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LOCAL
Parks board to review utility donation fund

Pampa's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will review the water bill donation fund at their meeting Thursday in City Hall. Beginning at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, in the Pampa City Commission Chambers, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will also hear reports from Chairman Kenneth Strickland on the Pioneer Cottage Move Project and on the von Brunow Park Gazebo by Rusty Neff. The board is also scheduled to elect officers. The next meeting of the board is slated for Jan. 23, 2003.

Tralee needs helpers to refurbish bicycles
Tralee Crisis Center is asking for help in refurbishing bicycles donated to them by the Pampa Police Department to be given as Christmas gifts to children. Persons interested in helping can contact the Tralee office at 669-1131.

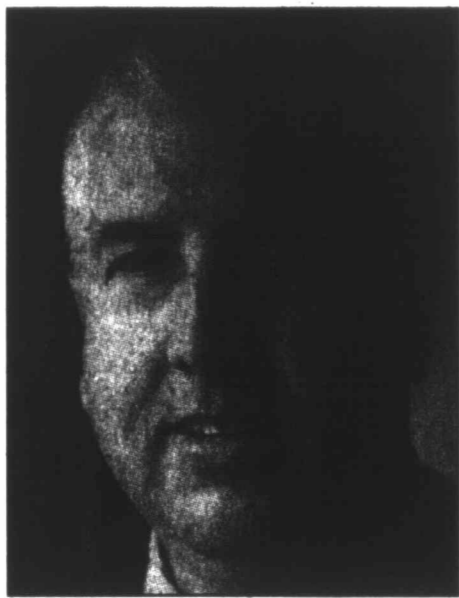
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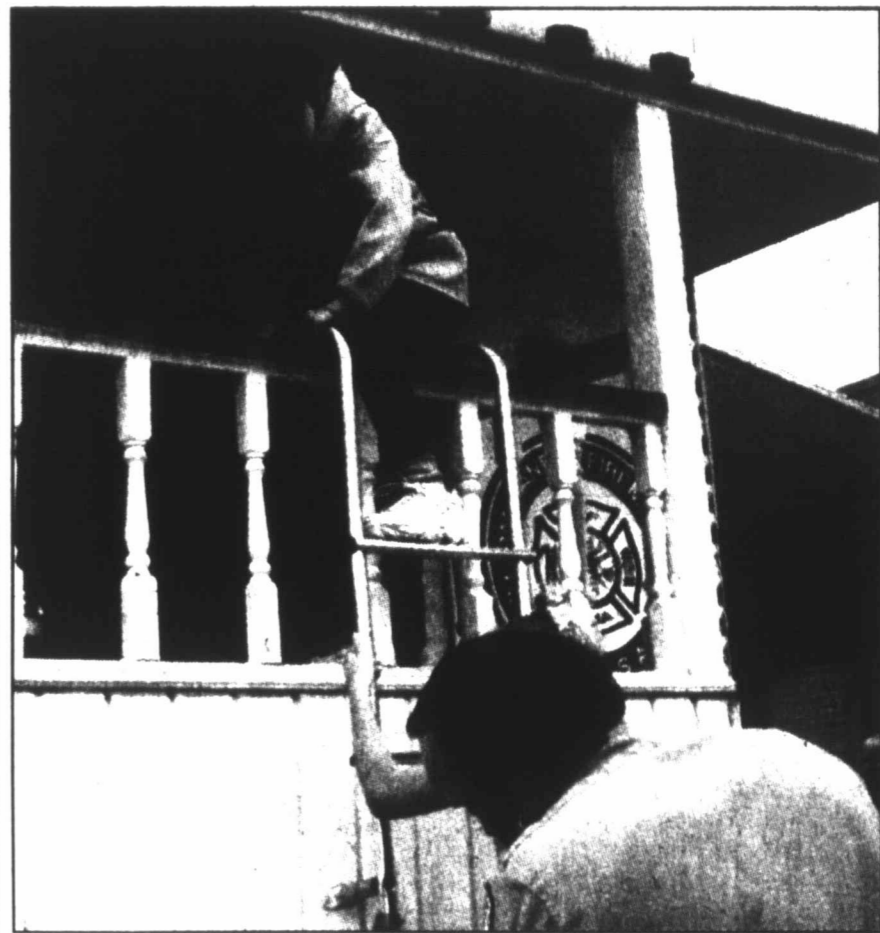
By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

"I hope I'm the person you're looking for," Trevlyn Pitner, the city's new chief of police, told the Pampa City Commission Tuesday night when he was introduced. "I'm happy to be here. Law enforcement is my career." Pitner will assume the position of Pampa's chief of police effective Nov. 11. The Snyder native comes to Pampa from Fritch where he has been police (See CHIEF, Page 5)

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

Pampa's little larger today and hopes to expand more. Pampa City Commission unanimously approved the annexation of two tracts of land on the north side of the city during their regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday night. The tracts adjoin the city limits on the north side of town. They are east of the Perryton Parkway and south of Loop 171. City Attorney Don Lane told the commission that no one had commented upon the annexation. "I'm glad we're doing this," said Commissioner Faustina Curry. "We're not going to grow without annexation." The commission also unanimously approved the Pampa Economic Development Corporation dissolution plan with one exception. They deleted the section opting to sell the 627.63 acres donated to the PEDC by Celanese. In January, Joe Mullenax, Celanese human resources and process manager, and Lisa Ryan, Celanese site director, told PEDC officials that they wanted the land, donated by Celanese in 1999 to be used to provide incentive for industrial development to create more jobs in Pampa. Interim City Manager John Hatchel (See CITY, Page 5)

Here goes ...



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Chelsie Griffin climbs over the railing of the "Smoke House" while Capt. Keith Arnan helps another student during a fire safety demonstration presented by the Pampa Fire Department (PFD). The trailer, owned by the Panhandle Firemen and Fire Marshals Association, is set up like a home where children can see common fire hazards in the kitchen, living room and bedroom. Children learn to escape from a "smoke"-filled upper story bedroom and experience calling 9-1-1 and interact with a real dispatcher's voice. Each year, PFD takes the trailer to the third grade classes at local elementary schools. Chelsie is a student in Angel Briggs' third grade at Travis Elementary.

Judge orders trial in traffic death

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Although no date has been set, it appears Cecilio Sosa Vargas will soon be going to trial in Gray County on a manslaughter charge, a second degree felony. Vargas was charged in the June 26 traffic death of local businessman, Bob Douthit. Vargas was indicted on the

manslaughter charge by a Gray County grand jury in August. Douthit was killed shortly before 11 p.m. that night in June when he was pinned between his wrecker and a disabled motor home that he was hooking up on Texas Highway 152 about a mile west of the Wheeler-Gray county line. According to a letter by 223rd Judicial District Judge Lee Waters sent to District Attorney Rick Roach and

Harold Comer, Vargas' attorney, the case will soon be set for trial. Waters said in the letter that the trial preference will be on the first available date. Both the prosecution and defense are requested to notify Judge Waters' office with estimates of the amount of time necessary for trial. He also stated that the state has shown it is ready for trial within the prescribed time period and the defense

has not sufficiently rebutted that showing. Investigating the crash was Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Daimon Jones. Both the wrecker and the motor home, a converted Trailways bus, were reported to be legally parked on the shoulder of the road when a 1997 Dodge pickup, allegedly driven by (See TRIAL, Page 5)

It's back!

Time for PFA Haunted House
It's a scary job, but somebody's got to do it. Each year, members of the Pampa Firefighters Association takes on the frightful task of creating a haunted house destined to terrorize all brave souls who dare to enter its dark dusky halls. Pampa firefighters are willing to scare the daylights out of people for one good reason - they want to raise not just neckhairs, but also enough money to buy shoes for all local elementary students who need them. "The proceeds go to a shoe fund to help buy shoes for elementary students in the community," explained Jesse Hanes, PFA member and a Pampa Fire Department captain. Last year, the Haunted House raised approximately \$1,700 that bought shoes for more than 200 kids. It takes about 20 minutes to go through The Haunted House at the old Baker Elementary School on Tuke Street features a gas chamber, a maze and a graveyard. "Of course, Jason will be there," Hanes warned. The Haunted House will be open from 7 p.m. until 12 midnight on Friday, Oct. 25, and Saturday, Oct. 26, and again on Wednesday, Oct. 30, and Halloween night - Thursday, Oct. 31. Tickets are \$4 per person.



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

"Jason" waits around the corner with a chain saw, a harbinger of what visitors to the Pampa Firefighters Association's annual Haunted House can expect from 7 p.m. to midnight, Oct. 25 and 26, and Oct. 30 and 31. The Haunted House can be found at the old Baker Elementary School on Tuke Street.

Work session to open school board meeting

A work session on a plan for the Pampa Independent School District campuses has been added to the Board of Education's agenda when they meet Thursday, Oct. 24, in Carver Center, 321 W. Albert. The work session to discuss district and campus performance objectives and campus improvement plans begins at 5:15 p.m., followed by the board meeting at 6:30 p.m. Action items slated for Thursday's agenda include Texas Association of School Board (TASB) policy updates, a textbook committee, bids on maintenance department vehicles and the campus objectives and plans from the work session. Administrative reports are scheduled on the following topics:
• Pampa High School block schedule;
• CN3 Grant;
• Energy conservation;
• BGR Architects on Pampa Middle School and Wilson structures;
• TASA/TASB Convention program ideas; and
• Hiring new teachers.

Did You Know...
Who Was The 1968 Olympic Gold Medal Winner For Shot Put From Pampa?
Information Provided By "Gray County Heritage" 1985 - Pampa Chamber Of Commerce 669-3241
Randy Matson

OBITUARIES

MINNIE LEE BARRETT
1917-2002

THE WOODLANDS — Minnie Lee Barrett, 85, died Monday, Oct. 21, 2002, at Shenandoah. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Born Minnie Lee Dittmeyer on June 10, 1917, in Gray County, she was a longtime resident of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1935. She worked as a telephone operator at the Pampa office of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. She married Robert M. Barrett Jr., at the First Christian Church in Pampa. He preceded her

in death on Oct. 5, 1985. She was active in Holy Souls and the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Churches. She liked to volunteer her time to teach religious classes to the youth and she supported the Boy Scout program as a Cub Scout den mother.

Survivors include one son, Richard L. Barrett of The Woodlands; two granddaughters, Stephanie Barrett of Ballwin, Mo., and Melissa Barrett of The Woodlands.

Memorials may be to The American Heart Association.
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DELL TURK

AUSTIN — Dell Turk, 78, died Monday, Oct. 21, 2002, in Austin. Services are to be Friday, Oct. 25, with burial to follow in Bunkie, La.

Mrs. Turk lived in Pampa for 17 years, working in the hospital as a respiratory therapist.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lucian Turk; a son, Bob Turk; her parents

Hugh and Eunice White; and two brothers, Sam White and Bobby White.

She is survived by two sons, Dale Turk of Austin and Pat Turk of Kingsland; three sisters, Billie Jacobs of Jackson, Miss., Ruby Foote of Pampa, and June Rome of Baton Rouge, La.; one brother, Charles White of Baton Rouge; eight grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

SERVICES TOMORROW

No services for tomorrow were reported to The Pampa News by press time today.

ON RECORD

POLICE

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

Sunday, Oct. 20

A criminal mischief was reported to the police in the 1600 block of North Christy. A back window was reported broken out. Estimate of damage was \$500.

Monday, Oct. 21

A lost property report was filed with Pampa Police. A purse was reported as possibly being lost at a local business. Contents of the purse were reported as a wallet, cell phone, papers and money. Estimate of loss was \$220.

Tuesday, Oct. 22

Halloween decorations were reported taken in the 1900 block of Dogwood. An inflatable pumpkins and skull decorations with value estimated to be under \$50 were missing.

A propane tank was reported taken in the 500 block of North Zimmer. Value was under \$50.

A simple assault report was reported at Pampa Middle School. Two male juveniles were reported involved in the incident.

Four female juveniles were reported involved in a simple assault in the 100 block of East Randy Matson.

Shoplifting of film was reported at a local business in the 1400 block of North Hobart. The film, valued at \$39.87, was recovered.

A report of criminal mischief under \$50 was reported in the 2200 block of Evergreen. A side mirror on a pickup was reported damaged. Estimate of damages was \$25.

A criminal mischief was reported in the 1600 block of North Christy. A back window of a van was reported broken out. Estimate of damages was \$500.

A window was reported shot out in the 800 block of South Cuyler. Estimate of damages was \$100.

A criminal mischief report was made in the 2300 block of Cherokee. A drive side mirror of a car was broken out. Damage estimate was \$500.

SHERIFF

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

Tuesday, Oct. 22

Kristy McSperritt, 28, **Borger**, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Rue Koebe Davidson, 48, 1909 Dogwood Lane, was arrested on a theft by check warrant out of Williamson County.

Zachary Lee Mears, 22, 2528 Christine, was arrested for taking a controlled substance into a correction facility, theft over \$50 and under \$500, and no drivers license on person.

Steven Ray Payne, 33, 519 Mississippi, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, over one gram and under four grams; possession of drug paraphernalia, no drivers license and a Gray County traffic warrant.

STOCKS

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

Wheat	4.39
Milo	4.13
Corn	4.67
Soybeans	4.67
Sunflowers	8.50

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

Occidental	29.61
+0.30	
Fidelity Magell	NA
Puritan	NA

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

BP	39.38	-0.61
Celanese	18.12	-0.59
Cabot Corp	21.58	+0.08
Cabot Oil Gas	22.12	+0.54
Coca Cola	47.79	-0.09
VLO	31.85	+0.34
Halliburton	15.46	+0.26
Triad Hospitals	30.69	-0.28
NOI	21.50	+0.18
KMI	35.84	-0.40
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Kerr McGee	42.86	+0.37
Limited	15.75	-0.23
Williams	1.36	-0.13
McDonalds	18.79	-0.26
Exxon Mobil	34.65	-0.53
Atmos	21.43	+0.13
Pioneer Nat.	25.69	+0.13
Penney's	18.09	+0.59
COP	47.32	+0.12
Schlumberger	41.02	+0.62
Tenneco	5.40	+0.13
CVX	71.49	-0.26
Wal-Mart	56.45	+0.35
OKE	18.55	+0.05
NS Group	5.62	+0.07
New York Gold	313.25	
Silver	4.42	
West Texas Crude	27.92	

AMBULANCE

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

Tuesday, Oct. 23

12:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2000 block of Williston and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

7:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to residence.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responses for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Oct. 22

8:54 a.m. — Seven firefighters presented a fire prevention program at Lamar School.

12:50 p.m. — Six firefighters presented a fire prevention program at Travis Elementary, 2300 Primrose Lane.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today, cooler with rain. Early daytime highs in the upper 40s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight, rain. Lows in the mid 30s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday, mostly cloudy. Chance of rain. Highs in the lower 40s. North winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 50 percent. Thursday night, mostly cloudy. Chance of rain. Lows in the upper 30s. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 50 percent. Friday, partly cloudy. Chance of rain in the morning. Highs in the upper 50s. Southeast winds up to 10 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Saturday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Saturday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Sunday, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 60s. Chance of rain 20 percent. Sunday night, mostly cloudy. Chance of rain. Lows in the lower 40s. Chance of rain 30 percent. Monday, mostly cloudy.

STATEWIDE

Rain was expected across much of Texas on Wednesday. In the Dallas area, partly cloudy skies were expected with a chance of showers and

thunderstorms and highs near 70. The chance of rain was 30 percent. By nighttime, showers and thunderstorms were likely with lows in the mid-50s.

In the Panhandle, rain was expected. In the northwest, rain mixed with freezing rain was expected. Early highs should be from 32 in the northwest to 53 in the southeast followed by steady or falling temperatures. By nighttime, rain mixed with freezing rain and sleet in the north was expected with a low of 27 in the northwest and 40 in the southeast.

In the Guadalupe Mountains and Big Bend area, partly cloudy skies were expected with a chance of thunderstorms and highs from the lower 70s in the mountains to around 90 along the Rio Grande. Mostly cloudy skies were expected by nighttime with a chance of thunderstorms and lows in the mid-40s to around 60.

In the Hill Country and south central Texas, skies should be mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms and highs in the mid-70s. By nighttime, showers or thunderstorms were likely. Some thunderstorms may be severe with heavy rainfall. Lows were expected in the mid to upper 60s.

Bush signs bill, lauds tools for war against terrorism

WASHINGTON (AP) — With strokes of his pen Wednesday, President Bush signed into law a bill he touted as giving the military "every advantage required" to wage an expensive, no-end-in-sight global fight against terror and possibly Saddam Hussein.

"Since September 11, Americans have been reminded that the safety of many depends on the courage and skill of a few," Bush said before signing legislation providing a hefty increase in defense spending and financing for military construction projects in 2003.

"The bill today says America is determined and resolute to not only defend our freedom but to defend freedom around the world, that we're determined and resolute to answer the call to history and that we will defeat terror," Bush told a Rose Garden audience of mostly uniformed military personnel, along with a handful of lawmakers.

The measures were the first federal spending bills to become law — three weeks after the start of the 2003 budget year.

Lawmakers who were deadlocked over spending decisions and anxious about midterm elections left Capitol Hill last week to campaign. They plan to finish the other 11 required spending bills in a lame-duck session after the Nov. 5 voting.

The \$355.4 billion defense bill, approved with overwhelming support to provide most of what Bush requested, increases spending by more than \$34 billion over the previous fiscal 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.

Bush noted the many tasks being placed on the military's shoulders: "bring justice to agents of terror ... liberate a captive people on the other side of the Earth ... prepare for conflict in Iraq if necessary ... serve in many places far from home and at great risk."

"We owe them every resource, every weapon and every tool they need to fulfill their missions," the president said. "The best military in the world must have every advantage required to defend the peace of the world."

With a day of work in Washington sandwiched between campaign swings and other travel, Bush was urging the Senate later Wednesday to follow the House's lead and approve legislation to bypass a Supreme Court decision that struck down a ban of computer simulations of child pornography. Bush was hosting a private forum on the sexual solicitation and exploitation of children over the Internet, followed by the public address.

The events are a follow-up to the Oct. 2 White House Conference on Missing, Exploited and Runaway Children. Bush focused most of his attention and remarks at the time on kidnapped children but noted that during a single year one in five children between the ages of 10 and 17 are sexually propositioned online.

On Wednesday, he was also encouraging parents to teach

their children about online safety.

"The threats to our children are found not just on our streets, but they're found in the technology which we use in our homes," Bush told the conference. "With expanding use of the Internet and the heightened activity of predators searching for underage victims, more children are being lured into harmful and even tragic situations."

In April, the Supreme Court struck down as unconstitutional and too broad part of a 1996 law intended primarily to stop pornography produced through computer wizardry that was not available when the court placed child pornography outside First Amendment protection in 1982.

Free-speech advocates and pornographers challenged the ban on material that appears to be a child in a sexually explicit situation or that is advertised to convey the impression that someone under age 18 is involved.

The bill Bush was promoting would prohibit the production, distribution and possession of any visual depiction, real or electronic, of prepubescent children engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

With the military moving toward a war footing with Iraq, the defense measure increases spending in almost every area, from weapons procurement to payroll. It includes a 4.1 percent pay raise for military personnel and almost all the \$7.4 billion Bush requested to keep developing a national missile defense system.

Shooting linked to sniper; nervous parents take children to area schools after warning

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — The shooting of a bus driver outside Washington has been linked to a sniper who has killed nine other people and wounded three in the region over the past three weeks, investigators said.

Ballistics and other evidence connect Tuesday's shooting of Conrad Johnson, 35, said Michael Bouchard, an agent with the federal bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Anxious parents took their children back to schools under tight security Wednesday after police revealed a chilling warning apparently from the sniper: "Your children are not safe, anywhere at any time"

The words, read by Montgomery County Police Chief Charles Moose, were left at the scene of a shooting Saturday night in Ashland, Va. Moose, leader of the multi-agency task force investigating the shootings, revealed them Tuesday after Johnson was shot to death in Aspen Hill as he stood inside his bus preparing to begin his morning route.

ATF agent Michael Bouchard reminded the public that "we're all parents, and certainly concerned about safety of our kids as well as co-workers."

Parents and school officials were "reeling with emotion," Henrico County, Va., school Superintendent Mark Edwards said Wednesday on NBC's

"Today" show. The county's schools reopened Wednesday, after being closed for two days, but under strict security and with no outdoor activity, he said.

"My kid was fine until he heard on the radio the other day that kids are not safe anytime, anywhere," Andy Wisecarver said Wednesday as he hurried his 8-year-old son into an elementary school in Kensington, Md.

"I'm not afraid of the sniper," 17-year-old Heather Willson said defiantly outside Albert Einstein High School in Kensington, Md. "He mostly takes people out in groups of ones and twos, and normally it's in a wide-open space."

National Guard troops may help protect polls

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — The state is considering putting National Guard troops at polling places if the sniper who has killed 10 people and wounded three in the Washington area has not been captured by Election Day.

"We must ensure that the election proceeds calmly, safely," Gov. Parris Glendening said Wednesday. "We are considering using the National

Guard to make sure every polling place is absolutely safe."

Glendening made the comments during an interview on Washington radio station WTOP.

"I'm hoping the person is brought to justice long before Election Day," the governor said.

Election officials also are considering opening polling

places early so voters can go inside instead of waiting outside, where they might be a target for the sniper.

Both political parties also are encouraging their supporters to vote by absentee ballot if they are concerned about their safety.

On Wednesday, the sniper was linked to a 13th attack, the fatal shooting Tuesday morning of a bus driver in Aspen Hill.

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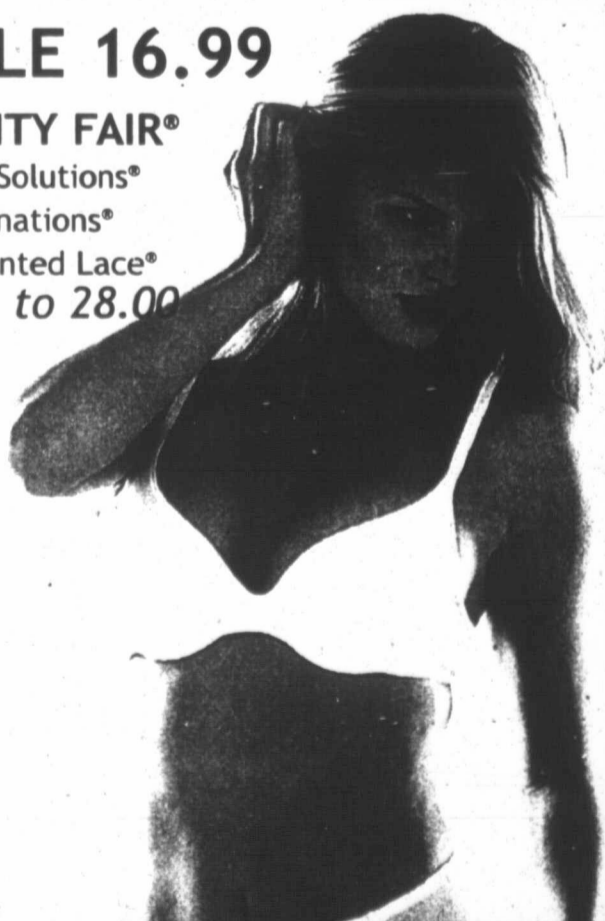
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Texas Round-Up

Several San Antonio City Council members go before grand jury

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Several San Antonio City Council members have been subpoenaed to testify Wednesday before a federal grand jury in a City Hall corruption investigation that has led to the arrest of two city councilmen on bribery charges.

Mayor Ed Garza and council members Enrique Barrera, Bonnie Conner and Julian Castro, are the first officials scheduled to appear Wednesday. Other council members said they were asked only to bring diaries, e-mails, calendars and other records of lobbying activities, which were requested of all council members.

All four officials said in Wednesday's edition of the San Antonio Express-News that they plan to answer questions without invoking the Fifth Amendment.

The grand jury indicted Councilmen Enrique Martin and John Sanders on Oct. 9. The councilmen are accused of accepting taking \$12,000 in bribes in exchange for their vote in favor of a San Antonio law firm to collect municipal court fees and fines.

Veteran Austin lawmaker duking it out with GOP challenger

AUSTIN (AP) — In grainy black and white, a man staggers through a roadside sobriety test.

He hops on one foot and nearly falls over. He's put in handcuffs and placed in the back of a police cruiser. With a sullen look on his face, his head lolls back and forth during the ride to jail.

The man is state Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos and the footage is from the police video of his

2001 arrest on drunken driving charges.

It's a moment the Democratic lawmaker would like voters to forget. But the scenes of his worst political nightmare hit the Austin airwaves on Sunday, the latest salvo in a tough campaign struggle for the Senate seat he's held since 1985.

One of the most liberal voices in the Senate, Barrientos is in a pitched battle to fend off a well-organized, well-financed political rookie who not only plays hard, but plays to win.

"I'm not in this race for the experience," says Republican challenger Ben Bentzin, a former executive at Dell Computer Corp. "Austin deserves respectable representation that we don't get it in our state senator."

Barrientos could see the challenge coming ever since Republicans used their political muscle last year to redraw legislative voting districts to favor the GOP.

Redistricting drastically shokk up Barrientos' old Democratic base in District 14.

Texas crash victims' suit settled

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — They want to try to move on with their lives, but surviving members of a church group involved in a deadly van crash 17 months ago don't want their tragedy forgotten.

The eight injured women and families of four women killed reached an out-of-court settlement Tuesday in their wrongful death lawsuit against Michelin, DaimlerChrysler and three other companies.

One of their attorneys said he will give the National Transportation Safety Board the evidence on van and tire defects that he would have presented in court.

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CITY

told the commissioner during their regularly scheduled meeting that the city staff had reviewed the PEDC's proposed dissolution plan and recommended approving it with the exception of the Celanese property.

Hatchel noted that the land donated by Celanese was between the city and the prison complex east of town and provided an excellent expansion site if the Texas Department of Criminal Justice decided to enlarge their facilities in Pampa.

Under the dissolution plan all other PEDC properties are to be sold.

The commission also unanimously approved the city's check register for September 2002, in the amount of \$329,993.50 after adjustments.

Pampa's new police chief Trevlyn Pitner was publicly introduced during Tuesday night's commission meeting.

"He looks like a Marine," Commission Curry said of Pitner with his close cropped, steel gray hair.

"Every time I made a reference call on

him," Hatchel said, "I got rave remarks."

Hatchel told the commission that the city manager in Snyder, Pitner's hometown and where he started his law enforcement career, said if he had an opening for a police chief, he would hire Pitner.

During the work session before the commission meeting, Hatchel told the commissioners that he had sent each of them a list of the city's boards and vacancies for their review.

Commissioner Robert Dixon suggested the commission review the various boards, saying that some of them are no longer needed. He said that many of the boards had excellent people on them, but those people might better serve the community on other boards.

Hatchel also told the commission that John Horst, city finance director, and the City of Pampa had been awarded a certificate of excellence in financial reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

"John's been here for 14 years," Hatchel said, "and this is the 14th consecutive year that we've received the award."

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CHIEF

chief for the past two years.

"He's well qualified to do the job," Interim City Manager John Hatchel said.

Pitner, who turned 39 in September, has 17 years experience in law enforcement.

Growing up in Snyder, Pitner said he worked for a while as a salesman in the oil field services industry but was drawn to law enforcement because of the peace officers he knew.

"I always looked at police officers as role models," Pitner said.

He said that he had gotten to know the local game warden and Texas Department of Public Safety troopers around Snyder and in 1985 decided to pursue a law enforcement career.

"I didn't have any intention of staying in

Snyder," Pitner said, "but I did."

He said that Snyder in many respects is similar to Pampa.

Pitner attended a police academy in Lubbock and went to work for the Snyder Police Department. He was there for 14 years, the last 10 as a sergeant.

Pitner attended Western Texas College in Snyder majoring in criminal justice and plans to continue his undergraduate work. Once that's completed, he said, he wants to earn a master's degree in criminal justice administration.

He is a graduate of the Leadership Command College at Sam Houston State University and holds a Master TCLEOSE certification.

Pitner's wife Ashley recently completed her master's degree and is an elementary school counselor and teacher.

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TRIAL

Vargas, struck the vehicles. The driver fled the scene on foot.

Vargas was taken into custody by authorities around 3 a.m. the next morning after tracking dogs from the Jordan

Prison Unit located him about 5 1/2 miles from the scene, according to Jones.

Vargas remains in the Gray County Jail on a \$250,000 bond. Initially, bond was set at \$1 million on the manslaughter charge, but later reduced to the \$250,000.

He also was charged with failure to stop and render aid and a suspended drivers license. He is being held on a \$100,000 bond for the failure to stop and render aid charge and \$2,500 bond for the suspended DL charge. He has not been indicted on those charges.

South Korea calls for resolution to North Korea's nuclear issue

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Hours after North Korea agreed to resolve world concerns over its nuclear weapons program through dialogue, South Korean President Kim Dae-jung urged political leaders in his country to remain focused on the diplomatic effort.

Kim, who meets with President Bush this weekend, said Wednesday that military action and economic sanctions against North Korea could only backfire.

"All know how horrible war is, and no one wants it," Kim said. "Economic sanctions would free North Korea from international obligations and help it make nuclear weapons."

After three days of talks in Pyongyang, the North's capital, delegates from the two countries adopted an eight-point statement in which the North's communist government agreed to a dialogue.

"In order to guarantee peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula, the South and North will actively cooperate in resolving all the issues, including the nuclear issue, through dialogue," the joint statement said Wednesday.

But the agreement is unlikely to impress the United States, which demands the hard-line communist regime dismantle its nuclear weapons program immediately.

North Korea had promised not to develop nuclear weapons under a 1994 agreement with Washington, but then flouted the deal. Washington doesn't want more lengthy negotiations to forge another written agreement, even if Pyongyang asks

'Economic sanctions would free North Korea from international obligations and help it make nuclear weapons.'

— Kim Dae-Jung
South Korean President

for them.

The South Korean president was scheduled to meet Bush and Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi on the sidelines of a summit of Asian and Pacific rim countries in Mexico this weekend.

North Korea is expected to dominate the agenda. The three allies already have expressed support for dialogue in dealing with the North, but have yet to agree on how to effectively carry it out.

Bush said Tuesday that he believes international pressure could force North Korea to abandon its nuclear ambitions. He called for cooperation from Russia and Asia's regional powers.

North Korea admitted to having a uranium-enriching facility to make nuclear weapons during talks with visiting U.S. Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly on Oct. 3-5.

North Korean officials told Kelly that they considered the 1994 nuclear accord invalid because two substitute reactors promised under the agreement are several years

behind schedule and were not expected to be completed by 2003 as planned.

The United States says 2003 was a nonbinding target date.

North Korea maintains that it would resolve its nuclear issue only if Washington stops its "hostile" policy.

Attending the meeting with President Kim Wednesday were five major presidential candidates in the Dec. 19 elections. Kim's five-year term ends in February, and he is constitutionally barred from running again.

Opposition candidate Lee Hoi-chang, who is the front-runner in public polls, asked the government to consider changing the pace of economic assistance to the North.

South Korea, along with the United States and Japan, is a major donor to the impoverished North which has been relying on outside aid since 1995 to feed its 22 million people.

"We should keep the dialogue channel open with the North," Lee said. "But we can't continue what we have been doing as if nothing has happened."

Pair held in ammonia theft

Two Borger residents, Kristy McSperitt, 28, and Steven Ray Payne, 33, were arrested by Gray County Sheriff's Department Tuesday afternoon for allegedly attempting to take anhydrous ammonia from a location about 12 miles east of Pampa.

The sheriff's department received a call that two people were in the process of taking the substance in the rural area.

Kelly Rushing, Chief Deputy, said this morning that based on the description provided by the caller, a Roberts County Sheriff's unit which was in the area was able to detain the pair until Gray County deputies arrived.

Gray County deputies and

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers responded to the report of the attempted theft.

After a brief investigation, Rushing said McSperitt and Payne were arrested and taken to Gray County Jail where they remained this morning.

Theft of tires leads to arrest

Zachary Lee Mears, 22, 2528 Christine, was arrested Tuesday for theft over \$50 and under \$500 in connection with a theft of tires reported to the Gray County Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Heath Cates investigated the report of the tires and wheels being stolen from a location on Price Road. During his investigation, Cates located the missing items on Mears' vehicle. The tires and wheels were identified by the victim, said Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing.

Mears was also arrested for taking a controlled substance into a correctional facility and no drivers license on person.

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Wednesday, October 23

DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

Daughter Struggles to Come To Terms With Mom's Death

DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from "Daughter Who Needs to Know," a 14-year-old girl whose father had died three years ago. She had not been told her father had a terminal illness, and she still doesn't know the cause of death. She asked whether that information was any of her business and if she should ask her stepmother.

You told her she had every right to know, and that she was old enough to be told now. When I read that letter, a flood of emotions came back to me.

My mother died of breast cancer when I was 15. I watched her deteriorate for three years, Abby, and when I asked questions, I was shoved aside because my father felt I was too young to know.

Three weeks before my mother's death, I did something. I stormed out of the room and went to the basement to sulk. My father followed me and said the most hurtful words I have ever heard. He said, "Your mother is upstairs dying by inches, and you're mostly responsible for it!"

I had no idea she was dying. I was devastated. I felt robbed of years of being able to share with her, talk about important things, and after she died, the sense of loss only got stronger.

I am 49 now and in therapy. Most of the things that come up have to do with Mom and how the situation was handled. I realize that my parents were trying to protect me, but in the end, I felt robbed and abandoned.

Please tell folks like "Daughter Who Needs to Know" they are not alone. Given the belief systems of the parents of that era, I'm sure there are a lot of us.

STILL GETTING OVER IT IN ARKANSAS

DEAR STILL: I am sorry for your pain, and I think you have hit the nail on the head. In their zeal to protect you from the pain of gradually losing your mother, your parents left you open to the trauma of her sudden loss. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My heart goes out to "Daughter Who Needs to Know."

I am a hospice nurse and have worked with many families dealing with terminal illness. Another reason the parents didn't tell the child may have been because they themselves had not yet come to terms with the devastating news. To discuss such news is to admit that it is true, and this is frequently hard for patients to do.

Much of the work we do in hospice is helping patients and their families accept the prognosis and cope with the grief of their loss. Hospice families are followed for a year after the death of a loved one to support them as they grieve.

Even though it has been three years since this young lady's father died, she and her family may benefit from grief counseling and/or a grief support group. A local hospice would be one source of these ser-

VICES. I hope this helps the young lady and her family as well as many others.

MARTI BOGDEN, NEW CASTLE, PA.

DEAR MARTI: Thank you for a helpful letter. For those who may not know, hospice is a program that is available for patients who have a prognosis of no more than six months to live. It offers pain medication and counseling to patients and their families, as well as grief counseling. The national hotline number is (800) 658-8898. The Web address is www.nhpco.org. Other helpful resources for grief support groups and counseling are the social services office of your local hospital, churches, or your local mental health providers.

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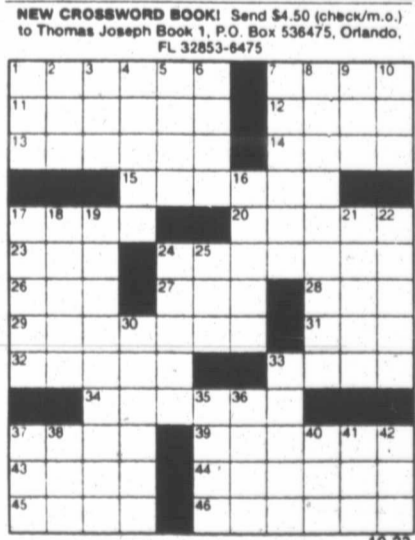
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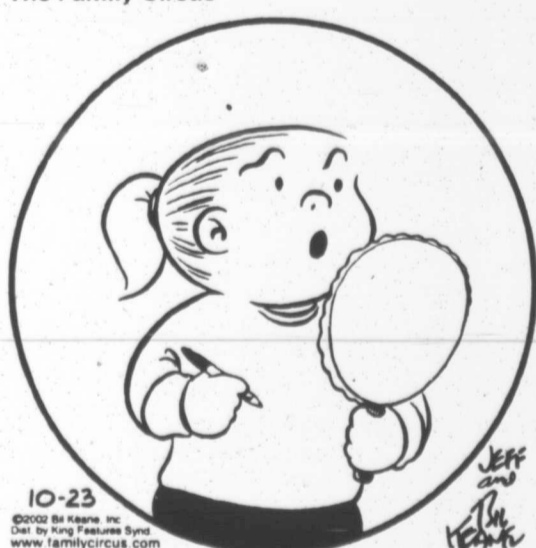
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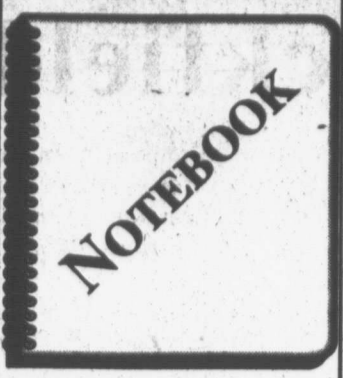
"Mommy, doesn't your eyebrow pencil have an eraser?"

Flo & Friends



SPORTS

Harvesters win district tennis crown



FOOTBALL

JASPER, Texas (AP) — Jasper, Class 3A's third-ranked high school football team, has forfeited a game for playing a scholastically ineligible player last week and now is unlikely to win the District 20-3A championship.

The forfeit of Friday's 45-20 victory over Newton reduces Jasper's record to 6-2 overall and 2-1 in district. Newton, tied for 10th in this week's Class 3A poll, improves to 6-0 overall and 2-0 in district. Jasper's only other loss is to Houston Strake Jesuit, a private school power.

Jasper officials said computer software complications led to no report cards being printed Friday for the previous grading period.

FOLLETT — Groom was defeated by Follett 46-0 in a six-man football game last weekend.

Skyler Gensman led the Follett offense with three rushing touchdowns.

HOCKEY

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Stars on Wednesday assigned defenseman Sami Helenius to the Utah Grizzlies of the American Hockey League for a conditioning assignment.

Helenius, 28, has been a healthy scratch through the Stars' first seven games. Helenius, 6-6 and 230 pounds, has appeared in 96 games with the Stars over the past two seasons, with one goal, two assists and 157 penalty minutes.

In 140 career NHL games, Helenius has two goals, three assists and 226 penalty minutes.

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Signups and tryouts for the Pampa Optimist girls basketball program continues today through Friday 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.

The fee is \$35.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Rookie Smush Parker hit a 3-pointer with 4.4 seconds left to lift the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 102-101 exhibition victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday night.

Parker, a 6-foot-3 guard who left Fordham after his sophomore year, hit a wide open shot from the left side to give Cleveland (2-3) the win.

The shot ruined Kobe Bryant's heroics down the stretch for the Lakers (2-4).

Bryant struggled with his shooting, going just 6-of-19 from the field. But he made two big baskets in the final 70 seconds that kept the Lakers in front.

Bryant, who scored 16 points, hit a running 10-footer at the baseline with 1:10 left for a 99-95 lead. He followed with a flying dunk off a rebound to put Los Angeles ahead 101-97 with 31 seconds left.

But the Cavaliers pulled within 101-100 on Ricky Davis' three-point play. Samaki Walker then missed two free throws with 19 seconds left before Parker hit his shot.

PAMPA — No. 9 ranked Pampa defeated Dumas 15-4 Tuesday to claim its sixth consecutive district championship.

The Harvesters took an early 6-1 lead after doubles and never looked back to claim a decisive victory.

Pampa's Jay Gerber led the singles action by defeating Justin Bonner 6-1, 6-2 at the No. 1 boys' spot. Gerber also avenged his only district loss.

Vanessa Orr led the Pampa girls' team by dominating her opponents with straight-set wins in singles and doubles.

"We had a great day," said Pampa coach Carolyn Quarles.

"We won our 40th district match in a row, Britton White won his 100th match, and we capped it off by being the undefeated district champions. This is an amazing group of athletes. We were picked to finish third in district, but we believed in each other and won a championship."

The Pampa netters have won a school record 40 matches in a row and are 74-2 in district duals over the past six years.

The Harvesters travel to Wichita Falls on Thursday to begin post-season play.

The winner of the regional tournament advances to the state tournament in Austin.

Pampa 15, Dumas 4

Boys

Singles

Jay Gerber (P) def. Justin Bonner, 6-1, 6-2.
 David Thacker (P) def. Caynon Strickland, 6-0, 6-0.
 Britton White (P) def. Matt Bittner, 6-2, 6-1.
 Zach Hucks (P) def. Chase Casados, 6-2, 6-1.
 Adam Etchison (P) def. Aaron Crossley, 6-2, 6-4.
 Tyler Howard (P) def. Heath Cochran, 6-0, 6-0.
 Kevin Turner (P) def. Nathan Wilhelm, 6-0, 6-1.

Doubles

Gerber-Thacker (P) def. Bonner-Strickland, 6-0, 6-1.
 Hucks-White (P) def. Bittner-Ward, 6-0, 6-0.

Howard-Turner (P) def. Casadas-Cochran, 6-0, 6-0.

Girls

Singles

Marion Harig (D) def. Helen Brooks.
 Tara Jordan (P) def. Kayla Richardson, 6-0, 6-4.
 Cristah Cochran (D) def. Myca Vinson, 6-0, 6-2.
 Alayna Belk (D) def. Abby Bradley, 7-5, 7-5.
 Vanessa Orr (P) def. Lindsey Moore, 6-0, 6-1.
 Payton Baird (P) def. Whitney Perez, 6-0, 6-1.
 Ashley Lucas (P) def. Aerial Rivera, 6-1, 6-7, 7-5.

Doubles

Brooks-Baird (P) def.

Cochran-Belk, 6-1, 6-3.
 Harig-Richardson (D) def. Jordan-Bradley, 6-2, 2-6, 7-5.
 Orr-Vinson (P) def. Moore-Rivera, 6-2, 6-2.

Etchison-Norris (P) def. Crossley-Perez, 6-0, 6-3.

District 3-4A (Final Standings)

Pampa 12-0
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(Courtesy photo)

District 3-4A Champions: Front row, l-r, Lacie Long, Ashlee Lucas, Vanessa Orr, Myca Vinson, Erin Norris, Abby Bradley, Tara Jordan, Payton Baird and Helen Brooks; Back row, l-r, Britton White, Adam Etchison, Tyler Howard, Jay Gerber, Kevin Turner, Zach Hucks and David Thacker.

Cowboys taking desperate measures

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Chad Hutchinson has never taken a snap in an NFL regular season game, but he says he's ready to be the starting quarterback.

The Dallas Cowboys, desperate to get better offensively and find their quarterback of the future, are about to find out if Hutchinson is it.

Hutchinson, the 25-year-

old rookie whose last regular-season game was as a college sophomore five years ago, gets his first chance Sunday against the Seattle Seahawks when he replaces two-year starter Quincy Carter.

"I've prepared myself all season to step in there, I wouldn't say I expected this," Hutchinson said Tuesday. "I was here to support Quincy

and be the best backup that I could be, but it's a coaches' decision."

Hutchinson, who spent four seasons in professional baseball before signing with the Cowboys last winter, learned about his surprise promotion in a "pretty brief and pretty matter-of-fact" meeting with offensive coordinator Bruce Coslet on Monday.

Pampa is on the move in Harris football poll

PAMPA — Pampa is making a steady climb up the Harris Ratings Class 4A football poll.

The Harvesters, after last weekend's impressive 27-6 win over Palo Duro, have climbed from the No. 35 spot to No. 28 in this week's poll.

Ennis still holds down the top spot.

Ranked behind Pampa in District 3-4A are Randall (52), Plainview (81), Palo Duro (85), Hereford (91), Dumas (94) and Caprock (200).

The Harvesters travel to Dumas this Friday night where the Harvesters are 17-point favorites over the Demons.

In other 3-4A games this weekend, it's Palo Duro over Caprock by 28, and

Randall over Hereford by 12. Plainview is open.

Pampa brings an overall 6-2 record against a Dumas squad which has only one win in six outings, a 26-7 victory over 3A Dalhart.

Dumas, however, is one team Pampa needs to be careful of.

The Demons have a history of slipping up on the Harvesters and putting a kink in playoff hopes.

Pampa owns an 8-4 record over Dumas the past dozen seasons, including a 14-7 win a year ago.

However, Dumas had won three of the four prior meetings and handed Pampa its only district loss (23-20) in 1998. Dumas had one of its best teams ever in 1997, going unbeaten in the regular season.

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Halftime huddle



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Referee Miles Cook (left), assistant referees Shaunna Gray (center) and Billy Hightower discuss the rules of the game during a halftime break between the Dragons-Little Lightning soccer match. The Dragons is a boys' team sponsored by Culberson-Stowers and the Little Lightning is a girls' team sponsored by the Medicine Shoppe. During a game the referee runs along the center portion of the field ahead of the active play. Assistant referees, on the other hand, run alongside one-half of the field and assist the referee by determining fouls on their half of the field, subject to the referee's decision. A referee must maintain his license by taking 16-1/2 hours of training. Games are played at the South Naida Soccer Complex in Pampa.

Pampa gymnasts have outstanding performances at Rock & Roll Invite

PAMPA — Gymnastics of Pampa Level 4 team members had outstanding performances at their own Rock & Roll Invitational held at the gymnasium north of the city in September.

Leading Team Pampa and outscoring all Level 4 gymnasts was first-year competitor Payton Alvey. Payton had a personal best All-Around score of 36.15 and also had personal best on bars (9.0) and beam (9.25). Her other scores were vault (9.1) and floor (8.8). Payton received all blue ribbons on the four events and one in the All-Around. This is the best that a Level 4 gymnast can earn.

Pampa's second highest scoring in Level 4 as Caitlin Hampton, who also received four blue-ribbons on the events and one in the All-Around. Caitlin had personal bests on floor

exercise (9.4), beam (9.05), and All-Around (35.25).

Her other scores were 8.8 on vault and 8.0 on bars.

Chelsea Whinery, another first-year competitor, received three blue ribbons and one red on the events and earned a blue in the All-Around. Her blue ribbons came on vault (9.0), floor (9.0), beam (8.9) and All-Around (34.6). She earned the blue ribbon for bars (7.7).

Level 4 gymnast Shanna Keoun earned four event blue ribbons and one All-Around blue. She had scores of 8.9 on vault, 8.9 on floor exercise, 8.3 on balance beam, 8.0 on bars, and 34.1 in the All-Around. Shanna is also a first-year competitor.

Angels have the Giants on the run

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Liners into the gaps. Bloopers up the middle. Shots into the corners.

Relentless at the plate, a blur on the bases. And now Darin Erstad, Scott Spiezio and the Anaheim Angels have the San Francisco Giants on the run.

With Pacific Bell Park all set for a party, the Angels trampled San Francisco 10-4 on Tuesday night to take a 2-1 edge in the World Series.

"We want everyone to be a part of it," Angels slugger Troy Glaus said. "We're not trying to hit home runs, we just want to keep the line moving."

The Angels became the first team in Series history to bat around in consecutive innings, with a torrent of hits, walks and steals making it 8-1 in the fourth. That was plenty to offset Barry Bonds, who homered for the third straight game.

"I'm not going to say I'm surprised because I think if we can keep pressuring clubs the way we've been doing all year and in the playoffs, you have the potential to do something like we did tonight," Anaheim manager Mike Scioscia said.

What they did was wreck the night for a pumped-up crowd that came to see its first World Series in this park and in the Bay area since the "Earthquake Series" of 1989.

The Giants packed Pac Bell with nearly everything that symbolized the City by the Bay.

Tony Bennett serenaded fans with "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" from the mound before the game. Willie Mays threw out the first ball — to his godson, Bonds. Juan Marichal, Willie McCovey and Orlando Cepeda took part in the festivities.

All that was missing was the Golden Gate Bridge.

And still, there was no stopping the Angels. Spiezio drove in three runs, Erstad had three hits and the Angels battered Livan Hernandez, who recently boasted, "I never lose in October."

"They were a tough out. It was frustrating," said Hernandez, who fell to 6-1 in postseason play. "Anaheim was hitting and hitting everything we threw."

Suddenly, the lines at the wine stands and garlic fries counter got a little longer. This party, San Francisco-style, was all but over for the 42,707 fans. Even the guy who climbed the mast of a sailboat bobbing in McCovey Cove beyond the right-field wall soon was gone.

"We're just not keeping pace with the Angels right now. We're embarrassed a little bit today, but we'll come back from it," Giants second baseman Jeff Kent said. "We always do."

Now, John Lackey will start for the Angels in Game 4 Wednesday night. He'll be pitching on his 24th birthday against Kirk Rueter.

Anaheim had 16 hits, with every starter except winning pitcher Ramon Ortiz getting at least one. The Angels also kept up a familiar pattern — they've lost the opener in all three of their postseason series this year, then didn't lose again.

"We've been through tough times before," Erstad said. "We have it rolling right now."

Said Spiezio: "Everybody knows that one run isn't enough, two runs aren't enough. No matter how many runs we score, we're going to go up there and act like that's the biggest at-bat we've ever had."

They did it in an 11-10 win Sunday night, and hitting .335 and averaging seven runs per game in the postseason.

"It was a tough night for us," San Francisco manager Dusty Baker said. "They were hitting. They've been hitting the last two games. I don't know, hopefully they hit themselves out, I hope."

Bonds did his best, becoming the first player to homer in his first three Series games. His 437-foot, two-run shot to center field came in the fifth, the same inning Rich Aurilia connected for the Giants, but only made it 8-4.

"We just didn't pitch well, that's it. Bottom line," Bonds said.

Bonds set a postseason record with his seventh home run and also drew two more walks.

El Paso Riverside has dominating backfield

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Led by Shawn Jordan's rushing and Michael Stephenson's passing, undefeated El Paso Riverside High School is rolling over its opponents' defenses.

The Rangers have defeated their first seven opponents by a combined score of 275-85, including last week's 50-6 stomping of area-ranked Del Valle. The dominating efforts have gained attention around the state as Riverside has steadily picked up votes in the weekly Associated Press high school poll.

Riverside has looked so good that there are visions of an undefeated season and a championship. Not just a district one, either. "District championships, we appreciate those, but we have set our sights a little higher," Riverside coach Tom Work said. "To be able to play at Texas Stadium would really put an exclamation point on our success."

Jordan and Stephenson are responsible for much of that success.

"I can't tell you how enjoyable it's been, when we have kids like we do who can execute," Work said of the two seniors.

Jordan, a 6-foot, 235 pound fullback, is the most heavily recruited player in El Paso this year and already has offers from seven schools. He said he is leaning toward LSU.

Jordan has 781 yards on 101 rushing attempts with an average of 7.7 yards per carry and seven touchdowns.

Work points to plays in his play book marked with a yellow highlighter.

"Those are Jordan," he said. "We pull those out when we're in a tough spot."

Recruiting analyst Jeremy Crabtree, editor of Rivals100.com, said Jordan shows promise.

"What he has is the burst that helps him get to the outside," Crabtree said. "He's pretty darn fast and he can do a lot of things catching the football too."

Stephenson, at 5-11 and 175 pounds, is

small and has gotten some interest from college recruiters but no offers, Work said. However, with 1,097 yards passing, 15 touchdowns and only two interceptions, Work is high on his quarterback.

"He is a playmaker. He just makes things happen," Work said. "Mike is just a guy who finds a way to win. I know he's not very big, but he's accurate on every pass."

Both players are entertaining thoughts of carrying the Rangers to a state title.

"We're peaking right now," Jordan said. "We're playing the best we've played since we were freshmen."

Although the Rangers have played the strongest teams in their district and beaten them handily, Stephenson warns, "We can't let up at all."

Winning isn't new at Riverside. The Rangers have had nine straight, winning seasons, something Work thinks is more the function of a winning attitude than talent.

"We have less size and speed than anybody we play each week," said Work, in his 11th season as head coach.

And Work has essentially used the same basic coaching scheme all those years. This year, with Jordan and Stephenson as the main cogs, the offense has produced an average 462 yards of offense and 39.3 points per game.

"This really is an example of success breeds success," Work said. "Our kids, every time they step on the field, they think they're going to win."

Work may be in for a rebuilding year after Jordan and Stephenson graduate, but he said the future looks pretty promising.

"They both have brothers," Work said, noting that Jeremy Jordan, a fullback, and Matthew Stephenson, a running back, are both freshmen. "They are both here and they're really good."

Little Ladonia cancels football season

LADONIA, Texas (AP) — Things looked pretty bleak at Ladonia Fannindel High School when it was forced to forfeit a game after six players came down with a stomach virus.

The following week, grades came out and two players didn't make the cut. The Falcons were down to just 12 players.

Coaches and school officials, who are often the same people in this northeast Texas town, came together and decided to recruit potential players from the 16 other boys walking the hallways of the school. They came up with nothing and, in a final blow, two more players quit the team.

With just 10 faithful souls available for the 11-man team, the coaches called the team together after a shortened practice and asked the players if they wanted to continue with the season.

"When I saw the look on everyone's face," said Fannindel senior and three-year letterman Lance

Smith, "that's when I knew it was over."

That was it. Last week, Fannindel wrapped up perhaps the worst year in its feisty history as one of the smallest schools playing 11-man football in the Lone Star State.

In this town of 658 residents, about 70 miles northeast of Dallas, the Friday night lights have always meant promise and excitement for an economically depressed community that has few businesses and only one restaurant.

It's about a 15-minute drive to Commerce to go to the closest movie theater or strip mall. A drive down Ladonia's Main Street is a woeful trip past lots of shuttered buildings and weed-filled lots. A handful of people can be found walking the town's dusty downtown streets during the afternoon.

"Friday nights — that's football here. That's what you go do," said Mike Smith, Ladonia's athletic director and Lance's father.

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

National Football League

At A Glance

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East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	5	2	0	.714	190	143
Buffalo	4	3	0	.571	217	214
New England	3	3	0	.500	152	134
N.Y. Jets	2	4	0	.333	95	169

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	4	2	0	.667	124	118
Jacksonville	3	3	0	.500	128	112
Tennessee	2	4	0	.333	130	173
Houston	1	5	0	.167	83	157

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	3	3	0	.500	104	111
Pittsburgh	3	3	0	.500	138	122
Cleveland	3	4	0	.429	161	151
Cincinnati	0	6	0	.000	51	181

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Diego	6	1	0	.857	173	119
Denver	5	2	0	.714	183	154
Oakland	4	2	0	.667	196	145
Kansas City	3	4	0	.429	239	230

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Philadelphia	4	2	0	.667	185	102
N.Y. Giants	3	3	0	.500	86	98
Dallas	3	4	0	.429	94	129
Washington	2	4	0	.333	115	167

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	6	1	0	.857	221	172
Tampa Bay	5	2	0	.714	153	76
Atlanta	3	3	0	.500	130	84
Carolina	3	4	0	.429	102	105

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	6	1	0	.857	203	154
Chicago	2	4	0	.333	132	155
Detroit	2	4	0	.333	132	189
Minnesota	1	5	0	.167	137	185

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	4	2	0	.667	108	93
San Francisco	4	2	0	.667	142	116
St. Louis	2	5	0	.286	139	158
Seattle	1	5	0	.167	125	152

Sunday's Games
Detroit 23, Chicago 20, OT
Buffalo 23, Miami 10
Atlanta 30, Carolina 0
N.Y. Jets 20, Minnesota 7
St. Louis 37, Seattle 20
Denver 37, Kansas City 34, OT
New Orleans 35, San Francisco 27
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San Diego 27, Oakland 21, OT
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Green Bay 30, Washington 9
Philadelphia 20, Tampa Bay 10
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Monday's Game
Pittsburgh 28, Indianapolis 10
Sunday, Oct. 27
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Detroit at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Kansas City, 1 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Carolina, 1 p.m.

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Chicago at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
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Denver at New England, 4:15 p.m.
Houston at Jacksonville, 4:15 p.m.
Indianapolis at Washington, 8:30 p.m.
Open: Miami, San Diego, Green Bay, St. Louis
Monday, Oct. 28
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Anaheim 3, New York 1
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Minnesota 3, Oakland 2
Minnesota 7, Oakland 5
Oakland 9, Minnesota 1
Oakland 6, Minnesota 3
Minnesota 11, Oakland 2
Minnesota 5, Oakland 4

National League

San Francisco 3, Atlanta 2
San Francisco 8, Atlanta 5
Atlanta 7, San Francisco 3
Atlanta 10, San Francisco 2
San Francisco 8, Atlanta 3
San Francisco 3, Atlanta 1

St. Louis 3, Arizona 0
St. Louis 12, Arizona 2
St. Louis 2, Arizona 1
St. Louis 6, Arizona 3

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

American League
Anaheim 4, Minnesota 1
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Anaheim 6, Minnesota 3
Anaheim 2, Minnesota 1
Anaheim 7, Minnesota 1
Anaheim 13, Minnesota 5

National League

San Francisco 4, St. Louis 1
San Francisco 9, St. Louis 6
San Francisco 4, St. Louis 1
St. Louis 5, San Francisco 4
San Francisco 4, St. Louis 3
San Francisco 2, St. Louis 1

WORLD SERIES

Saturday, Oct. 19
San Francisco 4, Anaheim 3
Sunday, Oct. 20
Anaheim 11, San Francisco 10
Tuesday, Oct. 22
Anaheim 10, San Francisco 4, Anaheim leads series 2-1
Wednesday, Oct. 23
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Thursday, Oct. 24
Anaheim (Washington 18-6) at San Francisco (Schmidt 13-8), 8:22 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 26
San Francisco at Anaheim, 7:58 p.m., if necessary
Sunday, Oct. 27
San Francisco at Anaheim, 8:02 p.m., if necessary

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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Oct. 24, 2002:

Partnership matters take you in a new direction if you remain open. Understand more of what would make you happy. No longer keep frustration or anger to yourself. Learn ways to express your feelings, even unpleasant ones. You sometimes aren't sure what you want and therefore defer. Claim responsibility when you don't like the end results. Your career gains through this ability to be clear.

Others notice how special you are and help pave your way. Celebration marks the period from September on. Zoom in on what you want. If you are single, you'll likely meet someone special next fall. This could be Mr. or Ms. Right. If you are attached, your relationship will become much warmer than in the past. If you open up, GEMINI cheers you on.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) * * * * * Speak your mind loudly and clearly. You want to make a point. Be sure to express yourself in a manner that others can hear. Others will or will not rally around your cause because of how you present it. Use your most persuasive powers. Tonight: Enjoy yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) * * * * * Deal with finances. Start taking a hard look at your budget, considering that the holidays will be here in no time. You might need to put in overtime for a while if you want to be able to splurge on a certain someone or two. Tonight: Juggle your budget.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) * * * * * You do make a difference, and you can clearly see it. Others seek you out for inspiration, ideas or sheer

companionship. Be efficient when handling your "must do" list. You'll want plenty of people-time. Let your personality melt a barrier. Tonight: Whatever you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) * * * * * Allow others to step forward. You don't always have to do everything for everyone. Sometimes you need to close your door or turn off your phone and simply handle what you must. Respect your own needs as well. Take some personal time if you can. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) * * * * * You know where you're going. Others sense this in your attitude, and as a result, they step back. You accomplish everything and then some. A meeting or get-together proves instrumental. Ask for what you feel you need. Others will pitch in. Tonight: Where the action is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) * * * * * Bosses turn to you for answers, especially about finances and overtime. Your efficiency and careful ways pay off in your dealings. Understand where others are coming from when they ask for help. Feel free to say "no." Tonight: Work as late as need be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) * * * * * Your high energy, in turn, energizes others in your immediate environment. You want to be efficient and get a lot done. Take your time checking out information. If you act too quickly, you could make a mistake. Do needed research. Tonight: Relax your mind.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) * * * * * Deal with others directly, especially if you want to have control over the net results. Not everything happens as you would like, but a lot does occur that makes you unusually happy. Have a long overdue discussion with a

loved one. Tonight: Give in to a partner's wishes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) * * * * * Reach out to others, and consider an opportunity more carefully. Listen well to a loved one. You feel another's natural resistance to an idea. Weigh the pros and cons without bias. That's more like it. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) * * * * * Dig into work with an eye on the upcoming weekend. Don't sell your abilities short. You can and will get a project done in time. Visualize an expenditure or home improvement task for several days before actually doing it. Tonight: Follow a boss's lead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) * * * * * Your playfulness reminds others that there is more to life than work. Take an overview of a situation where you might be triggered. Think twice before making a major decision. Better yet, postpone it till when you might not be so reactive. Tonight: Can you start your weekend early?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) * * * * * An associate pitches in. Let this person take the lead, if need be. You might find that "follow the leader" is a relief. Focus on personal matters. A close partner also might help in this realm. Ask for the help you feel you need. Tonight: Be the easygoing Fish.

BORN TODAY Politician Kweisi Mfume (1948), actor Kevin Kline (1947), author, editor, feminist Sarah Josepha Buell Hale (1788)

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Throughout history, killers' messages complicate chase; but sometimes they pay off

By JEFF DONN
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For some serial killers, murder isn't enough. They tease, boast, taunt, challenge, mystify and torment police, too. Sometimes, they even beg to be stopped.

The serial sniper around Washington, D.C., is the latest in a line of serial killers who feel compelled to communicate with their pursuers.

Jack the Ripper bragged to British police about his murders in a series of letters. David Berkowitz declared memorably in a note, "I am a monster. I am the Son of Sam." William Heirens, Chicago's Lipstick Killer, scrawled on a victim's wall, "For heaven's sake, catch me before I kill more."

For the killers, such messages often satisfy their morbid and desperate egos, heighten their sense of command over the world, or intensify the rush of their cat-and-mouse game with authorities, crime experts say. For the police, the messages may carry a wealth of clues, from DNA on a licked envelope to poor English that can help build the killer's profile.

The messages bring difficult decisions about whether to release their content to protect the public or help find the killer, at the risk of stirring his anger or promoting copycats.

But sometimes, these communiqués may help solve the case.

Like some of his serial predecessors, the Washington sniper has revealed himself to police in a megalomaniacal voice. He has left a tarot card representing death and saying, "Dear policeman, I am God." A message over the

weekend warned: "Your children are not safe anywhere at any time."

Reacting to a phone call, police have tried to engage the unknown sniper through the media, asking him in an extraordinary plea to call back and clarify a garbled message.

Bill Clark, a former New York City police detective who is now an executive producer of "NYPD Blue," said serial killers who leave messages "absolutely want the recognition for what they're doing and want attention."

"They want to show they're in control," he said.

"They want to be known," added Tod W. Burke, a former police officer who teaches criminal justice at Radford University in Virginia. "They want people to distinguish them from somebody else."

Such messages can also be spurred by an element of guilt, whether conscious or not. Paul Michael Stephani, known as Minneapolis' Weepy-voiced Killer, earned his nickname for calling police and pleading in a plaintive tone to catch him and stop him from killing. They eventually obliged, and he died in prison.

Tomas Guillen, a Seattle University professor who has studied the messages of serial killers, described some of them as a "scream" for rescue. "They're wanting to get caught ... but they can't turn themselves in," he said.

The clues in notes can help fulfill their wish. Authorities can retrieve DNA, fibers, hairs, food stains, fingerprints and other evidence. They can trace paper, ink and even identify the type of printer used on a note.

The content can expose a

killer's thinking, too. Police can study handwriting, prose style, spelling and word choice to build a likely profile, according to Robert Fitzpatrick, a Boston-based profiling consultant who worked on the Ted Bundy murders as an FBI agent.

Albert Fish, a New York City child murderer, wrote to a victim's mother describing how he killed and butchered her 10-year-old girl. The envelope was embossed with a return address that Fish tried to cross out, but which police were ultimately able to read. It helped authorities track down Fish, who was later executed.

The clues in a killer's message can jog someone's memory and ultimately identify him, as in the published manifesto recognized by the brother of Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski.

However, unwanted release of a message can sometimes make the killer feel betrayed, maddened by the loss of control, crime specialists say.

Such communications, of course, don't always solve cases. But Fitzpatrick, the former FBI profiler, said a bureau survey has suggested they are more often helpful.

And Guillen, at Seattle University, said they sometimes help convict, even when they don't help arrest.

In any case, the more common alternative — no message at all — is certainly not better. Said researcher Harold Schechter of Queens College-City University of New York: "Many of them just hole up in their lairs and commit these atrocities."

Southeast regional writer Allen Breed reporting from Virginia contributed to this report.

'Hat Party'



(Top) Carrie Hubbard, Gloria Norris, Jan Cory, and Audiene Bilgri model hats recently at a "Hat Party" at Lamar Elementary School. The event was in observance of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. (Bottom) Sherry Raines, Julie Murray, and Marsha Coffee were also among the "party-goers." Two Lamar Elementary staff members are currently undergoing chemotherapy treatments. Some staff members also participated as a team recently in the Susan G. Komen Foundation Walk for the Cure in Amarillo.

Strong earthquake jolts Alaska; magnitude set at 6.5 on Richter

PALMER, Alaska (AP) — A strong earthquake struck deep underground near Denali National Park early Wednesday, rocking much of Alaska and waking people as far as 350 miles away, experts at the Alaska Tsunami Warning Center said.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or widespread damage.

The quake, with a preliminary magnitude of 6.5, hit at 3:27 a.m., jarring residents in Fairbanks, 85 miles north of the epicenter, and in Anchorage, 170 miles to the southwest, seismologist Bruce Turner said. Telephone lines to the Denali National Park ranger station, about 27 miles

from the epicenter, were dead. The observatory was deluged with calls about the quake, which occurred on an active fault about 25 miles beneath the surface, Turner said.

In Healy, just north of the park, Grandview Bed and Breakfast co-owner Shelly Acteson said the quake knocked just about everything off her walls and shelves and was frighteningly loud.

"Usually they kind of roll, you can kind of hear them coming," she said. "This one sounded like it was kind of mad — boom, boom, boom."

Kathie White, co-owner of the Backwoods Lodge outside Cantwell, a hamlet of about

200 people 36 miles from the epicenter, said the quake roused the residents and shook items off her shelves but no one was hurt.

"Just a good shaker," she said.

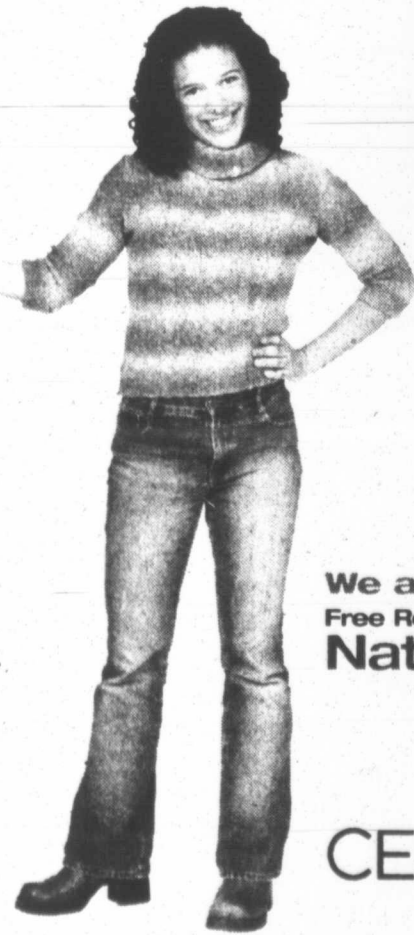
The quake was too far from water to generate a tsunami, or seismic sea wave, but it was felt as far as 350 miles from the epicenter, Turner said.

The magnitude of an earthquake reflects an analysis of seismic waves and the amount of earth slippage over the area of the fault. An earthquake of 6 can cause severe damage and a magnitude 7 quake is considered major and capable of widespread, heavy damage.

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