's bank, credits the government's checking accounts with \$200 billion. Where does the Fed get

the \$200 billion? The same place your bank gets the money it lends you — out of thin air. The money, or more properly bank credit, is created by the stroke of a pen or, these days, the stroke of a keyboard. Fractional-reserve banks are the only businesses allowed to create money with a bookkeeping entry.

The bonds are passed on to the private New York Federal Reserve Bank, which collects the interest until they are sold. In the meantime, most of the money in our system comes into it in the form of bank loans at interest. The more of these notes in circulation, the less each one will buy. In 1967, \$1 would buy four gallons of gas or four packs of cigarettes. Today, it won't buy even one of either. That's a result, mostly, of the tremendous accumulation of government spending and borrowing.

Well, you might ask, why does Congress borrow \$200 billion at interest when it has the constitutional power to simply create \$200 billion? My answer is that bankers are a great deal smarter than politicians, which is one reason why Thomas Jefferson said bankers are more to be feared than a standing army.

At least Andy Jackson knew the truth when he told the central bankers of his day: "You are a den of vipers and thieves. I intend to rout you out, and by the eternal God, I will rout you out." And Old Hickory did just that.

Charley Reese
Columnist



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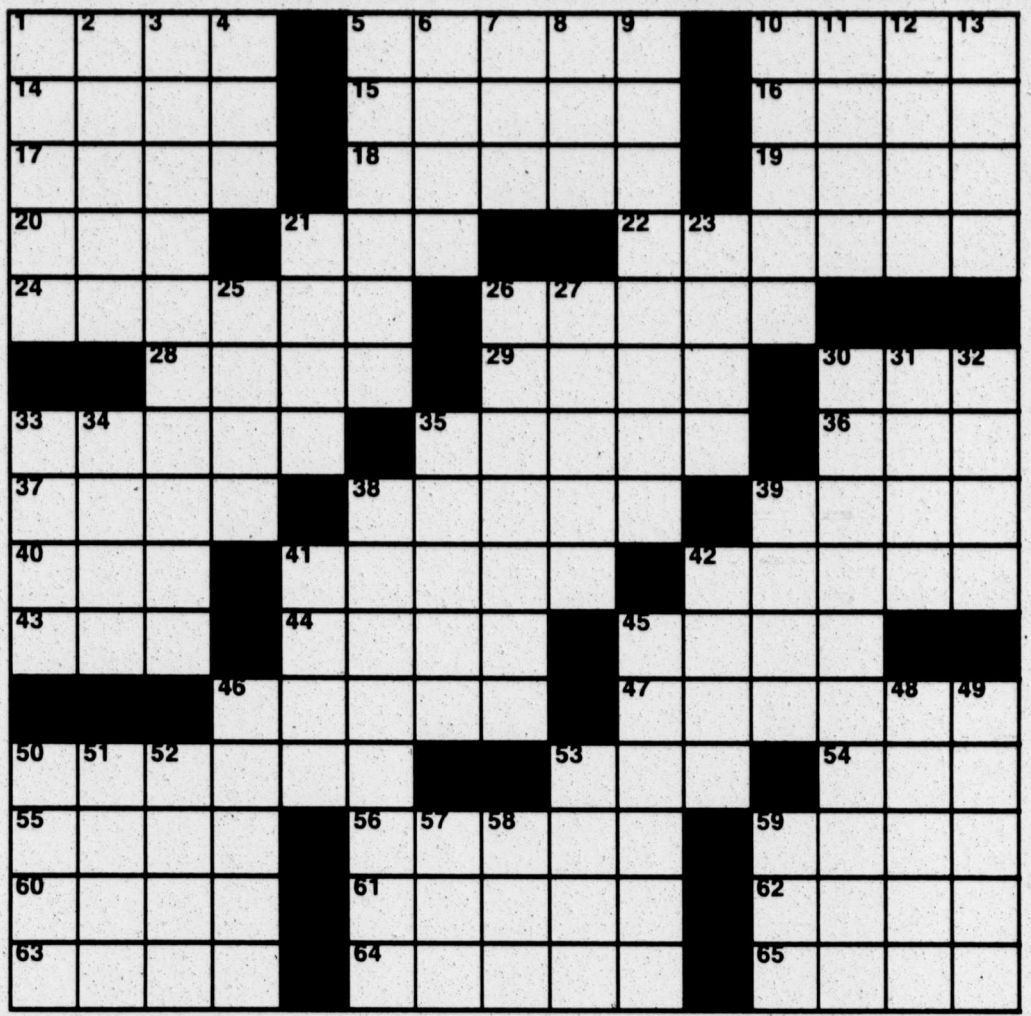
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Scott Peterson jury will be able consider lesser charge

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — The jury in Scott Peterson's double murder trial will be allowed to consider a lesser murder charge that would spare the former fertilizer salesman a possible death sentence if convicted, a judge ruled.

Legal experts said Friday's

ruling is a victory for the prosecution because allowing the lesser charges could make it easier for jurors to convict if they are unsure whether the killing was premeditated.

Peterson already faces two counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of his pregnant wife and the fetus she was

carrying. Prosecutors are seeking life without parole or the death penalty under those charges.

But the judge ruled jurors also will have the choice of second-degree murder charges, which could bring two sentences of 15 years-to-life in prison.

"The jury could say, 'Well, we think that Mr. Peterson killed Laci Peterson but we're not persuaded beyond a reasonable doubt that there was premeditation,'" Judge Alfred A. Delucchi said in his ruling — part of instructions that will be given to jurors next week.

Also Friday, Delucchi reversed an earlier order allowing television coverage of the verdict.

"I don't want to expose the families to further scrutiny and turn this into some sort of spectacle," the judge said, adding he would not enter-

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— Judge Alfred A. Delucchi

tain the "morbid curiosity" of the public.

Defense attorneys vehemently objected to the inclusion of the lesser charges because most experts agree the defense has done a good job at explaining away premeditation. In order for the jury to find Peterson guilty of first-degree murder, they must first believe he planned the killing in advance.

"There is no case I've been able to find ... where you

have a situation where (prosecutors) can't tell you where, they can't tell you when, they can't tell you how ... and the jury" was given the second-degree option, defense lawyer Mark Geragos told the judge.

"Well, this is going to be the first," Delucchi replied.

Geragos then argued to include voluntary manslaughter as an option. The judge declined.

"I would consider that to

be at your peril," Geragos said, alluding to inevitable appeals should there be a conviction.

Prosecutors have built their entire case on premeditation, that Peterson planned for weeks to kill his eight-months pregnant wife, Laci, and had even devised a way to dispose of the body by purchasing a boat.

Peterson is accused of killing his wife on or around Christmas Eve 2002, then dumping the weighted body into San Francisco Bay. The remains of Laci Peterson and her fetus were discovered along a rocky shoreline about four months later, a few miles from where Scott Peterson claims to have gone fishing alone the day his wife vanished.

The trial is in its 22nd week. Closing arguments are scheduled to begin Monday.

Man apparently kills wife, family members in North Carolina before killing himself

MARSHVILLE, N.C. (AP) — A man who was charged this month with raping and kidnapping his estranged wife went house to house and fatally shot her and three family members before killing himself, authorities said.

The body of David Edward Wyzanowski, 37, and his wife, Michelle, 31, were found inside a burning house Thursday after a passer-by saw smoke coming

from the home, Union County Sheriff Eddie Cathey said. A 22-caliber rifle was found with the bodies.

Several hours later, investigators went to a mobile home 10 miles away where relatives lived and found the bodies of three men.

The sheriff said authorities are not searching for a suspect.

"We are confident we are not looking for anybody," he said. "We're looking at it that

he (Wyzanowski) is the basis for all of this."

The Wyzanowskis were separated, and she had been living with her father. She had charged her husband Oct. 12 with rape and kidnapping, but he was released on \$50,000 bond, Cathey said.

She later received a protective order, which Wyzanowski violated Tuesday by sending her text messages from his cell phone. He was released a day

later on \$1,000 bond.

The judge who set a \$1,000 bond said he didn't know of pending rape and kidnapping charges and would have made the bail higher if he had.

"I would not have knowingly set a bond of that nature knowing what I know now," Judge Kevin Bridges told the Charlotte Observer. He said he knew only of minor traffic violations.

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New ASTRA members
ASTRA Club, a youth organization organized through Altrusa International Inc. of Pampa, recently initiated the following new members: (back row, left-right) Taylor Reeves, Ashley Shaw, Simona Cruz, Ashley Lucus, Kristen Folmer, Michael Foreman, Maggie Hopkins, Hector Leal III, Christine Kroebe, Maik Knutz; (front row, l-r) Lacie Love, Machiko Taniguchi, Miranda Woodruff, Ann Murtishaw and Alexa Silva.

Settlement agreement reached in breast cancer vaccine lawsuit

CHICAGO (AP) — A medical school and a group of about 50 breast cancer patients have agreed to settle a lawsuit over a canceled experimental vaccine program that some patients claimed had kept them alive.

The federal lawsuit filed in July accused the Rosalind

Franklin University of Medicine and Science of violating medical ethics and breaching contracts for terminating the program. Officials at the school in Chicago ended the program earlier this year, saying it failed to show any clinical benefit.

Under the proposed settlement, which must be approved by the school's board of trustees, the university would fund the plaintiffs' pursuit of Food and Drug Administration approval for the vaccine, the university said Friday.

The lawsuit contended patients had signed consent forms stating the treatment, which was designed to boost the body's immune system, would continue for the rest of their lives.

Dr. Georg Springer started the vaccine program in 1974 at Northwestern University Medical School and moved it to Rosalind Franklin, formerly Finch University/Chicago Medical School, in 1989. The school has said that while the vaccine had been part of an approved research study only since 1997, it has been given to patients since the 1970s.

Robert Cummins, a lawyer for the patients, has said the program was to continue using an estimated \$18 million gift Springer left the school when he died in 1998.

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Long hours: Sleep-deprived doctors-in-training make serious errors more often

By JANET MCCONNAUGHEY
Associated Press Writer

From prescribing overdoses to sticking a tube in the wrong vein, doctors-in-training made one-third more serious mistakes during typically long shifts than they did during "short" 16-hour ones, a Harvard study found.

Those first-year interns were wired up with electrodes to measure how often their sleepy eyes rolled, and they ended up nodding off more than five times a night during long shifts.

The findings suggest that recently imposed limits on how many hours new doctors can work do not go far enough, the researchers said.

The studies were the first to measure the real-life toll that sleep deprivation takes on interns' medical judgment. The results were reported Thursday in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

"There are currently more than 100,000 physicians-in-training in the United States, most of whom work these kinds of 30-hour shifts on a regular basis," said Dr. Christopher P. Landrigan, who led the study on medical errors.

Since July 2003, interns at U.S. hospitals have been limited to a four-week average of 80 hours a week.

Also, they cannot work with patients for more than 24 hours straight, though six hours can be tacked on at the end for paperwork and classes.

"These long shifts are perhaps more hazardous than the number of hours in the work week," Landrigan said.

The two studies involved 20 interns and were conducted in the cardiac and medical intensive care units at Harvard-affiliated Brigham and Women's Hospital in the year before the new limits took effect.

Each intern spent three weeks in one unit, working at least 24 hours on every other shift, and three weeks in the other unit, with no more than 16 hours per shift. Doctors were hired from the outside to watch them work and note any mistakes.

During the longer shifts, the interns made five times as many diagnostic errors, such as missing the bull's-eye rash that showed that Lyme disease was causing a patient's heart problem. They made 36 percent more significant medical errors of all kinds.

There was no difference in the number of patient deaths and the average length of hospital stays, largely because other staffers often found and corrected the mistakes, the

researchers said.

"This is testimony to the system of checks and balances we have in place already," said Dr. Anthony Whittemore, the hospital's chief medical officer.

Nurses noticed when one intern ordered 10 times the correct dose of a drug to raise blood pressure, and when another miscalculated a patient's fluid intake and missed symptoms of fluid retention.

A tranquilizer overdose was not noticed until it caused dangerously low heartbeat and blood pressure. And one patient's lung collapsed because a tube being inserted into an artery punched a hole in the space around the lung, letting in air.

The interns also wore sleep monitors on and off duty, with electrodes attached to their heads. They nodded off about 5.5 times a night on long shifts, compared with 2.6 times overnight during the short ones. They got almost six more hours of sleep a week between short shifts, said Dr. Charles A. Czeisler, who led that study.

Because of the findings, Brigham and Women's has cut interns' hours to 12 in surgery and 18 in medicine, and plans more changes, Whittemore said.

Changes so far have cost the hospital \$500,000, on top of nearly \$1.9

million for those ordered by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, which set the new rules.

Dr. Jordan Cohen, president of the Association of American Medical Colleges, said the current limits are "very much a work in progress" and further cutbacks in ICUs may be needed.

One of the interns who participated in the studies, Dr. Aaron Kesselheim of Cherry Hill, N.J., said he could not remember any specific errors he might have made. "A lot of intern year is a blur because everything is so crazy," he said.

Kesselheim said there was a downside to shorter shifts: He could not attend some teaching sessions in the hospital, and he had fewer chances to do procedures he needed to learn. Also, he could not see patients' full response to his treatment.

"Those first 24 hours are very important, seeing how patients respond to different management, trying to make a diagnosis," he said.

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'A lot of intern year is a blur because everything is so crazy.'

— Dr. Aaron Kesselheim
Study participant

'These long shifts are perhaps more hazardous than the number of hours in the work week.'

— Dr. Christopher Landrigan
Harvard researcher



CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK
by
Dr. Mark W. Ford, Jr.

SCHOOL BRINGS HIDDEN RISKS

The American Chiropractic Association (ACA) reports that most parents are unaware of many hidden risk factors facing their children every day. A *Spine* journal article reveals a critical need for addressing health concerns in the school environment, such as heavy backpacks, inappropriate desks and chairs and an absence of physical activity.

Children suffer from back pain at a much earlier age than previous generations, to a large part due to overweight backpacks. Make sure your child's backpack weighs no more than 10 percent of his/her body weight. A heavy backpack will cause students to bend forward in an attempt to support the weight on their back rather than shoulders.

Students may also have chronic pain in their hands, back, neck and shoulders from sitting for long periods of time in inappropriate chairs while using computers or doing school work.

Childhood obesity has reached its highest level in 30 years, because youths are exercising less and eating more unhealthy foods. Students should participate in at least 30 minutes of physical activity each day and get plenty of rest every night to have enough energy to keep active. They should drink about 6 glasses of water daily and avoid high fats, salt and sugar.

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Company strives to create genetically engineered cats free of allergy proteins

By PAUL ELIAS
AP Biotechnology Writer

The biotechnology revolution is shaking up the pet world.

First came a cloned cat. Then came the fish genetically engineered to glow.

Now, a Los Angeles company is exploiting the latest in biotechnology to create cats genetically engineered to be nearly free from the allergy-causing proteins that plague millions of people.

Allerca Inc. president Simon Brodie said by 2007 the company will use RNA interference to "silence" a

gene in cats that produces the irritant, which is excreted through saliva and the skin.

Scientists researching everything from cancer to crops are using RNA interference to silence genes to create drugs, gene-searching tools and even a new way of decaffeinating coffee.

Now Brodie hopes to bring that same promise to the cat world and eliminate the need for allergic cat lovers to receive symptom-reducing shots while encouraging others put off by the allergy to buy a pet for the first time.

The company is now accepting \$350 deposits for

the British Short Hair breed of cats it plans to charge \$3,500 a piece for in the United States and \$10,000 each in Japan. Brodie said he hoped to ultimately sell about 200,000 of the genetically engineered cats a year. The four-person company has yet to engineer any cats, which will be spayed and neutered to prevent breeding with naturally born felines.

Using the genetically engineered pet fish as a guide, Brodie said he doesn't expect to run up against federal regulators. Neither the Department of Agriculture nor the Food and Drug

Administration stepped into regulate the Florida-bred GloFish — a common zebra fish that has been implanted with a fluorescent sea anemone gene — because it wasn't meant for human consumption.

Federal regulators with the two agencies couldn't be reached late Tuesday.

"Obviously, things can change," Brodie said. "But as long as people don't start eating cats and they don't enter the food chain, then we should be handled like the GloFish."

FDA approves drug for early breast cancer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration agreed Friday to allow a drug currently used against advanced breast cancer to be prescribed to prevent the disease from recurring in women who have been treated for early forms of the disease.

The agency approved the new use for letrozole, which can now be prescribed for postmenopausal women who have finished five years of treatment with tamoxifen.

The manufacturer, Novartis Pharmaceuticals, sells the drug under the name Femara. The daily tablet costs about \$210 a month, the company said.

The drug offers new therapy to about 100,000 each year who complete tamoxifen treatment for breast cancer, said Dr. Diane Young, a Novartis vice president.

A clinical study of the drug showed it cut the risk of recurrence by half.

More than 5,000 women in North America and Europe participated in the study. They had the most common form of breast cancer and had completed the recommended five years of tamoxifen treatment.

The women were given either letrozole or a dummy pill. After nearly 2 1/2 years, 132 of those taking the placebo had a cancer recurrence compared to 75 of those on letrozole. The study was

stopped so women getting the placebo could be switched to letrozole.

The hormone estrogen fuels the growth of many breast cancers and can encourage a dormant cancer

to begin growing again.

Tamoxifen, which blocks estrogen from connecting to cells, is recommended after early breast cancer is treated with surgery and chemotherapy.

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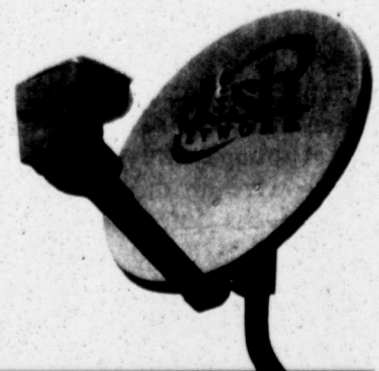
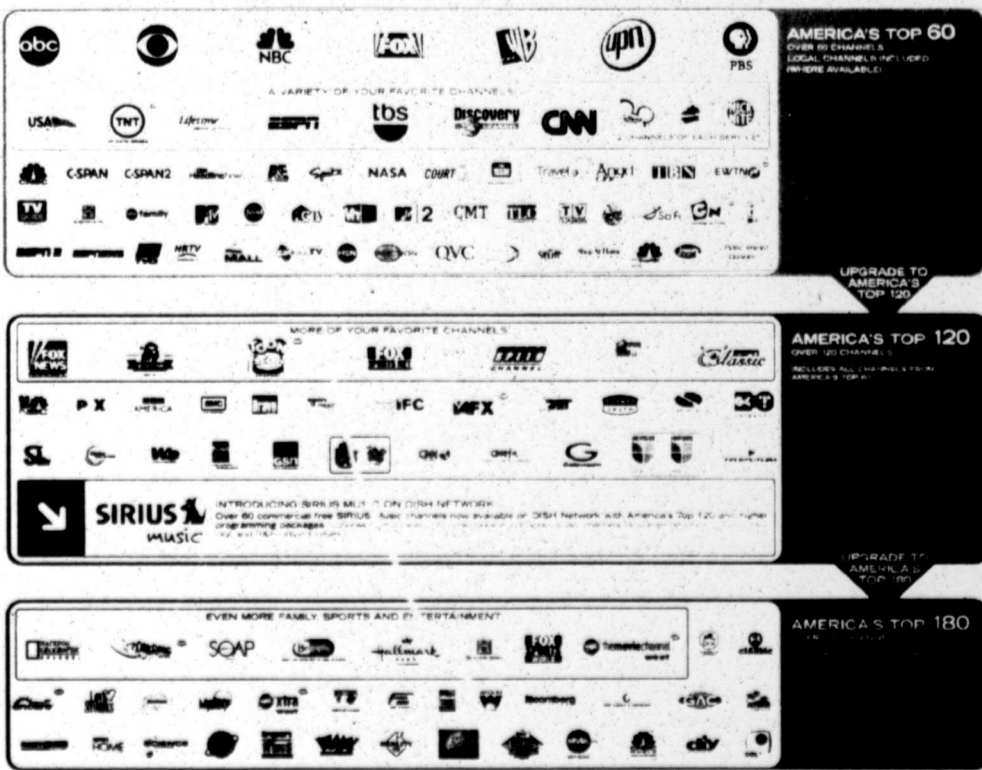
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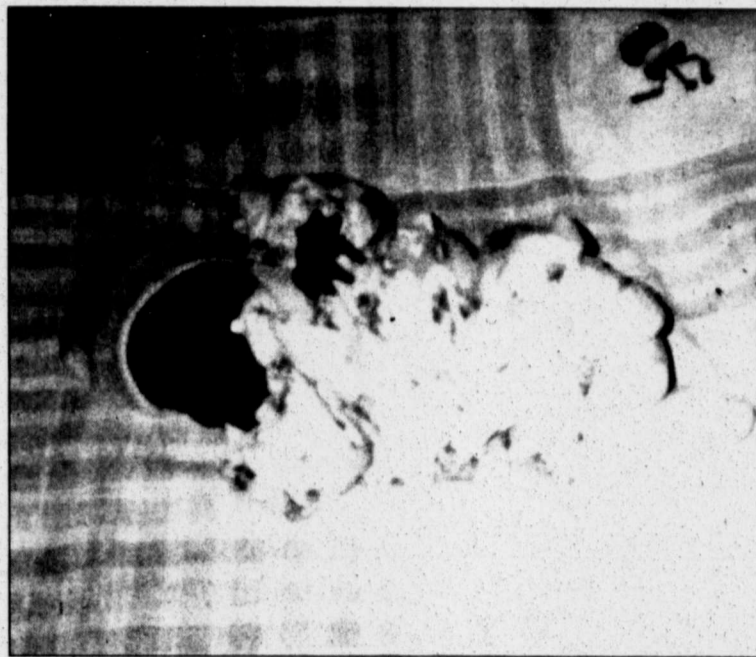
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Cradle call



Katherine Marian Smith

Katherine Marian Smith was born Oct. 6, 2004, at Pampa Regional Medical Center to her parents, Paul and Lisa Smith of Pampa. She weighed 10 lbs., 3 oz., at birth and was 21.5 inches long. She is welcomed by her brothers, Chris, Greg and Alex Smith, all of Pampa and her grandparents, Norman and Carol Smith of Pasadena, Marian Ball of Amarillo and Robert Ball of Amarillo.




Britney Danielle Wood

Britney Danielle Wood was born Oct. 2, 2004, at 9:01 p.m., at Pampa Regional Medical Center to Daniel and Lezlea Wood of Pampa. She weighed 6 lbs., 10 oz., and was 19 1/4 inches long. Her relatives include her big sister Ashleigh, grandparents, Elizabeth Wood of Pampa and William Wood of Oklahoma, Donna Caswell of Pampa and the late Junior Caswell, Mavis McDowell of Pampa and the late Don McDowell, and Mary Etta Caswell of Elk City, Okla., and the late D.H. Caswell.

Cupcakes contraband at school


MILFORD, Conn. (AP)— Cupcakes are contraband at Meadowside elementary school. Principal Robert Davis's ban on all celebratory sweets has made some parents sour. Health officials said Davis adopted a new policy of using games and crafts instead of baked goods to fete birthdays, holidays and special occasions, and praised it as a way to combat childhood obesity. Parent Jack Fowler said no one should dictate what students can bring to school for special events. He said health and school officials have turned into the "fat police," in an attempt to rid schools of foods children enjoy.



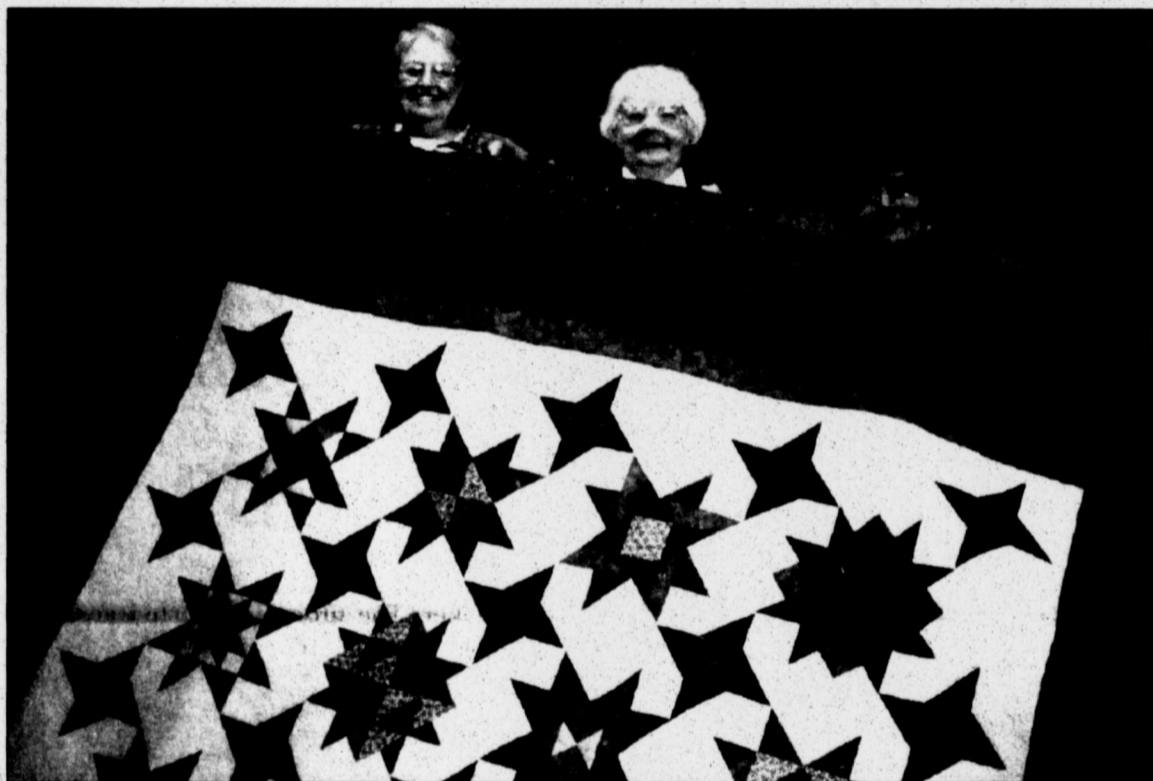
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Local guild to host quilt show



Members of the Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild display a quilt they have made. From left to right are Carol Willis, Ruth Barrett and Pat Stubbs. They are preparing for their upcoming "American Spirit" quilt show November 6 and 7 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. There will be a variety of quilts on display plus 15 vendors from 4 states selling quilt-related items. Admission is \$3. and the hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and from 1:00-5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will host an American Spirit Quilt Show, Nov. 6-7, at the M.K. Brown Auditorium, 1000 N. Sumner. The show will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6, and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 7. In addition to a wide variety of quilts on display there will be 15 vendors from four different states offering quilt-related items. Admission is \$3 at the door. For more information, call (806) 779-3149.



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tions manager for Dobson. "Pampa has been a great city for Dobson and we want to recognize those individuals who have sacrificed their time and efforts to create a great environment." The nomination process will take place online, starting now through the end of the year. See **AWARD**, Page 7-B

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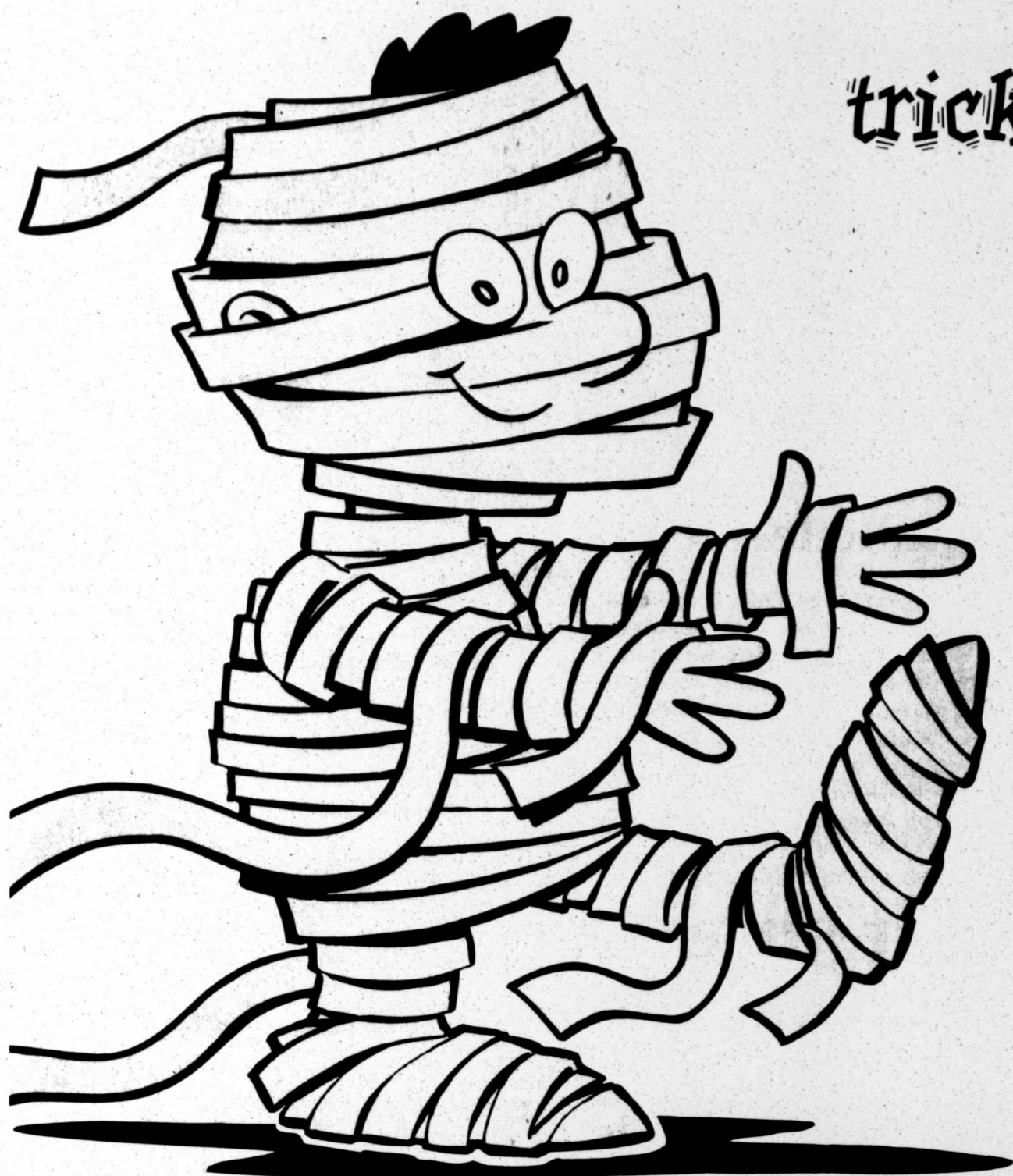
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Who you gonna call?

Ghost hunters say South Texas campus crawling with restless spirits

By LYNN BREZOSKY
Associated Press Writer

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — To hear Olivia De La Garza tell it, the little ghost visits often but means no harm.

She says the image of a boy, about 3, regularly visits her dormitory room at the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College, yanking off her covers in the middle of the night.

"Not to scare me, but to play," said De La Garza, a 24-year-old nursing student from Matamoros, Mexico.

Her spooky tale isn't the only one from this dorm built on a 19th-century cemetery just across the Mexican border.

There are enough stories from this palm-dotted campus that used to be an old fort to fill two spiral-bound volumes of a book called "The Ghosts of Fort Brown."

The second volume was released this week, in time for Halloween.

"People would ask me, 'Where's the book on the stories?'" said John Hawthorne, university archivist and co-editor of the books. "I thought there should be one. There's a remarkable likeness to the stories and something there of folklore value as well."

While many around campus doubt the stories or just chuckle, the place is full of ghostly reports.

As legend has it, campus jukeboxes play by themselves. Books fall off a library shelves. Forelorn women and children in Victorian dress approach passers-by then dissolve into gaseous green orbs. Old-timers say they've seen cavalry men in formation and heard waltzes and old battle songs.

One student claims to have seen a "Calvary soldier ghost patting the bottom of the lady

in the white dress." The history of the area explains it all, say self-proclaimed paranormal investigators.

"Those personas remain behind usually because of some sort of unfinished business, or because their resting place was disturbed," said Troy Taylor, founder of the Alton, Ill.-based American Ghost Society.

Founded as a junior college in 1926, the school now attracts more than 10,000 students to its bustling campus just a block from Mexico.

But Fort Brown in its heyday during the Mexican-American War and U.S. Civil War was rife with racism, disease and banditry.

The administrative buildings are in the old hospital and morgue, which teemed with yellow fever, tuberculosis and cholera. The art building was once a jail, and students' art projects now rest in old basement cells.

Military deserters were hung in the parade grounds, which is where

the library now stands. Some say they've seen a man in uniform with a noose around his neck.

The dorms, remodeled hotel rooms with lake views and swimming pools, were built on top of a military cemetery. The cemetery was disinterred between 1909 and 1911 — or so people thought. When a hurricane flooded the nearby Rio Grande in 1933, several coffins surfaced.

Victor Perez belongs to a group called Rio Grande Valley Paranormal Investigators, which claims to have recorded ghosts' voices and caught images on camera.

"They are disembodied," he said. "They don't have a body anymore, so they're just an electrical system, an energy source."

Of course, many who aren't in the ghost business don't buy the stories.

University President Juliet Garcia said she's been on

campus for decades as a student, faculty member, dean and now president, and hasn't had a single encounter.

"I believe folks are not trying to contrive feelings and I certainly believe some things

in life we can't understand," she said. "Is this one of them? I don't know. ... They don't come to me."

University retiree Yolanda Gonzalez, on campus known as the "ghost lady," said she

in her 47 years as a librarian grew to accept that the spirits were there.

"When I finally got a secretary, I told her don't be afraid of things that happen here," she said. "Everything

is all right, but things happen."

On The Net:
<http://blue.utb.edu/ghostsof-fortbrown>

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— Victor Perez
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Pumpkin crop booms in Indiana to meet demand

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (AP) — Indiana farmers are growing more pumpkins to meet a rising demand for jack-o-lanterns and other seasonal decor, rather than food production.

Indiana is No. 7 in pumpkin production in the United States, with 4,242 acres of pumpkins planted in 2002, according to the Census of Agriculture, published in June.

But only five of the state's 495 pumpkin farmers grow their crops for processing into pie filling and other food, said

Greg Preston of the Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service. Most pumpkins are destined for carving or other seasonal display.

The state's pumpkin patches expanded by 45 percent between 1997 and 2002, according to the Census of Agriculture.

Ralph Kurtz shifted crops on his 1,300-acre farm a few miles east of Fort Wayne in the 1990s when wholesale buyers began ordering more pumpkins. Now he grows about 50,000 pumpkins each year.

Kurtz said chain stores are now a major market for pumpkins.

"Ten, 15 years ago, Meijer, Wal-Mart, Menards — none of those people had pumpkins. Now they do," he said.

Retailers are catering to increasing numbers of people who are spending money on pumpkins and other seasonal decorations. Halloween ranks second only to Christmas in decoration spending, said Scott Krugman, spokesman for the National Retail Federation.

"It's really shifted from one night out of the year to more of a seasonal holiday," said Krugman.

A survey conducted for the federation estimated consumers will spend about \$780 million on Halloween decorations this year, said Ellen Tolley, a spokeswoman for the group.

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