

Obituaries

Terry Niemeier, 62

Terry Niemeier, 62, of Pampa, Texas, died Saturday, Nov. 13, at Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004, at the First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Edwin Cooley, pastor, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Gage Cemetery in Gage, Okla., under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Niemeier was born Sept. 8, 1942, in Pampa, to Fred and Ila Taylor Niemeier. He lived in Casper, Wyo., returning to Pampa and graduating from Pampa High School in 1961.

He was a graduate of West Texas State

University where he was a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

He was a talented musician, playing the drums for several bands, and he also repaired violins.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Heather Pennell of Hobbs, N.M.; one stepson, Sean Bates of Hobbs, N.M.; his mother, Ila Niemeier of Pampa; and one grandson, Austin Pennell of Hobbs, N.M.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

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

Juanita Smith, 86

Juanita Smith, 86, of Pampa, Texas, died Monday, Nov. 15, 2004, at Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Smith was born Nov. 15, 1918, in Seymour, Texas. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1939. She married W.D. Smith on Sept. 6, 1934, in Breckenridge. He preceded her in death on March 31, 1991.

She was a cashier at Ideal Food Store for many years.

She was a member of the First Assembly of God where she taught women's Sunday School classes for 20 years. She enjoyed oil painting as a hobby.



Smith

Survivors include two sons, Gary Jan Smith and wife Edna of Pampa and Ray Smith and wife Edith of Fritch; one brother, Carl Johnson of Luikin; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

The family requests memorials be to Keri Smith Missionary Fund #2141604, c/o The General Council of the Assemblies of God, 1445 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield, MO 65802-1894.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

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

Services tomorrow

NIEMEIER, Terry — Memorial services, 10 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, Pampa. Graveside services, 2:30 p.m., Gage Cemetery, Gage, Okla.

Gray County Weather

Today: Occasional showers. Widespread fog before noon. High around 56. South wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible. Tonight: Showers likely. Patchy fog after 10 p.m.

Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 50. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent. Wednesday: Showers likely. Widespread fog before 10 a.m. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 56. Southeast wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent. Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 51. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north. Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers.

Wholesale prices see 1.7 percent jump in October

By JEANNINE AVERSA
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Propelled by sharply higher energy and food costs, wholesale prices soared by 1.7 percent in October, the largest increase since early 1990.

The Producer Price Index measures costs of goods before they reach store shelves.

The big over-the-month jump came after wholesale prices edged up just 0.1 percent in September, the Labor Department reported Tuesday. Concerns about inflation have driven the Federal Reserve's credit-tightening policies of recent months.

The report suggested that inflation at the wholesale level is picking up after months of being quite well-behaved.

"Inflation is not a problem, but a corner has been turned," said Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics. "We face a period of still low, but building inflation pressures, which the Fed has plenty of time to nip in the bud."

The economy's soft patch in the spring and early summer helped to keep wholesale prices relatively subdued, Mayland explained.

Now that the economy is gaining traction, inflation probably will be on the rise as well, he said.

Excluding energy and food costs, which can swing widely from month to month, "core" wholesale prices climbed in October by 0.3 percent for the second month in a row.

The PPI figures showed larger gains than economists were expecting.

They were forecasting overall wholesale prices to go up by 0.6 percent in October and core prices to edge up by 0.1 point.

On Wall Street, the higher-than-expected reading on the PPI helped to push stocks lower. The Dow Jones industrials lost 59 points and the Nasdaq was off 16 points in morning trading.

The 1.7 percent increase in the overall PPI was the largest advance since January 1990.

From an economic point of view, inflation isn't currently a threat to the economy, analysts said.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his Fed colleagues, in a statement after their meeting last week, said that the economy appears to be growing "at a moderate pace despite the rise in energy prices."

Even with the surge of energy prices, Fed policy-makers said "inflation and longer-term inflation expectations remain well contained."

Against that backdrop, Fed policy-makers said last week that they can stick with their gradual approach to raising short-term interest rates.

The Fed decided last week to boost a key short-term rate by one-quarter percentage point to 2 percent, its fourth rate increase this year. The Fed is pushing up rates now to prevent inflation from being a problem in the future.

A growing number of economists believe the Fed will increase rates again at its next meeting on Dec. 14.

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ClearView Economics

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

Monday, Nov. 15

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of Fisher. No injuries were reported.

Shoplifting was reported at Hastings Books, Music & Video, 1205 N. Hobart. DVDs valued at \$66 were taken.

Lost property was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester. A purse and contents, valued at \$6, were reported lost.

Found property was reported in the 400 block of South Somerville. Road signs were found.

Assault causing bodily injury was reported in the 1900 block of North Dwight. Minor injuries were reported.

Simple assault was reported in the 1500 block of North Christy. No injuries were reported.

Theft was reported at Frank's Foods, 300 E. Brown. Groceries valued at approximately \$28.26 were reported taken.

Larry Edward Sloan, 34, 915 Fisher, was arrested in the 900 block of Fisher for

assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

Eric Barler, 23, Canyon, was arrested at Harvester and Russell streets for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

Tuesday, Nov. 16

Branden Earle, 24, 604 Roberta, was arrested in the 400 block of Magnolia for expired registration.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

Monday, Nov. 15

3:30 p.m. — A 1995 GMC Jimmy, driven by Sarah Elizabeth Wilson, 26, 1812 N. Banks, collided with a properly parked 1999 Ford F350, owned by Kerwin Todd Lindsay, Panhandle, in the 300 block of Miami. No injuries were reported. Wilson was cited for backing without safety.

Sheriff

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

Monday, Nov. 15

Vernon Howard Woodward, 42, 429 Christie, turned himself in for a 31st District Court

sentence for driving while intoxicated.

Jeffery Brent Mayfield, 49, 941 Sierra Dr., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Tuesday, Nov. 16

Steven Stone, 30, 1341 Starkweather, was arrested for two capias pro fines, two warrants, and a probation violation for possession of marijuana.

Kevin Nickelberry, 35, Amarillo, was arrested for a bond surrender on a charge of failure to identify.

Fire

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

Monday, Nov. 15

10:02 a.m. — Four units and nine firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 400 block of Crest. Firefighters found light smoke in the attic from smoldering insulation caused by a hot electrical wire.

6:28 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a reported hazardous material spill on U.S. 60 and 70. No spill was found.

Stocks

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

Wheat	3.20
Milo	3.26
Corn	3.88
Soybeans	4.66

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

OXY	57.12	+0.59
BP PLC ADR	59.34	+0.04
Cabot Corp	35.78	-0.01
Cabot Oil Gas	42.69	-0.18
Coca Cola	40.40	-0.18
VLO	42.32	+0.65
HAL	37.36	+0.35
TRI	35.40	-0.11
NOI	32.94	+0.41
KMI	66.89	+0.48
XCEL	18.22	+0.13
Kerr McGee	58.56	+0.11
XOM	49.88	+0.30
Limited	27.48	+0.35
Williams	14.23	+0.10
MCD	30.36	-0.06
Atmos	26.56	-0.14
Pioneer Nat	33.28	+0.18
JCP	40.21	-0.20
COP	86.94	+0.44
SLB	64.46	+0.73
Tenneco	14.34	-0.07
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Rice's deputy, to replace her as national security adviser, the top White House-based foreign policy aide.

Rice, who is considered more of a foreign policy hard-liner than Powell, has been Bush's national security adviser for four years. But while she's known around the globe, her image on the world stage does not rival Powell's. The retired four-star general has higher popularity ratings than the president.

"Under your leadership, America is fighting and winning the war on terror," Rice said to her boss during the Roosevelt Room announcement. If confirmed by the Senate, she would be the

first black woman secretary of state.

Rice, raised in the segregated South, is an accomplished pianist and Russian scholar who Bush said was "taught that human dignity is a gift of God and that the ideals of America would overcome oppression."

Bush asked the Senate for quick confirmation. "The nation needs her," he said.

Besides Powell and Ashcroft, Education Secretary Rod Paige, Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman and Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham resigned as Bush sought a fresh start for a second term.

Administration officials say Homeland Security

Secretary Tom Ridge and Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson may be next. Officials close to Ridge say he may be willing to stay for a few months

the top diplomat's job, despite reports that she intended to return to California or was hoping to replace Donald H. Rumsfeld as defense secretary.

Powell's deputy, Richard Armitage, is expected to follow Powell out the door. "In together, out together," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said of Armitage,

a long-term colleague of Powell's.

There had been speculation that Powell, 67, would stay on, at least for part of Bush's second term, but he told reporters Monday that he had made no offer to do so.

Known for his moderate views and unblemished rep-

utation, Powell went before the United Nations in February 2003 to sell Bush's argument for invading Iraq to skeptics abroad and at home. Powell's case was built on faulty intelligence that Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction. Still, he remained the most popular member of the administration.

Scott McClellan, the White House press secretary, declined to answer questions about whether Bush asked Powell to step down, or tried to persuade him to stay.

Ivo Daalder, who served on President Clinton's National Security Council, suspects Powell was nudged out the door. "It was a surprise," he said. "He had been telling people that he wanted to stay."

Rumsfeld, traveling in Ecuador on Monday, told

reporters he had not yet discussed his future with the president and would provide no hint as to whether he would continue with Bush's Cabinet, either for months or through the second term. Besides Rice, Bush already picked White House counsel Alberto Gonzales to replace Ashcroft.

Margaret Spellings, Bush's domestic policy adviser, is on the short list to replace Paige as education secretary.

If confirmed by the Senate, Condoleezza Rice, Ph.D., would be the first black woman to serve as secretary of state.

and advisers to Thompson hint that he may be open to another Cabinet post.

Rice, 50, worked at the National Security Council in former President Bush's White House and went on to be provost of Stanford University in California. She was widely considered the president's first choice for

Fajita fund-raiser



Brennen and Brittney Towles and Garrett Bonner are showing old basketballs that will be replaced with new equipment that has been purchased with proceeds from the Community Christian School Fajita Cookouts. The final cookout of the year will be this Friday, Nov 19th from 11-1 at the school. Tickets for \$5 may be purchased in advance by calling 665-3393.

Belts

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five-state region are still not buckling up, resulting in more than 1,000 pickup occupants dying in the five states every year in traffic crashes, according to the release. Safety belt use in pickup trucks is five to 15 percentage points lower than all other passenger vehicles in the five states.

"Pickups are twice as likely to roll over as passenger cars in fatal crashes. About one out of every four pickups in fatal crashes involve a rollover. Wearing your safety belt reduces the risk of dying in a rollover crash by 70 to

80 percent," said Pitner.

"Buckling up is your only defense against being ejected from your vehicle, one of the most deadly things that can happen to you in a crash," he said.

National research shows that of the partially or completely ejected occupants in rollover crashes studied, 81 percent were not using safety belts, compared to only 18 percent who were using safety belts, according to the release.

Safety belt use throughout the five states participating in "Buckle Up in Your Truck" has increased from 77 percent to 88 percent since 2002. The increase translates into well over half a million more drivers and passengers in the region who are better protected

against injury and death in case of a crash, according to the release. Officials hope to add to that total this year and next year, the release said.

Funding for the "Buckle Up in Your Truck" campaign is provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and by highway safety offices in the five states and the Indian Nations.

Driving tips on how to avoid rollover crashes and injuries may be found on the web at <http://www.actsinc.org/rollovers.cfm>. Information on the value of buckling up in trucks is available at www.BuckleUpinYourTruck.com.

—Marilyn Powers, staff writer

Reps

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wastewater facilities. The business and cooperative programs provide "needed capital to expand economic opportunities and development in rural areas throughout Texas by work-

ing with banks and community lenders," Jenkins said. There is no minimum loan size, and the maximum loan size is \$25 million, he said.

"We cover 26 counties, and we are trying to get to each one this fiscal year," said Vivian Klecker, rural development specialist in the Amarillo office, in a telephone interview.

Persons seeking general

information Thursday at City Hall do not need to bring any paperwork with them, Klecker said.

Those seeking assistance and wishing to apply will be asked to provide their address and information which includes their debts and landlord, she said. No appointment is necessary to attend Thursday's event, she said.

"We normally start with a pre-qualification visit. Processing the information takes a couple of days. Then we will let them know if they qualify for assistance, and how much," Klecker said.

For more information, call the Amarillo office at (806) 468-8600, Ext. 4. The office's web site is www.rur-dev.usda.gov/tx/.

Tourism

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late economic development in the 52-county Texas Plains Trail Region by enhancing awareness and appreciation of the cultural heritage and natural resources, she said.

Officers were elected at the October meeting in Tulia with Bobbie Hill of Wheeler County chosen as president for the 2005 year.

Four tourism sites in Gray County await recommendations from a site evaluation team that visited three sites in Pampa and one in McLean last summer. An evaluation report is to be sent to each site in December, Goff said.

The reports will contain recommendations and resources for development and improvement of the sites.

The six-member team included marketing, tourism, architecture and muse-

um professionals. Sites visited by the team included Freedom Museum U.S.A., the White Deer Land Museum and Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center in Pampa and the Devil's Rope/ Route 66 Museum in McLean.

Partnership Grants will be available to the region in September 2005. Grant proposals for projects directly related to recommendations from site evaluation reports will receive special consideration, Goff said.

Pampa Chamber of Commerce will

have applications for board members and for anyone who would like to be a task force member.

For more information, contact Paula Goff at 665-2514.

Other counties in the Texas Plains Trail Region, in addition to Gray County, are Armstrong, Bailey, Borden, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Floyd, Foard, Gains, Garza, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hardeman, Hartley, Hemphill, Hockley, Howard, Hutchinson, Kent, King, Knox, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn, Mitchell, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Scurry, Sherman, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler, and Yoakum.

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Viewpoints

Indications that obesity may be a problem

Hefty. Solid. Plus size. Overweight. Meaty. Generous proportions. Full-figured. Beefy. Large. Heavyset.

All these words and phrases are synonymous with another word, shorter than any of them. A word that is considered "rude" or "taboo."

The word is fat. In the spirit of the calorie-laden holiday season, I would like to do another rendition of Jeff Foxworthy's famous lists.

Maybe this column will give someone some much-needed willpower when faced with the last of the left-

over Halloween candy, the Thanksgiving feast, the Christmas parties and dinner, New Year's galas, and Valentine's Day chocolates. Bon appetit.

You know you're fat when:

You avoid looking below your neck in a mirror, and full-length mirrors are to be avoided at all costs.

So-called "sexy" underthings and swimwear make you look like a sumo wrestler.

You own no piece of form-fitting clothing.

The clothes you are hanging onto for when you lose those pounds went out of

style 10 years ago.

Your greatest fashion knowledge is what colors, styles and prints will give the best illusion of fewer inches.

Instead of whistling while you work, you wiggle while you walk. Not to mention jiggling if you jog.

When people say, "Not 'till the fat lady sings," you worry about being called on to perform a solo.

You realize the increased difficulty in bending over is

not due to decreased joint flexibility, but to your extra girth getting in your own way.

You think others are looking at you with disdain if you have anything in your grocery cart that is not fat-free, calorie-free, carb-free, and tasteless.

Exercise and diet are both four-letter words.

You have made the idea of "comfort food" a way of life.

Your chin has a twin. Shopping for clothing is

about as much fun as getting a tooth pulled.

Your furniture and vehicle seats seem to groan aloud when you sit down.

When you suck in your gut, you can't tell the difference.

You carry around your own lap table, which appears every time you sit down.

You have stretch marks, and they're not from being pregnant.

You're distracted about something, and "come to" only to realize you've polished off all the leftovers.

You treat insomnia with refrigerator therapy.

Your doctor tells you to

lose weight.

Your significant others offer to help you with a new diet or exercise program.

You use your exercise equipment as a clothing rack.

You dream about food. Willpower? What willpower?

You believe that one more bite won't make any difference.

You still have the pounds you swore you'd lose after the 1984 holidays.

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Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer



Today in History

By the Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 16, the 321st day of 2004. There are 45 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 16, 1864, Union Gen. William T. Sherman and his troops began their "March to the Sea" during the Civil War.

On this date:

In 1776, British troops captured Fort Mifflin during the American Revolution.

In 1885, Canadian rebel Louis Riel was executed for high treason.

In 1907, Oklahoma became the 46th state of the union.

In 1933, the United States and the Soviet Union established diplomatic relations.

In 1959, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The Sound of Music" opened on Broadway.

In 1961, House Speaker Samuel T. Rayburn died in Bonham, Texas, having served as speaker since 1940 except for two terms.

In 1973, Skylab III, carrying a crew of three astronauts, was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on an 84-day mission.

In 1973, President Nixon signed the Alaska Pipeline measure into law.

In 1981, actor William Holden was found dead in his apartment in Santa Monica, Calif.; he was 63.

In 1982, an agreement was announced in the 57th day of a strike by National Football League players.

Ten years ago: The government reported consumer prices rose one-tenth of one percentage point in October. A federal judge issued a temporary restraining order prohibiting the state of California from implementing most provisions of Proposition 187, the voter-approved measure that would deny most public services to illegal immigrants. President Clinton, ending a five-day trip to Asia, discussed human rights with Indonesian President Suharto.

Five years ago: Nathaniel Abraham, at 13 one of the youngest murder defendants in U.S. history, was convicted in Pontiac, Mich., of second-degree murder for shooting a stranger outside a convenience store with a rifle when he was 11. (Nathaniel was sentenced to juvenile detention, which means he will be released Jan. 13, 2007, when he turns 21.)

One year ago: Serbians failed for the third time in a year to elect a president because of low voter turnout.

'History is a combination of reality and lies. The reality of History becomes a lie. The unreality of the fable becomes the truth.'

— Jean Cocteau
French author,
director, poet



Raising the spectre of Specter

Question on the LAT (Leadership Aptitude Test): Hey, conservative Christian, you've just helped to re-elect a president and strengthen the GOP in Congress. What are you doing next?

Four common answers since Nov. 2: (a) We're going to Disney World. (b) We're dictating surrender terms to the rest of the country. (c) We're begging for some crumbs from the GOP table. (d) We're becoming coalition co-leaders.

Hmmm. Pleasant as it might be to go on vacation for the next four years, I'd suggest eliminating (a).

Exciting as it is to enjoy irrational exuberance, we should also steer clear of (b). Comfortable though a supplicant's position may be, we can do better than (c). I'd propose, with history as our guide, that conservative Christians choose (d). That's what "religious right" leaders in the late 18th century such as Patrick Henry and Samuel Adams did. To defeat the big government British, they formed a coalition with libertarians.

What they and more recent coalition leaders knew was this: Compromise within the coalition, but don't destroy the coalition by compromising with people on the other side. Win support not by whispering sweet nothings, but by showing that your policies respect key coalition players.

That's what President

Bush should and will remember. Mainstream media folks are hectoring him now to foster "national unity," but on tough public policy questions, only success creates unity. The new United States gained some national unity concerning the Soviet Union only when the evil empire collapsed.

Similarly, Republican welfare reform in 1995 came under fire because children would supposedly be starved.

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Marvin Olasky

Columnist



'Free speech zones' a good idea

It goes without saying that we are proponents of free speech. It is one of the most important rights that we have as Americans.

Freedom of speech is a broad concept that includes not only reporting and commenting about the news but also such things as public protests.

Protesters who claim the right of free speech sometimes deliver their messages in ways that are disruptive to other people. Many protesters appear to be more interested in getting attention for themselves than for their messages.

We have no problem with protesters making their state-

ments in a lawful manner, but other people should have the right not to have to listen to messages that they do not want to receive or to be otherwise inconvenienced.

The "free-speech" zones that have been established at Texas Tech and other universities would seem to be a logical and good approach to dealing with a situation that all institutions of higher learning have to face.

However, limiting public protests and, therefore, free speech at a public university is somewhat different than,

saying, limiting sidewalk protests in a large city during a national political convention.

Texas Tech's policy of requiring prior permission of the university for exercising

first amendment rights outside of free speech

zones was struck down recently in a decision by U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings.

It is a complicated case that involves a Texas Tech law school graduate who applied for a permit to make

a speech against homosexuality on Tech grounds but was denied permission and told he could speak instead in a free-speech zone. He filed suit against the university.

Judge Cummings believed that the university painted with too broad a brush in requiring the prior permission. If such a requirement were applied literally across the campus, it could have a chilling affect on communication, he said.

His point is well-taken. In an institution of higher learning, differences of opinion are a routine matter in

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Quilt show fund-raiser

Ernest Williams and wife Debbie of Stinnett won this donation quilt in a drawing during the recent Panhandle Piecemaker's Quilt Guild "American Spirit Quilt Show."

Man sets himself on fire near White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — A man who set himself afire near the White House was upset with the way he was being treated as an FBI informant, specifically complaining to The Washington Post about his inability to return to Yemen to visit his ill wife.

Mohamed Alanssi, 52, arrived at the White House Monday with a letter addressed to President Bush. After talking briefly with uniformed Secret Service officers, he pulled a lighter from his pocket and set his clothing ablaze.

Although the officers, who had been alerted by the Post, acted quickly to extinguish the flames, emergency medical technicians said he suffered burns on his hands, neck and face.

Alanssi was taken to Washington Hospital Center for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

The Post reported that Alanssi, who also used the name Mohamed Alhadrami, had informed the newspaper of his plans early Monday.

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Spectre

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ing, but in a few years it became apparent that the dire predictions were wrong and that children and parents were generally doing much better.

Now, we have some degree of national unity about the importance of welfare reform, but only because it's working.

President Bush can unite the country by winning in Iraq, and by fighting for economic and social policies that emphasize family, and decrease bureaucratic and judicial over-reaching.

And he can achieve that only if Christian conservatives and libertarians, the two big players in today's Republican coalition, respect each other. We have to be willing to compromise within the coalition while standing firm against liberals.

Respect begins by not calling each other "extremists." Sam Adams was vitri-

olic about the British but complimentary toward Hancock.

That's why, to look at this week's hot Beltway-and-blog debate, Arlen Specter should not chair the Senate Judiciary Committee, which

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— Marvin Olasky
 Columnist

is responsible for vetting Supreme Court justices and other key appointees.

His pledge to fight judicial "extremists" — i.e. critics of Roe vs. Wade — should take him out of the running.

Specter is doing a little backpedaling now, but his rantings are on the record, and wise employers do not hire a person who growls during the interview. What

will he be like once he's ensconced?

Conservative opposition to Specter, though, needs a clear focus: The issue should be not membership, but leadership.

In other words, conservatives should welcome Arlen Specter, liberal Republican.

The GOP needs some of them for its Senate majority, just like the patriots in 1776 needed the radical Thomas Paine and Abraham Lincoln and Thaddeus Stevens.

Conservatives, though, should oppose Arlen Specter, prospective chairman.

To ace the LAT, we need to understand the difference between welcoming members and voting in leaders. We should treat Specter respectfully but not enthrone him.

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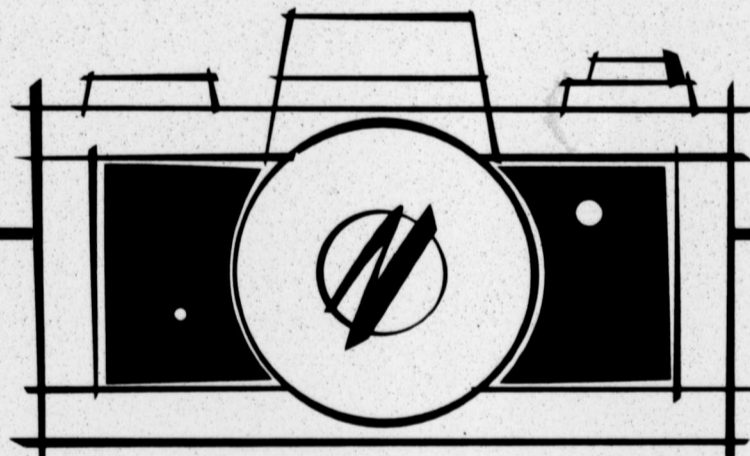


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Zones

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classrooms, discussion groups and venues of many other sorts.

However, while we want people to be free to express

themselves, that does not mean they should have the right to annoy others while they are doing it.

University officials have an interest in maintaining a safe and secure campus. When protesters are disrupting vehicle or foot traffic or causing any sort of risk to

public safety, officials should step in and deter it.

But it is a large campus with many open areas. It should be easy enough in most instances for people who do not want to hear a protester's message to avoid it by simply walking around him or her.

Calendar items

- **Pampa Pilots Ass'n.** Pampa Pilots Association meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Airport Lounge.
- **Pampa Rotary Club.** Pampa Rotary Club meets at 12 noon every Wednesday at Pampa Country Club.
- **Pampa Takedown Club.** Pampa Takedown Club Wrestling for youth 5-15 years of age. Practice is at 900 N. Frost. Season starts Sept. 25 through February. For more information, call Rick Urganhart at 665-8321.
- **Pampa Woodcarving Club.** Pampa Woodcarving Club meets at 7 p.m., the second and fourth Thursday of each month at First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson. Meetings are open to any individuals interested in woodcarving from beginners to all experience. Projects and instructors are available. For more information, call 669-3008.
- **Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild.** Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.
- **Shrine Club.** Pampa Shrine Club holds a covered dish meeting at 6:30 p.m. every second Monday of each month at the Sportsman's Club on South

- Barnes.
- **Southwest Cowboy Poets.** Southwest Cowboy Poets meets at 8 a.m., the second Saturday of each month at The Big Texan, I-40 East, in Amarillo.
- **Top O' Texas Rodeo Ass'n.** Top O' Texas Rodeo Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of every month in the Nona S. Payne Room of Pampa Community Building.
- **Medical, Support Groups, Etc.**
- **Al-Anon.** Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 665-6898.
- **American Heart Ass'n.** The Tri-County Division of the American Heart Association meets at 12 noon the first Friday of each month at Pampa Community Medical Center. For more information, call 665-3816.
- **ARC.** Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross is in need of wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, potty chairs (with pot) and hospital beds for its Loan Closet. For more information or to make a donation, contact the local Red Cross office at 669-7121.

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A Newspaper Activity Page for Young People



This Week: Secondhand Smoke

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SECONDHAND SMOKE

Would you like some gum that somebody else has already chewed? That would be secondhand gum!



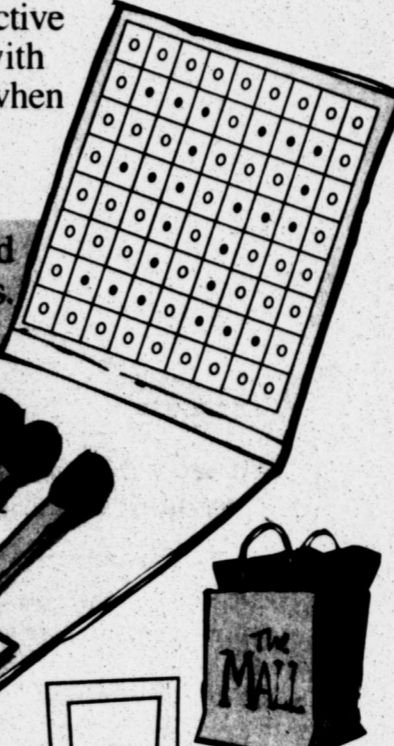
Secondhand smoke is a combination of the smoke from a burning cigarette and the smoke exhaled by a smoker.

Secondhand smoke has a very distinctive smell and it contaminates the air with poisons. Even if you don't smoke, when you breathe in secondhand smoke, you are breathing the poisons.

How many poisons are in secondhand smoke? To find out, color the squares.

• RED ○ YELLOW

Add up the digits and then add 4 to your answer.



Messed Up!

Secondhand smoke has chemicals that are poisonous, and causes more than 3,000 deaths in non-smokers every year.

Children who are exposed to secondhand smoke are more likely to have:

- Asthma
- More colds and sore throats
- Bronchitis and pneumonia
- Ear infections
- Behavior problems
- Hyperactivity problems

Standards Link: Health: Students develop knowledge for choosing not to use harmful chemical substances.

GROSS!



You can't smoke here.

Where does smoking lead?

Secondhand smoke is deadly. Because of that, many states prohibit smoking in public places like restaurants, schools, libraries, stores, etc.

So where do people who smoke end up? Follow the maze to find out.

START

The Dirty Dozen
Yuk! Snappy Pappy's Pizza Parlor is a disgusting mess! Can you find 12 dirty, harmful things in the picture?
Standards Link: Health: Students develop knowledge for choosing not to use harmful chemical substances.

Stores forbid smoking.

No smoking at the library.

Extra! Extra! Write an Ad
Look at the words used in advertisements to convince you to buy a product. Choose an ad that appeals to you. Rewrite the ad so that it is "selling" people on the reasons not to smoke.
Standards Link: Language Arts: Analysis of Media: Identify, analyze and critique persuasive techniques in media messages; Writing Applications: Write persuasive compositions.

The movies? Forget it.

This is where smoking leads.

Weekly Writing Corner

What would you say?

If you saw a good friend lighting up a cigarette, what would you say?

I would tell my friend, "Don't smoke! It's not good for you. You could get heart disease or lung cancer. I wouldn't want you ending up in hospital. Please don't smoke."

Monique, 6th Grade

I told my friend that their teeth would turn yellow and their lungs would turn black. So my friend threw her cigarettes away and she never smoked again.

Raquel, 5th Grade

I would ask my friend to please not start smoking. If you smoke you get bad breath. Throw them in the garbage. You get really sick.

Christian, 4th Grade

I would tell my friend to get that dirty thing out of your mouth. Do you have any idea what you are doing? I would ask them to never, ever smoke again.

Jamie, 4th Grade

If I saw my best friend lighting up a cigarette, I would tell her to stop before she dies or gets me sick because of the smell. I would take that cigarette out of her mouth and tell her to quit fast.

Stacey, 6th Grade

I think I would be mad at my friend. If she did it more than once I would talk to her about it and ask her why she's doing it. I would ask her to stop because it's not worth it and she could end up dying at an early age.

Veronica, 8th Grade

I would tell my friend that if they keep on smoking they might end up sick and they have to go to the hospital.

Emily, 2nd Grade

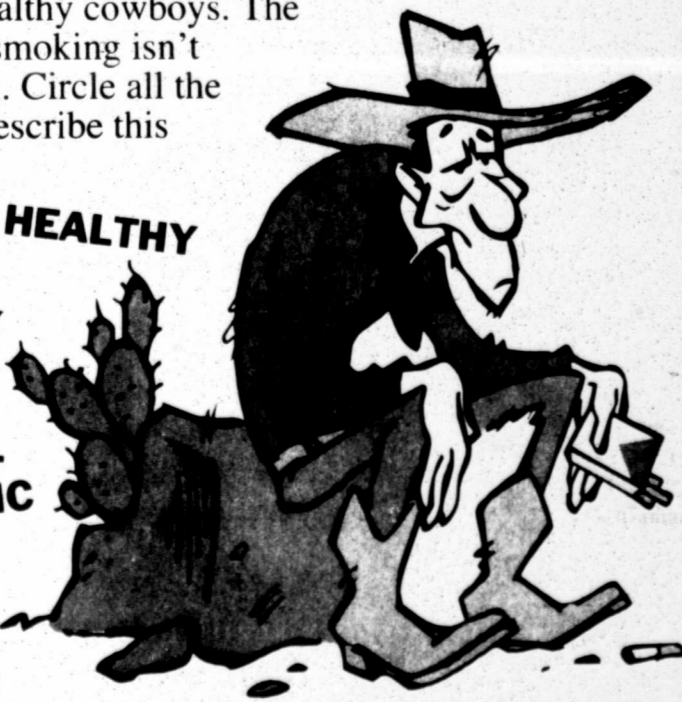
I would tell him/her that if you are going to smoke, I am not going to be your friend. And when you decide to stop, I will be your friend again. And no, I will NOT try smoking. I will never try it.

Selena, 4th Grade

Cowboy Adjectives

Cigarette billboards often use pictures of strong, healthy cowboys. The truth is that smoking isn't healthy at all. Circle all the words that describe this cowboy.

- STRONG
- HEALTHY
- SICKLY
- WEARY
- JOYFUL
- ENERGETIC
- TIRED
- WORRIED
- HAPPY



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- SECONDHAND
- SMOKE
- POISONOUS
- HARMFUL
- CHEWED
- SICKLY
- SMELL
- WEARY
- SORE
- DEATHS
- MESS
- SELL
- MOVIES
- FIND

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

BEYOND Kid Scoop

Sell Secondhand Stuff

The classified section of this newspaper is a place to sell things that you no longer need. Write an ad for something that you would like to sell. Find out how much it would cost to place your ad. Use abbreviations to lower the cost.

Standards Link: Language Arts/Writing Applications: Write brief expository descriptions. Math/Number Sense: Solve problems using money.

What has 2 eyes, 2 wings, 2 tails, 3 heads, 3 bodies and 8 legs?

ANSWER: A man on a horse holding a chicken.

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Business Review

Home for the holidays - a unique extended family

By Jennifer Ewing
Human Resources Coordinator for
Pampa Nursing Center

Ask any human being, "What comes to mind when you think about the holidays?" and you will always receive the same answer ... "Family." Whether it's wondering how you're going to find that perfect gift for your husband, feeling the exciting anticipation of Christmas morning as a child, or preparing your home for your long-awaited grandchildren from across the country, our families are what make Thanksgiving and Christmas the most warm-hearted of holidays.

As each year passes, the holiday season brings fond memories and the bustle of families making new ones. There is no denying the fact that we are in the beginning of the most hectic time of the year. It's quite easy for today's American to overlook those who'll not have the family camaraderie that most of us will be blessed with during the holidays.

Our hearts and prayers are with America's bravest; those men and women of our Armed Forces, worlds away from their loved ones. Then, there are our friends and neighbors who are under the care of our local skilled nursing facilities. Whole-heartedly, the devoted staff employed by Pampa Nursing Center strives to fulfill the needs of those residents who may not be able to spend Thanksgiving and Christmas with those they love.

Janice Cunningham, Facility Administrator of Pampa Nursing Center, has worked with the elderly for 14 years. She describes the troublesome holidays with residents with comments such as these:

"The holiday season is a special time, yet the season could be a very sad time due to the losses the residents may have suffered. Pampa Nursing Center



Say cheese! Pampa Nursing Center resident James Terrill and his wife Charlene Terrill pose for a nice family picture on Veteran's Day. Terrill is a World War II veteran.



Smile ladies! (Back row, left-right) Miranda Vargas, CNA, Carla Salazar, CNA, Cathy Mendoza, CNA/MA, with residents Janice Carter and Eloise Brister.



Brenda Bennett, House Keeping Superintendent, with Red Fulton, a resident at PNC.

staff go out of their way to make sure that no one is left out during the holidays. Our dedicated employees make sure that these residents are not left alone during Thanksgiving and Christmas."

The key to a light-hearted holiday season dwells within Pampa Nursing Center's Activity Department.

Kristie Fuller has been a compassionate employee at Pampa Nursing Center for eight years and maintains a buoyant schedule of activities during the holidays.

She explains the significance of the employees in the lives of the nursing center residents when stating, "We (staff members) are the only family for many of our residents. They depend on us to bring the Holidays to them. We (staff members) are blessed to be there for our residents and love them every day. We have so many marvelous volunteers during the holiday season from local schools, Moose Lodge, Bill and Co. Band, etc. ... who provide holiday cheer for our residents."

Environmental Services Manager for Pampa Nursing Center, Ricardo Maciel, describes Pampa Nursing Center's distinctive Activities Department in saying, "Kristie organizes Holiday decorating events and Christmas Parties to boost resident morale and spirits. This enables our residents to have holiday celebrations who otherwise would not be able to celebrate."

Longtime resident of this nursing facility, Janice Carter, relates one of her favorite parts of the holiday festivities ... "Christmas dinner for those residents who don't travel away from the Pampa Nursing Center!"

Including Halloween in the batch of special holidays, she states, "The annual Halloween party is my favorite celebration ... watching the children with their parents going Trick or Treating then having fun in the Cake Walk."

Janice Carter also states, "Pampa Nursing Center makes it a point to recognize all the Holidays and resident

birthdays with some kind of special party!"

Shirley Langwell, Licensed Vocational Nurse and Resident Care Management Director for the facility, expresses her views of the holiday cheer within the nursing home in stating, "Christmas dinner really makes the holiday season beneficial in lifting the spirits of the residents, but the visit from Santa is my favorite!"

Michelle Goodson, Licensed Vocational Nurse and Assistant Director of Nursing, states that the best part of partaking in resident holiday celebrations is "watching the faces light up of those residents whose families come to visit them."

The distinction between Pampa Nursing Center and many other health-care facilities lies with compassionate, accommodating and skillful care.

Each employee undergoes an extensive background investigation prior to employment with the facility. Once hired, every employee sustains comprehensive training through his/her

department manager.

Employee guidance and development continues throughout every staff member's employment with the nursing center. The unwavering commitment each member of staff unveils is evident through the eyes of the facility's residents.

Yet, Pampa Nursing Center is more than just a place of employment.

Within the walls of the facility, lie residents with a broad range of cultures and backgrounds, much like any American small town ... yet living under the same roof, eating their meals in the same dining room, and enjoying the company of the same staff members day-after-day.

Yes, the holiday season is and always will be about preserving and embracing family relationships, and employees and residents of Pampa Nursing Center are blessed to consider each other parts of their extended family. "Where Caring and Living Meet" ... yes, just the way a family should be!

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: In 1996, in memory of a 19-year-old battered woman who was murdered by her boyfriend, you printed an item requested by her family. It changed my life. On March 29 of that year, my dad said, "I have something for you," and handed me your column. It contained a list of 15 warning signs of a batterer. It was my wake-up call.

At first I thought, "How can this help ME?" Well, it did. No. 1 took me back to the beginning of my relationship with my fiancé. By the time I reached No. 15, I had reviewed the past seven years of my life.

Few realize how important a role verbal abuse and criticism play in an abuser's efforts to gain control and keep you from leaving. The verbal abuse was harder for me to deal with than being kicked in the back when I'd walk away from one of his outbursts.

After reading that column, I finally understood there was nothing I could change about myself that would make him love me. Thank you, Abby. I wish I could let the family of the 19-year-old woman know they changed my life. -- GRATEFUL IN ILLINOIS

DEAR GRATEFUL: People often ask if I ever hear from readers letting me know how my columns have affected them. The answer is yes, and today I'll reprint that list in YOUR honor.

(1) **PUSHES FOR QUICK INVOLVEMENT:** Comes on strong, claiming, "I've never felt loved like this by anyone." An abuser pressures the new partner for an exclusive commitment almost immediately.

(2) **JEALOUS:** Excessively possessive; calls constantly or visits unexpectedly; prevents you from going to work because "you might meet someone"; checks the mileage on your car.

(3) **CONTROLLING:** Interrogates you intensely (especially if you're late) about whom you talked to and where you were; keeps all the money; insists you ask permission to go anywhere or do anything.

(4) **UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS:** Expects you to be the perfect mate and meet his or her every need.

(5) **ISOLATION:** Tries to cut you off from family and friends; accuses people who are your supporters of "causing trouble." The abuser may deprive you of a phone or car, or try to prevent you from holding a job.

(6) **BLAMES OTHERS FOR PROBLEMS OR MISTAKES:** It's always someone else's fault if something goes wrong.

(7) **MAKES OTHERS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS OR HER FEELINGS:** The abuser says, "You make me angry," instead of "I am angry," or says, "You're hurting me by not doing what I tell you."

(8) **HYPERSENSITIVITY:** Is easily insulted, claiming hurt feelings when he or she is really mad. Rants about the injustice of things that are just a part of life.

(9) **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS OR CHILDREN:** Kills or punishes animals brutally. Also may expect children to do things that are far beyond their ability (whips a 3-year-old for wetting a diaper) or may tease them until they cry. Sixty-five percent of abusers who beat their partner will also abuse children.

(10) **"PLAYFUL" USE OF FORCE DURING SEX:** Enjoys throwing you down or holding you down against your will during sex; finds the idea of rape exciting.

(11) **VERBAL ABUSE:** Constantly criticizes or says blatantly cruel things; degrades, curses, calls you ugly names. This may also involve sleep deprivation, waking you with relentless verbal abuse.

(12) **RIGID GENDER ROLES:** Expects you to serve, obey, remain at home.

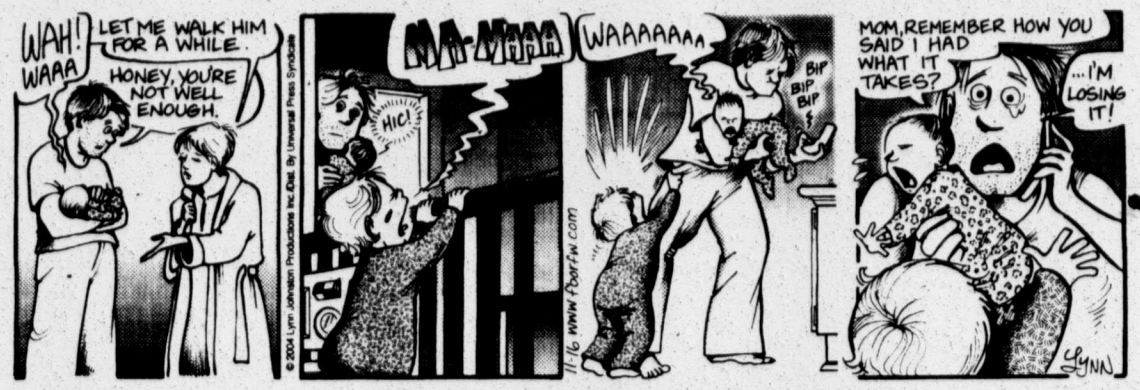
(13) **SUDDEN MOOD SWINGS:** Switches from sweet to violent in minutes.

(14) **PAST BATTERING:** Admits to hitting a mate in the past, but says the person "made" him (or her) do it.

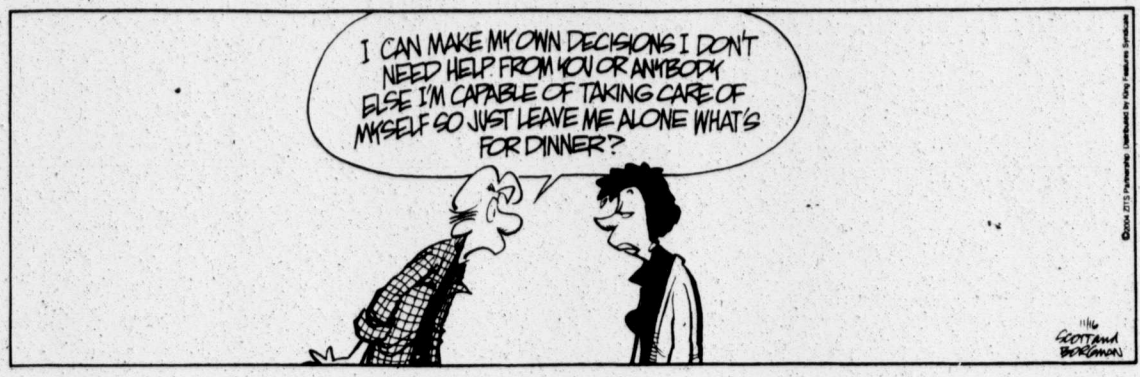
(15) **THREATS OF VIOLENCE:** Says things like, "I'll break your neck," or "I'll kill you," and then dismisses them with, "Everybody talks that way," or, "I didn't really mean it."

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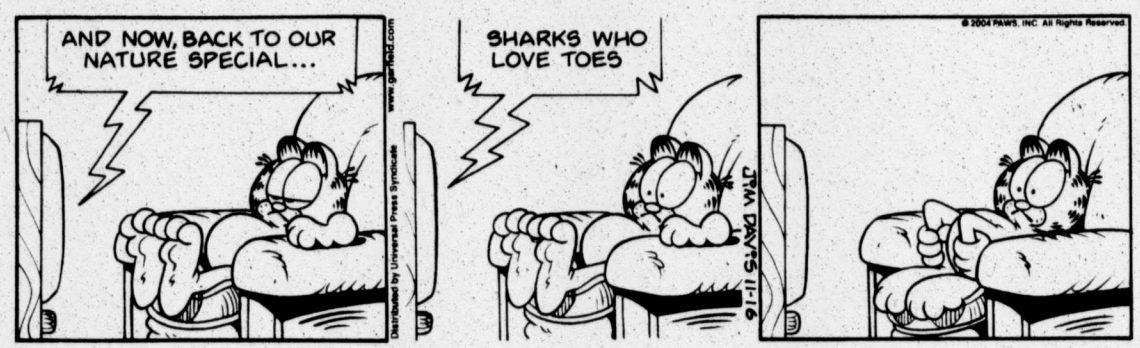
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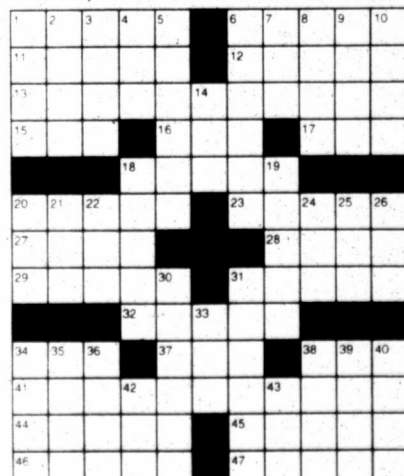
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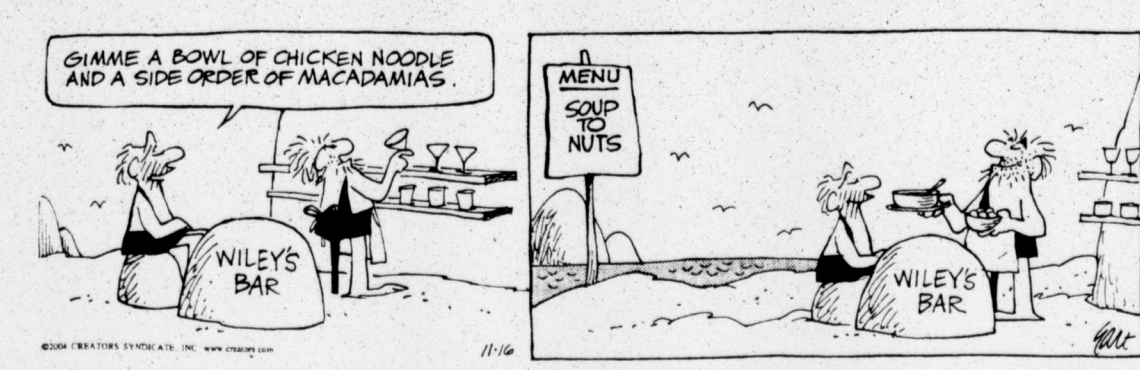
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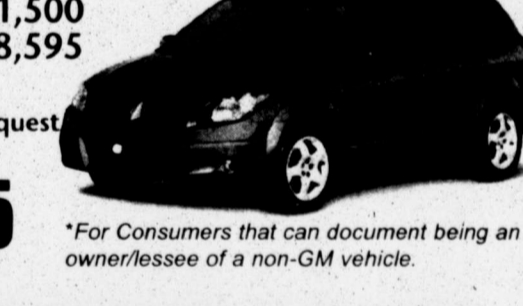
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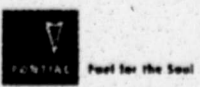
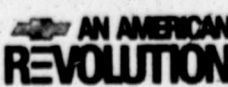
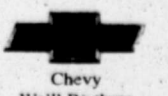
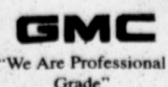
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Sports Day



The Pampa Harvester varsity basketball team is, from left to right- Head Coach Jeff Reed, manager A.D. Wiles, #30 Weston Teichmann, #23 Julian Salazar, #55 Sharod Young, #22 Tyler Hall, #25 Aaron Anguiano, #40 Brittin East, #32 Jarett Katara, #33 Brandon Johnston, #15 Clayton Hall, #44 Eric Kingcade, #12 Braydon Barker, manager James McCathern and Assistant Coach Dustin Miller.

Football playoffs great for one coach, challenge for another

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

This is an odd time of year for basketball coaches. It is that time of the season when football players generally swap the shoulder pads for shorts and sneakers. That is unless your football team is busy tending to playoffs.

Such is the dilemma for Harvester head basketball coach, Jeff Reed.

While PHS Head Football Coach Heath Parker and his staff ready their team for Saturday's meeting against El Paso Parkland, Reed and his staff opens the season tonight at McNeely Field House against what should be a potent Amarillo High Sandie team.

Trouble is Parker still has some of Reed's players.

Pampa enters the season short on experience at the varsity level. Reed only has seven varsity players as it is, and three of them are still playing football. Among them, 6'2" Brittin East, Sharod Young, Eric Kingcade and Clayton Hall are also listed as starters on the varsity basketball roster. However, they too are still playing football.

Amarillo on the other hand, is at full strength and ready to go.

So what is Reed to do?

Reed points out however, "The football shouldn't be our salvation. We still need to play and compete until they are able to join us. We still have games to play."

So until East, Kingcade, Young and Hall are done with the pigskin, what can Pampa do?

"We need to keep Amarillo High from dictating the game to us," he said. "We scrimmaged them recently and our guys let them dictate the game."

Reed also noted some areas that will need some attention tonight if the Harvesters are to compete against Amarillo High. "We must control turnovers and apply some pressure. We need to do our best to make it a long night for them," he said. "Our guys need to keep from being overwhelmed by them and stop the inside game."

Reed said during the recent scrimmage against the Sandies, his team was able to hang in there with them. Outsourcing them in one period. He knows his team will need to play all four periods tonight. "The goal is to win, obviously. However, a close, hard-fought game is equal to a victory and would be a huge confidence booster for our team."

Pampa takes to the floor at 7:30 p.m.

Lady Harvesters seek redemption against Amarillo High tonight

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Coach Troy Fry and his Lady Harvester basketball team will play host to Amarillo High tonight at McNeely Field House.

The same two teams met last week, with the Lady Sandies coming away with a 71-

51 win in Amarillo.

Fry and his club will look to stay close to Amarillo tonight, which they did last week with the exception of the third period when Pampa was held almost scoreless until the waning moments of the period.

Tip off tonight is scheduled for 6 p.m.



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Lady Harvester Autumn Darden takes a defensive stand during an inbound attempt in last week's game against Amarillo High. Pampa hosts the Lady Sandies tonight at 6 p.m.

Playoff tickets on sale

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Tickets for Saturday's 4A, Division II, Area playoff game featuring Pampa and El Paso Parkland are on sale now at the PHS Athletic Office.

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14 Pampa Harvesters named to All District Tennis Team

The following Pampa Harvester tennis players have been announced as part of the All-District Tennis Team. The Harvesters took 14 All-District honors.

"I am very proud of our team's effort this year," said Coach Josh Freeman. "I was very pleased with the results of the All-District Team this year. I felt that a couple more of our players should have made the cut, but because of direct wins, they were not able to make the list, which is very disheartening. But as a whole we had a great showing on the

All-District Team."

1st Team All-District Team

- # 2 Boys Singles - Mitchell Crow (8-1)
- # 3 Girls Singles - Ashlee Lucas (9-1)
- #4 Girls Singles - Meagan Clark (8-2)
- #1 Boys Doubles - Mitchell Crow/Michael Foreman (9-1)
- #2 Boys Doubles - Nick Robbins/Steven Smith (9-1)
- #2 Girls Doubles - Ashlee Lucas/Tanna Stowers (9-1)

2nd Team All-District

Tennis Team

- #1 Boys Singles - Nick Robbins (8-2)
- #3 Boys Singles - Michael Foreman (8-2)
- #4 Boys Singles - Steven Smith (8-2)
- #2 Girls Singles - Lacie Long (7-3)
- #5 Girls Singles -

- Sammie Pereira (8-2)
- #6 Girls Singles - Tanna Stowers (4-6)
- #3 Girls Doubles - Meagan Clark/Haley Acker (8-2)
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Los Angeles' third baseman Adrian Beltre was second, getting six first-place votes and 311 points.

Bonds is the only baseball player with more than three MVP awards and the only one to win more than two in a row. Willie Stargell previously was the oldest baseball MVP, sharing the

1979 NL award at 39 1/2 with Keith Hernandez. Charlie Conerly of the 1958 New York Giants (38) was the oldest NFL MVP, while the oldest NBA and NHL MVPs were both 35: Karl Malone of the 1998-99 Utah Jazz and Herb Gardiner of the 1926-27 Montreal Canadiens.

Bonds' season was unparalleled statistically. He hit .362 to win his second NL batting title in three seasons and shattered the major league record with a .609 on-base percentage, topping the previous mark of .582 he set two years ago. Bonds hit 45 homers in 373 at-bats, while Beltre hit a major league-leading 48 in 598 at-bats.

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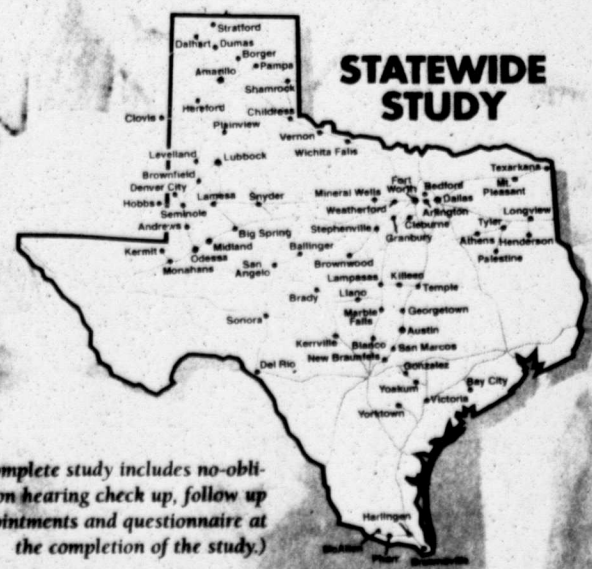
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- SOUND HEARING SOLUTIONS - DALLAS
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- HEARING TECH - CENTRAL TEXAS



(Complete study includes no-obligation hearing check up, follow up appointments and questionnaire at the completion of the study.)