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PHS choir bazaar, garage sale Nov. 2

Pampa High School choir members plan a "huge" garage sale and bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 2, at M.K. Brown Heritage Room. Proceeds go toward the choir's spring trip to London.

STATE
Company pleads guilty to fake tests

AUSTIN (AP) — The nation's largest underground storage tank inspection company was ordered Wednesday to pay \$2.29 million in fines and restitution after pleading guilty to producing false reports at federal facilities in nine states.

Austin-based Tankology-NIDE International Inc., pleaded guilty in August to 10 felony counts of presenting false claims and making false statements to federal agencies from 1997 to 1999.

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Candidates' night at the forum

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

With the 2002 election one week away, most local candidates delivered vote-seeking messages at Tuesday night's chamber-sponsored candidate forum.

Both candidates seeking the Precinct 2 County Commission position — incumbent Jim Greene and his challenger Gary Willoughby — were on hand to tell the audience in a three-minute speech each of why they were the best person for the job.

Four-term commissioner Greene said his roots go back in Gray County 100 years. He said his grandfather was quoted as saying he had unlimited confidence in the future of Pampa and Gray County. "I have always adopted the same philosophy. This is the best place on earth to live and raise a family, and I will continue to stay here," said Greene.

Willoughby emphasized his experience as a private businessman as a qualification for county commissioner and his ability to listen to the people. "People want positiveness and

growth," he said.

He said he had a strong positive for Pampa. He said he had a daughter who wanted to come back to Pampa, but couldn't find a job in her field.

The two candidates were asked several questions by the moderator for the evening, Judge Phil Vanderpool. The questions were written and turned in by members of the audience.

One question related to the county roads and the maintenance of the roads. Willoughby said he would defer to the road foreman's experience. He said several residents have said the bar ditches need to be deeper and culverts need to be installed.

Greene said the road needs to be crowned with caliche, and said he depends on his road foreman.

Questions about what procedures are in place to guard against embezzlement of county funds were also asked.

Greene cited the experience and watchful eye of County Auditor Elaine Morris while Willoughby agreed. Greene also said the county has investment policies that they must follow.

Another question was, "What action would be required by the commission

if a sudden loss of 10 to 20 percent of the tax base occurred?"

Greene said the county is a service to the people, not a money making operation. He said if such a situation occurred employees would have to be cut as well as services. "We'd take it to the people and make a decision as a commissioners court," said Greene.

Willoughby said he can't foresee the future.

"How fast does a road grader go?" was another question asked both men. Willoughby said he really didn't know the answer to the question while Greene dryly replied that it depended on whether it was headed for the barn or dragging a road.

"How important are the taxpayers to you in making a decision?" was asked of both candidates.

Willoughby said taxpayers are very important to him in making decisions. He said he had knocked on 719 doors while campaigning. "I will listen to the people. If I don't listen I'll be wasting their time, tax dollars and their money. I don't want to do any of that," he said.

Greene responded, "Everyone of (See FORUM, Page 3)



Greene



Willoughby



Kurtz



Peet



Martinez



Darby

Last check-in nets 58% of United Way '02 goal

With a \$69,354 pledge from Celanese Corporation and employees, Pampa United Way's 2002 campaign has reached 58 percent of its goal, volunteers learned at the final check-in luncheon Tuesday.

Tuesday's lunch of sloppy joes, chips, cookies and drinks was hosted by Pampa Meals on Wheels, Gray County Latch Key, Community Day Care and Pampa Community Youth Services/ Shining Star Day Care Center.

The Celanese pledge bumps the campaign total to \$218,816.25, slightly more than half of the \$375,000 goal.

"We still have a lot of cards out and many campaigns in the major firms are not finished as yet," said Katrina Bigham, UW executive director. "I feel the next two weeks will bring in the remainder of these cards and pledges. It's hard to tell how much will come in through these remaining cards that are out."

"If all of us will pitch in and give a little, we will reach our goal," Bigham said.

Persons wishing to give to the Pampa United Way can mail their donation to P.O. Box 2076, Pampa, TX 79066-2076 or bring it to the United Way office at 200 N. Ballard.

For more information, contact the United Way office at 669-1001.



We have a plan, but there's bugs in it, researchers say

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

SANFORD — Federal researchers hope to use bugs to control salt cedar along the Canadian River in the Texas Panhandle.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation officials, in a joint effort with the National Park Service and the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, hope to control salt cedar at Lake Meredith in an effort to increase the availability of water for the region.

"That's our main interest in it," said Ken Satterwhite, general manager of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority (CRMWA), which provides water for 11 communities in the Texas Panhandle and Texas South Plains, including Pampa.

Eradication of the salt cedar would result in more water flowing into Lake Meredith.

"I've heard numbers of seven acre-feet of water per acre," Satterwhite said. "Annually, that would be a lot of water."

Bureau of Reclamation officials have looked at about eight sites in Texas for such

research projects. Similar brush control programs are being studied and tried by other agencies, primarily on private land.

"We've been looking at salt cedar for quite a while now," Satterwhite said. "The biological control proposal is fairly recent."

Debra Eberts, a botanist with the Bureau of Reclamation, said salt cedar is not native to the United States. It was introduced and has taken over many riparian watersheds in the western U.S.

Eberts said salt cedar was introduced from Asia and uses much more water than native plants and trees in riparian areas of the western U.S. Eliminating the invasive plant should free up more water that the salt cedar would normally use.

The proposal to use beetles to defoliate and eventually kill the salt cedar, Eberts said, however, has not yet been fully approved. They still have to get permission from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Eberts said the Bureau of Reclamation has had quite a bit of success eradicating weeds (See BUGS, Page 3)

A little bit of everything

Artist of the Year dabbles in many types of artwork

By SKYLA BRYANT
COMMUNITY EDITOR

"I make Christmas ornaments," said Pampa Fine Arts Association (PFAA) 2002 Artist of the Year Mimi Gross. "That's what I've been doing the last 25 years."

"These I make by hand, so actually they are mini-sculptures," she added.

Gross's work will be showcased beginning Nov. 3 at White Deer Land Museum. The show will officially kick-off with an opening reception from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, and will remain on view the following two weeks.

"They asked me to do 35 to 50 pictures," Gross said.

A variety of media will be represented in the one-woman



(Courtesy photo)

Mimi Gross
PFAA Artist of the Year

exhibit including watercolors, pastels, pen-and-ink, and of course a special display of Christmas ornaments.

Gross has been interested in art all her life, studying with numerous artists including Wayne Cox at Clarendon College; Ginger Test and John Birdsong, watercolors; and Gerald Sanders, sculpture.

Past accomplishments include several first, second, and third place awards at a 1968 art show in Kokomo, Ind., first place in a centennial logo contest organized and judged by Pampa Art Club, and inclusion in various local exhibits, such as a recent display at Lovett Memorial Library.

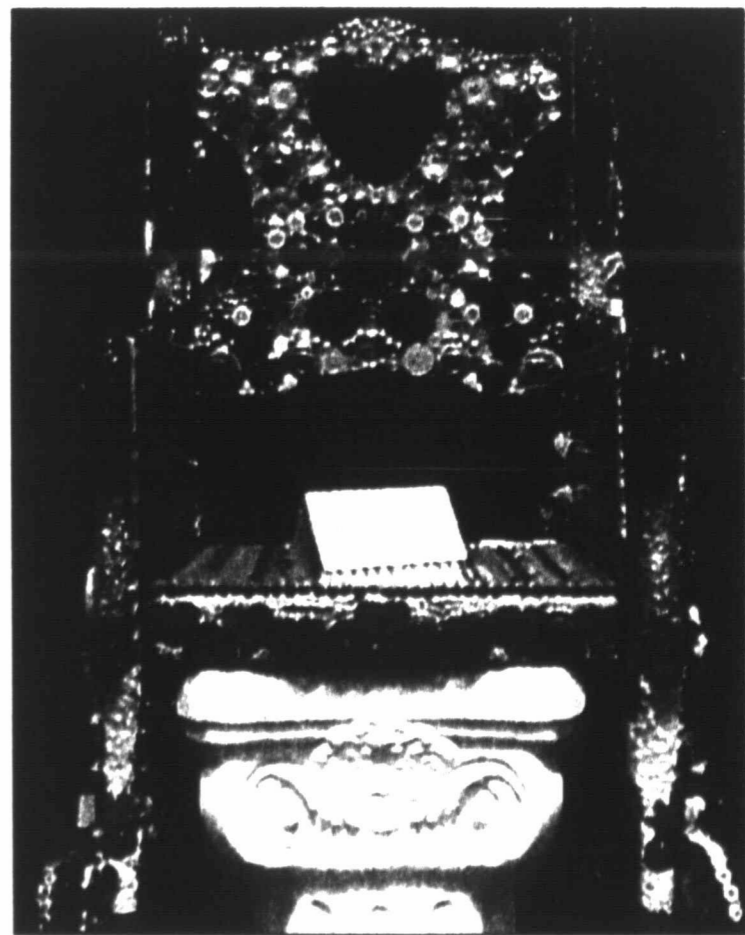
Gross has been selling her artwork for approximately 25 years.

"I'll try any medium," she said.

She is particularly fond of sculpture, working primarily with a product called "Sculpey," which refers to a certain type of clay.

"Sculpey — it's a clay product that I've been fooling around with the last four years, and just about anything you can do with pottery you can do with Sculpey."

"You can sculpt and get minute little detail out of them (See ARTIST, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by Skylar Bryant)

Mimi Gross calls this the "I Spy Chair." She decorated it for her grandchildren. Her inspiration was the children's "I Spy" game.

Did You Know...

What Was The First Store In Pampa?

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Johnson Mercantile, 1902

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OBITUARIES

MARCELLA JOSEPHINE SHIELDS HELBERT
1909-2002

Marcella Josephine Shields Helbert, age 92, of Pampa, died Saturday, Oct. 26th, in Amarillo. A vigil service was held at 5:30 p.m., in Pampa at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church Monday, Oct. 28th, with Father Lupe Mayoragh as celebrant.

Funeral Mass was held at 10 a.m., in Pampa at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church on Tuesday, Oct. 29. The celebrant was Monsignor Joseph Tash of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Amarillo.

Burial was at 2 p.m., in Wellington at Fairview Cemetery on Tuesday, Oct. 29th with Father Lupe Mayoragh as celebrant.

Mrs. Helbert was born Dec. 8, 1909, in Sayre, Okla., to Pat and Theresa Shields. She graduated from Wellington High School in 1928 and from St. Anthony's School of Nursing in 1931 as a Registered Nurse. She married Luié L. Helbert in Childress in 1954.

She was employed at St. Anthony's Hospital, Northwest Texas Hospital, and the Veteran's Hospital in Amarillo. In Childress, she worked at Childress Hospital where she taught LVNs coursework to complete their certification. She was also employed by St. Joseph's Hospital in Wellington, Abraham Nursing Home in Canadian, Highland General Hospital in Pampa, and Casa Del Nursing Home in Pampa.

She was a member of the Texas Nursing



Association, Women of the Moose, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Pampa, and an honorary member of St. Anthony's Alumni Association.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Luié Helbert in

1987; two brothers, Joe Shields and Earl Shields, both of Amarillo; and two sisters, Cecelia Craven of Amarillo and Margaret Bearden of Wellington.

Survivors include a son, Patrick Frost and his wife Peggy of Amarillo; a daughter, Gail Perkins and husband L.V. of Amarillo; two sisters, Yvonne Brewer of Wellington and Mary Anna Walters of Claude; two grandsons, Craig Frost of Houston and Jeff Perkins of Amarillo; two granddaughters, Cindy Frost of Houston and Belinda Richey of Austin; three great-grandchildren; 12 nieces and nephews; and many caring friends.

The family suggests that memorials be sent to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, 600 West 14th St., Amarillo, TX 79101.

DIANA RIPPLE DARLING
1946-2002

WICHITA FALLS — Diana Ripple Darling, 56, died Monday, Oct. 28, 2002, at Wichita Falls. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m., Thursday in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa with Rodney Tedford, minister of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ of Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Darling was born March 28, 1946, at Pampa and graduated from Pampa High School in 1964. She married Amel Darling

on June 28, 1968, at Pampa; he died in 1983.

She worked as a teacher's aide at Pampa Middle School for three years and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

She moved away from Pampa to Wichita Falls in 1990.

Survivors include a daughter, Susan Darling of Wichita Falls; a son, Timothy Darling of Lubbock; her mother, Rachel Ripple of Pampa; two brothers, William L. Ripple of Pampa and Dennis L. Ripple of Utah; and a grandchild.

www.carmichael-whitley.com

W.B. 'JACK' COOPER
1923-2002

W.B. "Jack" Cooper, 79, of Pampa, died Monday, Oct. 28, 2002, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m., Thursday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with J.D. Barnard and Dan Chaney of Central Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Cooper was born June 16, 1923, at Stroud, Okla. He married Elaine O'Neal on Sept. 18, 1965, at Pampa.

He worked in the oil field for many years and retired from Panhandle Equipment after 15 years of service.

He was a member of Central Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Howard Cooper.

Survivors include his wife, Elaine, of the home; a son, Winfield B. Cooper, Jr., of Amarillo; a daughter, Linda Gail Nabors of Pampa; two step-sons, Phillip Fought of Palmura, Va., and Jerry Fought of Pampa; a step-daughter, Cynthia Barnard of Borger; three sisters, Joann Coker of Pampa, and Marion Fowler and Bea Stone, both of Orange, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

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SERVICES TOMORROW

COOPER, W.B. "Jack" — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

DARLING, Diana Ripple — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is cloudy and cooler with a slight chance of rain, highs in the mid-40s, north winds 10 to 20 mph, and a 20 percent chance of rain. Tonight should be mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain and snow, lows in the lower 30s, east winds 5 to 15 mph, and a 20 percent chance of rain and snow. Thursday should be mostly cloudy. Slight chance of rain and snow. Highs in the lower 40s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain and snow 20 percent. Thursday night, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of rain and snow. Lows in the lower 30s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain and snow 20 percent. Friday, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of

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STATEWIDE

A significant cooldown is expected to begin Wednesday as the strongest cold front of the season moves southward from the High Plains.

Wednesday morning the front extended from near Hobbs, N. M., to south of Lubbock to Childress. Some light snow was reported overnight in Dalhart.

In the Dallas area, mostly cloudy skies were expected with highs in the lower 60s. By nighttime, mostly cloudy skies were expected with lows in the mid-40s.

In the Hill Country and, south central Texas, mostly clear skies were expected to become partly cloudy with highs in the 70s in the north to the 80s in the south. By nighttime, partly cloudy skies were expected

to become mostly cloudy with lows in the 40s in the north to 50s in the south.

In deep South Texas, mostly cloudy skies were expected with highs from 79 near the coast to 85 in the west. By nighttime, mostly cloudy skies were expected with a chance of showers and thunderstorms in west and a slight chance near coast. Lows were expected from 64 in the west to 72 near the coast.

In the panhandle, mostly cloudy skies were expected with a slight chance of rain or snow in the east and highs in the upper 30s to the upper 40s. By nighttime, mostly cloudy skies were expected with a slight chance of rain and snow and lows in the mid-20s to the lower 30s.

Census: America's highest poverty rate in border counties, rural South

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Census Bureau says counties along the U.S.-Mexican border and isolated areas across the South and Midwest were among the poorest in the nation in the late 1990s.

The bureau reported Tuesday that more than half the children in two counties lived in poverty in 1999: Starr County, Texas, near the Mexican border, and East Carroll Parish in northeastern Louisiana. Texas had six of the 10 counties with the nation's highest overall poverty rates, while South Dakota had two. The other two counties were in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Figures released Tuesday are separate from poverty estimates from the 2000 census already announced this year. Though three years old, bureau officials say the latest figures offer a more comprehensive look at poverty at the county level.

"We do lag behind the country, but during the decade there was greater improvement in Texas," said Dayna Finet, senior research associate for Center for Public Policy Priorities in Austin, Texas' capital. "To say that it's a completely dire situation is not very accurate."

Nationally, 17 percent of children 17 and younger lived

in poverty in 1999, down from 19 percent in 1998 and 23 percent in 1993, the earliest year with which data can be compared. Still, Finet said the government's estimates of poverty were outdated and inaccurate. Many families went from being in poverty to "working poor" status, she said. The poverty threshold differs by household, depending mainly on the size of the family. For instance, in 1999 the poverty line for a family of four with two children was an income of \$16,895 a year.

In Starr County, Texas, on the Rio Grande River across from Mexico, 50.5 percent of children 17 and younger, or 10,128 children, lived in poverty in 1999. Nearly one-fourth of the county's residents are not U.S. citizens.

East Carroll Parish, La., had the next highest share of children in poverty at 50.1 percent. However, bureau officials said statistical error rates could affect a county's ranking.

Some improvements appeared in the South and rural Appalachia during the 1990s. For instance, Owsley County, Ky. had the highest child poverty rate in 1993 at 65 percent; by 1999, it had fallen to 44.7 percent, the eighth highest rate in the nation.

Part of the improvement can be traced to the region diversifying an economy that had long been based on manufacturing and mining, said Duane DeBruyne, spokesman for the federal Appalachian Regional Commission.

"We are making progress, but not fully there yet," he said.

Left uncertain by the 1999 figures is how the economic slide that began the next year will affect county poverty estimates. Last month, the latest national estimate of poverty showed rates increasing between 2000 and 2001 after nearly a decade of decline.

Tuesday's report also found that the Denver suburb of Douglas County, Colo., had the highest median household income in the country at \$87,335. Buffalo County, S.D., home to the Crow Creek Indian Reservation, had the lowest at \$15,531.

Because of changes in the way estimates were calculated, 1999 income figures were not comparable to those of previous years.

The estimates are based in part on a survey that asks more detailed questions about economic status than the 2000 census, and also incorporates tax records and other government data that the census did not account for.

ON RECORD

POLICE

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

Tuesday, Oct. 29

Mario Isidro, 38, 801 E. Gordon, was arrested on several *capias* pro fine charges. They were possession of drug paraphernalia, driving with license suspended, open container, defective brake, disregard lane change, displaying expired registration and failure to control speed.

A hit and run was reported in the 500 block of Crawford. According to police reports, a 47-year-old male was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center with minor injuries. A small black truck with a bed cover was reported to be the vehicle which struck him.

An assault causing bodily injury was reported in the 500 block of Montagu.

Police investigated a larceny report in the 1800 block of North Beech.

A runaway was reported in the 200 block of North Faulkner.

A burglary was reported in the 400 block of North Sumner. A respirating saw valued at \$200 was reported taken from the back of a pick-up.

Damage to a front door totaled \$200 in the 500 block of Doyle. According to police reports, nothing was taken.

A theft of a blue denim purse valued at \$10 was reported at the Pampa Middle School.

Wednesday, Oct. 30

Carl Wayne Dunn, 47, 1108 Prairie Drive, was arrested for bond surrender charges for no drivers license and failure to appear.

FIRE

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

Tuesday, Oct. 29

12:26 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a report of smoke in a residence in the 500 block of Lowry. Firefighters found a heater vent pipe was disconnected allowing smoke to enter the house.

Wednesday, Oct. 30

1:52 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 300 block of Tignor.

AMBULANCE

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

Tuesday, Oct. 29

7:44 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC) and transported a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital West (BSAW) in Amarillo.

10:15 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to BSAW and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC to transport a patient to BSAW.

4:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of South Wells. No patient was transported.

5:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Prairie Drive and transported a patient to PRMC.

Wednesday, Oct. 30

1:47 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Tignor and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:52 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Barnard and transported a patient to PRMC.

STOCKS

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Wheat	4.32	VLO	33.90	+3.33
Milo	4.09	Halliburton	15.20	+0.42
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Soybeans	4.77	NOI	20.42	+0.74
Sunflowers	9.00	KMI	35.78	-0.09
		XCEL	10.46	-0.10
		Kerr McGee	40.03	+1.69
		Limited	15.25	-0.25
		Williams	1.48	-0.08
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		Atmos	21.79	+0.04
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		Schlumberger	40.28	+1.72
		Tenneco	5.53	-0.02
		CVX	71.80	+1.65
		Wal-Mart	54.26	-2.21
		OKE	18.83	+0.09
		NS Group	6.18	+0.06
		BP	37.69	+0.82
		Celanese	18.30	-0.55
		Cabot Corp.	23.05	-0.04
		Cabot Oil Gas	21.47	+0.28
		Coca Cola	46.41	+0.03
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		Silver	4.51	
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The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:

BP	37.69	+0.82
Celanese	18.30	-0.55
Cabot Corp.	23.05	-0.04
Cabot Oil Gas	21.47	+0.28
Coca Cola	46.41	+0.03
VLO	33.90	+3.33
Halliburton	15.20	+0.42
Triad Hospitals	39.10	-0.15
NOI	20.42	+0.74
KMI	35.78	-0.09
XCEL	10.46	-0.10
Kerr McGee	40.03	+1.69
Limited	15.25	-0.25
Williams	1.48	-0.08
McDonalds	18.04	-0.38
Exxon Mobil	33.98	+0.75
Atmos	21.79	+0.04
Pioneer Nat.	23.95	+0.33
Penney's	19.08	-0.73
COP	48.09	+1.35
Schlumberger	40.28	+1.72
Tenneco	5.53	-0.02
CVX	71.80	+1.65
Wal-Mart	54.26	-2.21
OKE	18.83	+0.09
NS Group	6.18	+0.06
New York Gold	316.75	
Silver	4.51	
West Texas Crude	26.86	

City Briefs

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FORUM

them is important. Every taxpayer is not a voter. I've never voted on an issue -one way or the other- to get another vote. You're supposed to treat everybody in the county the same- whether they are registered to vote or even if they are not old enough to vote.

"They are all citizens of this county and they all ought to be treated the same, and get the same respect. But when it rains like it has the last week, you'd be surprised how many people become engineers," he said.

In response to why he is the better candidate for Precinct 2 County Commissioner, Willoughby said, "In order for us to move forward, technology has outrun some of us. We have the computer age today. We have the techno age. We have the cell phones. We don't just call our neighbor anymore and ask a question. We don't just write a letter, drop it at the post office and mail it off. If I want to know something, I can get on my computer and type it in and I can reach 1,000 people in a matter of minutes."

He described himself as open-minded, positive about Pampa, owner of a business in Pampa. "I'm in the loop. I listen to what you have to say. Some of the people in this room wouldn't be in this room if I hadn't knocked on your door. If I hadn't knocked on your door and offered to help you fix your lawn mower, some of you wouldn't be in this room tonight. I'm aggressive, but I'm also willing to slow (down). I will get the facts for you." He said he wasn't bringing negativity out in the campaign, but the facts.

Greene said he is the better candidate

because during the first two years he was in office as a commissioner, Greene said a fellow commissioner, Gerald Wright, jokingly told him they never get anything done as many questions as Greene asked.

"I'd rather do it right the first time. I always do a lot of homework and check out anything that has any question to it. Try to be right and do it right the first time," said Greene.

Greene received one question about his response to negative campaigning. "I never tried to get ahead by tearing somebody else down," said Greene.

Judge Richard Peet described the duties of the county judge's office to the crowd, defining both the administrative and judicial functions. Not only does the county judge preside over higher level misdemeanors but also presides over probate, half of juvenile cases, all mental health hearings, liquor license requests, and guardianship cases. He said he is charged with being the chief budget officer of the county as well as chief administrator of the county facilities.

"I only have one vote on the five-member county commission," he said. He said the county judge is to have a working knowledge of state law, and that he had gained that



Reeves



Curfman

from the 24 years he had taught several government classes, including one on the state constitution, at both the high school and college level.

Peet's challenger for the county judge position, Greg Kurtz, declined the offer to participate in the forum.

Debbie Darby, a candidate for the Justice of the Peace 1 and 3 position said she is qualified for the office because she has worked as a bondsman and is a notary. She also said the county sends newly-elected JPs to obtain the training they would need to run their office.

Local businessman Bob Neslage spoke for incumbent Joe Martinez who is currently at Fort Hood after he was called up for military service in the U.S. Army National Guard following Sept. 11 attacks.

"I have known him for 13 years. I knew him as a banker. He is a man of impeccable character, and tells the truth all the time. I would be glad to have him as a business partner. He believes very deeply that the Justice of the Peace position is a calling for him," said Neslage.

He cited Martinez's ability to efficiently run the JP office and stay within the guidelines of a budget, his access to everyone who comes in his office and that he is bilin-



Hefley



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gual as three reasons he should be elected to a full term as JP.

Uncontested, candidates also spoke to the audience.

State Representative Warren Chisum said his new district will have 19 counties. He said when the new legislature goes into session in January 2003, they will be looking at a \$5 billion deficit.

District Clerk Gaye Honderich said she has been in the job 10 years and elected office four years. She said she has appreciated the support.

Lee Cornelison is not opposed in his bid to become the new county treasurer. He said he is excited and happy to be a candidate. He told the crowd he attended a training seminar at Texas A&M shortly after the primary, and is looking forward to taking office.

Bill Reeves, candidate for Inspector of Hides and Animals, said the office has no responsibility or salary. He said his main interests were senior citizens and environmental issues until it could be decided how to abolish the position. This position has never been filled in the 100 years of Gray County.

County Commissioner James Hefley told the crowd he hoped they were satisfied with the job he is doing because he plans to do lots more.

Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman told the crowd, "It's a great thing to get paid for doing something you love."

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BUGS

like leafy spurge with bio-control in the Western United States, but their work with trees is relatively new.

Dr. Kenneth Lair, another research botanist with the Bureau of Reclamation, is expected to be at Lake Meredith this week to inspect the sites the researchers want to try.

"There was some discussion before," said John Williams, former general manager at CRMWA, now a consultant, "but the bureau made their first proposal December 2001."

The research area will be within the 45,000 acres of federal land around Lake Meredith. The study will mostly involve the stretch on either side of the Canadian River stretching back to U.S. 287, the Dumas-Amarillo highway.

"There are a lot of acres between here and the Dumas highway," Satterwhite said.

Satterwhite said the water level at Lake Meredith is down drastically this year, following several extremely dry seasons.

"The inflow, so far in the first three quarters of this year," Satterwhite said, "was

around 30,000 acre-feet."

Before that the second lowest inflow on record was 51,000 acre-feet last year.

"The average is about 110,000 acre-feet," Satterwhite said. "This year has been horrible. Last year, the total inflow was the lowest in the history of the lake. This year, it looks like we're going to beat that record big time unless we have some inflows shortly."

He said it's the worst it's ever been by quite a bit.

"We're in a drouth, big time," Satterwhite said. Satterwhite said one of the

biggest factors between now and when the lake project first had its beginnings in the 1950s is salt cedar.

"I have a strong feeling that the salt cedar is very likely to be one of the major problems that we have with water resources in this part of the world."

Williams said if they can find a way to control the salt cedar, it will be a major improvement.

While he's optimistic that the project will ultimately yield more water for CRMWA's member cities, Satterwhite said it will take a while.

"There's not any bugs on the ground yet," Satterwhite said.

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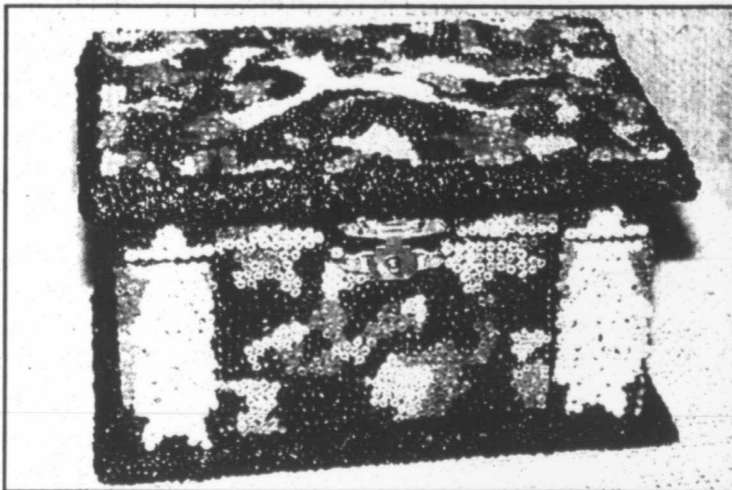
and then bake them in your own oven - you don't need a kiln," Gross explained.

Additionally, Gross enjoys working with glass beads and has experimented extensively with watercolors.

A longtime member of PFAA, Gross holds membership in Pampa Art Club (PAC), joining five years ago. She currently serves as PAC president. She formerly belonged to Pampa Garden Club and the now-defunct Allegra Study Club.

Gross holds a bachelor of science degree in marketing management from the University of Kentucky. Born and reared in the Panama Canal Zone, she has lived in Indiana, Kentucky, New York, and, last, but not least, Pampa, where she has remained for 27 years.

She has a varied work history - managing a dress shop in Kentucky, an association begun in her university days. Later she hired on with Bealls Department



(Pampa News photo by Skyla Bryant)

This colorful trinket box, made with tiny beads, will be part of the upcoming Pampa Fine Arts Association's Nov. 3 exhibit of Mimi Gross' work at White Deer Land Museum.

Store several months shy of its initial opening at the Pampa Mall in Pampa.

At Bealls, she designed clothing displays as well as worked in sales.

Gross went on to work three years in the pharmacy at Heard-Jones downtown

and from there worked part-time another three years at Highland Pump. Now she says she is too busy with her artwork to need a second job.

She and husband Rod have a daughter and two grandchildren, all of Pampa.

Volunteers fight Halloween arson

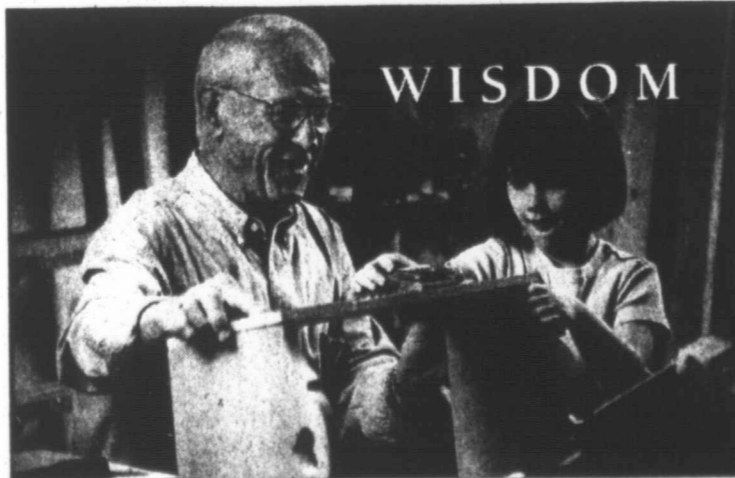
DETROIT (AP) — Hundreds of volunteers have taken to the streets in an annual three-night campaign against Halloween arson.

The campaign began in 1994 following years of arson fires set on Devil's Night, the eve of Halloween.

Oct. 30 was renamed Angels' Night, and police and fire departments have worked with an army of volunteers to reduce arson.

Residents began patrolling their streets on Tuesday night. Other measures include keeping porch lights on and watching for minors breaking the special 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew.

The anti-arson campaign has succeeded in keeping fire reports to the level of a typical three-day period — about 180 fires.



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- Don't leave your pet out in the yard on Halloween: There are plenty of stories of vicious pranksters who have teased, injured, stolen, even killed pets on this night.
- Keep your outdoor cats inside several days before and several days after Halloween; black cats in particular may be at risk from children's pranks or other cruelty-related incidents. Many shelters, do not adopt out black cats on Halloween as a safety precaution.
- Trick-or-treat candies are not for pets: Chocolate is poisonous to a lot of animals, and tin foil and cellophane candy wrappers can be hazardous if swallowed.
- Be careful of pets around a lit pumpkin: Pets may knock it over and cause a fire. Curious kittens especially run the risk of getting burned.
- Don't dress the dog or cat in costume unless you know he or she loves it. Otherwise, it puts to much stress on the animal.
- If you do dress up your pet, make sure the costume isn't annoying or unsafe; it should not constrict her movement, hearing or ability to breathe or bark. Also, there should not be small, dangling, or easily chewed-off pieces on the costume that your pet could choke on.
- Be careful not to obstruct your pet's vision; even the sweetest animal can get snappy when he or she can't see.
- When opening the door for trick-or-treaters, be very careful your cat or dog doesn't dart outside.
- All but the most social dogs and cats should be kept in a separate room during trick-or-treat visiting hours; too many strangers in strange garb can be scary for a dog or cat.
- Make sure your dog or cat is wearing proper identification. If for any reason they escape and become lost, you increase the chances that they will be returned to you.

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Bob Newhart wins coveted humor prize

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bob Newhart found himself "a long way from being an accountant" Tuesday night as he accepted the Kennedy Center's Mark Twain Prize for American Humor.

Newhart — an ordinary-looking everyman who has always regarded the lunacy around him with unflappable calm — was regaled by fellow comedians Tim Conway, Richard Belzer, Steven Wright and The Smothers Brothers, among others. The Kennedy Center gala will be broadcast Nov. 13 on PBS.

David Hyde Pierce, who plays Niles Crane on the sitcom "Frasier," referred to Newhart's deadpan style when he said, "No one has done less for comedy."

Newhart, 73, who worked as an accountant in Chicago in between a hitch in the Army and his comedy career, had no regrets about choosing show business. "It's not easy being an accountant today," he said. "It's taken a lot of heat off the lawyers."

Newhart is perhaps best known in his role as Bob Hartley, a Chicago psychologist whose friends and colleagues were as neurotic as his patients, in "The Bob Newhart Show." The comedy, costarring Suzanne Pleshette as Bob's wife, Emily, aired on CBS from 1972-78 and has been in perpetual syndication since.

In 1982 he returned to CBS with "Newhart," in which he played a Vermont innkeeper bedeviled by wacky locals. "Newhart" ran through 1990.

Administration pushing several trade proposals

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick is voicing optimism that progress will be made this week in an effort to create the world's largest free trade area among 34 nations in the Western Hemisphere.

But President Bush's chief trade negotiator is also letting it be known that the United States is prepared to cut trade deals with individual countries in Latin America if the administration's larger goal of a Free Trade Agreement of the Americas becomes stalled.

Meeting with a small group of

reporters Tuesday, Zoellick dismissed concerns that Brazil, South America's largest economy, may turn out to be a major roadblock to Bush's free trade goals after the landslide election victory Sunday of leftist presidential candidate Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

Zoellick said that the administration still expected to achieve a number of objectives at a meeting Friday in Quito, Ecuador, of trade ministers from the 34 nations working on a hemisphere-wide free trade agreement.

However, Silva during his campaign branded Bush's top

trade priority for Latin America as "an annexation of Latin America to the United States."

Zoellick said he had received no indications from Brazilian officials that they were not prepared to go forward with setting up an ambitious negotiating schedule at the Quito meeting.

He said the United States will offer to serve as the host country for the next meeting of trade ministers, scheduled for the end of next year. He said he would propose Miami as the site for those discussions, with the goal of completing the negotiations by 2005.

But Zoellick said the administration was not waiting until 2005 to make progress on advancing free trade in this hemisphere. He said U.S. negotiators hoped to

strike a free trade agreement with Chile by the end of this year and start negotiations next year with five Central American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.

He said a number of other nations in the hemisphere — including the Dominican Republic, Bolivia, Colombia, Peru and Uruguay — have expressed interest in their own separate deals with the United States.

"If the process hemisphere-wide stalls, we will go forward with those who are interested," Zoellick said.

Outside of this hemisphere, the administration is hoping to wrap up free trade talks with Singapore

by the end of this year and send that agreement and a deal with Chile to Congress in 2003.

The administration will begin negotiations on a free trade agreement with Morocco next year. Zoellick said he would discuss starting negotiations on a free trade agreement with Australia on a trip there in November.

The burst of activity follows a Bush victory in August, when he won congressional passage of Trade Promotion Authority. That allows him to strike new trade deals and submit them to Congress for up-or-down votes without amendments, an authority Congress had refused to extend since it had lapsed in 1994.

All-Star Kids Pageant



(Courtesy photo)

Danielle Zuniga, daughter of Daniel and Jeanna Zuniga, recently competed in the All-Star Kids Pageant in Borger. She won Talent and Overall Winner in her age division. She will be competing in the Dance Masters of America in Amarillo on Nov. 2. She studies dance under the direction of Madeline Graves at Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center.

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Japan leaders supporting economic reforms

By HANS GREIMEL
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese ruling part bloc agreed on a much-anticipated economic revival plan Wednesday amid mounting pressure on embattled Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi to reverse the country's decadelong slump.

The agreement came after Koizumi appeared to back off on deadlines for tough bank accounting reforms, which his economy minister said were needed to purge banks of bad loans but which hardliners in his party had feared would cause banks to go under.

Koizumi's spokeswoman Misako Kaji called Wednesday's plan a compromise along the lines prescribed by the get-tough economy minister, Heizo Takenaka.

Tetsuzo Fuyushiba, secretary-general of the junior member Komeito party, said the three ruling parties approved the package. It was to be formally announced shortly.

The agreement is a breakthrough for the prime minister and follows an embarrassing delay last week, when opposition within his own ruling Liberal Democratic Party stymied reform plans over fears they were too severe.

Koizumi had promised to release a plan by the end of October so it could be pushed through Parliament by year's end. The leader's popularity now rides on his campaign promises to cure Japan's economic ills: stagnant growth, record high unemployment, a plummeting stock market and debilitating deflation.

"The government is serious about getting this done," Koizumi said Wednesday, adding that the turnaround would now "proceed in earnest."

LDP hardliners forced him

to delay outlining the reforms last week for fear they cut too deep. And Wednesday's version seemed somewhat watered-down.

Takenaka had once insisted that the accounting reforms should begin next April, but the agreed-on plan had no time frame. The measures also call for a special government

agency to loan cash to struggling companies experiencing hard times.

The new, tightened accounting rules for banks could increase the amount of bad loans on their books, which some feared would bankrupt banks and make debtor companies to go bust.

Fearing a possible rise in

joblessness, hardliners in the LDP urged the government to wait on reforms until it could come up with bolstered unemployment benefits for those thrown out of work by any economic upheaval.

Kaji said Wednesday's plan focused on that and more.

"It's a comprehensive package that includes disposal of

nonperforming loans, as well as the anti-deflation, as well as the safety net, as well as maybe tax reforms," she said.

Easing the nation's bad-debt burden was expected to be a major focus.

Japan's banks are weighed down by some \$336 billion in non-performing loans, equaling roughly 8 percent of gross domestic product. Analysts say they impede economic growth by keeping banks from lending to new borrowers and creating doubts about the Japanese financial system.

Takenaka has said he wants to wipe out that bad debt even if it means banks going bust or being nationalized. The plan has met fierce opposition in the LDP and from businessmen in the banking sector, but Koizumi has backed the basic idea anyway.

"I've approved (Takenaka's) basic policy," Koizumi said Tuesday after meeting with Takenaka upon his return from the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in Mexico.

Chipping in Wednesday to revive growth, Japan's central bank relaxed its ultra-easy monetary policy. The Bank of Japan's decision should make it even easier for businesses to get the loans they need to fund expansion.

But Bank of Japan Gov. Masaru Hayami has repeatedly said such steps alone won't have much impact unless the government delivered true economic reforms.

Echoing the pessimism, the BOJ released its monthly report Wednesday stating: "Japan's economy is not expected to demonstrate clear signs of recovery during the remainder of fiscal 2002." The fiscal year ends March 2003.

Fire destroys building in Ho Chi Minh City

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam (AP) — A massive blaze tore through a large building in downtown Ho Chi Minh City, killing at least 54 people. State-controlled newspapers said Wednesday that the toll could rise to more than 100.

Rescuers searched frantically following Tuesday's blaze for dozens of people believed still trapped Wednesday inside the six-story building, where a wedding reception with more than 500 guests had been taking place.

An American insurance company with offices there was also conducting a training seminar for about 100 employees when the fire erupted. Six staff members of the American International Assurance Co. were still missing, a company official said.

Firefighters battled the inferno for hours, but inadequate equipment and intense flames and heat kept them from reaching many victims inside the Saigon International Trade Center, a six-story building that housed shops, offices of foreign firms, and a popular dance club.

The official Vietnam News Agency said at least 54 people were confirmed dead. Hospital officials said more than 100 were hospitalized, many with serious injuries — some from burns and some from jumping out of the six-story building's windows.

Blasts rock township, killing one

SOWETO, South Africa (AP) — A series of bomb blasts rocked the poor township of Soweto early Wednesday, killing one person, ripping a hole in a mosque and damaging several railway stations and rail lines running into the nearby city of Johannesburg.

Authorities said they were investigating whether right-wing militant groups were responsible for the attacks, and they put police on high alert throughout the province of Gauteng.

"Whoever is responsible for this ... is going to face the full might of the law," said Safety and Security Minister Charles Nqakula.

He said the first bomb exploded at about 11:55 p.m. Tuesday and the ninth went off at about 1:40 a.m. Wednesday. Another bomb was found at a gas station and defused.

"Had it exploded it would have caused maximum damage given the fact we have fuel at the filling station," said Nqakula.

Police fanned out across the massive township and began searching public places, including schools, the South African Broadcasting Corp. reported. Roads all over the township were closed.

Nomvula Mokonyane, the provincial minister for safety and security, told Radio 702 police were investigating the possibility of extreme right-wing militant groups were behind the attacks.

Nqakula said police were investigating every possibility. "Our investigation is very exhaustive and broad. We are not eliminating anything," he said.

He refused to say whether investigators suspected the blasts were part of an alleged white extremist plot to attack the government uncovered earlier by police. In recent weeks, police have discovered several weapons caches and arrested 14 people accused of involvement in the plot.

The first bomb ripped a hole in a mosque, Bester said.

Soon after midnight, four more bombs blew up near a railway station, she said. A pair of bombs exploded at another station, and another pair on a third rail line. Several rail lines were severely damaged, disrupting traffic.

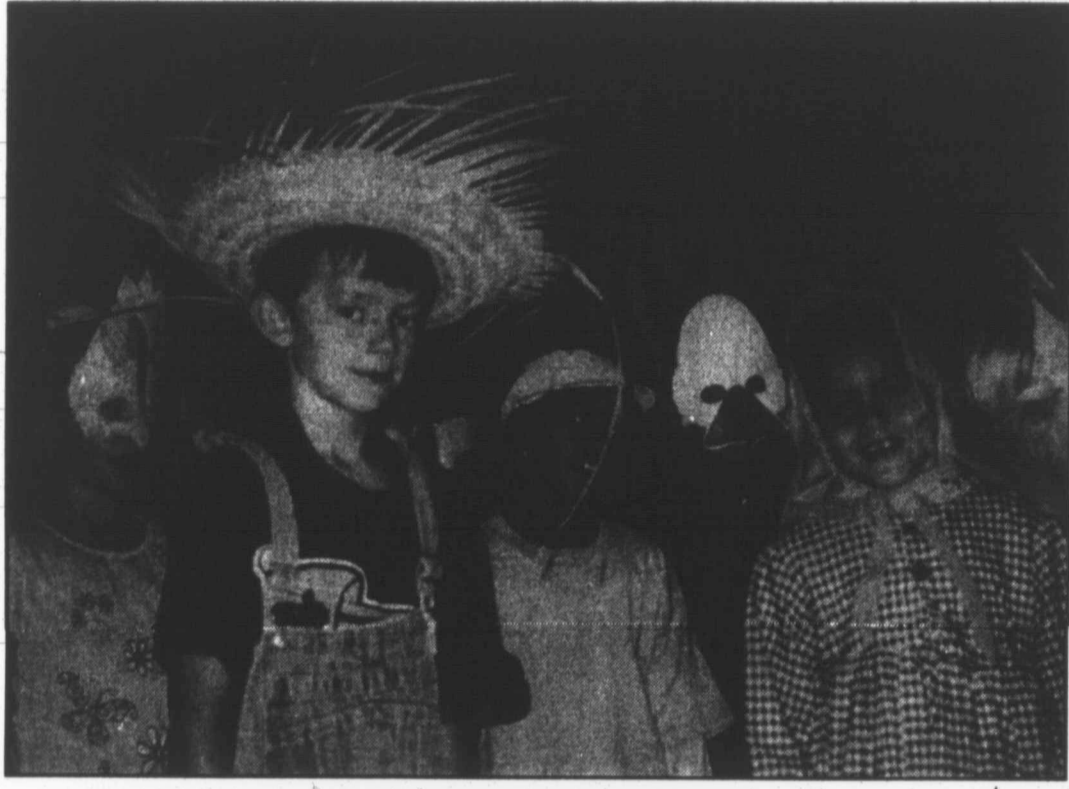
A 42-year-old woman was killed as she slept when debris from one blast hit her squatter shack, Bester said. The woman's 51-year-old husband sustained head injuries.

A tenth explosion was reported later Wednesday and authorities said they were trying to determine if it was linked to the earlier blasts.

Soweto is a sprawling black township of about 1.5 million people south of Johannesburg that includes a diverse patchwork of neighborhoods, from squatter camps to areas of new wealth.

Many of the townships residents depend on the railway line to get the jobs in Johannesburg. South Africa's racist, white apartheid regime ended with the country's first all-race elections in 1994. A very small minority of whites strongly oppose the country's multiracial democracy and advocate a return to the old regime.

'E-I-E-I-Oops!'



(Courtesy photo)

First and second graders at Lamar Elementary School recently staged the musical program "E-I-E-I-Oops!" which featured a cow that wouldn't moo. All of the farm animals had to work together to help the cow get his moo back. Above: Abigail Jones, Zachary Wolfe, Raquel Ramirez, Mariela Resendiz, Victoria Orona, and Sarah Basden.

Burns named interim chief at university

CANYON — Lt. Shawn Burns has been named interim chief of police for the University Police Department (UPD) at West Texas A&M University and will begin his new duties

immediately. He fills the position vacated by the recent death of Chief Eddie Wilson.

"I have full confidence in Shawn's capabilities to direct the department in this interim

period," Gary Barnes, vice president for business and finance, said.

Burns has been with UPD for the past seven years. He has served as patrolman, corporal, sergeant and lieutenant. Burns earned his bachelor's degree in political science from WTAMU, and is a graduate of the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas. He also holds an Advanced Peace Officer's Certificate.

He will serve as the interim chief of police until a search fills the position. The University plans to conduct a nationwide search for a chief of police beginning immediately.

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Over 200 illegal migrants run ashore in Miami

MIAMI (AP) — An eight-day journey at sea to escape their poverty-stricken homeland ended for more than 200 illegal Haitian immigrants when their freighter ran aground off Miami and they jumped overboard, rushing to shore and causing a traffic jam that lasted for hours.

The ordeal was seen in living rooms around the nation Tuesday as TV cameras on the ground and in helicopters overhead captured the arrests and the immigrants' frantic dash ashore.

Border Patrol agents rounded up 208 migrants and another 21 remained on a Coast Guard ship, said Coast Guard Lt. Tony Russell. Police escorted the immigrants in five buses to a detention center in Miami-Dade County where they awaited processing Wednesday.

The U.S. Coast Guard spotted the 50-foot wooden vessel Tuesday and followed it for about two hours, said Coast Guard spokesman Luis Diaz. The boat ran aground about 500 yards from shore and the immigrants ran to land near Hobbie Beach on

Virginia Key, just southeast of Miami's downtown. "They were all over the front of the boat, the top of the boat, the back of the boat. They were all over it," said windsurfer Ovidio DeLeon, who witnessed the scene. "Then they started jumping."

Some of the Haitians jumped from the deck; others were lowered into the water. They ran into the streets, causing the six-lane Rickenbacker Causeway to be shut down and forcing hundreds to sit in traffic through the 3 1/2-hour ordeal.

Coast Guard personnel were seen pulling people from the water and throwing them life preservers; children were being transferred from the boat to people in the water.

Thousands of Haitians each year risk dangerous voyages aboard rickety, crowded boats in search of economic opportunities.

Many are driven to risk their lives because of crushing poverty in their homeland, the hemisphere's poorest country where two-thirds of the population is unemployed or underemployed and

most people survive on less than \$1 a day.

Unlike Cubans who reach dry land, Haitian immigrants usually are denied asylum in the United States and sent back to their homeland.

"It's very sad to see the way human beings who are fleeing their country for a better way of life are treated," said North Miami Mayor Joe Celestin, a Haitian-American who went to the scene and spoke to some of the migrants. "The Cubans that were on the same boat will be released. The Haitians will probably be deported. It's a double standard."

The Bush administration changed its detention policy on Haitian refugees in December to discourage a feared mass exodus from the Caribbean nation. Immigration attorneys sued the government in March, saying the new policy of detention was racially biased.

Human rights advocates said the policy treats Haitians differently than asylum seekers from other countries, who are generally freed until their asylum requests are granted or denied.

Sky diver vanishes

PISMO BEACH, Calif. (AP) — A parachutist disappeared after landing in the Pacific Ocean during the filming of a Bruce Willis action movie.

The parachutist was among nine sky divers who jumped from a plane 14,000 feet above the ocean on Tuesday, all planning to land on a nearby beach.

Two landed in deep water about 300 yards offshore, said Andrew Zilke, chief ranger at Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area. One of the parachutists was rescued.

"They all jumped at basically the same time, and were supposed to land at basically the same location," Zilke said.

Using helicopters, boats, and personal water craft, several rescue agencies searched the area located about 180 miles north of Los Angeles, with no success.

Rescue efforts were hampered by choppy seas when winds picked up, Zilke said. Winds were light at the time of the jump, although all jumpers landed about a mile south of their target.

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HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #2 Hobart '49', 467' from North & 2300', from East line, Sec. 49, A-2, H&GN, PD 12500'.

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Survey finds many take dim view of their parenting skills

NEW YORK (AP) — Sixty-one percent of parents rate their generation as "fair" or "poor" at raising children, according to a study that shows parents are struggling in instilling values in their kids.

The findings are part of a nationwide survey of parents conducted by Public Agenda, a nonpartisan think tank. The survey found big gaps between parents' efforts to teach good values to their children and their perceived success in doing so.

While 83 percent said it is "absolutely essential" to teach self-control and self-discipline, only 34 percent said they have succeeded in teaching those values.

Ninety-one percent said it is essential to teach honesty, but only 55 percent said they have succeeded in doing so.

The report also found that 53 percent of parents believe they are doing a worse job than their own parents did.

"This study suggests that, despite the efforts parents are making, they're having trou-

ble," said Deborah Wadsworth, the president of Public Agenda. "They have no difficulty laying out a vision of the values they think essential to impart to their child, but succeeding at the job is another matter."



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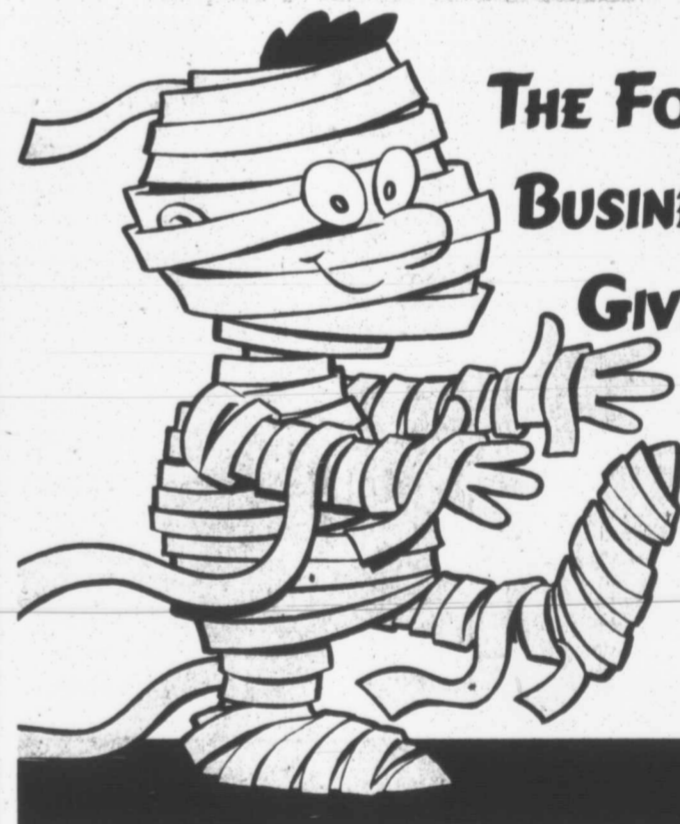
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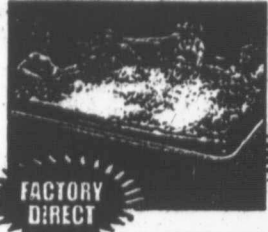
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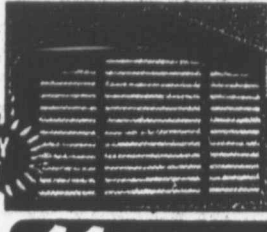
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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Old Flame Persists Despite Man's Efforts To Douse Her

DEAR ABBY: My husband of one year, "Phil," and I are facing a problem we don't know how to handle.

Back in college, Phil had an on-again, off-again girlfriend, "Madison." He cared for her but because of her mental instability, he finally ended the romance. Although Phil has not seen or spoken to her in years, they have occasionally kept in touch by e-mail. (This has always been initiated by her.)

It has become a problem, Abby, because Madison won't stop trying to contact my husband. He stopped responding to her e-mails, but she never took the hint.

First she wrote to tell him she heard he was getting married. Then she found out I was pregnant and concluded that was the reason for our wedding — which couldn't be further from the truth. Later, she wrote to ask Phil how my pregnancy was coming along.

Our daughter was born two months ago, and yesterday we were informed that Madison bought a baby gift and intends to drop it off at the home of Phil's parents. He is very upset. He says he wants this woman to leave him alone — that she's unstable and can't accept the fact he's married.

Since she lives in another state, I'm not worried about her peering in our windows; I just don't understand why she refuses to let go. What should we do with the baby gift? We don't want it.

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DEAR TROUBLED: She won't let go because she's clinging to her fantasy that she wasn't rejected. In other words, she's in a state of denial.

What to do with the unwanted baby gift? Donate it to a hospital or a children's shelter. Your husband should write a brief letter acknowledging the gift — and stating that he would prefer the past remain in the past, so please send nothing more because he needs to devote his full attention to his wife and child in the future.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to you as a last resort. I am 14 and come from a very good family, with one exception — my mother. She is an alcoholic. She drinks every day from noon until she goes to bed at night. I recently went to counseling because I tried to kill myself. I am starting to have those feelings again.

Mother casts me aside when she is drunk. I feel as though there is nothing left for me to live for. I want to go back into counseling, but I am afraid I will hurt my parents' feelings. Please give me some advice, Abby.

ALONE AND DEPRESSED

DEAR ALONE AND

DEPRESSED: If you are feeling depressed and suicidal, your parents' "feelings" are the last thing you should be worrying about. Call the counselor you were seeing before and schedule an appointment. Then tell your father what you have done — and why.

I'm sorry to say you are not the only teenager in this sad situation. Alcoholics Anonymous has a sub-organization for children of alcoholics. It's called Alateen. It's listed in most phone books or you can call the information operator. Please don't wait to contact the organization. Once you do, you will discover you are not alone with this problem, and you'll be given the support and information you deserve.

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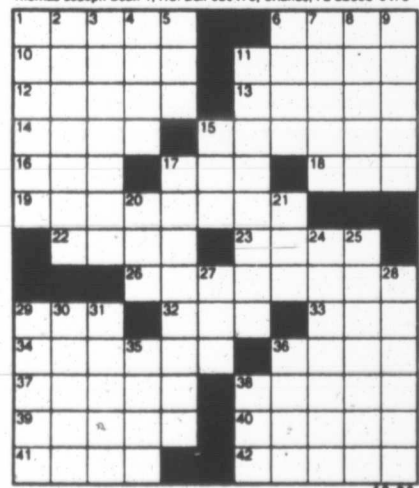
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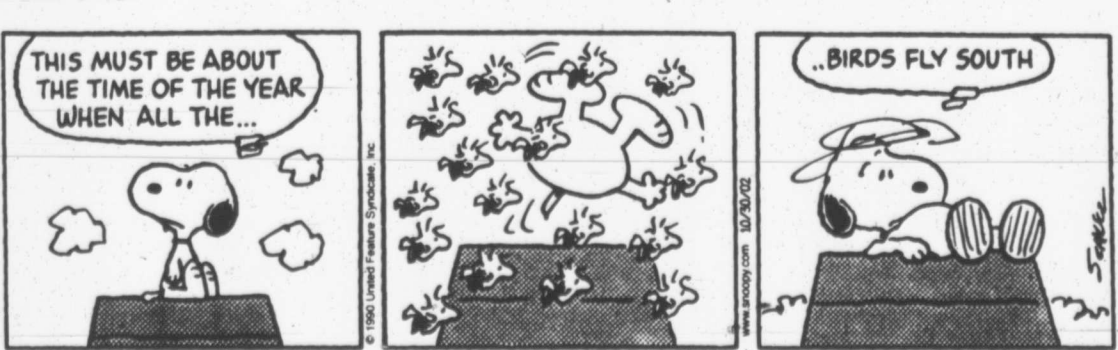
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SPORTS

WTAMU in competition for spring rodeo season

CANYON — The West Texas A&M University men's and women's rodeo teams rounded out the fall season of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Oct. 24-26 at Texas Tech University. Five individuals captured places, putting the teams in competitive standings for the spring. The men's team has 705 points, placing them third behind Vernon College, 945

points, and Western Texas College, 860 points. In women's competition, WTAMU is in seventh place with 100 points.

At Texas Tech, WTAMU's J.W. Todd, a junior applied arts and sciences major from Hornbeck, La., placed third in saddle bronc in the long-go and fourth in average, while Trevor Thiel, a senior general business major from Belle

Fourche, S.D., placed first in calf roping in the long-go, second in the short-go and first in average. John Brunson, a senior general studies major from Plainview, placed third in team roping in the long-go.

Competing for the WTAMU women, Kashlee Hughes, a junior general studies major from Model, Colo., placed first in goat tying in the long-go, fourth in the short-go

and second in average, and Brandi Harrison, a junior pre-veterinary medicine major from Pecos, placed third in breakaway in the short-go and fourth in average.

After five rodeos, Todd is in first place in men's all-around, first in saddle bronc and fifth in steer wrestling. In team roping, Josh Morris, a senior finance major from Lazbuddie, is in second place,

while Brunson is in third place. In calf-roping, Thiel is in second place and Monte Lewis, a senior finance major from Hereford, is in fifth place.

For the women, Harrison is in fourth place in breakaway and Hughes is in seventh place in goat tying.

Competition for both teams will resume in the spring.

Spurs top Lakers, 87-82

By JOHN NADEL
AP Sports Writer

that's how it goes sometimes."

LOS ANGELES (AP) — While the San Antonio Spurs were naturally pleased about winning their sixth straight season-opener, they weren't in a celebratory mood because of how it came about.

Reserve Malik Rose had 16 points and 11 rebounds to lead a balanced attack Tuesday night as the Spurs beat the short-handed Los Angeles Lakers 87-82.

"We played terrible, it was a terrible game," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "I'm thrilled that it'll count as a victory as the season goes on, and disappointed in our play."

The three-time defending NBA champion Lakers, who played without Shaquille O'Neal and Rick Fox, shot a miserable 31.8 percent (27-of-85) while losing their first season-opener in 11 years.

The Spurs weren't much better, shooting 36.6 percent (26-of-71).

But it was good enough. The difference was at the foul line, where the Spurs went 32-of-46 to the Lakers' 24-of-30.

In other season-openers Tuesday night, the Sacramento Kings routed the Cleveland Cavaliers 94-67 and the Orlando Magic topped the Philadelphia 76ers 95-88.

Fourteen games are scheduled for Wednesday night.

O'Neal, MVP of the last three NBA Finals, is recovering from surgery on his arthritic right big toe. He's expected to be sidelined another two weeks.

Fox was suspended for the season's first six games for his part in a fight with Sacramento's Doug Christie in an exhibition game Friday night.

The Lakers were presented their championship rings in a pregame ceremony. Fox was allowed to take part before having to leave the arena — the rule for players under suspension.

"I hope that was as enjoyable to watch as it was for me to coach, that's all I can say," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said sarcastically. "As bad as it is, it's probably better to win ugly than it is to lose ugly, which was the case tonight."

Rose made a basket and free throw to give the Spurs a 77-70 lead with 5:54 remaining, and Tim Duncan made two free throws with 3:38 left for an 82-72 lead — largest of the game.

The Lakers didn't pose a serious threat after that.

"We might have set basketball back 10 years," Rose said with a smile. "It was just nice to get the win. It would have been bad if we didn't since they were without Shaq and Fox."

Duncan had 14 points and 10 rebounds, but shot only 3-of-14.

And San Antonio point guard Tony Parker missed all 10 of his shots.

"It was ugly, but we won the game," Duncan said. "That's all that matters. We had a tough shooting night,

David Robinson, playing his final season, had 13 points and 10 rebounds for the Spurs, but didn't play after picking up his fourth foul with 8:02 left in the third quarter.

Speedy Claxton also had 13 points, and Steve Smith added 12 for San Antonio.

Popovich said Rose played a solid game and also complimented the effort of newcomers Claxton and Emanuel Ginobili, who had seven points, two rebounds, three assists, four steals and one block in 20 minutes.

Popovich said his decision to bench Robinson for the final 18 minutes had nothing to do with the veteran's health.

Smith injured his groin early in the fourth quarter and was in pain afterward. He said he would be examined Wednesday.

Kobe Bryant had 27 points and 10 rebounds for the Lakers, but shot only 9-of-29 at least in part due to the defensive effort of Bruce Bowen.

"He's a great player," Bowen said. "That's enough to get you motivated to play. You get to show what you can do against a player like that."

"I'm just trying to get some acknowledgment for first team, All-D this year, that's my goal."

Kings 94, Cavaliers 67
Damon Jones had 18 points in 20 minutes in his Sacramento debut, and Peja Stojakovic added 17 as the Kings opened a season of great expectations with a one-sided win over the visiting Cavaliers.

Wearing their new purple road uniforms and playing without their starting backcourt of the suspended Doug Christie and injured Mike Bibby, the Kings had no trouble with the Cavaliers, who committed 24 turnovers and shot 32.5 percent.

The Kings, 70-13 at Arco Arena since the beginning of the 2000-2001 season, went a league-best 61-21 last season, winning 36 home games. But they lost to the Lakers in overtime in the decisive seventh game of the Western Conference finals.

Ricky Davis scored 17 points, and Darius Miles had 13 points and 10 rebounds for the Cavaliers.

Magic 95, 76ers 88
In Orlando, Grant Hill had 18 points, seven assists and six rebounds in his first game since last December.

Tracy McGrady had 31 points and five assists for the Magic, who shook off a poor first quarter and played the type of defense coach Doc Rivers emphasized during the preseason.

Keith Van Horn had 19 points and 10 rebounds in his first game for the 76ers, and Aaron McKie also scored 19. Allen Iverson shot 7-of-25, missing his final eight attempts, for 18 points.



(Photo by Grover Black)

Pampa High School Harvester mascot, Jennisica Lemons, will have Friday night off this week. The Harvesters have an open date. They will return to the gridiron for their final game on Nov. 8, against district rival Caprock.

Cheerleading competition slated for Saturday

AMARILLO — Area cheerleading squads will compete at Cheer Fest 2002, beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, at center court of Westgate Mall.

About 200 middle and high school cheerleaders, representing more than 20 squads, are expected to compete, according to Joette Campbell, Cheer Fest spokeswoman.

Squads entered in the competition include White Deer High School, Clarendon High School, Childress Junior High, Claude Junior

High, Claude High School, Amarillo High, Crockett Middle School, Iowa Park Junior High, River Road Middle School, Valley View Middle School, Trinity Junior High, Sanford-Fritch, Randall High School, North Heights, Lockney High School, Clayton High School and Canyon High School.

Cheer Fest 2002 is sponsored by Westgate Mall, Clear Channel Communications, Cheer Texas of Amarillo, Varsity Apparel and UCA.

Angels fans celebrate World Series win at parades, rally

By CHELSEA J. CARTER
Associated Press Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — A sea of red enveloped Disney's two theme parks and the streets around Edison Field as tens of thousands of fans celebrated the Anaheim Angels' first World Series win in three parades.

The first was held at Disneyland, followed by a caravan of fire trucks down city streets to Edison Field where an estimated 100,000 fans waved flags and Rally Monkeys. The celebrations concluded at Disney's California Adventure park.

BASKETBALL
TORONTO (AP) — Toronto Raptors forward Lamond Murray is expected to miss 16 weeks following surgery to repair a torn ligament in his right foot.

NEW YORK (AP) — Don Chaney received some added job security, getting a one-year contract extension from the New York Knicks through 2003-04.

NEW YORK (AP) — A record 67 international players are on NBA rosters for the start of the season. The Dallas Mavericks have five.

The league said the players were from 35 countries and territories. There were international players on 27 of the 29 teams.

the New York Yankees earlier this month in an American League division series. They followed that up by beating the Minnesota Twins to win the AL pennant and then beating the Giants in seven games.

Anaheim school teacher Lynn Vicente asked the players what she and other teachers can tell their students about "sticking to your dreams."

"Always do your best, don't let other people influence you," Eckstein said. "Influence yourself."

By 5 p.m., some players were losing their voices and others had canceled scheduled media interviews. They were tired and wanted to go home, Disney officials said.

Earlier in the day, tens of thousands of flag-waving fans turned Disneyland's Main Street into a salute for the team. Jackie Autry rode alongside Minnie Mouse.

"For all the Angels fans who have been here, from the beginning, and all the Angels we had above, this championship is for you," team manager Mike Scioscia said at the rally at Edison Field.

Two hours earlier, Scioscia held the World Series trophy aloft at Disneyland, which was awash in Angels red, with shirts, hats and faces painted with halos. Fans had paid as much as \$45 for a ticket to the

park, where the parade was held along Main Street.

Fan Carl Romano shouted congratulations to Autry, the widow of Gene Autry, who formed the expansion team in 1961.

"She's waited a long time for this," Romano said.

The Walt Disney Co. bought the Angels after Gene Autry died in 1998.

A second parade began at Arrowhead Pond, home of the Mighty Ducks hockey team, and ended with a rally at Edison Field, home of the Angels.

"I waited 10 years for something like this," Salmon told the screaming crowd. "But I know you guys have been waiting a lot longer. This is yours."

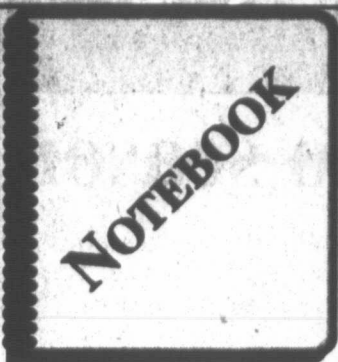
Added Angels relief pitcher Troy Percival: "We want to do this every year."

The parade and rally at the stadium were free. However, fans had to pay an admission charge at Disneyland and California Adventure park. Disney came under fire for charging those who wanted to attend the events.

John McClintock, a spokesman for the Disneyland Resort, said there could have been severe overcrowding and other logistical problems if the parks had been opened free.

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FOOTBALL
KIRKLAND, Wash. (AP) — The Seattle Seahawks, needing help at quarterback after Trent Dilfer's season-ending torn Achilles' tendon, signed veteran Jeff George.

Coach Mike Holmgren emphasized that Matt Hasselbeck will remain the starter and George is coming in to fill a role. George played with the Washington Redskins last season.

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — New York Giants receiver Ike Hilliard will miss the rest of the season after dislocating his right shoulder on a hit by All-Pro safety Brian Dawkins of the Philadelphia Eagles.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Hard-hitting San Diego Chargers strong safety Rodney Harrison lost the appeal of his one-game suspension for a helmet-to-helmet hit on Oakland's Jerry Rice, a ruling that will cost him \$111,764.

GOLF
ATLANTA (AP) — Tiger Woods expects Augusta National to have a female member by the next Masters because "it's the right thing to do," and he believes golf won't be hurt by the controversy.

BOXING
FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Boxing promoter Bob Arum testified that he believed rival Don King forged a contract with Julio Cesar Chavez and underpaid him before Arum signed the fighter for two matches in 1998.

Wichita Falls ends Pampa's state tennis hopes

WICHITA FALLS — Wichita Falls High School ended the Pampa Harvester tennis team's quest for a trip to the state tournament Saturday here.

The semi-final showdown between number two ranked Wichita Falls and number nine state ranked Pampa was fought on every court.

"We came out with the intention of grabbing the momentum," said Coach Carolyn Quarles.

The number one boys team,

David Thacker and Jay Gerber, lost to Ulrich and Bradburn 6-1, 6-2, but lost all six games. The number two boys doubles team of Britton White and Zach Hucks lost to Cotton and Hetherington 6-3, 6-3. White and Hucks also lost 6-3 all games.

After winning these two matches the Wichita Falls Coyotes went on to win the five other doubles matches. They also claimed three singles wins to take the match 10-0.

"I knew they were going to

be good," Quarles said, "but they were the best team I have seen in the five years I've been the head coach. We really played well, but they were just a better team."

In Friday's action, Pampa defeated Fort Worth Western Hills 12-0. In the quarter finals, Pampa defeated Lewisville Hebron 10-0.

"Lewisville was a quality team, and we knew going into this match we would have to play tough to beat them," Quarles said. "We were as

focused and dominate as I have seen us this season. We played great doubles winning all seven matches."

Quarles said the Harvester tennis team had a great season.

"I'm so proud of this group of athletes," she said. "Our seniors have continued the high standard of Harvester tennis."

Quarles cited PHS seniors David Thacker and Vanessa Orr for their dominating singles and doubles play against

Lewisville in the quarter finals. In the semi-finals, she cited PHS senior Helen Brooks for a great 6-3, 6-4 singles match; sophomore Payton Baird at number six singles; junior Britton White at number three singles; junior Adam Etchison at number five singles, and senior Tyler Howard at number six singles.

Wichita Falls High School now advances to the state tournament for its 13th consecutive year.

Can Michael Jordan control himself? 'Probably not,' he says

By **JOSEPH WHITE**
 AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — At least Michael Jordan was being honest.

Asked if he can really control his competitive urge and keep his playing minutes down this season, the Washington Wizards guard replied: "Probably not."

Jordan isn't sure how he'll feel as he begins a season as a nonstarter for the first time in his career. He'll find out Wednesday, when the Wizards open on the road against the Toronto Raptors.

"I can't honestly say how I'm going to react," Jordan said Tuesday. "It depends on how the guys in front of me react."

Coach Doug Collins said he's sticking with his plan to play Jordan about 25 minutes per game, a figure that will go up after the All-Star break if Jordan hasn't had a physical setback. In tight games, Collins will backload Jordan

so that he's on the court for the game-defining moments in the fourth quarter.

"I can't fall into that trap of getting the minutes up, and all of a sudden his knee swelling," Collins said. "We've got to build with him. We can't have him being broken down."

Jordan acknowledged that every time he and Collins discussed limiting his minutes last season, it never worked because he didn't want to leave the court. He reiterated, however, that it will be easier for him to take a seat this season because the rest of the team is better.

"The better the productivity, the easier for me to step away," Jordan said. "But if the productivity is not there, then obviously I feel like I can provide something by being there."

As for his knees, Jordan said he's had no problems during the preseason, although that is impossible to verify because the Wizards rarely

allow reporters to watch practice. Jordan never let on to the severity of his pain last season until he had to start missing games.

The Wizards begin the season with an optimism not seen in years, perhaps decades. The franchise hasn't been to the playoffs since 1997, hasn't won a playoff game since 1988 and hasn't won a playoff series since 1982. Great players, including Jordan, have come to town only to be sucked down by the psychological baggage that comes with so much losing.

But this year's prospects look good, especially in the weaker Eastern Conference. The starting lineup includes Larry Hughes and Jerry Stackhouse at guard and Bryon Russell at small forward. Charles Oakley will be Jordan's enforcer. If youngsters Etan Thomas and Kwame Brown continue to develop, the malaise could finally be lifted.

"There's going to be

change," said Russell, a perennial playoff participant in his nine years with Utah. "There's a lot expected from the Wizards. One of the reasons Michael brought me in is because I have that kind of experience. Oakley has playoff experience. Michael himself, and Stackhouse."

The talent level is such that Collins noticed a unique stretch involving Jordan in an exhibition game against Boston.

"I actually saw him get three open shots where somebody created something for him," Collins said. "Through all the years I've known him, especially last year, every shot he got he was fighting two guys."

The Wizards have a tough early schedule, which bothers Collins because he feels the chemistry hasn't fully developed, a fact very evident when the team struggled against first-string opposition in its final three exhibition games. He said the opening-day jitters are so bad that his wife got

upset with him Monday night when he didn't seem excited to see her for the first time in a month.

"She felt like I wasn't excited to see her," Collins said. "I said, 'I'm so tired I don't even know what to do right now.' As a coach, it's a little bit like being like a father. You worry about the children, and right now my mind is so cluttered with just trying to get everybody ready that it's just going about 100 miles per hour."

When Jordan was asked about opening-day jitters, he had a totally different answer. His motivation after all these years? To shut everyone up.

"I'm trying to stay ahead of all the criticism. That's the driving force for me," said Jordan, who turns 40 in February. "It's not that I can't do it; it's a matter of doing it at this age and being productive and being where you can contribute to a young team that's trying to gain its identity. "And I believe I can."

Can Houston Texans handle success of one game winning streak?

By **MICHAEL A. LUTZ**
 AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans have had to endure all kinds of misfortune

this season, the expected plight of an expansion team. Now coach Dom Capers has a new problem: how to handle success.

It might be his toughest

coaching job of the season.

The Texans won their season opener in spectacular fashion over the Dallas Cowboys and then lost five in a row before Sunday when a trick play, field goal and defensive stand made them winners again.

Now the Texans not only have a one-game winning streak but they have even more motivation to ease up since they next play the Cincinnati Bengals, who are winless this season. The Texans are favorites for the first time in their brief history.

"I've always believed the biggest challenge for all of us is dealing with any kind of success," Capers said. "You can't take that poison pill and relax. You've got to remember everything that it takes to get a win."

The Texans have held leads over five of their seven opponents this season but they've had trouble holding onto their leads when it came to the final moments. They had chances the last two weeks against Buffalo and Cleveland, only to blow the opportunity.

Then came the final minutes in Jacksonville Sunday with the Jaguars leading 19-18.

On a punt return after Jacksonville took the lead, rookie Jabar Gaffney fielded the ball, made a move to his right, then lateraled across the

field to Aaron Glenn, who raced 47 yards to the Jacksonville 30.

That led to a 45-yard field goal by Kris Brown and an outstanding defensive stand by the Texans to preserve their first road victory.

"In the locker room, it had been a while since we'd had

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that feeling," Capers said. "I said to the team: 'You've got to remember what it takes to get this feeling. It's been a while since we've had it. It's human nature to relax a little. You just have to be cautious and be conscious of it.'"

Capers' own coaching history could make it harder for him to keep his team level-headed. His team fully realizes that he took the expansion Carolina Panthers and made them the most successful expansion team in NFL history.

Maybe Capers is about to do it again?

"We've seen teams starting 0-5 and winning seven of 11

and the next year start 5-4 and win eight in a row," Capers says. "More than anything, it comes down to players buying into and believing what you are doing."

Capers smiles. "That's exactly what the Panthers did in their first two seasons under his leadership. Now, it will be harder than ever to convince the expectant public and the players to keep focused."

Bengals wide receiver Chad Johnson gave Capers a big help by boldly guaranteeing a Bengals victory against the Texans Sunday at Reliant Stadium.

Capers won't depend on opponents' braggadocio to get his team riled up for the Bengals. He doesn't even want to hear about his team being favored.

"From where we were the last five weeks, I don't think anybody on this team can be confident," Capers said. "It will be us coming back home and now the challenge is how we respond to coming off a win."

"We've got a young football team and we have to make sure we respond the right way. You can't take one thing for granted in this business. We have to make sure we play our best football game of the year."

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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Oct. 31, 2002: Your attractiveness grows this year, drawing many opportunities. You will sometimes feel confused with the plethora of options that drop on your plate. Try out ideas on those whose judgments you trust. As a result, you will experience less frustration. Ask for feedback. Brainstorm. Eventually you will know what works for you. Make a list of what you want, expect to fulfill your goals this year. If you are single and you want a relationship, you will tumble into something that means a lot to you. In fact, you might very well meet Mr. or Ms. Right this year. If you're attached, depend on your sweetie's judgment more often. VIRGO comes through for you.

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) Confusion surrounds a meeting and work. You need to focus on one item at a time. Think through a key decision. One-on-one relating takes you in a new direction. Don't try to convince others of anything. Distance yourself a bit. Tonight: Stop and buy candy on the way home. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your playful side emerges with those in your life. Getting as much work done as you would like could be difficult, if nothing else. Reach out for others, but deal with people individually. Confusion surrounds an authority figure. Tonight: Partake in the Halloween fun. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Make your time making a decision. Just focus on your job and get your work done. Confusion surrounds a personal matter that involves others at a distance. Keep communicating. Work on

different ideas. Others test your limits. Tonight: Find your favorite chair, but expect to get up and greet your local trick-or-treaters. CANCER (June 21-July 22) Return calls, and interesting information will come across your desk. Confusion surrounds a friendship. Someone close might have a completely different attitude than you. Your imagination takes you many places. Share some of your wilder ideas! Tonight: Join your friends, even if they are ghosts and witches. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Listen to others and their sharing. You can sort out another's vagueness when others cannot. Use your financial skills to help a family member with a security-related matter. Your imagination takes you down another path when dealing with a costume choice. Tonight: Your treat. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Others seek you out for information and feedback. You seem to handle even a difficult boss well. Screen calls, returning only those that might be important. Separate your personal life from your professional life. You get results. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news after the wee ones settle in. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Listen more. The less major decisions you make, the better off you will be. Confusion could surround an important decision. Expenses go overboard in the next few weeks if you're not careful. Review a personal matter with discretion. Tonight: Be a bit mysterious. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Make a list early on in the day. Confusion surrounds a key decision. Speak your mind when dealing with a friend or someone who means a lot to you. Swap ideas. Let the interchange begin. Pressures build. Tonight: Where

the Halloween party is. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Take charge of your work. Others seek you out, but you might need to turn them away in order to get done what you must. You might get a mixed message from someone. You could be worrying about something on a deeper level. Tonight: Greet your local witches and ghosts. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Look at the big picture in your dealings. Realize that what might seem like an excellent idea to you might not be to others. Be willing to walk on your own, in your chosen direction. Greater understanding helps you work with others. Tonight: Share a ghost story. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Working with others individually gets the type of responses you like. Think in terms of greater understanding, though sorting through an excess of material might be a bit overwhelming. Take your time. Tonight: Play trick-or-treat with a friend. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Others reach out to you. You could be confused. If need be, make inquiries to get additional information. Deal with information with detachment. A boss could be contrary and difficult. Cater to this individual. You really have little choice. Tonight: Where the gang is. Celebrate Halloween.

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- Never trick-or-treat alone. Always go in groups with adult supervision.
- Don't wear costumes that are too confining or could make you trip.
- If wearing face paint, read the label and be sure it clearly says "non-toxic".
- Don't eat any candy until you get home and have your parents inspect it.
 - Throw away any unwrapped or suspicious-looking candy.
- Walk, don't run from house to house. Use the sidewalk as much as possible.
 - Make sure you can see and breathe clearly through masks.
 - Never go inside a stranger's house or car.
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