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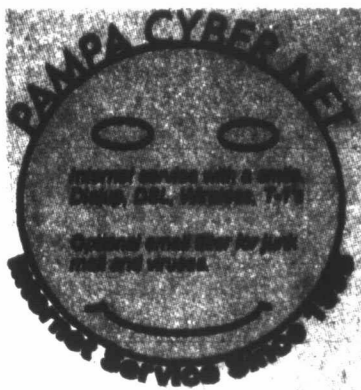
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LOCAL

Officials continue to investigate jar

No suspects have been arrested in a bottle-throwing incident believed to have been occurred between 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. Thursday. A Gray County Community Supervision and Corrections Department employee arrived for work at 8 a.m. to find a bottle containing flammable or combustible liquid on the floor of the office in the offices and a broken window. A janitor was at the building about 6 a.m. and reported the container was not there at that time, according to officials.

Pampa Fire Marshal Gary Stevens said the investigation is continuing into the incident.

Anyone having information regarding the incident are asked to contact Crime Stoppers at 669-2222.

DEATHS

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High speed chase ends with arrest

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Chris Lee Beck, 22, of Wagoner, Okla., remained in Gray County Jail this morning in lieu of \$246,000 bonds on charges following a high speed pursuit Thursday which began on I-40 in Carson County and ended in Donley County.

Bond was set this morning by interim Gray County Justice of the Peace Margie Prestidge on the six charges out of Donley County. Beck was charged with:

- Two charges of attempted capital murder. Bond of \$100,000 was set on each charge.
- Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, \$20,000;
- Evading arrest with a motor vehicle, \$20,000;
- Reckless driving, \$5,000;
- Possession of marijuana under two ounces, \$1,000.

The van was reported stolen in Gallup, N.M., in the early morning hours Thursday.

Numerous law enforcement agencies were involved as the pursuit which began shortly before 10 a.m. in Carson County went through several counties. It all began when a

Texas Department of Public Safety trooper attempted to make a routine traffic stop for speeding.

DPS Trooper Darrin Bridges said he tried to stop an eastbound 2002 Ford Windstar van near Mile Marker 103 in Carson County on Interstate 40 at 9:53 a.m.

"He pulled over and as I got out of my vehicle and took about two steps, he took off at a high rate of speed," said Bridges. "I began pursuit. He took the 110 Mile Marker exit at Groom, traveling on the service road until the 122 Mile Marker, when he got back on I-40."

When the pursuit began, Bridges radioed area law enforcement units he was attempting to stop the van. Gray County Deputy Larry Wallis along with Wheeler County Deputy Julian Torres were working on another case in McLean when the call was received.

Torres and Wallis were near the center meridian placing tire spikes to stop the fleeing vehicle when the van's driver deliberately veered the vehicle towards the men attempting to strike them, said Bridges.

Both deputies fired several (See CHASE, Page 3)

Rededication signals Scout camp renewal

This Saturday, Oct. 12, the Golden Spread Council Boy Scouts of America will officially rededicate Camp M.K. Brown. Thirty-three years ago, the Boy Scout Camp, located northwest of Wheeler, was first dedicated as a memorial tribute to M.K. Brown, a longtime friend of Scouting.

The camp is being rededicated after the total renovation of the facility as well as new construction. A gift from the Sybil B. Harrington Living Trust allowed the Golden Spread Council to renovate all of the existing buildings as well as erect a new storage building-garage and shower-restroom facility.

Camp M.K. Brown is used year-round for Scouting activities for several thousand young people in the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles.

The rededication ceremony will begin camp tours at 11 a.m., the rededication at 11:45 a.m., and a celebration lunch at 12 noon.

Persons interested in attending must RSVP to the Scout office, 806-358-6500 by Thursday, Oct. 10.

For more information, call the Boy Scout office in Amarillo.

McLean Methodist celebrates first century

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

McLEAN — It will be 100 years on Sunday since Rev. George Fort helped organize the Methodist Church in McLean on Oct. 13, 1902.

This upcoming Saturday and Sunday the church will have a full slate of activities as they observe the first century of the first denominational church organized in Gray County.

More than 200 people have reservations and plan to attend the weekend activities, said Stacy Smart, interim secretary at the First United Methodist Church in this Texas Panhandle community.

"We have so many people who are

coming," said the enthusiastic young woman. "Many are former members who used to live in McLean."

Kicking off the weekend festivities will be a tent revival at 4 p.m. Saturday in the church yard, she said.

"There will be visiting, reminiscing, storytelling and singing until 6 p.m. when there will be a pot luck supper," she said. At 7 p.m., gospel music and more story telling will take place. A devotional at 8:30 p.m. will close the evening.

Sunday morning will begin at 9 a.m. with a fellowship coffee. At 10:30 a.m., Bishop D. Max Whitfield will deliver the morning worship. Rev. Wendell Home, a former pastor, will participate in the service. Dignitaries

will also be introduced at that time. The weekend activities conclude with a noon luncheon.

"Throughout the weekend, we will have many early-day pictures, newspaper articles, maps and church memorabilia from throughout the years on display," said Smart.

She said there will be church directories available as well as t-shirts and cookbooks for sale during the weekend activities. Gold medallions depicting the first church structure will also be for sale during the weekend.

Smart said Ruth McGee, church historian, has worked on gathering the history of the church. "She has done a fantastic job," she said.

While visiting his sister in the rail-

road town — now located on the busy stretch of highway on Interstate 40, the Rev. George Fort and 31 others held the first services.

Fort became the first pastor, and many other people made the First Methodist Church their church home by the end of 1902.

McLean began as a loading switch on the Rock Island Railroad line that extended through the RO Ranch owned by Englishman Alfred Rowe and his brothers. Rowe deeded land for the new settlement before he went down in the famed ship sinking of the Titanic.

Fort originally went to McLean to visit his sister, "Ma" Hindman. A local (See CHURCH, Page 3)

Site set to future



(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)

Lisa Ryan, site director at the Celanese Pampa Plant, welcomes five former plant managers to Thursday's 50-year anniversary celebration. Seated, from left, are Riley Kothmann, Jerry Moore, Brent Stephens, Gene Steele and John Fritsch.

Celanese celebrates 50-year anniversary

By KATE B. DICKSON
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

"It sure sounds better than it did three years ago ... heck, even a year ago."

The "it" a Celanese retiree could be overheard commenting about to several others is the future of the Pampa facility.

He, along with other retirees, employees, citizens, Celanese officials and local dignitaries were on hand at the plant Thursday to help mark the 50th anniversary celebration of the local plant.

(See CELANESE, Page 3)

Past managers recall plant's 'can do' spirit

By KATE B. DICKSON
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

There was a recurring theme in the talks of five previous Celanese Pampa Plant managers and that was to praise the work ethic and "can do" attitude of the employees who have brought the facility through its first 50 years.

Lisa Ryan, whose title "site director" has replaced that of plant manager, welcomed her predecessors to Thursday's special ceremonies marking the anniversary.

(See SPIRIT, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)

Talking shop after a picnic lunch before Thursday's 50-year anniversary ceremonies at Celanese are, from left, Bill Chidester, section leader, Scot Aler, ESHA leader and Charlie O'Rear, section leader.

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OBITUARIES

MARY EVELYN CHISUM 1917-2002

Mary Evelyn Chisum, 85, of Pampa, died Thursday, Oct. 10, 2002, at Pampa, Texas. Services will be at 10 a.m., Monday, Oct. 14, 2002, at the Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of the Central Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Chisum was born July 16, 1917, in Munday, Texas, to Johnny and Mary Wickesser. Her grandfather, Henry Wickesser, was a pioneer of Roberts County. She graduated from school in Miami, Texas, and married Archie (A.W.) Chisum on May 23, 1935. They lived in Lefors for many years before moving to Pampa.

Mr. Chisum preceded her in death on Jan. 22, 1982.

She was a member of the Central Baptist Church. She worked at the Copper Kitchen in Pampa

for 20 years, and was a devoted wife, mother, and Granny.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Jack and Dorothy Chisum and Warren and Omega Chisum, all of Pampa; two daughters and sons-in-law, Gertrude (Trudy) and Barry Weikel of Austin, and Ruth and Jerry Carter of Pampa; a sister, Vivian Locke of Pampa; 10 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 2120 Lea in Pampa. www.carmichael-whitley.com

VERDA FAY BROMLOW KIRKMAN 1926-2002

MOORE, Okla. — Verda Fay Bromlow Kirkman, 76, died Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2002, at St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City, Okla. Services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday in Bill Eisenhour Funeral Homes Northeast Chapel with Andrew Wallis, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Arlington Memory Gardens in Midwest City, Okla. Arrangements are under the direction of Bill Eisenhour Funeral Home of Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Kirkman was born Jan. 27, 1926, at



Clinton, Okla., to Joseph Patrick Wallis and Nellie Nealy Wallis. She moved to the Oklahoma City area 20 years ago and was a former longtime Pampa resident.

She was a former employee of Cessna Airplane Manufacturing Company and also worked at Tinker Air Force Base.

She was a member of Assembly of God Church in Pampa.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and a sister.

Survivors include two sons, Jackie Lee Bromlow of Gage, Okla., and Garold Allen Bromlow of Pampa; two daughters, Rita Joan McCown and Brenda Faye Taylor, both of Wichita Falls, Texas; four sisters, Verna Johnston (twin) of Moore, Laura Roberts of Choctaw, Okla., Patsy Martin of Hardesty, Okla., and Voisie Fritz of Texoma, Okla.; 15 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

SERVICES TOMORROW

KIRKMAN, Verda Fay Bromlow — 2 p.m., Bill Eisenhour Funeral Home Northeast Chapel, Oklahoma City, Okla.
MORRISON, Don W. — 10:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pampa.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for mostly sunny with highs in the lower 80s, and south winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight should be mostly clear with lows in the mid-50s, and south winds 5 to 15 mph. Saturday should be mostly sunny. Windy. Highs in the mid-60s. Winds shifting to the north 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 40 mph. Saturday night, mostly clear. Breezy and cooler. Lows in the mid 30s. Northeast winds 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 35 mph. Sunday, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. East winds 5 to 15 mph. Sunday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid-30s. Columbus Day, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Tuesday night, mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid-60s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid-40s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

STATEWIDE

A strong cold front will bring chilly temperatures over Texas beginning Saturday, with temperatures down sharply relative to today's highs. Daytime temperatures will be mostly in the 60s over the state Sunday. Nightly temperatures should dip into the 30s in West Texas, and 40s in North Texas and parts of South Texas.

The front should move into West Texas Saturday afternoon, North Texas late Saturday evening, and in South Texas late Saturday

night or Sunday morning. Gusty winds will accompany the front, and there will be a chance of isolated showers or storms along the front in North and South Texas.

The cool temperatures should continue through midweek over the state.

The South Texas forecast calls for temperatures in the 80s to low 90s through Saturday, with cloudy skies in Southeast Texas, partly cloudy to clear elsewhere.

Sunday, the cold front will bring highs into the upper 60s southeast and low and mid-70s elsewhere, with cloudier skies and possible rain along the front. Through midweek these temperatures should hold, with partly cloudy skies and dry conditions.

West Texas will be dry and mostly clear today with temperatures near 80. The front Saturday will bring highs down to the upper 50s and low 60s with gusty winds, but it will remain warm in the far west until Sunday.

A freeze is possible in the panhandle Saturday night. The cool temperatures will continue through midweek, with clear to partly cloudy skies, and no rain forecast.

North Texas will continue cloudy and warm today, with highs from the mid 70s east to the mid 80s west. It will continue warm with decreasing clouds Saturday with a chance of rain northwest Saturday, and in the rest of North Texas Saturday evening when the cold front hits.

Sunday, it will be partly cloudy, windy and dry, with highs in the 60s over the region. Monday and Tuesday, skies should clear somewhat, and temperatures will warm slightly to around 70 in most areas.

City Briefs

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BOYDS FIRST ever Musical Treasures, 1 Day Only, Sat., Oct. 12th at All Its Charm!!

DON'T FORGET to pick up your Krispy Kreme donuts, Sat., Oct. 12th @ MPAC Bldg. 25 dozen still for sale.

MCLEAN COUNTRY Club Dance, Sat., Oct. 12th, to "The Sniders," 8-11:30 p.m. Public Welcome.

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DANCE TO Tommy Henson, Pampa Moose Lodge, Sat. 8-12.

ON RECORD

FIRE

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

Thursday, Oct. 10

9:08 a.m. — One unit and one firefighter responded to an investigation in the 1100 block of North Hobart.

9:53 a.m. — Five firefighters presented a

fire prevention program at Child Development Center, First Baptist Church, 200 N. West.

12:52 p.m. — Four firefighters presented a fire prevention program at Travis Elementary School, 2300 Primrose.

8:50 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters stoodby for LifeStar helicopter at Perry Lefors Field.

AMBULANCE

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

Thursday, Oct. 10

8:16 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to north of Farm to Market 282 and transferred one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

12:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell. No patient was transported.

1:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC. One patient was transported to Baptist-St. Anthony's West.

2:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Mary Ellen. One patient was transported to PRMC.

8:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Christy. One patient was transported to PRMC.

11:09 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells. One patient was transported to PRMC.

POLICE

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

Thursday, Oct. 10

Kenneth Virgil Hatt, 17, 1334 N. Coffee, was arrested for criminal trespass of a building.

Two 16-year-old males were cited for minor in possession of tobacco in the 100 block of East Harvester.

An attempted arson was reported at the Gray County Adult Probation office located at 1146 N. Hobart.

A burglary of a vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart. Reported taken were a pulse meter oxygen delivery system and a blue case with medications.

A criminal trespass report was taken in the 400 block of North Cuyler.

A theft of an orange case with tools was reported in the 2100 block of Mary Ellen. Value was estimated as a theft between \$50 and \$500.

STOCKS

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

Wheat	4.31
Milo	4.13
Corn	4.67
Soybeans	4.45
Sunflowers	9.00

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

Occidental	28.56	+0.30
Fidelity Mageln	NA	
Puritan	NA	

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

BP	39.74	+0.80
Celanese	16.55	+0.50
Cabot Corp.	20.28	+0.57
Cabot Oil Gas	20.65	+0.08
Coca Cola	51.05	-0.41
VLO	26.51	+1.09
Halliburton	13.88	+0.22
Triad Hospitals	38.28	-0.54
NOI	19.28	+0.63
KMI	34.25	+1.05
XCEL	8.47	+0.27
Kerr McGee	40.35	+0.58
Limited	14.45	+0.94
Williams	1.73	+0.19
McDonalds	17.84	+0.67
Exxon Mobil	34.14	+0.35
Atmos	21.14	-0.13
Pioneer Nat.	25.47	+0.22
Penney's	15.68	-0.58
COP	46.05	+0.58
Schlumberger	35.80	+0.73
Tenneco	4.72	+0.37
CVX	72.19	+0.89
Wal-Mart	52.21	+0.57
OKE	18.23	+0.18
NS Group	5.81	NC
New York Gold	316.85	
Silver	4.28	
West Texas Crude	28.97	

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Oct. 10

Richard Reed, 30, 2015 Coffee, turned himself in at the sheriff's office in regard to a theft by check and failure to appear warrants out of Denton County.

James A. Knight, 28, Ponca City, Okla., was arrested for criminal mischief over \$50 and under \$500.

Mark Garcia Gonzales, 35, Vernon, was arrested by Department of Public Safety troopers for driving while intoxicated, third offense; possession of drug paraphernalia, and a warrant for bond forfeiture on a DWI charge in Lubbock.

Christopher Lee Beck, 22, Wagoner, Okla., was arrested on two charges of attempted capital murder, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, evading arrest, reckless driving and possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Gov. Perry, opponent Sanchez hit campaign trail again after debate

HOUSTON (AP) — Republican Gov. Rick Perry and Democrat opponent Tony Sanchez were back on the campaign trail Thursday, a day after the pair debated for the first time.

At Stovall Middle School in Houston, Perry announced a \$5 million dropout prevention program and picked up the endorsement of actor Chuck Norris.

Sanchez continued talking about the state's insurance problems and his plans to call for a court of inquiry into possible criminal wrongdoing by elected officials, industry lobbyists and others.

Seventh- and eighth-grade students cheered wildly when Perry entered the gymnasium with Norris. The scene was repeated later in the day as the Perry, Norris and state Education Commissioner Felipe Alanis visited a school in Tyler.

"High school dropouts face a lifetime of unfulfilled promise, and our state pays the price for it," Perry said. "When it comes to our children, we will make every effort to keep them on course to a lifetime of success."

The federally funded program will make grants of up to \$500,000 available to school districts with higher-than-average dropout rates.

The grants may be used for a variety of programs shown to reduce dropout rates, including mentoring initiatives, guidance counselors, flexible class schedules for students who must work, after-school programs and early intervention services for at-risk students.

Perry said education is his top priority and promised that, if elected, he'd push for every new state dollar to be spent on state schools.

"Every one of you has the responsibility to

make the right choices; that means staying in school and studying hard," Perry told students at Moore Math Science Technology Middle School in Tyler, the Tyler Morning Telegraph reported.

At Sanchez's Houston campaign headquarters, about 20 supporters cheered for the Democrat who questioned Perry's sincerity about education.

"If it was his No. 1 priority why do we have so many problems in education? We've got the third-highest dropout rate in the nation. We've got approximately 85 to 88 percent of all young people in Texas not going to get a college degree," Sanchez said. "Last night he bragged about all of his experience. If he has so much experience, why do we have so many problems?"

As he did during Wednesday's debate, Perry on Thursday chastised Sanchez, a Laredo businessman, for his spotty voting record.

"My concern is that you've got an individual who didn't think enough of his own local school district to go vote in a bond election that would have improved the children of Laredo's lives," Perry said. "Yet a short four years later, he's standing up before the people of the state of Texas and saying, 'Trust me with your schools.' I think that is very disingenuous."

Webb County elections records show Sanchez cast ballots in the 1994, 1996 and 2000 general elections. He also did not vote for a 1998 local school bond election for 10 new schools.

"I have said it many, many times: I made a mistake not voting as often as I should have," Sanchez said.

Girl returns to Nevada, adoptive parents

JOURDANTON, Texas (AP) — A Nevada teen who disappeared while riding her bicycle returned Thursday to her Nevada home and was reunited with her adoptive parents.

Meanwhile, Nicole Lightfoot Hellman's birth mother and a convicted felon remained jailed in Texas, charged with kidnapping.

Hellman, 14, was reported missing Saturday in Elko, Nev. She was found unharmed Wednesday about 1,600 miles away on Interstate 37 near Pleasanton.

The recently established Texas Amber Alert Network for locating abducted children was activated. Using a vehicle description from the network, a truck driver called 911 after spotting a white pickup matching the details.

Sandy Hellman, the teen's adoptive moth-

er, credited the alert system with saving her daughter, who has lived with the family since 1995 and was formally adopted two years ago. She and her husband traveled to Texas to take their daughter home.

"It worked beautifully," Hellman told the San Antonio Express-News in a telephone interview en route to the San Antonio International Airport. "Amber Alert is what brought our daughter home."

However, a founder of the original Amber Alert said the program could suffer if the bulletins are issued too freely.

"If you do it too often the public just becomes immune to it," said Tarrant County Sheriff Dee Anderson. "This is (for) when the child's very life is at stake. This has to be reserved for the most serious situations."

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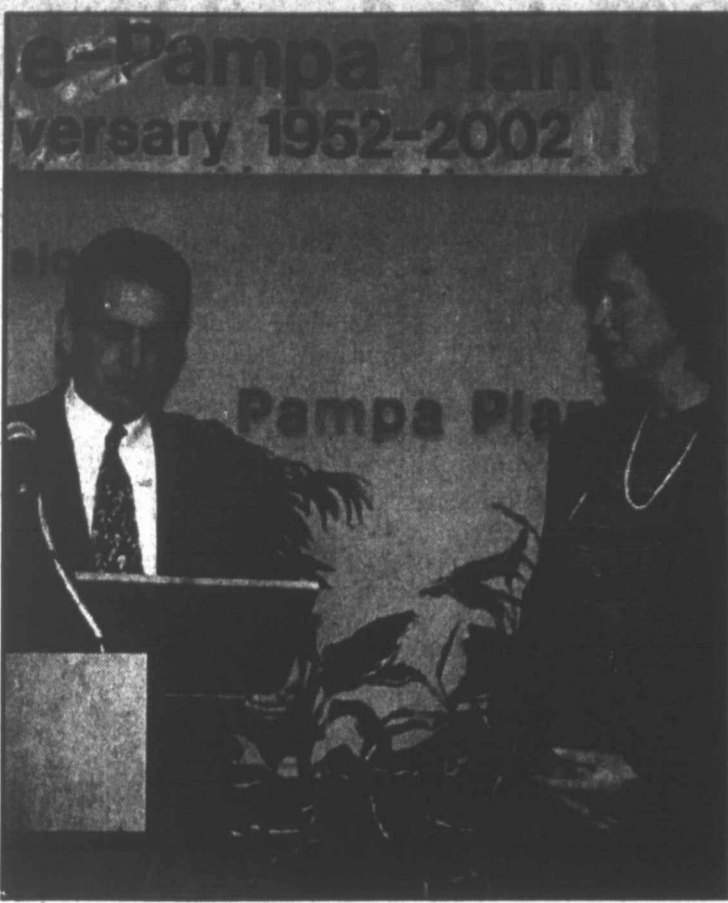
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(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)

Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins was on hand at the recent Celanese 50-year anniversary celebration where he gave site director Lisa Ryan a plaque in recognition of the occasion and to mark the importance of the facility to the community.



(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)

Pampa Chamber of Commerce executive director Clay Rice gave Celanese Pampa Plant site director Lisa Ryan a plaque to mark the plant's 50th anniversary. Rice said he hopes the chamber can give Celanese another plaque "after the next 50 years."

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CELANESE

"Today," said Celanese AG chief operating officer Dave Weidman, "is not just a time for celebration but a time to increase our focus on the future ... to begin building the legacy we'll talk about 50 years from today."

Weidman said the chemical industry and the Pampa plant has "global competition" some of which is "advantaged in technology, logistics, and raw materials."

But, the Pampa plant, he said, "is advantaged" with both its "unique technology" and "because of the can-do attitude of the people who work here and the people of the community who are the roots of this plant."

He said there needs to be "a significant relook" at the products made in Pampa now with an eye toward new products and opportunities here "... to serve different markets than we do today. There is one constant ... and that's change in markets, customers and technology."

Weidman was the final speaker of the ceremony which also included brief talks by Lyndon Cole, president Celanese Chemicals; Jim Alder, vice president of operations and technology; and Lisa Ryan, Pampa Plant site director.

Other speakers and recognized with special seating, were the five site directors, or plant managers, who preceded Ryan. The five, from 1967 through April 2001, are John Fritsch, Gene Steele, Brent Stephens, Jerry Moore and Riley Kothmann.

Also speaking was State Rep. Warren Chisum who brought forth a poignant moment by recalling the tragic plant explosion in 1987 that claimed the lives of Joe Barnett, Eugene Turner and Richard Wilson. At Chisum's behest, the large crowd stood for a moment of silence in the trio's memory.

Chisum, as did several other speakers, recalled that time which, the lawmaker said, "was a pivotal moment" in the history of the local plant and for the Pampa community.

"The community rallied ... we filled a football stadium," Chisum said, recalling the effort to keep Celanese, to rebuild the plant.

"We made a decision in the community that we wanted the plant to rebuild and stay," he said. "Celanese was willing to build a state of the art plant here and they did it in virtually record time."

Chisum praised Celanese, which he said employs 5,000 Texans, for its efforts "to develop employees and foster teamwork. That's the kind of company it is ... the company we welcomed in 1952."

Proud of the past but with sights set on the future, Alder had praise for the plant managers who, along with employees, have brought Celanese to the half-century milestone.

Looking ahead, Alder talked of digitized software to help run equipment, something he called a "multi-million-dollar opportunity" that may be coming the Pampa plant's way. It's something he said can "both dramatically improve the technology and simplify the operation" as well as increase production.

Cole said Celanese "is in the middle of the pack" when it comes to the chemical industry but said "... we are running faster than anyone else. We are outpacing the industry right now, but it's a race that never ends."

For Pampa, he said, the challenge will be in finding more and more ways to compete with plants that may be newer and have better technology.

"But win, we have to," Cole said. "And, we will."

SPIRIT

While admitting the top Celanese brass to one side of her "can be intimidating," it was certainly to the former plant managers that she admitted showing even more deference.

John Fritsch, who served from 1967 to 1972, said he'd worked in three different Celanese plants but it was his time in Pampa where he saw an "outstanding can-do attitude" from employees who "always got things done."

Though it was after his time, Fritsch recalled how difficult it had to be to get the plant rebuilt after the 1987 explosion.

"... But it came back bigger and better," he said.

Gene Steele was plant manager from 1972 to 1980. According to Ryan, Steele was known for his frequent walks through the plant and talks with employees.

She said some long-time employees will laugh and call her "Mr. Steele" when she makes similar visits.

Before retiring, Steele said he'd had the opportunity to travel to almost all the Celanese plants and research and development centers.

"Of all the places," he said, "I'd have to rank the Pampa Plant No. 1 in openness and trust."

Brent Stephens, plant manager from 1989 to 1991, said he spent two stints in Pampa during his career with Celanese. He spent time in the other three Texas sites as well.

"This sounds like a broken record but the people in Pampa have the can-do attitude," he said.

Recalling his first time here, Stephens became emotional when he talked about his then critically-ill son Russell. He later pointed to his son seated in the audience. Russell Stephens now works at the local plant.

The elder Stephens said his family "was greeted with open arms" when they first came to Pampa where they spent 13 years in all including being here for the rebuild.

Jerry Moore, plant manager from 1991 to 1997, said his first job in his 37-year career with Celanese was in Pampa.

He told the audience he isn't much of a motivational speaker, something he said he found out after once giving Pampa employees what he thought was such a talk.

"The next day there was a rumor going around town that the plant was going to close," he said to the crowd's laughter.

"The people at this plant can do and will do and I'm confident we'll be coming back for a lot more anniversaries in the future," Moore said.

Riley Kothmann, plant manager from 1997 to 2001, joked about "being last" on the list of speakers from his group.

Kothmann, now with Celanese in Edmonton, Canada, compared the 50-year-old plant with a 50-year-old person.

"In 50 years you go through some happiness and joy and sadness and tragedy," he said. "But it's important how we address changes ... the many more crossroads we'll come to ... and each time to decide it's more important to go forward."

"We have a future if you want to make a future," Kothmann said of the Pampa facility and in praise of the employees he said are "a testament as to why we are here after 50 years."

CHASE

rounds of ammunition at the vehicle attempting to stop it. Bridges said one shot struck the sliding door of the van.

Deputies from Donley County quickly joined the pursuit as did DPS Trooper Oscar Esqueda, he said.

Bridges said the van swerved back across I-40, then crashed on the north side of the highway facing north in Donley County.

He said the suspect was attempting to make a U-turn when the van's tire blew out and the van slid across the roadway.

"We originally thought the tire had been shot by one of the deputies, but we examined it later and it was a blowout," said Bridges.

The lone occupant immediately jumped from the vehicle, the trooper said, and began fleeing on foot as he was pursued by officers.

Gray County Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing said Beck picked a bad day to be wearing shorts in the rough country.

"It was a pretty rough pasture," said Rushing. "It was really muddy in that area because they'd had moisture, and it was cool down there."

Tracking dogs were immediately brought in from the Rufe Jordan Prison Unit east of Pampa to aid in the search for the van's driver.

"The dog team did a great

job of locating him and putting him in position for us," said Rushing. "He heard the dogs and gave himself up. He had no contact with the dogs though."

Officials said the pursuit and search ended between 1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Rushing said the capture of Beck east of the dam near Lake McClellan involved a lot of law enforcement agencies.

"It was a team effort," he said. "A perimeter of the area was set up with numerous officers involved and everyone worked together."

Beck was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center emergency room for treatment of numerous scratches he received in the area.

When the officers got the van stopped they found numerous pills in the seat of the car. "These were Xanax and hydrocodone, and we felt he had taken several of these pills during the pursuit," the trooper said.

Bridges said deputies from Donley, Gray and Wheeler counties, a Highway Patrol License and Weight officer and a game warden also assisted in the pursuit and search.

Beck will be transferred to Donley County Jail if he is unable to post the \$246,000 bond set in Gray County, officials said. Charges had not been filed this morning on the theft of the vehicle out of New Mexico.

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CHURCH

pioneer, she owned the Hindman Hotel, a combination hotel, cafe and store that opened in the first days of McLean and fed the railroad crews.

The church received a Texas Historical Marker at special services on Oct. 19, 1986.

The church building was completed in 1903 on land donated by Alfred Rowe. The small frame building with steeple was reported to cost \$1,000. According to a story handed down through the years, the women of the church had promised the children they could use the new building for a special program, but the building was not finished. The women laid timbers across nail kegs so the children could present the program.

The Home Missionary Society has played a key role in the local church since it was established in 1919.

The first church building was torn down and replaced with a two-story, stucco building in 1925. By using material from the previous building and volunteer labor, the building cost was about \$3,000. In 1952, the current brick building was completed, expanding the square footage from 4,800 to 11,520 feet.

In 1954 the bell tower and belfry were added through a gift from Mrs. J.L. Hess. The bell rope continues to be pulled each Sunday to announce services.

McLean's United Methodist Church members look forward to the festivities, highlighted by so many returning members.

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Jimmy Carter wins Nobel Peace Prize

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Former President Carter won the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday "for his decades of untiring effort to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts, to advance democracy and human rights."

The Norwegian Nobel Committee cited Carter's "vital contribution" to the Camp David Accords between Israel and Egypt and his efforts in conflict resolution on several continents and the promotion of human rights after his presidency.

"In a situation currently marked by threats of the use of power, Carter has stood by the principles that conflicts must as far as possible be resolved through mediation and international co-operation based on international law, respect for human rights, and economic development," the citation said.

The award is worth \$1 million. In a statement posted on the Carter Center's Web site, the 39th president said, "My concept of human rights has grown to include not only the rights to live in peace, but also to adequate health care, shelter, food, and to economic opportunity. I hope this award reflects a universal acceptance and even embrace of this broad-based concept of human rights."

Earlier, he told CNN, "When I was at

the White House I was a fairly young man and I realized I would have maybe 25 more years of active life," adding that he decided to "capitalize on the influence I had as the former president of the greatest nation of the world and decided to fill vacuums."

He has said his most significant work has been through the Carter Center, an ambitious, Atlanta-based think tank and activist policy center he and wife Rosalynn founded in 1982 and which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year.

Perhaps his crowning achievement as president was the peace treaty he negotiated as president between Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Premier Menachem Begin. Carter kept them at the Camp David presidential retreat for 13 days in 1978 to reach the accord, and Sadat and Begin shared the Nobel Peace Prize.

The Nobel committee said Carter, who was in the White House from 1977 to 1981, did not share in the prize because he was not nominated in time.

The secretive, five-member committee made its decision last week after months of secret deliberations as it sought the right message for a world still dazed by the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, the war on

terrorism that followed and concern about a possible U.S. military strike against Iraq.

Carter, a Democrat and former Georgia governor, rose from life as a small-town peanut farmer to the nation's presidency in 1976 after a campaign that stressed honesty in the wake of the Watergate controversy.

He returned home after a landslide loss to Republican Ronald Reagan in 1980, his candidacy undermined by double-digit inflation, an energy crunch that forced Americans to wait in line for gasoline, and the 444-day hostage crisis in Iran.

Carter overcame the voter repudiation and has doggedly pursued a role on the world stage as a peacemaker and champion of democracy and human rights.

He helped defuse growing nuclear tensions in Korea, then helped narrowly avert a U.S. invasion of Haiti in 1994, as well as leading conflict mediation and elections monitoring efforts around the world.

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Officials fear blast work of terrorists

AL MUKALLA, Yemen (AP) — French Defense Minister Michele Alliot-Marie said Friday investigators found traces of TNT on the French oil tanker that exploded in what authorities believe was a terrorist attack.

Specialists from France, Yemen and the United States have been trying to determine what caused the Sunday blast and fire on the Limburg, which killed one crew member and loosed 90,000 barrels of oil into the Gulf of Aden.

The tanker Limburg was towed into a northeastern Yemen port Friday. Investigators said metal and plastic pieces found on the deck suggested the ship was rammed by a smaller craft.

American officials said Sunday's blast was an act of terrorism most likely carried out by people with links to al-Qaida, the terror network led by Osama bin Laden and blamed in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States.

The blast Sunday killed one crew member and spilled 90,000 barrels of oil into the Gulf Of Aden.

The tanker Limburg was brought into Mina al-Dabah port in Al Mukalla by three tug boats.

"It's become clear it's an act of terrorism," a U.S. intelligence official in Washington said Thursday on the condition of anonymity.

Al-Qaida would consider an oil tanker an economic target, the official said. Al-Qaida leaders have spoken of targeting the West's economy.

The attack bears a number of similarities to the suicide boat strike on the USS Cole in October 2000, the U.S. official said.

France's Foreign Ministry also said the ship had been attacked.

"The initial results of the inquiry carried out by French, Yemeni and American investigators suggest the explosion Oct. 6 on board the French oil tanker, the Limburg, was due to an attack," a statement said.

French investigator Jean-Francois Perrouy told French television channel France 3 on Thursday that debris found

on the deck of the tanker did not come from the tanker.

"We found on the Limburg deck some parts mainly made of plastic and of a mixed glass-resin material used for constructing yachts and, in Yemen, fishing boats. We found that on the tanker deck along with some metal debris," he said.

Yemen's minister of sea transport, though, said the parts might have come from the tanker's own rescue boat.

"Investigators have indeed found fiberglass parts but they might be from the tanker's rescue boat that was damaged in the accident. The parts will be sent to laboratories to be tested and determine whether it belonged to the damaged boat," Minister of Sea Transport Saeed Yafaai said Thursday, according to the official Yemen news agency Saba.

Earlier, a U.S. defense official said several factors pointed to a terrorist attack: the hole in the ship is at sea level and the vessel is relatively new, making it unlikely that a malfunction caused the blast.

U.S. intelligence also picked up indications in recent weeks that terrorist groups remain interested in targeting maritime shipping, the defense official said.

Speculation that the incident was an act of terrorism arose shortly after the explosion, which spilled oil along 45 miles of coastline. The Limburg's captain later told The Associated Press a crew member saw a fishing boat approach the tanker shortly before the blast.

At first, Yemen, which has been eager to emphasize its commitment to the U.S.-led war on terrorism, sought to dismiss reports that the blast was deliberate.

A Yemeni government official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the investigation so far has yielded contradictory information and the blast may have been an act of terrorism.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Thursday, "We don't have any conclusions yet."

Domestic Violence Month



(Pampa News photo by Kate Dickson)

Mayor Lonny Robbins signs a proclamation marking this Domestic Violence Month. With him is Kim Davis, executive director of Tralee Crisis Center.

Halloween event to aid food bank

Large barrels also will be placed in the JBK Student Center for general canned food donations.

CANYON — West Texas A&M University student organizations, faculty and staff will join forces for the 8th annual Trick or Treat for Canned Food project to benefit the High Plains Food Bank.

The benefit is a week-long series of events that kicks off at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17 in the Jack B. Kelley (JBK) Student Center Commons. WTAMU student organizations, faculty and staff across campus will be on hand to distribute trick or treat sacks on Canyon residents' doorsteps. The sacks will be picked up from residents beginning at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, giving the community a week to gather food from their homes to donate.

Large barrels also will be placed in the JBK Student Center for general canned food donations.

All food donations collected from the trick or treat project will be delivered to the High Plains Food Bank by members of the committee along with Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, whose national philanthropy is the food drive.

Organizations and individuals must sign up for a distribution area by Thursday, Oct. 10 in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center.

For more information, call 806-651-2313.

Nepal king appoints monarchist as prime minister, palace says

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Nepal's King Gyanendra named the head of a pro-monarchy party the new prime minister on Friday, party officials said, a week after he fired the government and took political control of the Himalayan nation.

Lokendra Bahadur Chand, 63, who heads the Rastriya Prajatantra Party, was prime minister twice under the parliamentary democratic system installed in 1990 and once under the feudal, village-based political system associated with Nepal's former absolute monarchy.

"My first priority will be to

restore peace and stability in the country for which I will try to open dialogue with the Maoist rebels," Chand said.

Chand and his nine-member cabinet was scheduled to take the oath of office at the royal palace Friday evening, the palace said.

The announcement was made as 4,000 supporters of the two biggest political parties held demonstrations to protest the king's firing of Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba last week.

Waving flags and placards, the protesters marched through the streets chanting: "Save democracy," "Save our constitution." Some carried flags of the two largest parties, the Nepali Congress and the Nepali Communist Party.

After a week's delay, the king held separate meetings Friday morning with the leaders of the six major political parties, but did not meet them jointly as they requested. The party leaders wanted to have a voice in selecting an interim government to act as a caretaker until elections could be held.

It was not immediately known what the king and the party leaders discussed, but it is unlikely that the leaders suggested the monarchist Chand as the interim prime minister.

The late King Birendra named Chand as interim prime minister during Nepal's transition from absolute monarchy to democracy in 1990. He was forced to step down after 11 days, when a coalition of top political parties formed an interim government and conducted an election in 1991.

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Smallpox initiative uncertain

By LAURA MECKLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's one thing to offer a risky, possibly deadly, smallpox vaccine. It's another to urge people to take it.

Federal officials planning for smallpox vaccinations are still debating this key issue: Should they advise people to get the shot, or just make it available and let everyone decide for themselves?

No matter what, a massive education campaign will be needed once the shots are available to the public, said Dr. Julie Gerberding, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She said that officials plan to deliver detailed information directly to doctors, who can advise their patients. They are also planning information aimed directly at the public.

But she and other top health officials also want to offer clear recommendations. They say that advice could change as they learn more about reactions to the vaccine and as the threat of a bioterror attack on the United States goes up or down, but the government ought to be clear.

"It is difficult for people to make a decision without specific guidance," Gerberding said.

But that's not easy. What happens when people are injured — or killed — by the vaccine? Does the government carry extra legal liability if federal officials have recommended it?

Smallpox was wiped out worldwide two decades ago, but experts fear that the highly contagious, often fatal disease could return in an attack by terrorists or a hostile nation. Routine vaccinations ended in this country in 1972, meaning nearly half of the population is totally unprotected from the virus. Health officials aren't sure whether those vaccinated years ago have any residual protection.

The vaccine itself is risky. Based on studies from the 1960s, experts estimate that 15 out of every million people vaccinated for the first time will face life-threatening complications, and one or two will die. Reactions are less common for those being revaccinated.

Using these data, vaccinating the entire nation could lead to nearly 3,000 life-threatening complications and at least 170 deaths.

The White House is still considering who should be offered the vaccine and how quickly. Top federal health officials have recommended offering it in stages, starting with about 500,000 people who work in hospital emergency rooms and on special response teams. Next would be about 10 million others, including all health care workers and emergency responders. Finally, it would be offered to the general public after the vaccine — which is now experimental — is licensed, probably by early 2004.

Some in the White House are pushing for faster vaccinations, inoculating the entire nation in a matter of weeks. Under that scenario, the government would launch a massive education campaign aimed at persuading people that its benefits outweigh the side effects, according to one senior White House official who favors rapid vaccinations.

But what to tell people is far from settled.

"The issue is not the size or scope of the communications effort. It's about finding the communications message," said Dr. Michael Osterholm, a bioterrorism expert who is advising top federal officials.

The more conservative position is to simply offer the shots, tell people about the risk and let them decide.

Census shows rising number of Hispanic dropouts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hispanics make up an increasingly disproportionate share of the nation's high school dropouts, a trend that presents an especially tough task for many small-town and rural school districts searching for better ways to educate rising numbers of immigrant Spanish-speaking students.

The changing demographics have forced many principals already coping with tight budgets to squeeze more money in to hire bilingual staffers and develop programs to teach newly arrived kids without a good grasp of English — areas that may help keep more Latinos in the classroom.

In 2000, approximately 1.56 million U.S. residents ages 16

to 19 were not high school graduates and not enrolled in school.

Of the total, nearly 34 percent, or more than 528,000, were Hispanic. That's up from 22 percent, or nearly 346,000, of the 1.59 million total in 1990.

The dramatic change in the percentage is due partly to the overall rise in the Hispanic population during the 1990s to 35.3 million, rivaling blacks as the nation's largest minority group. Hispanics represented nearly 16 percent of all 16- to 19-year-olds in 2000, regardless of educational background, up from 11 percent in 1990.

While the number of Hispanic dropouts and those who never attended high

school grew by nearly 53 percent, the overall population of Hispanic youths of that age grew by about 45 percent.

Yet the increase in Hispanic dropouts is also due to small school districts that lack the money, staffing and programs to help new immigrants adapt to U.S. schools and overcome language barriers, said Marco Zarate, a Hispanic education advocate from Apex, N.C.

"The No. 1 reason that dropout rates are higher for Hispanics is not work-related and it's not family related," said Zarate, president of the nonprofit group North Carolina Society of Hispanic Professionals. Over 25 percent of the dropouts in his state were

Hispanic in 2000, up from about 2 percent in 1990.

"It is school-related. If a child is doing well in school, if he or she feels part of the school, they are not going to drop out," he said.

The lure of a quick paycheck lured others to avoid school entirely.

"For some, it may not be that they are dropping out of school, but rather that people are coming here and not going to school to begin with," said Jennifer Day, an education analyst with the Census Bureau.

Nationally, dropout rates decreased slightly over the decade: the 1.56 million dropouts in 2000 represented nearly 10 percent of the total population of 16- to 19-year-

olds, regardless of educational status. In 1990, the 1.59 million dropouts were over 11 percent of the older teens then.

Among all Hispanics ages 16 to 19, about 21 percent, did not graduate from high school or were not enrolled in school, down slightly from nearly 21.6 percent in 1990. Among blacks of that age, the dropout rate was 12 percent, down from 14 percent. For whites, it was just below 7 percent, down from 9 percent.

However, when looking at just dropouts, Hispanic representation increased, while the percentage who were black declined from 18 percent to 17 percent. Among whites, it decreased from 58 percent to 44 percent.

EchoStar, Hughes forging ahead with merger plans

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — EchoStar Communications Corp. may soon face another disappointment in its scuttled bid to merge with Hughes Electronics Corp. — a breakup fee that could top a half-billion dollars.

The Federal Communications Commission voted 4-0 Thursday to reject the \$18.8 billion deal to combine the nation's two largest satellite TV companies. Commissioners said it would create a virtual monopoly for the millions of Americans without access to cable television.

Both companies said they would amend their proposal in the next 30 days and keep working for approval. They also are negotiating with the Justice Department, which is scrutinizing whether the deal violates antitrust laws.

But at a conference in New York this week, EchoStar chief executive officer Charlie Ergen skirted questions of whether Hughes had done everything it could to complete the transaction — a key factor in whether EchoStar will have to pay Hughes a breakup fee of as much as \$600 million if the deal disintegrates before Jan. 21.

EchoStar also may have to buy Hughes' majority stake in PanAmSat, the largest U.S. satellite operator, if both sides walk away.

The FCC vote marked the first time the commission had blocked a major media merger since 1967.

"Everyone is going to put forth best efforts to get this deal and all the companies want to see this merger approved. We're still moving in that direction," Hughes spokesman Richard Dore said.

New Hampshire diocese agrees to settle lawsuits

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — The Manchester Diocese said it would pay \$950,000 to settle lawsuits brought by 16 men who said they were molested by priests as far back as 1957.

Eight former priests were accused of molesting boys. The diocese said four have died, two are alive but no longer act as priests, and two left the ministry in the 1960s. The most recent accusation was from 1982.

The plaintiffs' names and the specific amounts each will receive were not disclosed Thursday, but no one will get more than \$150,000.

Bishop John B. McCormack has written to each of the men and offered to meet with them, the diocese said.

"I would like to offer you personally my sincere apology and express my willingness to assist you in any way I can to help you move forward in your life," McCormack said in the letters.

The diocese, which covers New Hampshire, is being sued by more than 100 alleged victims altogether. The attorney general's office is also investigating how the diocese handled

Kenneth Ferree, chief of the FCC's media bureau, said the commission remains open to revisions, but the agency staff's analysis found that the deal's negative effects on consumers were "staggering."

"It's clear there is no easy or quick fix with this," he said. "They have quite a hill to climb at this point."

EchoStar, based in Littleton, runs Dish Network, while El Segundo, Calif.-based Hughes operates DirecTV. Together they serve about 18 million subscribers and would be the largest pay-television service, although that would be overtaken if a merger of cable TV giants AT&T and Comcast is approved.

EchoStar and Hughes argued the merger is needed to provide competition to cable TV. The commission wasn't persuaded by that claim.

"EchoStar and DirecTV not only compete but compete vigorously, not only with cable but with each other," FCC chairman Michael Powell said.

He also said the merger would give Americans without cable access only one choice for subscription video service.

In promoting their plan, the companies offered uniform pricing nationwide to ease fears that its dominant market position would be used to gouge consumers where no alternative was available.

Gene Kimmelman, president of Consumers Union, said he was "confounded by the FCC's logic" that satellite TV was competing with cable, considering cable rates have gone up 45 percent since Congress deregulated the industry in 1996.

complaints against priests. The results are expected in December.

The bishop has come under heavy criticism this year for his handling of sex abuse claims in his former post as an aide to Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston, where the sex scandal that has engulfed the nation's Roman Catholic Church erupted earlier this year.

The Manchester Diocese has said no active priest in New Hampshire is the subject of credible molestation charges or allegations.

Among those named in the case was the Rev. Leo Shea, a retired priest who pleaded guilty in 1994 to sexually assaulting a 14-year-old altar boy. He has not responded to efforts to reach him at home or through the diocese.

The lawsuits said Shea molested a plaintiff at another priest's funeral around 1970 and used to chase altar boys around the church, corner them and attack them.


Also Thursday, the Revs. Louis E. Miller and James Hargadon were indicted on one count each by a grand jury in Kentucky's Jefferson County.

Centennial exhibit



(Courtesy photo)

Christine Campaigne, left, and Betty Gordon admire a display at M.K. Brown Auditorium recently. The exhibit was created by fifth graders from Austin Elementary School in commemoration of the county's 100th birthday and included written interviews by long-time Gray Co. residents. The students were under the direction of Angela Roberts.




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Perryton women's conference focusing on 'Outrageous Joy'

PERRYTON - Full Gospel Community Worship Center of Perryton will host their annual "A Day for You" conference on Saturday, Nov. 2.

"Outrageous Joy" will be the focus as women from all stages of their lives are invited to come for a day of uplifting their spirits and rejoicing together.

The 2002 conference will emphasize personal enrichment and inspiration in a workshop format. Women may choose subjects of interest to them. Two keynote speakers will lead simultaneous morning and afternoon sessions.

Dale Stollings will present "Love, Sex, and Intimacy in Marriage" - the biblical model for an exciting, fulfilling marriage. Old and newlyweds alike will be encouraged and challenged in their relationships with their husbands in two one-hour sessions with Stollings.

Carol Stavlo will present "The Gift of Singleness" for the unmarried women attending the conference. She will explore how single women of all ages can find joy and contentment in work, family, and friendships.

Carol's gift of teaching will inspire and motivate women in their walk with God.

A series of lively, informative, and timely sessions will be offered following each of the main seminar presentations. Topics for the mini-workshops will be Faux Painting Tips and Techniques, Home Schooling - Is It for You?, The Power of Prayer, Finding Your Perfect Hairstyle, Step-Parenting Isn't for Cowards, Quilted Art - Fast and Fun, Scrapbooking Basics and Beyond, and Understanding and Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts.

The conference will begin with registration, coffee and pastries at 9 a.m., followed by praise and worship at 9:30 a.m. A salad luncheon will be served at noon. The afternoon session ends at 3:15 p.m.

Women of all faiths and walks are encouraged to participate in this fun-filled day. There is no charge for the conference, but pre-registration is requested.

For more information, call the Full Gospel Community Worship Center at (806) 435-2506. Childcare will not be provided.

Sons of Light



(Courtesy photo)

The Sons of Light men's quartet, left to right, Bryan Frost, Rick Smith, Kevin Howell, and Keith Oliphant, from Central Baptist Church performed during the Centennial tribute to veterans Oct. 5. The tribute was organized by Joyce Field and directed by Kevin Howell.

All in God's proper time

How do you ever know for sure what any person is really all about? What they really stand for and believe? What their real priorities are? Is there any way to really know?

I believe there is. If you really want to know what John Doe is like "deep down", just check him out during the tough times in his life.

Don't bother with the successful days, or the fun days. That won't tell you much. Check him out on the darkest days and you'll see clearly who the real John Doe is.

I want to take you on a brief tour of a man's life. His name? Major Applewhite. If you are a Texas Longhorn fan, you'll recognize his name immediately. For 3 seasons he was the starting quarterback for the Longhorns. He owns 48 of the individual offensive records at UT.

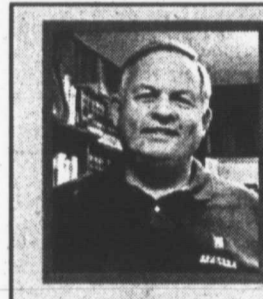
He is a dedicated Christian and during his UT football career, he did more speaking at Fellowship of Christian Athletes events than anyone else.

But that doesn't really tell you what Applewhite is like "deep down". Remember, the "deep down" part of a person is only visible during the dark days. Let me tell you about his dark days.

At the outset of the 2001 football season, Applewhite (senior) was benched and replaced by superstar Chris Simms, son of NFL great Phil Sims.

Applewhite had been the unquestioned leader of the team for three years and had broken all of the significant records and was looking forward to his final season as a Longhorn. He warmed the bench every single game throughout his senior season. Not what he had planned and dreamed.

All season long I remem-



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ber reporters interviewing him and Chris, trying to get some dirt and controversy to highlight on the evening sports. Neither one fell for those traps. Of course, it was easy for Chris to avoid the traps; he was starting every game and playing the whole game. Can you imagine how hard it must have been for Applewhite not to express his disappointments or disagreements?

Applewhite is a dedicated Christian. That means he loves the Bible. By his own words, the passage that he trusted in the whole year was 1 Peter 5:6-7. "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the might hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you."

He just kept trusting in this scripture and working as hard as he could at keeping himself prepared "just in case".

Throughout the whole season he not only didn't complain or gripe, but he worked as hard as he could to help Chris Simms be the best quarterback that he could be. Chris then broke Applewhite's single season passing record. How would you be feeling if you were Applewhite? How would you be acting?

Then came Saturday, Dec. 1. No. 3 Texas (in the hunt for the national championship) played No. 9 Colorado. Colorado had just knocked off Nebraska the week before. Chris had his worst game of the season that day. Texas was

down 29-17 at half. But then came the second half; the half of exaltation.

The second half was the fulfillment of God's promise: "... that He may exalt you at the proper time." Applewhite brought Texas back with 275 passing yards and two touchdowns. However, the deficit was just too much. Final score: Colorado 39, Texas 37. The national championship was gone. But the exaltation had begun.

Based on his performance in that game, Applewhite started the Holiday Bowl game against Washington. After 473 passing yards and four touchdowns, Major Applewhite played his last game for UT and it was his best: Texas 47, Washington 43.

In the post-game interviews, Applewhite refused to toot his own horn. He gave God the credit, quoted scripture and kept talking about how great all of his teammates were. Because he was willing to spend his senior season in the oven of adversity without giving in to bitterness and backbiting, God was able to "exalt him at the proper time."

Are you facing adversity? If not, sometime soon you probably will. How will you feel? How will you act?

Trust in the Lord so that He can exalt you in the proper time. And by the way, "the proper time" won't be your time; "the proper time" will always be His time. God bless.

Mime team interprets Christian music

By MARTHA UNDERWOOD
KILLEEN DAILY HERALD

KILLEEN — As the Mighty Men of Valor mime team performed visual dynamics to the song "In the Midst of It All," Norma Payne, who recently became unemployed, absorbed the message deeply.

"What I got out of it was, God will see me through any circumstance, no matter what my situation," she said.

This young men's mime group at Greater Vision Community Church in Killeen is a preworship team that uses actions to interpret the words to contemporary Christian music. The young men put on white face paint and white gloves and perform in costumes church members have sewn or donated.

"A lot of the time people do not understand a song. We wanted a better influence on people through both seeing and hearing it," said mime member David McQueen, 22.

The men, ages 15-28, help prepare church-goers on Sunday morning to worship God. Their routines are performed to contemporary gospel music on subjects like giving, self-sacrifice and the crucifixion of Christ.

"They inspire so many different reactions from different people, depending on where you are," said congregation member Teresa Crooms. "I was blessed to see young men anointed by God and involved in something godly. They aren't ashamed to show their love for God."

"The church is searching for ways for people to express themselves spiritually," said the Rev. David Reynolds, the church's pastor. "Mime was a way to get young men

involved."

The group formed about two years ago when adviser Tammy Barton invited some young men to her home one Sunday afternoon.

In a videotape of an early performance, the mime team used graceful, expressive movements, and gently asked the songs question, "Why do you weep?" Then in answer, they silently expressed victory and powerful encouragement, while the musician sang, "He is not there/He has risen."

The group was an instant success at Greater Vision. "We didn't realize that our church would perceive us that well," Barton said.

When Mighty Men of Valor perform, the children "rush to the front to see it. Afterward they scatter to their parents, but, they practice it and emulate it," Crooms said. "They don't forget it."

"I think these guys have a special anointing to bring others to Christ," said Pastor Reynolds. "We have good people, and God is doing something here."

The group needs two or more sessions in Barton's living room to develop a full presentation. "Everyone sees

a part of how to interpret the song. No one person comes up with the whole skit," she said.

Perfecting the presentation takes a lot of discipline to coordinate the movements with the music and with each other. They practice for three hours on Sunday afternoons.

In 1999 McQueen saw a few mime presentations on television and liked it. While attending another church, he learned how it was done. "This is good self-expression," McQueen said.

After two years of work at Greater Vision, building on McQueen's experience, Mighty Men of Valor have a repertoire of three dozen songs. They have been guest performers at other churches and community festivals as far away as Austin, Waco and East Texas.

Besides improving lyrical comprehension and leading church-goers into worship, mime has been life-changing to the team.

"I was never really involved in church because I did not know how to do it," said Glenn Reynolds, 27, the pastor's son. "I enjoy (mime) very much and found a spot where I can be involved."

CHURCH BRIEFS

Come meet the Methodists

A study of Methodist beliefs and background will begin Sunday, Oct. 13, at the First United Methodist Church of Pampa.

Genesis Fellowship is offering this study to anyone who would like to know more about Methodism and its heritage. It is an eight-week study being taught by Dr. Jerry R. Lane.

Books are available from Dr. Lane on that day. The group meets on the east end of the education building on the second floor at 9:15 a.m. Coffee and doughnuts are provided.

"Come meet the Methodist this Sunday. We'd love to have you," said Dr. Lane. "If you're going to work or just got off, come as you are. We're a casual group."

Sermon series centers on tough questions

"Why is my life a wreck?" "Why am I here on earth?" "Why do I feel insignificant most of the time?" "Did I choose the right career?" "How can I find happiness?"

Answers to these questions and more will be dealt with each Sunday at 10 a.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd, beginning Oct. 13. Pastor Richard Bartel will be preaching about the purpose-driven life. Topics will address how to find direction and purpose in life.

Macedonia Fish Fry gets cooking Oct. 12

Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will be hosting a fish fry, Saturday, Oct. 12, starting at 11 a.m. The menu will be catfish, french fries, and salad. Pastor I.L. Patric and church family invite the public to come by and dine or call in your orders to 665-4926. Donations accepted.

Presbyterian project brings Muslims, Christians together

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Muslims and Christians sat near each other, crossed-legged in their stocking feet, listening to a sermon that stressed connections binding people separated by faith and custom.

"We are all creations of God, the same God," said Aly A. Farag, the imam at the mosque near the banks of the Ohio River.

A dozen Presbyterians listened intently as Farag stressed the importance of obedience to the Almighty and treating others with kindness.

They were familiar themes to the Presbyterians, who attended the Islamic prayer service as part of an effort by their denomination to bridge the gulf separating Christians and Muslims in this country.

"I felt quite comfortable and at peace with what he

said. There were parts of that I thought could be in any Christian sermon," Karolyn Mangeot, a Presbyterian from Corydon, Ind., said afterward.

The Christians were invited to the prayer service as part of an interfaith listening project organized by the Presbyterian Church (USA), the nation's seventh-largest denomination, headquartered in Louisville.

The church recruited seven teams from overseas, each consisting of one Muslim and one

Christian, to visit Presbyterian congregations throughout the United States and — where possible — to bring together members of local churches and mosques.

The purpose was to promote understanding and harmony between Christians and Muslims — a concept given greater urgency since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the prospects of war with Iraq, an organizer said.

"We're well aware that nei-

ther of our communities can, in isolation, deal with the problems in our world today," said the Rev. Margaret Thomas, who helped coordinate the project.

The Muslim-Christian teams visited dozens of cities, small and large. One pair, a Muslim woman and a Christian man from India, spent three days in Louisville. Other pairs came from Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Kenya, Jordan and Niger.

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Perryton women's conference focusing on 'Outrageous Joy'

PERRYTON - Full Gospel Community Worship Center of Perryton will host their annual "A Day for You" conference on Saturday, Nov. 2.

"Outrageous Joy" will be the focus as women from all stages of their lives are invited to come for a day of uplifting their spirits and rejoicing together.

The 2002 conference will emphasize personal enrichment and inspiration in a workshop format. Women may choose subjects of interest to them. Two keynote speakers will lead simultaneous morning and afternoon sessions.

Dale Stollings will present "Love, Sex, and Intimacy in Marriage" - the biblical model for an exciting, fulfilling marriage. Old and new-lweds alike will be encouraged and challenged in their relationships with their husbands in two one-hour sessions with Stollings.

Carol Stavlo will present "The Gift of Singleness" for the unmarried women attending the conference. She will explore how single women of all ages can find joy and contentment in work, family, and friendships.

Carol's gift of teaching will inspire and motivate women in their walk with God.

A series of lively, informative, and timely sessions will be offered following each of the main seminar presentations. Topics for the mini-workshops will be Faux Painting Tips and Techniques, Home Schooling - Is It for You?, The Power of Prayer, Finding Your Perfect Hairstyle, Step-Parenting Isn't for Cowards, Quilted Art - Fast and Fun, Scrapbooking Basics and Beyond, and Understanding and Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts.

The conference will begin with registration, coffee and pastries at 9 a.m., followed by praise and worship at 9:30 a.m. A salad luncheon will be served at noon. The afternoon session ends at 3:15 p.m.

Women of all faiths and walks are encouraged to participate in this fun-filled day. There is no charge for the conference, but pre-registration is requested.

For more information, call the Full Gospel Community Worship Center at (806) 435-2506. Childcare will not be provided.

Sons of Light



(Courtesy photo)

The Sons of Light men's quartet, left to right, Bryan Frost, Rick Smith, Kevin Howell, and Keith Oliphant, from Central Baptist Church performed during the Centennial tribute to veterans Oct. 5. The tribute was organized by Joyce Field and directed by Kevin Howell.

All in God's proper time

How do you ever know for sure what any person is really all about? What they really stand for and believe? What their real priorities are? Is there any way to really know?

I believe there is. If you really want to know what John Doe is like "deep down", just check him out during the tough times in his life.

Don't bother with the successful days, or the fun days. That won't tell you much. Check him out on the darkest days and you'll see clearly who the real John Doe is.

I want to take you on a brief tour of a man's life. His name? Major Applewhite. If you are a Texas Longhorn fan, you'll recognize his name immediately. For 3 seasons he was the starting quarterback for the Longhorns. He owns 48 of the individual offensive records at UT.

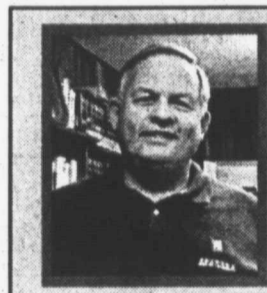
He is a dedicated Christian and during his UT football career, he did more speaking at Fellowship of Christian Athletes events than anyone else.

But that doesn't really tell you what Applewhite is like "deep down". Remember, the "deep down" part of a person is only visible during the dark days. Let me tell you about his dark days.

At the outset of the 2001 football season, Applewhite (senior) was benched and replaced by superstar Chris Simms, son of NFL great Phil Sims.

Applewhite had been the unquestioned leader of the team for three years and had broken all of the significant records and was looking forward to his final season as a Longhorn. He warmed the bench every single game throughout his senior season. Not what he had planned and dreamed.

All season long I remem-



Minister's Musings

MIKE SUBLETT
HI-LAND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

ber reporters interviewing him and Chris, trying to get some dirt and controversy to highlight on the evening sports. Neither one fell for those traps. Of course, it was easy for Chris to avoid the traps; he was starting every game and playing the whole game. Can you imagine how hard it must have been for Applewhite not to express his disappointments or disagreements?

Applewhite is a dedicated Christian. That means he loves the Bible. By his own words, the passage that he trusted in the whole year was I Peter 5:6-7. "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the might hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you."

He just kept trusting in this scripture and working as hard as he could at keeping himself prepared "just in case".

Throughout the whole season he not only didn't complain or gripe, but he worked as hard as he could to help Chris Simms be the best quarterback that he could be. Chris then broke Applewhite's single season passing record. How would you be feeling if you were Applewhite? How would you be acting?

Then came Saturday, Dec. 1. No. 3 Texas (in the hunt for the national championship) played No. 9 Colorado. Colorado had just knocked off Nebraska the week before. Chris had his worst game of the season that day. Texas was

down 29-17 at half. But then came the second half; the half of exaltation.

The second half was the fulfillment of God's promise: "... that He may exalt you at the proper time." Applewhite brought Texas back with 275 passing yards and two touchdowns. However, the deficit was just too much. Final score: Colorado 39, Texas 37. The national championship was gone. But the exaltation had begun.

Based on his performance in that game, Applewhite started the Holiday Bowl game against Washington. After 473 passing yards and four touchdowns, Major Applewhite played his last game for UT and it was his best: Texas 47, Washington 43.

In the post-game interviews, Applewhite refused to toot his own horn. He gave God the credit, quoted scripture and kept talking about how great all of his teammates were. Because he was willing to spend his senior season in the oven of adversity without giving in to bitterness and backbiting, God was able to "exalt him at the proper time."

Are you facing adversity? If not, sometime soon you probably will. How will you feel? How will you act?

Trust in the Lord so that He can exalt you in the proper time. And by the way, "the proper time" won't be your time; "the proper time" will always be His time. God bless.

Mime team interprets Christian music

BY MARTHA UNDERWOOD
KILLEEN DAILY HERALD

KILLEEN — As the Mighty Men of Valor mime team performed visual dynamics to the song "In the Midst of It All," Norma Payne, who recently became unemployed, absorbed the message deeply.

"What I got out of it was, God will see me through any circumstance, no matter what my situation," she said.

This young men's mime group at Greater Vision Community Church in Killeen is a preworship team that uses actions to interpret the words to contemporary Christian music. The young men put on white face paint and white gloves and perform in costumes church members have sewn or donated.

"A lot of the time people do not understand a song. We wanted a better influence on people through both seeing and hearing it," said mime member David McQueen, 22.

The men, ages 15-28, help prepare church-goers on Sunday morning to worship God. Their routines are performed to contemporary gospel music on subjects like giving, self-sacrifice and the crucifixion of Christ.

"They inspire so many different reactions from different people, depending on where you are," said congregation member Teresa Crooms. "I was blessed to see young men anointed by God and involved in something godly. They aren't ashamed to show their love for God."

"The church is searching for ways for people to express themselves spiritually," said the Rev. David Reynolds, the church's pastor. "Mime was a way to get young men

involved."

The group formed about two years ago when adviser Tammy Barton invited some young men to her home one Sunday afternoon.

In a videotape of an early performance, the mime team used graceful, expressive movements, and gently asked the songs question, "Why do you weep?" Then in answer, they silently expressed victory and powerful encouragement, while the musician sang, "He is not there/He has risen."

The group was an instant success at Greater Vision. "We didn't realize that our church would perceive us that well," Barton said.

When Mighty Men of Valor perform, the children "rush to the front to see it. Afterward they scatter to their parents, but, they practice it and emulate it," Crooms said. "They don't forget it."

"I think these guys have a special anointing to bring others to Christ," said Pastor Reynolds. "We have good people, and God is doing something here."

The group needs two or more sessions in Barton's living room to develop a full presentation. "Everyone sees

a part of how to interpret the song. No one person comes up with the whole skit," she said.

Perfecting the presentation takes a lot of discipline to coordinate the movements with the music and with each other. They practice for three hours on Sunday afternoons.

In 1999 McQueen saw a few mime presentations on television and liked it. While attending another church, he learned how it was done. "This is good self-expression," McQueen said.

After two years of work at Greater Vision, building on McQueen's experience, Mighty Men of Valor have a repertoire of three dozen songs. They have been guest performers at other churches and community festivals as far away as Austin, Waco and East Texas.

Besides improving lyrical comprehension and leading church-goers into worship, mime has been life-changing to the team.

"I was never really involved in church because I did not know how to do it," said Glenn Reynolds, 27, the pastor's son. "I enjoy (mime) very much and found a spot where I can be involved."

CHURCH BRIEFS

Come meet the Methodists

A study of Methodist beliefs and background will begin Sunday, Oct. 13, at the First United Methodist Church of Pampa.

Genesis Fellowship is offering this study to anyone who would like to know more about Methodism and its heritage. It is an eight-week study being taught by Dr. Jerry R. Lane.

Books are available from Dr. Lane on that day. The group meets on the east end of the education building on the second floor at 9:15 a.m. Coffee and doughnuts are provided.

"Come meet the Methodist this Sunday. We'd love to have you," said Dr. Lane. "If you're going to work or just got off, come as you are. We're a casual group."

Sermon series centers on tough questions

"Why is my life a wreck?" "Why am I here on earth?" "Why do I feel insignificant most of the time?" "Did I choose the right career?" "How can I find happiness?"

Answers to these questions and more will be dealt with each Sunday at 10 a.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd, beginning Oct. 13. Pastor Richard Bartel will be preaching about the purpose-driven life. Topics will address how to find direction and purpose in life.

Macedonia Fish Fry gets cooking Oct. 12

Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will be hosting a fish fry, Saturday, Oct. 12, starting at 11 a.m. The menu will be catfish, french fries, and salad. Pastor I.L. Patric and church family invite the public to come by and dine or call in your orders to 665-4926. Donations accepted.

Presbyterian project brings Muslims, Christians together

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Muslims and Christians sat near each other, crossed-legged in their stocking feet, listening to a sermon that stressed connections binding people separated by faith and custom.

"We are all creations of God, the same God," said Aly A. Farag, the imam at the mosque near the banks of the Ohio River.

A dozen Presbyterians listened intently as Farag stressed the importance of obedience to the Almighty and treating others with kindness.

They were familiar themes to the Presbyterians, who attended the Islamic prayer service as part of an effort by their denomination to bridge the gulf separating Christians and Muslims in this country.

"I felt quite comfortable and at peace with what he

said. There were parts of that I thought could be in any Christian sermon," Carolyn Mangeot, a Presbyterian from Corydon, Ind., said afterward.

The Christians were invited to the prayer service as part of an interfaith listening project organized by the Presbyterian Church (USA), the nation's seventh-largest denomination, headquartered in Louisville.

The church recruited seven teams from overseas, each consisting of one Muslim and one

Christian, to visit Presbyterian congregations throughout the United States and — where possible — to bring together members of local churches and mosques.

The purpose was to promote understanding and harmony between Christians and Muslims — a concept given greater urgency since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the prospects of war with Iraq, an organizer said.

"We're well aware that nei-

ther of our communities can, in isolation, deal with the problems in our world today," said the Rev. Margaret Thomas, who helped coordinate the project.

The Muslim-Christian teams visited dozens of cities, small and large. One pair, a Muslim woman and a Christian man from India, spent three days in Louisville. Other pairs came from Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Kenya, Jordan and Niger.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

Police Banners Save the Day For Those Needing Road Help

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago, you gave information on how to order "Please Call Police" banners for the car. I had previously ordered some, but somehow lost them. I would like to replace them and purchase some more for family members.

Following my husband's heart surgery, they came in handy. After he was discharged from the hospital, our car died on the way home. We displayed the bright banner in the back window, and the police arrived quickly and helped us to get home.

Would you please share that information again? I'm sure I'm not the only person needing a replacement.

WILMA IN EAST TEXAS

DEAR WILMA: I'm pleased to do so. However, before I do, I'd like to share some comments from other readers about those banners:

"The banners are a great idea. I have had two hip replacements, but still drive. I was going to get an emergency phone for my car, but I have two hearing aids and the volume on the phone is not adequate for me, so I need your 'Please Call Police' banners."
 A.M. IN TAUNTON, MASS.

"Please Call Police" banners — what a brainstorm. I'm 86 years old, but still drive because our small town in Texas has no public transportation. (I call our town 'Sleepy Hollow.') What a godsend those banners are. Please send two of them."
 D.E.J. IN TEXAS

"My grandmother is 80 and drives more than 25,000 miles a year. I would feel more confident about her safety if she had the banners in her glove compartment. I'll put two of them in her Christmas stocking."
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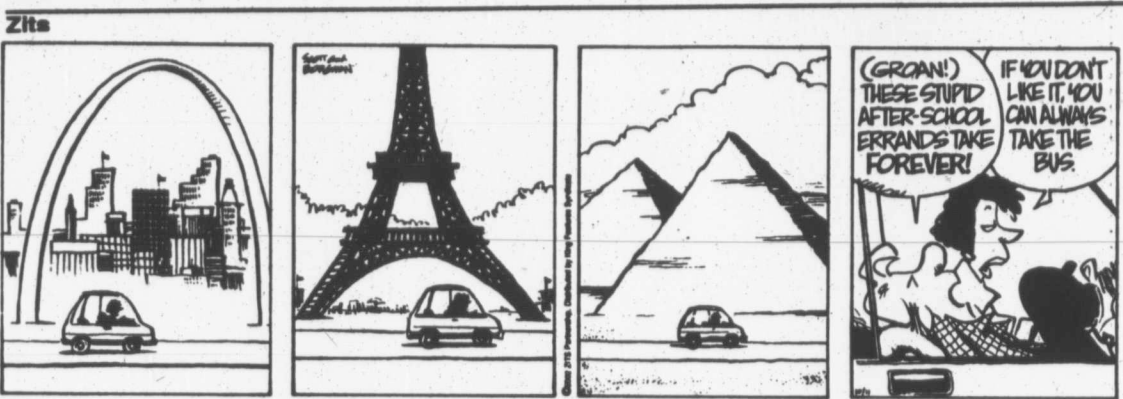
upset because he says everything is falling on him. After working eight hours a day, he resents having to feed, bathe and baby-sit the kids for six hours every night while I am in school.

He supports my decision, but constantly pulls little guilt trips on me. What should I do?
 BETTERING MYSELF

DEAR BETTERING MYSELF: You and your husband are both carrying a heavy load right now. Arrange for child care at least one night a week so your husband will feel less trapped. Also schedule much-needed "date nights" so the two of you can talk (uninterrupted) and catch up with each other's busy lives. You won't be a student forever — and once you have your teaching certificate, you'll both be glad you did it.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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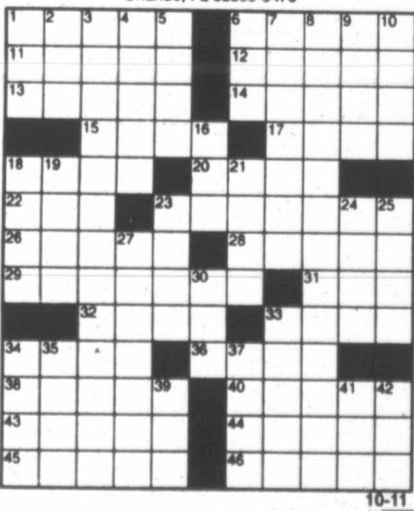
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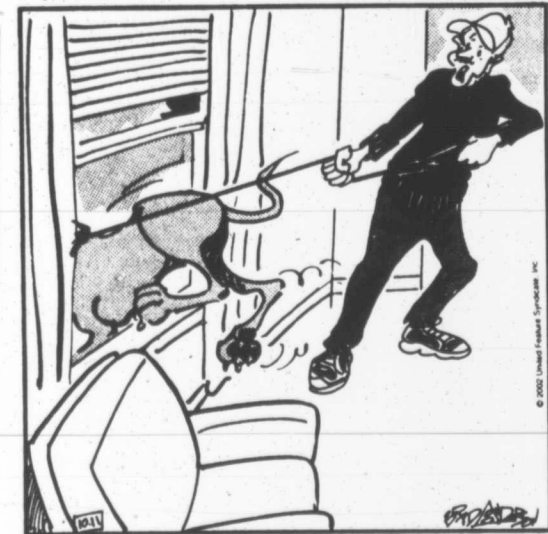
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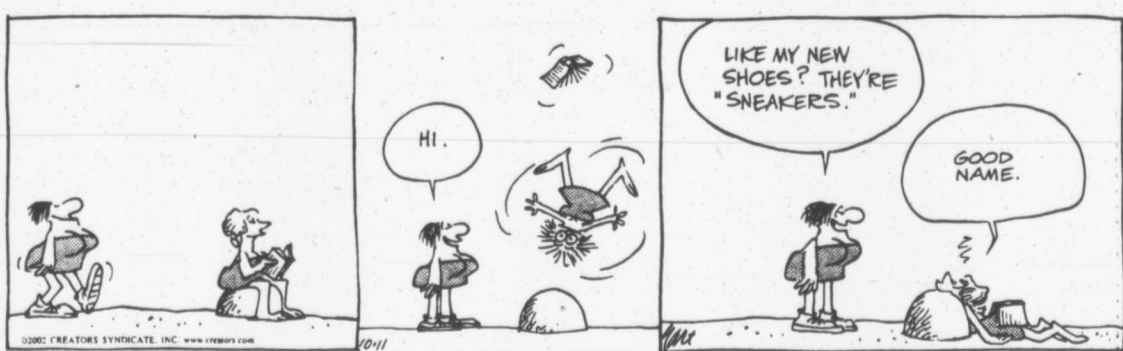


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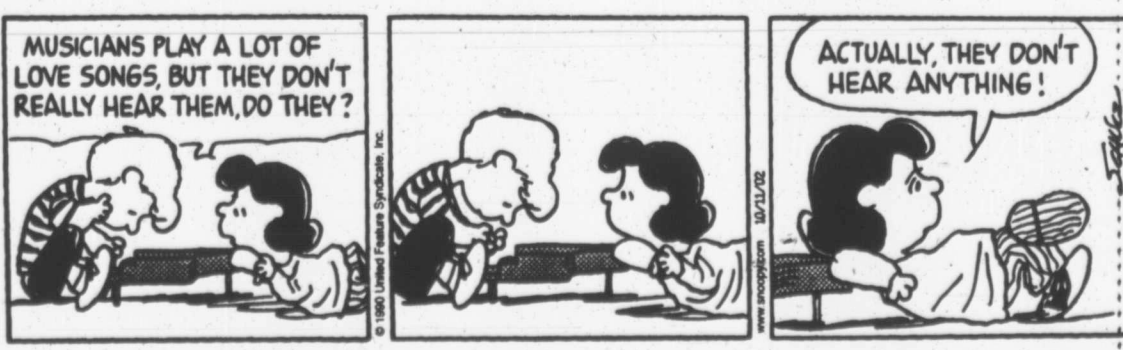
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SPORTS

Sooners hope to stop Texas running game

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Some of the players will be different but the philosophy will be the same when Oklahoma's defense goes against Chris Simms, Cedric Benson and the rest of the Texas offense on Saturday.

"We're prepared to get after the run game first," coach Bob Stoops said.

By stopping the run, which the No. 2 Sooners have done in winning the past two games, they can force third-ranked Texas to become more one-dimensional. If Simms is forced to throw out of necessity instead of by choice, Oklahoma likes its chances.

This year's defense doesn't have an All-America safety and linebacker, as it did a year ago in Roy Williams and Rocky Calmus. But Stoops and his defensive coaches are encouraged about the way this unit matches up with Texas.

"You have to have 11 great players, let's face it," co-defensive coordinator Mike Stoops said. "If there's a weakness, they'll exploit it."

"We feel good about all of our 11. We feel like we've played as well as we have at any time last year. We just

need to be more consistent in what we do."

Texas coach Mack Brown won't argue that point.

"You lose two guys like Rocky Calmus and Roy Williams, and you think from an opponent's standpoint it's really going to make a difference," Brown said. "I don't see any difference in OU's defense."

Teddy Lehman, who has moved into Calmus' spot at weakside linebacker, is second on the team with 52 tackles. The leading tackler is newcomer Lance Mitchell with 62, including 11 for lost yardage. He had 19 tackles a week ago against Missouri.

Co-defensive coordinator Brent Venables says Mitchell, the middle linebacker, has adapted as quickly as any junior college transfer he has coached.

The Sooners have another junior college transfer at the third linebacker spot, Pasha Jackson. He hasn't been as consistent as Lehman and Mitchell, but he does have two of Oklahoma's six sacks.

The linebackers must play well in order to get a handle on Benson, who has rushed for 124 yards per game this season.

"We'll have our hands full," Venables said. "It's certainly better than the alternative — a couple guys in there that can't play."

"It'll be a great challenge and I know my guys are going to want to be extremely committed and prepared to have a great game. They'll need to play well for us to have success."

Simms doesn't have to concern himself with Roy Williams, whose hit on Simms produced the deciding touchdown for Oklahoma in the closing minutes of last year's game. The new free safety is redshirt freshman Eric Bassey, who has 26 tackles, an interception and three passes broken up, but who will be getting his first taste of the Texas-Oklahoma game.

Bassey won't be alone, of course. In Mike Stoops' view, cornerbacks Derrick Strait, Andre Woolfolk and Antonio Perkins are three of the best cover corners in the Big 12. Free safety Brandon Everage is in his third year

as a starter.

"We like the way we match up with them," Bob Stoops said. "That's going to be a big part of the game."

"You've got to stop the run first, but when you do, they're going to throw it. You've got to be able to cover 'em. Fortunately, we have in the past and hopefully we can again."

The Sooners intercepted Simms four times a year ago. He has thrown for 1,161 yards this season, completing 56 percent of his passes, with 10 touchdowns and three interceptions.

In Roy Williams, Sloan Thomas and B.J. Johnson, Simms has big, strong fast receivers. But Simms' lack of mobility plays to Oklahoma's strength — the Sooners had a tough time getting their hands on the quick and elusive Brad Smith of Missouri.

"We've had more success in guys that are pocket-type quarterbacks than we have guys that run around," Bob Stoops said.

"We like how we match up (with Texas) in all situations, in how we defend what they do and what we need to do to have an opportunity to win."

Pampa Soccer Standings at South Naida Complex Week 3-Sept. 28

U-12 Boys						
Team	W	L	T	GF	GA	GP
Wheeler Banking Center	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reapers	0	0	0	0	0	0
U-10 Boys						
Team	W	L	T	GF	GA	GP
T-Shirts & More	1	0	1	2	1	2
Culberson-Stowers	0	0	0	2	2	1
Keyes Pharmacy	0	0	2	3	3	2
Celanese One	0	1	0	0	1	1
U-10 Girls						
Team	W	L	T	GF	GA	GP
Medicine Shoppe	0	0	0	0	0	0
Snappy Services	0	0	0	0	0	0

Results Games ending Week 3-Sept. 28

U-19 Boys
 United '88 (San Angelo) 2, Pampa FC '85 1.
 West Texas Heat (Midland) 2, Pampa FC '88 0.

U-12 Boys
 Reapers 8, Blue Flames (Borger) 2.
 Blue Flames (Borger) 8, Wheeler Banking Center 1.
 Reapers 9, Blue Flames (Borger) 3.

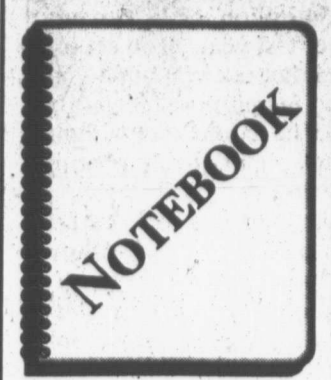
U-12 Girls
 *Reapers 10, Rattlers 8.
 Rattlers 6, Wheeler Bank Center no score available.
 Blue Flames (Borger) 8, Rattlers 2.

U-10 Boys
 T-Shirts & More 1, Celanese One 0.
 Culberson-Stowers 2, Keyes Pharmacy 2.
 T-Shirts & More 1, Keyes Pharmacy 1.

U-10 Girls
 *Snappy Services 2, Medicine Shoppe 0
 *Culberson-Stowers 2, Medicine Shoppe 2
 *Celanese Team One 5, Snappy Services 0.
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Jaden Swires (left) takes a shot on goal as Bobby Thomas of the CompuTech team advances on him at a recent soccer matches. Both players are members of the Under 8 boys' division in the Pampa Soccer Association. Matches are played at the South Naida Complex.



VOLLEYBALL

PAMPA — City of Pampa Recreation Department will be sponsoring a mixed adult volleyball league.

Mixed Competitive and Recreational divisions will be offered. Players must be 14 years old to participate.

Entry deadline will be Oct. 30 at 5 p.m., and the season will begin the week of Nov. 4.

Entry fee (sponsor's fee) is \$180 and player's fee is \$10 per player with a minimum of eight players.

Roster forms, fact sheets and league by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart.

For more information, please contact Shane Stokes at 669-5770 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

BASEBALL

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Rich Aurilia and Jason Schmidt took their turns at starring roles, leading the San Francisco Giants over the St. Louis Cardinals 4-1 and giving them a 2-0 lead in the NL championship series.

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — Texas Rangers All-Star shortstop Alex Rodriguez donated \$3.9 million to the University of Miami's baseball program. The gift, paid in annual installments over six years, will be used to renovate the stadium — which will then be called Alex Rodriguez Park. Rodriguez grew up near the Miami campus.

GOLF

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Charles Howell III, playing with the confidence of a first-time winner, shot a 7-under 65 before the wind started to blow and tied three-time champion Jim Furyk for the lead in the Invenys Classic at Las Vegas.

SOUTHERN PINES, N.C. (AP) — Carol Semple Thompson won her fourth straight U.S. Senior Women's Amateur, beating Barbara Berkmyer 3 and 1 in the rain-soaked final.

The 53-year-old Thompson extended her USGA record for consecutive victories in an event to 24. She also became the first qualifying medalist to go wire to wire since the format changed to match play in 1997, and tied the mark for consecutive victories in the event set by Carolyn Cudone (1969-72).

FOOTBALL

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. (AP) — With Michael Vick unable to finish practice, coach Dan Reeves selected Doug Johnson as the starting quarterback for Atlanta's game at New York on Sunday.

BASKETBALL

DENVER (AP) — Denver Nuggets center Marcus Camby is out indefinitely following hip surgery, an injury his agent said should have been treated months ago.

He was hurt Feb. 1 playing for New York against Indiana when he landed hard on his side after colliding with Jermaine O'Neal on a layup attempt.

Raiders stay unbeaten in Pampa Optimist League

Games start at 10 a.m. Saturday at middle school

LEFORS — The Zelco Trucking Raiders defeated the Operating Co. Cowboys 12-8 last weekend in a Pampa Optimist Football League game. The Raiders won the game with a steady offense and a gritty defense.

Madison Wilson led the Raider offense with 100 yards rushing on 11 carries and scored a touchdown. Casey Trimble had 50 yards on 5 carries and Heath Skinner had 20 yards on 7 carries and a touchdown. John Luke Covalt gained 15 yards on 3 carries while Jaden Skinner had a reception for 6 yards.

The Cowboys had 92 yards rush-

ing and 22 yards passing. Thomas Fraser and Sergio Salazar did most of the running for the Cowboys while Craig Conner threw a 22-yard TD pass to Salazar. Conner then threw a pass to Mathew Smith for the extra point.

Both teams played tough the entire game. Heath and Hayden Skinner each had a sack to help stop good drives by the Cowboys. Madison Wilson also intercepted a pass to stop another Cowboy drive.

The Raiders drove all the way to the Cowboy three, but fumbled to stop another scoring opportunity. Canyon Dougherty made a touchdown-saving tackle late in the game and also a tackle behind the line of scrimmage to help stop the Cowboys' final drive.

Gabe Rodriguez, Ryan Jimenez, Ben Griffin and Kadin Barton also had great defensive plays for the

Raiders.

The win puts the Raiders in first place all alone with a 3-0 record, while the Cowboys are tied for second with the Packers at 2-1. The Lefors Bucs are 1-2 and the Dolphins are 0-4.

LEFORS — The Zelco Trucking Raiders of the Pampa Optimist Club ran its league-leading record to 4-0 this week by defeating the Lefors Bucs 44-0.

John Luke Covalt led the Raiders' offense by rushing 5 times for 60 yards with one touchdown and one extra point.

Casey Trimble also scored one TD and one extra point with 35 yards rushing on 2 carries.

Heath Skinner had 37 yards rushing on 4 carries and scored 2 touchdowns.

Ryan Jimenez had 20 yards rushing on 4 carries and scored 1

extra point.

Gabe Rodriguez scored 1 TD and had 13 yards rushing on 4 carries. Hayden Skinner gained 15 yards on 3 carries and Kadin Barton carried the ball 1 time for 7 yards.

All together, the Raiders racked up 243 yards rushing while their stingy defense gave up just 15 total yards.

Tyler Smith, Dustin Forsyth, Brandon Mcbee and Kennan Lott played well for Lefors.

The Raiders defense consisted of outstanding players such as Ben Griffin, Barton, Covalt, Will McKay, Nick Millikan, the Skinner twins, Trimble, Wilson, Zack Licklider, Tyler Crawford, Canyon Dougherty, Jimenez, Rodriguez, Nathan Smith and Javier Solis Jr.

Games will be played all day Saturday from 10 in the morning until about 5:30 at the middle school field.

Tech looks to play keep away from ISU

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Texas Tech wants to keep Iowa State quarterback Seneca Wallace off the field. No. 11 Iowa State wants to do the same with Texas Tech's Kliff Kingsbury.

Tech's game at Iowa State on Saturday night will showcase two of the nation's top quarterbacks and could come down to which team does a better job playing keep away.

"I think we need to try and control the ball just because that guy's so dangerous," Kingsbury said of Wallace. "He can run and throw, so he's a huge weapon for them. If we can stay on the field, that'll be a bonus."

That's exactly what Iowa

State (5-1, 2-0 Big 12) doesn't want. The Cyclones want Kingsbury watching from the sideline. If they can keep him there by running the ball, fine. If they have to do it with Wallace passing, that's OK, too.

Just keep his hands off the ball.

"We don't want to get in a shootout with them," Wallace said. "That's how their offense is made. We just want to go out there and play well and try our best to keep their offense off the field."

Ask Texas A&M about getting into a shootout with Tech (4-2, 1-0). A&M's "Wrecking Crew" defense annually is one of the nation's best, but

Kingsbury ravaged the Aggies in a 48-47 overtime victory Saturday.

Kingsbury completed 49-of-59 passes for 474 yards and five touchdowns. For the season, he's 200-of-299 for 2,134 yards and 22 touchdowns with just five interceptions.

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Defense legislation passes House, other budget bills stymied

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House handily approved a compromise \$355.4 billion defense bill delivering most of the money President Bush wants to bolster the Pentagon's battle against terrorism.

But facing a rebellion by farm-state Republicans, GOP leaders failed in their effort to put off Congress' fight over the rest of the budget until after next month's midterm elections.

The House approved the defense bill 409-14, and Senate approval was expected by next week. The overwhelming margin underlined Congress' consensus behind beefing up the military, and a desire by Democrats to avert campaign-season accusations by Bush that they had slowed the measure even as a possible military showdown with Iraq loomed.

"It represents a bipartisan commitment to our troops and the war on terrorism," said Rep. Martin Frost, D-Texas.

From weapons procurement and

research to the costs of training troops, virtually every category of Pentagon spending would be increased. The bill included money for a 4.1 percent pay raise for military personnel, for two more Aegis destroyers and a new attack submarine, and nearly all of the \$7.4 billion Bush requested to keep developing a national missile defense system.

A separate \$10.5 billion measure financing military construction projects also cleared Congress, with a 419-0 House vote and a voice vote by the Senate. That bill would provide \$800 million more than Bush proposed, including \$19.5 million to add land to Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada and \$6 million for a fire station at the Rickenbacker Air National Guard base in Ohio.

But completion of those two bills would still leave undone 11 of the 13 annual spending bills that keep federal agencies open for the federal budget year that started Oct.

1. Those bills — covering everything from the national park system to the space program — have stalled because Bush wants to hold spending for them several billion dollars below what Democrats and some Republicans are seeking.

Two temporary spending bills have kept agencies functioning so far. Top Republicans had hoped Congress would approve a new one through Nov. 22, delaying the budget fight until after the Nov. 5 elections for control of the House and Senate.

But they ran into opposition from Democrats favoring extra overall spending and farm state Republicans upset that the measure lacked drought aid.

"It says we're going home and we're not going to address this issue" of drought, "and I'm not prepared to do that," said Rep. John Thune, R-S.D., who is running for the Senate in a state where farmers and ranchers have been battered by dry weather.

Instead, Congress voted to keep the government running through Oct. 18. The House vote was 272-144, while the Senate approval was by voice vote.

At the White House, press secretary Ari Fleischer hailed passage of the defense bill. He said Bush would sign it because it will "ensure that we provide our troops in the field with the resources they need to fight terrorism and defend freedom."

The bill's popularity was also a tribute to the billions it would spend from coast to coast for weapons and other equipment. Included was \$3.3 billion for 15 Air Force C-17 transport planes — \$586 million more than Bush requested — which the Boeing Co. has been building in Long Beach, Calif.; and \$270 million for 19 Army Blackhawk helicopters — seven more than Bush sought — built by the Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. of Stratford, Conn.

The defense bill, for the federal budget year that started Oct. 1, rep-

resents a \$34 billion, or 11 percent, increase over last year. Bush sought \$367 billion, but ran into bipartisan resistance to his proposal for a \$10 billion fund he could tap without congressional input for combating terrorists overseas.

Following a deal struck earlier this year, the bill would follow Bush's lead and scuttle the Army's high-technology Crusader artillery program and provide \$369 million to develop alternatives.

In one of the few notes of discord, Democrats complained that House-Senate bargainers had dropped a Senate-approved provision barring U.S. companies that move to overseas tax havens from winning Pentagon contracts.

Separately, the House voted 357-48 for a compromise bill that would provide \$3.8 billion over three years for local governments to buy upgraded voting equipment. The measure represented Congress' response to the disputed 2000 presidential election in Florida.

Ethics board rules against GOP candidate

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — An ethics board ruled Thursday that gubernatorial candidate Tim Pawlenty illegally cooperated with the Republican party to produce advertisements, which now must be counted against his campaign's spending limits.

The decision could bar Pawlenty's campaign from spending money in the final weeks of the tight, three-way race to replace Gov. Jesse Ventura.

The Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board ruled that the roughly \$1 million Republicans say they spent on ads for Pawlenty, the state House majority leader, must be counted against his \$2.2 million campaign spending limit. Pawlenty had already spent nearly

\$800,000 as of the last reporting period, more than six weeks ago.

Campaign staffers for Pawlenty say he likely will appeal the board's ruling in federal court and seek a stay preventing the ruling from affecting the Nov. 5 election.

"We strongly disagree with the board's decision and believe it was wrongly decided," Pawlenty's campaign chairman Chris Georgacas said in a statement. "It raises profound constitutional issues which will not be decided in the next few days or weeks."

The dispute marks the first major test of Minnesota campaign laws enacted in 1994, in which candidates agree to spending limits in exchange for public money. Pawlenty's

campaign received more than \$400,000 from the state.

At issue is video footage shot by Pawlenty's media consultant in which the candidate looks directly at the camera as he talks about various issues. The footage, which the consultant sold to a Republican Party aide, was used in the GOP ads.

Under state law, candidates can not have any say in ads outside parties create on their behalf.

The party and Pawlenty maintain the arrangement was legal because the consultant was not actually employed by his campaign, and because the footage was not shot with the intention of using it for the GOP ads.

But the board ruled it had "probable cause to believe" that the GOP's media agent cooperated with Pawlenty's media consultant, and there was "express or tacit consent for the use of this footage and documents."

"A wink and a nod won't cut it," said Doug Kelley, chairman of the campaign finance board. He added that just looking at the ads suggests that Pawlenty's campaign worked too closely with the party.

"How can the candidate be

talking to the camera and have someone else air the ad?" Kelley said.

Unless a court issues a stay, Kelley said, Republican spending on ads for Pawlenty will count against his campaign as soon as the board determines the amount spent on the ads.

The board, which may later fine the campaign, decided Thursday to fine the state GOP \$4,000. The panel said state law prevented it from fining the party more.

Republican Party attorney Tony Trimble said the party disagrees with the board's findings but hasn't decided how it will respond.

Polls have shown Pawlenty in a tight race with Democrat Roger Moe — the Senate majority leader — and Independence Party candidate Tim Penny, a former Democratic congressman. Ventura, of the Independence Party, decided not to seek a second term.

Nancy Jorgensen, chairwoman of the Independence Party, which brought the complaint against the ads, said Pawlenty should have known better. "Tim was a prosecuting attorney. He had to understand what the consequences of this are," she said.

Kool-Aid exhibit fails to boost attendance at Hastings Museum

HASTINGS, Neb. (AP) — It sounded like a great idea.

But the only exhibit in the world believed devoted to Kool-Aid has done little to boost attendance at the local museum where the display is mounted.

The exhibit paying homage to founder Edwin Perkins and the sugary drink first distributed here 75 years ago on downtown streets attracted national attention when it opened in June.

It has not translated into higher attendance figures at

the Hastings Museum of Natural and Cultural History.

"Sixteen thousand people from Hastings did not show up to see an exhibit that is one-of-a-kind," said Terry Hunter, museum director.

About 8,000 local residents have visited the exhibit since it opened, he said.

On The Net:
Hastings Museum of Natural and Cultural History:
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Hepatitis patients filing suit against tissue, organ banks

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Two people who contracted hepatitis C after they received tissue transplants from an infected donor filed separate multimillion dollar lawsuits against the tissue and organ banks that screened and supplied the tissue.

The two lawsuits, which were filed separately Thursday, ask for a combined \$27.4 million in damages from the nonprofit organizations Community Tissue Services and Pacific Northwest Transplant Bank, both in Portland.

Investigators believe up to 40 patients received organs or tissue from the infected donor. They have located 18 so far; six were likely infected from the transplants, said Dr. Katrina Hedberg, medical epidemiologist with the Oregon Health Division.

Hepatitis C can lead to liver failure and in some cases can be fatal.

The case is extremely unusual, medical experts say, because the donor was infected with hepatitis C at the time of his death but did not immediately test posi-

tive because the test searched for antibodies and not the disease itself.

The body can take up to six weeks to produce detectable levels of the specialized virus-fighting proteins, creating a window of time between infection and reliable test results, they said. Tests on the donor's blood done weeks later, after the tissue recipients got sick, tested positive for the antibodies, Hedberg said.

"The situation was a window and it's extremely, extremely rare," said Jill Steinhaus of LifeCenter Northwest, an organ procurement organization that serves Alaska, Montana, Washington and northern Idaho.

The lawsuits allege that the tissue and organ banks didn't perform adequate tests on the donor's body before allowing the transplants.

They should have used a more thorough test adopted by blood banks in 1999 and should have warned potential recipients that hepatitis C was a transplant risk, according to the lawsuit.

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Activity erupts at West Coast ports as longshoremen return

By PAUL CHAVEZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Although dockworkers at 29 West Coast ports were back on the job moving cargo, they weren't always doing it fast enough to satisfy their employers, setting the stage for a potential court battle if things don't pick up quickly.

"We're certainly not where we wanted to be today," Pacific Maritime Association spokesman Steve Sugerman said Thursday, a day after thousands of longshoremen from San Diego to Seattle returned to work.

"We're hoping to see improvement tomorrow," he added.

If things don't pick up, the association that represents shipping lines and terminals could go to federal court and accuse the longshoremen of violating the terms of a return-to-work order a judge issued Tuesday at President Bush's request.

When the association locked out the dockworkers two weeks ago it accused them of deliberately staging a work slowdown after contract negotiations stalled amid disagreements over pensions, benefits and whether jobs created by new technology would be unionized.

They returned Wednesday night to docks cluttered with a mountainous backlog of cargo and, in some cases, discovered

containers had been misplaced or equipment was not readily available to quickly move goods onto trucks and trains.

"Terminal operators don't even know where cargo is. They put trains everywhere they could. Containers are piled up on top of each other. It's a mess," complained Leal Sundet, an official with the local union chapter in Portland, Ore.

Truckers waiting to collect cargo at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, the nation's largest port complex, faced a turnaround time of around five hours — nearly double the norm, said Joe Nieves, president of Vernon-based Qwikway Trucking Co. Some drivers kicked around a soccer ball as they waited in a 25-deep truck line at one pier where two cranes servicing three ships were unloading containers.

Nieves said it was too early to tell if the delay was caused by the flood of truckers who rushed to the terminals or by the dockworkers' pace.

Luis Umana, director of transportation for the Long Beach-based trucking firm Price Transfer Inc., said he didn't believe the delays were deliberate.

"The longshoremen may have people who didn't want to get involved in the picketing and are out of town," Umana said. "I'm hoping that by Friday everything should be back to normal when it

comes to staffing the ports."

Officials at the 10,500-member International Longshore and Warehouse Union have promised to work as hard as they can without sacrificing safety.

Some ports reported things had returned to normal. "They're getting the work done," said Mick Schultz, spokesman for the Port of Seattle. "The productivity level is good. The pace of the work here is good. It's at or very close to normal."

Even under ideal circumstances, it will take weeks to uncork the bottleneck in the domestic supply chain. Perishable cargos and military items have first priority, but then it will be a free-for-all among importers and exporters vying to get their products in motion during the always-congested holiday import season.

The 10-day lockout cost the economy up to \$2 billion per day by some estimates. In ordering it ended, U.S. District Judge William Alsup in San Francisco cited its impact on the fragile U.S. economy.

His order expires Wednesday, at which time he was to review the case and determine whether to extend it into an 80-day "cooling-off period" under the Taft-Hartley Act. But the union and government lawyers said they had agreed Thursday to extend the order for the 80 days without returning to court.

House passes billion-plus dollar election overhaul compromise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress moved one step closer to finishing work on an election overhaul bill, with the House overwhelmingly passing the measure that sends billions of dollars to states to upgrade voting systems.

The measure, which passed 357-48, now goes to the Senate, where passage is also expected. President Bush has already signaled his intention to sign the bill into law. It would cost \$3.8 billion over three years, and Congress must still pass a measure funding it.

But lawmakers clearly saw Thursday's passage as the biggest hurdle for the bill. "Some of us are emotional," said Rep. Carrie Meek, D-Fla. "This to us is an emancipation of some of the problems."

Indeed, it was balloting problems in Florida in 2000 that sent the nation into turmoil and left the winner of the presidential election in doubt for 36 days as local officials tried to decipher votes from outdated voting machines.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said the measure will "restore confidence and renew the trust of the American people in the election process."

Rep. Steny Hoyer, the chief Democratic negotiator in the House, declared the legislation "nothing less than a declaration of independence from hanging chads, butterfly ballots and the broken election system that nearly provoked a constitutional crisis."

And Rep. Robert Ney of Ohio, the Republican who led the negotiations, said the bill puts to rest "all of the controversy."

Still, the measure had its detractors, particularly among Hispanic lawmakers who fear new

identification requirements for first time voters.

"They've made voter registration and the act of voting more difficult," complained Rep. Charles Gonzalez, D-Texas. "It will disenfranchise individuals, individuals in my community."

The measure allows states with punch-card and lever voting systems to get money to buy upgraded machines if they want, and requires provisional voting, which allows people who do not appear on election rolls but say they are eligible to vote to cast a ballot. Election officials later would determine whether the ballots were valid.

The bill also establishes statewide registration lists that would use the last four digits of a voter's driver's license or Social Security number as an identifier for the database. Voters with neither number would be assigned an identifying number by the state.

States would also have to ensure that at least one voting machine at a polling place is accessible to the disabled.

The identification language, also opposed by civil rights groups, would require voters who registered by mail to show identification the first time they vote. Photo IDs, utility bills or other documents would be allowed.

LaShawn Warren, legislative counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, said the measure, "turns back the clock on four decades of voting rights advances."

"Instead of making sure that the voting process is inclusive, this bill provides tools to exclude people from the voting process," Warren said.

Drug czar calls Arizona marijuana initiative 'stupid, insulting,' criticizes Nevada measure

PHOENIX (AP) — The federal drug czar denounced a measure on Arizona's November ballot that would decriminalize possession of small amounts of marijuana, calling it a "stupid, insulting con."

John P. Walters made the statement Wednesday at a town hall meeting, and on Thursday visited a center for teen drug addicts in Nevada to criticize a similar measure there.

"We know that marijuana is the single largest source of dependency," Walters, head of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, told a group of about 150 senior citizens and children Wednesday. "We know that it is responsible for 20 percent of accidents on the road today."

"How many billions of dollars in liability is Arizona opening itself up to down the line?"

If passed, Arizona's Proposition 203 would decriminalize the possession of up to two ounces of marijuana for personal use. It would also require the Department of Public Safety to provide free marijuana to people with a written recommendation from a physician.

In Nevada on Thursday, Walters said, "no

community is better off with more drugs." He has said Nevada's Question 9 could make the state a center for drug tourism.

Billy Rogers, head of Nevadans for Responsible Law Enforcement, the main group supporting the measure, said there's no evidence the initiative's passage would create more drug addicts.

He pointed out that the drug czar's own Web site shows the majority of drug addicts in Nevada were treated last year for an amphetamine addiction.

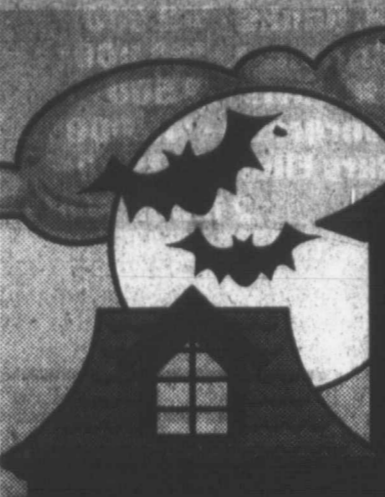
"I think it's about time the drug czar was held accountable to the outright falsehoods he's been putting out there," Rogers said.

Phoenix resident Carolyn Barker, 60, attended Wednesday's meeting because she was angered at comments that Walters made on the radio earlier in the day.

"I had a friend with cancer and it helped him eat," Barker said. "He got marijuana illegally and he could have gotten caught."

Walters, who coordinates federal drug programs and spending, said no scientific data proves marijuana is effective as medicine.

AP writer Angie Wagner contributed to this report from Las Vegas.

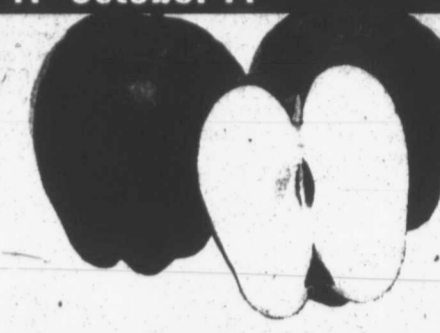


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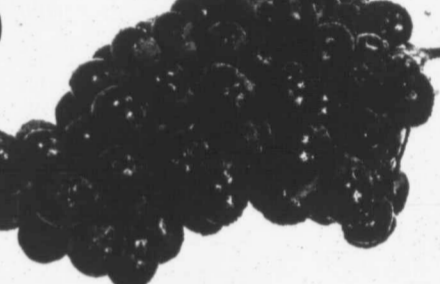
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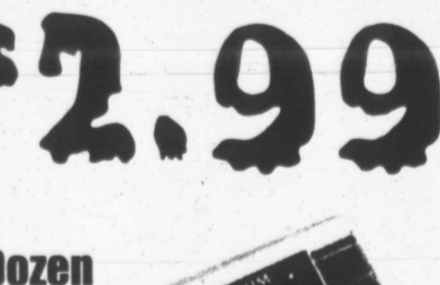
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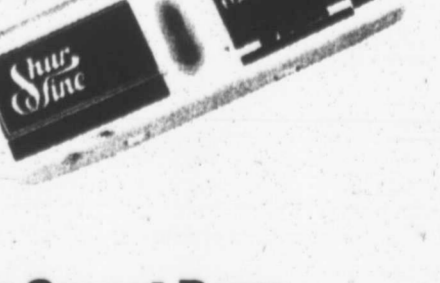
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