

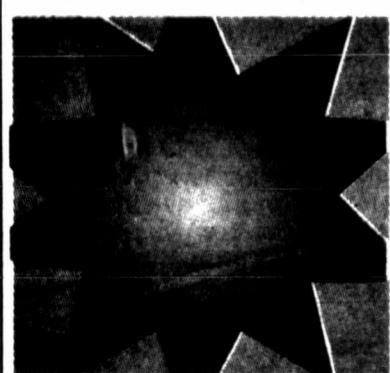
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**PAMPA** — The City of Pampa Recreation Department's annual Halloween Party was held last Friday night at M.K. Brown Auditorium and approximately 75 children in full costume attended. Costume contest winners were as follows:

Funniest, Zachary Hampton, 4-months-old "Halloween Pumpkin."

Cutest/Prettiest, Jared Miner, 2 1/2 year old, "Ear of Corn."

Spookiest, Wendy Miller, 9-years-old, "Vampire."

Ugliest, James Cooper, 7-years-old, "Devil."

Most Original, Karli Douglas, 9-years-old, "Outhouse."

**AUSTIN** (AP) — The 9-year-old girl removed from a rat-infested Austin home last week is headed for a foster home while her family receives psychological examinations.

State officials say the girl, who has never been to school and doesn't speak, continues to improve and there is no evidence that she was physically abused.

"As far as we can tell, the family cared very much for this little girl," said Linda Edwards, spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, which runs Child Protective Services. "They were just unable to provide a safe, stable, nurturing environment."

Ms. Edwards said the girl has made significant improvement and is interacting with other children, sleeping well and enjoys being tickled. Experts still are assessing the girl, who her family says is mentally retarded.

One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The drawing was worth an estimated \$18 million.

The winning ticket was sold in San Antonio.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 3, 4, 8, 24, 25 and 42.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$10 million.

- Meredith Kendrick, 82, carpenter, farmer, rancher.
- Lilla Belle Smith, 75, Pampa resident for the past year.

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## Six are in Gray County Many U.S. bridges in ill repair

Buses and trucks must detour around a bridge on busy Interstate 95 in Jacksonville, Fla. The main route to South Carolina's coastal resorts also is off-limits to heavy vehicles.

Engineers say trucks may have to take the long way around the nation's capital unless a new, \$1.6 billion bridge is built over the Potomac River.

America's half-million bridges are showing their age.

Nearly one in three bridges is obsolete or has structural problems, according to a computer-assisted analysis of Federal Highway Administration data by The Associated Press.

In Texas, 11,480 of the state's 47,196 bridges are rated deficient. That's 24 percent.

In Gray County, six spans are rated deficient but only one of them, a county road that crosses Red Deer Creek, has a load limit on it, according to Tanya Detton, public information officer for the Texas Department of Transportation in Amarillo.

The bridges rated deficient in Gray County are:

- A bridge of State Hwy. 273 where it crosses the north fork of the Red River.
- A bridge of FM 291 at McClellan Creek.

• Three bridges over draws on RM 1321 over the north fork of the Red River.

• A county road bridge that crosses Red Deer Creek.

Detton stressed that deficient means "the bridge needs some form or repair or another," but doesn't mean the damage is serious enough to warrant closing the span.

"We just replaced the Canadian Bridge on U.S. 70 and another bridge near Canadian on U.S. 83," Detton said, adding the total cost of these projects was \$9.3 million.

She said \$440 million has been appropriated statewide to repair and/or replace

some 196 bridges on the state highway system and another 380 spans on county and city roads.

Overall, 182,730 of the nation's 581,942 bridges — 31.4 percent — were rated deficient as of June 30, 1996, including one-fourth of the spans along the National Highway System, the most heavily used roads in the country.

Most deficient bridges are not in danger of collapsing. Some simply are too narrow to handle current traffic loads. But others need major repairs — and soon.

"Traveling through virtually any city, you see the bridges crumbling over your See BRIDGES, Page 3

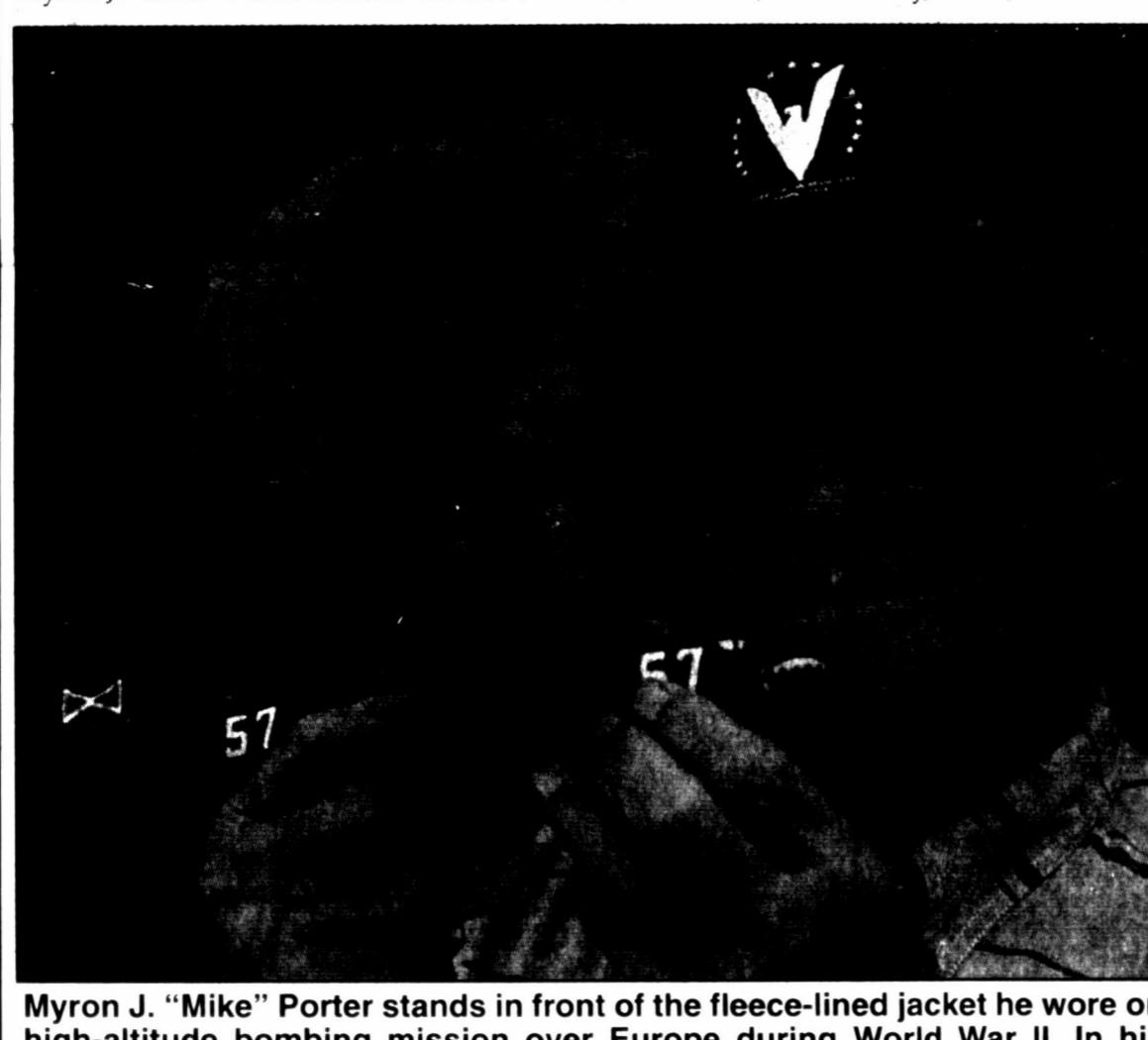
## Bombs away! A day that could have been

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

The sky over Germany was a deep blue as Myron J. "Mike" Porter checked the instru-

ments in his B-24 Liberator before commencing a bomb run in one of those strange quirks of war. It was a moment that might have been.

Born Dec. 10, 1920 in Troy, Penn., Porter



Myron J. "Mike" Porter stands in front of the fleece-lined jacket he wore on high-altitude bombing mission over Europe during World War II. In his hand is a model of the bomber he flew, a four-engine B-24 Liberator.

now oversees the Freedom Museum in Pampa, but the trail that led him from Pennsylvania to the plains of Texas extends half way around the world and up to 20,000 feet.

Porter joined the United States Army on March 25, 1942.

"I spent nine months in boot camp in the mechanized cavalry," he said. "I sneaked off one day and took the air corps test. If the old one-armed captain I had knew where I was going, he'd have killed me."

Porter first came to the Texas panhandle as a cadet assigned to the Pampa Army Air Field. It was here that he met his future wife.

"I married her about three months later," he said.

After learning the basics of flying in Pampa, Porter was assigned to an airfield at Fort Worth for bomber training. There he learned the intricacies of the B-24, a heavy bomber capable of carrying a large payload over great distances.

After graduating from B-24 training in Fort Worth, he went to Nebraska, where he joined the 826th Squadron of the 484th Bombardment Group.

"I went through combat training there," he said.

Then he headed overseas. He left Florida headed for Torretta, Italy, on March 25, 1944. The group that had trained together stayed together.

"I flew 50 missions with the same unit over Europe," he said.

It was in June, 1944, that Porter and his squadron gathered for a briefing about their next bombing raid over Munich, Germany. They were to bomb the rail yards there.

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## Arrington brothers honored

Texas Panhandle natives George W. Arrington of Canadian, and William L. "Bill" Arrington of Pampa, have been inducted into the New Medico Military Institute Alumni Hall of Fame at Roswell, N.M.

This is the first time brothers have been inducted at the same time and the only twins ever elected and inducted. They will be in the company of other Hall of Famers: Sam Donaldson, Washington, D.C.; Roger Stauback, Dallas and Gen. Seldon Simpson of Amarillo.

They were born in Fort Worth on Jan. 26, 1933, and were reared in Hemphill county where they grew up on the original Rocking Chair Ranch on the headwaters of the Washita River and attended public schools in Canadian during elementary and junior high years. For the last three years of high school they attended New Mexico Military Institute and graduated in 1952.

Bill then graduated from Oklahoma University in 1956 with a B.B.A. and was a member of the track team and a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and advanced to Captain in the Texas Army National Guard.

For the last 30 years, Bill and his wife, the former Margarette "Greta" Miller, have lived on the northeast side of their Rocking Chair Ranch which consists of

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## Girl dies after outfit catches fire

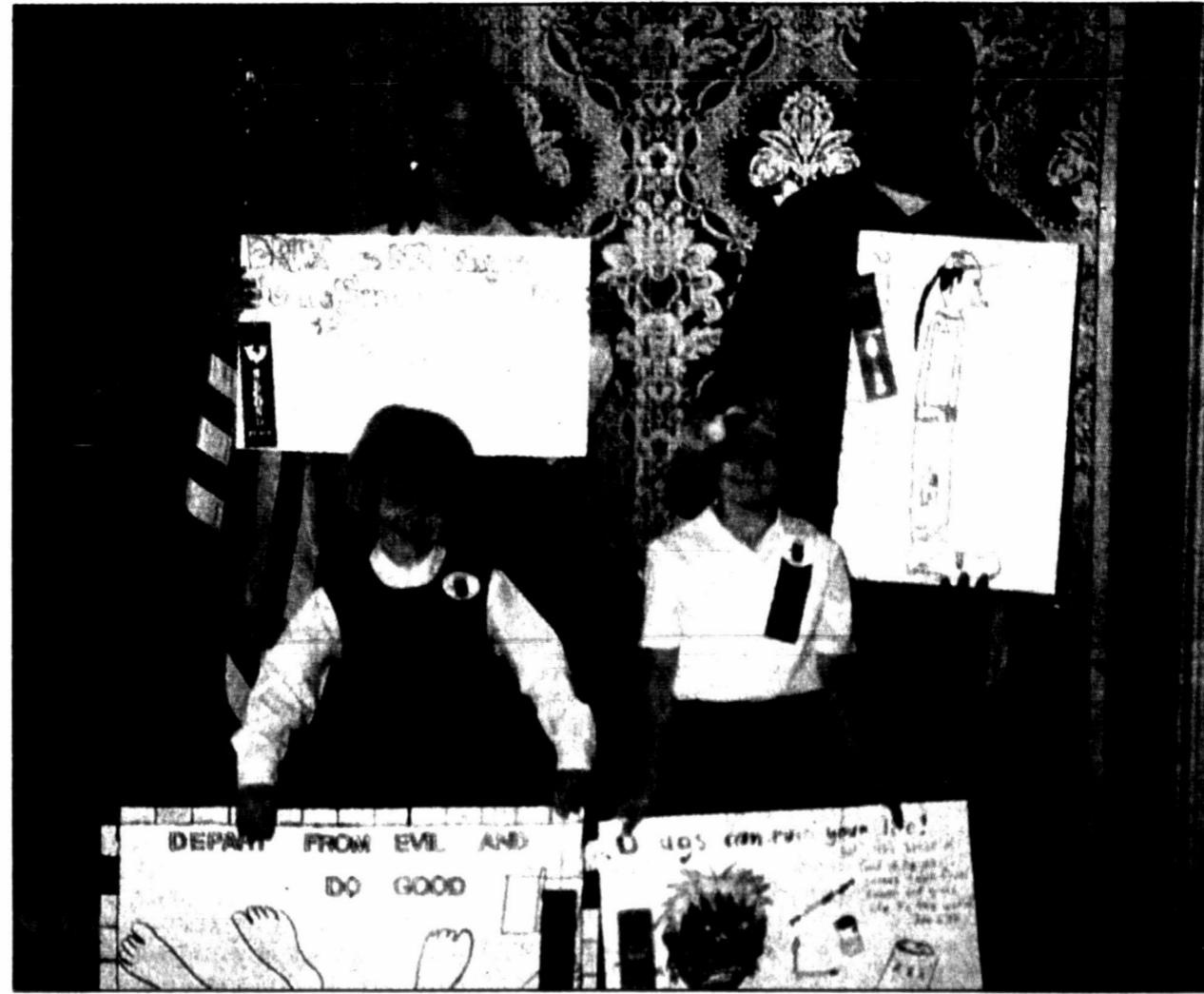
DALLAS (AP) — The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is investigating the source of a long "Cousin Itt" wig-costume that caught fire on Halloween night, fatally burning a 12-year-old girl.

Erin Christine Jenkins of Pottsboro, about 70 miles north of Dallas, died Saturday of severe burns at Parkland hospital in Dallas. The costume brushed a lighted jack-o' lantern as she was trick-or-treating.

Witnesses to Friday's accident said Erin's costume — based on the Addams Family character who is completely covered by long hair — immediately burst into flames.

The seventh-grader fell to the ground and rolled across the yard trying to put out the fire. A resident at the house extinguished the flames with a garden hose, authorities said.

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## Winners...

Students at Community Christian School participated in a drug-free safety poster campaign contest last week. Winners were (from left, back row) Amy Robbins — honorable mention, grades 7-9; Matt Murray — first place grades 7-9; (left, front) Jocelyn Kennedy — honorable mention, grades K-6; Alice Taylor — first place, grades K-6. The posters from all of the students who were involved are being displayed around town at Sand's Fabrics, Texas Furniture, Foto Time, Franks Grocery on Hobart and Fraser Insurance.

(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

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# Daily Record

## Obituaries

### MEREDITH KENDRICK

GROOM — Meredith Kendrick, 82, died Friday, Oct. 31, 1997. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in First Baptist Church with the Rev. R. Bryan Richardson, former pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Groom Cemetery under the direction of Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mr. Kendrick was born at Moody. He graduated from West Texas State Teachers College in 1939 and was valedictorian of his Groom High School graduating class. He married Marion Clark in 1940 at Amarillo; she died in April of this year. He was a carpenter, farmer and rancher in Groom for over 56 years.

He was a member and deacon of First Baptist Church, where he also attended the men's Sunday school class. He was a member and past master of the Masonic Lodge and the Community Center. He helped renovate the Groom Hospital into the Community Center.

Survivors include a daughter, Janis Ann DeLoach of Lubbock; two sons, William D. Kendrick of Duncan, Okla., and Robert Arlin Kendrick of Montgomery; two sisters, Janice Kenney of Portales, N.M., and Marcella Creagh of China, Texas; four brothers, Curtis H. Kendrick of Stratford, Larry Kendrick of Monrovia, Calif., Donald Kendrick of Santa Rosa, Calif., and Ralph Kendrick of Fountain Valley, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Groom Volunteer Ambulance Service or to Groom Community Center.

### LILLA BELLE SMITH

Lilla Belle Smith, 75, of Pampa, died Sunday, Nov. 2, 1997. The body has been cremated and consequently will not be available for viewing. Memorial services will be held at a later date in California.

Mrs. Smith was born July 11, 1922, at El Paso, Texas. She had been a Pampa resident for the past year, moving from Sacramento, Calif., where she had lived most of her life. She was a Methodist.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Dixie Lee Moore, and by a brother, Carl Calvin Hamill. Survivors include a daughter, Susan Kane of Pampa; three sons, Donald Thomas Darling of Las Vegas, Nev., David Bruce Darling of Fort Hood and Joseph Lance Darling of Folsom, Calif.; two brothers, David Drown Hamill of Baltimore, Md., and James Bruce Hamill of Sacramento; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice of the Panhandle.

## Calendar of events

### TOASTMASTERS

Smooth Talkers and Knee Knockers Toastmasters Club meets 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the dining room of Coronado Inn. For more information, call Daniel Silva at 669-6351 or Gary Casebier at 665-4212.

### CLEAN AIR AL-ANON

Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-0407 or 669-3988.

### PANHANDLE AREA

#### LUPUS SUPPORT GROUP

The Panhandle Area Lupus Support Group will not meet during the summer months. It will resume meeting in October for an educational meeting in observance of Lupus Awareness Month. Lupus is a chronic, auto immune disease which causes inflammation of various parts of the body, especially the skin, joints, blood and kidneys. If you should need information or telephone support, call (806) 435-7030 or (806) 435-6056.

### FOOTBALL BOOSTER CLUB

The Football Booster Club will meet every Monday evening at 7 p.m. in the Harvester Ready Room until the end of the football season in November.

### PAMPA CHESS CLUB

The Pampa Chess Club invites you to a night of casual but competitive chess and instruction. We will meet at 1029 N. Dwight at 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday night. Beginners are very welcome! For more information contact James A. Shook at 669-0227.

### PRESCHOOL HOUR

The Lovett Memorial Library hosts the Preschool Hour every Tuesday morning from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. for children ages 3 through 5. The public is invited to participate.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa

Wheat	3.12	Enron	38.11/16
Milo	3.32	Halibutton	61.3/8
Corn	4.91	Ingersoll Rand	39.13/16
Soybeans	6.26	KNE	44
		Kerr McGee	68.5/8 up 1 1/16
		Limited	23.15/16 up 3/8
		Mapco	33.5/16 up 5/16
		McDonald's	45.7/8 up 11/16
		Mobil	74.15/16 up 2 1/8
		New Atmos	25.9/16 up 5/16
		New Cent Enr	42 up 5/16
		Penn's	59.7/16 up 3/4
		Phillips	49.5/16 up 15/16
		SLB	89.1/4 up 1 3/4
		Tenneco	45.1/8 up 3/16
		Texaco	58.7/16 up 1 7/8
		Wal-Mart	31 up 1/8
		West Gold	36.13/16 up 1 13/16
		West New York	33.5/16
		West Texas Crude	21.08

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Magellan	96.45	Pioneer Nat. Res.	40.3/8
Puritan	19.14	SLB	89.1/4
		Tenneco	45.1/8 up 3/16
		Texaco	58.7/16 up 1 7/8
		Wal-Mart	31 up 1/8
		West Gold	36.13/16 up 1 13/16
		West New York	33.5/16
		West Texas Crude	21.08

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

Americo..... 93 3/4 up 1 3/8

Atco..... 84 5/8 up 2 5/16

Cabot..... 24 15/16 up 3/8

Cabot O&G..... 23 15/16 dn 1/16

911

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669-5700

669-7432

669-5830

## Police report

The Pampa Police Department made the following calls and arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### Saturday, November 1

James Wesley Wilson, 21, 1127 S. Finley, charged with evading arrest/detention.

A criminal mischief report was taken at 1031 N. Sumner.

A criminal mischief report was taken at 1500 N. Banks.

Clothes were reported stolen in a burglary in the 1000 block of E. Frances.

A criminal mischief report was taken at 1108 Terry Road.

A report of possession of drug paraphernalia was taken in the 800 block of Bradley.

Clayton Durand Johnson, 33, 407 E. Browning, arrested on six instantane warrants from municipal court.

### Sunday, November 2

Sarah Yvonne Dorsey, 18, 624 E. Foster, was arrested on six warrants from municipal court.

A burglary from a motor vehicle was reported at 1216 Garland.

A burglary from a motor vehicle was reported at 203 N. West.

A report was taken of an attempted burglary at 1156 Prairie.

A criminal mischief report was taken in the 1200 block of Garland.

Jaime Lara, 27, 931 Faulkner, charged with DWI.

### Monday, November 3

Connie Denise Ballard, 29, 1164 Varnon, arrested on a warrant charging theft under \$50.

## Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### Saturday, November 1

2:04 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center to transfer one patient to a local residence.

5:58 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of Dogwood Lane on a trauma and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

10:37 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to Baptist St. Anthony West.

### Sunday, November 2

9:48 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Duncan on a possible trauma. No patient was transported.

4:38 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Price and Kentucky on a motor vehicle accident. No one was transported.

4:39 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of E. Browning on a fire assist. No injuries reported.

### Monday, November 3

3:26 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded south on Hwy. 273 on a mutual aid call to assist Lefors EMS on a medical call. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

## Accidents

The following accidents were investigated by the Pampa Police Department in the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### Friday, October 31

A 1990 white Cadillac driven by Alice Gooding Gates, 1918 Dogwood, failed to yield at a stop sign and collided with a 1983 yellow Cadillac driven by Homer Ralph Jones, P.O. Box 1684. After impact the Gates auto traveled southwest over a curb and struck a guy wire on a high line pole. Gates was cited for failure to yield the right of way from a stop sign.

An unknown white Ford LTD stuck an illegally parked 1987 black Ford pickup owned by Chris Dehls, White Deer, in the 400 block of N. Russell.

### Saturday, November 1

A 1995 black and white Cadillac driven by Thelma Grooms Hoover of 1042 N. Dwight, failed to yield the right of way at 21st and North Banks and collided with a 1980 beige Buick driven by Shelly Yvonne Hopson, 1932 N. Dwight. Hoover was cited for failure to yield the right of way at a yield sign.

### Sunday, November 2

Amanda Jean Booth, Claude, Texas, was cited for disregarding a stop sign after the 1988 blue Toyota Camry she was driving at W. Kentucky and North Price struck a 1993 Green Toyota pickup driven by Jerome Harold Ingle of White Deer.

A charge of making an illegal lane change was made against Joe Henry Harris, 1124 Duncan, when the 1990 gray Buick he was driving collided in the 1100 block of Duncan with a 1995 white Ford Contour driven by Wendell Ray Shultz, 1125 S. Wells.

## Fires

The Pampa Fire Department made the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### Saturday, November 1

11:46 p.m. - One unit and three personnel stood by at Columbia Medical Center for a medivac.

### Sunday, November 2

9:45 a.m. - Three units and six personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident at Pennsylvania and Duncan.

1 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to 512 Lowry to check a carbon monoxide monitor.

4:30 p.m. - Three units and six personnel responded to Price and Kentucky on a motor vehicle accident.

4:39 p.m. - Four units and eight personnel responded to 1312 E. Browning on a structure fire. Visible smoke and flames. Heavy damage was reported to the rear of the home.

9:39 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to 1211 Russell to check a carbon monoxide monitor alarm.

11:48 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to 1621 N. Dwight to check a carbon monoxide monitor alarm.

### Monday, November 3

6:21 a.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to 1504 W. Kentucky on a false alarm.

## Emergency numbers

Ambulance..... 911

Crime Stoppers..... 669-2222

Energas..... 665-5777

Fire..... 911

Police (emergency)..... 669-5700

Police (non-emergency)..... 669-7432

SPS..... 669-7432

Water..... 669-5830

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## BROTHERS

19,200 acres. It maintains a commercial crossbred cow herd and a farming operation raising what, milo and alfalfa.

He is just as comfortable on a horse working cattle as he is in a corporate board room setting growth strategies and policies, or on the rig floor directing drilling and completion operations.

Bill has been very active in business, civic and church service including Chairman of the Board of Gray County Title Co., member and past president of the Board of Directors of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center, director of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, past Vestry member and Senior Warden of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, past president of the Pampa Independent School Board and was Gray County Campaign Chairman for the election of Gov. George W. Bush.

He's also a high-time pilot, checked out in nearly all retractable gear, single engine aircraft as well as light and heavy twin engine planes. His hobbies are playing the guitar and singing, skeet, trap and sporting clays shooting and hunting, snow skiing and steer roping.

George Arrington graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1957 where he earned a B.B.A. with a finance major and business law minor. In 1966 he graduated from Oklahoma City

## George W. Arrington

University where he earned a law degree.

# Nurse receives special CRNH certification

Liz Park, RN, has earned the title of Certified Registered Nurse Hospice, announced Sherry McCavit, executive director of Hospice of the Panhandle. Park serves as a case manager for Hospice of the Panhandle, 800 N. Sumner, a not-for-profit agency serving the terminally ill and their families in Pampa and the surrounding area since 1988.

"We congratulate Liz for achieving the CRNH designation," said McCavit. "Her professionalism, dedication and hard work reflect Hospice of the Panhandle's goal of providing the best possible hospice care to our patients and families."

Park joins Sandra West, RN, CRNH, patient care coordinator for Hospice of the Panhandle, as a certified hospice nurse.

The most recent CRNH test was conducted Sept. 20 at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. Participants were allowed four hours to complete the 250-question exam. To qualify for examination, nurses must have at least two years or 4,000 hours of full-time experience as a registered nurse in hospice nursing.

A graduate of Borger High School, Park received an associate degree in nursing (registered nurse) from Amarillo College. She is presently working toward a bachelor of science in nursing from West Texas A&M in Canyon with the goal of eventually becoming a palliative care nurse practitioner.



**Liz Park, RN, CRNH**

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## BRIDGES

head," said Bill Jackman, a spokesman for the AAA motor club.

In Virginia, 13 bridges along I-95 in the Richmond area are to be overhauled, starting with the span over the James River that opened to traffic in 1958. "They are reaching the end of their usable life," said Andy Farmer, a spokesman for the Virginia Department of Transportation.

In Vermont, a construction trade group questions the safety of a bridge frequently used by state lawmakers to reach Montpelier. "If they could see that bridge from underneath, they'd take another route to the capital," said Thom Serrani, executive director of the Associated General Contractors of Vermont.

In the capital, where lawmakers are debating how to spend federal gasoline tax revenues for the next six years, one of the Potomac River's busiest spans is a symbol of bridge decay.

## Chamber Communiqué

Pampa Chamber of Commerce welcomes new member Radio Shack! Manager Sean Boales and sales team Beverly Mein and Jeff Race are located at 1820 N. Hobart.

Entry forms for the Dec. 6 Christmas parade are now available at the Chamber, 200 N. Ballard. The parade will form at 9 a.m. at Coronado Center and will begin at 10 a.m. This year's theme is "Christmas on the Plains." The Chamber welcomes your participation.

•Chamber meetings:

Tuesday - 8 a.m., Retail Committee Meeting, Nona Payne Room, Pampa

## REVIVAL MEETING

**Highland Baptist Church  
1301 N. Banks**

**November 9-12**

**Sunday Morning ~ 10:55 A.M.  
Sunday Evening ~ 6:00 P.M.  
Monday - Wednesday  
7:00 P.M.**

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## Modern Woodmens Community Service Award



(Special photo)

Buddy Epperson, left, presents Modern Woodmens Community Service Award to Sherry and Jerry Carlson pictured with son Chris.

## Drilling Intentions

### Intentions to Drill

**CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE)** Conoco, Inc., #A12B Burnett, 330' from South & West line, Sec. 35,4,1&GN, PD 2975' —

**CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE)** Minco Oil & Gas Co., #3 Moore, 330' from North & East line, Sec. 20,7,1&GN, PD 2900'. Replacement well

**CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE)** Pantera Energy Co., #3 Hodges, 330' from North & East line, Sec. 112,7,1&GN, PD 2950'.

**DONLEY (WEST PANHANDLE)** Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #1 Martinez, 2316' from North & 689' from East line, Sec. 53,E,D&P, PD 3000'.

**HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & N.W.)**

**HUMPHREYS** Upper Morrow) Upland Resources, Inc., #2 Jenny Lou, 249.37' from North & 467' from West line, Robert Moody #2 Survey, PD 11400'. Rule 37

**HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE)** Momentum Operating Co., Inc., Herring 'A', Eucebio Almaguel Survey, PD 3500', for the following wells:

#96, 4469' from North & 5048' from West line of Survey.

#95, 5688' from South & 5048' from West line of Survey.

**WHEELER (WILDCAT & KEY Upper Morrow)** Sonat Exploration Co., #27-1 Shelton, 467' from South & 1980' from East line, Sec. 27,RE,R&E, PD 16350'.

### Application to Plug-Back

**HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Douglas)** Upland Resources, Inc., #2-5 Meadows, 1000' from North & East line, Sec. 54,AB&M, PD 8300'.

### Gas Well Completions

**ROBERTS (WEST LIPS Cleveland)** Amoco Production Co., #2 W.B. McIntire 'B', Sec. 2,R,P,W. Lampkin, elev. 3064 gr, spud 3-7-97, drilg. compl 4-12-97, tested 4-12-97, potential 144 MCF, TD 8900', PBTD 8469' —

### Plugged Well

**HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE)** J.M. Huber Corp., #1 Kelly, Sec. 30,Y,A&B, spud 9-1-30, plugged 8-27-97, TD 2525' (gas)

## Delegates have conflicting ideas about building Ross Perot's party

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Ross Perot has left members of his Reform Party with no definitive statement about his political plans and little advice about political strategy.

About 400 delegates adjourned the party's National Founding Convention on Sunday. During the three-day event, members approved a constitution, drafted a platform and elected officers to make the Reform Party a true national organization rather than an alliance of 50 state groups.

Delegates and party leaders spoke repeatedly of breaking Republican and Democratic domination of U.S. politics. But they

did not leave their convention with a unified strategy for doing it.

Sometimes, Reform Party leaders talked only about influencing the debate on issues such as campaign finance reform and the federal budget. Other times, they talked about electing candidates, starting with municipal and state elections.

Perot said the party must attract disgruntled Americans who are not voting, but his comments were in context of his complaints that he would be elected president in 1992 had most people voted their consciences.

## PRENATAL CLASSES

**November 4, 11, 18, 25, 1997**

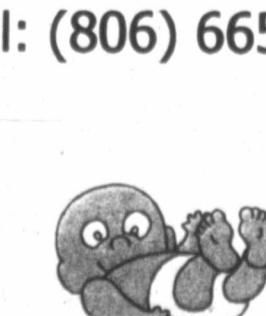
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## Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press  
A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers:

*Waco Tribune-Herald on IRS reform:*

It's telling that the nationwide outpouring of resentment against the abusive treatment of taxpayers at the hands of the Internal Revenue Service caught both Congress and the administration by surprise.

No one in Washington earlier this fall anticipated that a series of Senate Finance Committee hearings that encouraged complaints about the IRS would yield much more than a few political points for the Republicans who control Congress.

Instead, witness testimony from both taxpayers and whistle-blowing IRS agents touched a raw nerve with taxpayers who either have been pushed around by the IRS or who fear they will become the next victims of what they consider a rogue government organization.

Fortunately, the bandwagon for sweeping IRS reform launched by those hearings has even convinced President Clinton, the last holdout, to support legislation to restructure the agency.

After weeks of defending the IRS and opposing the IRS reform legislation unveiled by Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, Clinton made his abrupt turnaround when it became obvious that the White House would be on the losing end of a popular movement that even attracted the support of House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., and other Democrats.

It's good that IRS reforms now have solid bipartisan support. Congress needs to work in unison to reform a bullying agency that has developed a culture of arrogance toward taxpayers.

The bill strengthens the taxpayer's hand in tax disputes, gives taxpayers the right to sue for damages caused by negligence and makes it easier to recover legal fees in disputes arising from IRS errors.

The bill also would establish an oversight board consisting of 11 members — eight private citizens appointed by the president, plus the Treasury secretary, the IRS commissioner and an IRS labor union representative. Since Congress for decades has failed to hold IRS oversight hearings, the oversight board is a good idea.

Now that Congress and the administration understand how deeply Americans feel about IRS abuses, the new reforms should be passed and then closely monitored. Some critics warn that portions of the reforms will make the IRS even more intrusive. Others worry that the reforms will hamstring the agency's ability to catch tax cheats.

Another lesson Congress and administration should learn from the public firestorm that erupted following the IRS hearings is that all government agencies should be monitored to ensure that they serve the public, not abuse the public.

*The Dallas Morning News* on improving the national infrastructure:

National infrastructure used to mean highways and bridges. Now it also means tangles of computer networks that zip credit card transactions around the world or listen for nuclear tests in distant lands.

That new infrastructure is dangerously vulnerable.

President Clinton recognized the threat when he created the Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection last year. The commission examined five sectors: energy, including oil, gas and electrical utilities; information and telecommunications; banking and finance; transportation and physical distribution systems; and vital human services. The commission's final report, released last week, should be particularly pertinent to Texas executives in defense, finance and telecommunications companies.

The commission found that computer networks and home computers have made it easier for pranksters, criminals and spies to nose around and tamper with sensitive information and systems.

Infrastructures have also grown increasingly intertwined. That is, electrical utilities depend on computer networks which depend on phone systems, etc. No one knows how a strike against one type of infrastructure will cascade into other areas. Efforts to protect these infrastructures — if they exist — are often fragmented and hampered by distrust, the commission reported. Among the commission's recommendations:

Create centers where public and private groups can cooperate on security. In that environment, industry could discuss infrastructure threats and compare information without fear of anti-trust complaints or exposing weaknesses to competitors or saboteurs. With more information sharing, companies and public agencies could discern orchestrated attacks on infrastructure.

Encourage all networked computer users to consistently adopt precautions such as frequent password changes. Commissioners recommend that the National Security Agency and the National Institute of Standards and Technology publish a manual of "best practices" for infrastructure security.

Last, commissioners argue — rightly — that America isn't spending enough on research to detect real-time breaches of security and effective responses. Their proposal, to double annual spending on infrastructure protection to \$500 million, is steep, but the threat is real and potentially catastrophic. Congress should amend the next budget to reflect that threat.



## Would flat tax be popular?

Forgive me for being the skunk at the garden party, but I think we conservatives had better think long and hard before we bet our chips on a flat tax.

Don't get me wrong: Personally I am all in favor of the idea, and I think that Steve Forbes deserves the thanks of all thoughtful Americans for proposing it, and pushing it, and thereby forcing everyone to think seriously about tax policy.

But it is by no means clear that a majority of the American people, however much they detest the current tax system, would really be ready to replace it with a flat tax once they fully understood the latter's implications. And I am afraid that the Democrats may just be lying low, and pinching themselves to make sure they can really believe their luck when they see this proposal coming their way as the battle-flag of the Republican Party.

What, precisely, is the flat-tax proposal? It would wholly eliminate the current system of "progressive" taxation, under which the percentage of income taken in taxes increases in proportion to the amount of income subject to tax: 15 percent for the lowest bracket, and on up to nearly 40 percent for incomes of more than \$270,000. In addition there are all sorts of deductions for home mortgages, charitable contributions, and the like, most of which would be eliminated too. Under a flat tax, all taxpayers (the very

poorest would be exempted entirely) would pay the same rate — 17 percent is often suggested. And that would be it — no deductions at all (though one school of thought would save the home-mortgage deduction).

Don't make the Sam Donaldson Error, named for the noted newsmen who revealed on a talk show that he thought that, under a flat tax, everybody would pay the same amount. But everybody would pay, in taxes, the same percentage of his or her income. Thus, if the flat tax was 17 percent, a person making \$30,000 would pay \$5,100, while a person making \$200,000 would pay \$34,000.

That sounds reasonable enough at first (and, many believe, long thereafter as well). But wait until the Democrats get hold of it and start running TV ads comparing those figures to the amounts paid under the present system. Low-income taxpayers would almost inevitably pay more than they do today (in our example, \$600 more), while

high earners would pay vastly less: The tax on a \$270,000 income would drop from \$108,000 under the present system to just \$45,900.

Can you imagine what the class warriors at the Democratic National Committee and in Richard Gephardt's House Democratic caucus would do with such figures? The flat tax would be portrayed as the Rich Man's Tax Bill to end all Rich Man's Tax Bills. There would be colorful charts and graphs, depicting how much less the wealthy would contribute to the national kitty under a flat tax. Besides, Democrats would argue, the person earning \$200,000 simply doesn't need 83 percent of it as desperately as someone earning \$30,000 needs 83 percent of his or her much lower income.

Patiently, the Republicans would try to explain that the economic stimulus generated by flat tax would more than compensate the low-income taxpayer for the modest hike in his tax rate. But that would be dismissed as pie in the sky, while the indisputably large benefit to big earners would be highlighted as an outrageous windfall.

In short, it is very doubtful that most voters are ready to scrap progressive taxation altogether, even though they would probably be shocked to learn that today the top 10 percent of income earners pay nearly 60 percent of all income taxes, and the bottom half only five percent. The "politics of envy" is alive and well, and living in Washington.

## Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Nov. 3, the 307th day of 1997. There are 58 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 3, 1900, the first automobile show in the United States opened at Madison Square Garden in New York under the auspices of the Automobile Club of America.

On this date:

In 1839, the first Opium War between China and Britain broke out.

In 1868, Republican Ulysses S.

Grant won the presidential election over Democrat Horatio Seymour.

In 1896, Republican William McKinley defeated Democrat William Jennings Bryan for the presidency.

In 1903, Panama proclaimed its independence from Colombia.

In 1908, Republican William Howard Taft was elected president, outpolling William Jennings Bryan.

In 1936, President Roosevelt was re-elected in a landslide over

Republican challenger Alfred M. "Al" Landon.

In 1957, the Soviet Union launched into orbit Sputnik Two, the second manmade satellite; a dog on board named Laika was sacrificed in the experiment.

In 1964, President Johnson soundly defeated Republican challenger Barry Goldwater to win a White House term in his own right.

In 1970, Salvador Allende was inaugurated as president of Chile.

In 1979, five radicals were killed

when gunfire erupted during an anti-Ku Klux Klan demonstration in Greensboro, N.C., after a caravan of Klansmen and Nazis had driven into the area.

In 1986, "Ash-Shiraa," a pro-Syrian Lebanese magazine, broke the story of U.S. arms sales to Iran, a revelation that escalated into the Iran-Contra affair.

Ten years ago: On Wall Street, after five consecutive gains, the Dow Jones industrial average closed down 50.56 points, ending the day at 1,963.53.

## Clinton, Jiang play their cards

Walter Mears  
AP Special Correspondent

Playing his China cards, President Clinton made a deal, pressed for more business and delivered a summit rebuke, telling President Jiang Zemin that his government is on the wrong side of history for abusing human rights.

And playing his America card, the Chinese leader said he'd discuss human rights, but not on a basis that would involve interference in the internal affairs of his nation. So saying, he defended the Tiananmen Square massacre of democracy demonstrators, a scar on relations with Washington since 1989. It was a proper response to a threat against security, Jiang said.

No, Clinton countered, that episode and the "continuing reluctance to tolerate political dissent" still mars China's world standing.

It was a striking diplomatic debate that lost nothing in the translation at a joint news conference last week. On human rights and on the future of Taiwan, both stress points, each president had his code and his constituency, and neither was yielding.

The broader message of their White House summit was of cooperation, new lines of communication, an effort to enhance relations between Washington and Beijing. It was the first U.S.-China summit in 12 years, the most significant step toward closer ties since Tiananmen Square.

Clinton and Jiang declared themselves "determined to build toward a constructive strategic partnership between the United States and China through increasing cooperation to meet international challenges and promote peace and development in the world."

Jiang said he and Clinton had met five times

now, called him a friend. Clinton was cordial, stage-managed a joint photograph after their news conference.

Contrast that with Clinton's unsmiling demeanor when he first encountered Jiang four years ago at an economic conference. Indeed, contrast the toasts at this summit with the unwanted champagne Vice President Al Gore accepted reluctantly in Beijing seven months ago, from Premier Li Peng, whose orders led to the Tiananmen assault on unarmed democracy demonstrators.

Or, for that matter, with Clinton's own criticism of President Bush's China policy, in their campaign five years ago. He said Bush was coddling dictators when he blocked legislation to tie human rights terms to an extension of China's most-favored-nation trade status.

As president, Clinton adopted much the same policy, extending China's regular trade status when it comes up for renewal each year, without human rights conditions. That stirs an annual debate, heightened this time by the allegations of Chinese attempts at influence-buying in U.S. elections. The Chinese government denies it.

Trade is a concrete, practical problem. China's trade surplus with the United States is about \$44 billion this year. Clinton announced what he called a "win, win, win" agreement to permit the sale of U.S. nuclear power equip-

ment to China, based on a Beijing pledge that the technology won't be exported. The Chinese also are signing a contract to buy 50 jets worth \$3 billion from Boeing Corp.

But those are only dents in the mounting trade deficit. And disputed ones at that; congressional critics denounced the nuclear deal as dangerous and one called it appeasement. Eleven Republican senators had urged in advance that Clinton not do it.

That is typical of the strains involved in deals and diplomacy with the communist giant of Asia. Clinton's policy, like Bush's before him, is one of engagement. That does not constitute endorsement, the administration says, but without it, there would be no U.S. influence.

As a world power, and as an emerging market, China commands attention.

"China is the fastest-growing market in the world for our goods and services," Clinton said. But he said American goods and services are being unfairly kept out.

"Just as China can compete freely and fairly in America, so our goods and services should be able to compete freely and fairly in China," he said.

Jiang listened, but didn't reply.

Amid the summit pageantry, there were protests, in Congress and in the streets.

Jiang heard them. "Sometimes, noises came into my ears," he said.

He said he understands that dissent goes with democracy. He'll hear more of it before he goes home to Beijing — without bending on human rights, and without concessions on trade.

# Letters to the editor

## To the editor:

I commend the City of Pampa and their Pampa Economic Development Corporation Commission for their effort to obtain the 660-bed Texas youth Commission facility this month. I applaud this gargantuan task in their desire to curb youth offenders from becoming adult criminals.

It is of my opinion as an ex-juvenile offender and as a current resident of the Rufe Jordan Unit prison population, that a youth facility for young offenders is an intelligent, cost effective means to reducing the increasing prison population.

In my experience, I found that I became unaware of the harm that my drug use caused my family and the community. I felt as if my using drugs didn't harm you therefore it was OK. I became *unaware and unconscious* of the fact that what I was doing was in fact illegal.

During my four-and-one-half years of incarceration, I've learned through programs such as A/A-N/A/, Therapeutic community classes and God's grace, that I was living in denial and leading a life of insanity. Education and counseling do work, I'm in favor of TYC facilities.

Today, I applaud those willing to educate young offenders about the disease of addiction, and how to use their potential to live a successful life in today's complex society.

I interviewed three offenders here at the Jordan Unit and asked them if they felt intervention at a young age would have prevented them from becoming a criminal and a resident of TDCJ. Secondly, I asked if they felt that a TYC facility was a deterrent to the rising prison population.

I explained my philosophy to each; that if a juvenile offender

were a rose bush that you didn't want to blossom into a criminal, you would nip it in the bud, so to speak. Their responses differed from positive to negative, they are as follows:

Kenneth McWilliams feels that overall it is a good idea for the extreme case of violent offender or abused children. Although, he emphasizes that juveniles need more home guidance, supervision and education. He wasn't a juvenile offender, so he didn't answer the second question.

Thomas Caffey, a repeat offender, firmly believes that TYC is a deterrent to adult crime. He stated that intervention should start at an early age. Offender Caffey feels that if he had learned living skills at a young age such as through TYC, he wouldn't be in TDCJ today. Caffey stated that the Pampa PEDC needs to look at other programs in the state and learn from their mistakes, so that the Pampa TYC doesn't become a breeding ground for TDCJ, but a learning institution. He feels that with quality educators and caring counselors that TYC can be a success and prevent future fathers from leaving their children to be raised by the state or single parents. Caffey has become responsible today and matured and wants to give his son, Trevor, a quality upbringing and prevent his own from following in his footsteps.

Librado Ayala states his opinion - "Is continued punishment the answer to rehabilitate our troubled youth of today? We cannot go on believing that coercion by denying our youth of their freedom will produce model citizens in this society. Statistics have already shown that 60 percent of boys and 90 percent of girls who were arrested have documented histories of neglect and abuse. Let's focus on

a more realistic approach to changing behavior. A child or adolescent must receive love and affection from some source to change their attitudes towards living, from a person with good moral character."

Ayala believes a youth facility is just a preface to the adult version known as TDCJ. And statistics have already shown the high rates of recidivism from that institution. Money seems to be the main objective for creating such a facility.

Offender Ayala continues: "...with locking up our kids before they even have an opportunity to mature will not teach self discipline, but may possibly instill resentment that could last a lifetime. Most children will be incarcerated for crimes such as the theft, drugs and alcohol related crimes. So, we should search for programs that will treat the problem - not lock it up and hope it goes away. Incarceration is just an outlet for society saying 'we don't care.'

In conclusion, this writer feels that counseling and education is the solution to juvenile crime. Janet Reno reports that nationwide juvenile crime is down 9.2 percent.

Jerry Guthrie  
TDCJ Unit reporter

To the editor:  
Have you noticed Proposition #1 of the proposed constitutional amendments would allow a municipal judge to hold more than one office at the same time?

It seems that proposition would set the precedent for one person to be able to corner the market on public offices and receive two or three salaries from the public trough.

This is a very bad idea which is being presented as something to aid small cities. However, there is no such restriction within the act limiting it to small cities. If they

can get this to pass, maybe next time they will want to allow one person to be the judge that rules on the law and the representative that makes it as well as the bureaucrat that creates more regulations to complicate it even further.

The public gets nothing from this but the proposed amendment but a bunch more headaches. We don't allow a monopoly in the business world, so why should we start allowing someone to monopolizing public offices in government?

I would urge all your readers to oppose Proposition #1 of the Constitutional Amendments the coming election.

William E. Hayman  
haymanw@world-net.net  
San Antonio

To the editor:

Thank you to everyone that stopped to help me on Sept. 12 with the auto accident on Duncan and Harvester.

I would like to thank the young gentleman that stayed with me and showed me kindness by his concern and the use of his car phone to call my family. I am sorry that I did not get his name, but I am thankful he was there for me.

Pampa can be proud that we have such a great fire department, police department, sheriff's office and ambulance service. Thanks to all in these areas for your professionalism.

I'm glad to know that Pampa has so many good Samaritans.

I believe there were no serious injuries due to the fact that the one was wearing a seat belt.

We also need to remember that it is a state law that all who operate a vehicle are required to carry some type of insurance. When you do not, you put us all in a bad situation, and everyone ends up paying for it in the long run. I

struggle hard every month to make my insurance payments, and I understand that it can be difficult, but it is the law.

Once again, thank you to all that helped that day in any way.

Daria Jewett

Pampa

To the editor:

In regard to Mr. Velasquez's letter concerning the removal of the Jordan work unit from the school playground - with all due respect, sir, you are wrong.

The issue is not child safety (they could not have been safer than if their own mommies and daddies were putting up the playground equipment.) The issue is not the more than adequate supervision the men worked under; the issue is not even satisfaction with past job performances ... the issue is still paranoia.

The issue is seeing white prison garb being filled with preconceptions, misconceptions and prejudices.

Anne McKandles  
Pampa

The popular adage "what would Jesus do" is applicable here. He would offer them a drink, physically and spiritually. To the self-righteous, He would have a few choice words to say. How our ears would burn.

Pampa, these men are your neighbors. Go and visit. You will meet your fathers, your sons, your uncles, your friends, your neighbors. You will not meet white prison garb, you will meet real people with human flaws and human strengths in varying degrees. You will meet me, and you might meet yourself. You will meet with more understanding, and that is the only way to combat fly-away-fear, prejudice and paranoia.

Anne McKandles  
Pampa

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## Prisoners With Pen Pals Are Less Likely To Return To Pen

**DEAR ABBY:** You urged those who wish to correspond with prisoners to be cautious. You are right, but more needs to be said: Prisoners who have regular contact with an outside party have a lower rate of repeat crimes and are less likely to return to prison. Thus, writing to or visiting a prisoner regularly is a public service as well as a charitable act.

Volunteers should work through organizations that facilitate contacts with prisoners. These organizations are experienced with the risks that can be a part of such communication. They assist with screenings, instruct visitors or correspondents to neither send money nor reveal their home addresses or phone numbers to prisoners, and provide other training.

One can have a soft heart without having a soft head.

**GRACIA FAY ELLWOOD,**  
ALTADENA, CALIF.

**DEAR GRACIA:** Succinctly put. Since I printed the letter from "Concerned in Arizona," I have received a flurry of mail reflecting varying viewpoints about writing to prisoners. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a radio talk-show host. For the past three years, I have written to and visited prisoners in my listening area. It's true one must always be careful when communicating with those unknown



Abigail  
Van Buren

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to us, but not so careful that we ignore those who are incarcerated.

Ninety percent of prisoners will do their time and be released back into society. It's important to maintain a connection to help them reintegrate and be productive citizens.

Here in Massachusetts, almost all of the educational, vocational and spiritual programs have been cut back or completely discontinued, resulting in uneducated, unemployed and angry people being released back into society. Writing to and visiting prisoners lets them know that someone cares and believes they can change for the better. You may use my name.

**DONNA SPRAGUE,**  
PLAINVILLE, MASS.

**DEAR DONNA:** As I previously indicated, because a person is in prison does not automatically mean that he or she is incapable of being rehabilitated. Although some prisoners may have ulterior motives, many

benefit from the encouragement and long-distance friendships mature pen pals can offer. However, I would urge that caution be exercised. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** My daughter is in prison for a crime she did not commit. (It's a long story.) During her incarceration, she has corresponded with several inmates at other prisons. Against my wishes, she gave my name and address to one of them and he wrote to me. After quite some time, she found out what type of person he really is, and I don't want him coming to my home if he's ever paroled.

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# SPORTS

## San Francisco hands Dallas 17-10 setback

### Notebook

#### GOLF

**PAMPA** — Hidden Hills Seniors held a 4-man scramble last week.

Results are as follows:

First: Larry Heard, Troy Bennett, Ernest Barnett and Bob Young, 60.

Second: Elmer Wilson, Glen Downs, Dale Hawkins, Butch Reynolds and Louis Haydon, 60.

Third: Travis Johnston, Travis Taylor, David Crossman and Bill Brown, 61.

Fourth: Ralph Wilson, Bob Conway, Rex Courter, Mike Porter and Charles Terrell, 61.

Fifth place: Buzz Tarpley, Ralph Ridgway, Everett Butler and George Gamblin, 63.

Closest to the hole: Dale Haynes on No. 6.

There were 54 golfers entered in the scramble.

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Sunday was a good day for the Duval family. David won the Tour Championship for his third consecutive victory on the PGA Tour and his father, Bob, earned his Senior PGA Tour card for 1998.

David Duval closed with a 68 at the Champions Golf Club to finish at 11-under-par 273, one stroke ahead of Jim Furyk and two better than Davis Love III to take home the \$720,000 first-place check and win his third consecutive tournament.

Meanwhile, Bob Duval finished 31st on the senior money list and earned the final automatic spot for next year's tournaments.

The elder Duval, who did not have a fully exempt card for this year, was 26th on the money list, but missed getting into the last two tournaments in Monday qualifying, falling first to 28th and then 31st.

#### BASKETBALL

**SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)** — A lineup that includes future Hall of Famers Charles Barkley, Hakeem Olajuwon and Clyde Drexler can be expected to produce plenty of points.

Yet it wasn't the offense that underscored the Houston Rockets' 93-77 victory over the Sacramento Kings on Sunday night. Houston produced its best defensive quarter in franchise history, limiting the Kings to seven fourth-quarter points.

"Defense has been our bread and butter since I've been here," said forward Mario Elie, now in his fifth season with the Rockets. "Our defense wins us a lot of games."

It helps having Olajuwon in the middle. He was a major factor against the Kings, blocking eight shots and getting five steals. He also led four players in double figures with 18 points.

#### FOOTBALL

**AUSTIN (AP)** — The University of Texas has appealed to Baylor's statisticians to make two changes that would add 41 yards to Ricky Williams' rushing total.

Williams was credited with 226 yards Saturday as the Longhorns (3-5) lost to the Bears, 23-21.

UT football sports information director John Bianco has requested these changes, which would boost Williams' total to 267 yards.

A 27-yard gain in the second quarter that was ruled a pass from James Brown. Texas says the videotape shows it was a lateral.

When Williams fumbled on the Longhorns' next possession, statisticians credited him only with his yards to the point of the fumble, not where Matt Anderson recovered it. That's a difference of 14 yards, and NCAA rules dictate Williams should get credit for yards gained or lost to the point of recovery or where the ball goes out of bounds, Bianco said.

Texas officials made the change in their stats. But Baylor officials would have to approve the change and forward the correction to the NCAA for it to be official.

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Deion Sanders dancing to celebrate an interception. Emmitt Smith limping slowly off the field in defeat.

Those two images sum up the rise and fall of the Cowboys in Sunday's 17-10 loss to San Francisco, a game that confirmed the 49ers' return to the top of the NFC and highlighted Dallas' deep offensive problems.

The 49ers (8-1) used solid defense, including a last-minute interception by Tim McDonald to halt a final Dallas drive, to win their eighth straight game. The other seven victories had come against peers in the weak NFC West.

"Some naysayers may say we beat the Cowboys on an off year, but the win says it all," 49ers offensive lineman Ray Brown said. "The bottom line is we're 8-1 and we

beat the teams on our schedule."

The Cowboys (4-5), who have not had a losing record this late in the season since 1990, lost Smith in the first half with a strained left groin. His status is uncertain for this coming weekend.

Sanders, who set up the Cowboys' only touchdown with a 31-yard interception return in the first quarter, said it was not time to panic.

"Like I say each week, I haven't seen that emergency glass broken in the locker room," said Sanders, who had another interception — an acrobatic, one-handed catch — called back by a penalty. "But I'm going to keep my eye on it this week."

The Cowboys led 7-0 at halftime on a 5-yard scoring pass from Troy Aikman to Michael Irvin. San Francisco tied it by starting the third quarter with a 77-yard drive,

culminating with Garrison Hearst's 8-yard scoring run.

Dallas, with the league's second-worst touchdown scoring percentage inside an opponent's 20, got to the San Francisco 1 late in the third quarter, but had to settle for Richie Cunningham's 21-yard field goal.

San Francisco's top-ranked defense took over in the final period.

Dana Stubblefield sacked Aikman inside the Dallas 5 and punter Toby Gowin, standing in his own end zone, shanked a kick that gave the 49ers great field position. JJ. Stokes made a leaping catch to bring the ball to the Dallas 1, and William Floyd scored from there to give the 49ers a 14-10 lead.

The kicking game collapsed in the fourth quarter and created terrible field position. That was a killer," Dallas coach Barry Switzer said. "We have a fine football team

and it's a shame we continue to make critical mistakes."

Gary Anderson added a 28-yard field goal with 2:15 remaining — tying Jan Stenerud for second on the NFL career list with 373 field goals — and McDonald's interception sealed the San Francisco victory.

The 49ers survived a scare two plays before McDonald's interception when officials picked up a flag on what appeared to be a pass interference call in the end zone. But the officials ruled Rod Woodson's trip of Irvin was incidental, and not a foul.

Smith, who injured his groin in the first quarter and tried to return in the second period before leaving the game for good, watched stoically from the sideline as the final drive ended unsuccessfully.

"It ain't no pleasant feeling watching your teammates go out to battle without you. It's frustrating," Smith said.

Smith gained 31 yards on seven carries before leaving the game.

"I tried to go back in. I ran a sweep play and I had some running room in there, but my leg wouldn't do what I wanted it to do," said Smith, who added it was too early to tell if he'll be able to play this week against Arizona.

Steve Young was 15-of-23 for 180 yards for the 49ers. Aikman went 22-of-36 for 218 yards.

Hearst had 22 carries for 104 yards for the 49ers. He went over 3,000 yards for his career, ending the day with 3,072 yards.

San Francisco and Dallas have met six times in the NFC championship game and have 10 Super Bowl titles between them. No championship was on the line this time, but the game revealed two teams headed in different directions.

### Nebraska boosts No. 1 ranking

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT  
AP Football Writer

Nebraska nearly had its third consecutive shutout, but will certainly settle for a third straight week at No. 1 in The Associated Press' Top 25 college football poll.

The Cornhuskers (8-0), shut out Texas Tech and Kansas before beating Oklahoma 69-7 on Saturday to strengthen their grip on the top spot over No. 2 Penn State.

Texas A&M moved up to No. 21 following an overtime victory over then No. 19 Oklahoma State.

Florida, meanwhile, tumbled out of the top 10 for the first time in five years following a 37-17 loss to Georgia. The Gators dropped seven spots to No. 13, their first non-top 10 ranking in 81 polls. Florida was No. 14 in the final regular-season poll of 1992.

Nebraska received 46 first-place votes and 1,719 points from the panel of 70 sports writers and broadcasters.

Penn State (7-0) collected 16 first-place votes and 1,643 points after its 30-27 win over Northwestern. Last week, the Huskers led the Lions 35-25 in first-place votes and 1,704-1,665 in points.

Florida State (8-0) remained No. 3 after its 48-35 win over North Carolina State, while Michigan (8-0) was No. 4 and North Carolina (8-0) No. 5.

The Seminoles, who play the Tar Heels on Saturday night, had five first-place votes and 1,627 points, just 16 points behind Penn State.

The Wolverines (8-0), who beat Minnesota 24-3, received one first-place vote and 1,561 points. Michigan is at Penn State on Saturday.

North Carolina, a 16-13 winner over Georgia Tech on Thursday night, had two first-place votes and 1,481 points.

Washington, which beat Southern California 27-0, moved up a spot to No. 6, followed by Ohio State, Tennessee, Georgia and UCLA.

The Bulldogs (7-1) moved into the top 10 for the first time since the final poll of the 1992 season, while the Bruins (7-2), 27-7 winners over Stanford, hit No. 10 for the first time since final regular-season poll of the 1993 season.

Kansas State was No. 11, followed by Iowa, Florida, LSU, Arizona State, Washington State, Auburn, Toledo, Mississippi State, Virginia Tech, Texas A&M, Syracuse, Purdue, Southern Mississippi and Oklahoma State.

In the USA Today/ESPN poll, the top five were: Nebraska, Florida State, Penn State, Michigan and North Carolina.

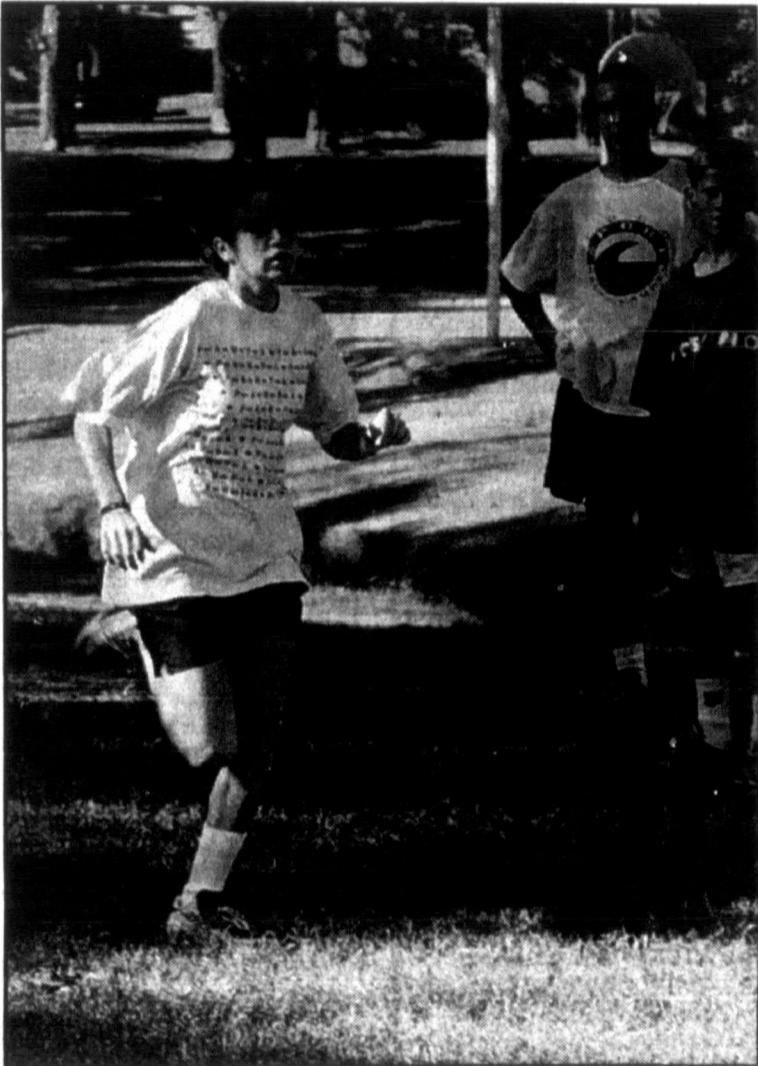
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Caprock, however, bounced

### Regionals next



(Pampa News file photo)

Amanda White (above) is a member of the defending Class 4A cross country champion Pampa Lady Harvesters. She placed ninth at last weekend's District 1-4A meet as Pampa finished runnerup behind Canyon in the team standings.

Randall and Borger finished 1-2 in the boys' division. The Pampa girls advance to the regional meet this weekend in Lubbock.

### A&M-Kingsville, Angelo State post easy victories

By The Associated Press

Texas A&M-Kingsville and Angelo State had easy victories to keep their conference records unbeaten in the Lone Star Conference.

Texas A&M-Kingsville (7-1, 7-0) rolled over Eastern New Mexico (5-4, 3-4) 56-14 and Angelo State (8-0, 7-0) defeated Tarleton State (2-7, 1-6) 47-13.

In other Lone Star games West Texas A&M (5-4, 4-3) defeated Midwestern State (2-6, 2-5) 51-7; Abilene Christian (7-2, 5-2) defeated Texas A&M-Commerce (3-6, 3-4) 19-9; Southwestern Oklahoma (3-5, 3-4) defeated Central Oklahoma (7-2, 5-2) 33-17; Northeastern State (4-5, 4-3) defeated Southeastern Oklahoma (2-6, 2-4) 20-10 and Ouachita Baptist (4-5, 3-4) beat East Central (0-8, 0-6) 21-13.

West Texas A&M's DeWayne Miles scored on a 56-yard run on the first play from scrimmage as West Texas had a 24-point first quarter to get the advantage against Midwestern State. Miles also had a five-yard touchdown run and Kory Jones caught two touchdown passes in the rout.

Abilene Christian quarterback Josh Rabe completed two touchdown passes and ran for another in the Wildcats' victory.

The Harvesters would score back-to-back touchdowns to put the Harvesters in a hole with nine minutes left in the game.

Pampa's final tally came with 4:12 to go on Roark's seven-yard run.

The Harvesters had one last shot at a score, but had to turn over possession to Caprock on the final play of the first quarter.

The play-action passing of the 6-3 Soria kept the Pampa defense off-balance much of the game. Soria, ranked among the top 10

in passing yardage among Class 4A quarterbacks, completed 12 of 26 pass attempts for 158 yards against the Harvesters.

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<b>AMERICAN CONFERENCE</b>						
<b>East</b>						
W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	
6	3	0	.667	220	172	Detroit
Buffalo	5	4	0	.556	160	194
Miami	5	4	0	.556	182	169
New England	5	4	0	.556	223	155
Indianapolis	0	9	0	.000	141	230
<b>Central</b>						
Pittsburgh	6	2	0	.750	194	187
Jacksonville	6	3	0	.667	238	192
Baltimore	4	5	0	.444	210	194
Tennessee	4	5	0	.444	207	191
Cincinnati	2	7	0	.222	163	250
<b>West</b>						
Denver	8	1	0	.889	268	180
Kansas City	6	2	0	.750	181	133
Seattle	5	4	0	.556	196	207
San Diego	4	5	0	.444	171	214
Oakland	3	6	0	.333	227	256
<b>NATIONAL CONFERENCE</b>						
<b>East</b>						
W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	
N.Y. Giants	6	3	0	.667	173	180
Washington	5	4	0	.556	186	145
Dallas	4	5	0	.444	188	148
Philadelphia	4	5	0	.444	158	190
Arizona	2	7	0	.222	164	206
<b>Central</b>						
Green Bay	7	2	0	.778	216	169
Minnesota	7	2	0	.778	209	170
Tampa Bay	6	3	0	.667	177	162

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

The Top 25  
By The Associated Press

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 1, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and previous ranking:

Record	Pts	Pv
1.Nebraska(46)	8-0	1,719 1
2.PennSt(16)	7-0	1,643 2
3.FloridaSt(5)	8-0	1,627 3
4.Michigan(1)	8-0	1,561 4
5.NorthCarolina(2)	8-0	1,481 5
6.Washington	7-1	1,482 7
7.Oregon	8-1	1,324 9
8.Tennessee	8-1	1,312 8
9.Georgia	7-1	1,138 14
10.UCLA	7-2	1,089 12
11.KansasSt.	7-1	1,013 13
12.Iowa	6-2	905 15
13.Florida	6-2	902 6
14.LSU	6-2	837 16
15.ArizonaSt.	6-2	811 20
16.WashingtonSt.	7-1	776 10
17.Auburn	7-2	515 11
18.Toledo	8-0	449 22
19.MississippiSt.	6-2	347 —
20.VirginiaTech	6-2	304 23
21.TexasA&M	6-2	291 25

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## BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

At A Glance

All Times EST

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Midwest Division

Pacific Division

Saturday's Games

Others receiving votes: West Virginia 99,

Missouri 93, Colorado 49, Wisconsin 42,

Ohio U. 35, Michigan St. 32, Virginia 29,

Louisiana Tech 11, Georgia Tech 10, Brigham

Young 7, Marshall 4, New Mexico 3, Air Force

2, Mississippi 2, Southern Cal 1.

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BASEBALL

American League

NEW YORK YANKEES—Declined to exercise

their 1998 options on 3B Wade Boggs and

RHP Dwight Gooden.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CAROLINA HURRICANE—Assigned D

Steve Halko to New Haven of the AHL.

COLORADO AVALANCHE—Recalled F Josef

Marha from Hershey of the AHL.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Recalled D Ken

Sutton from Albany of the AHL.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Recalled C Mark

Savard, LW Pierre Sevigny and RW Vladimir

Vorobiev from Hartford of the AHL.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Assigned C

Kevyn Adams to St. John of the AHL.

(Special photo)

Ronny Alderson (l-r), Floyd Lott, Steve Stauffacher and Bill Crook display their catch at Lake Baylor.

## Bassmasters fish at Baylor

PAMPA — Ronny Alderson and Bill Crook, both of Pampa, won the Top of Texas Bassmasters of Pampa Tournament held at Lake Baylor-Childress Oct. 25-26. They had a team weight of 11.68 pounds.

Alderson also won the Big Bass Award with a 4.33 pounder.

Other winners were Steve and Maxine Stauffacher of Lefors with a team weight of 1.83 pounds for second place; Floyd Lott and Matt Schiffman, both of Pampa, won third with 1.71 pounds.

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SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Hunters can kill more mountain lions in several areas of the state runs counter to the recommendations from an independent researcher who did a 10-year study of cougars for the Game and Fish Department.

"I would predict that cougar populations in those hunt areas will decline considering the hunting pressure presented

in New Mexico and...over time it may drag down the rest of the cougar population over the state of New Mexico," Ken Logan, an ecologist with the Hornocker Wildlife Institute in Moscow, Idaho, said last week in a telephone interview.

The department has recommended no change in the current seasonal limit of one mountain lion per hunter. However, the commission voted 4-3 on Monday to double the bag limit in 10 hunting units in hopes of increasing deer or to protect bighorn sheep herds in those areas, mainly in the southwestern and south central portions of the state.

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4 Not Responsible	14g Electric Contracting	14u Roofing	49 Pools And Hot Tubs	71 Movies	100 Rent, Sale, Trade	116 Mobile Homes	Friday, 4 p.m.
5 Special Notices	14h General Services	14v Sewing	50 Building Supplies	75 Feeds And Seeds	101 Real Estate Wanted	117 Grasslands	Monday, 4 p.m.
7 Auctioneer	14i General Repair	14w Spraying	53 Machinery And Tools	76 Farm Animals	102 Business Rental	118 Trailers	Tuesday, 4 p.m.
10 Lost And Found	14j Gun Smithing	14x Tax Service	54 Farm Machinery	77 Livestock	Property	120 Autos For Sale	Wednesday, 4 p.m.
11 Financial	14k Hauling - Moving	14y Upholstery	55 Landscaping	80 Pets And Supplies	103 Homes For Sale	121 Trucks For Sale	Thursday, 4 p.m.
12 Loans	14l Insulation	15 Instruction	57 Good Things To Eat	84 Office Store Equipment	104 Lots	122 Motorcycles	Friday, 4 p.m.
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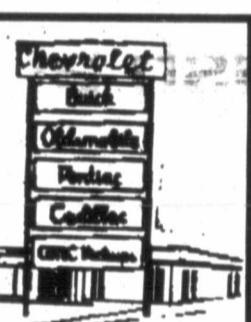
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# HIV fear could wake up teens to their vulnerability to the disease, experts say

By CARMELA THOMPSON

Associated Press Writer

JAMESTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — With reports of nine young women in this small town contracting the AIDS virus from one man, experts said that more teens will realize they are vulnerable to the disease.

"Events like this really do increase a young person's sense of vulnerability," said Michael Resnick, a sociologist at the University of Minnesota.

"That's why Mothers Against Driving Drunk drag crashed-up cars to the front lawns of high schools on prom night. It's not just a warning. The message is transmitted. It gets internalized, then a

person says, 'Hey, it could happen to me, too.'

Authorities say at least nine girls, the youngest now 14, tested positive for HIV from contact with Nushawn Williams, a 20-year-old drifter who would compliment their looks and sometimes offer them drugs. One man contracted the virus after sex with one of the girls.

Authorities estimate more than 100 people may be at risk of HIV through direct or secondary contact with Williams.

For some young people who admit to having risky sex, the much-repeated warnings about AIDS are sinking in.

"Reality hit me like a ton of bricks," said a 16-year-old named Bill who was tested after hearing about the mini-epidemic. "I didn't know (HIV) was that big a deal until it came to Jamestown."

No lecture could have been more powerful, experts said.

"You can point out statistics and they always think they're immune to this," said Marguerite Kermis, a psychology professor at Canisius College in Buffalo.

Fifty-three percent of U.S. high school students are sexually active, and 47 percent of them don't

use condoms, according to the latest federal survey on the topic, in 1993.

"In some ways I think this is a seminal event, in the same way Magic Johnson announcing his HIV status, or Arthur Ashe," said Dr. John Klein of the University of Rochester School of Medicine.

Williams is currently jailed on a drug charge in New York. Chautauqua County District Attorney James Subjek has filed a statutory rape charge against Williams and plans assault charges for each of the six women he is believed to have infected after learning he had the virus.

## Diabetes reaches record levels in U.S.

By TARA MEYER  
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — The number of Americans living with diabetes has increased dramatically since 1958 to the highest level on record, and one reason is that people are too fat, the government said Thursday.

As of 1997, there were 10 million people alive who had been diagnosed with the disease, a six-fold increase compared with the 1.6 million in 1958, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

"We are becoming a more overweight population, we are less active and we are also getting somewhat older," said Dr. Frank Vincor, director of the CDC's diabetes division. "If you put all of those factors together, we are seeing a chronic disease epidemic occurring."

Doctors have also gotten better at diagnosing diabetes, but Vincor said that accounts for only a small part of the increase.

And it's not just a U.S. problem. The CDC and the World Health Organization estimate that 125 million people worldwide have diabetes. That number is expected to double by the year 2025.

The CDC estimates 15.7 million people in the United States currently have diabetes, a condition in which blood sugar levels rise out of control. But more than 5 million don't know they have it. In its early stages, the symptoms of diabetes aren't very apparent.

Diabetes is caused by a deficiency of insulin, a hormone secreted by the pancreas that controls blood sugar. High blood sugar damages the nerves. Diabetes can cause blindness and kidney disease and force the amputation of the feet and legs from infections that lead to gangrene.

Between 1980 and 1994, diabetes rose 33 percent among blacks, from 40.1 diagnosed cases for every 1,000 people to 53.5 cases per 1,000. Among whites during the same years, the rate rose 11 percent, from 23.8 cases per 1,000 to 26.4.

Obesity and lack of exercise increase the risk of diabetes. So does age: The body becomes less effective at producing insulin and more resistant to it.

The American Diabetes Association recommended in June that all people 45 and older get their blood sugar tested every year.

## Antibody treatment shows promise as medicine for chronic digestive disease

BOSTON (AP) — Injections of an antibody that targets a natural human protein are showing promise in hard-to-treat cases of Crohn's disease, a chronic digestive illness.

The treatment involves injections of an antibody called cA2. It neutralizes a protein known as tumor necrosis factor that is thought to play a role in causing Crohn's disease.

The Associated Press first reported the development last year when it was presented at a medical conference in San Francisco. The study is now being published in Thursday's issue of the New England Journal

of Medicine.

The treatment, which is not yet approved for routine use, was developed by Centocor Inc. of Malvern, Pa. The company financed the study, which was conducted on 108 patients by Dr. Stephen R. Targan and colleagues from Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

Crohn's disease is an inflammation of the digestive tract. Symptoms can include diarrhea, pain, fever and weight loss. Some patients need surgery to remove damaged parts of their intestines.

All of the patients in the study had moderate to severe disease

and had failed to respond to standard medicines.

A month after treatment, two-thirds getting cA2 showed considerable improvement, and half of those who improved got so much better that doctors considered them to be in remission. After three months, the effects had begun to wear off, but 41 percent of the patients were still significantly better.

The treatment appears to carry no significant side effects. The researchers caution that more testing will be necessary to see how long improvements last and to study the effects of repeat injections.

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## Arthroscopic training lab at Baylor is one of a kind

HOUSTON — The Thomas E. Cain, M.D., Arthroscopic Training Laboratory has been created at the Baylor Sports Medicine Institute in Houston.

"This state-of-the-art facility is the only one of its kind in this region of the United States," said Dr. Harold Kohl, director of research at the sports medicine institute. "It's designed as a training and teaching lab for surgeons, residents and fellows to acquire hands-on experience in learning more about arthroscopic techniques."

As recently as 15 years ago, a torn anterior cruciate ligament or other knee injury meant major surgery followed by lengthy rehabilitation. Today, with advances in arthroscopic surgery, people with some knee injuries can be back on their feet in a matter of days.

Physicians will be able to use the new Cain Lab to further develop arthroscopic procedures and refine their approach to the operation.

Arthroscopic surgery, which has become the procedure of choice for many knee injuries in the last five years, offers advantages over traditional surgery.

It requires only a small incision to guide a miniature camera through the injured area. Surgeons then perform the operation by watching a video monitor and manipulating the instruments inside a knee or shoulder.

This minimally invasive approach is highly successful and helps patients recover faster. It has been most visible in college and professional athletics, where it has saved athletes' careers.

The Cain Lab, located in Smith Tower at the Baylor Sports Medicine Institute Research Center, will assist Baylor surgeons in training residents and fellows and serve as a regional training center for other surgeons and institutions.

The laboratory, made possible in part by generous contributions from The Methodist Hospital and Smith and Nephew Endoscopy, is named in memory of Dr. Thomas E. Cain, former professor in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Baylor. Cain practiced orthopedic medicine in the Houston community for 33 years and spent 20 of those years as a primary team physician for the Houston Oilers. He was an innovator in the area of arthroscopic surgery.

## High acetaminophen doses can damage liver, study says

DALLAS — High doses of acetaminophen, especially when mixed with alcohol, caused liver injury in some patients, reported researchers at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas in The New England Journal of Medicine.

Dr. William Lee, professor of internal medicine, and his team of liver-disease researchers reviewed the records of 589 patients who overdosed on drugs and were treated at Dallas County's Parkland Memorial Hospital from 1992 to 1995. From that

group, he found 71 patients who were hospitalized with liver damage after taking acetaminophen, the most common cause of acute liver failure.

Twenty-one patients in this group accidentally took an overdose of the common pain reliever, and in 13 of these alcohol was a factor in the toxic reaction. The other 50 in the group took an overdose of acetaminophen in attempts to commit suicide; 10, who also had consumed alcohol, experienced significant liver injury.



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