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Kid safety topic of program Oct. 21
John Matthews, executive director of The Community Safety Institute on Safe Schools, will present a 90-minute program for parents and the community on anti-bullying solutions at 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 21, in the Pampa Middle School library. The program is sponsored by Pampa Independent School District Safe and Drug-Free Schools.

STATE

Texas victim's ashes returned from Bali
BALI, Indonesia (AP) — The body of a Texas woman who was among the revelers at a Bali nightclub when it was leveled by an explosion has been identified, and her ashes were sent home Friday to the United States, hospital and U.S. Embassy officials said.

They said the body of Karri Jane Casner, 23, of Flower Mound, Texas, was identified through dental record that had been brought to Bali by her parents, who have since left the resort island.

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Officials theorize about source of North Korea's nuclear power

WASHINGTON (AP) — Intelligence officials suspect that Russia, Pakistan and China are suppliers of equipment North Korea has used to develop its nuclear weapons program, an allegation Moscow and Islamabad quickly denied Friday.

"This has absolutely nothing to do with reality," said Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Yakovenko.

"No exchange of any sort was done with North Korea," said Gen. Hamid Gul, a former chief of Pakistan's spy agency, Inter-Services Intelligence. "North Korea's technology has always been ahead of ours ... North Korea has always been close to China and Russia ... we are in no position to help them."

Two U.S. officials said Friday that while China is believed to be among North Korea's sources, Pakistan and Russia are its main suppliers of equipment needed to enrich

uranium for nuclear weapons. Some of the equipment has industrial as well as military uses and passes through countries which may not know what North Korea is doing with it.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer would not comment on a New York Times report that Pakistan, in the late 1990s, forged a deal supplying Pyongyang with the equipment in exchange for North Korean missiles.

But he said: "Since Sept. 11, many things that many people may have done years before Sept. 11 ... have changed." Pakistan has become a major ally among the 90-nation anti-terror coalition established since the Sept. 11 attacks on America.

Another official, asking not to be identified, confirmed that Pakistan has carried out exchanges with North Korea on weapons technology but said they took place before (See KOREA, Page 3)

Competition ready



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)
Pampa High School trumpeter David Ramirez practices his playing and marching techniques with the rest of the band early this morning. PHS Harvester Band plans to leave at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, to compete in the Regional UIL marching contest at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo. Parents and band supporters will gather at PHS to form a caravan to Amarillo. Judging in the marching competition between the six 4-A Division bands begins at 5:30 p.m. Pampa's band is scheduled to compete at 5:45 p.m.

Man sentenced to five years on indecency plea

Scotty W. Gamble, 28, 843 E. Campbell, was sentenced in 31st District Court here Thursday to five years imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice system for indecency with a child.

District Attorney Rick Roach said Gamble pleaded guilty to the December 2000 offense involving a female child who was eight years old at the time.

"He will probably have to serve 90 percent of the five years, if not 100 percent of the time," said Roach. "Sexual abuse offenders are getting very little parole time anymore."

Roach said Gamble will be required to register as a sex offender for the remainder of his life.

MISD OKs senior cruise

MIAMI — Miami High School's Class of 2003 will take a seven-day cruise for the Senior Trip when school ends in May.

Barbara Gray, senior sponsor, told the Miami Independent School District Board of Trustees during a recent meeting that the eight seniors and five sponsors will be departing San Juan, Puerto Rico, on May 25, 2003, on a seven-day Caribbean Cruise on Royal Caribbean.

Allan Dinsmore, superintendent of Miami Independent School District, said the class is earning the approximate \$30,000 for the trip by having the concessions at Miami School functions, selling cheese, sponsoring the Halloween

Carnival at MISD on Oct. 26, selling pizzas at school bi-weekly from a Pampa business, holding several catalog sales, and selling magazines.

He said they will also be doing service projects such as washing cars as well as hanging and taking down Christmas decorations in Miami.

Dinsmore said the senior sponsor traditionally appears at the October meeting of the trustees to apprise them of the senior trip plans and obtain their approval.

Miami ISD students were recognized for their outstanding achievements by exemplary status. He said the school received special recognition for the advanced academic courses completed, the high attendance rate and the improvement of the students in reading.

A resolution was approved

by the board designating 4-H activities as approved extracurricular activities at the school.

Brandon Dukes, Roberts County Extension Agent, was approved as an adjunct faculty member. Dinsmore said with Dukes having the designation he will be allowed to sponsor students involved Future Farmers of America activities and those competing in stock shows.

Board members reviewed the Region 16 survey containing the tax rate of all school districts in the region.

In other business the board set the Team of Eight training to be held in January, 2003, and approved the integrated past management policy.

Financial reports were also approved.

The next meeting of the school board will be Nov. 18.

Austin school carnival offers fun and games

Austin Elementary School, 1900 N. Duncan, will have its Annual Fall Carnival from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 24.

The carnival has been expanded to include more games and prizes including a climbing wall, bouncer and many carnival games.

A bake sale will again be part of the day's festivities. Cakes, pies, cookies, breads and other home-made goodies will be on sale at the school from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Although the Chili Supper will not take place this year, there will be a concession selling hot dogs, nachos and pizza as well as drinks, popcorn, pickles and candy.

Red Ribbon Week teaches dangers of drug abuse

EDITOR'S NOTE: Look for the Red Ribbon Week special section in today's editon.

Pampa Independent School District joins with the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse to promote healthy, drug free lifestyles during Red Ribbon Week.

"Red Ribbon Week is a chance to be visible and vocal in our desire for a drug-free community," says Lesley Gershmel, Pampa ISD Safe and Drug Free Schools coordinator. "Research shows that children are less likely to use alcohol and other drugs when parents and other role models are clear and consistent in their expectations for youth."

"Texas has made a great deal of progress in reducing

drug use among young people, and the Red Ribbon Campaign is an excellent opportunity to celebrate that good news," says TCADA Executive Director Dr. Dave Wanser. "It also provides communities with a forum to bring together parents, schools and businesses as we look for new and innovative ways to keep even more kids drug free."

Pampa ISD will celebrate Red Ribbon Week Oct. 21-25 with daily activities at all school campuses.

Students from across Texas began the celebration early during a kickoff rally on the steps of the Capitol in Austin at noon on Thursday, Oct. 17.

More than 200,000 Texas students in grades 4-12 participated in the Commission's



2000 Texas School Survey, the largest of its kind in the nation. The agency has been conducting the statewide survey every two years since 1988.

Among the findings:

- In grades 7-12, there was a nine percent decline since 1998 in the percentage of students reporting they had used any illicit drug in the month before the survey. There also was a 17 percent decline in past-month inhalant use.
- Secondary students reported a 15 percent decline in the past-month use of tobacco.
- Past-month use of marijuana fell 10 percent among secondary students, and past-month alcohol use dropped five percent.
- In grades 4-6, 2.8 percent of students said they had tried marijuana, a drop of 22 percent from 1998. Marijuana use among this age group peaked in 1994, but has fallen 50 percent since that time.

Celebration was organized in 1986 by a grassroots organization of parents concerned about the destruction caused by alcohol and drug abuse. The red ribbon was adopted as a symbol of the movement in honor of Enrique Camarena, an agent with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration who was kidnapped and killed while investigating drug traffickers.

The campaign has reached millions of U.S. children and has been recognized by the U.S. Congress.

For more information about Red Ribbon Week or prevention resources, visit www.drugfreetexas.com/redribbon, call the Commission's Prevention Resource Centers at (888)PRC-TEXX, or contact Gershmel at 669-4800.

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New Texas natural gas assets would make ONEOK fourth

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — ONEOK Inc. has reached an agreement to buy natural gas utility assets in Texas that will make the Tulsa-based company the fourth-largest gas distributor in the United States.

The company announced Wednesday it will pay \$420 million for the Texas distribution operations of Pennsylvania-based Southern Union Co.

The deal, expected to be complete by the end of the year, will mark ONEOK's first foray into Texas as a natural gas utility, company spokesman Weldon Watson said.

ONEOK is the parent company of Oklahoma Natural Gas Co. and Kansas Gas Services, public utilities that serve 1.4 million customers.

ONEOK's new utility would continue to operate under the Southern Union name.

The energy company is seeking federal and state regulatory approval of the deal that will place it among the nation's largest gas utilities.

If the deal is approved, the company will take over Southern Union's operations, serving 535,000 customers in El Paso, Austin, Port Arthur, Galveston, Brownsville and other cities. Ninety percent of its customers will be residential.

With its move into Texas, ONEOK will serve a total of 1.96 million customers, taking its place behind Southern California Gas, which serves 5 million customers; Pacific Gas & Electric, serving 3.8 million; and Nicor Gas, serving 1.98 million in northern Illinois.

ONEOK is the largest natural gas distributor in Oklahoma and Kansas. Until 1995, the com-

pany was widely considered mainly a gas utility company, closing in on 100 years in the business. Its gas distribution operation accounted for 87 percent of its operating income.

Today's ONEOK no longer considers itself merely a gas utility company, Watson said, and Wednesday's announcement will not change that.

"This company has changed dramatically since 1995," he said. "We haven't abandoned our distribution identity, but we're continuing to grow in other areas."

"Gas distribution is less a part of ONEOK than people might realize," Watson said.

On an average year, distribution contributes about 30 percent of the company's operating income, which is about the same as ONEOK's relatively new energy marketing and trading operation.

The company is involved in oil and gas production, and natural gas processing, gathering, storage and transmission. Its energy marketing and trading operations provide service to 28 states.

Late Wednesday, Moody's Investors Service said it may cut the ratings of ONEOK's debt. Moody's explained that ONEOK already has high debt, and the deal may add to that burden. On the other hand, it noted that the acquisition could stabilize ONEOK's earnings.

Companies typically are hurt financially and their stock price drops when ratings are cut by independent agencies like Moody's.

ONEOK's energy marketing and trading methods are different than those that caused so much trouble for Enron, Dynegy, Williams Cos. and others.

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KOREA

President Pervez Musharraf took office in 1999.

Pressing suppliers to deprive North Korea of nuclear-related equipment will have to be part of the intense diplomatic effort launched by the Bush administration, since North Korea startled officials with the admission it has been secretly pursuing its nuclear program despite agreeing not to, one analyst said.

The administration is working to form an international coalition to steer North Korea away from its decision to pursue nuclear weapons.

"I think we're going to see that no one wants to have a nuclear-armed North Korea," Condoleezza Rice, Bush's national security adviser, said Thursday night on ABC's "Nightline."

"Effective international pressure may have an effect on North Korea," she said, adding that China, Russia, South Korea and Japan could fill that role.

Sen. John McCain said Friday he thought economic sanctions ought to be leveled immediately against Pyongyang.

"I'm not ruling out the military," he said on NBC's "Today" show, "but there are other actions that would have to be tried first. And I believe that strong economic sanctions could bring down that government."

The U.S. diplomatic offensive began not long after the administration disclosed Wednesday that North Korea had acknowledged, during bilateral talks earlier this month, that it was attempting to develop nuclear weapons.

Two top State Department officials, John Bolton and James Kelly, flew to Beijing for talks Thursday with Chinese officials.

China is a major trading partner of North Korea's and perhaps the one country capable of extracting concessions from the communist nation through economic sanctions, an administration official said.

President Bush is expected to raise the issue with Chinese President Jiang Zemin next week when they meet at Bush's ranch in Texas.

Kelly plans consultations in Japan and South Korea on North Korea, Bolton's itinerary includes stops in Russia, Britain and France, all nuclear powers which may have views on how to influence North Korea.

Chang-beom Cho, South Korea's deputy foreign minister for policy planning, said Friday in Washington his government was involved in "intensive consultations" with the United States and Japan on what to do about the threat posed by North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

"We are urging North Korea to fully comply with their commitment to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and also with a South-North agreement signed a decade ago on de-nuclearization of the Korean peninsula," he said.

Cho said he hoped the threat "will be wisely dealt with, hopefully through peaceful means and intensive dialogue soon as possible."

Secretary of State Colin Powell said the United States had no plans to undertake military action against North Korea.

Rice suggested it would be a mistake to equate the situation in North Korea with that of Iraq, where the United States is contemplating use of force to disarm that country.

"We've tried everything with Saddam Hussein. Nothing has worked," she said.

North Korea's nuclear program came to light when a U.S. delegation confronted North Korea with evidence gathered over the past several months, including recent bills of sale, that Pyongyang had been working to enrich uranium for nuclear weapons, officials said.

That equipment most likely was part of a gas centrifuge program to separate weapons-grade uranium from ordinary fuel-grade uranium, private analysts said Thursday.

North Korea's earlier nuclear efforts relied on plutonium, which makes smaller, lighter bombs but is much more difficult to produce and work with than enriched uranium.

It was not clear to U.S. officials whether the North actually has a nuclear capability or whether it is still in development. At a minimum, North Korea apparently is close to joining the United States, China, Russia, Britain, France, India and Pakistan as declared nuclear powers. Israel is thought to have hundreds of nuclear warheads but has never confirmed it has a nuclear weapons program.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told a Pentagon news conference Thursday he believes the North Koreans already have produced "a small number" of the weapons.

Family farewell



(Pampa News photo by Redonn Woods)

Kim Bigham, left, was recently honored at a going-away party at her parents store, Rheams Jewelers. She is moving to Oklahoma. Ken Rheams, right, and his family also honored his wife, Stephane, on her birthday.

Graham credits prayers after 30-minute message

IRVING (AP) — After a 30-minute sermon in which he implored his audience to turn to God, the world's best known evangelist revealed that even he has moments of uncertainty.

"When I came here, I did not think I could speak. I felt so weak. But people were praying for me," the Rev. Billy Graham said Thursday night, minutes after delivering a message in which he showed little sign of the ill health that has plagued him in recent years.

Graham, who will turn 84 next month, kicked off the first of four days of meetings in Texas Stadium in Irving, 31 years after he conducted similar meetings at the home of football's Dallas Cowboys.

The minister, whose preaching career has spanned more than six decades, has not scheduled any future missions. An aide said those will be considered later.

His son, Franklin, was designated before the mission as the substitute if his father could not speak. But the familiar voice of the elder Graham, who suffers from Parkinson's disease, seemed to only get stronger during in a sermon focusing on forgiveness.

Though God's judgment is frightening, "he'll wipe the slate clean" for those who accept his gift of love, Graham said.

"If you don't remember anything else I say in these days in this stadium, remember that God loves you," the white-haired minister told about 37,000 people, including many who came because they believed it would be their last chance to see him.

Graham's voice boomed across the stadium as he stood and launched into the familiar biblical text of John 3:16. He sat during the altar call when as many as 2,000 people came forward, according to a ministry estimate.

The crowd seemed to recognize the potentially historic nature of the evangelist's visit, standing and greeting him warmly as he approached the podium.

Graham seemed at ease and joked that the crowd must have been applauding so much because they wanted to hear George Beverly Shea sing again.

An even louder reception came for former

President George Bush, who welcomed the evangelist to Texas.

Graham, Bush said, "is a genuine American hero, a man the entire Bush family is very proud to call a true friend."

Graham has served as a personal pastor to first families for years, Bush said, and personally prayed with him before the start of the 1991 Gulf War.

Speaking of the current crisis, Bush said, "I believe our president wants to try and find a peaceful solution to the latest confrontation with Iraq, if he can."

Graham's return to Texas Stadium after more than three decades provided fond memories for those who recall his association with the late Cowboys coach Tom Landry, who chaired the 1971 meetings and spoke at 54 Graham events.

"As a general rule, when people leave this great stadium, there are losers and winners," mission co-chairman James Nichols told the crowd. "Everyone who leaves tonight will be a winner. Those who come forward after the service, you're going to win the Super Bowl. Your life's never going to be the same."

The Rev. Michael Dean, pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth, pointed out the Ring of Honor, a list of notable former Cowboys that encircles the field.

"There's going to be thousands of names that are going to be written not on the Ring of Honor, but more importantly, in the Book of Life," he said.

Ray Patterson, 40, of Grand Prairie was among hundreds who stood in lengthy lines outside Texas Stadium three hours before the mission began.

"I had opportunities to see him in the past, and I didn't," he said. "This may be the last crusade he's a part of."

Ministry officials said they expected crowds to grow as meetings continued into the weekend and that some people may have stayed away because of concern about traffic snarls. Planning has been under way a year for the mission, which has 9,000 counselors, more than any previous Graham event, spokesman Larry Ross said.

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Social Security cost-of-living boost to go up mere 1.4 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Social Security recipients will get a 1.4 percent cost-of-living increase in their monthly checks next year, the smallest increase in four years, reflecting a slowdown in inflation caused by the weak economy. The increase will mean an extra \$13 a month for the typical retiree.

The increase, announced by the Social Security Administration on Friday, will cover the country's 46 million people receiving Social Security benefits and 7 million recipients of Supplemental Security Income, the federal government's cash assistance program for the needy.

The increase, which will show up in January Social Security checks, is down from this year's boost of 2.6 percent. In 2001, benefit checks went up by an even larger 3.5 percent, the biggest cost-of-living rise in nine years.

This year's increase, the smallest since a 1.3 percent gain in 1999, reflected the dampening effect last year's recession and this year's

uncertain recovery has had on the ability of businesses to raise prices.

Social Security Commissioner Jo Anne B. Barnhart said that lower inflation is good news for America's elderly and disabled. "Inflation is one of the biggest challenges for people living on a fixed income," she said.

Monthly Social Security checks have been adjusted automatically, starting in 1975, to protect retirees from seeing their benefits eroded by rising inflation. The biggest annual increase was a 14.3 percent jump in 1980, reflecting the double-digit inflation of that era, while adjustments over the past decade have averaged a much smaller 2.6 percent as the country has enjoyed a prolonged period of milder inflation.

The average monthly check for individual retirees will rise from \$882 currently to \$895 starting in January, an increase of \$13. For the average couple receiving Social Security benefits, their monthly check will go from \$1,463 to \$1,483, an increase of \$20.

The 1.4 percent increase for the needy receiving SSI payments will translate into a maximum payment of \$552 a month for an individual, an increase of \$7. For a couple, the maximum payment will rise to \$829 a month, an increase of \$12.

Social Security also announced that for working Americans, the maximum annual earnings subject to Social Security taxes next year will rise to \$87,000 from \$84,900 currently. This change will affect about 9.7 million of the 155 million workers paying Social Security taxes.

In this fall's midterm election campaign, Democratic congressional candidates have attacked their Republican opponents over the issue of how best to bolster the program's finances to cover the retirement of baby boomers.

President Bush campaigned for office in 2000 on a program to partially privatize Social Security by allowing younger workers to divert part of their Social Security taxes into

personal investment accounts on the belief that these accounts would earn higher returns than the same money invested in government bonds.

Democrats have used the stock market's steep plunge to attack the idea of privatizing any part of Social Security and have run campaign ads against Republicans accusing them of pushing risky schemes that will put retirees' Social Security benefits at risk.

Many analysts believe the bitter campaign debate and the government's rapidly worsening budget outlook will make it far harder in the next Congress to come up with a solution to the Social Security problem.

"There is no real prospect that we are going to make any changes in the way Social Security is handled in the near future," said Mark Zandi, an economist at Economy.com. "We lost a golden opportunity when the government's fiscal situation was strong and the stock market was healthy to deal with Social Security."

'The Bridge' relies in part on funding from local United Way

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United Way

The Bridge Children's Advocacy Center began when a group of community individuals dreamed of a way to give area children in crisis sit-

uations a better chance for a future.

Since its inception in 1989, more than 6,800 children from across the panhandle have uti-

lized services of The Bridge, which uses a multidisciplinary approach to tackling the investigative and prosecutorial aspects of child sexual abuse.

"Our staff provides videotaped forensic interview services to Pampa area children on a mobile basis through their rural outreach program," said Roxanne Carter, executive director of The Bridge.

"Whenever a law enforcement or Children's Protective Services investigator calls, the

mobile equipment is loaded and our interviewer travels to the child, eliminating the need for the child to travel to our office in Amarillo."

According to Carter, the United Way of Pampa, Inc., and Calvary Baptist Church are the two main organizations in Pampa providing resources to make this program a reality for children in the Gray Co. area.

"We began the outreach program in Pampa first because the largest number

of rural interview requests come from the Gray County area, but we needed some help funding the program and a place to interview children."

The United Way in Pampa provides almost 30 percent of the funding necessary to keep this program active in the rural communities, directly corresponding to the percentage of children from the Pampa area who receive services through this mobile program.

"Calvary Baptist Church also plays a vital role in the success of our outreach by providing the homelike and non-threatening facility for the interviews," says Carter. "Without the assistance of these two generous partners, children might have to miss a day of school for travel and time spent in our Amarillo facility."

The Bridge also receives funding from the Governor's Office through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) fund and Children's Advocacy Centers™ of Texas, Inc., to continue the outreach program into rural communities.

Judge throws out conviction of two Florida boys in father's murder

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — Calling the case of two teenage brothers convicted in the fatal bludgeoning of their father "unusual and bizarre," a judge tossed out the convictions and ordered prosecutors and defense attorneys to try to resolve the case in mediation.

Circuit Judge Frank Bell said Thursday the boys' rights were violated in part by the way prosecutors simultaneously presented two contradictory

theories of the crime.

Prosecutors won the conviction of Alex, 13, and Derek King, 14, last month by arguing that Derek swung the aluminum baseball bat that killed their father. In a trial that ended a week earlier, the prosecution's star witnesses — Alex and Derek — testified an adult friend committed the crime.

The judge said he will order a new trial for the boys, and in the meantime will appoint a

mediator who will try to work out a deal.

"I don't think there's a doubt in anybody's mind the jury was confused by the dual prosecution," said Alex's lawyer, James Stokes. "Hopefully, we'll be able to resolve the issue in mediation."

Sharon Potter, one of

Derek's lawyers, wasn't so

sure.

"I would be a little surprised

if we were able to mediate an

agreement because the state attorney has drawn a really hard line up until now," Potter said. "So it would take a major shift in their position to actually come with something to the mediation table that was acceptable."

The brothers were facing prison terms of 20 years to life because they were tried as adults. They were convicted of second-degree murder without a weapon, as well as arson, for

setting the house on fire to cover the crime.

"We're all ecstatic," said Linda Walker, the boys' maternal grandmother. "I saw Derek smile. I think they're happy about it. Now they know they've got hope."

The brothers' lawyers argued that Assistant State Attorney David Rimmer committed prosecutorial misconduct for pursuing the contradictory theories.

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Ag officials: Some recalled meat entered school lunch program

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department should have warned schools to check their freezers and refrigerators immediately after a company recalled meat linked to a listeria outbreak, consumer groups and advocates say.

Three days after the department announced a Wampler Foods' plant was recalling 27 million pounds of chicken and turkey meat, Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman released a statement Thursday that said the agency had purchased 1.8 million pounds of ready-to-eat turkey products for the federal lunch program.

"Isn't it amazing that they didn't look for that (in schools) before now?" said Donna Rosenbaum, spokeswoman for the advocacy group, Safe Tables Our Priority. "I find it unconscionable that they would not jump on that immediately after issuing the recall."

No illnesses have been reported at the schools, but the department still is investigating which ones received the meat and how much, according to

background information that was provided to reporters with Veneman's statement.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said turkey deli meat from the Wampler Foods' plant in Franconia, Pa., probably caused a listeria outbreak in the Northeast that killed seven people and sickened 36. Wampler Foods is owned by Texas-based Pilgrim's Pride.

Carol Tucker Foreman, director of the Consumer Federation's Food Policy Institute and a leading critic of the department's meat and poultry testing program, wondered why it seemed that the government is hiding information as it investigates this latest recall.

"They have known for some period of time that some of this meat was distributed to schools," she said. "Why haven't they told the public that that was the case? Elementary students are in the vulnerable populations for listeria illness. Why keep that a secret?"

Alisa Harrison, an

Agriculture Department spokeswoman, said schools were informed in general terms of the expanded recall on Monday. The Department routinely advises schools of such a recall, she said.

Veneman in her statement attempted to allay concerns about how the agency has handled the recall.

"Let there be no doubt about our determination and the seriousness in which we take these important food safe-

ty matters," Veneman said. She noted the agency already has increased food safety funding, revamped inspector training programs, and hired additional inspectors.

Veneman also said she is directing food safety officials to strengthen their current listeria-testing program. She said the department was examining "ways to enhance its food safety programs through sound policy and the best scientific resources available."

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

Mistress' Affair Has Ended After Death of Man's Wife

DEAR ABBY: I was in a seven-year relationship with a wonderful married man I'll call Hank. We were discreet and respectful with his wife. She died three months ago after a lingering illness. A month after that, Hank suggested we date openly and talked as though we were a couple.

Two weeks ago, he canceled our plans at the last minute, saying he had had a "surreal experience" and "what was OK then is not OK now." He would not be more specific. I begged for an explanation and closure. He refused to be more specific and became defensive. We have not spoken since.

Abby, I am still reeling from this because I thought we had a strong friendship and a foundation for something in the future.

Friends have told me that rejection of the mistress after the death of a wife is very common. Can you give me some insight into the emotional dynamics of this situation?

FORMER MISTRESS IN MOURNING

DEAR FORMER MISTRESS: Yes. It could be delayed guilt — or his "surreal experience" was with someone else.

DEAR ABBY: I am 52 years old and have been married for 22 years to my second husband. We have four teenage sons. I was widowed at 22 when my first husband was killed in Vietnam. I was pregnant

and lost our child when I was told of my husband's death.

I was 30 when I married my second husband. He knows, of course, that I was married before, but for some reason I never felt comfortable telling his parents. (My children know.) I think his parents always suspected something, but they've never asked me directly.

My problem is, I am afraid this information will slip someday, and my in-laws will be hurt and angry at me. What do you think I should do?

WANT TO DO THE RIGHT THING

DEAR WANT: This has stayed in the closet for too long. You are acting as though you have a shameful secret. Being the widow of a man who gave his life for his country is nothing to be ashamed of. It should be a point of pride.

Call a family meeting with your in-laws, and with your husband at your side, tell them. They deserve to know the truth, and it will ease your conscience.

to someone you love, who is dying, to make them feel better about themselves?

My conversations with her feel awkward and forced. I feel tongue-tied and at a loss for words. I think about her daily and want to call her, but what can I say?

AT A LOSS FOR WORDS

DEAR AT A LOSS: Talk about the good times. Let her know she has made a difference. Point out the positive achievements of her life, all the people who know and love her, her personal and business successes, and what her presence has meant to the people whose lives she has touched and always will. It's OK to cry. Tears are healing, and it will be therapeutic for both of you.

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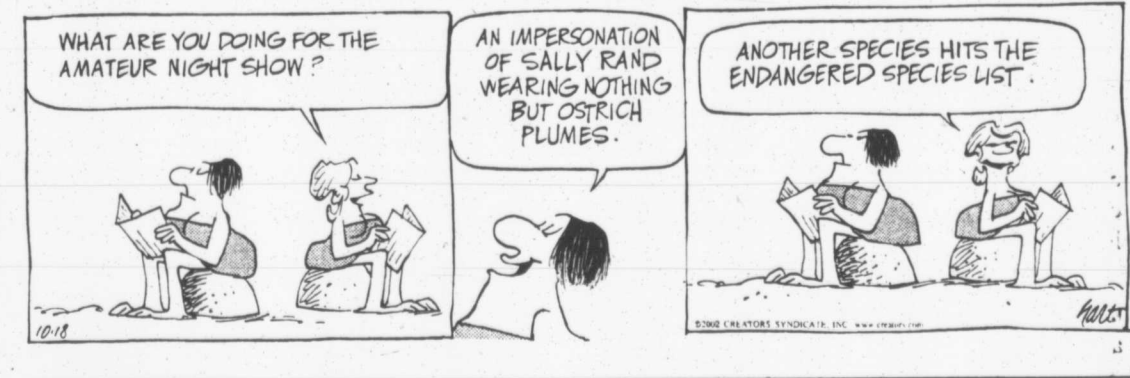
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SPORTS

QB battle brews in Texas Tech-Missouri tilt

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech's Kliff Kingsbury and Missouri's Brad Smith, the Big 12's top two offensive producers, go about their craft in distinctively different ways.

Kingsbury passes a lot and Smith runs more than he throws, though he has a favorite aerial target in wide receiver Justin Gage. Gage leads the conference in receptions with 49.

Tech (4-3, 1-1 Big 12) is host to Missouri (3-3, 0-2) on Saturday.

Kingsbury is averaging 342 yards a game of total offense to Smith's 303.

"He slings that ball around probably 50 times a game, so it's big if (Tech's) offense struggles," Tiger defensive end Antwaun Bynum said. "We have to put pressure on and get interceptions."

For Tech's defense, the task is to play consistently. Last week in their 31-17 loss to No. 9 Iowa State, the Red Raiders produced their best defensive

performance of the year but that evaporated in the second half.

The Red Raiders rank 11th in the conference in rushing defense and it will be tested against Smith's run threat.

Last week against the Cyclones, Tech faced an agile Seneca Wallace who in the third quarter scrambled around for about 60 yards before scoring on a play marked officially as a 12-yard run.

"Wallace is a passer first, a runner second," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "(Smith) runs it a little more. I'm not going to say he's a runner first but he certainly runs it more than Wallace does."

Smith, though, also has Gage — who has a 41-inch vertical leap — as a receiver. Gage leads the Big 12 with an average of eight catches a game.

"We're going to give him some special treatment," Tech defensive

coordinator Greg McMackin said. "We may have to have some doubles on him and have some different things, but he's a very talented guy."

Tech linebacker Lawrence Flugence said the team has grown more accustomed to chasing quarterbacks this season. Tech has played against Mississippi's Eli Manning, North Carolina State's Philip Rivers and Wallace.

Smith, however is different.

"He can do a lot of things," Flugence said. "The main thing we have to do is contain him. They have a multitude of weapons. They're no pushover team."

Tech's offensive line has done a decent job of protecting Kingsbury, but it will be without one very large part of that front against the Tigers. Rex Richards is out for the game with an ankle injury.

"That's going to hurt," Kingsbury

said. "He's a team-leader and one of those physical guys that everybody kind of follows but we've got some young guys who will step up."

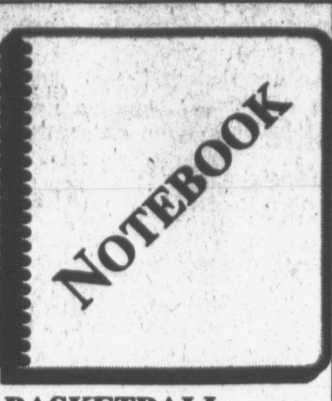
The Tigers need a good performance on both sides of the ball.

"As an offense, we have to score pretty much every time we touch the ball," Gage said. "We've got to score some points. And from a defensive point, they have to get a lot of stops and keep them from scoring."

Tech is averaging just more than 35 points a game.

Tiger coach Gary Pinkel said his team needs a win after coming off back-to-back losses to Oklahoma and Nebraska. Shutting down Kingsbury will be key if Missouri is to come out on top.

"I'm just glad he's a senior," Pinkel said. "It's the last time we ever have to look at him, and he's certainly a great, great football player."



BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Signups and tryouts for the Pampa Optimist girls basketball program will be held Oct. 22, 23, 25 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Optimist Club. Signups-tryouts are for girls in the third through sixth grade.

All girls, regardless of age, must try out two of the three nights.

BASEBALL

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Despite the fondness and respect Mike Scioscia has for Dusty Baker, he hopes his friend and former teammate finishes the World Series on the losing end.

Baker was a veteran and Scioscia a youngster on the World Series-winning Los Angeles Dodgers in 1981.

Now, they're the fourth set of former teammates to oppose each other as managers in a World Series — and the first who played together on a championship team.

GOLF

PAMPA — Hidden Hills held a seniors 4-man scramble Wednesday.

Results are as follows: 1. Bob Swope, E. Maxwell, James Lee and Lucio Moreno, 63;

2. Pat Montoya, Carroll Pettit, O.K. Lee and Richard Abbott, 64;

3. Travis Taylor, Bob Lyle, Walden Haynes and J.B. Holt, 65.

Closest to the hole: Larry Schneider, No. 15.

FOOTBALL

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — After only a few minutes of fast-forwarding on his VCR, Baylor coach Kevin Steele reached a quick conclusion: Chris Brown is a load.

Brown, Colorado's junior tailback, ran for 309 yards and two touchdowns in last week's 53-29 win over Kansas.

He enters Saturday's Big 12 game against Baylor as the nation's leading rusher, averaging 164.5 yards per game.

Asked what Brown brings to the Buffaloes offense, Steele said, "He brings a whole bunch of carries and a whole bunch of yards. The thing you notice the most is that first contact is not good enough with him."

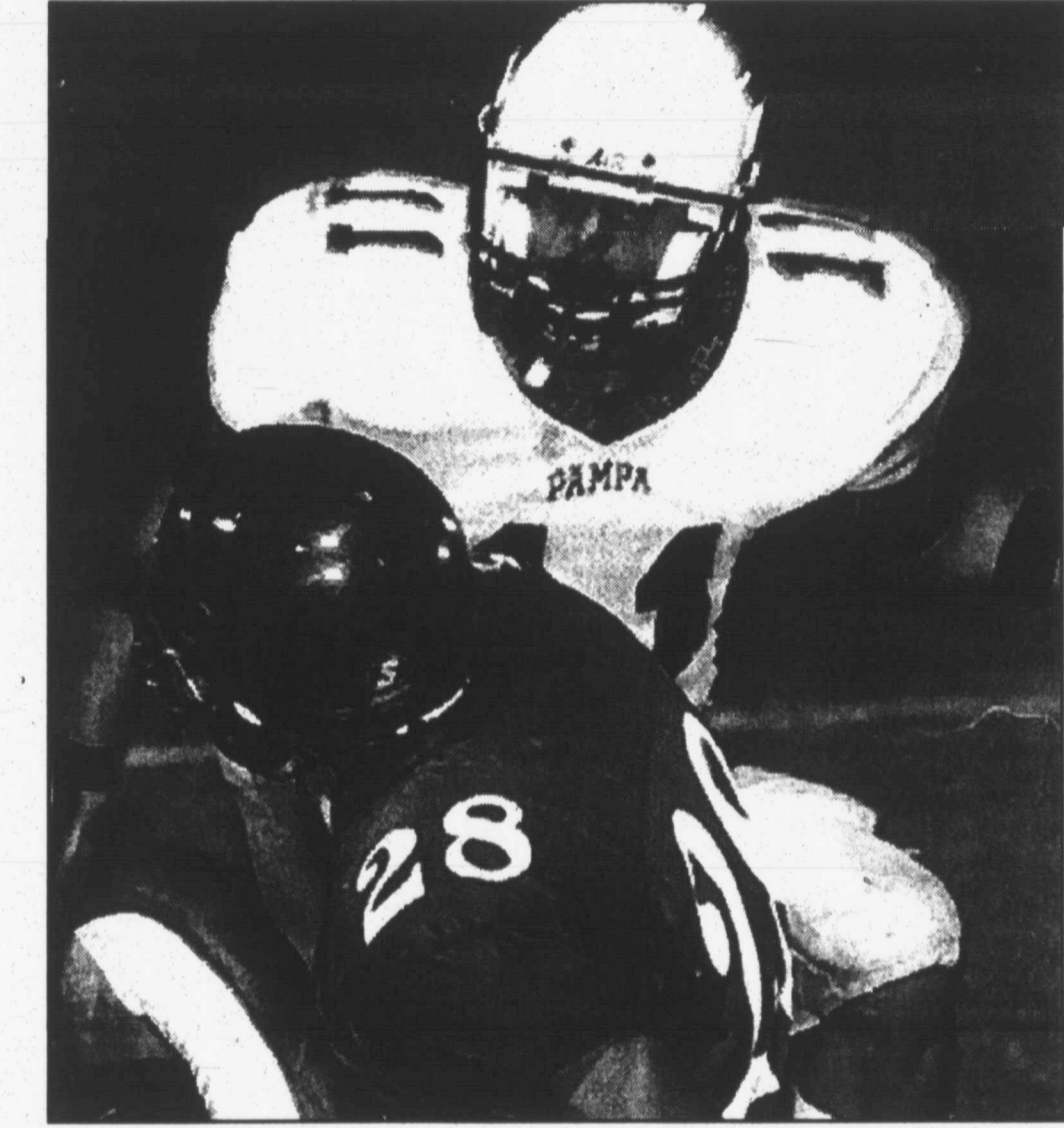
"You'd better bring a whole bunch of folks when you get him hemmed in. He can make you miss. His yardage after first contact has to be off the charts."

Brown's blocking of late has been so good that he sometimes doesn't even have that first contact, such as on his 78-yard scoring run in the first quarter last week.

"Nobody touched him," Colorado coach Gary Barnett said. "We're playing really well up front, creating a lot of holes."

To date, Steele has been pleased with his run defense, and rightly so. The Bears rank 26th in the nation, allowing just 114 yards per game rushing.

"Every week I think it's going to be a test to see if it's for real or if we've just been fortunate," Steele said. After holding Texas A&M to 138 yards on 39 carries last week, Steele said, "We hung in there pretty good."



(Photo by Grover Black)

Junior flanker Jesse Tarango (11) was Pampa's leading receiver with 8 catches for 119 yards against Hereford last weekend. Tarango is shown above on special teams coverage in a recent game.

World Series gives everyone a chance to make a name

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — To J.T. Snow, it was almost a routine play. To many others, it was much more — and that made the San Francisco first baseman laugh.

Snow made a nice, backhanded stop on Chipper Jones' grounder to start a double play that ended the first round of the playoffs. The next day, Snow woke up to hear people all over raving about his defense.

"Not to be rude or anything, but I've made about a thousand plays better than that in my career," the six-time Gold Glover said. "It was almost like people had never seen me. "But it's that West Coast vs. East Coast thing. When our games start, half the country is already asleep."

Starting Saturday night, everyone will be wide awake when Snow and the Giants take on the Anaheim Angels in Game 1 of the World Series.

The timing is just right for a lot of guys. Because beyond Barry Bonds, there are a lot of deserving players here still waiting to make big names for themselves.

Garret Anderson, Troy Glaus and Darin Erstad all have done huge things for Anaheim. But really, it's a good bet that some fans are more aware of Shane Spencer, simply because he plays for the Yankees and always seems to show up in October.

"I live in L.A., and three weeks ago, I didn't know any of the Angels," said Michael Weisman, coordinating producer of Fox's baseball coverage.

"For us, this will be a challenge. It'll be the no-names against the one name that

everybody knows."

All it takes is one clutch hit or one key play to change that. Sure worked for the likes of Craig Counsell, Scott Brosius and Mark Lemke over the years.

Or maybe one memorable game on the mound. If that happens, even casual fans will be able to tell Russ Ortiz from Ramon Ortiz. No relation, they could end up starting against each other in the next few days.

"Some people have gotten us confused," said Russ, whose 14 victories tied for the Giants' lead. "They'll say, 'Oh, you're the one who pitches for the Angels.'"

Jarrod Washburn will start the opener for Anaheim. At 18-6 with a 3.15 ERA, he was excellent this year. He also exemplifies these wild-card Angels — successful and unheralded.

Consider this: Of the eight teams to make the playoffs, 99-win Anaheim was the only one that did not have someone picked as a Player of the Week.

"I mean, we were under the radar all season long and it didn't bother us. We kind of like being the unknown team," Washburn said. "I think we kind of all thought that if we just go out there and do what we know we're capable of doing, pretty soon everyone's going to know about us."

Anderson posted another big year, hitting .306 with 56 doubles, 29 homers and 123 RBIs. Yet because he's not whistling those balls into the upper deck at Yankee Stadium, a lot of people can't spell his first name for certain

— one "t" or two?

Glaus has averaged 37 homers for the last four years, and led the AL with 47 in 2000. If he'd been hitting those shots over the Green Monster, fans in Boston and beyond would know a lot more about him.

Erstad got a whopping 240 hits in 2000 and became the first leadoff man in history to have 100 RBIs. Like Glaus and Anderson, he does not seek publicity. Even so, if he'd been doing that on the East Coast, playing every night for Atlanta on the superstation, he'd be a much bigger star.

Could happen for Scott Spiezio. He hit .375 with two

home runs and 11 RBIs in the first two rounds of the playoffs. Besides, he's hard to miss now — he's put Angel red streaks in his hair and goatee.

"Every question about Spiezio now is, 'Is he deserving of a Gold Glove?'" Angels outfielder Tim Salmon said. "Well, they're getting to see him now. They're getting to see what he can do with the glove and what he can do with the bat. Being a West Coast club, we don't get that national recognition and exposure, so this is good for those guys."

Spiezio's family is thrilled by the prospects. His father,

Ed, was a backup for the St. Louis Cardinals and went 1-for-2 lifetime in Series play.

"My mom keeps saying, 'I can't believe you're in the World Series.' I said, 'Why not? Dad was in three.'" Spiezio said Thursday. "She said, 'But you're playing.'"

Pampa, PD face off in key district clash

PAMPA — Pampa can move from the passenger side to right behind the driver's seat for a possible playoff berth with a win over Palo Duro tonight.

"This is classic window of opportunity for us as a football team," says Pampa coach Dennis Cavalier. "As a coach, this is one of those times where I want these kids to succeed so much it's hard to put into words. I'm anxious, but in a positive way, to test ourselves against a quality opponent."

Third-place Pampa (5-0, 2-1) can move a giant step closer to staking a playoff claim with a victory.

It's also a big game for Palo Duro. With a win, the second-place Dons (5-1, 2-0) could be all alone in first place if Randall beats Plainview tonight.

"A win would sure put us in good shape for a playoff opportunity. After tonight, we would have only one team left that's in the upper echelon of our district," coach Cavalier said.

Palo Duro's offense is

expected to employ a split wing-field rather than the wing-t formation of a year ago.

"Palo Duro's style of play on offense will be completely different than what they were last year. "They're going to be spread out and pass the ball, but they will run more than we do. They've got a good offensive line and a trigger-man quarterback (Diamon Hughes). He's an elusive scrambler, kind of a Fran Tarkenton type," Cavalier said.

Palo Duro will have a smaller line on both sides of the ball, which Pampa isn't used to facing.

"They've got adequate size, but I'm more concerned with their athletic ability than their size. "We've proved we can handle the bigger guys through the course of the year," Cavalier noted. "Our whole focus is on playing well. I know that's what our kids want to do."

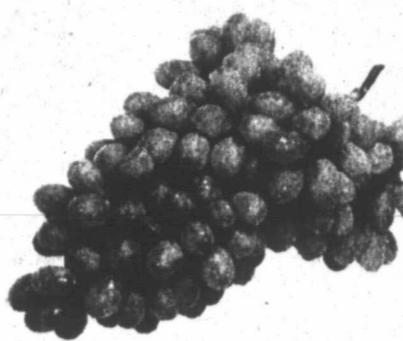
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CIA, FBI directors warn of dangers of more attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Terrorists could try to strike again soon in the United States, FBI Director Robert Mueller says, while offering little assurance the agency can thwart the next attack. CIA Director George Tenet says the current situation is comparable to the summer before Sept. 11.

"I have a hard time telling the country that you should be comfortable, that we've covered all the bases, in the wake of what we saw they were able to accomplish on Sept. 11," Mueller told the House and Senate Intelligence committees Thursday.

Tenet testified: "You must make the analytical judgment that the possibility exists that people are planning to attack you inside the United States — multiple simultaneous attacks. We are the enemy, we're the people they want to hurt inside this country."

At a hearing called to look back at what intelligence agencies did right and wrong before Sept. 11, many lawmakers focused on the future: How likely is another attack and how prepared are U.S. officials to respond to it?

The answers Mueller and Tenet gave were sobering. "You must make the assumption that al-Qaida is in an execution phase and intends

to strike us both here and overseas," Tenet said, noting recent attacks in Kuwait and Indonesia and off Yemen. "That's unambiguous as far as I'm concerned."

Tenet said Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge has already taken defensive measures "in specific areas where the intelligence was most credible and in sectors where we're most worried about." He didn't identify them.

The nationwide alert level remains code yellow, or "significant risk of terrorist attacks," because officials do not have specific details on where and when an attack may occur, Homeland Security spokesman Gordon Johndroe said. Yellow is the third-highest of five threat levels.

Last week, the FBI and several federal agencies overseeing certain high-risk sectors such as transportation, energy and agriculture sent warnings urging extra precautions.

The chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., noted intelligence warnings that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein could order terrorist attacks against Americans if the United States invades his country.

"I'm concerned that we are not prepared for that, particu-

larly not prepared here inside the United States," Graham said in an interview.

Mueller said the FBI is focusing on the threat of terrorists who would use military action against Iraq as a pretext to strike. But he said an attack as meticulously planned and executed as the Sept. 11 hijackings would be hard to stop.

At Thursday's hearing, Tenet offered his most detailed public accounting to date of what the CIA did to stop Osama bin Laden's terrorist network before Sept. 11. He said his agency has saved thousands of lives by successfully stopping terrorist attacks, but admitted some mistakes were made.

Tenet said the CIA was convinced months before the Sept. 11 hijackings that bin Laden was plotting to kill large numbers of Americans, but the intelligence available was "maddeningly short" of details.

"The most ominous reporting hinting at something large was also the most vague," he said.

The session was last of five weeks of public hearings, part of the committees' inquiry into intelligence failures leading up to the attacks. A final report will be issued in coming months.

Gallery exhibit features photos taken with home-made camera

WASHINGTON (AP) — Take a 10-gallon trash can, punch a pinhole in its side, tape a sheet of photographic paper inside, seal the can, set it down in front of a scene.

And wait. Wait maybe six minutes, maybe 40 minutes, maybe four days — depends mostly on the amount of natural light. That's how Bruce McKaig shot 27 photos now on display at Washington's Kathleen Ewing Gallery.

The pieces in the show all depict local outdoor scenes — the Capitol and the Jefferson Memorial from a distance, and the statues in front of the Library of Congress.

McKaig, 43, has been a photographer for more than 15 years, but Kathleen Ewing, who heads the gallery, said even kids can get results with a coffee can instead of the garbage can.

McKaig, a native North Carolinian, now lives in Washington and teaches courses sponsored by the Smithsonian Associates, an offshoot of the Smithsonian Institution, and elsewhere around Washington.

McKaig bought his galvanized steel trash can for \$12.99.

How does one stabilize a cylindrical can for a two-hour exposure?

"I just stuff my sweater under it or pick up sticks and stones," McKaig said.

The pinhole was more complicated. First he drilled a hole through the steel, a small hole but bigger than he wanted. Then he fixed a thin piece of aluminum over the hole and penetrated it with a needle.

"Just the point of the needle, until you could see the light come through," he said. He then covers the hole with a piece of tape, which he pulls off when he's ready to start shooting.

The principle, he said, goes back to the ancient Egyptians. They didn't have photographic paper but they noticed that light coming through a small hole in the wall of a dark room produced an image on the opposite wall — upside down. European artists used the device centuries ago to get an outline for a picture. They gave the process a Latin name: camera obscura — dark room.

In the 1830s the French inventor Louis Daguerre was the first to fix an image from a camera obscura — in effect, a pinhole camera — onto a copper plate coated with silver.

McKaig likes unusual effects in photography with a minimum of technology. He made his first pinhole camera a decade ago when he was living in the mountains of Guatemala.

The photos in the Washington exhibit will be on view through Oct. 30 and are offered for sale.

Study explores why cities losing tourism, jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) —

The depressed economy and the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks have contributed to a serious decline in travel and tourism in major American cities over the last two years, says a new study.

The study released Thursday said the top 100 metropolitan areas in the country lost 536,000 jobs and \$22.6 billion since the end of 2000, about half of it attributed to the fallout from the terrorist attacks and public fear about terrorism.

Tourism job losses have been especially heavy in Phoenix, San Diego, Houston and Orlando, Fla., said the study conducted by the economic research firm DRI-WEFA for the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the Travel Business Roundtable and the International Association of Convention

and Visitors Bureaus.

In New York, where terrorists attacked the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, tourism declined an estimated 17 percent from the \$17.6 billion it brought to the metro area during 2000. In Washington, which saw the Pentagon attacked, tourism declined about 11.3 percent from the \$10.2 billion it brought in during 2000.

"Tourism is not a nameless, faceless industry," said Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin, chairwoman of a task force on travel and tourism for the U.S. Conference of Mayors. "If people make fewer trips to a city, the chances are that fewer people are working in hotels, fewer families are being employed in the industry."

Franklin said the federal government should promote tourism and travel to help

cities recover from the downturn in the economy.

The mayors want President Bush to create a presidential advisory council on travel and tourism and for Congress to enact tax credits that help unskilled and disadvantaged workers receive job training for the travel and tourism industries.

The study noted that tourism was a \$263 billion industry in the leading 100 metropolitan areas in 2000, providing 3.9 million jobs.

Tourism is crucial to the health of communities across the country, said Michael Gehrisch, president and chief executive of the International Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus. The mayors group said international travel to cities is not likely to recover soon without aggressive efforts by private business and the government.

Continental Airlines fires pilot who tested positive for alcohol

HOUSTON (AP) — Continental Airlines has fired a 15-year veteran pilot following his removal from a flight after testing positive for alcohol.

"Continental has a zero tolerance policy when it comes to substance abuse," airline spokesman Jeff Awalt said Thursday. "Continental conducted an investigation and the results of the investigation are confidential."

The pilot, based in Newark, N.J., was

removed from the flight from Houston to Orlando on Tuesday before it took off. He was dismissed Thursday, a day after the Federal Aviation Administration confirmed he had tested positive for alcohol following a confrontation with a federal air marshal who was aboard the flight. The federal air marshal informed Continental following an encounter with the pilot.

FAA spokesman John Clabes said the FAA is investigating.