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Pampa man dead after 7 hour police standoff



A sniper laid in the prone position for several hours without moving as he watched Shane Kennedy's house during a seven-hour standoff.

by Julie Ann Thompson
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A Pampa man was pronounced dead last night at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo following a seven hour standoff with police. According to police, Shane Francis "Catfish" Kennedy, 34, died as a result of a self inflicted gun shot wound to the head.

The situation began around 11 a.m. yesterday morning when Pampa police attempted to stop Kennedy for a minor traffic violation.

"We were about a mile and a half from his residence," Police Chief Logan Stout said. "He had a rifle and ammunition in his vehicle and we had about a 15 minute standoff at his vehicle before he ran inside."

Stout said that Kennedy was "defiant and showed lit-

tle respect for law enforcement." He ran into his residence in the 2100 block of Hamilton carrying the rifle and ammunition and told the police that he would shoot anyone who came inside.

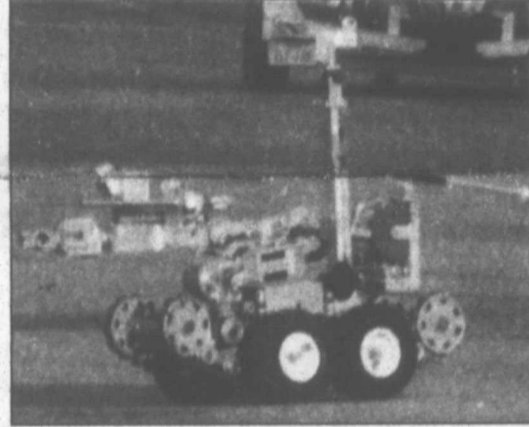
"Our reaction was that this is the time that we need to help this man," Stout said. "We weren't angry with him and we really didn't have any intention of trying to arrest him for any of this. We just wanted to get him help. Not to say he was crazy, but you know, you spray paint your house and you do all these things, you're not in your right frame of mind. You need some help."

Kennedy had been having family problems, according to Stout. He had spray painted the words "I love my wife" and "Until death do us part" on the side of his house, encircled by a large red heart. He has had several traffic violations and arrests within the last month and Stout said that the police department had received calls concerning Kennedy's behavior during the last week.

Police negotiators, with the assistance of the Texas Rangers, had an open line of communication with Kennedy throughout the standoff. They also had two of Kennedy's relatives as well as friends on hand to assist with the negotiation.

"Through tactics in negotiation, it's not always good to have family or friends

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This robot, housed by the Amarillo Police Bomb Squad, was used as a safety measure to approach Kennedy's home first before sending in Amarillo S.W.A.T. It is mounted with cameras and OC gas.



Members of the Amarillo S.W.A.T. team marched down the side of the street and into an alley half a block west from Kennedy's residence.

staff photo by Julie Ann Thompson

Some PJHS students picked up early

by Rachel Stennett
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Although the Pampa Junior High School (PJHS) was not released early as a result of the police standoff yesterday with Shane Kennedy, that didn't stop concerned parents

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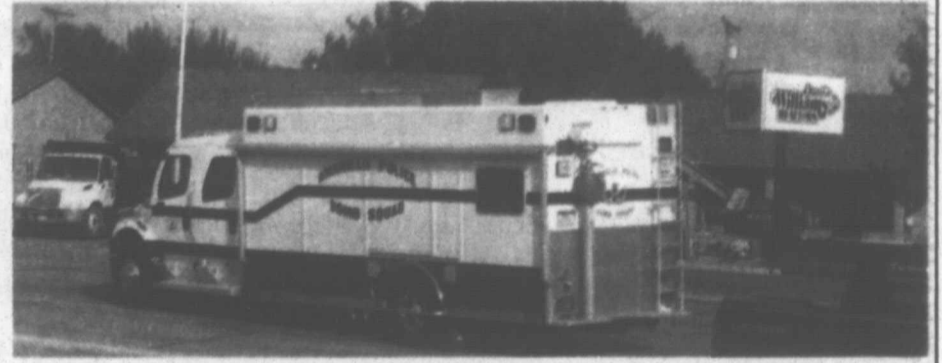
Realty office employees sit tight through standoff

by Rachel Stennett
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The employees of Quentin Williams Realty, which is near the Shane Kennedy residence, remained behind their closed doors during the standoff yesterday between Kennedy and police.

Judi Edwards, part owner of Quentin Williams, said that City Manager Trevlyn Pitner came by the office at approximately 11 a.m. to tell the employees they were safe to remain in the building because the facility did not have back windows. Edwards said that

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The Amarillo Police Bomb Squad was called in because they housed the robot used to approach the residence. Their truck was parked on the street in front of the Quentin Williams Realty Office.

photo by Julie Ann Thompson

Life of buffalo hunter subject of museum program

by Darlene Birkes

The tale of a buffalo hunter will be the subject of a presentation this weekend at the White Deer Land Museum in Pampa.

Delbert Trew and Mike Oldham will make the presentation, the third in a series of Sunday afternoon programs in celebration of the new museum annex. The pro-

gram will begin at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 26 and is open to the public.

Delbert Trew is a writer, historian, collector, artist and carpenter as well as a retired farmer and rancher. He is editor of the weekly history column in the Amarillo Globe-News, "It's All Trew," which he began writing in 2000. Some 283 of the columns were printed in a

booklet titled "It's All Trew."

When president of the Texas Barbed Wire Association, he worked to acquire the former Marie Foundation factory in McLean to begin the Devil's Rope Museum, housing the collections of barbed wire and items related to the barbed wire that settled the West.

He built, using a magazine

article for reference, a barbed wire machine with which he demonstrates the way the barbed wire was made. He and volunteers spent 1990-91 remodeling the building and displaying mementoes that tell the story of barbed wire. In addition, there is a display of Old Route 66 items in another location of the 14,000-square foot building. Artistic, and always histor-

ically correct, he researched and completed several traveling exhibits for museums.

He led in remodeling the former 66 station in McLean and in assisting with the Alanreed-McLean Area Museum. Trew's collection of tools totals over 5,000 items, a few of which were destroyed during the first of

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

LYNCH, Rev. Lester C. — 10 a.m., First Free Will Baptist Church, Pampa.

Rev. Lester C. Lynch, 94

ODESSA, Texas — Rev. Lester C. Lynch, 94, died Oct. 22, 2008, at Odessa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 24, 2008, at First Free Will Baptist Church of Pampa, with Rev. Eldon Bagwell, evangelist of Springdale, Ark., and Rev. Albert Maggard, pastor of First Pentecostal Holiness Church of Pampa, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whately

Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Rev. Lynch was born Oct. 14, 1914, in Clifty, Ark. He married Lettie Josephine Metcalf on Jan. 10, 1939, in Clifty, and she preceded him in death in 1989.

Rev. Lynch organized and pastored at the Free Will Baptist Church in Pampa, and had been a minister for 50-plus years. He

had been a resident of Pampa from 1959 until he moved to Odessa in 2002.

Survivors include two sons, Lester Lynch and wife Melba of Pampa, and Ronald Dean Lynch and wife Glenda of

Amarillo; one daughter, Peggy Hoggatt and husband Donald of Odessa; one brother, Robert Riley Lynch

of Leatham, Ill.; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Rev. Lynch was preceded in death by a daughter, Betty Carter; and a granddaughter, Desiree Carter.

MEMORIALS: Seabury Nursing Center Activity Fund, 2443 W. 16th Street, Odessa, TX 79763.

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



Lynch

Jimmie Paul 'J.P.' Wright, 76

Jimmie Paul "J.P." Wright, 76, of Pampa, Texas, died Oct. 23, 2008, at Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Wright was born Sept. 6, 1932, in Lefors. He had been a lifelong resident of Pampa. He married Wanda Roberts on April 11, 1972, in Pampa.

Mr. Wright was an engineer for the Texas Highway Department, retiring in 1972

after 22 years of service. He later owned and operated Wright's Furniture for 10 years, and was the current owner and operator of Action Bail Bonds.

He was a former member of Central Baptist Church and was a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Wright, of the home; six daughters, Vicki Leshner and husband Tim, Staci Proctor and husband Tim, Rhonda Ely, Melinda

Brewer, Alisha Stroud and husband Greg, and Becky Willis and husband Lynn, all of Pampa; one son, Troyce Brewer and wife Michelle of Pampa; one sister, Lavern Coronis of Pampa; one brother, Gerald Wright of Pampa; 18 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Wright was preceded in death by his parents, Lee and Pauline Wright; a daughter, Mitzie Blaylock; two grandchildren, Jimmy Blaylock and Tanner

Woodruff; and a sister, Lois Hudson.

The family will be at 2613 Dogwood.

MEMORIALS: Interim Home Health Care, 2217 Perryton Pkwy, Pampa, TX 79065, or BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents between 7 a.m. Monday to 7 a.m. Tuesday.

Monday, Oct. 20

Eleven traffic stops were made. Stops in the 1200 block of Duncan and the 400 block of East Frederic resulted in arrests.

A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of Davis and Gwendolyn streets.

Accidents were reported in the 1800 block of North Hobart, and the intersection of Hobart and Randy Matson streets.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 500 block of North Perry, the 500 block of North Nelson, the 1100 block of South Nelson, the 1800 block of West Alcock, the 1100 block of Crane, the 1100 block of Terry, the intersection of Brunow and Henry streets, the 2300 block of North Navajo, the 2100 block of North Duncan, the 200 block of North Russell, the 600 block of East Foster, the 300 block of Anne and the 700 block of East Frederic.

Two civil matters were reported in the police department lobby.

Runaways were reported in the 1800 block of North Hamilton and the 600 block of North Zimmers.

A suspicious person was reported in

the 400 block of North Magnolia.

Suspicious vehicles were reported from the intersection of 21st and Sumner streets, and the 1400 block of East Kingsmill.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 1000 block of North Sumner and the 300 block of North Zimmers.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2400 block of North Charles and the 1900 block of North Duncan.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 1800 block of West Alcock, where a blue 1976 Chevrolet pick-up valued at \$3,500 was allegedly taken.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 2200 block of North Sumner. Agency assistance was rendered in the 1100 block of North Juniper.

Welfare checks were conducted in the 400 block of North Wynne, the 1000 block of East Harvester, the 600 block of East Frederic and the 2100 block of North Hamilton.

Theft was reported in the 600 block of North Zimmers, where a cell phone valued at \$150 was taken.

Tuesday, Oct. 21

Nine traffic stops were made. Stops at the intersection of Huff and Brown streets, and the intersection of Huff and Crawford streets resulted in arrests.

Suspicious persons calls were received from the intersection of Montagu and Hobart streets, the inter-

section of Ballard and Francis and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of South Jean, where a tire on vehicle valued at \$250 was damaged.

Two open doors were checked.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Oct. 22

7:02 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell. No transport.

11:40 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Hamilton and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

3:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of North Banks and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Williston and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Price Road. No transport.

8:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Nelson. No transport.

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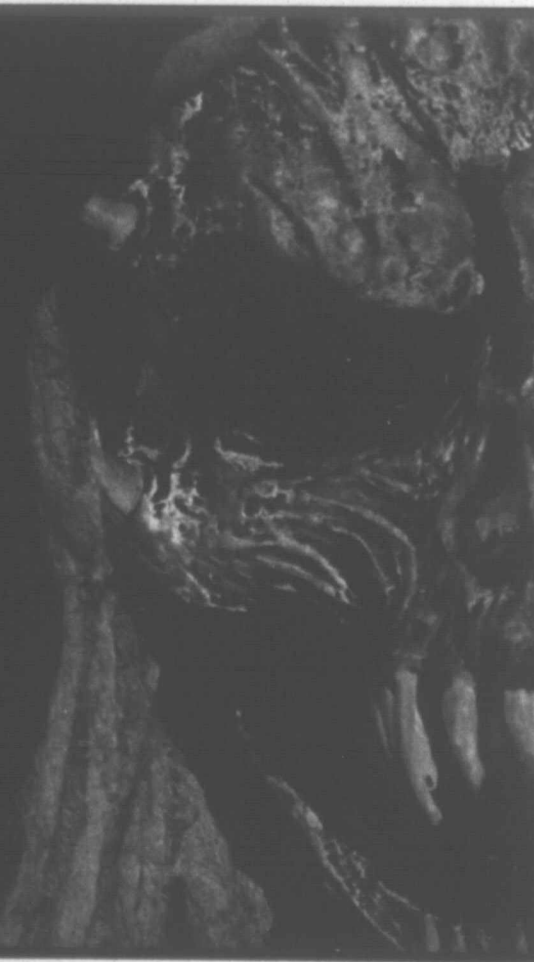
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Delbert Trew and Mike Oldham will present a program on the life of a buffalo hunter Sunday afternoon at the White Deer Land Land Museum in Pampa. The free program, the third in a series of Sunday afternoon programs in celebration of the new museum annex, will begin at 2:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

Museum

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March 2006.

He built a recreation area in 1979 at Bull Canyon for his children and grandchildren to display the pioneer life with cabin, a working blacksmith

shop, old western saloon and display area for his collection of horse-drawn farm implements.

Some of his booklets include the "McLean POW Camp" of World War II; "The RO Brand," a story about Alfred Rowe and his acquirement of 200,000 acres; "Here and Gone," describing area ghost towns and oil busts; "Warwire," on the use

of wire by armies worldwide; and the current book, "The Treatise of a Buffalo Hunter," which will be available for book signing at Sunday's event.

Trew is the recipient of the Texas Historical Commission's outstanding volunteer award and is a Golden Nail Award from the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce.

Standoff

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speak to someone because they might get more emotional. It's usually better if they're talking to a professional and you keep it on that level," Stout said. "I don't think it would have mattered who was talking to him. He wanted to do what he wanted to do."

Stout confirmed that Kennedy had several high-powered weapons in his home as well as several hand guns. With that knowledge, the Amarillo Police Department S.W.A.T. team was called in to assist. The neighborhood was evacuated in a one to two block radius around the house. At least one family was temporarily housed in Trinity Fellowship Church. Parents of Pampa Junior High students were asked to pick up their children on the north side of the school.

The Amarillo Bomb Squad arrived and assembled a robot

to approach the house. Before the robot was sent in, two large dump trucks were positioned in front of Chicken Express to shield onlookers from the potential threat of any gunfire.

"He (Kennedy) was talking about things he could see," Stout said. "With all the ammunition he had, basically anywhere he could see was a dangerous place to be. Our first priority is to protect him and to protect the citizens."

After seven hours of negotiations, the robot approached the residence at approximately 6:25 p.m. in an attempt to end the ordeal peacefully.

"He was so upset, it was almost like he was enjoying talking to us," Stout said. "But after hours and hours we weren't making any ground. He wouldn't do anything to help himself and once it starts to get dark the situation becomes more dangerous."

Police used the robot to inject a chemical agent (Oleoresin Capsicum gas) into the Kennedy residence, a non-

harmful agent Stout said is used to flush people out. The gas doesn't hinder the subject's ability to see or act, but it is uncomfortable and it makes it difficult to breathe.

"When that gas went in, he still didn't want to come out and that left him one option," Stout said. "I felt bad for him. No matter how bad your problems are nothing is worth your life. Nothing is worth that."

Witnesses near the scene reported hearing seven to 10 shots fired, but Stout said what they heard was the gas being deployed. The only shot fired was from Kennedy's .223 caliber rifle. Amarillo S.W.A.T. then entered the residence in gas masks and cleared the house room by room.

"At that point he was still breathing so he was transferred to Pampa Regional Medical Center and then was flown by Lifestar helicopter to Northwest Texas Hospital," Stout said.

The case remains under investigation by the Pampa Police Department.

Realty

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Kennedy's home is on the street behind the real estate office.

As the day progressed, the employees observed an increasing number of law enforcement officials including S.W.A.T. team, Amarillo bomb squad, and officers of the Pampa Police Department.

"We could see all the police units, but we couldn't actually see the house. A police sniper was laying in the alley behind the building, with a scope

pointing at the house for a couple of hours," Edwards said.

Although the real estate office did not have a direct view of the activity, Edwards said they could hear all of the police activity. She added that the business received many concerned calls from local residents.

"There were lots of phone calls and activity. Everyone saw the roadblocks and thought that the situation was happening here," Edwards said. "Friends with scanners called to keep us up on what was going on."

At approximately 5 p.m., a member of the bomb squad

came into their facility in order to get keys to move a car that was parked between the real estate office and the neighboring dentist office.

When the bomb squad members returned with the keys, the employees asked if they could leave the facility.

Everyone took cars, and drove north to evacuate the area.

Edwards said that today business seems back to normal, except that their gas meter was run over at some point yesterday so they are without heat.

Students

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from picking up their children. PJHS is located about two blocks from the standoff. After a radio announcement directing parents to use the Charles street entrance to the school instead of the 23rd street entrance, concerned parents starting coming to the school to pick up their children.

Pampa Independent School District Superintendent Barry Haenisch said that the school was not on a heightened alert, but that PJHS Principal Paul Nies was in constant contact with the Pampa Police Department.

"There was never a moment that anyone at the campus was in any kind of danger," Haenisch said.

Gisela Portillo is the parent of a 7th grade and 8th grader at the junior high, who picked up her children as a result of the standoff situation.

Portillo said that the school made an announcement about the situation to the students, which frightened one of her children. Portillo was working at the Meredith House and had not heard about the situation until contact by her child.

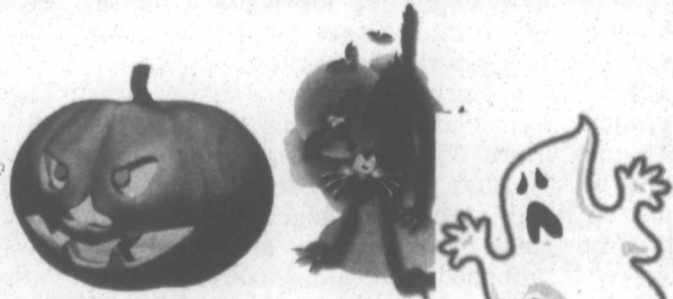
Portillo called the school to let them know she was on her way, which made it easier for her to pick up her children than some of the other parents

"It looked like Grand Central Station there," Portillo recalled. "There were a lot of parents there to pick up their kids."

Portillo said that as a parent, the situation was concerning, which is why she picked up her children.

"It is just scary when stuff like that goes on and your kids are close. You just sort of panic as a parent," Portillo added, "things were probably under control but I still needed to pick them up."

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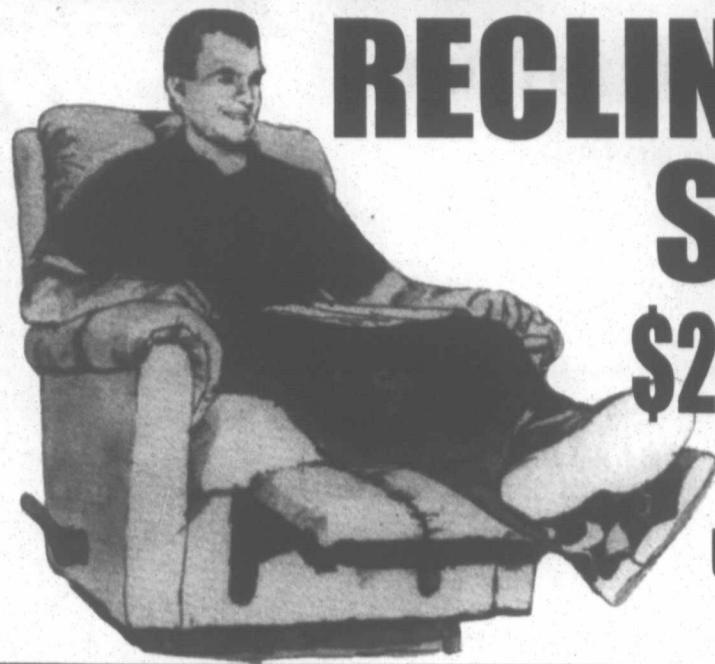
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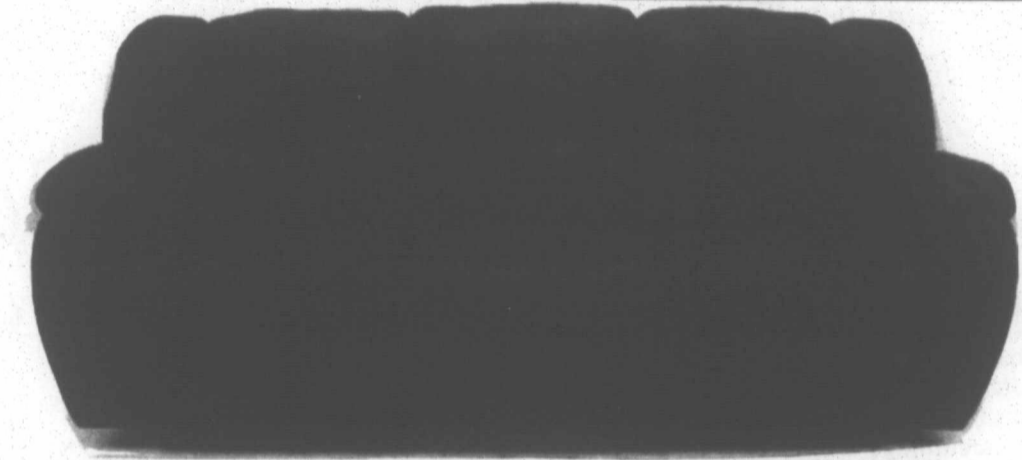
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Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Oct. 23, the 297th day of 2008. There are 69 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 23, 1983, 241 U.S. service members, mostly Marines, were killed in a suicide truck-bombing at Beirut International Airport in Lebanon; a near-simultaneous attack on French forces killed 58 paratroopers.

On this date:

In 1707, the first Parliament of Great Britain, created by the Acts of Union between England and Scotland, held its first meeting.

In 1864, forces led by Union Gen. Samuel R. Curtis repelled Confederate Gen. Sterling Price's army in the Civil War Battle of Westport in Missouri.

In 1915, tens of thousands of women marched in New York City, demanding the right to vote.

In 1942, during World War II, Britain launched a major offensive against Axis forces at El Alamein in Egypt.

In 1946, the United Nations General Assembly convened in New York for the first time, at an auditorium in Flushing Meadow.

In 1956, a student-sparked revolt against Hungary's Communist rule began; as the revolution spread, Soviet forces started entering the country, and the uprising was put down within weeks.

In 1958, Boris Pasternak was named winner of the Nobel Prize in literature. (However, Soviet authorities pressured Pasternak into relinquishing the award.)

In 1973, President Nixon agreed to turn over White House tape recordings subpoenaed by the Watergate special prosecutor to Judge John J. Sirica.

In 1987, the U.S. Senate rejected, 58-42, the Supreme Court nomination of Robert H. Bork.

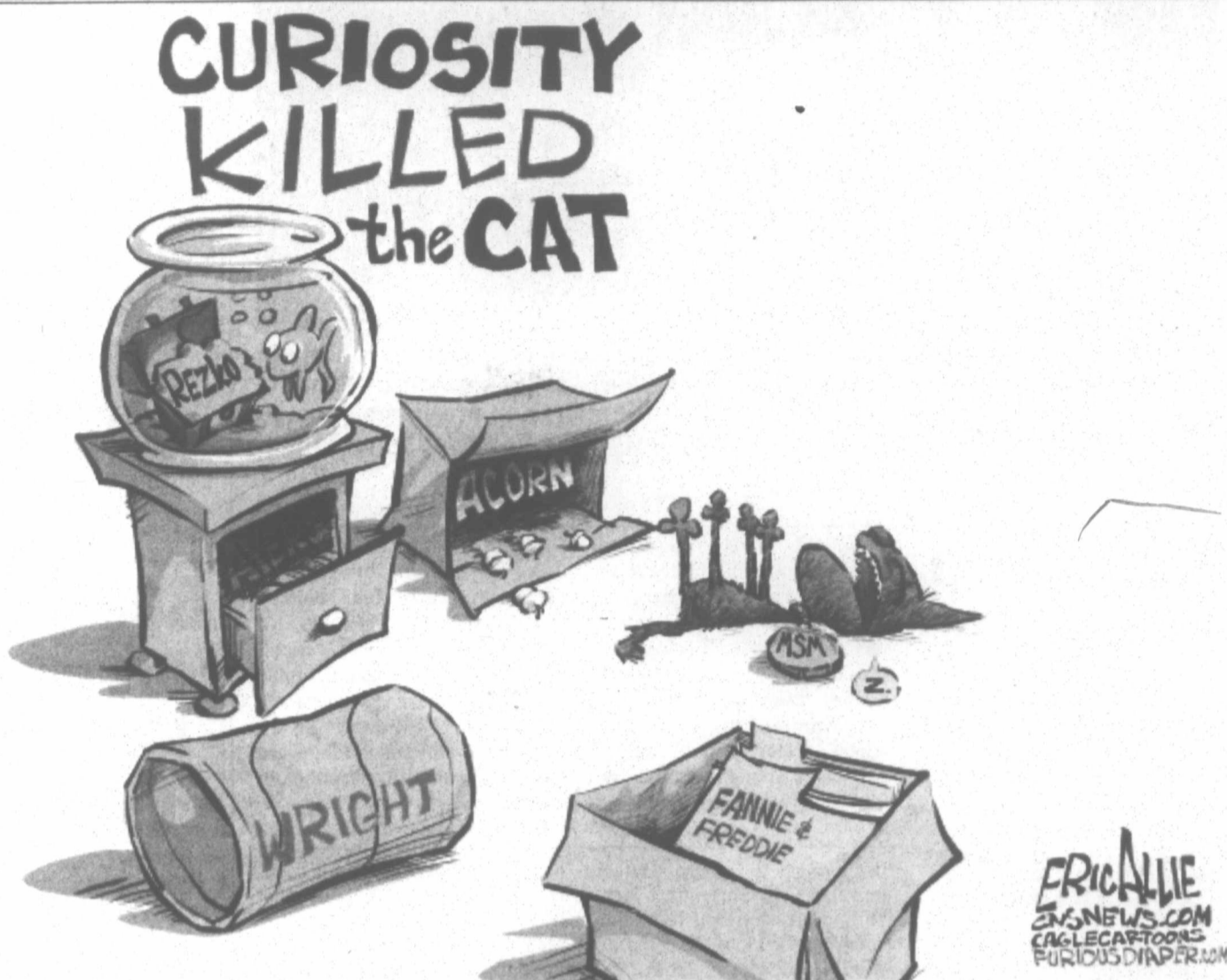
In 1995, a jury in Houston convicted Yolanda Saldívar of murdering Tejano singing star Selena.

Ten years ago: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat signed a breakthrough land-for-peace agreement at the White House. Barnett Slepian, a doctor who performed abortions, was shot and killed at his home in suburban Buffalo, N.Y. (James Kopp, a militant abortion opponent, was later convicted of murdering Slepian.) Typhoon Babs pummeled the northern Philippines, killing at least 189 people.

Five years ago: As thousands of anti-war demonstrators protested outside, President Bush thanked Australia for sending troops to Iraq and Afghanistan as he spoke to the country's Parliament. Later in the day, the president concluded his Pacific trip with a visit to Hawaii, where he dropped flowers into the water at the sunken battleship USS Arizona.

'Life is easier to take than you'd think; all that is necessary is to accept the impossible, do without the indispensable and bear the intolerable.'

— Kathleen Norris
American author
(1880-1960)



Nebraska strikes out with 'safe-haven' legislation

What in the world is American government coming to? A Nebraska state law recently made headlines and garnered national attention on the subject of child abandonment. The law was evidently passed, according to one Associated Press account written by Nate Jenkins, with the best of intentions — to save the lives of newborn infants.

I've heard it said bad government starts with good intentions. Unfortunately, the Nebraska legislature neglected to draft its law with any type of age specification, allowing parents of children from 0 to 18 to leave their offspring at state-licensed hospitals without legal ramifications.

The result? A total of 18 children, the AP reports, from toddlers to teenagers, have been abandoned by their parents since the law's inception. Some of the children were even brought to state-sanctioned Nebraska facilities from other states.

Until I read Jenkins' article, I had no idea Nebraska wasn't the only state with so-called "safe-haven" legislation. Apparently, numerous states have similar laws that differ from the Nebraska edict only in regards to age stipulations placed on the unwanted and abandoned.

"Most states let parents," Jenkins reported, "and guardians drop off children who are up to a month old at hospitals or other safe institutions. Sixteen states have a 3-day-old age cap ..."

At the beginning of this week, in response to the negative impact and publicity of their safe-haven law, Nebraska lawmakers moved to place a 3-day-old age restriction as a prerequisite to its safe-haven deposits.

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Lifestyles Editor



Editorial opinion

By The Associated Press

Excerpts from recent editorials from newspapers in the United States:

■ Oct. 15
Los Angeles Times, on the government investing in U.S. banks as part of an economic rescue package:

Washington's financial-rescue-of-the-day frenzy continued this week with Treasury Secretary Henry M. Paulson Jr. announcing that the government would invest at least \$250 billion directly in U.S. banks. ...

The new approach is a much more direct and efficient way to provide more cash for banks to lend. In theory, that should ease the credit crunch that has been so damaging to the economy. Still, the plan seems to have been thrown together just as hastily as previous efforts, leaving gaping loopholes. There are no safeguards against banks frittering away the cash provided by the Treasury to pay dividends to shareholders (including, in many cases, their own executives). The government is rushing to make the investments before it knows the true health of these institutions, meaning it may be throwing good money after bad and encouraging desperate executives to make unacceptably risky bets. And by acquiring nonvoting shares, the Treasury limits its influence over how taxpayer dollars are put to use. ...

■ Oct. 12
Journal Star, Peoria, Ill., on the national debt:

America's national debt surpassed \$10 trillion on the last day of September. ... The national debt clock, located near New York's Times Square, actually ran out of digits. Seymour Durst, a Manhattan real estate developer, erected the sign in 1989 to focus eyeballs on what was then a \$2.7 trillion debt. In 2008 dollars, 1989's red ink would come to \$4.8 trillion. So yes, you could say the overspending has picked up a bit. ...

If you're curious what that number means to you, the debt amounts to nearly \$33,000 per capita, more than \$86,000 per family in America. Just add it to the mortgage. If that doesn't cause you to lose sleep, add in unfunded Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security and other entitlement spending, and the total debt exceeds \$59 trillion. Of course, we're told that deficits don't matter, that as a percentage of gross domestic product — the size of our economy — the debt is still manageable. Perhaps so, but it's getting less so by the minute — by more than \$1 million in red ink a minute, in fact. Gross national debt as a percentage of GDP just hit a 53-year high. Nonetheless, the government spending continues, we dare say with reckless abandon. ...

■ Oct. 13
The Daily Journal, Vineland, N.J., on partisan politics:

Sen. John McCain did the right thing trying to tone down the rhetoric and the ire of his supporters against Sen. Barack Obama during a town-hall forum rally in Minnesota on Friday.

He told the crowd Obama was "a decent man" and that they should be respectful in their opposition to his Democratic opponent. He told an expectant father not to be afraid if Obama was elected president. Unfortunately, the crowd booed McCain, and an older woman indicated she wasn't going to vote for Obama because he was an Arab. ...

This is the problem when politicians start down this slippery slope of negative campaigning. Attack ads and inflamed rhetoric are easy to use and are apparently effective, but the divisions they cause and the hatred and distrust they create among partisan supporters are hard, if not impossible, to control. ...

The United States is facing some huge challenges — financial meltdown and recession, wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, health care, Social Security, global warming and the environment. It will take a bipartisan effort to solve these problems, a cooperative effort that will be next to impossible if both sides try to paint their opponents as the devil incarnate.

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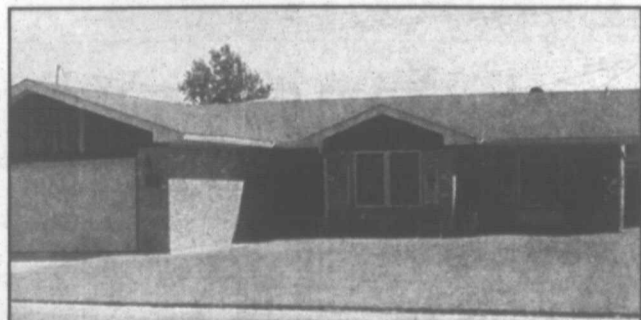
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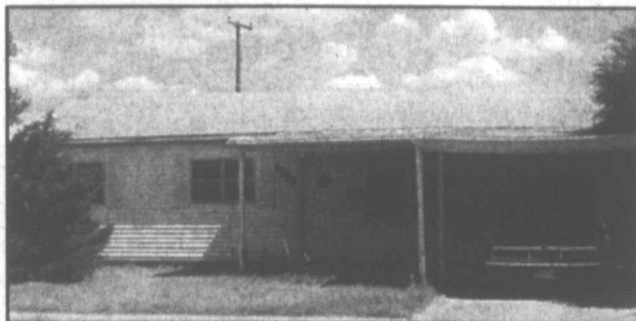
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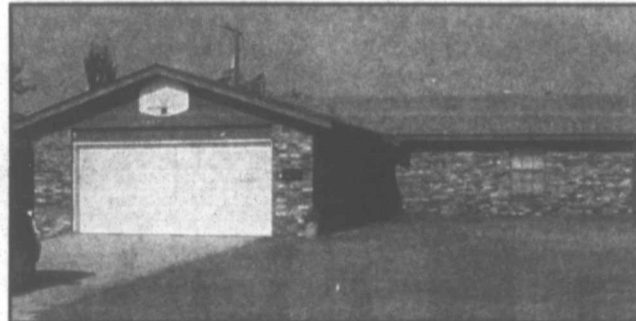
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Dear Abby...



By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I would like to tell "Friend-Challenged in Glendale, Calif." (Aug. 2) that I have been in her shoes. She needs to make her desire for friendship known to others. For years I had a pleasant life as a wife, mother and teacher with many colleagues and acquaintances through church and other interest groups. But inside I was desperately lonely for female friendship. No one ever truly "connected" beyond the surface level. One afternoon I was walking with a colleague and she asked, philosophically, "What do you really need in your life?" I burst into tears and answered, "I need a friend!" We hugged and cried together, and from that moment on, our deeper heartfelt relationship began and widened to include several more women who are solid, there-for-each-other friends. I am grateful for her insightful question and emotional support. She had no idea that I felt so isolated, and I learned to be more open about my needs. -- **BEFRIENDED AND BLESSED IN MICHIGAN**

DEAR BEFRIENDED: I want to thank you for generously sharing that life lesson. The responses I received from readers offering advice, ideas and encouragement to the young woman who lacked female friendship were touching. A sample:

DEAR ABBY: There is an old adage: You have to BE a friend to HAVE one. It seems to me that "Challenged" never takes the extra step in establishing a relationship. The phone rings two ways, and sometimes you have to call people before they call you. -- **ELLEN IN CLEVELAND**

DEAR ABBY: "Friend-Challenged" should become involved in community theater. There are always jobs waiting to be filled backstage, during rehearsals, at the box office, ushering or making costumes and props. Theater people will always welcome you and find a place for you to fit in. -- **SYLVIA IN MORGAN HILL, CALIF.**

DEAR ABBY: In addition to women her age, that young woman should open herself

up to those of all ages. I'm 37, but my friends include those who are 13 years younger and 54 years older than me. My best friend is 19 years older than me. If she limits herself by looking in only one place, she will have a one-dimensional, flat life. Look everywhere. See everyone as a possible friend. You never know where it might lead you. -- **OPEN-HEARTED IN AMESBURY, MASS.**

DEAR ABBY: I found your suggestions to "Friend-Challenged" outdated and sexist. Groups in cooking, sewing, scrapbooking? What about learning to ski, kayak or rock climb with other women? Or a running group, hiking club or tennis league? I've done many of these, and the women I met are fun, outgoing and always ready to welcome a new friend. -- **BRETT IN JACKSON, WYO.**

DEAR ABBY: When I was 22, just out of college, I moved to a large city to begin my career. I knew no one, but found a church and joined a singles Sunday school class. I formed many friendships in that class. Twenty-four years later, many of those women are still my best friends. -- **DIANE IN ROSWELL, GA.**

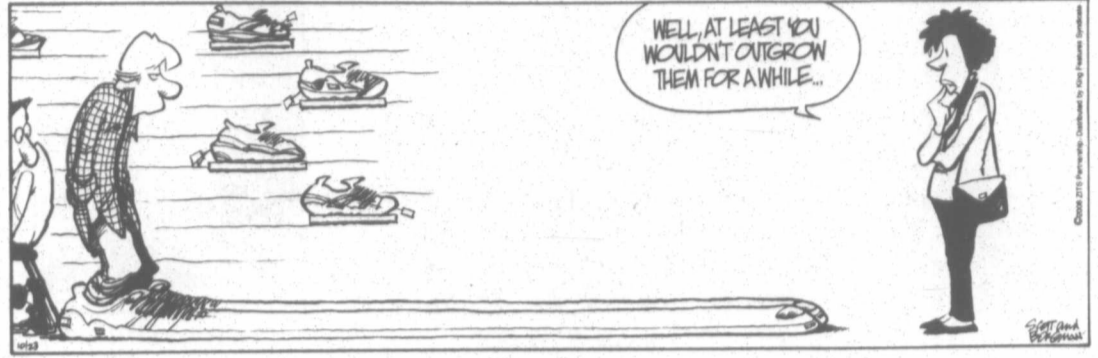
DEAR ABBY: On a whim I joined a belly dancing class. It changed my life! I met women of all shapes, sizes and ages who get together to dance for the sheer pleasure of it. To meet friends and transform her self-image, I suggest "Friend-Challenged" check around for belly dance studios in her area. -- **JENNY IN THE MIDWEST**

DEAR ABBY: I joined an organization called Beta Sigma Phi -- it's an international women's friendship network. It's a sorority, but not the kind you see on university campuses. I have made friends, learned new things and become more involved in the community. For information, including dues and fees, visit www.betasigmaphi.org or call (888) 238-2221 or (816) 444-6800. -- **SISTER FOR LIFE, ONTARIO, CANADA**

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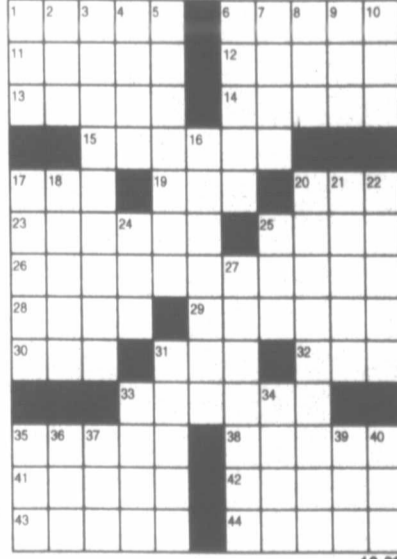
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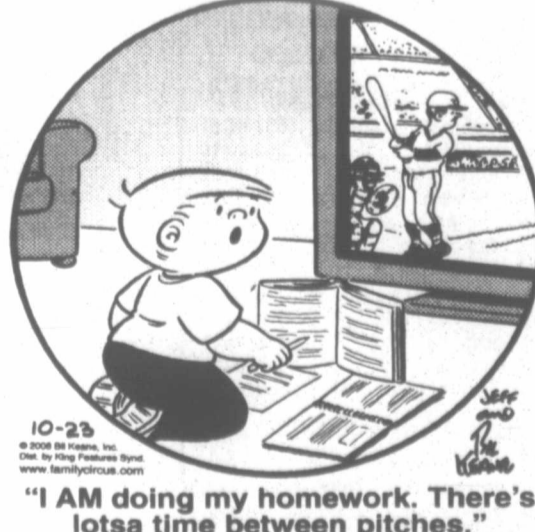
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United Way Pampa Optimist Club provides healthy 'growing up' experiences

The following article was provided by Pampa Optimist Club and is one in a series of articles of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information was submitted by Pampa United Way as part of its 2008 "Pampa United Way, Let's Rev It Up" fund-raising campaign.

Tanner Dyson was not only the leading scorer on the Pampa High School Soccer Team last spring, he was the leading scorer in the entire District 1-4A.

His accomplishments culminated a long trip back. He was diagnosed with non-Hodgkins lymphoma, a form of cancer, when he was 10 years old and playing baseball in the Pampa Optimist 9-10 Cal Ripken League. He spent five months at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston. Following that, he went back and forth from Pampa to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo for a month after spending a week in the Intensive Care Unit.

To show their support, his classmates at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School shaved their heads. He had a Web site where hundreds of people sent well wishes. The Miami Area Youth Organization held a basketball tournament and donated much of the proceeds to Tanner. The Pampa Optimist Club donated a day of its sales from its baseball/softball concession stand.

Tanner fought back and was able to return to Optimist sports. When he was 12 years old, he was the winning pitcher for his Celanese baseball team in the City Championship game of the 11-12 Cal Ripken League and mad the All-Star Team.

"That experience gave him the confidence that he could come back after fighting cancer, play sports and lead a normal life," said his mother, Teresa Dyson.

"One of the purposes of the Optimist Club is to give kids a chance to develop their abilities and build up their confidence in themselves," said longtime Optimist baseball coach, John Warner.

The organization currently offers baseball and

football for youth. "We are considering beginning a basketball program for boys and girls from kindergarten through second grade," said Optimist Club President Kevin Davis.

At Christmas, the Pampa Optimist Youth Club, a Pampa United Way agency, joins with about 40 other organizations to sponsor the Children's Shopping Tour, which last year directly benefited 460 people. In January, PHS students will compete in the Optimist International Essay Contest for college scholarships.



Tanner Dyson

The Optimist Club honors outstanding students in various fields during Youth Appreciation Week each year. Last year, members raised more than \$15,000 for the Pampa United Way while working cards for the annual fund-drive.

In January, boys will begin the third and fourth grade and the fifth and sixth grade basketball league competition. The youth club's biggest undertaking is its annual baseball/softball program where typically 600 to 800 players from Pampa, Miami, Lefors, Skellytown, White Deer, McLean, Wheeler, Clarendon, Perryton, Claude, Panhandle and Groom participate.

"Last year we served about 3,700 different people in some way," Warner, immediate past president, said. "The Pampa United Way's support has allowed us to expand our program to involve more kids. One of our goals is to reach as many kids as possible."

"Tanner played all of the Optimist sports," his mother said. "It was a big part of his life growing up."

The Pampa United Way's annual grant plays a vital role in providing funding which is critical to the Optimist's ability to be a "Friend of Youth."

Jobless claims up

WASHINGTON (AP) — New claims for jobless benefits increased by more than expected last week as companies cut jobs due to the slow economy, the Labor Department said Thursday.

The department said new applications for unemployment benefits rose 15,000 to a seasonally adjusted 478,000, slightly above analysts' estimates of 470,000.

The four-week average, which smooths out fluctuations, dropped slightly from a seven-year high to 480,250.

The total indicates that labor markets remain weak as companies lay off workers and cut back on hiring. Jobless claims above 400,000 are considered a sign of recession. A year ago, claims stood at 333,000, the department said.

Many economists expect the U.S. economy to decline this quarter and next, meeting one classic definition of a recession.

In one sign of improvement, the number of people continuing to claim unemployment insurance dropped by 6,000 to a seasonally adjusted 3.72 million, down from 3.73 million, a five-year high.

Three weeks ago, new benefit applications reached 499,000, the highest level in seven years and the second-highest since 1992.

Claims were also higher last week because of the impact of Hurricane Ike in Texas, the department said, which added about 12,000 requests for unemployment

benefits, the same as the previous week.

Higher unemployment may worsen the economic downturn, as consumers — fearful for their jobs — cut back on spending. Consumer spending accounts for about 70 percent of the economy.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said Monday the economy is "likely to be weak for several quarters ... with some risk of a protracted slowdown."

Several companies have announced mass layoffs this week.

Chrysler LLC said Thursday that it would eliminate 1,825 jobs by cutting a shift at a Toledo, Ohio Jeep plant and accelerating the closure of a sport utility vehicle factory in Newark, Del.

Drugmaker Merck & Co. said Wednesday that it will cut 7,200 jobs as part of a restructuring, after its third-quarter profit dropped 28 percent.

And Yahoo Inc. said Tuesday that it plans to cut 10 percent of its employees, or 1,500 people, in the next two months.

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AP poll: People nervous about economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — People are skittish about the economy's immediate future. Ask how things will be in a year and you hear a different story — and a remarkable show of optimism despite economists' widespread expectations that a serious recession is brewing.

Most expect the economy to generally be better and the stock market to be rising three months from now, according to an Associated Press-GfK poll released Thursday. But that's mixed with gloom: Majorities also doubt unemployment will fall or home values will rise by then, and people are split over whether their personal finances will improve.

Extend the timeline to a year and the public's mood about the economy grows cheerier. Most say they expect more jobs and higher real estate value. The also think their own financial situations will be better a year from now, the survey shows.

"A few months from now, I don't see it," said Claudette Davis, 61, a retired power company supervisor from Alpharetta, Ga. "A year from now, it may improve. With the \$700 billion to bail out all those banks, maybe things will come around. And maybe the new president will have some input."

That optimism seems to run counter to the beliefs of many economists that the U.S. is in, or about to enter, a recession. Democrats in Congress are looking at crafting the year's second economic stimulus bill, an idea that's been embraced by

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and that the White House has said President Bush would consider.

Many said the upcoming presidential election will affect the economy's performance. Forty-four percent said they think the economy will improve if Democrat Barack Obama is elected, while 34 percent said it would get better if Republican John McCain wins.

With widespread economic worries making the stock

market lurch wildly almost daily, most in the survey were eager to keep their distance from it. By a 58 percent to 38 percent majority, people said this was a bad time to invest in stocks. However, by a more modest 53 percent to 43 percent, most said this is a good time to buy real estate.

"The stock market is obvious, it's probably not bottomed out," said attorney Anthony Venditti, 41, of Westchester, Pa. But assuming a person can get a loan — no easy feat these days — "It's a great time to buy a house. There's a huge inventory out there."

About three quarters of active investors — people who changed their investment mix at least five times in the past year — said this is a good time to purchase real estate and invest in the stock market. Two-thirds of people earning at least \$100,000 a year also said so. But fewer than half of those making under \$50,000 said now's

the time to be buying stocks.
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Sports

PHS Cheerleaders invited to participate in Valero Alamo Bowl in San Antonio

Bowl Games of America is pleased to announce the selection of the Pampa High School Cheerleaders as featured performers in the Valero Alamo Bowl in San Antonio on Dec. 29. This football extravaganza pits a Big Ten team against a Big 12 team at the Alamodome. Over 68,000 fans filled the stands in last year's Alamo Bowl which has been sold out for the last three years. Last year's ESPN broadcast of the Alamo Bowl was viewed by more people than any other ESPN broadcast.

School Cheerleaders from Pampa, Texas will join other bands, dancers and cheerleaders from around the country to perform in one of the most spectacular halftime shows of all the NCAA bowl games. Participating groups were selected for their outstanding musical performance and strength of community support. The performing groups will assemble together in San Antonio for three days of intense rehearsal under the direction of nationally acclaimed band directors, clinicians and choreographers.

The Pampa High School Cheerleaders will receive plaques, trophies, commemorative patches, and a souvenir DVD and will be honored with an evening of dinner, dancing, and awards following their participation in the Valero Alamo Bowl. The Pampa High School Cheerleaders received a bid to Cheerleading Nationals and have five All-Star Cheerleaders on their squad. Four of the squads' senior captians received applications to interview for staff positions with the American Cheerleading Association.

College Football

Young receivers giving Colt more weapons

AUSTIN — The top-ranked Texas Longhorns keep finding new weapons for Colt McCoy and the offense.

The latest are receivers Brandon Collins, Malcolm Williams and Dan Buckner.

Collins, a sophomore, had his best game of the season with six catches for 78 yards in the 56-31 win over Missouri. Williams, a freshman, had one of Texas' best touchdown catches of the season with his 32-yard grab in the second quarter.

"We're much better when Malcolm and I and the other young guys are making plays," Collins said.

Buckner, another freshman, caught a 51-yard TD pass from John Chiles against Missouri, the third-longest scoring play of the season for the Longhorns.

Texas (7-0, 3-0 Big 12) plays No. 7 Oklahoma State (7-0, 3-0) on Saturday.

McCoy's first two receiving options remain Quan Cosby and Jordan Shipley. Those two have combined for 1,181 yards and 12 touchdowns.

"We've known those guys can do those things, it's just a matter of when they're going to step up and make a big play," McCoy said.

The Longhorns have been waiting for Williams to emerge. The coaching staff talking during training camp like he would quickly develop into a dependable third receiver and a 6-foot-3, 220-pound, create the kind of physical mismatch they wanted on smaller defensive backs.

But Williams has been slow to develop as a playmaker. The score against Missouri was just his fifth catch of the year and his first TD.

It was an impressive one for sure. McCoy threw a high ball and Williams jumped over two Missouri safeties for the catch at the goal line. McCoy said Williams had asked him during the week to throw him some high passes to work on using his size to his advantage.

"It gives us a little boost to know that we can do things like that, and Colt

trusts us like that," Williams said.

And it leaves coach Mack Brown looking for more plays that that one.

"We need Malcolm to come on," Brown said. "It's really good he's made some progress."

COACHING TURN-OF-STYLE: Brown knows that defensive coordinator Will Muschamp's name will be a hot one on head coach search lists after the season, if not before then. Muschamp's name is already being bandied about by hopeful Clemson fans after Tigers coach Tommy Bowden stepped down in midseason.

"We're bragging on Colt, but it doesn't happen with out the power up."

— Brown on the improved play of Texas' offensive line.

Brown said this week he doesn't think that will be a distraction for Longhorns players.

"These kids know if we lose one, we'll find another," Brown said, referring to the fact that Muschamp is his fifth defensive coordinator in six years.

Brown said Monday he hadn't been contacted by another school about Muschamp, nor would he tell reporters if he had. But Brown also brought up possible coaching changes again on Wednesday, unprompted by reporters.

"If a guy does want to leave and he gets the proper job good for him, but that should not be a distraction to our current football team," Brown said.

He said the same thing about players who may consider leaving early for the NFL.

"That's something we ask each year and something I feel like this current staff and players are doing a really good job of," Brown said.

TURTLES TORTURE?

Brown said he's been using motivational tricks like burying the Oklahoma game ball most of his career.

He got the ball burial idea from former North Carolina athletic director John Swofford after a Tar Heels win over Duke. Swofford invited the coaching staff over to his house for dinner, without telling them what he planned.

"I thought we were going to get fired," Brown said.

Brown said he also used to put a leash on a fake turtle the week the Tar Heels played the Maryland Terrapins and drag it around.

"We'd bury that, too," Brown said.

P IS FOR PALMER: Senior cornerback Ryan Palmer chatted with reporters this week wearing a bright red Philadelphia Phillies cap emblazoned with a white letter P.

Big fan of the National League champs? Planning to watch the World Series? Nope.

"I don't care much for Philly," said Palmer, who is from Arlington. "The P is for Palmer."

KICKED AROUND: Remember Ryan Bailey? Oklahoma State does even if Longhorn fans don't.

Bailey is the clutch Texas kicker who booted a 40-yard field goal on the last play to beat the Cowboys 38-35 last season. He also kicked the game winner in the cold and snow at Nebraska in 2006.

He's also the most accurate career kicker in Texas history (24 of 28) and was named to the watch list for the Groza Award given to the best kicker in the country.

He's also riding the bench.

Hunter Lawrence, who handled the kickoff duties last season, beat out Bailey for the starting job in the preseason and hasn't given Bailey any chance to get it back. Lawrence is 7 of 7 on field goals this season with a long kick of 46 yards. He's also perfect on 39 extra points.

Harvester Lanes to host Special Olympics

More than 200 Special Olympians will take to the bowling alleys of Harvester Lanes Saturday for a regional tournament.

"It'll start about 8 a.m.," said Shirley Jernigan of Harvester Lanes. "We're going to run two squads."

The first squad should be on the bowling line by 8:30 a.m., she said.

There will be 105 Special Olympians on that squad. It will be followed at 11:15 a.m. by the second squad, which will have 102 Special Olympians.

The ages range from eight to 65 years old. The

Special Olympians are from Pampa, Stinnett, Borger, Friona, Hereford and Tulia. Amarillo will have two groups.

"They will each bowl three games," Jernigan said. "It's just like league play."

There will be gold medals, silver medals, bronze medals and participation medals on each pair of lanes, she said.

"We have a full day planned," Jernigan said.

She said it takes about 20 volunteers per shift to bring the tournament off.

"They help them get on

the right lane," Jernigan said. "They help the right kid get up to bowl at the right time."

Jernigan said she'll have her full staff there, but the volunteers are key to bringing off the tournament.

"They're very, very special kids," Jernigan said. "I love them dearly."

The tournament is an annual event.

"They bowl here," Jernigan said. "They bowl at Borger, and they bowl at Amarillo."

Duke lacrosse accuser maintains she was assaulted

DURHAM, N.C. — The woman who North Carolina prosecutors determined falsely accused three Duke lacrosse players of raping her at a team party maintains in a new memoir that she was assaulted.

Crystal Mangum, who appeared publicly Thursday for the first time since making the allegations more than two years ago, says in her forthcoming book she is not "looking forward to opening old wounds" but that she had to defend herself.

"Even as I try to move on with my life, I still find it necessary to take one more stand and fight," she writes in the book, "The Last Dance for Grace: The Crystal Mangum Story."

"I want to assert, without equivocation, that I was assaulted. Make of that what you will. You will decide what that means to you because the state of North Carolina saw fit not to look at all that happened the night I became infamous."

Mangum told police that she was attacked at a March 2006 lacrosse team party where she was hired to perform as a stripper. After a disastrous local prosecution that eventually led to downfall of the district attorney, the state attorney general's office concluded there was no credible evidence an attack ever occurred.

An attorney who

defended one of the players in the criminal case quickly denounced Mangum's remarks, saying her allegation hurt the accused players, the state and all women who have been victims of sexual assault.

"If Crystal Mangum truly wants to heal, get on with her life and have others learn from her experiences, she would admit her lies and the damage they did," Joseph Cheshire said in an e-mail. "The fact that she will not do that makes all of her motives and self-possessed desire to explain herself another lie. This is about money and lies. Pure and simple."

Mangum declined to answer specific questions about the details of the

case on Thursday, and the publisher of the book said repeatedly "the case is closed" and she accepts the conclusions of state prosecutors.

"At this point, it doesn't really matter," she said Thursday. "What matters is for people to know my account of what happened and for all of us to learn from it."

The state's investigation found there was no DNA or medical evidence, or witness accounts, that confirmed Mangum's story. The inconsistencies in Mangum's account, the state found, "were so significant and so contrary to the evidence that the State had no credible evidence that an attack occurred in the house that night."

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Oct. 24, 2008:
You make a difference no matter where you are, no matter what you do. You face a choice this year between negativity and optimism. What you choose defines your year. If seeing a situation negatively, learn to reframe, or try another perspective. Sometimes you might not really get what is going on until months later, either. Focus on goals and getting there. Eliminate obstacles as they appear by finding another route. If single, you could hook up with someone more serious or older. This person also might be a Capricorn. If attached, you move into a period where the two of you must join forces to achieve a long-term goal. Working together toward this desire brings you closer. VIRGO pushes you hard, but really is a friend.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
**** The need to complete a lot of work weighs you down. Yet somehow you manage to have a great time, knowing you are eyeing the weekend. You end the work week with a grand finale, which might look like completing a key project. Tonight: Do whatever you want. You deserve it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** Let your creativity emerge, and you'll find answers. Someone close could be stern or inflexible. Could this person be reflecting a side of you? Tap into experts and allow more options in the door rather than close them off. Tonight: Play the night away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** If you can take off or work from home, do. In a quieter environment, you recharge. A conversation with a key associate certainly colors your day and perspective. Trust this person as you have in the past. Tonight: Close to home works once more.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** Communication, at first, might feel stifled. Keep at it, not giving up and knowing full well what you want. Focus and determination work. Tonight: A fellow associate or friend finally opens up. What a relief!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Deal with a financial matter before it deals with you. You could be overwhelmed by what comes down the path. Though you might not be comfortable with the attitude you need to assume, it might be more necessary that you realize. Tonight: Your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Your serious demeanor could scare some away, but not anyone who knows you. Your efficiency and need for organization takes over. The good news is that when you finally relax, you let go of this austere attitude. Tonight: Laugh the weekend in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Know when to back off and simply decide that this is a bad hair day. If you can, call in and take some much-needed time off. By late afternoon, you and a family member enjoy quite a few laughs. Tonight: Order in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Zero in on what you want. An older or very serious friend could be negative. Turn away from this attitude and remain optimistic. Good communication surrounds your afternoon and what happens. Tonight: Where and when are your choices.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** Listening to feedback does not mean you agree with what is being said. It simply means you are open. Others demand your attention. The only way you get out of work is by taking a leadership role and getting what you need done. Tonight: A must appearance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** You could feel restricted, as if you have blinders on. Try to listen and get others' thoughts and ideas. You might need to postpone some plans for a while. Allow optimism to gain over pessimism. Tonight: Happy to greet this weekend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** Work with a partner. Yes, this person can be difficult and trying. You can get around the problem by listening to this person and not getting caught up in details. Your instincts kick in and allow success. Tonight: Go along with another's ideas.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** Others allow you in the door, but they still want it their way. Understand that there is little you can do to change directions. Why not let others have their way and you go off and do what you want? Tonight: Where people are.

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Poll

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People were asked how they think seven aspects of the economy would be behaving in three months and a year from now. They gave mixed responses for the near-term, but in nearly each case foresaw stronger performance in a year.

Steven Wood, 30, a car salesman from Canton, Ga., said he doesn't doubt that the economy will rebound. "I deal with customers every day, and as a whole, even though people are down about the economy, they're very optimistic about what the future holds," he said.

Just 38 percent said they think unemployment would go down in three months, but 62 percent said they thought it would improve in a year. That is counter to what many analysts expect: Unemployment is 6.1 percent nationally, and economists predict it could go as high as 7.5 percent in 2009.

"I have a job every now and then because I know what I'm doing," said Pedro Garcia, 22, of Greeley, Colo., who finds work as a roofer, a butcher and a welder. "I have to look here and there all the time."

Four in 10 people making less than \$50,000 a year said unemployment won't fall in three months or a year, making them less optimistic than the highest earners.

In other instances of growing public optimism, the poll found:

—While 53 percent said the economy would be better in three months, 75 percent said it would improve in a year.

—Only 31 percent said they expect their home's value to be higher in three months; 55 percent said it should be better in a year.

—People were divided evenly over whether their personal finances would improve in three months, while two-thirds expected things to be better in a year.

—While 58 percent foresee a higher stock market in three months, 77 percent predict a stronger market in a year.

Blacks were a bit more optimistic than whites in the survey that home prices will rise in the short and long term, and that the economy will improve in a year.

Reflecting gasoline prices that have dropped to \$3 or less per gallon, two-thirds expect even lower gas costs in three months. Fewer said they will still be sinking in a year.

Most don't see a drop in other prices. Three in 10 expect the costs of everyday stuff to be lower in three months; that figure grows to four in 10 in a year.

"I've been around 41 years and I've never seen the price of milk go down," said Venditti.

The AP-GFK poll involved landline and cell phone interviews with 1,101 randomly chosen adults and was conducted from Oct. 16-20. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3 percentage points, larger for subgroups.

Wisconsin goes after Texas man over wild pigs

SENECA, Wis. (AP) — Southwestern Wisconsin in October is close to paradise: crimson-tinged bluffs, rolling ridge-top fields, peace and quiet. But haunting the hollows is something, big, mean and ugly.

For years, dozens of giant, hairy hogs have run wild through its valleys and bottoms, rooting up trees, devouring crops before they sprout and keeping residents indoors. Now state investigators say they know who brought the beasts here, and they want him to pay.

According to them, the culprit is former Gays Mills elk farm owner Robert S. Johnson. They believe he hauled 31 wild hogs from Texas to Wisconsin in 2002 and let them loose near the Kickapoo River in Crawford County.

Johnson was charged in February with illegally stocking wild animals, a

civil infraction. A trial to determine whether he's liable began Sept. 5 in Prairie Du Chien and then delayed. Proceedings are expected to resume Friday.

The state Department of Justice, which is handling the case, wants at least \$31,000 in forfeitures — \$1,000 for each pig — as well as money to cover environmental damages from Johnson.

Introducing a wild animal that's not indigenous to Wisconsin can cause a huge amount of damage, said Assistant Attorney General Cynthia Hirsch.

Leonard Olson, who farms near Seneca, said the pigs devoured 90 percent of the corn seed over 14 acres he rented last year and were a big reason he didn't rent it again this year. The pigs also got at corn on another 118 acres he farms, costing him about \$20,000, he said.

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• **Harvester Lanes** will host a regional Special Olympics tournament from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 25 at the bowling alley in Pampa. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call 665-3422.

• **Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild** will host a quilt display from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 25-26 at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa.

• **Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild** will meet at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 25 at First Christian Church Disciple Center in Guymon, Okla. The meeting will feature the quilt challenge of the year. Visitors and guests are welcome.

• **White Deer Land Museum** of Pampa will celebrate the opening of a new annex with a series of programs. The last program in the series is slated for 2:30 p.m. Oct. 26. The program will be "Tale of a Buffalo Hunter" and book-signing with Delbert Trew, Oct. 26. The series is being co-sponsored by Gray County Historical Commission.

• **Our Diamond Miss** organization will stage a preliminary pageant Oct. 25 at the YMCA in Dumas. The pageant is open to girls between 0-19 years of age. Babies age 0-35 months are eligible to compete in party dress, sportswear, beautiful baby, photogenic and portfolio in various age divisions. Girls between 3-19 may compete in party dress, sportswear, talent, glamour, photogenic and portfolio in various divisions and categories. For more information or to obtain an entry form, call (806) 275-0455.

• **Clarendon College-Pampa Center** will offer the Quick THEA exam at 9 a.m. Oct. 27 on campus. Participants must register for the test three working days prior to the test date. The test will also be administered at the main campus in Clarendon at the same time on the same day. For more information, call Brandi Havens, director of admissions, at (806) 874-4804.

• **Panhandle Twenty/20, Amarillo College, Amarillo Chamber of Commerce and Celebrate Education** will sponsor Developing the Workforce of the Future, a follow-up report to Panhandle Twenty/20's "The Panhandle Imperative," from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Oct.

31 at AC's Business & Industry Center. Learn the latest about the challenges facing the region as well as actions being taken to improve the region. Presenters will include Tom Pauken, chair of the Texas Workforce Commission, and Dr. Karl Eschbach, Texas State demographer. Lunch will be provided. Seating is limited. To RSVP, call (806) 376-4521.

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