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Drug unit will require 17-20 workers

■ The executive director's position annual salary would be \$45,000.

By Jeff West
Staff Writer

Perhaps the hottest topic of discussion around Pampa these days is the proposed juvenile drug and alcohol treatment facility.

Voters will have the chance to make their opinions known on election day, Nov. 3, when the issue will be up for a non-binding vote. That means, county commissioners can consider the vote but are not bound by its outcome when making a final decision.

The proposal is to use a county-owned building on Hobart and Pennsylvania that has been used to house nurses. It was

built in the late 50's when the county owned a hospital adjacent to the property where NBC Bank now stands.

The 30-bed facility will employ 17-20 people according to a grant application, ranging from the administrative staff to the direct care staff.

The facility will be operated under the Juvenile Probation Board which consists of the county judge and the two district judges that serve Gray County. The chief juvenile probation officer will supervise the facility but daily operations will be handled by an executive director.

The executive director's position is slated to pay \$45,000. The person must have a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree and demonstrate "competence in financial and personnel management," according to the county's job description. He/she, along with all other employees, must pass a criminal background check and a drug test. All employees will be subject to random

drug tests. The director will have ensure all laws are followed and will be responsible for preparing and keeping a budget.

A Senior Counselor will receive a salary of \$40,000 and must be a credentialed drug counselor. The person will be subject to the same drug and criminal history screening as all employees.

There are four shift supervisors called for in the grant application along with 10 direct care staff members. A supervisor and two staff members are scheduled to be on each shift.

Three positions that were eliminated by the state from the grant are dietitian, head cook and cook. Chief Juvenile Officer Albert Nichols said that cooking duties will be performed, at least in the beginning, by direct care staff.

During the school year, breakfast and lunch will be provided by the Pampa Independent School District. They will provide schooling for those at the facility as mandated by law.

PISD superintendent Dawson Orr also said that many of the juvenile students would qualify for free or reduced meals under state guidelines. Reduced lunches cost 40 cents. For those who do not meet guidelines for free meals, high school lunches cost \$1.25, which the facility will have to pay for from its operating budget.

Also coming out of the operating budget will be the 1,430 meals a month that will need to be provided in addition to the school meals. Nichols said that money, like all daily expenses, would come from the fees paid by other counties for the treatment of their youths who are being treated at the facility.

Security would be provided during the evening and night time hours. One licensed officer would be present during those shifts but that labor, along with medical services, would be contracted.

(Next: questions and answers about the facility)

Ritter, Shaw picks to represent zone 2 for soil, water board

Troy Ritter and Jim Shaw were elected to the Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District's Board of Directors recently. Ritter will represent Zone One, and Shaw will represent Zone 2 of the District.

The purpose of the Gray Co. SWCD, with headquarters in Pampa is to promote sound soil and water conservation programs on agricultural lands within the District. In addition, the District serves as a voice for farmers, ranchers and local community entities in conservation waters.

The Board of Directors coordinates the conservation efforts of various local, state and federal agencies and other organizations and has the authority to enter into working agreements with these governmental agencies and private concerns to carry out its purposes.

The five members serving on the District Board of Directors are responsible for District policies and procedure for carrying out the District programs within the framework of the Texas soil conservation district law. The five Directors currently serving in the Gray Co. SWCD Board include L.H. Webb, Chairman; David Bowers, Vice-

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Public hearing set on zoning proposal

A public hearing is set for 6 p.m. tomorrow at city hall concerning the proposed change from single family to commercial zoning for land next to 1025 W. Wilks, and also at 1009 and 1013 S. Faulkner.

After the hearing, city commissioners will consider first reading on the ordinance to make the change to 1009 and 1013 S. Faulkner which are legally described as Lots 3 and 4, in block 7 of the Finley addition of Pampa.

The commission will also consider adding electrical improvements to the east side of the 200 block of Cuyler. The improvements will be used to light Christmas decorations downtown, according to City Manager Bob Eskridge.

The city commission will also vote on the Pampa Economic Development Corporation's decision to pay part of the guarantee to FirstBank Southwest involving a loan to Parker and Parker who owned the Grand Coronado Inn at the time. The measure passed 3-1 at the last PEDC meeting after an executive session. City Commissioner Jeff Andrews was at the meeting to express his displeasure with the Bank's request saying the bank was at fault, not the PEDC.

Trooper's I-40 stop nets 20 lbs. of 'pot'

A traffic stop on I-40 resulted in a major drug bust as approximately \$20,000 in marijuana was seized that landed two people behind bars in the Gray County Jail.

Department of Public Safety Trooper John Nelson stopped a 1988 silver New Yorker with Ohio plates Sunday afternoon for speeding near the 124-mile post. The car was going 72 in a 70 mph zone.

When he ran a computer check of the driver, who also owned the vehicle, it was discovered that David Wayne Snelson 47, Fremont, Ohio, had a previous narcotics charge out of Waco, the trooper said.

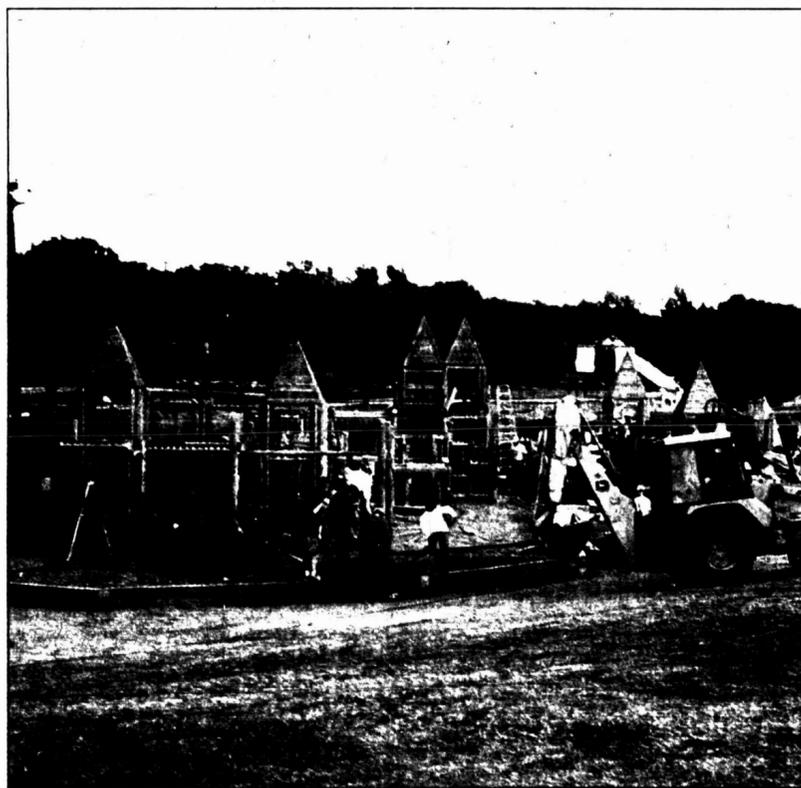
Nelson said the driver was nervous and acted suspiciously which prompted the him to ask for, and receive, consent to search the vehicle. The trooper said there was a strong odor of marijuana inside the vehicle.

Underneath the drivers seat Nelson said he found drug paraphernalia including scales, rolling papers and "roach" clips. Upon opening the trunk, Nelson said the smell of marijuana was very strong and underneath a clothes bag he found a black bag containing over 20 pounds of the illegal substance. The contraband was packaged as two large "bricks" and six full baggies.

Both Snelson and his passenger Jessica M. Dull, 35, Fostoria, Ohio, were arrested on charges of possession of over five pounds and under 50 pounds of marijuana, a third-degree felony.

Bond had not been set late Monday morning.

It's finished...



Pampa's Super Playground is finished — except for a few final touches — thanks to volunteers who built the playground in Highland Park over a period of five days. The project, guided by the Pampa Rotary Club, cost \$100,000 and more donations are needed to meet the total cost. Checks should be made out to City of Pampa Playground and sent to City Hall or dropped off at *The Pampa News*. Volunteers were extra busy Saturday and Sunday in an effort to meet the deadline, said Dee Dee Laramore, director of publicity for the project. Picnic tables will be made from the scraps and the Creative Artisan Network is completing murals for the grounds.

Plainview band flies Nazi flag

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The Plainview (Texas) High School band unfurled the Nazi flag during a performance that the band director said he hoped offended some people.

The flag should serve as a reminder of the evil associated with Nazis during World War II, said Barry Hurt, band director.

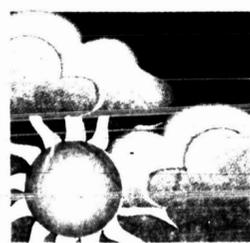
The flag was flown Saturday during a seven-minute program titled "Visions of World War II." Other flags, including the Star of David and the Japanese rising sun, also were flown during the show.

The Nazi flag also has been used during the Plainview band's halftime performances.

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Marijuana and drug paraphernalia were confiscated during a traffic stop on Interstate 40.



High today low 70s
Low tonight mid 50s
For weather details see Page 3.

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 2-5-6-8-14-26.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$7 million.

SCHERTZ (AP) — Public housing authorities will get up to \$10 million from the Housing and Urban Development Department to repair damage from last week's floods. Secretary Andrew Cuomo announced today.

The money will go to the 25-county disaster zones declared by President Clinton, Cuomo said.

The public housing authority in Schertz, which did not have flood insurance, will get more than \$500,000, said Cuomo, who was in town to review flood damage with Mayor Hal Baldwin and other city officials.

- Barbara Ann Delozier, 66, former bank, dentist's office employee.
- Don Gensman, 71, farmer, rancher.
- Ray Miller, 82, owner/operator Miller Machine and Welding.
- Guy Smith, 64, owner Shirley's Cleaners.
- Lajuan N. Stegall, 58, founder of C&C Roustabout.
- Albert Davis Thompson, 86, grocer.
- Robbie Mae Tilson, 87, homemaker.
- Dr. Jackie Weathered, 64, Medical College of Georgia, School of Dentistry professor.
- Frances "Fran" Wilson, 80, Pampa resident since 1970.

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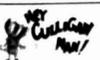
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Services tomorrow

SMITH, Guy — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Tulia.
THOMPSON, Albert Davis — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
WEATHERED, Dr. Jackie Gene — 3 p.m., St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Augusta, Ga.
WILSON, Frances — 11 a.m., St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Perry, Okla.

Obituaries

BARBARA ANN DELOZIER

CHELSEA - Barbara Ann DeLozier, 66, died Saturday, Oct. 24, 1998.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Memorial United Methodist Church in Chelsea, with Rev. Ken Smith officiating. Burial will be in Chelsea Cemetery under the direction of Musgrove-Merriott-Smith Funeral Service.

Mrs. DeLozier was the daughter of Eldon Ray and Geraldine Marie Lightfoot White was born on Oct. 18, 1932, in Picher, Okla. She graduated from Woodward High School and then attended Southeastern A&M where she was a Norse Star, member of the Press Club, and a society reporter for the Norse Wind Newspaper. The Norse Star's marched at halftime at the Junior Rose Bowl in Pasadena Calif. It was a while attending Northeastern that Mrs. DeLozier met her future husband Don. She married Don DeLozier on Oct. 30, 1954, in Sapulpa. They were living in Germany in May 1963, when Don was killed on a helicopter accident in Goepingen, Germany, at the age of 28, while placing an 800 pound cross on a church steeple a goodwill mission from the U.S. Army. Mrs. DeLozier brought their children back to Don's hometown of Chelsea. She was an active member in Memorial United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School and Bible School and sang in the choir. She was active in the community as a member of the Delphian Review Club, and helped with the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and served as a home-room mother for her children. She was employed with First National Bank and the dentist's office. After her children were grown, Mrs. DeLozier moved to Stillwater and served as a housemother for the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. She was also involved as a member of the 20th century Club and the Greek Housemother's Association of Oklahoma State University, and served as a volunteer for the Stillwater Municipal Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Don; her father, Eldon Ray White, who died in World War II on 1945, and her mother, Geraldine Marie Lightfoot in July 1997; and grandmother, Mrs. G.F. White.

Survivors include five sons, Samuel Don DeLozier, Jr. of Houston, Stephen Dan DeLozier of Chelsea, Stuart David DeLozier of Dewey, Richard Alan DeLozier and Kyle D. DeLozier both of Chelsea, Okla.; a daughter, Karen DeLozier Kelton of Chelsea, Okla.; step-father, George Corbett, Jr. of Woodward Okla.; sisters Vickie Woods of Fairview, Okla., Rita Jo Barnett and Betty Heath both of Woodward, Okla. and Darlene Sokolosky of Pampa; 17 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Memorial donations may be made to Chelsea Public Library, 618 Pine, Chelsea, Okla. 74016.

DON GENSMAN

DARROUZETT - Don Gensman, 71, died Friday, Oct. 23, 1998.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. today in Darrouzett School Auditorium with the Rev. Billy Wilson, the Rev. Don Travis and the Rev. Scott Richards officiating. Burial will be in Darrouzett Cemetery by Good Samaritan Funeral Service of Cemetery.

Mr. Gensman was born in Beaver County, Okla., where he attended North Fork County School. Following his graduation from Darrouzett High School, he continued to work on the family farm. After his marriage, he moved from Beaver County to Ottawa, Kan., then returned to Lipscomb County until 1954.

Mr. Gensman lived in Oklahoma and Texas until moving to Darrouzett in 1961. He farmed, ranched and operated his own custom harvesting business. He operated the Darrouzett Corner Drug Store for several years. He was a member of the Methodist Church of Darrouzett.

He married Irene Bechthold in 1946 at Lipscomb County.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Dennis Kay Gensman of Altus, Okla.; five daughters, Donita Davis of Panhandle, Judy Hudson and Jean Lewis, both of Darrouzett, and Joyce Baker and Jackie Bowling, both of Follett; a sister, Laurene Stevenson of Owasso, Okla.; 16 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

RAY MILLER

BORGER - Ray Miller, 82, died Friday, Oct. 23, 1998.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today in First United Methodist Church Borger with Dr. David Jones officiating. Burial will follow in the Garden Cemetery of Devotion of Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery by Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors.

Mr. Miller was born in Temple, Okla., and had been an area resident since 1934 when he graduated from Canyon High School. He owned and operated Miller Machine and Welding.

Mr. Miller was a member of the Isom Lodge No. 1242, the Borger Noon Lions Club, the Masons and First United Methodist Church. He was president of Lions Club and the Lions Eye Bank.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lue, in 1991.

Survivors include a son, Bill Miller of Houston; two stepsons, John Ratje of Sanford, Ariz., and Jim Ratje of Las Cruces, N.M.; a daughter, Janice Miller Hamm from Amarillo; three stepdaughters, Marcia Wolf of Dallas, Jenny Kelly of Dallas and Mark Kay Powell of El Paso; 17 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

GUY SMITH

TULIA - Guy Smith, 64, died Friday, Oct. 23, 1998.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Tommy Ewing, retired Methodist minister of Tulia, and the Rev. Rene Rice, pastor of First Assembly of God Church in Dickens, officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery by Wallace Funeral Home.

Mr. Smith was born in Borger and attended school in Tulia where he graduated from high school in 1952. He was a veteran of the Navy. Since 1986, he owned Shirley's Cleaners in Tulia. He was a member of the American Legion and a Methodist.

He married Shirley Kitchens in 1980 at Plainview.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Sheree Harris of Cactus Cove, Calif.; two stepdaughters, Crystal Murdock of Panhandle and Sandra Johnson of Tulia; a son, Sid Smith of Selma, Calif.; two stepsons, Eddie Wheeler of Georgetown and Calvin Wheeler of Woodinville, Wash.; and 10 grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Swisher County Museum.

LAJUAN N. STEGALL

STINNETT - Lajuan N. Stegall, 58, died Wednesday, Oct. 21, 1998.

Graveside services were at 10 a.m. Saturday in Shady Grove Cemetery in Upshure County with Gladys Hornsby, speaker, officiating. Arrangements were made by Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Stegall was born in Quanah and had been an area resident for 55 years. She was founder of C&C Roustabout and served as secretary of that company. She was secretary and member of Buttercup, member Ladies Auxiliary of Chamber of Commerce of Borger and was a Baptist.

She married Doyal Stegall in 1969 at Panhandle.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Eddie Meadows of Texas City, Master Sgt. John Meadows of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Cory Meadows of Stinnett; two daughters, Becky Ford of San Antonio and Lena Burritt of Fritch; her parents, John Whitfield of Amarillo and Dorothy McClellan of Fritch; a brother, Odis McClellan of Borger; a sister, Sheree Thielemann of Cape Cod Coral, Fla.; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

ALBERT DAVIS THOMPSON

ALBERT DAVIS THOMPSON, 86, died Saturday, Oct. 24, 1998.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Mr. Thompson was born in Grand Saline and moved to Pampa in 1955. For 50 years, he was a grocer in Wellington and Pampa. He was a member of Central Baptist Church.

He married Effie Wright in 1934 at Wellington. She preceded him in death in 1990.

Survivors include a daughter, June Ann Green of Ada, Okla.; a son, Joe A. Thompson of Irving; two brothers, Paul Thompson of Stinnett and Tommy Thompson of Weatherford; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Central Baptist Church Building Fund of Goldenaires Choir at Central Baptist Church. The family will be at 1522 N. Sumner.

ROBBIE MAE TILSON

FRITCH - Robbie Mae Tilson, 87, died Thursday, Oct. 22, 1998.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Faith Covenant Church with the Rev. Jerry Moon, Pastor of Biblical Apostolic Church of Borger, and the Rev. James Chandler, pastor of the United Pentecostal Church of Great Bend, Kan., officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of the Good Shepherd in Westlawn Memorial Park by Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mrs. Tilson was born in Fannin County and had been a Hutchison County resident since 1944. She was a homemaker and member of the United Pentecostal Church where she served as church secretary and member of the Ladies Auxiliary.

She married Roy Tolison in 1927 at Honey Grove. He died in 1983.

Survivors include four sons, Lonnie Tilson of Whitney, Finas Tilson of Walls, Miss., Leo Tilson of Hackett, Ark., and Joe Tilson of Dallas; two daughters, Dorislene Price and Elaine Fesse, both of Borger; 13 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

The family will be at No. 10 Westhaven Dr., or 205 Inverness, both in Borger.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Crown of Texas Hospice or a favorite charity.

DR. JACKIE WEATHERED

DR. JACKIE WEATHERED, D.D.S., Ph.D., 64, died Friday, Oct. 23, 1998 in Augusta, Ga.

Services will be on Tuesday, at St. Paul Episcopal Church in Augusta, Ga.

Dr. Weathered, D.D.S., Ph.D., was a professor of Oral Biology/Physiology and Director of Graduate Programs for the Medical College of Georgia, School of Dentistry, Augusta, Ga. Dr. Weathered was a native of Pampa, he resided in Augusta for the past 29 years. Dr. Weathered had studied at the University of Texas, Austin, University of Texas Dental Branch, Houston and the University of Texas Medical, Galveston.

During his career, a noted lecturer and published author, his church and his community.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Wayland B. and Byrdie Gaither Weathered and Johnnie Hodge Weathered.

Survivors include his spouse of 38 years, Linda Weathered, two sons, Ted Wayland Weathered, Evans, Ga.; one daughter, Angela Weathered Halsted, Spartanburg, SC; one sister Wynell Yeager, Schoolcraft, Mich.; and four nieces and nephews.

FRANCES "FRAN" WILSON

FRANCES "FRAN" WILSON, 80, died Friday, Oct. 23, 1998 in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Perry, Okla. with Rev. John Sheller officiating. Burial will be at St. Rose Lima Catholic Cemetery.

Mrs. Wilson was born March 30, 1918 at Perry,

Okla. Her parents were Frank and Else (Rueb) Jones. She attended St. Joseph Academy and graduated from Perry High School in 1936. She married Earl Wilson on June 15, 1940 in Perry, Okla. She worked for Al Singletary in Perry, Okla. and moved to Pampa in 1970. Mrs. Wilson was a member of the Altar Society and Perry Golf and Country Club.

Mrs. Wilson was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Earl and brother Frank Jones, Jr.

Survivors include two daughters, Sarah Landstorm of Oklahoma City, Okla., Cathy Davis, Pampa; a son Stephen Wilson, Irving; sister, Pat Sewell of Wichita, Kan.; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandson.

The family requests memorial contributions to be made to Mercy Hospice in Oklahoma City, Okla. and Brown Funeral Home.

Corrections

- The date to return to Standard time was incorrect in Sunday's paper. Standard time returned Sunday when clocks should have been turned back one hour.
- Due to a typesetting error, the name of Mark Zedlitz of Pampa was omitted Sunday from the letter he and his wife, Brenda, wrote about the proposed juvenile drug facility.

Police report

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

Saturday, October 24

Tammy Renee Nolte, 22, 1712 Coffee, was arrested on charges of issuance of a worthless check, failure to appear, no seat belt and littering. Domestic assault was reported in the 800 block of S. Banks.

Sexual assault of a child was reported in the 1700 block of N. Price.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of Varnon.

Sunday, October 25

Mandy Renee Johnson, 22, 411 N. Naida, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana and failure to id.

Larry Keith Bryan, 35, 109 S. Sumner, was arrested on charges of violating promise to appear, no drivers license, expired plates, failure to furnish liability insurance and parking facing traffic.

Ernesto G. Castillo, 40, 1033 Varnon, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Glen Wade Newson, 28, 116 Seneca, was arrested on charges of assault with bodily injury and evading arrest.

Preston Eugene Reed, 18, 2611 Navajo, was arrested on charges of no valid drivers license.

Natacha Alvarez Renteria, 25, 717 N. West, was arrested on charges of issuance of a worthless check.

Tony Garcia Ganz, 35, 218 W. Craven, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Domestic assault was reported in the 400 block of E. 17th.

Terrorist threat was reported in the 1200 block of Duncan.

Fires

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

Saturday, October 24

7:20 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 300 block of N. Ward on a medical assist.

Sunday, October 25

8:50 a.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to the 900 block of E. Kent on a gas leak.

1:01 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to the 900 block of Somerville on a false alarm.

5:07 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to Gray and Finch on an automobile accident.

5:14 p.m. — Three unit and seven personnel responded to a smoke scare in the 2700 block of Charles.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, October 24

Billy B. Jernigan, 27, 1601 Somerville, was arrested on charges of assault causing bodily injury.

Sunday, October 25

David Wayne Snelson, 47, Fremont Ohio, was arrested by the DPS on charges of possession of marijuana.

Jessica M. Dell, 35, Fostoria Ohio, was arrested by the DPS on charges of possession of marijuana.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, October 25

Bobby Joel Watson, 16, 1717 Fir, was cited for following too close when the 1990 Bronco he was driving rear-ended a city-owned 1998 Blazer driven by Claudie Eugene Phillips, 63, 2349 Chestnut, in the 600 block of E 23rd. No injuries were reported.

Kimberly Michelle Rose, 29, 324 N Dwight, was cited for no proof of financial responsibility, no seat belt, child unrestrained, black dealer tag not on demo and no valid license on person when her 1991 Ford pickup struck the 1990 Tempo driven by Cecil Ray Collum, 56, 312 N. Wynne, at Gray and Finch. Cassandra Roe a 10-year-old passenger in the pickup was taken to Columbia Medical Center where she was treated and released.

Ambulance

The Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, October 24

4:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to a local nursing facility.

Sunday, October 25

2:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Hughes and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

12:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

5:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of N. Gray and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Monday, October 26

1:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of S. Varnon and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

1:17 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

6:00 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Clements Prison Unit in Amarillo and transported one to a nursing facility in Amarillo.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literacy Council office will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

PAMPA CHESS CLUB

The Pampa Chess Club meets every Tuesday night at Yummie's Pizza in the Pampa Mall at 7:30 p.m. We offer casual yet competitive games, free instruction, and a quarterly newsletter. For more information contact James A. Shook at 669-0227.

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.

CHILDREN'S THEATER CLASSES

The Gem Theater will be holding Fall acting classes for children ages 6-12 at 4:30 p.m. at the Gem Theater. The cost of the course is \$45 and will be limited to 15 children. For more information or any questions call Dr. Carale Manning-Hill at 944-5383.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER FOR WOMEN

Tralee Crisis Center for Women is offering an in-house support group for victims of family violence. Meetings will be Tuesday's from 11 a.m.-12 noon and on Thursday's from 7-8 p.m. For more information call (806) 669-1131. All calls are kept confidential.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

The Lovett Memorial Library is presenting a Pre-School Story Hour every Tuesday at 10 a.m. This story hour is for children aged 3 to 5 years old. The story takes place at the Lovett Memorial Library which is now located at Baker Elementary School at 300 E. Tuke. Schedules are available at the library and if parents have any questions, they can call Shanala Brookshire at 669-5780.

PAMPA FINE ARTS

Pampa Fine Arts Association's "Artist of the Year", featuring Holly Burger at the White Deer Land Museum on Sunday, Nov. 8 from 2 to 4 p.m.

CREATIVE ARTISANS' NETWORK

The art of framing will be the topic of a program presented by Dorsey Cruzan, manager of the Hobby Shop, during the Creative Artisans' Network meeting on Monday, Oct. 26. The group meets at 6:30 in the training room of the Gray County Sheriff's Office located at 218 N. Russell. After a quick business meeting, we will travel through the alley to Dorsey's shop located next door for the program and demonstration. The public is invite to attend. For more information, contact Kelly Ebel (665-9569) or Grant Johnson (669-9887).

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This will take place on Oct. 26 from 7-9 p.m., at the American Cancer Society Office located at 3915 Bell Street in Amarillo. To register, or for more information call (806) 353-4306.

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Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Mostly cloudy today with a high in the low 70s and winds from the south at 10-20 mph. Tonight, cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thundershowers, a low in the mid 50s and southeast winds at 10-20 mph. Tomorrow, cloudy with a 50 percent chance of thundershowers and a high in the mid 60s. Sunday's high was 77; the overnight low, 53.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thundershowers. Low in the lower 50s. South to southeast wind 10-20 mph. Tuesday, cloudy with a 60 percent chance of showers and thundershowers. Some storms possibly severe. High in the lower 60s. South wind 10-20 mph and occasionally gusty. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, cloudy. A chance of showers or thundershowers south plains. A slight chance of showers low rolling plains. Lows from the lower 50s to mid 60s. Tuesday, cloudy. Showers or thundershowers likely western south plains. A chance of showers or thundershowers eastern south plains and rolling plains. Highs 60-70. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thundershowers. Lows 55-65.

Tuesday, cloudy with a chance of showers or thundershowers. Highs 65-75. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, cloudy. Lows in the mid to upper 60s. Tuesday, cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thundershowers. Highs 70-75. Far West Texas — Tonight, showers and thundershowers likely. Otherwise mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid to upper 50s. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with showers or thundershowers likely. Highs 70-75. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thundershowers. Lows in the upper 40s mountains to near 60 along the river. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thundershowers. Highs from the mid 50s Guadalupe Mountains to the upper 70s along the Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, cloudy west with a slight chance of thundershowers. Mostly cloudy central, partly cloudy east. Lows 57 east to 67 west. Tuesday, considerable cloudiness. Windy west and central. A chance of thundershowers west. Highs 73 west to 84 southeast.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows in the lower and mid 60s. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs in the upper 70s to near 80. Southeast

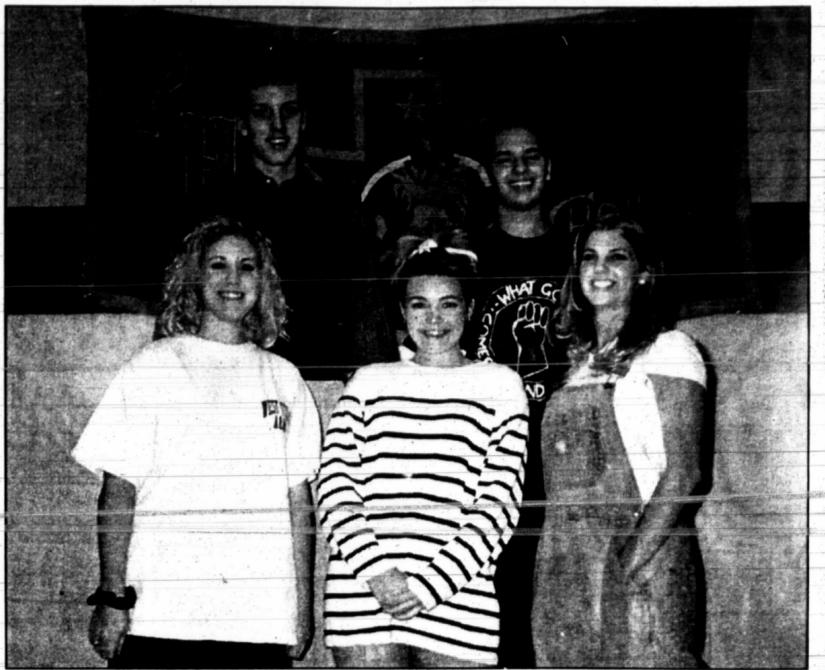
Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid and upper 50s to low 60s inland to near 70 coast. Tuesday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of showers northwest. Highs in the lower 80s inland to near 80 coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows in the low 70s coast to 60s inland. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thundershowers. Highs near 80 coast to lower 80s inland.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Tonight, cloudy with scattered to numerous showers. Snow showers highest peaks north. A few thundershowers mainly east and north. Lows 30s to low 40s mountains and northwest with mid 40s to upper 50s at lower elevations. Tuesday, cooler with showers and thundershowers east and north. Mostly cloudy southwest with scattered showers and thundershowers. Highs upper 40s to mid 50s mountains and northwest, upper 50s to around 70 elsewhere.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, partly to mostly cloudy. A slight chance of showers west after midnight. Lows in the mid 50s to near 60. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thundershowers central and west. Highs in the 70s.

Concert choir officers



PHS Concert Choir Officers for 1998-99 are (back row from left) Andy Furnulk, Vice-President; Thann Scoggin, President, (front row from left) Kimberly Clark, Historian; Maurey Bell, Activities Chrm.; Holly Brooks, Secretary.

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RITTER

Chairman; Troy Ritter, Secretary; Jim Shaw Member and Neal Stovall, Member.

Ritter and Shaw are both active in farming in Gray County. Ritter has served as a Director on the Gray Co. SWCD Board since 1986 and Shaw has served as a Director on the Board since 1980.

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PLAINVIEW

this season including one in Pampa.

The band's performance Saturday was part of the 21st annual Zia Marching Band Fiesta at University Stadium in Albuquerque, featuring 32 high school marching bands from New Mexico, Colorado and Texas.

Las Cruces Mayfield High School took first place, followed by Randall High School in Amarillo, Texas; Clovis High School; Rio Rancho High School; Albuquerque Eldorado High School; Albuquerque Sandia High School; Plainview; Albuquerque Manzano High School; Green Mountain High School in Lakewood, Colo.; and Los Alamos High School.

Tennessee governor gives support to slain man's widow

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — After being criticized for not saying anything, Republican Gov. Don Sundquist announced today he supports the write-in candidacy of the widow of slain Democratic state Sen. Tommy Burks.

Sundquist had distanced himself from Byron (Low Tax) Looper, Burks' GOP opponent who was arrested Friday and charged with shooting the lawmaker. But he was attacked by Democrats during the weekend for not combining that with an endorsement of Charlotte Burks.

Sundquist said today he had been reluctant to discuss the race out of sensitivity for the Burks family.

"Mrs. Burks is a fine person who has suffered an incomprehensible loss, which should not be exploited for political purposes," he said in a statement. "And although I won't be actively involved in her race, she has my support, I wish her well and I look forward to working with her."

Burks' body was found Oct. 19 in his pickup truck on his farm in Monterey in central Tennessee. He had been shot once in the

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head. Burks' name will be stripped from the ballot. However, Democrats cannot name another candidate because his death occurred within 30 days of the election. Looper's name — he legally changed his middle name to (Low Tax) — will remain on the ballot because he hasn't been convicted of a felony.

Democratic gubernatorial nominee John Jay Hooker criticized Sundquist "for letting partisanship get in the way of good common sense." He urged the governor to endorse Mrs. Burks.

"What's he waiting on? I don't get it," Hooker said Sunday. The GOP is two seats away from regaining control of the state Senate.

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by a former girlfriend who claims he forced her to have sex, fathered a child and stole ownership of her home.

If Looper were elected, senators would likely refuse to seat him and a special election would be held for the seat, Republican state Sen. Ben Atchley said. County officials would appoint an interim senator until the election could be held.

Man, firm settle suit

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A man who said he was sexually assaulted, battered and threatened with rape by two supervisors on an offshore rig reached a settlement in his sexual harassment lawsuit against his former employer.

Joseph "Jody" Oncale's lawsuit had been scheduled for trial today in U.S. District Court, nearly eight months after the Supreme Court ruled that it could proceed to trial.

A judge had dismissed the suit Oncale filed in 1994, and a federal appeals court upheld the ruling, saying the civil rights law used to prosecute on-the-job harassment cannot apply to people of the same sex.

But the Supreme Court ruled March 4 that on-the-job torment can be illegal sexual harassment even when the offender and victim are the same sex.

Oncale and Sundowner Offshore Services Inc. agreed not to disclose terms of the settlement, which was reached Wednesday before Magistrate Lance Africk after two mediation sessions.

"It's been so long — I'm glad it's over," Oncale said from his home across Lake Pontchartrain from New Orleans. He now works on an offshore rig for another company.

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Pampa High School Show Choir performed recently for Meals on Wheels. (Community Camera)

Seven dead, gas well still burning out of control in northern Louisiana

BRYCELAND, La. (AP) — A natural gas well fire that killed seven men over the weekend raged on today, after authorities were able to retrieve the remains of five victims.

The well was expected to burn for several more days, state police Trooper Chris Johnson said Sunday night.

Authorities recovered the bodies of five of the men Sunday. Workers used two water cannons to spray water onto hot twisted metal wreckage at the remote site in northern Louisiana, Johnson said.

After cooling the metal debris, experts in fire-resistant suits pulled the remains from the burning well.

The body of a sixth worker killed in Saturday's blast was brought out hours after the acci-

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dent. Johnson identified the victims as Robert Palmer, 42, of Frankston, Texas; Brady Brownlow, 24, of Longview, Texas; Dean McClinton, 29, of Longview, Texas; Cody Vaught, 21, of Elk City, Okla.; Donald Pete Hedrick, 41, of Keithville, La.; and Craig Creel, 31, of Longview, Texas.

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Danny Smith of Harlton, Texas, died in the hospital about 2 a.m. Sunday. Another worker who suffered burns was in serious but stable condition, said employees of LSU Medical Center.

The remaining five workers, including two brothers of Smith, were examined at hospitals Saturday and were released, Johnson said.

Authorities said there was no danger of the fire spreading to nearby woods in the remote area.

After retrieving the bodies, wild well experts inspected the well, trying to figure out how to put out the fire, said Bruce Connery, spokesman for Sonat Exploration Co., which owns the well.

The cause of the explosion won't be investigated until the fire is put out, Johnson said.

"The fire is still burning," Johnson said. "They're assessing the site as far as taking a look at the well head to get it under control in order to have a safe entry."

Police prevented people from getting within one mile of the site as Sonat brought in dozens of emergency well workers and water containers that hold tens of thousands of gallons.

The explosion happened about 2 p.m. Saturday as the crew was completing a new well in Bienville Parish, about 45 miles east of Shreveport.

Palmer, Brownlow, McClinton and Vaught were working for Cudd Well Control of Oklahoma City. Hendrick, Smith and Creel were working for Key Energy Services of Kilgore, Texas, Johnson said.

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Odds and ends...

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP) — In hunter's terms, it was quite a rack.

Robert Kercher of Great Falls was stalking deer on opening day Sunday, and wound up with a bizarre kill.

Kercher shot a buck only to find out that tangled in its antlers were the head and antlers of a second buck — the loser in a head-butting battle.

"It's one of those strange things that happen," said Bob Woodmansey, who was with Kercher. "We'll be talking about this forever when we go hunting."

The hunters and Jim Williams, a wildlife biologist with the state Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, surmise that the deer left standing after the fight between the bucks dragged the other around. Eventually the body of the loser simply fell off.

It's also possible that coyotes moved in on the entangled deer, killing one. Bite marks were found on Kercher's quarry.

Fish, Wildlife and Parks called Kercher's shot a mercy killing. When the buck was shot, Kercher discovered its front legs were caught in a beaver dam.

HAZLETON, Pa. (AP) — A 10-year-old boy's dream of collecting a million pennies for charity came true — and then some.

Matthew Nonnemacher of Hazleton gave \$18,196.91 to the United Way of Greater Hazleton after the community-wide penny drive he created for

Saturday's Make A Difference Day.

That's 1,819,691 pennies. Most of the pennies were counted by employees at First Federal Bank, and it took a while — more than a dozen hours late last week.

Asked why he went to all the trouble, Matthew kept it simple: "To help people."

MOUNT STERLING, Wis. (AP) — It's a slice of life from way back.

Retired carpenter Mervin Langve was rummaging around inside a wood-burning stove in his basement two years ago when he found a piece of toast he figures was baked by his mother in 1960.

He has mounted it on a decorative cutting board with an inscription reading: "In loving memory of mother, who made this bread in 1960."

"It's a keepsake," he said last week. "It isn't that it's that great, but it's a keepsake."

Humorist Dave Barry ate it up, mentioning the old bread in one of his recent columns. Barry wrote a comparison of the domestic skills of men and women, suggesting that most women would have discarded the toast.

Not Langve, an 82-year-old widower. He's used to the calls from those who want to know how the bread survived nearly four decades.

"I never put anything on it," he said. "The secret is to keep it dry."

Book accuses Princess Diana of death threats

LONDON (AP) — A new book accuses Princess Diana of making death threats against Camilla Parker Bowles and suggests it was Diana, not Prince Charles, who first committed adultery, a British tabloid reported Sunday.

Excerpts from "Prince Charles, Villain or Victim," by journalist Penny Junor, were being published in The Mail on Sunday, which described the book as a defense of Prince Charles by friends who spoke to the author.

The newspaper's tabloid rivals on Sunday characterized the book as a "smearing" of the late princess and a "vile attack" that will backfire on the prince.

The first installment did not appear in early editions of The Mail on Sunday, but a front-page article described the book as a challenge to "some of the inaccuracies and injustices" of Diana's version of events in Andrew Morton's now-famous 1992 book "Diana, Her True Story" and in her television interview.

Junor "suggests" that James Hewitt, the lover Diana acknowledged, was not her first during her marriage and that she already had a relationship with Barry Mannakee, her personal detective, the newspaper said. It claims that relationship happened before Prince Charles resumed his relationship with Mrs. Parker Bowles in 1985.

Mannakee's transfer from his post as Diana's guard, and his subsequent death in a motorcycle accident, were widely reported.

Diana, according to The Mail on Sunday, is also said in the book to have telephoned Mrs. Parker Bowles late at night and said, "I've sent someone to kill you. They're outside in the garden. Look out of the window; can you see them?"

On the night of Diana's death, Aug. 31, 1997, the newspaper's report about the book says Charles had to argue with Queen Elizabeth II about going to Paris to bring the princess's body home. The queen reportedly allowed the use of one of her aircraft after an aide said: "Would you rather, Ma'am, that she come back in a Harrods van?"

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said Saturday night that "the book was neither official nor authorized."

"We would like to remind people that Prince William and Prince Harry expressed the hope in September that their mother and her memory should finally be allowed to rest in peace," the spokesman said on customary condition of anonymity.

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Business highlights

Justice Dept. wants airline sale killed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Northwest Airlines' planned purchase of a controlling stake in Continental Airlines would reduce competition, raise prices for travelers and lower the quality of service, the Justice Department said in a lawsuit.

The filing, made in U.S. District Court in Detroit Friday, asks the court to kill the sale.

Northwest and Continental called the department's claims groundless. Since department attorneys so far had not asked the court to temporarily block the sale while a judge hears the merits of the case, the airlines said they expect it to go forward and close within a matter of days or weeks.

California home values go up

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Home values in California will surpass their pre-recession peak sometime next week as a strong economy and a house-buying boom push up values at a rate of \$12 billion to \$15 billion per month, according to a new survey.

The aggregate value of homes should edge past the July 1990 peak of \$1.6 trillion sometime before the end of October, according to La Jolla-based Axiom/DataQuick.

Low interest rates are enabling new buyers to get into the housing market and current owners to upgrade, analyst John Karevold, who conducted the study, said Friday.

PC sales up in third quarter

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Despite a struggling global economy, personal computer sales continued to grow during the third quarter of 1998, according to two market research companies.

"Though some regions of the world continue to confirm the dampening effects of the financial turmoil in Asia and the Pacific, worldwide personal computer unit growth remains healthy," said Bill Schaub, vice president of Dataquest Inc. in San Jose.

The results, released today, show that more than 22.6 million personal computers — including 9.5 million in the United States — were shipped during the third quarter of 1998, an increase of 13.7 percent over the same period last year.

Streamlining the mobile-phone network

NEW YORK (AP) — Intensifying an industry drive to streamline the nation's mobile-phone networks, AT&T Corp. and BellSouth Corp. agreed Friday to hand each other more control of cellular service in Los Angeles and Houston, two big markets they now share.

AT&T, the nation's largest phone company, is contributing \$1 billion to the venture in exchange for increased ownership of the Los Angeles cellular system, which has more mobile-phone customers than Houston. BellSouth, the main supplier of local phone service in the South, gets control of the Houston-area properties the two now co-own.

The new venture, which is subject to regulatory approval, lets each company streamline its management and marketing in the cities instead of sharing those responsibilities. More broadly, the arrangement underscores AT&T's attempt to fill gaps in its national cellular-phone network to enable its mobile customers to seamlessly make calls from anywhere in the nation.

Price fixing nets \$11 million fine

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Eastman Chemical Co. has been fined \$11 million after pleading guilty to federal charges of fixing prices of food preservatives called sorbates.

The charges were the latest in a series of Justice Department price-fixing cases in the food additive industry. This was the first case involving sorbates, which prevent mold in bread and other products. Worldwide sales total \$200 million a year.

Eastman, of Kingsport, Tenn., is Tennessee's largest manufacturer, with \$4.6 billion in annual

sales. It makes 400 chemicals, fibers and plastics and has 16,000 employees. The company says its sorbate sales are nearly \$40 million a year.

Pakistan seeks bailout package

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Already saddled with outstanding debt payments of \$1.4 billion, Pakistan is seeking a \$5 billion bailout package from international donors or it will have to default on its loans, a senior official has said.

"We are looking forward to negotiate (a bailout package) with the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in the next couple of weeks," Ahsan Iqbal, deputy chairman of the national planning commission, told The Associated Press on Saturday.

Pakistan's external debt is a massive \$32 billion. Western economists say Pakistan needs emergency funding of about \$5 billion just to meet its financial obligations for the 1998-99 fiscal year.

Effort underway to revive reform talks

POERTSCHACH, Austria (AP) — European Union leaders pledged Sunday to revive their stalled reform talks and better coordinate their economic policies to weather global financial turmoil.

The impetus to crank the EU reform drive into high gear came from Germany's Chancellor-elect, Gerhard Schroeder, whose center-left coalition takes office Tuesday. Reforms are painful and touch on cutting farm subsidies, revamping EU finances and giving the union a stronger defense and foreign policy profile.

Austrian Chancellor Viktor Klima said the leaders agreed that more coordination of economic policies is the key to creating jobs and growth to counter financial mayhem sweeping in from Asia, Russia and Latin America.

Gasoline costs drop again

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP) — A weak global economy and low crude oil prices are keeping gasoline costs down, with pump prices falling a third of a cent to an average of about \$1.09 per gallon, an industry analyst said Sunday.

On Friday, the average price for gasoline, including all grades and taxes, was \$1.0945, compared to \$1.0974 two weeks earlier, Trilby Lundberg said.

"Global crude oil prices are weaker due to poor demand because of economic difficulties. Weaker crude prices are passed through to consumers in the form of lower-priced gasoline and home heating oil," Lundberg said.

Official says few banks will survive

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's chief banker predicted Friday that only a fraction of the country's commercial banks would survive the current economic crisis, even with help from the Central Bank.

Some 200 to 300 commercial banks will weather the crisis, said Central Bank chairman Viktor Gerashchenko.

The Central Bank recently estimated there were 1,700 commercial banks in Russia, although the Profil business weekly said just 905 remained profitable after the crisis erupted in mid-August.

By The Associated Press

Smaller-company stocks rose for an eight straight session, but the Dow industrials and other popular measures ended their winning streaks as investors secured some gains before the weekend. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 80.85 to 8,452.29, trimming the week's gain to 35.53.

Beef futures prices jumped to their highest since June on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange as heavy supermarket promotions in the past few weeks boosted hopes new demand will help pare one of the largest herds in years. Pork prices also advanced.

On other markets, wheat futures rose, while corn and soybeans retreated.



Pampa Fire Chief Claudie Phillips does his part to build the \$100,000 Super Playground. (Pampa News photo by Jeff West)



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- My most embarrassing moment: _____
- The biggest waste of time is: _____
- If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: _____
- If I had three wishes they would be: _____
- If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: _____

\$20 million gift

WACO, Texas (AP) — Three of five attorneys who helped secure the state's \$17.3 billion settlement with Big Tobacco have decided to share the wealth with their alma mater.

Harold Nix of Daingerfield, Walter Umphrey of Beaumont and John Eddie Williams of Houston were set today to announce a \$20 million gift to Baylor University Law School.

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Outstanding but Malodorous Employee Stands All Alone

DEAR ABBY: We desperately need your advice. A female co-worker (I'll call her Ethel) has poor hygiene. This is particularly difficult in a bank such as ours, where professional working relationships sometimes involve working in close proximity.

The human resources director has discussed the problem with Ethel. Also, during the annual personnel evaluations, the boss made brief, but firm, comments that she must practice better hygiene. However, her efforts were short-term.

Abby, we cannot fire Ethel. She's a longtime employee with tremendous amounts of knowledge and experience, but it has reached the point that some of our younger staff have threatened to quit if Ethel doesn't clean up to "normal" standards. Is there a solution that won't offend her or make her defensive?

STAYING DOWNWIND IN IOWA
DEAR DOWNWIND: Regardless of her tremendous knowledge and experience, it's unfair that the rest of the employees must tolerate this. If it's difficult for them to be close to her, it must be equally so for your customers.

Ethel must be told that many complaints have been registered, and the bank is in danger of losing other personnel because she hasn't resolved her problems. She should also be advised that, as valuable as she is, if she doesn't resolve her



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

poor hygiene problem, she will be terminated. Harsh perhaps, but necessary in the best interests of the bank and its staff.

DEAR ABBY: I have been engaged to "Bill" for two years. He's a wonderful man, and I have always gotten along well with his family — until now.

We allowed his sister (I'll call her Denise) to store a few things in our basement until she moved. A few days ago, Bill and I visited her new apartment, and I was shocked to see on her wall an expensive painting of mine that I had stored in my basement! I refrained from saying anything while we were there, but on the way home I mentioned the painting. Bill said that Denise had owned that painting for years. I didn't force the issue, but when I checked my basement, my painting was missing.

Abby, my grandmother's china was also missing. I don't want to jeopardize my relationship with Bill because of what Denise has done, but the painting is valuable and the

china is my only link to my deceased grandmother. I also wonder if the other items I have missed over the months have found their way into her sticky fingers. I can't sleep for thinking about this.

If I don't do something about this, I'll be restless and angry. But if I confront Denise, I may lose Bill. What do I do now, Abby?
SLEEPLESS IN MISSOURI

DEAR SLEEPLESS: You can't ignore the obvious. Tell Bill about the china and the other items that are also missing. Make an inventory. If possible, gather proof that the missing items are your property — photographs, testimonials from relatives, etc. Try to enlist your fiancé as an ally, and talk to his sister. Her problem may be kleptomania, which is defined as "a persistent neurotic impulse to steal, especially without economic motive." The condition is treatable with psychiatric help. If your fiancé won't cooperate, report your losses to the police.

Bill's sister definitely has a problem; however, I'm as troubled by your fiancé's failure to back you up as I am the thefts. If you can't count on him, you'd be wise to rethink your engagement before your losses mount any further.

being pulled in so many different directions. Cancel some plans, to get work done, and make sure your other responsibilities are completed. A child or loved one has some delightful news. Tonight: Go with the flow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You have much to do, but someone in charge (or who wishes they were) could be tossing obstacles your way. Be willing to say no. Don't self-diagnose; if you don't feel well, go for a checkup. Let a family member express their concerns. Tonight: Nap, then bounce out the door.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might not be seeing the whole story, and could be taken in by another or their ideas. Be realistic about this person. Clear out messages, make calls and discuss plans. A talk proves enlightening and gives you another perspective. Are you willing to open up? Tonight: Do what makes you happy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You are building stronger foundations, but it is quite evident that you cannot trust a partner. Pull away while you still can. Discussions about money are inevitable. Be sure that you aren't deceiving yourself about where others are coming from. Tonight: Let the kid in you out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Telling it as it is might not always be a popular act; however, you keep communications clear that way. A partner who pouts might also have another agenda. Don't get triggered; keep understanding and talking. Your actions inspire others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Assume a low profile. You might not have all the answers, but your dreams are significant. Consider starting a dream notebook. You are more steady and directed than you have been in a long time. A boss murmurs some important information. Tonight: Nap, then decide!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Friends gather around you. Though you could judge one to be slightly off, you still have a great time with this person. You might be put off by what another says. Maybe you misunderstood them? Keep talking, detach and try to walk in another's footsteps. Tonight: What you want.

Tonight: Clear out an errand on the way home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Money matters must take high priority. You could feel stalemated by a professional situation and wonder which way you want to go. Intuition serves you well with a security-related matter. Get feedback before making any decisions. Tonight: Start asking questions!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You are on track, though you could get flak from a child or loved one. Trying to convince them that you are right won't work. Give them space to pout and think. Your creativity avails many different options, but don't act on them just yet. Tonight: The lead performer.

For Better or For Worse



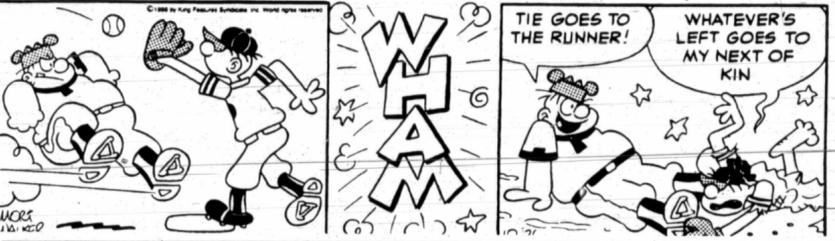
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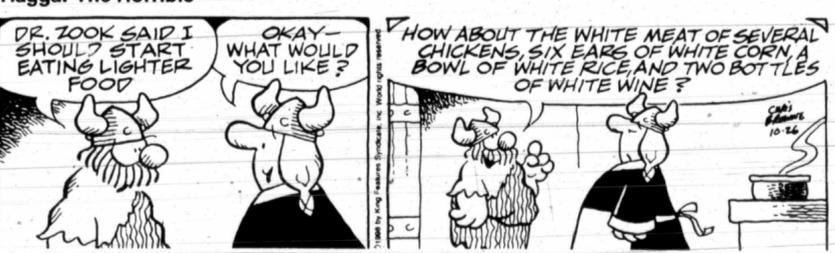
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Horoscope

TUESDAY, OCT. 27, 1998
BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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)
★★★★ Communications keep you on the edge; you might have difficulty focusing. Nevertheless, go with inspiration, desire and what you want. A boss or co-worker adds quality thinking to your ideas. However, remember that ultimately, the wallet speaks. Tonight: In the limelight.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Force yourself past traditional thinking. Awareness of what another is offering makes it easier. Discussions stir up yet more ideas, solutions and directions. If anyone is stopping you now, it is you. See how you create your own obstacles. Tonight: Browse through a favorite store.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Get into an important discussion. Choose to get to the bottom of negative feelings. You may be holding yourself back when you least need to. A partner or associate wants to pave the way for you. Discussions surround work and new patterns. Tonight: Make time for a special friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Others clearly want more of you. You could feel like taffy,

Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 5 Swear
- 9 Pitcher
- 10 Crooked
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- 32 Fast flyer
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- 25 Braggart
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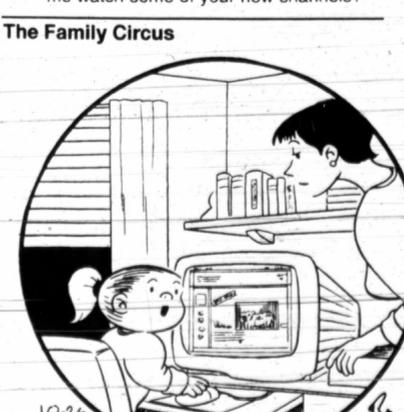
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The Family Circus



"I'm browsing for pictures of farm animals to print out for homework."

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FOOTBALL

ST. LOUIS (AP) — San Francisco's Jerry Rice broke Art Monk's NFL record for receptions in consecutive games with a 12-yard catch from Steve Young just 27 seconds into the game. It was Rice's 184th straight game with a reception. The last time Rice was shut out was Dec. 1, 1985, in a 35-8 victory over Washington.

VOLLEYBALL

PAMPA — Pampa is scheduled to play Canyon in the bi-district round of the volleyball playoffs at 7:30 Thursday night at the Amarillo Palo Duro Activity Center.

The Lady Harvesters closed out the regular season last Saturday with a 15-2, 15-8 win over Borger in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Tandi Morton led Pampa's attack with six kills. Lisa Kirkpatrick added 8 digs while Kimberly Clark had 2 aces.

Pampa finished the season in third place in the District 3-4A standings with a 6-4 record. For the season, the Lady Harvesters are 19-8.

Canyon out of District 4-4A clinched a playoff berth with a 15-12, 2-15, 15-10 win over Lubbock on Saturday.

AUTO RACING

PHOENIX (AP) — A guy named Rusty should have been the winner of the first rain-shortened NASCAR race in more than a year.

And Rusty Wallace thinks he might be headed for a couple more victories before the 1998 season ends in two weeks.

Wallace wanted his 50th career NASCAR victory to come this year. Now that he finally has No. 48, with two races remaining, he thinks he can still do it.

After his dominant triumph in Sunday's Dura-Lube 500 — he led 196 of the 257 laps — he certainly has a fast enough car.

"My main goal this year was to win my 50th because of NASCAR's 50th anniversary," said the 42-year-old driver, who is tied with NASCAR pioneer Herb Thomas for 10th on the circuit's career victories list.

"A lot of special plans had been made. I'm really looking forward to it, and I do have a shot at it now."

The two NASCAR races remaining are next Sunday at North Carolina Speedway in Rockingham, N.C., and Nov. 7 at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

"I'm going to two tracks that were really good to me," Wallace said. "Rockingham, I've won a ton of races and I'm taking this same car."

Wallace had gone 59 races without a victory, but rain or no rain, nobody was going to beat him Sunday in the new Ford Taurus he's nicknamed "Streaker" because it extended his streak to 13 seasons in which he's won at least one race.

The streak is the second longest among active drivers as Ricky Rudd ran his string of winning seasons to 16 earlier this year.

"The car was really strong ever since I drove it off the truck," Wallace said. "It was a brand new car, new engine combination, new everything. I don't think I've ever had a car that was that dominant that long."

Wallace took the lead from pole-sitter Ken Schrader on lap 54 and lost it only when he made pit stops.

"The car just ate up all the problems and spit 'em out the tailpipe," Wallace said.

The 1989 Winston Cup champion was confident that when the fourth caution flag came out on lap 247, after rookie Jerry Nadeau slammed into the wall, he would speed away from the competition when racing resumed. It never did.

Thomas helps lead Miami to victory

MIAMI (AP) — It took four quarters and an overtime before the Miami Dolphins finally figured out a way to beat the New England Patriots.

Olando Mare kicked four field goals, including a 43-yarder with 10:24 left in the extra period, and Miami earned a breakthrough victory Sunday by beating New England 12-9 in a showdown of AFC East co-leaders.

The Patriots had won the four previous games against Miami, including three last season, but the Dolphins turned the tables without scoring a touchdown. Miami (5-2) took over sole possession of first place in the division, and the injury-plagued Patriots (4-3) slipped to second with their second consecutive defeat.

Dan Marino moved Miami 52 yards in the final two minutes of regulation to set up Mare's game-tying 25-yard field goal, and the Patriots never saw the ball in overtime.

Following the kickoff, a pass-interference penalty on Ty Law on third-and-10 allowed Miami to keep possession deep in its own territory, and Marino's com-

pletions of 25 and 10 yards set up Mare's game-winner.

Mare also connected from 48 and 38 yards. New England's Adam Vinatieri kicked field goals from 41, 30 and 36 yards.

It was another dominating performance by the Dolphins' defense, which hasn't allowed a touchdown at home in 14 quarters. Middle linebacker Zach Thomas made a big contribution to the Miami win. The Pampa native had five tackles and 13 assists.

For the season, Thomas has 39 solo and 28 unassisted tackles, one sack, two forced fumbles and an interception, which he returned 17 yards for a touchdown.

Marino completed 23 of 42 passes for 279 yards, but threw three interceptions, increasing his total to nine in the past four games against the Patriots. Drew Bledsoe went 13-for-33 for 240 yards, including several clutch completions in the fourth quarter.

Bledsoe surpassed 20,000 yards passing in his 83rd NFL game. Only Marino did it faster, reaching the milestone in 74 games.

TCU crushed by Rams

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — Colorado State's 589 total yards was its fourth-highest output in school history, and its 370 yards passing was the most in 11 seasons.

Such production came against the third-best defense in the Western Athletic Conference, prompting losing coach Dennis Franchione to say: "CSU looks like a Top 25 team to me. They seem to be getting better in the stretch run. I don't know if Sonny (CSU coach Sonny Lubick) would say this, but that was as good as I've seen them play this year."

Does another WAC title lie in CSU's future?

The Rams' 42-21 romp over Texas Christian on Saturday made the possibility more likely. It was CSU's fifth straight victory, keeping the Rams (7-2 overall, 4-1 WAC) in contention in the tightly-contested Mountain Division.

"We've gone 5-0 without our running backs being healthy," wide receiver Darran Hall said. "Damon (Washington) is not healthy. We're getting Kevin McDougal back next week. As soon as they get healthy — and our offensive line continues to be healthy — you'd better watch out for us."

Ryan Eslinger established career highs for completions (25), attempts (36) and passing yardage (370) as he threw for two scores and ran for another.

"TCU is one of the best defensive teams in the league," Lubick said, "but they had a pretty tough time stopping us. Ryan really had a hot hand. He put the ball right on the money."

"The receivers made good catches and the protection was good. Other than the (two) turnovers, we were almost flawless on offense."

In his last two games, Eslinger is 48 for 69 (.695) for 652 yards

and five touchdowns with no interceptions.

"Our coaches said their front seven was very good and this was going to be the roughest game for me as far as getting hit," Eslinger said. "But our offensive line and receivers played great. All I did was sit back there and pass. I don't think I got knocked down once."

TCU (4-3, 2-2) suffered its seventh straight WAC loss on the road. The Horned Frogs' defense had ranked among the top 30 in the country, allowing only 313 yards and 16.8 points per game.

But they had no answer for Eslinger and the Rams.

"Our defense hasn't had a game like this," Franchione said. "Eslinger was very sharp and threw the ball very, very well. He is the best quarterback I've seen this year."

"They did a great job of protecting the quarterback. They kept us off balance with the play-action and being able to run it."

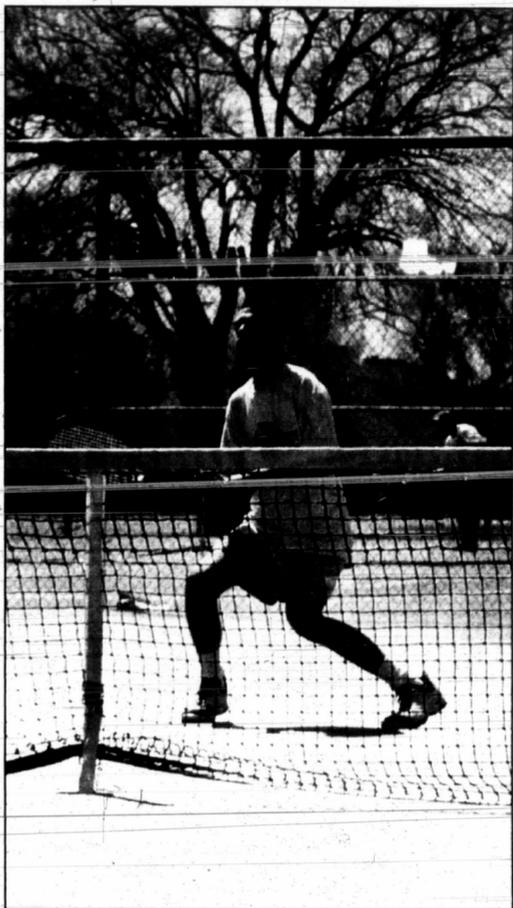
Eslinger's second TD pass, a 23-yarder to Corey McCoy early in the final period, gave Colorado State a 32-7 lead. After a TCU turnover, Derek Franz kicked his 11th consecutive field goal, a 24-yarder, for a 35-7 lead with 6:38 remaining.

Jeff Dover, the last of three TCU quarterbacks, subsequently led the Horned Frogs to two touchdowns, and Colorado State also tacked on another score. Starting quarterback Patrick Batteaux was ineffective and gave way to Kevin Colon in the second quarter.

CSU mounted 90- and 60-yard scoring drives late in the first half to take a 19-0 lead at intermission.

Eslinger completed 14 of 21 passes for 236 yards in the half, including a 15-yard scoring pass to a diving Dallas Davis, as the Rams generated 324 total yards compared to TCU's 103.

Tennis victory



(Pampa News photo) Pampa's Ryan Mills (above) posted a 6-3, 4-6, 6-1 win over Borger's Nathan Miller in a District 3-4A match last week. Pampa won the team title by a score of 16-2. The Harvesters travel to Wichita Falls Oct. 30-31 to compete in the regional tennis tournament.

Mustangs win key 1-1A tilt

WHEELER — Wheeler downed Gruver, 21-6, in a key District 1-1A game Friday night.

Wheeler is now 2-0 in district action and 5-2 for the season. Gruver falls to 1-1 in district and 4-3 overall.

Casey Childress led the Wheeler attack with two touchdowns on runs of 8 and 2 yards. Childress finished the night with 129 yards on 22 carries.

Wheeler's other score came on Aaron Dunnam's 30-yard pass to Craig Bass. Dunnam completed 5 of 11 passes for 101 yards, including 2 to Bass for 51 yards.

Donald Phipps caught 2 passes for 21 yards. Wheeler had 373 yards in total offense while its defense held Gruver to 188.

A&M holds off Red Raiders

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M knows what to do when its offense falters — go back to the old reliable Wrecking Crew defense.

The Aggies (7-1, 4-0 in Big 12) used a trick play, an 8-yard touchdown pass by punter Shane Lechler, and stout fourth quarter defense to hold off Texas Tech 17-10 Saturday.

"To play as poorly as our offense did and come out with a win says a lot for the character of our team," quarterback Randy McCown said. "Thank God for the Wrecking Crew."

McCown had two fumbles and an interception in the first half before the defense took control.

The Aggie defense held Tech to 205 yards and star tailback Ricky Williams to 94 yards. The Aggies managed 232 offensive yards.

"It proves we can put all bad things behind us and keep our composure," fullback Ja'Mar Toombs said. "I think the Wrecking Crew is the best defense in the nation."

The Aggies took advantage of Tech's second half mistakes to take a 17-10 lead with 9:47 to play on a 24-yard field goal by Russell Bynum.

The Red Raiders (6-2, 3-2) saw their final drive end when receiver Donnie Hart was ruled out of bounds after catching a fourth down pass from Rob Peters with 1:40 to play.

Tech coach Spike Dykes said the Raiders had a play ready if Hart had scored.

"If we did score that touchdown we already had a play set up to go for two," Dykes said. "This game is what college football is all about. It was a great stadium, great crowds and two great teams."

It was another typically exciting matchup in the budding rivalry. The Raiders had won three in a row by a combined 13 points and nine of the last 12 games between the two teams — including Saturday's game — have been decided by seven points or less.

Tight end Dan Campbell, who caught the touchdown pass from Lechler, is glad the Aggies no longer have to talk about Tech's streak.

"It was a thorn in the team's side," Campbell said.

Big Four rules AP poll

By **RICHARD ROSENBLATT**
AP Football Writer

Just call Ohio State, UCLA, Tennessee and Kansas State college football's Big Four.

Right now, anyway. The top-ranked Buckeyes, followed by No. 2 UCLA, No. 3 Tennessee and No. 4 Kansas State held their spots for the third straight week in The Associated Press' top 25 poll.

A slight change took place just below them as Florida State slipped ahead of idle Florida into the No. 5 slot. The Gators dropped to No. 6.

Ohio State, 7-0 after a 36-10 win over Northwestern, received 64 of 70 first-place votes and 1,744 points from the sports writers and broadcasters on the AP panel.

UCLA (6-0), a 28-16 winner over California, had one first-place vote and 1,641 points, while Tennessee had three first-place votes and 1,617 points and Kansas State was next with two first-place votes and 1,565 points.

The Volunteers (6-0) beat Alabama 35-18 and the Wildcats (7-0) routed Iowa State 52-7.

The Seminoles (7-1) beat Georgia Tech 34-7 on Saturday to move ahead of the Gators (6-1) by just one point — 1,438-1,437.

Nebraska, which held off Missouri 20-13, remained at No.

7, followed by No. 8 Texas A&M, No. 9 Wisconsin and No. 10 Penn State.

Missouri (5-2), which entered its game against the Huskers at No. 19, moved up a notch to No. 18 after the close call at Lincoln, Neb. Last year, when Nebraska beat Missouri in overtime, the Tigers moved into the Top 25 the next day for the first time in the '97 season.

Georgia, a 28-26 winner over Kentucky, was No. 11, followed by No. 12 Oregon, No. 13 Arizona, No. 14 Arkansas, No. 15 Virginia, No. 16 Notre Dame, No. 17 Syracuse, No. 18 Missouri, No. 19 Tulane and No. 20 Virginia Tech.

West Virginia, beaten by Miami 34-31, fell eight places to No. 21, followed by No. 22 Michigan, No. 23 Georgia Tech, No. 24 Colorado and No. 25 Miami.

In the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll, the top five were Ohio State, UCLA, Kansas State, Tennessee and Florida.

Michigan and Miami are the new entries in this week's Top 25. Michigan (5-2) is back after a three-week absence, while the Hurricanes are back for the first time since early last season.

Mississippi State and Texas Tech fell out of the rankings. LSU beat the Bulldogs 41-6 and Texas A&M defeated the Red Raiders 17-10.

Harvesters played with intensity against Herd

There was some concern just how Pampa would perform against an impressive Hereford squad which had won six of seven games and was 2-0 in the District 3-4A race.

After all the Harvesters were coming off a 23-20 loss to Dumas, which up until two weeks ago had just won one game. Worse than that, Pampa had lost leading rusher Curtis Johnson to a concussion and its second leading tackler, Brent Phelps, to a dislocated shoulder.

Not to worry. While Johnson and Phelps were standing on the sidelines in street clothes, their teammates were taking care of business on the field.

Pampa put together a balanced attack behind the quarterbacking of Justin Roark to send Hereford home with a 13-3 loss last Friday night. Roark and Erich Greer rushed for 67 and 60 yard yards, respectively, and starting linebacker Jared White, filling in for the injured Johnson, churned for 25 yards on eight carries. Roark was on target with four passes, including a 27-yard scoring pass to Joel Barker.

Those 13 points, all going up on the scoreboard in the first quarter, proved to be more than enough as Tyson Curtis and company shut down Hereford on



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just 78 total yards. Curtis, a 230-pound junior, played defensive tackle like a man possessed. He led Pampa's defensive charge that netted Hereford a minus six-yards rushing. Defensive end Brandon Hill, tackle Calvin Tucker, linebacker Kris Davis, safety Bryant Smith and White also seemed to be in two places at once all night long.

Cornerback Jarred Bowles put the exclamation point on Hereford's effort when he picked off a pass on the Whitefaces' final possession of the night.

Let's not forget Pampa's offensive linemen, many times the forgotten heroes. Center Jeremy Miller, guard Jess Baker, guard Kory Nickell, tackle Cody Sheppard and tackle Jeff Warren

laid out some pretty good blocks throughout the contest.

Following the game, Hereford coach Craig Yenzler may have said it best about Pampa's dominating performance: "They took it to us and we didn't respond."

It could be a sweet scenario this coming weekend if things go just right. Pampa is expected to defeat 1-7 Palo Duro and Hereford has the homefield advantage against district-leading Borger. Another Pampa win combined with a Borger loss would give the Harvesters the inside track on the district's No. 1 playoff seed at the big shootout (Pampa vs. Borger) Nov. 7. "If," however, can be the biggest word in Webster's Dictionary. Borger has won three of the last four outings and this year's clash will be on the Bulldogs' turf.

Flashback, 1980: Pampa shut out Caprock, 21-0, in high school football. Quarterback Sam Edwards completed 5 of 13 passes for 102 yards, including a 28-yard touchdown pass to Derek Bigham.

Huston rises to the occasion at Disney

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — John Huston certainly knows how to rise to the occasion.

Coming off his worst year on the PGA Tour, Huston decided to use his one-time exemption for being in the top 50 on the career money list early in the year. He won that outing in Hawaii, the fourth full-field tournament of the year, and went on to earn more than \$1 million in a season for the first time in his career.

Sunday, he pulled off yet another comeback.

Huston rallied from four strokes back at Disney's National Car Rental Classic, closing with a 6-under-par 66 for a one-shot victory over Davis Love III.

"As soon as I got out to the first tournament, I thought everything would take care of itself," Huston said. "I've not had any times where I was really struggling. It's definitely been my best year."

Huston played virtually mistake-free in the final round. He hit every green in regulation, played the par 5s in 3-under and clinched the victory with a 7-iron into 3 feet on the 16th hole of the Magnolia course.

He finished at 16-under 272, the highest winning score at the Disney Classic since Tim Simpson won with a 272 in 1989.

Love closed with a 71, while Brent Geiberger, had the best round of another breezy day, a 65, to finish alone in third. Tiger Woods shot a 70 and tied for seventh at 277, his seventh straight top-10 finish on tour.

Huston, so frustrated by nagging injuries and his poor play that he took the last four weeks off, is now 12th in Presidents Cup points and has a good shot at making the team next week in the Tour Championship.

"A lot of it is determination," Huston said. "You feel like you have to prove yourself again."

The final full-field event of the year was also one last chance for several players to avoid having to prove their worth at qualifying school. Only the top 125 on the money list keep their full-exempt cards, and Larry Rinker came up almost as big as Huston.

He shot a 68 to tie for 12th, the \$42,000 check moving him up from 135th to 120th.

"It was a big day for me, a day I needed to perform," Rinker said. "I was fortunate I did."

Blaine McCallister got the final spot with a 6-under 66 that was

good for a tie for 43rd and just enough money — \$4,204 — to finish at No. 125, just ahead of P.H. Horgan III.

Huston won for the fifth time on tour. Three of his wins came when he trailed going into the final round, and all of them came on the Bermuda grass greens typical of coastal terrain — four times in Florida and earlier this year in Hawaii, when he broke the PGA Tour scoring record in relation to par with a 28-under 260.

Huston knows Disney's Magnolia course like his backyard. He used to play the mini-tours in Florida for four years before he made it to the PGA Tour, and a lot of those tournaments were on Magnolia.

Still, local knowledge is no match for great iron play.

Over 72 holes, Huston missed only seven greens in regulation. Love could have used that kind of play in the final round.

"I didn't hit very good irons, and that was the difference," Love said. "I didn't give myself enough makeable birdie putts."

And he desperately needed those at the end.

Love started the final round with a three-stroke lead over Glen Day and Doug Martin, then birdied the first hole from 8 feet. But his round turned on the par-5 fourth hole, where his green-side bunker shot for eagle hit the lip. He followed that with a three-putt from 8 feet for bogey.

"That probably was a killer," Love said. "I probably could have handled No. 4 if I had come back and hit a decent shot somewhere. But it took me all the way to 10 to get another birdie."

He also made bogey on the other par 5 on the front side and was tied with Martin and Huston at the turn.

Martin eventually fell back, but Love matched birdies and pars with Huston — playing in the group ahead — until Love failed to get up-and-down from the rough on the par-3 15th.

Still, his booming drives on the 17th and 18th holes put an 8-iron and a 9-iron in his hands, but he failed to leave himself a good shot at birdie. The wind carried both shots just beyond the green into the fringe or first cut of rough.

"Anything I say is going to sound like sour grapes to John, but he played well," Love said. "I'm happy for him. When he started the year, to do what he did is quite an accomplishment."

Scelzi sets Top Fuel record

ENNIS, Texas (AP) — Gary Scelzi set the Top Fuel elapsed time record to win the Revell Nationals for his fifth win this year.

Scelzi earned \$104,000 for the win on Sunday to strengthen his NHRA Winston points lead over Cory McClenathan with two races remaining. For the fourth time this season Scelzi defeated Mike Dunn in the final.

Scelzi, who earned a \$50,000 MBNA bonus for setting the Top Fuel elapsed time record at 4.525 seconds to become the event's top qualifier, covered the Texas Motorplex quarter-mile in 4.653 seconds at 300.0 mph in the Team Winston dragster, while Dunn's

Team Mopar dragster lost traction and ran 8.582 at 84.53.

John Force won the Funny Car competition and Warren Johnson won the Pro Stock on Sunday.

Force increased his Winston points lead with a final round 4,860 at 320.17 in his Castrol GTX Ford Mustang, outrunning Dean Skuza, who posted a 4,915 at 311.95 in his Matco Tools Dodge Avenger.

Johnson claimed his ninth Pro Stock victory of the season, outrunning rival Jim Yates in the final. Johnson's GM Goodwrench Pontiac Firebird covered the distance in 6.950 at 199.82, while Yates' Pontiac slowed near mid-track and ran 7.961 at 128.36.

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Miami	5	2	0	.714	114	79	San Francisco	5	2	0	.714	164	146						
Buffalo	4	3	0	.571	158	138	Pittsburgh	4	2	0	.667	86	87						
New England	4	3	0	.571	170	122	Tennessee	3	4	0	.428	144	126						
N.Y. Jets	4	3	0	.571	166	122	Baltimore	2	5	0	.286	102	134						
Indianapolis	1	6	0	.143	112	193	Cincinnati	2	5	0	.286	127	186						
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Jacksonville	5	2	0	.714	164	146	Denver	7	0	0	1.000	240	133						
Pittsburgh	4	2	0	.667	86	87	Oakland	5	2	0	.714	115	127						
Tennessee	3	4	0	.428	144	126	Kansas City	4	2	0	.667	118	103						
Baltimore	2	5	0	.286	102	134	Seattle	4	3	0	.571	154	99						
Cincinnati	2	5	0	.286	127	186	San Diego	3	5	0	.375	103	139						
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Trial starts today in frozen body case

CARTHAGE, Texas (AP) — Nearly two years ago, 81-year-old millionaire Marjorie Nugent was shot in the back four times. Her body was wrapped in a white sheet and stuffed in a freezer among packages of frozen corn, pecans and meat.

Today, a male companion 42 years her junior — who has confessed to the crime — is set to go on trial.

The case has divided this East Texas town of about 6,500 people. Some still admire Bernhardt "Bernie" Tiede II, a former mortician who was active in the community. Others condemn him.

"This town is split up," district attorney Danny Buck Davidson told the Longview News-Journal. "People remember him as being real nice and doing nice things, and they'd like my office to go real easy on him. And then, there's a group that wants no mercy."

The 39-year-old Tiede is charged with murdering Mrs. Nugent and stealing more than \$200,000 from her.

He admitted the crime to police in August 1997, and has been in the Panola County Detention Center ever since, unable to raise \$2 million bail. If convicted, he faces up to 99 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Davidson told the newspaper he doubts he can find an impartial jury in Panola County because the case has garnered so much news coverage.

But these days, Tiede keeps a low profile as the cook for his fellow inmates. He spends the rest of his time in a cell separated from the rest of the prisoners, which he requested, Panola County Sheriff Jack Ellet said.

"I've always believed people who are locked up should work," Ellet said. "He gets up every morning about 5-

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After meeting at her husband's funeral in March 1990, the two began spending time together. In 1991, she changed her will to leave Tiede her fortune of about \$10 million.

By 1993, Tiede had left the funeral home to work full-time for Mrs. Nugent

as her business manager and travel companion. The next several years were a whirlwind of travel as the pair took cruises and exotic trips all over the world.

Tiede also began taking from the rich Mrs. Nugent to give to the Carthage poor. He started scholarships for students at Panola College, pledged money to the First United Methodist building campaign and did a fund-raising drive for the Boy Scouts.

He also gave large gifts to several men in town, and confiscated videotapes

show him engaging in homosexual acts. Despite his secret life, he continued to spend time with Mrs. Nugent — until Nov. 16, 1996.

The couple was preparing to leave the house for lunch that day when Tiede said he picked up a .22 rifle from the garage and shot her. According to his confession, he cleaned up the blood and stored her body in the freezer, using tape to seal the door.

Mrs. Nugent remained there for months while Tiede found excuses for absence for people who called or tried to visit.

Now, many of the couple's friends who stood steadfastly by Tiede are having a hard time defending him.

"People are still in a quandary," friend Liz Hegdes said. "People just don't understand. You get to a point where you try to put it out of your mind."

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Accidents often involve anti-anxiety drugs

LONDON (AP) — Drivers taking commonly prescribed anti-anxiety drugs such as Valium are more than twice as likely to be involved in traffic accidents as those not taking the drugs, a new study says.

The risk of accidents for people under the age of 45 is more than three times greater for those who take the drugs, according to the research, published in a recent edition of the British medical journal *The Lancet*.

"The current warnings are that if you feel drowsy, don't drive. That needs to be changed," said Dr. Tom MacDonald, a clinical pharmacologist from the University of Dundee in Scotland who led the study. "I would say: If you use these drugs, don't drive."

Thousands of lives could be saved worldwide every year, and hundreds of thousands of traffic accidents avoided, if people who use such drugs did not drive while on medication, the researchers said.

Tranquilizers such as Valium, generically known as diazepam, are commonly used to treat anxiety, other stress-related disorders and muscle spasms.

They are the most commonly prescribed tranquilizers, with 18 million prescriptions in Britain alone in 1997. Worldwide figures were not available.

Patients usually feel drowsy on these drugs in the first few days of taking them, but accidents occur at the same rate regardless of whether drowsiness occurs, MacDonald said.

A spokesman for Hoffman LaRoche, the Swiss maker of Valium,

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said his company's warning labels are very clear.

"Patients should be cautioned against engaging in hazardous occupations requiring complete mental alertness, such as operating machinery or driving a motor vehicle," spokesman Jeff Soper said, reading from a Valium label at the company's U.S. headquarters in Nutley, N.J.

He said he was not familiar with the *Lancet* study. However, "one would hope that patients would have an understanding of when they should be behind the wheel of a vehicle," Soper said.

Dr. Desmond O'Neill, a geriatrician at the Center for Mobility Enhancement at Adelaide and Meath Hospital in Dublin, Ireland, viewed the study's conclusions with caution.

"They've made us think hard, but it still isn't enough evidence to tell people not to drive," he said. "Is it the illness or the medication? If you're that agitated that you need the drug, maybe that's the problem."

In conducting the study, the researchers compared the records of all prescriptions dispensed in the Dundee area with the 19,386 traffic accidents the local police responded to between April 1992 and June 1995. A total of 1,731 people involved in those accidents were taking one of the drugs examined in the study.

Of the accidents involving those 1,731 people, four included fatalities. Of those, three drivers were taking anti-anxiety drugs on the day of the accident and the fourth driver had taken anti-anxiety drugs during the study period.

MacDonald said that extrapolating from those figures, he estimated that thousands of lives could be saved worldwide if drivers avoided the drugs.

The researchers, after determining when the patients began to take the drugs, were able to compare the patients' chances of having an accident before and after they started the prescriptions.

The researchers looked at four groups of medications. Besides anti-anxiety drugs taken during the daytime, they also examined antidepressants such as Prozac, and other drugs, including sleeping pills, that act on the brain.

Only the anti-anxiety drugs were associated with an increased risk of traffic accidents. Antidepressants showed no link and neither did the sleeping pills, except for one, zopiclone. The researchers were uncertain why, but speculated that perhaps its effects took longer to wear off.

Similar results have been found by U.S. researchers studying the link between anti-anxiety drugs and an increased risk of traffic accidents, but those studies addressed only drivers over the age of 65.

Doctor defections from HMOs growing as frustration mounts

NEW YORK (AP) — More and more doctors seem willing to strike out on their own these days, most of them full of complaints about HMO interference in their medical practices.

In what is believed to be the largest mass exodus from a single company, more than 400 doctors in Texas are calling it quits with Aetna-US Healthcare this month. But they're hardly alone.

Large groups of doctors in Colorado, Georgia and Florida have also defected from health plans in the past year, citing low pay and too many administrative hassles from health maintenance organizations.

"This clearly sends a message that physicians are not willing to be bullied around by the insurance company," said Dr. Evan Bates, an ear, nose and throat doctor and board member of Genesis Physicians Practice Association, the Dallas group which terminated its deal with Aetna Oct. 10.

"We are not willing to have the insurance company become a dictator of how care is delivered," he said Tuesday.

As a result, an estimated 30,000 patients must choose another Aetna doctor if they want to maintain insurance coverage.

Another big Texas medical group — the 150-physician Health Texas Network owned by Baylor University Health System — has told Aetna they intend to quit the plan Dec. 31.

Doctors say they hope by quitting an HMO they see as unresponsive will make life easier for them and their patients. "This is a last resort," said Dr. F. David Winter Jr., an internist with the Health Texas Network.

While the defections have made headlines and disrupted patients, they've yet to hamper the way

HMOs do business.

HMOs have found enough doctors to replace those that quit. And employers that hire the HMOs to cover their workers largely have not been deterred by physician complaints or their defections, health experts say.

"These defections do not provide a significant disruption to provide irreparable damage to the HMO," said Paul Shumway, a health care consultant with Towers Perrin in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

By quitting, and making their displeasure known publicly, doctors have been able to expand negative perception of the HMO industry, he said.

In the case of the Genesis medical group, the doctors said Aetna failed to give them patient claims information to help the group oversee its physicians. The group was paid a set fee by Aetna, so Genesis needed the information to learn which doctors were treating patients appropriately and which doctors might be overusing expensive tests or high priced drugs.

Aetna officials acknowledged some cultural clashes with doctors, but stressed they still have enough doctors to treat patients.

Last summer, doctors also clashed with Aetna in Florida, where the plan was accused of using a "gag clause" that forbade doctors from telling patients all of their treatment options. The doctors also were perturbed at a contract language that seemed to tell doctors to give their patient medical records to the health plan.

On Tuesday, Aetna said it had rewritten its standard doctor contracts in plain language to address past misunderstandings. Aetna said the new contracts include additional "anti-gag" language.

FDA advises more aspirin; orders pain-pill warning

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration is recommending expanded use of aspirin in dealing with heart attacks and stroke.

But it's also ordering that the nation's most popular pain killers — including Actron, Advil, Aleve, aspirin, Orudis KT and Tylenol — add label warnings that heavy drinkers should not use the products unless they check with their doctors first.

The agency announced recently it has approved new directions for doctors recommending the use of aspirin in treating acute heart attacks and some types of stroke, and it added women to the current recommendations for use of aspirin.

"There is clear and conclusive evidence of the benefits of aspirin," American Heart Association vice president Dr. Rodman Starke said in welcoming the recommendations, which take effect in a year.

"This new professional labeling will help save thousands of lives and provide substantial health benefits to millions of people impacted by heart attack or stroke," added Dr. Randy Kelso of the Bayer Corp.

The change involves professional labeling for aspirin, which does not appear on the product but is directed to physicians, designed to recommend how to prescribe the product for use.

The new materials for physicians, the FDA said, recommend use of aspirin in both men and women to treat the type of ministroke called a transient ischemic attack, ischemic stroke, the chest pain known as angina, acute heart

attacks, repeated heart attacks and inflammatory diseases such as arthritis.

Aspirin already is used widely in treating heart and other problems but is not used in all heart attack cases.

The Heart Association noted it recommends that people who may be having a heart attack take an aspirin tablet in addition to seeking immediate medical assistance. After a heart attack, aspirin is often used for 30 days and many heart attack victims use it daily to prevent repeat attacks.

Neither the FDA nor the American Heart Association, however, recommends daily aspirin use by healthy people to ward off a first heart attack.

In a separate announcement, FDA said it will require within six months new labels on several over-the-counter pain killers to warn that use of the products by heavy drinkers of alcohol could lead to liver damage and stomach bleeding.

It requires labels to warn against mixing alcohol and aspirin; acetaminophen, sold under the brand name Tylenol and other names; ibuprofen, the active ingredient in Advil, Motrin, Nuprin and other brands; naproxen sodium, the active ingredient in Aleve; and ketoprofen, the active ingredient in Orudis KT and Actron.

Dr. Thomas E. Bryant, president of the Aspirin Foundation of America, complained that warning labels are being required despite lack of "enough evidence to show that aspirin significantly increases the risk of gastrointestinal bleeding in heavy users of

alcohol."

Some products, such as Tylenol, have already added alcohol warnings to their labels, and those will have to be changed to comply with the new rule. The danger made headlines in 1994, when a Virginia man won an \$8 million lawsuit claiming he needed a liver transplant after mixing Tylenol with his usual wine with dinner.

The new labels will urge people who drink three or more alcoholic beverages a day to consult their doctor before taking the most popular pain relievers.

"Consumers need to know that chronic use of alcohol while taking pain relievers or fever reducers can be hazardous to their health. FDA urges people with a history of alcohol use to seek a doctor's advice about their risk of side effects before taking these medications," said Acting FDA Commissioner Michael Friedman.

The new warnings all begin:

"Alcohol Warning: If you consume three or more alcoholic drinks every day, ask your doctor whether you should take (name of ingredient) or other pain relievers/fever reducers."

This is then followed by the additional warning:

"Acetaminophen may cause liver damage."

"Aspirin, carbaspirin calcium, choline salicylate, ibuprofen, ketoprofen, magnesium salicylate, naproxen sodium or sodium salicylate "may cause stomach bleeding."

"Combinations of acetaminophen and other ingredients "may cause liver damage and stomach bleeding."

Supplements may offer alternatives in heart disease war

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Americans hoping to mimic French successes against heart disease without all that red wine may benefit from supplements containing artery-protecting flavonoids, a researcher said Tuesday.

The findings mean pregnant women, recovering alcoholics and others who must avoid alcohol can still reap the benefits of red wine without drinking.

"We know alcohol is not the critical requirement," said John Folts, a University of Wisconsin heart specialist who presented his research Tuesday at the American Dietetic Association's annual meeting.

"We're looking at the other things to provide the necessary anti-platelet, antioxidant properties that you get with red wine."

Red wine's role in warding off heart trouble was made famous by research showing that the French, with red wine as a staple, have lower rates of heart disease despite their penchant for high-fat food.

Red wine is a source of flavonoids — vitamin-like compounds naturally found in fruits, vegetables and green or black tea that help prevent damage to blood vessels.

"The problem with red wine, which I enjoy, is that there's many people who cannot and should not drink alcoholic beverages," Folts said.

Folts, whose 1973 research led to therapy using aspirin to prevent heart attacks, studied the affect of ProVex CV on 14 people who took the supplement over seven days.

The supplement contains extracts made of grape seeds, grape skins, Ginkgo biloba, bilberries and a specific flavonoid called quercetin.

Folts found the test subjects showed "significant and encouraging" reductions in the activity of platelets, the small cells which enable blood to clot.

Because many consumers don't eat enough fruits and vegetables, they likely will miss the benefits of flavonoids without outside help, such as red wine.

"People should consume five to seven servings of fruits and vegetables every day," Folts said. "For those who cannot and will not do this, a flavonoid supplement ... may be useful."

ProVex CV was one of four flavonoid supplements examined by Folts but was the only one to show significant benefit. Larger studies are being planned.



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