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Lefors Class of '50 reunion Oct. 13, 14
LEFORS Lefors High School Class of 1950 will hold its 50th anniversary class reunion Oct. 13 and 14. Current addresses for the following class members are sought: Ruth Ann Bogard, Joy Jean Hunnicutt, Oneta Laurence, Ann Phillips, Vivian Turner and Frances Lorrain. To notify the reunion committee of the whereabouts of these classmates, contact Wanda Carter, (806) 665-1760, or Barbara Lemke, (806) 883-8461.

Winning ticket sold in Nash
One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Texas game state lottery, officials said.
The ticket was worth an estimated \$10 million.
The ticket was sold in Nash.
The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were 8-16-21-29-37-41.
Wednesday night's draw will be worth an estimated \$4 million.
*** Carolyn Teague Hudson, 60, Houston resident.**

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Effort starts to build prison chapel

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer
There's been no rest for Reed Kirkpatrick since his retirement as head of the city's park department several months ago.
He recently returned from Central America where he and a group of men from First Baptist Church here helped build a school in a remote Honduran mountain village.
Now Kirkpatrick is turning his energies toward another service project — much closer to home this time. He's heading a grass roots effort to build a chapel at the Jordan Prison Unit, east of Pampa.
Kirkpatrick explained he was asked by Chaplain David Schlewitz, M.Div. to organize a committee of community volunteers interested in building a prison

The two men visualize a building that can house two-to-four meetings at one time, with a library, counseling area, conference room and offices for the chaplain and clerical staff.
chapel. He had gotten to know Rev. Schlewitz through his volunteer work in the inmate mentoring program, he explained.
The two men visualize a building that can house two-to-four meetings at one time, with a library, counseling area, conference room and offices for the chaplain and clerical staff.
The actual site for the building would be determined by the prison unit's administrative staff and Texas Department of Criminal Justice officials, they said.

explained.
Faith-based programming provides prisoners with life skills education that supplements various religious services with one-on-one mentoring programs, parenting courses, and marriage seminars.
"Some people think we're being goody-goody two-shoes doing this; that we molly coddle prisons," Schlewitz said. "But I say look at the costs."
Studies show faith-based programming reduces the number of released prisoners who return to prison and thus lessens the cost of incarceration for taxpayers, he explained.
"Even if one out of 1,000 prisoners doesn't come back, the numbers start to add up," the chaplain said. "It's a good investment for Pampa and for the state."
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Yum, Yum ...



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)
Pampa Middle School (PMS) student Kirby Broaddus accepts a cup of Blue Bell ice cream from company representative, Jay Cook. Blue Bell Creameries honored Margaret Williams, PMS science instructor, as a Teacher of the Year finalist by treating the entire student body and staff to ice cream Friday afternoon.

Ice cream for everyone! Top-notch teacher honored

Rewards for effort come in many forms.
Teacher of the Year Regional Finalist Margaret Williams, eighth grade science teacher, as well as the students and other staff at Pampa Middle School, received a sweet reward when Blue Bell Creameries honored her by treating everyone with ice cream.
Cups of ice cream were distributed to everyone from a Blue Bell truck that pulled up outside the middle school Friday afternoon. In addition, the company presented Williams with a cooler full of her favorite Blue Bell flavor, Cookies 'n Cream, and a congratulatory letter from Howard Kruse, president of the company.
"At Blue Bell, we believe there is no finer work you can do in this world than be a teacher," Kruse said. "The finalists for Texas Teacher of the Year are among the most outstanding members of their profession. We are very pleased to have the opportunity to honor Ms. Williams for her wonderful work."
"We wanted to recognize not only Ms. Williams, but the entire student body and staff at Pampa Middle School," he added. "Part of our purpose is to remind all the students how fortunate they are to have Ms. Williams and their other dedicated teachers with them every day."
Winner of the statewide competition will be announced on Oct. 10 in Austin. The winner will represent Texas in the National Teacher of the Year competition.

Tuesday last day to register to vote before Nov. 7 election

Tuesday, Oct. 10, will be the last day for prospective voters to register to be qualified to vote in the Nov. 7 election. Registration is in the Tax Assessor/Collector office on the first floor of the courthouse.
Contested races on the Nov. 7 ballot include presidential, congressional and the local district attorney races. Early voting begins Oct. 23 and ends Nov. 3. Hours will be 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. The election will be conducted in the Gray County Courtroom on the second floor of the courthouse.
The Gray County Clerk's Office is accepting applications for ballots by mail through Oct. 31 for the Nov. 7 election.

AQHA embryo transfer case in court

By PAM EASTON
Associated Press Writer
AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — A horse is a horse — unless, of course, it wants to be registered with the American Quarter Horse Association.
Only one foal per mare can be registered each year, according to an AQHA rule that has miffed a handful of quarter horse breeders and has been impacted by a reproductive procedure called embryo transfer. The breeders are taking the matter to court, where an Amarillo judge is scheduled to consider arguments from both sides on Monday.
Stephenville breeder Kay Floyd couldn't convince the AQHA to change its rule, so she and two other breeders sued in June claiming that the association is violating antitrust laws and is keeping its members from participating in a competitive market by limiting their output.
The group seeks more than \$650,000 for the decreased value of several horses not allowed to be registered. Some were conceived through the embryo transfer procedure, where an embryo produced by one mare is placed inside a surrogate mare, which then produces a foal.
Floyd also wants to be able to maximize the use of her stud, Freckles Playboy, whose stud fee (See AQHA, Page 2)

Judge awards PEDC judgment in U.S. Bus suit

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer
"We're looking forward to trying to collect as much as possible."
— Susan Triplehorn
PEDC executive director
Judge Lee Waters has awarded Pampa Economic Development Corporation (PEDC) a judgment of almost \$900,000 plus interest and court costs in its petition against the guarantors for U.S. Bus Manufacturing Inc. of Texas in 223rd District Court here.
The original petition was filed Aug. 20, 1999 against Irvin Kushner of Chestnut Ridge, New York and Bruce Kushner of Sufferin, New York. The two men were guarantors of U.S. Bus Manufacturing Inc. of Texas, a school bus manufacturing business brought to Pampa through the efforts of the PEDC.
At the same time, Judge Waters denied a motion for a new trial in connection with the award, but granted a new trial to the Kushners regarding \$12,000 in legal fees incurred in the course of the case.
Susan Triplehorn, PEDC executive director, said the PEDC received signed copies of the final summary judgment on Friday.
"We were happy to learn the judge had ruled in our favor," she said. However, she said the PEDC had given up the \$12,000 also awarded to it in an earlier summary judgment issued by Judge Waters last July.
In his judgment, the district judge ruled that the PEDC was entitled to \$859,107.16, plus postjudgment interest of 18 percent per (See PEDC, Page 2)

Saddle up! Fall Trail Ride Oct. 21

Saddle up for the free Fall Trail Ride on Oct. 21, in the Lake Meredith National Recreation Area.
The ride will get under way at 10 a.m. and, in case of rain, it will be held the following day at the same time. Riders must bring a current Coggins test certificate in order to participate.
Participants should meet at the hitching racks in the Lower Plum Creek campground and picnic area. The four-hour ride will circle the Plum Creek area. Riders should pack a lunch and bring plenty of water.
Due to steep and rocky terrain, this trail ride is not suitable for beginning riders. Riders should have trail riding experience.
Lake Meredith National Recreation Area is a fine place for horseback riding and other activities beyond boating, fishing and camping. Offering a trail ride in the Plum Creek area lets visitors know not only that the area is open for horseback riding, but also that Lake Meredith has hidden recreational treasures for virtually all outdoor enthusiasts.
For more information and directions to Plum Creek, contact Diane VanLatenhove at Lake Meredith NRA, 806-857-0311.

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Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

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 669-3988.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER
Tralee Crisis Center will offer Volunteer Training for people interested in working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crime victims. For more information, call 669-1131 or 1-800-658-2796.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD
Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is changing its hours. It is now open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #175-A, in Pampa. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR
Lovett Memorial Library will sponsor a pre-school story hour at 10 a.m. every Tuesday this fall beginning Sept. 5. The free program is open to children 18 months to 5 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

THE SALVATION ARMY
The Salvation Army, 701 S. Cuyler, will be accepting Christmas applications from 9 a.m.-12 noon and from 1-3 p.m., Oct. 9-13. Applications must include: Picture ID; birth certificates for each child in the household; Social Security cards for each individual in the household; and proof of income (pay check stub, award letters) and expense. For more information, call 665-7233.

AQUATIC AND WILDLIFE MUSEUM
The Fritch Aquatic and Wildlife Museum will hold three special archeology programs daily for children in kindergarten through fifth grades Oct. 16-20. The programs will be approximately 45 minutes to an hour-long and are tentatively set for 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. For more information or to schedule a program, call Neva Burris at (806) 857-2458.

PAMPA BOOK CLUB
Pampa Book Club will meet at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 11 at Lovett Memorial Library. Visitors are welcome.

MIP CLASSES
Clarendon College will offer Minor in Possession classes from 7:30-10:30 p.m., Oct. 9-10, Nov. 13-14 and Dec. 11-12 in Clarendon, and Oct. 16-17 and Nov. 20-21 in Pampa. For more information, call Eddie Hankins, (806) 874-5074.

HOSPICE OPEN HOUSE
BSA Hospice Open House will be from 1-3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 8 at BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner. The open house is in celebration of the 20th anniversary of BSA Hospice. Participants must RSVP by Sept. 29 by calling 665-6677.

PLC FIESTA
Pampa Learning Center will hold a "Fiesta Open House" Wednesday, Oct. 11. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the learning center located at 212 W. Cook.

BSA FALL VOLUNTEER TRAINING
BSA Hospice Pampa will present its Fall Volunteer Training and Community Education Class from 6-9 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, Sept. 11-Oct. 12, at Clarendon College, 1601 W. Kentucky. This comprehensive class is designed for adults who are interest-

ed in becoming a hospice volunteer, want to learn more about hospice care or desire personal growth and enrichment. This program is offered free of charge to the Pampa, Borger and surrounding communities and continuing education unit's will be awarded by CC. For more information or to pre-register, call Janet McCracken, volunteer coordinator, BSA Hospice Pampa, at (806) 665-6677.

SPCC
Samaritan Pastoral Counseling Center has announced an upcoming lecture with Neil Sperry, author and radio show host, at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 19 at Texas Tech Pharmacy School Auditorium in Amarillo and Friday, Oct. 20 at First Christian Church, Snodgrass Hall, Amarillo. A buffet and book-signing are scheduled from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Lecture tickets are \$5 per person at the door. Tickets to the book-signing and buffet are \$25 per person. For more information, call 353-1668.

FPC EXTENDED EDUCATION CLASSES
Frank Phillips College in Borger will offer several Extended Education Classes this fall. Classes will include: Beginning Conversational Spanish; PC-EZ class; Concealed Handgun Course; Ingles Como Segundo Language; Intermediate Conversational Spanish; Web Design; Finding Your Way Through the Internet; Beginning Watercolors; Quilting class; Investing for Your Future; Nurse Aid for Health Care Organizations I; and Marriage and Couples Education satellite conference. For more information, call (806) 274-5311, (806) 274-5312 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 777.

SCIENCE SPECTRUM
Science Spectrum, a non-profit museum for science education in Lubbock, is currently offering two educational films in its Omnimax Theatre — "Michael Jordan to the Max" featuring Michael Jordan and "Mysteries of Egypt" with actors Omar Sharif and Kate Maberly. In addition, the interactive traveling exhibit "Whodunit? The Science of Solving Crime" is currently at the museum. For more information, call (806) 745-2525.

PATHWAYS
The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will offer "Pathways," a four-part support series for those who have lost a loved one, from 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesdays throughout the month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4:30 p.m., Oct. 4 and 18, Pampa Family Clinic, 700 W. Kentucky.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER
The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following breast cancer screening clinics: Oct. 9, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, and Sept. 5, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, Pampa; Sept. 6, 20, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; Sept. 19 United Methodist church, Miami; and Sept. 14, Wesley Community Center, 1615 S. Roberts, Amarillo. Participants will

receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING
Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle is seeking volunteers to serve as advocates for nursing home residents as part of its Ombudsmen program. The Ombudsmen will visit residents of long-term care facilities and help resolve complaints involving residents rights, quality of life and quality of care. Once accepted into the program, volunteers complete a three month internship including intensive training and supervision in preparation. Ideal candidates will have strong sense of fair play, excellent problem-solving skills, good relationships with older people and the ability to devote two hours a week to the residents served by the Ombudsman program. For more information, contact Jeff Price, regional Ombudsman, or Shirley Sheldon, Ombudsman Program Aide, at 1-

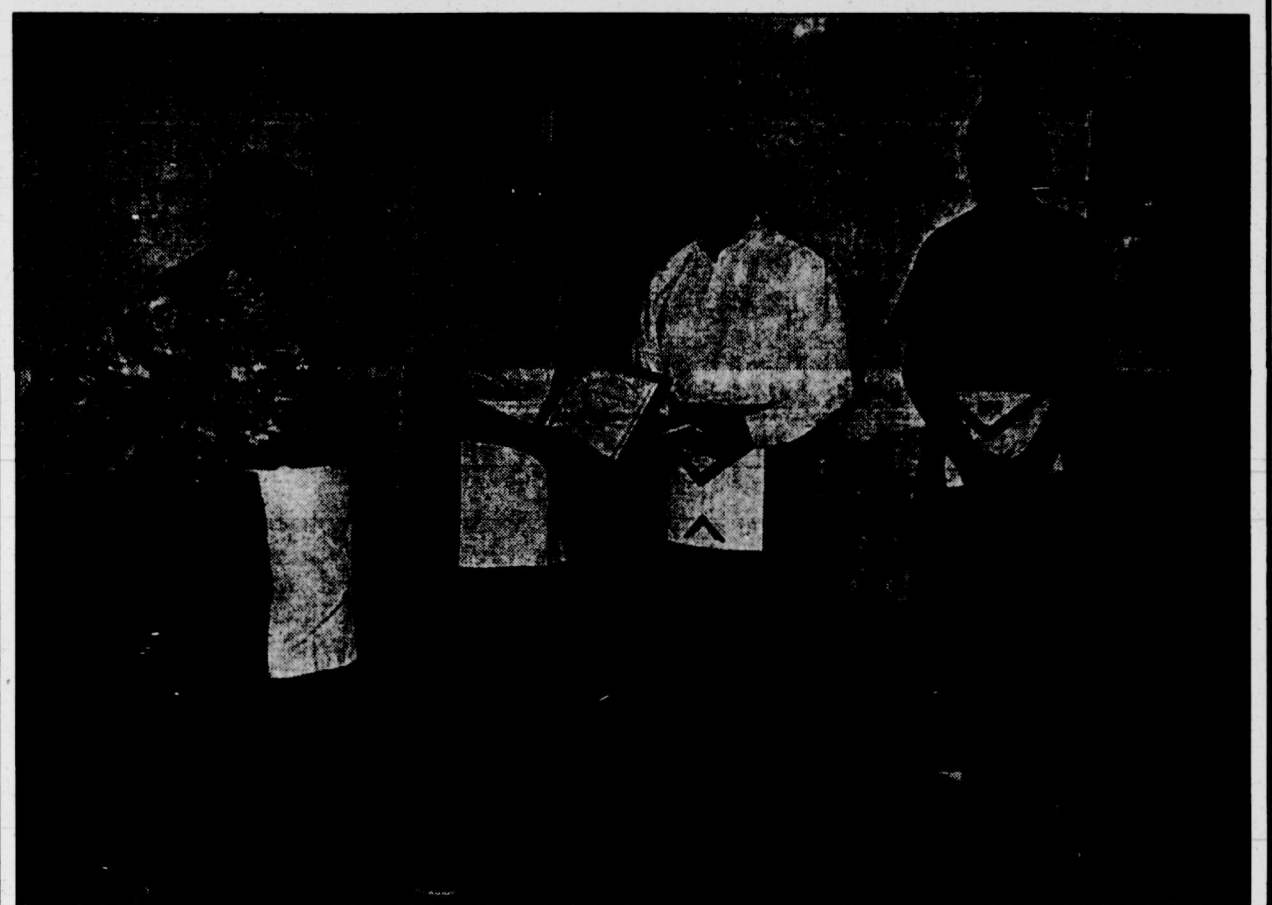
800-642-6008; or write P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX, 79105.

DUKE TIP PROGRAM
Duke University is currently conducting its 21st annual Talent Identification Program. The program is open to seventh graders scoring in the upper 5 percent on sections of a nationally normed achievement test. The deadline to apply is Nov. 1, 2000. For more information, call (919) 681-6980.

SCHOOL TO CAREER PROGRAM
Texas AFL-CIO has announced the "School to Careers" project for high school students interested in union apprenticeship programs. To learn more about the benefits of union-sponsored apprenticeship training programs, contact the local Texas Workforce Commission or call (512) 470-0918.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING
National Institute on Aging and National Institutes of Health recently published a 36-page booklet "Who? What? When? Resources for Women's Health and Aging" to help women as they age. To order a free copy, contact the National Institute on Aging Information Center at 1-800-222-2225.

Masonic 50-year award



(Community Camera photo)

E.B. Saxon of Skellytown recently received his 50-year certificate from the Masonic Lodge. Above: (left-right) Bill Horst, former secretary of Lefors Masonic Lodge #1391, Saxon, Curtis Broaddus, Worshipful Master, Pampa Lodge #966, and Paul Appleton, secretary of #966.

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HEMPHILL (ALLISON PARKS Upper Morrow Amoco Production Co., #3011 George, 660' from North & 1590' from East line, Sec. 11,M-1,H&GN, PD 14800'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & ALLISON PARKS Upper Morrow) Devon Energy Production Co., #3 Bowers '257', 2520' from South & 680' from East line, Sec. 257,C-1,G&M, PD 14600'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & ALLISON PARKS Upper

Morrow) Devon Energy Production Co., #3 Kiker '15', 2107' from South & 1364' from West line, Sec. 15,Z-1, J. Poitevent, PD 15900'.
HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Douglas) Amoco Production Co., #242 Yarnold, 2173' from South & West line, Sec. 42,41,H&TC, PD 8200'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL East Upper Morrow) EnerVest Operating, L.L.C., #7045 George 'A', 660' from South & 220' from West line, Sec. 45,1,I&GN, PD 13500'.
Applications to Plug-Back
WHEELER (WILDCAT) Halex Oil Corp., #2014 Britt, 1320' from South & West line, Sec. 14,A-3,H&GN, PD 11150'.
Amended Intentions to Drill
WHEELER (WILDCAT) Amoco Production Co., #104 Britt Ranch, 2650' from North &

660' from West line, Sec. 4,1,B&B, PD 16500'. Amended to change well location

Gas Well Completions
HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Douglas) Courson Oil & Gas, Inc., #2-14 Flowers, Sec. 14,41,H&TC, spud 7-8-00, drlg. compl 7-26-00, tested 9-1-00, TD 8209', PBD 8164' —

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Prize Operating Co., #403 Petree, Sec. 3,1,I&GN, spud 6-17-00, drlg. compl 7-13-00, tested 9-7-00, potential 21100 MCF, TD 11210', PBD 11121' —

HEMPHILL (NORTH HOWE RANCH Upper Morrow) Phillips Petroleum Co., #6 McQuiddy 'H', Sec. 6,1,G&M, spud 6-14-00, drlg. compl 7-20-00, tested 8-15-00, potential 13000 MCF, TD 12662', PBD 12175' —

Dobson offering PRIDE scholarships

OKLAHOMA CITY — Dobson Cellular Systems, an affiliate of Communications Corp., recently launched its biannual Dobson PRIDE (Promoting Individual Development and Education) Scholarship Program for college students.

Dobson will award 50 \$1,000 scholarships to full-time college students who have at least a 3.25 GPA and who live in a household for which Dobson or any Dobson-owned company currently provides services. Applications are now available and will be accepted through Oct. 31.

Founded by Dobson CEO and Chairman Everett R. Dobson in 1996, PRIDE recognizes educational excellence and assists in furthering higher education through scholarships awarded to college students in the fall and to high school seniors in the spring of each year. Since its inception, Dobson has awarded PRIDE scholarships to more than 250 students, with this year's total doubling the number awarded in previous years. Last April, 22 scholarships were awarded to high school seniors nationwide.

Applications may be obtained at Dobson Cellular retail or via the Internet at www.dobson.net.

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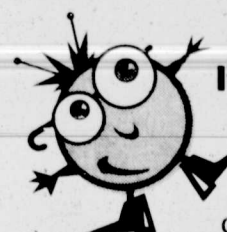
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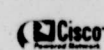
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Man going 'home' in exchange for pinpointing locations of bodies

BANGOR, Maine (AP) — Texas inmate James Rodney Hicks, who has now confessed to killing three Maine women, was on his way back to Maine late Sunday as part of a deal that would let him serve his time in a prison setting closer to his home.

Hicks and the three state police detectives who traveled to Lubbock, Texas, to escort him landed in New Hampshire at Manchester Airport on Sunday night and headed back to Maine by car. They were expected to arrive at the Penobscot County Jail early Monday morning, said Stephen McCausland, spokesman for the Maine Department of Public Safety.

Hicks has told authorities in

Texas that he would tell police how the Maine women died and where their bodies are if he could serve his prison time in Maine, where he was born and grew up, and where his relatives live.

A little over a week ago, the 48-year-old Hicks pleaded guilty to aggravated assault for holding a gun to a woman's head in April in a small town outside Lubbock, Texas, making her write a check for \$1,250, sign over the title to her car and then write a suicide note.

Hicks planned to drug and drown the elderly woman and make it look like a suicide, but she escaped. Now, Hicks is facing a 55-year sentence for aggra-

vated robbery in Texas.

Hicks is due in court Tuesday to be charged with the murder of Lynn Willette, who lived and worked with Hicks before she disappeared in 1996.

Authorities anticipate that Hicks will also eventually be charged with killing Jerilynn Towers, who disappeared after meeting Hicks in a Newport bar 18 years ago.

Hicks already served six years in Maine for killing his first wife, Jennie Hicks, who disappeared in Carmel in 1977. He was charged with the equivalent of manslaughter for her death. He maintained his innocence, in part because his wife's body was never found.

Mormon church leader praises church growth

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Mormon church president Gordon B. Hinckley praised the faith's exponential growth Sunday, announcing that the church had passed the 11-million member mark.

But he also alluded to the conflict that comes from such growth, especially in Salt Lake City, where residents have protested the church's new park on what used to be a block of Main Street.

The two-acre plaza opened Saturday with little fanfare from the church and with protests from environmentalists, gay residents and animal-rights activists.

The park been at the center of debate since the city sold the stretch of road to the church for \$8.1 million in 1998. Since the property is now church-owned, church officials have said they won't allow "offensive, indecent, obscene, vulgar, lewd or disorderly speech, dress or conduct" or smoking, sunbathing or loud stereos, and proselytizing will be allowed only by Mormons.

The American Civil Liberties Union has sued, claiming the restrictions placed on the area violate the public's free-speech rights.

On Sunday, at the church's 170th Semi-Annual General Conference, Hinckley mentioned the park for the first time since it opened.

"May the desire of the people of thy church to improve and beautify this area be appreciated by all who pass this way," he said.

Hinckley, who is considered a living prophet by members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, also asked that the church be "hospitable and gracious" to residents and visitors.

"May we maintain the standards and practices for which we are known and accord to others the privilege of worshipping who, where, or what they may," he said.

To that end, church security officers remained hands-off this weekend, allowing protesters to smoke, hand out leaflets and engage in other acts that might later be considered "offensive behavior" banned by the plaza's written rules.

"We're going to continue to use public property

as proud citizens of Salt Lake City," Jana Dickson said after kissing her girlfriend, Gena Edvalson.

"We pay taxes."

Starting Monday, said church spokeswoman Kim Farah, the church rules will apply.

Hinckley devoted much of his talk to the church's recent accomplishments, including changing Ricks College in Idaho from a two-year to a four-year institution that will be called Brigham Young University-Idaho, and dedicating the church's 100th temple, in Boston.

The 90-year-old church leader recalled Salt Lake City's centennial celebration in 1947, when the church had 1 million members, half of them living in Utah.

"To think that today we have a membership of 11 million is a tremendous and wonderful thing that brings with it the promise of the future," Hinckley told Sunday's audience of 30,700.

Other church leaders reminded attendees of the importance of keeping the Sabbath, repentance and missionary work, which brought in 300,000 new converts last year, and warned young people against body piercing, pornography, premarital sex and same-sex relationships.

On Friday, Mormon parents of gay children demanded that church leaders stop distributing decades-old pamphlets they say condemn their offspring as "latter-day lepers."

"We feel and understand why some feel we reject them. That is not true," said Elder Boyd K. Packer, acting president of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, the ruling body of the church. He said the church only rejects "immoral behavior," and even those who feel "trapped" on a certain path can resist temptation or repent and change.

"We did not make the rules; they were revealed as commandments," he said. "We did not cause nor can we prevent the consequences if you disobey moral laws."

On the Web: <http://www.lds.org>

It's big bucks for ads on new 'Survivor'

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Corporations that want to be part of the next edition of CBS-TV's smash television hit "Survivor" are paying big money for the privilege.

According to a report in Monday's USA Today, Visa, General Motors and Anheuser-Busch are each paying about \$12 million for their advertisements on the show.

The price works out to more than \$450,000 for a 30-second ad — comparable to the rate for such lucrative series as "Friends" and

"Monday Night Football."

CBS is looking to sell eight or nine total sponsorships and the newspaper says the openings could spark a bidding war.

"Survivor: The Australian Outback" is scheduled to premier after the Super Bowl on Jan. 28.

The network plans to use spots before and during the game to promote the first episode.

"For the first time, there may be as much hype for the show after the Super Bowl as the Super Bowl itself," said Joe Abruzzese, the network's president of ad sales.

New assaults; focus shifting toward debate

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — With attention already shifting to the next presidential debate, Al Gore unveiled a new assault against George W. Bush, whose campaign aides said the Democratic nominee "consistently and repeatedly" makes up things while campaigning.

Both candidates were easing their campaign schedules Monday for debate preparation — Republican Bush at his Texas ranch and Gore in Florida — with few public events before Wednesday night's confrontation.

There was no such halt in harsh exchanges between strategists. Gore stepped up his assault on Bush, dispatching running mate Joseph Lieberman to Texas for a "failed leadership tour" later this week bashing Bush's record as governor.

That's part of a coordinated assault, in which surrogates will be sent to battleground states sounding the same theme. Democratic National Committee officials said they also will step up advertising criticizing Bush on environmental, health and gun-control issues, where they see him as vulnerable.

In addition, Democrats are launching a new assault on Bush's sometimes-jumbled campaign rhetoric by issuing daily "Bush bloopers."

Campaign officials said a portion of the campaign's Web site will be devoted to attacking Bush for those flubs, and the DNC will launch a "Bush light" campaign designed to raise questions about his intellectual capacity.

Lieberman will be sent to Texas after Wednesday's debate in Winston-Salem, N.C., second in a series of three presidential face-offs.

Bush and his aides have made much of what they see as Gore's tendency to exaggerate on his accomplishments, which they argue raise questions about his credibility. The new Gore offensive is designed to blunt Bush's attack.

"The vice president has consistently and repeatedly made up things, exaggerated, embellished facts," Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes said on "Fox News Sunday."

Gore campaign spokesman Chris Lehane denied that the vice president was turning the race negative with his new assault.

"We have always said we're going to have a compare and contrast on the public policy issues," Lehane said. He said the timing was designed to sharpen differences between Gore and Bush in the campaign's final month, when many voters tune in for the first time.

"It's been our assumption that this will be a time period when people are paying particularly close attention to the race, and someone's record as governor is a great indicator of what type of choices they would make as president," Lehane said.

He said health, environmental and gun-control issues were picked because Bush is vulnerable. The gun issue centers on a Texas law granting permits for concealed weapons and revelations last week that hundreds of convicted criminals and people with mental problems were able to obtain those permits.

Democrats argue that Republican charges about exaggeration come because he offers few new ideas.

"What you have ... is a Republican campaign that is out of gas and out of ideas," said Gore adviser Paul Begala.

The Bush campaign rejected the Democrats' approach.

"I think this is a hastily arranged strategy as a transparent effort to shift the focus away from the sustained criticism of Al Gore's pattern of making up facts," said Bush spokesman Dan Bartlett.

A new USA Today-CNN-Gallup tracking poll published Monday had good news for the Bush camp. The telephone survey conducted Thursday through Saturday found the Texas governor moving ahead of Gore, 49 percent to 41 percent; Gore had led by as much as 11 percentage points last week. The new poll surveyed 769 likely voters and had a reported margin of error of 4 percentage points, plus or minus.

Lieberman, meanwhile, urged a focus on issues. "This nonsense is not what the campaign ought to be all about," the Democratic vice presidential candidate said.

Bush and Gore were leaving the field to their strategists and aides, but Gore said he wanted to focus attention on education before and during the debate. The nominees planned to spend Monday huddled with advisers for briefings and rehearsals.

On Tuesday, Bush heads to Gore's home state of Tennessee, where the race is surprisingly close. Gore plans to tout his education plans that day in Florida, another unexpectedly competitive state.



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Study questions survival benefit of mammography

Mature approach can lead to longer athletic life

HOUSTON — Older athletes have been grabbing headlines lately. Although in her mid-30s, Cynthia Cooper led the Houston Comets to three straight WNBA championships and won three league scoring titles. Tennis star Martina Navratilova returned to Wimbledon in her early 40s.

Dr. Joe Chorley, a sports medicine specialist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, said it's not surprising to see older athletes holding their own against the younger generation.

"As opposed to the early '70s and '80s, elite athletes are better conditioned," Chorley said. "When they're not playing a sport, they're either cross training, strength training or doing some type of aerobic activity."

Chorley said recreational athletes who want to compete longer could learn from the "old" pros. He recommends the following:

—Eat properly. Athletes should pay attention to proper nutrition and drink liquids to replace glycogen stores after exercise.

—Avoid the "weekend warrior" mentality. Athletes should pursue a daily fitness regimen, rather than squeezing a week's worth of exercise into two days.

—Do strength training. An active weight lifting routine will make athletes stronger and, in most cases, improve their athletic performance.

—Listen to the body. If an injury occurs, allow the body to heal. While resting the injured body part, cross train to maintain fitness. Remember, misuse is worse than disuse.

—Pick a sport you enjoy. Perhaps the primary reason older athletes last so long is they enjoy what they do. It drives them to work hard and, over the course of time, keeps them motivated.

"You're seeing more elite athletes having longer careers," Chorley said. Recreational athletes can do the same if they take care of their bodies and follow some sound advice."

Hamstring, injuries tie up athletes

HOUSTON — Hamstring injuries are something that even the world's fastest men can't outrun.

American sprinter Michael Johnson found out firsthand at the recent U.S. Olympic Trials when he came up lame in the 200-meter finals, failing to qualify in that race for the Summer Olympic Games in Australia.

Baylor College of Medicine in Houston is a private, independent, nonsectarian, nonprofit institution.

Dr. Charles Kevorkian, a specialist in physical medicine and rehabilitation at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, said that athletes with hamstring injuries should take it easy.

"The best thing you can do is rest and do a gentle stretch," Kevorkian said. "If the injury doesn't improve or there is considerable pain, see a doctor."

Kevorkian said hamstring injuries, which are common among runners and soccer players, might be avoided by doing exercises to increase strength and flexibility.

As a basic strengthening exercise for the recreational athlete, he recommends that you put on ankle weights, get on your stomach and bend the leg at the knees pressing against the hamstring.

"The exercise is relatively easy to do, and it doesn't require a great deal of weight," Kevorkian said.

Kevorkian also recommends a regular stretching program.

Are fitness videos worth watching?

HOUSTON — Celebrity fitness videos might be hot sellers, but are these celebrities really experts in fitness?

"Many of these videos are just slick productions that don't teach people how to exercise appropriately and safely," said Dr. John Cianca, an assistant professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Cianca believes you can get much more value for your dollar by spending time with a personal trainer. He or she can develop a home exercise program that will be more effective than watching celebrities strut their stuff on tape.

By PAUL RECER
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A competent physical exam for women over the age of 50 may be as effective in reducing the risk of breast cancer death as an annual screening that includes a mammogram, a new study suggests.

The study, published in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, suggests that women who are unable or unwilling to get mammograms can protect themselves equally well from breast cancer death by getting thorough annual physical breast examinations, said Dr. Cornelia J. Baines of the University of Toronto.

Some cancer experts disputed the results of the study, saying that worldwide research has

The National Cancer Institute recommends that women over 40 get a mammogram exam "every one to two years," said Dr. Daniel C. Sullivan, head of the biomedical imaging program at the institute.

shown that regular mammograms, as recommended by many U.S. health organizations, are an essential part of breast cancer survival.

Baines said she is not suggesting women should stop mammograms because they clearly can reduce cancer deaths.

However, she said, "if you happen to be among those women who can't afford mammography or don't like it and the pain and

tenderness associated with it, go get a good clinical breast cancer and you will be protecting yourself against breast cancer death."

Dr. Robert A. Smith, director of cancer screening at the American Cancer Society, disputed the conclusion, noting that of seven similar studies in Europe and North America, the Toronto study is the only one to not show a clear survival advantage for mammography.

Senior fitness class reveals ways to keep older brains in shape

DENVER (AP) — The students in Bonnie Fuller's fitness class sit in highback leather chairs with their arms folded in their laps. Listening to Bach.

Their eyes close as the teacher asks them to imagine walking past an orchard and eating a peach on a sunny day. The baroque music is 60 beats per minute, the same pattern as alpha waves in the brain that are thought by some to be its optimal learning state.

Fuller wants the students, in their 60s and 70s, to sharpen their senses, the brain's main source of information, since they can become less keen with age.

The senses are one way her class, called "Grow Dendrites Forever," tries to help older people keep their brains in shape. Students are taught to constantly try new things — cooking with curry, for instance — so their brain cells can grow.

"You need to learn something new," Fuller said. "Learn how to play the harmonica, learn how to square dance, learn how to speak Spanish."

By setting aside 20 minutes each day for stretching their brains, students are taught they can promote the growth of dendrites, which help brain cells communicate, and help maintain long and short term memory.

Everything in the class is tailored to stimulate the brain. The covers of the workbooks are yellow, the most complex color, and Fuller encourages students to doodle in them with colored markers.

Students introduce themselves by using their name in an alliterative sentence describing their brains.

"My name is Wanda and my brain is wacky, wandering and wonderful," said 69-year-old student Wanda Adams of Thornton, who is always trying new things, most recently learning to play the piano.

Although there are no studies showing what effect these exercises have on human brains, research on animals shows that it is possible to grow dendrites, the branches of brain cells that receive messages from other brain cells, by keeping the brain active.

Studies on animals also have shown the brain is not a hard-wired machine that stops growing early in life but that it can continue to change and develop.

Bill Thies, vice president for medical and scientific affairs for the Alzheimer's Association, said there still is not enough proof showing how growing more dendrites affects people's behavior.

Marian Diamond, an integrative biology professor at the University of California-Berkeley, has found that rats grow more dendrites when they have lots of toys and other rats to play with.

She thinks the same principle applies to humans.

"It's true with nerve cells, muscles and brains. They get bored. With the same thing always coming in they don't respond," said Diamond.

She said the value of growing dendrites can be seen in an ongoing study of the brains of an order of Minnesota nuns who kept mentally active throughout their lives. Those nuns found to have Alzheimer's disease upon their death did not exhibit symptoms while they were alive because there were plenty of dendrites to make up for the ones attacked by the disease.

Robert Friedland, a neurology professor at Cleveland's Case Western Reserve University, is not sure how much doing brain exercises later in life can help people prevent Alzheimer's.

"I think it's fine and it's good for these people to be active. But what's important is what they do over the many decades of their lives," he said.

Friedland has found that people who are more physically and mentally active throughout their lives are three times less likely to get Alzheimer's.

"The brain is an organ just like any other in the body that ages in regard to how it's used," he said.

On the Net:
National Institute of Mental Health's article, "Neural Activity Shapes the Brains Cells":
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/sciadvances/09.cfm>
National Institute on Aging:
<http://www.alzheimers.org/>

Aggressive treatment urged for diabetics with high blood pressure

CHICAGO (AP) — The National Kidney Foundation is urging more aggressive treatment of diabetics with high blood pressure.

Blood pressure in such patients should be no higher than 130 over 80, the foundation said. The current standard is under 130 over 85.

Most of the more than 11 million Americans with both diabetes and high blood pressure will need to take at least two drugs to reach the lower target rate, according to the foundation. The foundation also recommend-

ed that treatment start with an ACE inhibitor, a common type of medication.

The guidelines, published in September's American Journal of Kidney Diseases, are based on recent research suggesting that diabetics who have high blood pressure with a diastolic reading — the bottom number — of around 80 have fewer cardiovascular complications and less kidney failure.

Diabetics are more vulnerable to heart attacks and life-threatening kidney failure. High blood pressure in a diabetic

"is like adding gasoline to the fire," said Dr. George Bakris, who led a National Kidney Foundation committee that created the recommendations.

The foundation's report was funded in part by Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp., a maker of blood pressure medications, including ACE inhibitors.

Despite the recommendation, the American Diabetes Association stands by the higher threshold and believes it is not only safe but more achievable, said Dr. Richard Kahn, ADA chief scientific and medical officer.

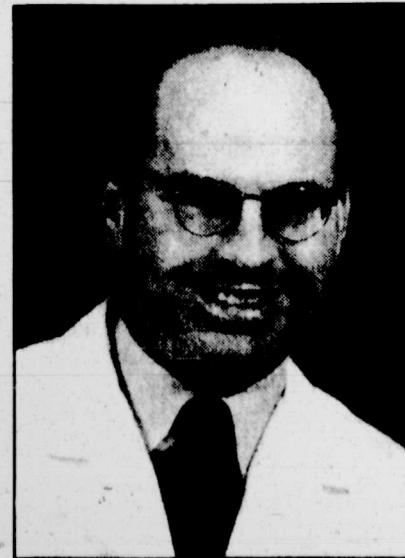
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"It stands out as being the only trial that at its conclusion the groups that received mammography had higher rates of advanced breast cancer than the groups not offered mammography," said Smith. "The problems with the Canadian study are well known."

He said there are unresolved questions about the way patients were selected and about the quality of the X-ray mammography techniques used.

Smith said that the American Cancer Society will continue to recommend that women over the age of 40 get annual mammography examinations. The American Medical Association has endorsed this recommendation.

The National Cancer Institute recommends that women over 40 get a mammogram exam "every one to two years," said Dr. Daniel C. Sullivan, head of the biomedical imaging program at the institute.

Both Smith and Sullivan said that the advantage of mammography is that it spots smaller tumors, which means disease is detected earlier.

Sullivan said that earlier detection with mammography may mean that the cancer can be treated with less radical therapy, such as a small incision to remove a lump, followed by radiation. Larger tumors must be treated by mastectomy, removal of the whole breast, followed by chemotherapy or radiation.

Baines agreed that tumors detected by physical examination alone were larger than those found by mammography.

"But, in terms of avoiding death by breast cancer," she said, "it doesn't seem to have added any benefit to have the mammograph detecting earlier cancer."

In the Toronto study, 39,405

women volunteers, aged 50 to 59, were divided into two groups — one that periodically received both mammography and careful physical examinations, and a second group that received physical examinations only. Both groups were given training in breast self examination, or BSE, but Baines said it is not clear if this played a role in the results. The patients were enrolled between 1980 and 1985 and followed for an average of 13 years.

The initial screening found 267 invasive (spreading) breast cancers in the mammography group and 148 in the physical-exam only group.

By the end of 1993, the different screening techniques had detected about an equal amount of cancer. There were 622 invasive tumors and 71 in-place tumors in the mammography group, and 610 invasive tumors and 16 in-place tumors in the physical exam-only group.

The number of breast cancer deaths also was nearly equal: 107 for the mammography group and 105 deaths in the other group.

The bottom line, said Baines, is that "the addition of annual mammography screening to physical examination has no impact on breast cancer survival."

Baines, however, noted that all the patients in the study received highly competent physical breast examinations. Other studies have shown that "a lot of work has to be done to improve the competence of the breast physical exams that are now being done," she said.

On the Net:
Journal of the National Cancer Institute: <http://jnci.oupjournals.org/>

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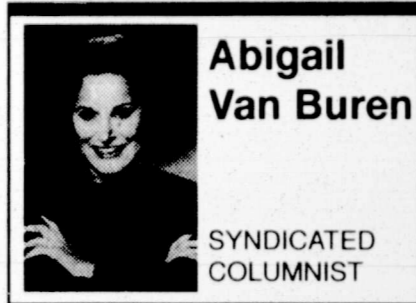
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the counselor about this. (She doesn't want to see the doctor and thinks I am being overprotective.)

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associate or friend. Sometimes you can't make everyone happy. Avoid being overly sensitive with a family member or loved one; rather, express your strong feelings. Openness builds. Tonight: Do something you love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Explore possibilities. The only mistake you can make is to close down. Another clearly feels passionately about a situation. Let this person express his ideas. Keep your long-term focus and desires in mind. Tonight: Out and about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Be more aware of your spending. Don't allow anyone to plunge you more into debt than you want to be. Discussions with a boss or associate take you in a new direction. These prove to be animated but most positive. Work as a team. You gain professionally. Tonight: Do something special for a loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

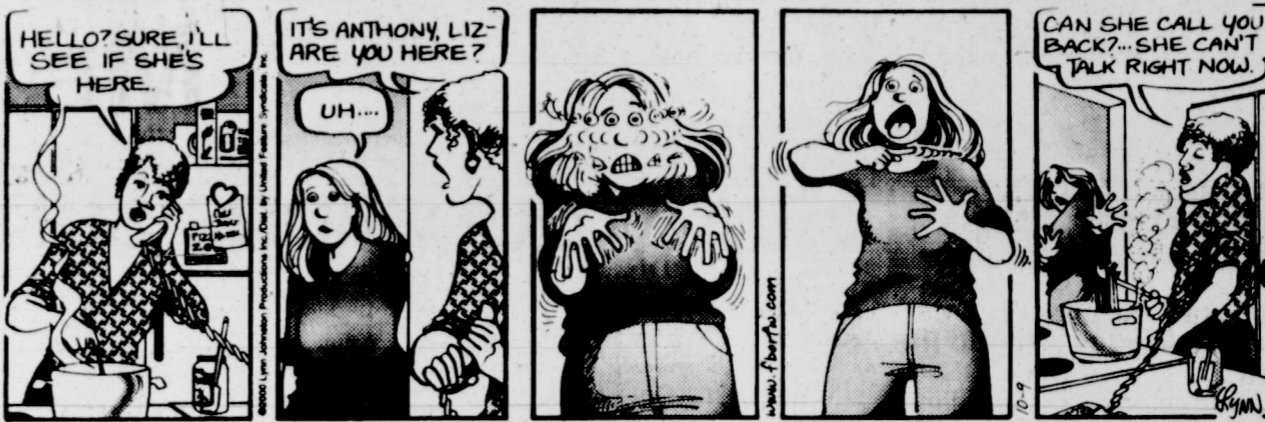
Your personality helps an irate associate chill out. You know how to deal with this person, and you know how to get the results you want. Don't undermine yourself, but know when you need to find an expert. Good news follows inquiries. Someone is definitely on your side. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

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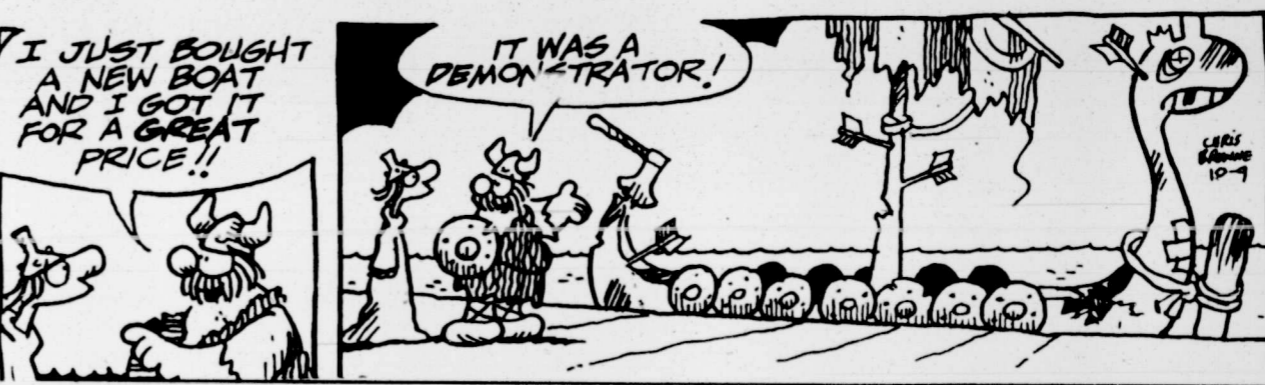
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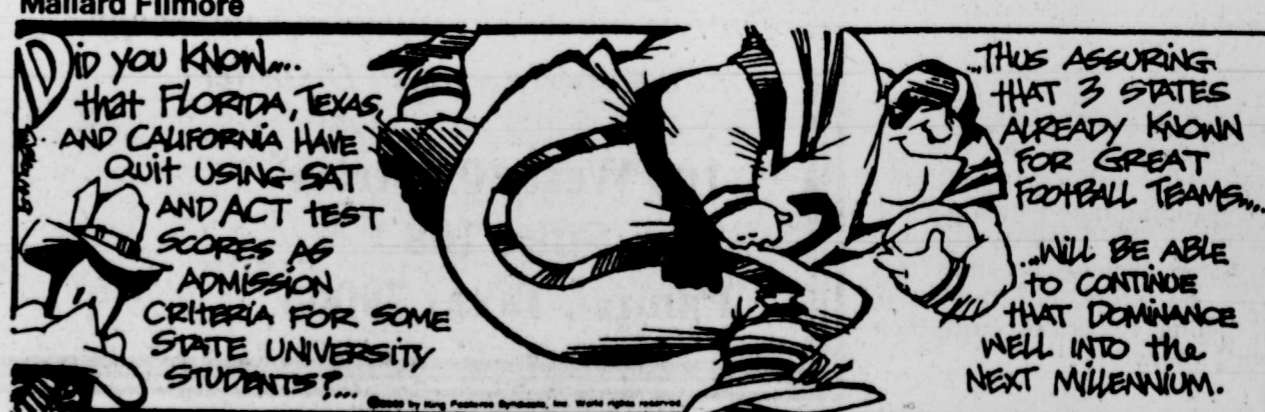
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Horoscope

TUESDAY, OCT. 10, 2000

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)

Use care — you could come off a lot more harshly than you realize. Stay on top of problems. Assume responsibility. Decide to be a diplomat instead of a warrior. You will gain in many ways. A partner thanks you for your patience. Tonight: Take it easy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Focus on gain. When you think a plan might be going down the tubes, don't worry; just find a way around the problem. You accept only answers; you don't accept problems. Allow your intuition to help you zero in on what you want. Ask for assistance from an associate or friend. Tonight: Among the crowds.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Others look to you for answers, but at the same time, you need to deal with a personal matter. Trust your ability to juggle. Trust your resourcefulness. Don't accept a "no" here. Co-workers and associates respond to your inquiries. You get cooperation and support from others. Tonight: Could be a late night.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Reach out for someone, and don't stand on ceremony—Your perspective clearly isn't the only one. Loosen up about a conversation. Refuse to display

anger; seek solutions. Your sense of humor helps you see the big picture. Tonight: A loved one wants to make nice.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Follow your guidelines with spending. Don't make an exception, no matter how tempting. Stay ahead of others and willingly risk. Deal with an associate and don't put anything on the back burner. Honor what you consider to be basic to your well-being. Tonight: Work with a partner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Your direct approach could draw a strong reaction from others. Be ready to soothe sore feelings, and you'll get results that make you cheer. Build on existing ties rather than sabotaging them. Good news greets you. Tonight: As you like it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Make an effort with another. If there is flak, realize that you might be creating it. You have been swallowing a lot of anger lately. Concentrate on the job and on getting it done. Your ability to soothe another might be an asset, but take equally good care of your own feelings. Tonight: Work late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Emphasis is on success and making headway on a project. You use your assets to zero in on different approaches to your goal. A loved one or child might be full of energy and mischief. This person appreciates your adoring ways. Allow your ingenuity to emerge. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Build on established ground. Don't worry so much about a touchy

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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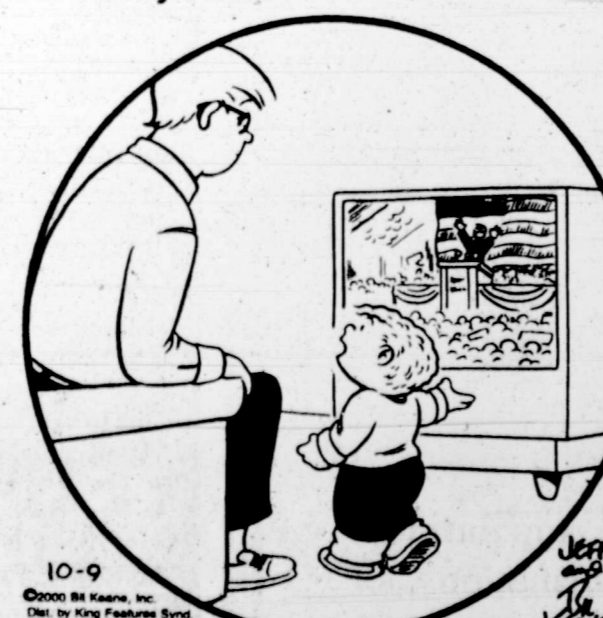
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Texas news round up ...

Fifth victim's remains found following jet crash
 HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — Rescue workers have recovered some remains of a fifth victim from an Aeromexico crash in which a jet slid off a runway along the Texas-Mexico border.

Officials have yet to identify the fifth person, but the brother of one of the victims said it may be his 23-year-old nephew, who has been unaccounted for since the time of Friday's crash in northern Mexico.

Yolanda de los Santos, 40, and her three young children were killed when the DC-9 struck their Reynosa, Mexico home. Her brother, Oscar de los Santos, said the 23-year-old was Yolanda de los Santos' oldest child, according to Sunday's editions of the (Harlingen) Valley Morning Star.

Aeromexico Flight 250 from Mexico City was landing in stormy weather at the Reynosa airport about 5 p.m. Friday when it smashed into at least two cars and three homes just beyond the runway. Reynosa is located across the border from McAllen, Texas.

Authorities on Sunday removed the jetliner's crumpled fuselage and recovered a flight data recorder that could provide clues to what caused the accident.

The recorder, one of the two so-called black boxes on board the Aeromexico flight, was sent to Washington for review, airline spokeswoman Mayte Weitzman said.

Local officials began removing the airplane on Saturday and completed the operation on Sunday, Weitzman said. Meanwhile, airline staff were permitted inside the plane Sunday to remove luggage belonging to the 83 passengers and five crew members. Passengers and crew members escaped with minor injuries.

Benefit auction for slain trooper draws thousands

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A benefit auction to benefit a slain state trooper's widow and infant son has raised thousands of dollars and raised awareness of hazards facing law officers.

A signed George Strait guitar brought in \$7,000 at the auction Sunday in San Marcos on behalf of Cynthia Vetter, Texas Department of Public Safety officer Randall Vetter's widow, and their 10-month-old son.

More than 3,000 people turned out Sunday at Strand Coliseum at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

Mrs. Vetter, whose husband was killed Aug. 3 during a traffic stop near Kyle, attended the auction. The benefit was the brainchild of two of her husband's former colleagues, Troopers Brian Freeman and Darryl White of San Marcos.

"We didn't have any idea of what it was going to do, but it became a very big thing," White told the San Antonio Express-News in Monday's editions.

Freeman, who had worked with Vetter at the San Marcos DPS office, teamed up with White, other troopers and Hays County law

officers to organize the event.

More than 600 items were sold in silent auction and in live auctions involving 12 auctioneers.

White, at the Vetter family's request, said he could not reveal the amount raised Sunday. But country-western items were popular.

Crack down set for defrauding illegal immigrants

McAlLEN, Texas (AP) — Texas prosecutors say they will begin cracking down on people running bogus immigration services, which are taking money from undocumented immigrants under the guise of helping them get legal residency or work permits.

"We're definitely interested in finding more people that were harmed and prosecuting (the offenses) to the full extent of the law," Ric Madrigal, assistant attorney general with the McAllen Consumer Protection office, told The (McAllen) Monitor in Monday's editions.

Madrigal said authorities plan to widen an investigation into people who claim to be "immigrant specialists" or "immigration counselors" but who have no accreditation to provide the service.

Immigration officials and civil rights activists along the Texas-Mexico border say fraud has become more frequent.

"It is a problem that has grown to great proportions," said Art Moreno, spokesman for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service in Harlingen.

Moreno said most immigrants don't know they've been scammed until they call INS to check on the status of their residency application, only to find there is no record of them. Illegal immigrants are also unlikely to report fraud for fear authorities will deport them.

Border Patrol pushes border strategy

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Despite talk of a more lenient immigration policy, the U.S. Border Patrol is moving ahead with preliminary plans for the military to build as many as 1,300 miles of road and install fences, spy cameras and thousands of stadium-style lights along the Rio Grande and Texas-Mexico boundary.

Additions, which include up to 90 miles of fence in Texas, are necessary to cut down on covert entries into the United States, the Border Patrol says.

"We are prepared to take properly measured steps to safeguard the border," Todd Birdsong, assistant chief for the Border Patrol in Washington, told the San Antonio Express-News in Monday's editions. "No contracts have been cut, no plans have been finalized. It is extremely preliminary."

However, the plans come as Mexican President-elect Vicente Fox is urging a more open border. Some say Mexico and its citizens are again being targeted.

"We feel they treat us like criminals," said Andres Cuellar, official historian for the border city of Matamoros, Mexico.

But some frustrated border residents said just about anything would help.

"If that is what it takes, that is what it takes," Tommy Vick, a retired railroad foreman who lives seven miles upriver from Del Rio, said. He said he faces thieves crossing the border to Texas, breaking into his home, then fleeing to the safety of Mexico.

Fourth immigrant robbed, killed in Austin this year

AUSTIN (AP) — A 19-year-old Mexican man beaten to death by a group of nine people on Friday became the fourth immigrant robbed and killed this year in Austin.

"Four (deaths) is obviously way too many, and it's cause for concern from our standpoint," said Austin Police Sgt. Hector Reveles. "We need to look at ways, and we have been looking at ways, to address the problem."

Friday night, Felix Martinez Nieto and a friend were approached by a black man and woman and a Hispanic woman at a convenience store, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

Martinez Nieto and his friend apparently accompanied the group to a vacant duplex, where they were robbed and brutally attacked by the three and six other men who were waiting there.

Martinez Nieto died at Brackenridge Hospital early Saturday from injuries to his head. An immigrant from Toluca, Mexico, he had been in the United States for two years and was living with an aunt and uncle in Austin.


His friend, whom police declined to identify, managed to escape without life-threatening injuries and is working with police as a witness, Reveles said.



Austin insurance agent Alonso Camara, who moved to the United States from Mexico in 1996 and has been working with police to help solve these murders, has started a campaign to raise awareness of the danger in the immigrant community.

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HORSE LAWSUIT: A horse is a horse unless, of course, it wants to be registered with the American Quarter Horse Association. An AQHA rule — impacted by the use of an embryo transfer procedure — that allows only one foal per mare to be registered each year has miffed a handful of quarter horse breeders. They are taking the matter to court, where an Amarillo judge is scheduled to consider arguments from both sides on Monday. ... **INNOCENCE APPEALS:** Despite a ruling six years ago that Texas inmates could seek new trials when new evidence supporting their innocence surfaced, the state's highest criminal court has been unlikely to grant the relief. According to a review by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, the nine-member Court of Criminal Appeals has only granted new trials in two of 33 such appeals filed by lawyers.

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