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LOCAL

Election judges, workers to meet

All election judges and workers for the election will meet Friday, Nov. 1, to prepare for Tuesday's Nov. 5 election, according to County Clerk Susan Winborne. The meeting will be in the county clerk's office.

LOTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 5-25-26-40-41-42.
Estimated jackpot: \$15 million.
Number matching six of six: 0.
Matching five of six: 46. Prize: \$2,943.
Matching four of six: 2,866. Prize: \$117.
Matching three of six: 61,733. Prize: \$5.
Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.
Estimated jackpot: \$19 million.

DEATHS

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(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Patty Boyd, center, watches her granddaughter Kinley Aiken, 4, dressed as a pink bunny rabbit, enjoy her famous Halloween popcorn balls and balloons.

Halloween with a heart

Pampan's popcorn balls, balloons become family tradition

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
EDITOR

Patty Boyd started making popcorn balls about 35 years ago, never suspecting that a simple Halloween treat would "balloon" into a tradition enjoyed by hundreds of family, friends, and neighbors.

She remembers her mother making popcorn balls for her when she was a child. Her mother made popcorn balls the old-fashioned way with hot corn syrup that burned her hands as she shaped the flavorful spheres.

"When I was a kid we didn't have nothin' but a good time," she said with a chuckle.

Once they made saltwater taffy — emphasis on the "once."

"We were really contented with the one time," she said. "We pulled and pulled. It was sure good but it was a lot of work."

When she became a mother, Patty would stay up after her children had gone to sleep to make popcorn balls for them.

"I liked having the time to myself," she recalled.

Now there's no way she can make them by herself.

For as many as four days before the holiday, the Boyd house is filled with grown grandchildren wanting to help make bright orange popcorn balls — hundreds of them — to give away to trick-or-treaters on Halloween night.

"When the grandkids grew up, they started to help us make the popcorn balls," she explained.

They usually make 20 batches of 25 to 30 popcorn balls per batch — all bright orange.

"We have a bunch of people doing different things. That's when it's fun," Patty said.

"One of the grandsons tried green once. One of the little cousins got a green one in his sack and he told his mama, 'I don't want to eat the green one. It just doesn't look right.'"

So that was the end of the green popcorn balls.

(See POPCORN, Page 3)

Early voting remains heavy

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Voter turnout for early voting continues to be heavy locally.

Over 1,900 Gray County voters have cast ballots during the 2002 early voting which began Oct. 19.

County Clerk Susan Winborne said 1,905 early votes have been cast through Wednesday afternoon. The early voting continues through Friday, Nov. 1, in the county clerk's office at the temporary 315 N. Ballard office location. The office will be open until 5 p.m. Friday.

Election day will be Tuesday, Nov. 5. Polls will open on that day from 7 a.m. and to 7 p.m.

Winborne said the total early votes cast in 1998 in Gray County when the last governor's election was held was 2,049. She said it is like-

ly there will be more early voters in the 2002 election.

Voter Registrar Jan Woods of the Gray County Tax Office said this morning there are 15,523 people qualified to vote in Gray County.

Texas Secretary of State Gwyn Shea announced this morning that she expects slightly more than five million voters in the state to participate in this year's general election. She said there are 12,563,459 registered voters in Texas.

Shea said the early voting trends are definitely outpacing 1998 levels, which underscore the highly competitive nature of the election.

She said the three races at the top of the ballot are all open seats and the unusual circumstance, coupled with the highly competitive nature of these races, has served to raise the profile of this election.

Combs, Williams make whistlestop in Pampa

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Some statewide candidates are traveling even the rural areas of the vast state of Texas as the 2002 campaign enters the final days of one of the most hard-fought campaigns in the history of the state.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs and Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Michael

Williams pulled into Pampa Tuesday afternoon urging local residents to get out the vote for the Republican candidates on the ticket.

Combs told the approximately 20 people gathered at Gray County Republican Headquarters she and Williams represent the "Crown Jewels" — agriculture and energy — of the Texas Panhandle economy.

Combs said while the Democrats are converging on the South Texas

Valley trying to get out the vote, she and Williams are concentrating on the smaller areas with agriculture and energy economies.

"Pampa is very important to the statewide candidates," she said, "because of the voting history here." She urged voters to support Rick Perry in his bid to remain as governor and to elect John Cornyn as U.S. Senator. "President Bush needs him in Washington," she said.

"The 2004 presidential campaign begins Nov. 6," said Williams. He urged the Republican faithful to be sure and cast ballots for all the candidates on the ballot, not just the candidates at the top. Williams said many voters only vote for governor, senator and U.S. Representative. "All the elections on the ballot are important," he said.

Voters will also see Williams' and (See COMBS, Page 3)

Judge nixes plea bargain

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

Monty Joe Kuykendall, 35, was in Gray County jail today after trying to plead guilty to charges of delivery of a controlled substance in connection with a drug sting operation in the fall of 1999, but 31st District Judge Steven R. Emmert was having none of it.

As part of a plea bargain arrangement between District Attorney Rick Roach and Kuykendall's attorney, Ron Spriggs, Kuykendall expected to plead guilty to one charge of delivery of a controlled substance and go to prison for 19 years in return for the dropping of two other indictments of delivery of a controlled substance.

The judge in such a case is not bound, however, by agreements between the district attorney and defense attorney.

"We're going to give Mr. Kuykendall a trial," Judge Emmert said.

Delivery of a controlled substance is a first degree

felony, punishable by not less than 15 years, nor more than 99 years, in prison along with the possibility of a fine up to \$10,000.

Kuykendall had agreed to a 19 year prison sentence and to pay a \$5,000 fine.

Kuykendall is accused of selling methamphetamine to an undercover Texas Department of Public Safety officer on three different occasions in October and November 1999.

As Kuykendall took the witness stand Wednesday, Judge Emmert asked Kuykendall where he got the methamphetamine.

"It's what I acquired off the street," Kuykendall said.

Emmert asked him if he had gotten it from one source or if he had accumulated it here and there.

"Here and there, I guess," Kuykendall said.

Kuykendall added that he wasn't going to tell the judge where he got it.

Judge Emmert set Nov. 20, as the date to start picking a jury for Kuykendall's case. The trial is expected to start Nov. 21.

\$61,950 seized in bust bonanza

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
EDITOR

Six people have landed in local jails on various charges — mostly drug related — after a bonanza of busts along Interstate 40 these past few days.

At about 9:30 p.m., Wednesday, Wheeler County Deputy Julian Torres stopped a speeding 1995 Chrysler Voyager westbound on Interstate 40, just east of Shamrock. The driver of the mini-van, Osbaldo O. Garcia, 22, of Hammond, Ind., was arrested and charged with money laundering after Torres, assisted by Deputy Morgan Hightower of Wheeler and Shamrock Police Officer Brandon Brown, discovered \$61,950 cash. The cash was seized, Torres said.

Garcia's wife, who was traveling with him, was not charged and was released, he said. He said the couple was believed to have been traveling from Chicago to El Paso at the time they were stopped.

Garcia remained in Wheeler County Jail early today, awaiting arraignment on the money laundering charges, Torres said.

Torres, who also is handler of the Wheeler County drug dog, said he and his dog were involved in two other drug arrests before last night's money seizure including discovering of almost a pound of methamphetamines and a large amount of marijuana.

About 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 25, a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper stopped a 1995 Honda Civic on east-bound Interstate 40 near McLean. After finding a half-pound of marijuana, the officer arrested Darrell Dewayne Harris, 21, of Los Angeles, Calif., and Lakeya Keylana Joyner, 20, (See BUSTS, Page 3)

Did You Know...

Who Was The First Person Buried In Fairview Cemetery?

Information Was Obtained From "Gray County Heritage" 1985 - Pampa Chamber Of Commerce 669-3241

G.B. Dobbs, Oct. 17, 1851 - Aug. 23, 1904

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ON RECORD

SHERIFF

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

Wednesday, Oct. 30

Abel Rodriguez, 30, 926 S. Faulkner, was arrested for motion to revoke due to not immediately reporting an accident. Additional charges include defective tail lamp, driving while license suspended, open container and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Maria Vega, 19, Rogers, Ark., was arrested by the Department of Public Safety for failure to maintain financial responsibility and possession of a controlled substance over 200 grams and under 400 grams.

Jesus Basilio, 24, Huntsville, Ark., was arrested by the Department of Public Safety for possession of a controlled substance over 200 grams and under 400 grams.

POLICE

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

Wednesday, Oct. 23

A simple assault was reported at Pampa Middle School. No injuries were reported, according to the police report.

Tuesday, Oct. 29

Running shoes were reported stolen in the 300 block of South Cuyler.

A theft was reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather. Reported taken were 30 acoustic panels, one stove and two windows.

Wednesday, Oct. 30

Melody Ann Feil, 36, 2116 N. Zimmers, was arrested for securing execution of a document by deception.

A blue light was reported broken at Pampa Middle School.

A report of a burglary was reported in the 1200 block of North Charles. A car stereo valued at \$250 was reported taken.

Thursday, Oct. 31

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 500 block of North Coffee.

FIRE

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

Wednesday, Oct. 30

9:15 a.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a fire alarm at Pampa Regional Medical Center, One Medical Plaza. There was no fire, the alarm had apparently malfunctioned.

3:01 p.m. — Three units and seven firefighters responded to a report of smoke at Chicken Express in the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway. The smoke was caused by a problem in the heating system.

5:38 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide check in the 500 block of Price Road. None was found.

CLARIFICATION

In a recent article regarding a Kiwanis Club fund-raising event, it was incorrectly reported that Texas Ranger Gary Henderson had donated the engraved Colt 45 semi-automatic pistol to be raffled. The Kiwanis Club bought the pistol and asked Ranger Henderson to carry it. He is carrying the pistol as his service weapon at this time. Also, Daniel Edward, the artist who engraved the pistol, does not live in Pampa. He is an East Texas resident. A case for the pistol was built by a Kiwanis Club member of Pampa who wished to remain anonymous.

AMBULANCE

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

Wednesday, Oct. 30

9:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway and transported a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's West in Amarillo.

STOCKS

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

Wheat	4.30	VLO	35.20	+0.74
Milo	4.04	Halliburton	16.01	+0.75
Corn	4.57	Triad Hospitals	38.00	-0.95
Soybeans	4.77	NOI	21.27	+0.13
Sunflowers	9.00	KMI	36.38	-0.12
		XCEL	10.64	-0.06
		Kerr McGee	42.93	-0.40
		Limited	15.72	+0.34
		Williams	1.54	+0.03
		McDonalds	18.23	+0.03
		Exxon Mobil	34.85	+0.77
		Atmos	21.97	NC
		Pioneer Nat	25.07	+0.89
		Penney's	19.17	+0.08
		COP	49.84	+1.07
		Schlumberger	41.37	+0.66
		Tenneco	5.55	+0.02
		CVX	69.92	-1.48
		Wal-Mart	53.97	+0.17
		OKE	19.10	-0.10
		NS Group	6.19	-0.03

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

BP	38.74	+0.61	New York Gold	316.50	
Celanese	18.27	+0.52	Coca Cola	47.05	+0.20
Cabot Corp.	23.60	+0.30	West Texas Crude	26.81	
Cabot Oil Gas	22.03	+0.07			

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident.

Saturday, Oct. 26

11:40 a.m. — A 1999 Chrysler Cirrus driven by Carmen Diane Adam, 35, was traveling east in the 200 block of Pennsylvania when her car left the right side of the private drive striking three parked vehicles.

Among the vehicles struck was a 1987 GMC Safari Van which was legally parked in a private drive, according to the police report. Also struck was a parked 1977 Ford F-150 Ranger pickup which was pushed into a parked 1986 Layton Trailer.

According to the report, Adam then backed up and left, traveling east bound. She was cited for failure to control speed, no drivers license, and no proof of liability insurance.

CORRECTION

In a story which appeared in The Pampa News on Oct. 30, Precinct 2 County Commissioner Jim Greene was credited as saying the roads need to be crowned with caliche during the candidate forum Tuesday night. His challenger, Gary

Willoughby, made that statement. Willoughby said, "I would crown the roads so the water runs off of them and not have to wade through mud. When I put down caliche, I would have to depend upon what my road foreman said."

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for cloudy skies, a slight chance of rain and sleet, highs in the lower 40s, southeast winds 5 to 15 mph, and a 20 percent chance of precipitation. Tonight should be cloudy with a chance of rain and sleet, lows in the mid-30s, east winds 5 to 15 mph, and a 30 percent chance of precipitation. Friday should see a chance of rain and sleet. Highs in the lower 40s. East winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 50 percent. Friday night, cloudy. Chance of rain and snow. Lows in the mid 30s. South winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain and snow 50 percent.

Saturday, cloudy. Slight chance of rain. Highs in the mid-50s. South winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent. Saturday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Sunday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Sunday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Election day, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid-50s. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid-30s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s.

STATEWIDE

Cloudy skies were expected across much of Texas on Wednesday with highs in the 50s in many areas.

In the Dallas area, cloudy skies were expected with a 20 percent chance of rain and highs in the mid-50s. By nighttime, cloudy skies were expected with lows in the mid-40s.

In the panhandle, cloudy skies were expected with patchy morning fog west. Otherwise there was a chance of snow, sleet or rain with highs in the mid-30s to the upper 40s. By nighttime, cloudy skies were expected with a chance of freezing rain mixed with snow, sleet or rain and lows in the mid-20s to around 35.

In the Guadalupe Mountains and Big Bend area, skies were expected to be cloudy with a slight chance of rain and highs from the 40s in the Guadalupe Mountains to near 70 along the Rio Grande. By nighttime, cloudy skies were expected with a chance of rain and lows from the mid-30s in the Guadalupe Mountains to the mid-50s along the Rio Grande.

In the Texas Hill Country and south central Texas, mostly cloudy skies were expected with a slight chance of light rain in the west and highs in the 50s in the north to lower and mid-60s in the south. By nighttime, mostly cloudy skies were expected with lows in the 40s in the north to the low and mid-50s in the south.

OBITUARIES

GERALD DON SCHULZ

1933-2002

Gerald Don Schulz, 69, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2002, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Friday, in Memory Gardens Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Schulz was born July 18, 1933, at Nocona. He had been a Pampa resident most of his life and worked as a machinist at Cabot for many years prior to retiring in 1982.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Survivors include his wife, Kymberlee, of the home; four daughters, April Fletcher of Norman, Okla., Linda Hopper of Georgetown, and Amber Liles and Syonia Day, both of Amarillo; a son, John Zalan Schulz of Opp, Ala.; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

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DIANA RIPPLE DARLING

1946-2002

WICHITA FALLS — Diana Ripple Darling, 56, died Monday, Oct. 28, 2002, at Wichita Falls. Graveside services were to be at 10 a.m., today in Fairview 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-Whately 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.

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SERVICES TOMORROW

BOYDSTON, Caroline R. — 2 p.m., Allison High School Gym, Allison.
SCHULZ, Gerald Don — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery.

City Briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

\$500 REWARD for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person or persons responsible for the theft of a blue 1996 Chevy step side Pickup from Doug Boyd Motor Co. at 821 W. Wilks. The theft happened the evening of Oct. 24th. If you have any information please call Doug Boyd Motor Co. 669-6062 or Pampa P.D.

DEEP FRIED Turkeys—Knights of Columbus Injected or Non Injected or Smoked Turkeys. Call 665-3786 or 665-7161 or 669-1017 or KC member.

DREAMER'S - New scents have arrived at Carouel Expressions 113 N. Cuyler

HICKORY HUT is open on Saturdays, 716 W. Brown

PAMPA COUNTRY Club Open House. Open to the public Sat. & Sun., Nov. 2 & 3. For more info. call 669-3286

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23RD ANNUAL Arts & Craft Show Nov. 2 & 3rd, 10-5, White Deer Community Center. Free Admission and door prizes.

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SUNDAY CITY Brief deadline has changed to Fridays at 12 noon, in *The Pampa News*.

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HUGE GARAGE Sale/Bazaar, Sat. Nov.2, PHS Choir, M.K. Brown Heritage Room, 9 am-3 pm

COSTUME CONTEST and Karaoke with Cowboy, Thurs., Oct. 31. 8:00 pm. O.C.B., 2302 Alcock.

LOST GOLD Engagement ring in Pampa. Very Sentimental! If found call 669-1113

YOUR VOTE Wanted on Nov. 5th for Gary Willoughby for Gray County Prec. 2. Paid Pol advertising by Gary Willoughby, HCR 2, Pampa.

DANCE, MOOSE Lodge, Sat., Nov. 2 nd, 8 p.m. to Steve Dampier.

MEREDITH HOUSE has a 1 bedroom apartment suitable for couples, 24 hr assisted living, 665-5668.

Economy: Consumer spending powers third quarter increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy raced ahead at a 3.1 percent annual rate in the summer, powered by hearty consumer spending, especially on big-ticket items such as cars.

The rebound in third quarter gross domestic product, considered the best barometer of the nation's economic health, came after a mediocre 1.3 percent growth rate posted in the second quarter, the Commerce Department reported Thursday. Economists worry that the growth spurt could be followed by a winter lull.

GDP measures the total value of goods and services produced within the United States. Even with the bounce back, many economists predict the economy is losing momentum in the current October-December quarter.

Some analysts are forecasting a fourth-quarter economic growth rate of around 2 percent. Others believe it will be a lot weaker at only a 1 percent pace. Most don't foresee the economy falling back into recession.

The economy's struggles will likely be weighing on Americans' minds as they head to the polls next week. Democrats and Republicans have sought to blame each other for the economy's troubles in their campaign strategies to win control of Congress in next week's midterm elections.

President Bush, campaigning for Republicans around the country, has credited his 10-year, \$1.35 trillion, tax cut enacted by Congress last year, with helping to pull the economy out of a recession that began March 2001.

Democrats point to the tax cut as a key reason why the federal government posted a \$159 billion deficit in the 2002 fiscal year, ending four straight years of surpluses.

Even though the third quarter GDP perfor-

mance was the strongest since the economy posted a brisk 5 percent growth rate in the first three months of this year, it was weaker than the 3.6 percent pace that many analysts were predicting.

On Wall Street, stocks rose. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 13 points and the Nasdaq gained 11 points in early trading.

Much of the strength in third quarter GDP came from consumers. Consumer spending grew at a brisk 4.2 percent pace in the third quarter, up from a tepid 1.8 percent rate in the second quarter.

"The broad shoulder of the American consumer was like Atlas holding up the economy," said Ken Mayland, economist with ClearView Economics.

Spending on "durable" goods grew by a whopping 22.7 percent pace in the third quarter, a huge increase from the 2 percent pace posted in the previous quarter.

Both overall consumer spending and spending on durables in the third quarter were the strongest since the fourth quarter of last year.

Low interest rates, zero-percent financing offers and rising home values are among the factors motivating consumers to buy, helping to offset some negative forces including the turbulent stock market, the sluggish job market and sinking consumer confidence.

All this year, consumers have been carrying the economy. Economists worry that they may be losing energy, a factor in weak fourth-quarter GDP projections.

In an encouraging sign, business investment in new equipment and software grew at a brisk 6.5 percent rate in the third quarter. That was the best showing since the second quarter of 2000 and was up from a 3.3 percent pace in the second quarter.

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Patty Boyd shares her popcorn ball recipe with Pampa

Patty Boyd wanted to share her popcorn ball recipe with *The Pampa News* readers. It's a special recipe that stays soft and tastes great, her family says.

"I'm not sure where I got my recipe but I latched on to it. It works," she said.

Her recipe, which she recited from memory, calls for a stick of Parkay margarine (regular not the light kind); a pound bag of Kraft marshmallows; and about eight quarts of already popped popcorn (enough to fill a turkey pan about 3/4 full). For the bright

orange color, mix 1 and 1/2 lid of yellow food coloring with 1 lid of red food coloring per batch.

Place the popped popcorn in the turkey pan which has been sprayed with cooking oil spray, then take a wooden spoonful of the melted marshmallow mixture and string it back and four across the popcorn. Continue to do this until all the popcorn is coated with the marshmallow.

Spray cooking oil spray on hands, then begin to form the popcorn balls. The mixture will be cool enough to handle by that time.

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COMBS

Combs' names on the ballot as they are seeking to remain in their state wide offices.

Accompanying the Austin-based candidates to rural towns across the Texas Panhandle was local District 88 State Representative Warren Chisum.

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POPCORN

And it's not just popcorn balls the little ghosts and goblins find at the Boyd house. They also get two helium-filled balloons in rainbow colors with a long string to hold onto.

"I started fixing the balloons for the grandchildren," Patty said. There's 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Deano Boyd, Patty's husband, is the balloon man. He starts Halloween morning filling the brilliant orbs. Before long hundreds of balloons occupy every inch of airspace in the small modest home on south Finley Street, waiting to be given away as soon as the sun starts going down.

"They usually start coming around 7 (p.m.) or so," Patty said. "But sometimes they start as early as 4:30 or 5. Some days we sit there awhile and wonder, 'What are we going to do with all this?'"

So far - and it's been about 15 years now since they added the balloons to their treats - the Boyds haven't been disappointed.

"On the average we give away about 400 balloons - mostly two to each child," Patty said.

"These two blocks of Finley - these are two good blocks to come on," she confided.

The Finley Street neighbors built friendships that have lasted decades. Their children played together and now their grandchildren play together, Patty said.

"They all try to make it. Even if you haven't seen them all year, you'll see them come Halloween. They pop their heads in for the popcorn ball," she said, laughing.

"Some teenagers come up with their friends and they'll say, 'Now you know who I am ...'" she said. "They want a popcorn ball. And they'll get one."

The Boyds enjoy seeing all the different costumes that trick or treaters wear to their door.

"One boy, his mother made his costume of all leather-like material. He was an Indian," she said. "We've gotten aliens

and a ladybug and a green worm."

Two of her grandchildren, Kinley Akin, 4, and Reece Akin, 19 months, wore their costumes Wednesday afternoon for the newspaper interview. Kinley's going to be a pink bunny rabbit. Her little brother wore a tiger outfit ... for a little while anyway.

Patty said she enjoyed Halloween as a girl, although Christmas was her favorite holiday.

"We actually had more fun on Halloween than kids do today," she said.

"We lived in Skellytown. We had soap and we'd got to Borger on Main Street and write on the store windows."

"I wouldn't tell that," Deano interrupted.

"Well, it was a tradition," she countered. "Everyone had soap. We didn't get in trouble for it or anything."

The Boyds' Halloween treats do not include candy, she said, adding, "We'll just eat that."

One grandson, 25, came to her house Tuesday night to help make popcorn balls.

"Grandma?" he asked.

"Where's the candy?"

When he was told there would be no candy, he replied, "Well, I guess I'll help make the popcorn balls then."

"He really liked it," Patty said. "He had a good time."

For health reasons, Patty hasn't been able to put as much effort into Halloween decorating as she has in the past.

"This year it's a little slower than it's been before. I've got a wheelchair now," she said.

"And oxygen," her daughter Samantha Akin added.

Patty likes to decorate her yard with pumpkins, a hay bale, a spider and a cat that "turns around," she said.

But that's okay, she said. She's going to have a great Halloween with lots of balloons and lots of popcorn balls and - as always - lots of family and friends to share them with her.

"People say we're like a bunch of kids. We are," Patty said. "If you're not a kid at heart, then you should just give up."

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BUSTS

of Hawthorne, Calif. Each were charged with possession of marijuana over four ounces and under five pounds. The pair was released Oct. 29 on \$10,000 bond each. Gray County Jail officials said.

On Saturday, Oct. 26, troopers stopped a 2002 Chrysler Concorde eastbound on I-40 near McLean and discovered 12 pounds of marijuana. The driver of the vehicle, Charmayne Lee Bracey, 38, Peoria, Ariz., was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana over five pounds and under 50 pounds. She has since been released on \$20,000 bond, according to Gray County Jail records.

Shortly after 1 p.m.,

Wednesday, a DPS trooper from McLean, stopped a speeding 1984 Cadillac Deville, traveling east on I-40, near McLean and discovered approximately a pound of methamphetamine in the vehicle. Jesus Daniel, 24, of Huntsville, Ark., was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance over 200 grams and under 400 grams. A second person in the Cadillac, Maria Vega, 19, of Rogers, Ark., was also charged with possession of controlled substance over 200 grams and under 400 grams.

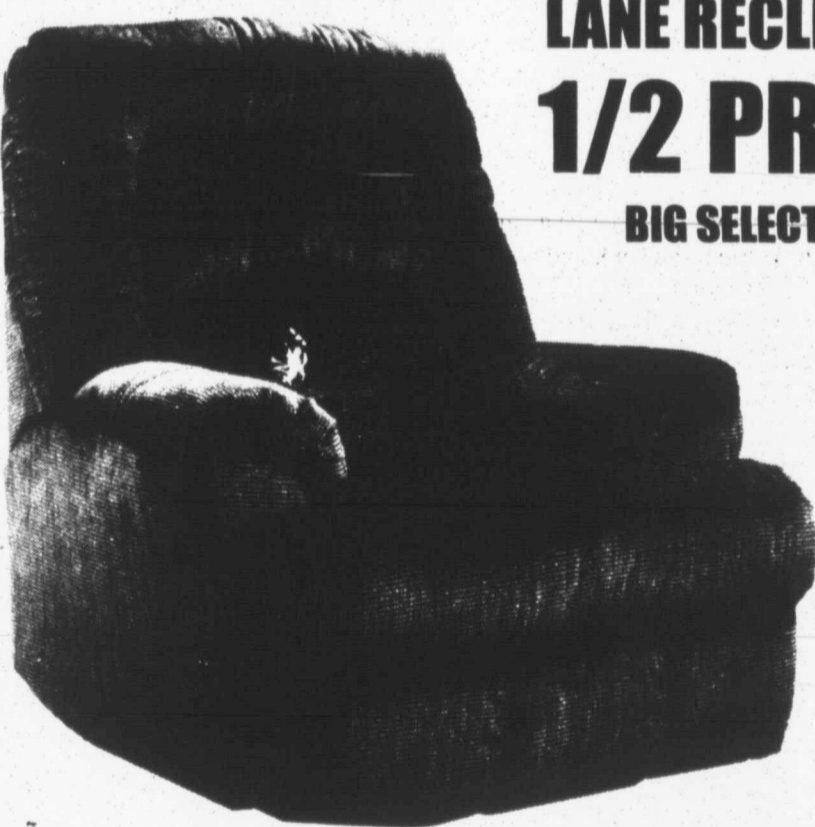
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Bush optimistic on terror war

By GEORGE GEDDA
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WASHINGTON TODAY

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush has been sounding optimistic about how American will and determination will prevail in the war on terrorism, yet given the headlines over the past month, rosy predictions of victory seem to some hard to justify.

His optimism was on display during political campaign stops in five states over the past few days in the run-up to next week's midterm elections.

"We're making progress at dismantling the terrorist organization. We've hauled in a couple of thousand. One by one we're finding them and bringing them to justice," Bush said Monday in Denver.

But the president's confidence is difficult to square with alarmist predictions of the intelligence community and a decided uptick in the number of terrorist incidents.

"They are coming after us," CIA Director George Tenet told Congress two weeks ago, contending that al-Qaida is now "reconstituted" despite efforts by the United States and others to "root them out."

Last Thursday, the FBI warned about possible terrorist attacks on the U.S. transportation network, especially railroads. The warning was based on debriefings by al-Qaida prisoners.

Terrorists have been increasingly active elsewhere. Between Oct. 6 and Oct. 23, a French oil tanker was bombed in Yemen, two Americans were shot in

so doing, have made America more vulnerable.

"We used to think two oceans could protect us from harm," Bush told a political rally last Thursday in Alabama. "For a long time, our country felt like oceans could keep us immune from personal attack. We learned a horrible lesson."

The lesson is not exactly new. Since the advent of ICBMs and long-range bombers during the Cold War, neighboring oceans have been less of a security buffer than before. Now they count for even less.

Indeed, terrorist groups pose a greater threat to the American homeland than the German Luftwaffe did in 1940, a time when oceans on either side really did provide a measure of security.

Not to worry, Bush says. "You got to know the manhunt is on and it doesn't matter how long it takes. I like our chances better than theirs," he says of the terrorists.

"We got a fabulous military. And we got a great resolve. I can't imagine what was going through their minds. They must have thought our religion was materialism. They must have thought we were so self-centered, so absorbed with our ... shallow materialism that all we would do after September the 11th was file a lawsuit."

"They just didn't understand. And they're going to pay a dear price for doing what they did to America."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's time we get a fair shake

Once again our Pampa city commission, mayor and interim city manager have proven that they are willing to disregard the wishes and rights of the voters and taxpayers, and bow to the wishes of special interest groups.

Their vote to exclude the Section 53 land from the sale of Pampa Economic Development Corporation's (PEDC) dissolution plan to sell all assets defies the Attorney General's decision that all property must be sold where feasible (if it has a monetary value and a buyer can be found), and the proceeds applied to the PEDC indebtedness.

All assets of the PEDC should be sold at public auction at the earliest date possible, and the proceeds applied to reduce the taxpayer's burden of the debt of the PEDC.

If the land is not sold to help pay off the debt of the PEDC, the taxpayer has to continue to pay enough taxes to pay the entire debt.

Why should the taxpayers and voters be burdened in order to support special interest groups?

We need to remember who sold us out when we got to the polls next May. Or maybe we need to start a petition to have a recall of our entire city commission, mayor and interim city manager.

It is time the taxpayer and voter got a fair shake once.
Shirley Nicholson
Pampa

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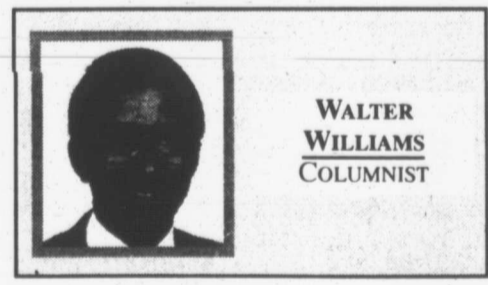
Less government - it's a good thing

Whenever there's a World Trade Organization, Monetary Fund or World Bank meeting, crowds of idealistic, useful idiots show up to riot and protest against what they call globalization and capitalistic exploitation of Third World poor people. They charge Western multinational corporations with exploiting the poor through "slave" wages and child labor. Let's examine this nonsense.

According to The Economist magazine, multinational corporations typically pay wages that are double the local wages in Third World countries but far below those paid in richer countries. That, to protesters, is evidence of exploitation of the poor - but is it?

For argument's sake, suppose without the presence of a multinational corporation the best job a poor, uneducated Ugandan can land pays \$2 a day. A multinational corporation builds a factory and hires that Ugandan for \$4 a day, a wage well below what it pays workers in the United States. Plain common sense says that the Ugandan has been made better off by the presence of the multinational corporation and would be made worse off if the multinational corporation were politically pressured to leave. How much sense does it make to characterize an action that makes that Ugandan better off as exploitation?

You say, "OK, Williams, we understand that, but why did you call the demonstrators useful idiots?" Rich-coun-



WALTER WILLIAMS
COLUMNIST

try labor unions and some companies would benefit if higher costs and legal restrictions can be imposed on multinationals. It would mean that fewer jobs would go overseas, thus enabling union workers to demand higher wages. Fewer cheaper goods would permit some companies to charge higher prices for goods domestically produced. The idealistic, uninformed demonstrators are useful tools to achieve wage and profit objectives.

Speaking of jobs, President Bush is being criticized for the weak economy; he's not creating enough jobs. Such a criticism stands at the height of ludicrousness. Politicians cannot create jobs. Or, more accurately put: They can only create one job by destroying another.

Think about it. Suppose Congress and the president spend a million dollars for a "stimulus package." Will it be the Tooth Fairy, Santa Claus or the Easter Bunny who gives them the money? Obviously, the money must come from somewhere in the economy.

Since that's true, we must ask what

was that money going to be used for if Congress hadn't taxed it away for a "stimulus package"? People would have spent the money purchasing goods that would have created or sustained employment. If Congress borrowed to finance the stimulus package, what activities had to be curtailed because of higher interest rates resulting from government borrowing?

By the way, if you disagree with me and insist that Congress and the president do have job-creation powers, then Williams has identical job creation powers. I can create lots of jobs simply by purchasing several hundred crowbars, distributing them to my George Mason University students and instructing them to go smash automobile windshields.

Think of all the jobs that would be created at auto repair shops. But those jobs would come at the expense of other jobs, because people having to spend a couple hundred dollars getting their windshields replaced wouldn't have the same dollars to take their children to Disneyland, thereby reducing Disneyland jobs.

In general, presidents and congressmen have very limited power to do good for the economy and awesome power to do bad.

The best good thing that politicians can do for the economy is to stop doing bad. In part, this can be achieved through reducing taxes and economic regulation, and staying out of our lives.

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Today is Thursday, Oct. 31, the 304th day of 2002. There are 61 days left in the year. This is Halloween.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Oct. 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses

on the door of the Wittenberg Palace church, marking the start of the Protestant Reformation in Germany.
On this date:
In 1795, English poet John Keats was born in London.
In 1864, Nevada became the 36th state.
In 1926, magician Harry

Houdini died in Detroit of gangrene and peritonitis resulting from a ruptured appendix.
In 1941, the U.S. Navy destroyer Reuben James was torpedoed by a German U-boat off Iceland with the loss of 115 lives, even though the United States had not yet

entered WWII.
In 1956, Rear Admiral G.J. Dufek became the first person to land an airplane at the South Pole.
In 1968, President Lyndon Johnson ordered a halt to all U.S. bombing of North Vietnam, saying he hoped for fruitful peace negotiations.

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Opinion poll: Arabs dislike U.S., not democracy

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — A rare survey of public opinion in the Arab world has found that most Arabs dislike the United States, but not for the reasons often cited by American officials.

The survey by American pollster James Zogby, head of the Washington-based Arab American Institute, found that the negative perception of the United States is based on American policies — particularly concerning Iraq and what is seen as U.S. bias toward Israel in the Mideast conflict — and not a dislike of Western democracy and values.

Arabs view some other Western countries favorably and list among their own wishes such Western notions as personal freedom and equal rights for women, Zogby said.

He said the study dispels the idea of a unified Arab opinion, which often is described as the "Arab street." Instead, the survey shows differences by country, age group, gender, education — and even whether the respondents have Internet access, he said.

"The Lebanese think differently than, obviously, the Saudis. But we never had numbers to back them up before," Zogby said.

He was in Cairo to introduce the book "What Arabs Think," which sprang from the survey sponsored by the Lebanon-based Arab Thought Foundation.

Zogby said he conducted the poll to establish a "benchmark" of opinion since little polling has been done in the Arab world. The survey questioned 3,200 people from Lebanon, Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Morocco and Egypt.

The Arabs in Israel were included as an eighth group.

The poll was conducted in April and May, and respondents were chosen randomly.

The poll asked 92 questions, including what values respondents would teach their children, what they like most about their country and how they identify themselves.

The questions were asked in face-to-face interviews, and the margin of error is plus or minus 4.5 percentage points.

On the issue of Arab views

of other countries, only Israel, the United States and Britain received overall negative scores among 13 countries listed in the question, including Asian and Islamic nations.

The negative sentiment toward the United States was highest in Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, with 87 percent having an unfavorable impression. The figure was 76 percent in Egypt and 61 percent in Jordan.

The most favorable score for the United States was in Kuwait, which was liberated by U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf War, where 41 percent viewed America favorably. That compared with only 12 percent in Saudi Arabia.

Still, 48 percent of those Kuwaitis responding had an unfavorable impression.

Zogby said the views did not represent an overall anti-Western bias, noting that

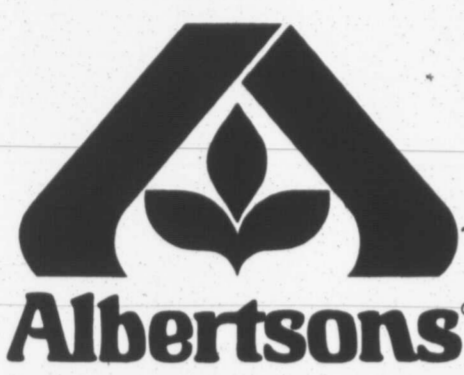
France and Canada were among the countries receiving the highest ratings. For example, France's favorable rating from all respondents was at least 50 percent.

"It is a question of policy," said Zogby, referring to the recent U.S. stand on Iraq and what Arabs long have regarded as an American bias toward Israel.

He also noted that Arabs shared many values with the

West and the issue of "civil and personal rights" earned the overall highest score when respondents were asked to name their personal priorities.

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The two-day conference will offer workshops, social events and an awards banquet. Welcome and registration events will begin Friday. Leadership workshops are set for 9 a.m. Saturday. Those attending also will be invited to participate in the conference's social activity, "Two Knights of Scarlet Fury," beginning at 10 p.m. both Friday and Saturday nights.

The event will close out with an awards banquet beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday. David Almager, founding adviser for the WTAMU chapter of Omega Delta Phi, will be the keynote speaker. Various individual and chapter awards will be presented.

Schools scheduled to attend the conference include Eastern New Mexico University, Texas Tech University, University of Oklahoma, the University of Texas at Arlington, Midwestern State University, Tarleton State University, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Oklahoma State University and Southern Methodist University. Omega Delta Phi is a service/social fraternity.

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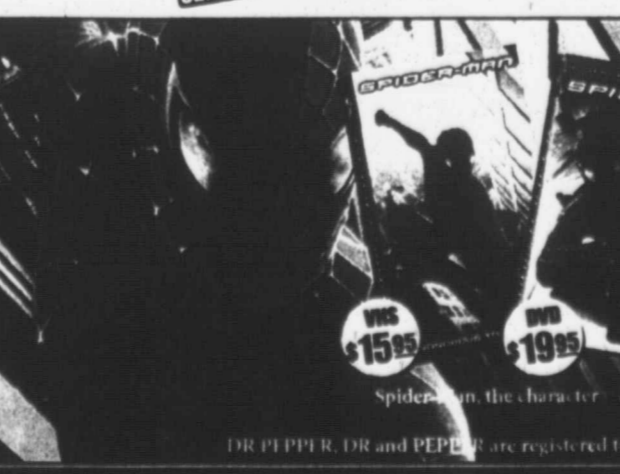
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written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Bossy Bride Rides Herd On Wedding Attendants

DEAR ABBY: I received the enclosed "memo" from a friend. When I read it, I was floored. Once you read it, I'm sure you'll understand why. What's your take on this?
 AGAPE IN SYRACUSE, N.Y.

DEAR AGAPE: If the document you sent me is on the level, the bride-to-be appears to have an abundance of unresolved control issues and an astounding lack of tact. Read on:

MEMO TO MY ATTENDANTS: Hey, girls! Mom has your dresses for the wedding. She'll bring them to the shower next weekend. You can pick them up there. "Allison" sent me an e-mail asking what style shoes and jewelry to wear. Great question, Allison! There are so many details. I keep forgetting to tell my girls what to do.

This is an excellent opportunity to go over my expectations for each of you.

About the shoes, please wear tasteful flats. Most of you are taller than me. I'd rather you not all tower over me.

I want all of you to wear your hair down. Since "Babs" and Allison have similar hair, I'd prefer that Babs straighten hers and let Allison be the curly-haired girl. After all, she's my friend and you are just bridesmaids! I'm sure you understand.

"Judy" and "Molly," you have

both mentioned that you intend to shed a few pounds. This would be the perfect time! Watch your diets; we will all start weekly weigh-ins. Allison could use some trimming down, too.

Also, you should all stay away from alcohol for at least a week before the wedding. None of us should be puffy or bloated. I think this is mainly for Babs, as none of my ladies drink all that much.

Other than that, I don't have any real suggestions. Oh, please don't go tanning! I prefer to blend in with you than stand out as the pale one!

Judy, Allison and Molly, please call me. There are a few other things that I need to go over with you on this topic. Babs, you are "Scotty's" friend so I wouldn't presume to tell you what needs to be corrected — plus, your own wedding is coming up after mine. So I'm sure you're already more than a little aware of what you need to work on.

See ya'll on Saturday. Babs, remember you'll attend the shower with us girls rather than the paintball fun with the boys. Dress accordingly, dear!

DEAR ABBY: I recently married a wonderful man. I am 31; "Cliff" is 42. His mother, "Margie," is the problem. She lives down the street. Margie bought furniture for our home and

gives us money when we come up short. Because of this, she thinks she can stick her nose into our personal business whenever she wants.

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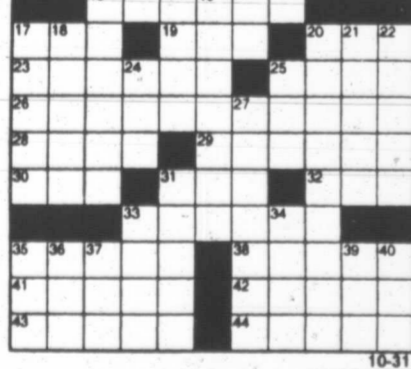
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SPORTS

Seventh grade volleyball ends season with B Team win, A Team loss

Seventh grade Pampa volleyball B Team ended their season with a win against Plainview. The A Team suffered a loss.

"In our last game of the season," said Coach Polasek, "we played Plainview, Monday, Oct. 28."

The A team lost 15-4, 8-15, 8-15.

"Our serves were great in the first game," Coach Polasek said. "We set the ball up well for some good spikes, but we came up a little short. It was a hard way to end the season, but I am so proud of these girls. They have come a

long way since the beginning of the season. I can't believe volleyball season is already over."

The B Team won against Plainview 15-9, 15-10.

"Everyone played well," Coach Polasek said. "Our serves looked good, too. These girls have really

done well. They have also improved since the beginning of the season. I am proud of these girls as well."

The seventh grade Pampa volleyball teams dropped their Monday, Oct. 21, games to Canyon.

The A Team lost 16-14,

14-16, 9-15.

The B Team lost 10-15, 15-11, 11-15.

"They were hard fought matches," said Coach Polasek. "We had two girls get hurt in the A game, but everyone stepped up. We played well and hung in there."

NOTEBOOK

BASKETBALL
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — In a fitting beginning for soft-spoken Yao Ming, the 7-foot-6 Chinese rookie had a quiet start in his first regular-season appearance for the Houston Rockets.

Yao failed to score, had two rebounds, was called for three fouls and had two rebounds in 11 minutes.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The New Orleans Hornets played their first regular season game in their new home and retired Pete Maravich's jersey at halftime.

FLEMINGTON, N.J. (AP) — The family of a limousine driver shot to death inside Jayson Williams' mansion filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the former basketball star.

FOOTBALL
NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL insists it is committed to hiring more minorities, but it doesn't support a plan to use draft picks as an incentive for teams to consider black coaches.

The plan proposed by attorneys Cyrus Mehri and Johnnie Cochran Jr. would reward teams that interview minority candidates for front-office and head coaching positions with extra draft choices and take picks away from teams that don't.

The union must agree to any plan that adds draft picks, and Gene Upshaw, executive director of the NFL Players Association, said it wouldn't.

NEW YORK (AP) — Dallas Cowboys safety Darren Woodson was fined \$75,000 by the NFL for a hit on Seattle's Darrell Jackson, who had a seizure after the game Sunday and spent a night in the hospital.

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Running back Marcus Allen and NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue were among 74 people nominated for induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

GOLF
ATLANTA (AP) — The leader of a women's group campaigning for a female member at Augusta National wanted PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem to take a strong stand by refusing to recognize the Masters an official event.

What Martha Burk got was Finchem repeating that the all-male membership at Augusta had nothing to do with the PGA Tour.

During Finchem's annual "State of the Tour" message, he said the Senior PGA Tour would be called the Champions Tour, and the developmental tour would be called the Nationwide Tour to reflect a new title sponsor.

Mavs over Grizzlies, 119-108

By TERESA M. WALKER
 AP Sports Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Memphis rookie Drew Gooden knew exactly what to expect after watching the Dallas Mavericks' high-powered offense on television last season while still at Kansas.

Steve Nash scored 24 points and led six Mavericks in double figures Wednesday night as Dallas opened the season with a 119-108 victory over the Grizzlies.

The Mavericks had no trouble getting their offense going, repeatedly beating Memphis back on defense. The best came early as Dirk Nowitzki slammed down a dunk with Grizzlies' fans still celebrating Memphis' first basket.

"We knew they were going to be running up and down the court," said Gooden, Memphis' top draft pick. "I knew that from watching them last year. I got to see it live going up against these guys other than just watching them on TV, so it was a new thing for me."

The NBA's highest-scoring team last season picked up where it left off. Dallas averaged 105.2 points last season and topped 100 points or more in 57 games.

Michael Finley scored 21 points and Nowitzki had 20 points and 11 rebounds for Dallas. Nick Van Exel had 16 points, Raef LaFrentz 14 and Eduardo Najera 12.

But the Mavericks, who gave up 100 points or more in 46 games last season, will need to keep working on playing better defense. Memphis topped 100 points only 16 times last season and was the NBA's third-lowest scoring team.

"We don't want to give up 108 points, but we think our defense nonetheless is coming along," Dallas assistant coach Del Harris said.

Dallas won for the eighth straight time in this series, which it has dominated 24-4.

Memphis, featuring seven new players courtesy of new basketball operations director Jerry West, didn't give the crowd of 16,638 much to cheer about as Dallas led 31-23 after the first, 64-54 at half and then 100-80 after three.

The Grizzlies finally got going with some help as the Mavericks took what Harris called some "frivolous shots."

Gordon Giricek, one of West's new acquisitions, hit four 3-pointers in the period, and his fourth 3 with 4:08 capped a 12-0 spurt that pulled Memphis within 106-102. Nash responded with a three-point play, and the Grizzlies didn't get closer than six the rest of the way.

"It's a good feeling," Giricek said of the rally. "We know we can do it. In the first half, we didn't defend the fast break. In the second half, we did a better job. It's good to know we can play against a good team like Dallas."

The Grizzlies hurt themselves by going 17-of-32 at the free-throw line.

Giricek finished with 29 points for Memphis. Pau Gasol, last season's rookie of the year, had 27 points and 10 rebounds despite playing with his left hand heavily wrapped to protect a sprained wrist. Gooden had 16 points, with Roy Williams, his coach at Kansas, on hand for support.

Notes: Dallas was 47-10 last season when scoring 100 or more points. ... Dallas outscored Memphis 24-6 on second-chance points. ... The victory was the Mavericks' first when opening on the road since beating the Grizzlies in Vancouver Oct. 31, 1997. ... Gasol was nearly perfect from the floor, hitting 10-of-12. But he was just 7-of-15 from the free throw line, and he had five turnovers. ... Shane Battier, who started all 78 games he played last season and led all rookies in minutes last season, came off the bench and had nine points in 29 minutes. He said he will sell popcorn or guard a first-team NBA player, whatever team officials ask of him.

New team beats old team, 100-75

Hornets 100, Jazz 75
NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A hobbled but energetic Baron Davis got the party started for the New Orleans Hornets in their new home.

Davis, who struggled with back spasms throughout the preseason, had 21 points and 10 assists as the Hornets beat New Orleans' old team, the Utah Jazz, 100-75 Wednesday night in the regular season opener for both teams.

The game marked the regular season return of the NBA to the Crescent City for the

first time since the Jazz left for Utah in 1979. A standing-room only crowd of 17,668 was into the game from beginning to end.

Jamal Mashburn added 16 points and nine rebounds, Courtney Alexander scored 19 off the bench and David Wesley added 15.

Karl Malone and John Stockton, the two oldest players in the league, led Utah with 20 and 14 points.

A day before the game, Davis said his spasms were acting up but he felt he needed to play through the

pain. He started slow but in the second quarter began to put on a dribbling, passing and long-range shooting exhibition.

He set up Wesley on a pair of fast breaks, and fed a no-look pass through a crowded lane to Jamaal Magloire for a dunk.

Davis hit four 3-pointers, including one from well behind the arc as the shot clock expired on a broken play to give New Orleans a 43-36 lead. Another gave New Orleans a 49-38 lead at half-time.

Texas-Baylor game to be on pay-per-view

AUSTIN — The Fox Sports Network will offer the Texas-Baylor football game here Nov. 9 on a pay-per-view basis.

Big 23 Special Order Sports, Fox Sports Net's pay-per-view division, will produce and distribute the college football game to participating cable television systems in Texas and nationally to DIRECTV satellite customers.

Kickoff is 11:30 a.m. from Royal Memorial Stadium in Austin.

Fox Network officials said the game is being televised on

a pay-per-view basis because it was not selected for broadcast or cable television coverage. Under conference television rules, games not picked up for regular distribution can only be televised pay-per-view.

"We're giving fans an option to watch a game that they otherwise wouldn't be able to see on television at an affordable price," said Jon Heidtke, Fox Sports

Net senior vice president and general manager. "We want to make this game available to as many viewers as possible."

The suggested cost to viewers is \$29.95.

The game will be replayed throughout Fox Sports Net's southwest region, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and parts of New Mexico, at 2 a.m., Monday, Nov. 11.

Banished Nelsons watch Mavs' opener with fans in Dallas

By CHARLES RICHARDS
 Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Amid a standing room only crowd at a Dallas restaurant, Mavericks head coach Don Nelson and his son, assistant coach Donnie Nelson, served the first of a two-game suspension wearing black and white prison chain gang uniforms, complete with ball and chain.

Those at the "Serve Time with the Nelsons" party Wednesday night watched on big-screen TV as the Mavericks won their season-opener, beating the Grizzlies 119-108 in Memphis.

The Nelsons got in the NBA doghouse by attending two private workouts in Yugoslavia that included players not eligible for the draft. They drew a two-game suspension that forbade them from even being in the arena for the Mavericks' first two games of the season.

"It's strange. It's the first time in 40 years that I hadn't opened up," Don Nelson said.

The event drew a standing room only crowd of several hundred. It was sponsored by "Hoops 'n Hopes," an organization comprised of the wives of Mavericks players and coaches.

Mavericks calendars were on sale for \$10, with the proceeds of the sales being split between cancer and children's charities.

"We're making some money for charity and trying to turn a negative into a plus," Don Nelson said. "My wife had breast cancer last year and survived it, so that's close to both our hearts."

Goaded on during a pregame broadcast interview, with fans milling about, Nelson promised to buy beer for the house if the Mavericks won. So, after the game, the Nelsons had to pay off.

"It's all for a good cause," Donnie Nelson said later, as he poured beer.

Both Nelsons signed autographs and clowned with fans

for almost an hour until the tipoff of the Mavericks' game at Memphis against the Grizzlies. They quit signing autographs then, and together watched the game with the same intensity as if they had been at court-side.

When Mavericks forward Rafe Lafrenz grabbed a rebound and stuffed the ball into the net, the crowd burst into a cheer. Don Nelson thrust his right fist into the air and yelled, "Yes!"

Moments later, the Mavericks stole the ball and fed it to Eduardo Najera for an easy goal. Again, Nelson threw his fist into the air.

Mavericks assistant Del Harris coached in Nelson's absence.

Asked if he planned to call Harris at halftime, the head coach said, "No, the only thing I'm going to call is for another beer. I just want to win the game and have a good time doing it."

Nelson said he called Harris on Wednesday afternoon, "but it was just to wish him good luck. I didn't offer any advice at all. I hope someday to be as good a coach as Del Harris. The team is in good hands."

Erik King, 34, of Dallas said the party idea was excellent. "I got to meet Don Nelson and Donnie Nelson. They were very both very outgoing."

Joy Nelson, wife of Don and stepmother of Donnie, said: "I loved this. So many people turned out. If it wasn't for this, (Don) would be sitting at home, crying in his beer."

She was excited at the number of calendars that people were buying, then standing in line to have her husband autograph them.

Don Nelson was also surprised at the turnout.

"I had no idea that there would be this many here," the Mavs head coach said. "I thought there would be 50 or a hundred. This place is packed!"

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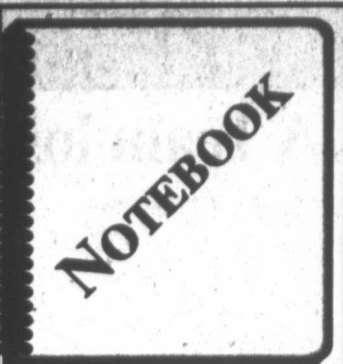
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GOLF

NARITA, Japan (AP) — Annika Sorenstam and Se Ri Pak tumbled out of the World Ladies Match Play Championship on Thursday, losing first-round matches to lightly regarded Japanese opponents.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Brian Jordan filed a trade demand after the Los Angeles Dodgers refused to extend his contract.

Roger Clemens, meanwhile, declined to exercise the phantom \$10.3 million player option in his contract with the New York Yankees. The five-time Cy Young Award winner gets the \$10.3 million, anyway, in the form of a buyout and becomes eligible for free agency.

Of approximately 180 players potentially eligible for free agency, 119 filed in the first three days.

NEW YORK (AP) — Boston's Manny Ramirez became the first player in seven years, and only the fifth ever, to get a perfect score in the Elias Sports Bureau's annual statistical rankings created by players and owners in the settlement of the 1981 strike.

Ramirez was ranked among designated hitters because he appeared in more games at DH during the 2001 and 2002 seasons than in the outfield. He finished first in the five categories used to evaluate DHs: plate appearances, batting average, on-base percentage, homers and RBIs.

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros are holding all ticket prices steady for the second time in three years.

Prime club seats remain at \$39 per ticket, with choices ranging downward to 3,000 outfield deck seats that still sell for \$5 to adults and \$1 to children.

HOCKEY

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP) — Jason Allison, the Los Angeles Kings' leading scorer, is out for up to three months because of a torn ligament in his right knee.

TENNIS

PARIS (AP) — Marat Safin reached the Paris Masters third round beating David Nalbandian 6-3, 6-2 and earning a spot in the season-ending Masters Cup.

Fourth-seeded Juan Carlos Ferrero lost 6-2, 6-3 to Paradorn Srichaphan.

M A S P A L O M A S , Canary Islands (AP) — Conchita Martinez and Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario won singles giving Spain a 2-0 lead over Austria in their Fed Cup semifinal.

Italy and Slovakia were tied 1-1 in the other best-of-five semifinal on hard courts.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Defending champion Serena Williams and sister Venus head the field for the WTA Tour championship in Los Angeles from Nov. 6-11, while U.S. Open and Wimbledon semifinalist Amelie Mauresmo withdrew.

AUTO RACING

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Michael "Fatback" McSwain was released from his contract at Robert Yates Racing, then immediately hired as Bobby Labonte's new crew chief. McSwain was crew chief for Ricky Rudd at RYR for the past three seasons.

YACHTING

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) — The America's Cup challenge of San Francisco-based Oracle had a sweeping change of fortune when it beat U.S. rival OneWorld by 40 seconds. The loss was OneWorld's second in 12 starts, while Oracle moved to 7-4.

Sorenstam, Pak upset in World Ladies Match Play

By JIM ARMSTRONG
Associated Press Writer

NARITA, Japan (AP) — Annika Sorenstam and Se Ri Pak tumbled out of the World Ladies Match Play Championship on Thursday, losing first-round matches to lightly regarded Japanese opponents.

Sorenstam, the 2001 champion who has nine LPGA Tour victories this year, lost 2 and 1 to Chieko Amanuma, ranked last among the 16 Japan LPGA Tour players in the 32-woman field.

"I just didn't make any-

thing today," said Sorenstam, who had three bogeys and one birdie in 17 holes. "In match play, you've got to make birdies and I just didn't make them."

Sorenstam lost Nos. 11 and 13 to fall three down. She cut the deficit to two with a birdie on the par-3 16th, but lost the match when Amanuma matched her par on No. 17.

"I hit the ball well today but just didn't make a single putt," Sorenstam said. "I wish I had an excuse, but I don't."

Pak, coming off her fifth tour victory of the year last week in her native South

Korea, lost 1-up to Japan's Takayo Bandoh.

Pak won the 17th hole to pull within one, but Bandoh ended the match with a 15-foot birdie putt on No. 18.

After the first nine holes, Pak saw that Sorenstam was on her way toward losing her own match.

"It's just too bad for both of us," Pak said. "I think we're tired after last week, and the grass here is different, so that makes things change. I don't know what I'm going to do here the rest of the week."

LPGA Tour and Japan LPGA players faced each

other in all 16 first-round matches, with the LPGA Tour's Karrie Webb, Rosie Jones, Hee-Won Han, Laura Diaz, Lorie Kane, Kelly Robbins, Cristie Kerr, Michele Redman, Carin Koch and Grace Park advancing.

Webb, the Australia star seeking her third victory of the year, beat Taiwan's Hsui Feng-tseung 3 and 2 to set up a second-round match with Park, a 4 and 3 winner over Japan's Mikino Kubo.

"There were a little bit of nerves early. It took me a few holes to settle in, but I came back and won the next three

holes, which helped me settle down," Webb said.

Yuri Fudo, the Japan LPGA's top-ranked player, beat Beth Bauer 3 and 2. Fudo will play the winner of a match between Australia's Rachel Teske and Taiwan's Yu-Chen Huang. They were all square through 27 holes when play was stopped because of darkness.

Jones and Kane routed their Japanese opponents, with Jones beating Mihoko Takahashi 5 and 4, and Kane topping Oriie Fujino 7 and 6 on the Narita Golf Club course.

Warriors herald winning era with win over Spurs

By JANIE McCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Golden State Warriors have been beaten down mentally and physically for so long now, they allowed themselves to celebrate just a bit.

And with good reason.

The Warriors, who believe a new, winning era of basketball has begun in Oakland, showed major positive signs. Eric Musselman's head coaching debut Wednesday night, a 106-98 victory over the San Antonio Spurs.

Antawn Jamison scored 36 points on 14-of-25 shooting and Jason Richardson added 22 points, eight rebounds and eight assists. Both had several monstrous dunks, as did Adonal Foyle, who came off the bench to score 14 points and grab seven rebounds.

"We believe in ourselves," Jamison said. "It's this us-against-the-world mentality. People don't believe in us. We did what we were supposed to do, but don't get me wrong, there are still 81 games to go."

The Warriors energized, aggressive and determined in their opener. They even received a standing ovation.

Tim Duncan had 24 points and nine rebounds for San Antonio, which looked sluggish after beating the defending NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday night to start the season.

"You've got to give them credit for an excellent ballgame," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "We've played better, and it was a quick turnaround, but they had a lot of energy. This crowd really got behind them, too. (Musselman) has got them playing exciting basketball."

Jamison burned Spurs' defensive stopper Bruce Bowen all game and scored 15 of his points in the first half to help the Warriors build a two-point halftime lead.

"What this does is help our players' confidence," Musselman said. "They have been beaten up so much mentally. We want them to believe in themselves and that they can be a team that can win basketball games."

Golden State, which has missed the playoffs an NBA-high eight straight seasons, built its biggest lead of 12 points — which the Warriors later matched — with 2:23 to go in

the third quarter on a dunk by Foyle. But the Spurs went on a 9-0 run to end the period, getting 3-pointers from Danny Ferry and Stephen Jackson to pull to 73-70.

The Warriors received a standing ovation from the 13,261 fans with 43.1 seconds left, a rare sight for basketball in Oakland.

"It's funny," Jamison said. "We have the best fans in the world, but it's difficult to cheer for a team that wins 20 to 25 games. They're just itching for us to play to our ability."

Golden State's Troy Murphy provided a key 3 that banked in as the 24-second clock sounded with 11:34 left, and Jamison kept hitting huge baskets. When he connected on a 3 with 10 minutes left to make it 81-72, he maintained his followthrough as if to send a message. Richardson's dunk at 8:57 made it 83-72.

David Robinson, who had 13 points and 10 rebounds against the Lakers, finished with 12 points and 15 rebounds.

"They're a young team that could win a lot of games," Robinson said. "I think it's good for us, because it reminds us what happens if you don't bring the full effort and energy you need even on one night in this league. It's early, but it's good to get that reminder."

Golden State overcame frigid shooting early in the game to finish 40-for-83 in Musselman's first game. The 37-year-old is Golden State's eighth coach since 1994, the last time the Warriors made the playoffs and had a winning record.

He has changed almost everything with this team — dress code, rule book, lighting in the locker room and practice facility — anxious to find anything that might bring about different results.

Tony Parker, who shot 0-for-10 against the Lakers, made his first four shots as the Spurs took a quick lead. But Parker cooled off and didn't score again until 2:40 remained and finished with 14 points as the Spurs had six players score in double digits.

Mike Dunleavy, the Warriors' top draft pick out of Duke, played only the final 18.9 seconds of the first half and never touched the ball.

Golden State had lost six of its last seven openers.

Big 12 women basketball coaches, players look forward to upcoming season

DALLAS (AP) — Despite losing 31 key starters, players and coaches of the Big 12 are looking to make another showing at the NCAA Tournament next spring.

"I do not see the conference being weak in any way, shape or form," said Oklahoma coach Sherri Coale, who led the Sooners to the league's first showing in the Final Four. "There will be a changing of the guard in terms of personnel, the people who lead teams."

Oklahoma lost two-time All-American Stacey Dales after being beaten by Duke in the Final Four. The Sooners are picked to finish fourth in the league in a preseason conference coach's poll, after finishing No. 2 in the nation last year.

Texas coach Jody Conradt said she believes the talent of this year's newcomers league-wide will offset inexperience.

Coale and Conradt were among the Big 12 coaches and players who discussed the caliber of the league as well as their championship hopes Wednesday at the Big 12 Women's Basketball Media Day.

While other team's discussed the players lost in the last year, Texas A&M coach Peggie Gillom said the Aggies could have an advantage with four returning starters.

Kansas State goes into the season picked to finish second in the conference. The Wildcats have only lost one starter and boast the league's preseason player of the year in center Nicole Ohlde.

"She is one of the most premiere post players, not only in the conference, but in the country," said Kansas State coach Deb Patterson. "She has tremendous talent and is well-deserved in all the preseason honors she has been receiving."

Iowa State, picked in the preseason poll to finish sixth,

lost all-conference center Angie Welle and forward Tracy Gahan.

"The only thing that never seems to change is Texas Tech. They're always good. Death, taxes and Texas Tech," said Cyclones coach Bill Fennelly. "Kansas State, Texas and Texas Tech will be in a lot of preseason Top 10 rankings. Anytime you have two schools in the league that are realistic Final Four contenders, the league can't be down overall. I think at the end of the year, our league will be where it always is — one of the best in the country."

Many teams in the league had hoped an appearance in the Final Four would establish the league's place as a national powerhouse, but find themselves facing questions — this time about the lack of experience.

"I obviously think it is the best conference in the country from top to bottom," said perennial favorite Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp. "I think we have proven that over several years and not just a one-year stance last year."

"I think the last thing to do was to get a team to the highest level of playing in the country and Oklahoma took care of that for us last year. I think some people finally decided on the national level that the Big 12 was for real."

Texas Tech was picked this year to win the Big 12 championship title in the preseason poll. Despite lower expectations for Oklahoma, Coale believes her team can still be a contender.

"We do not look at our team and say it was a very special thing and treasure that the rest of your lives because it may never happen again," said Coale, who expects to be a Final Four contender every year. "We understand how special it is, but we have an expectation to get back there."

TCU 37, Southern Miss 7

FORT WORTH (AP) — Texas Christian knows how to get things done right when there is a lot on the line against Southern Mississippi.

With a bowl berth going to the winner of last year's regular-season finale, TCU beat the Golden Eagles on the road.

Wednesday night, freshman Lonta Hobbs ran for 123 yards and three touchdowns as the Frogs won their seventh straight game, beating Southern Miss 37-7 to take over first place in Conference USA.

TCU dominated an opponent seeking revenge for the second straight game and the Golden Eagles suffered their worst conference loss in seven years in C-USA.

The Frogs previously won 45-31 at Louisville, the two-time defending champion whose perfect C-USA season was ruined by TCU last November. The Cardinals and Alabama-Birmingham are with Southern Miss a half-game back in the standings.

TCU freshman quarterback Tye Gunn left the game with a serious knee injury.

Gunn's right knee buckled awkwardly while he tried to avoid Davis' pursuit in third quarter. School officials wouldn't confirm the extent of the injury, but coach Gary Patterson and Gunn indicated his season was over.

In the four games since Gunn took over as the starter and Hobbs began playing, TCU has averaged 41 points.

Hobbs had TD runs of 53 and 13 yards in TCU's 24-point third quarter, the long run capping a stretch of 17 straight points in less than 4 minutes after Southern Miss scored its only touchdown.

TCU had expected to redshirt Hobbs, but the plan changed because of injuries and a lack of production by other running backs over the first four games. Hobbs has responded with 383 yards and seven TDs in four games.

Linebacker LaMarcus McDonald had 16 tackles, including four of TCU's season-high nine sacks for minus-59 yards. Jared Smitherman returned an interception 37 yards for a touchdown.

Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Nov. 1, 2002:

At times this year, you find yourself quite down about a partnership and its financial implications. Sometimes you feel as if an associate or associates in general leave you out. You need to determine how much is in your mind and how much is reality. Learning how to detach could be the key to your happiness. Empathize with others more often, as well. Some of you might do more traveling this year, learning more about other cultures and ways. Many might opt to take workshops or classes. If you are single, you will meet people easily if you move out of yourself. In late summer, you will meet someone quite special. Network and expand your circle of friends. If you're attached, you will often get overly upright about your relationship. Learn to understand your partner rather than making assumptions. LIBRA reads you cold.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Understand what it takes to get the job done. Do something that will refresh and recharge your energy. You might want to take a brisk walk or visit with an upbeat friend. Leave work early rather than making mistakes. Tonight: Happy to be at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Deal with your finances. Delay what seems like an important purchase if you feel you must make it. You might feel a bit disappointed, but ultimately you will understand. Later in the day, you'll know and feel that you've made the correct decision. Tonight: Speak your mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Your smile wins the day when you deal with those you're close to. Don't question yourself quite so much. A boss could be difficult. Don't play "Gone With the Wind" over this issue. Let go of problems. Start planning your weekend. Tonight: Split as fast as possible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Finish any backed-up work. Calls from a distance could be disconcerting. Don't brood; let go of what you cannot change. A more laissez-faire attitude works, ultimately. Think positively about the next few days. Tonight: Let out pent-up steam.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Friends support you even when a partner proves unduly difficult. Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Don't let negativity or a sense of fatigue mar your day. Continue to clear out as much as possible. Focus on one item at a time. Carefully review a matter that involves a child or a loved one. Defer to others when you're in a jam. Tonight: Take a nap, then decide.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Use your imagination, especially when dealing with a money matter. You might need to pull back some in order to gain the results you desire. Your drive pushes others aside. Your creativity pulls you way ahead of the group. Tonight: Out with a co-worker.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

you down at the last minute. Realize more of what is important, and follow through on your needs. Tonight: Go for a weekend escape.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Sit back and rethink a decision. If something feels out of sync or a person is acting strangely, don't be surprised. Something is off. Trust your judgment. A meeting adds to your sense of direction. Brainstorm. Be open. Tonight: Find your friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** You could be a bit off on a decision you make. Consider options more carefully that might help you energize — from vitamins to exercise. First schedule a checkup with your doctor. Gossip might be depleting you as well. Tonight: A must show.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Your sense of humor plays an important role with a partner who might be glum. Help this person pick him- or herself up. Take a long lunch with him or her or make plans for immediately following work. Eye the long term right now. Tonight: Try something different.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Others let you know what they want. On the other hand, associates could push you. You might want to rethink a personal matter that is close to your heart. Schedule time in the near future with a special friend or loved one. Tonight: Togetherness works.

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Choir concert



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Family and friends fill the Pampa Middle School auditorium to hear the Pampa Middle School combined choirs, directed by Suzanne Wood, perform in the annual Fall Concert on Thursday, Oct. 24.

McDonald's France warns against fast food

PARIS (AP) — The French division of McDonald's has run ads that included a surprising suggestion: Kids shouldn't eat at McDonald's more than once a week.

The advertisements, quoting information from specialists, aim to show that "McDonald's meals are part of a balanced weekly diet," said Euro RSCG, the agency that came up with the ads, which

appeared this spring, mostly in French women's magazines.

Alongside quotes from specialists addressing obesity and diets for children, the ads described how McDonald's hamburgers are made of 100 percent real beef and cooked on a grill free of additional oil.

One ad placed in Femme Actuelle in April quoted a nutritionist who said, "there's no reason to abuse fast food, or visit McDonald's more than once a week."

A spokeswoman at McDonald's France declined to comment and referred all questions to the company's advertising agency.

The McDonald's Corp., based in Oak Brook, Ill., said in a statement Wednesday that it "strongly disagreed" with the nutritionist quoted in the French advertisement.

"The vast majority of nutrition professionals say that McDonald's food can be and is a part of a healthy diet based on the sound nutrition principles of balance, variety and moderation," the statement said.

Cheney supporting Cornyn campaign

HOUSTON (AP) — In the final days before the election, Republican U.S. Senate candidate John Cornyn is sticking with the campaign strategy he has used all along: aligning himself with all things President Bush.

He will get some last minute help with it too, as the top officials themselves will be in Texas to campaign for Cornyn for Tuesday's election.

Vice President Dick Cheney will be in Houston Thursday morning to lend his support to Cornyn's campaign.

Bush will return to Texas on Monday to urge voters to support Cornyn and other Republican candidates.

"Texans are not only behind President Bush but they also believe in his values and his vision for the country," Cornyn campaign spokesman Dave Beckwith said.

Cornyn's Democratic opponent, former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk, shrugged off the help Cornyn, Texas' attorney general, is getting.

"He gets to campaign too," Kirk said. "But the good thing for me is at the end of the day, when people go to vote, it's a choice between Ron Kirk and John Cornyn, and that's a choice I feel pretty good about."

Bush already has been to

Texas, twice, to help Cornyn and his campaign. Other Bushes, including first lady Laura Bush, former President George Bush and his wife, former first lady Barbara Bush, have held fund-raisers as well.

Even President Bush's nephew, George P. Bush, has pitched in.

And so has Cheney and Bush's longtime adviser, Karen Hughes.

"It's another reminder that Texas Republicans can be proud to be associated with their national party," Beckwith said of Cheney's trip to Texas.

Cornyn has crisscrossed the state, defining himself as a player on Bush's team and ready to help the president push his agenda through the U.S. Senate that is now split 49-49 among Democrats and Republicans, with one independent who sides with the Democrats.

Cornyn has steadfastly supported Bush's tax cuts, judicial nominees, and war plans but Kirk has taken another path in backing the president.

Kirk said he supported keeping the tax cuts permanent in a sound economy, but only after he initially indicated he opposed it. He opposed Bush's federal judicial nominee Priscilla Owen, but urged Washington Democrats to give her a speedy hearing.

Official defends custody decision

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — A prosecutor defended the decision to take the sniper suspects into federal custody soon after their arrest, saying it didn't prevent interrogators from getting good information from the pair.

A local law enforcement source complained Wednesday that questioning of the suspects was halted when federal agents took custody, possibly preventing investigators from obtaining information about the shooting spree.

Maryland U.S. Attorney Thomas DiBiagio disputed that, saying neither John Allen Muhammad, 41, nor John Lee Malvo, 17, was "yielding any useful information." He also said federal law required they be taken before a federal magistrate once they asked for a lawyer.

Montgomery, Ala., Police Chief John H. Wilson told The Washington Post that the rifle used in the Washington-area slayings was also used in an Alabama shooting that led investigators to the suspects. He said new ballistics tests contradicted an earlier finding that the weapon was not the same.

Wilson said the finding leads him to believe a third person may have been involved in the Alabama slaying, because the two sniper suspects were spotted with a handgun and magazine, not a rifle, the newspaper reported in Thursday's editions. Investigators were already looking into the possibility that a third person, possibly driving a getaway car, was involved in the shooting.

The federal government took custody of Muhammad and Malvo soon after their arrest Oct. 24, the Maryland law enforcement source said, speaking on condition of anonymity. Local investigators were attempting to interrogate the suspects at the time. The source said police had hoped to gain their trust to gain a confession or other valuable information.

"He was talking," the source said of Muhammad. "There was certainly a great deal of information that remained to be gleaned from him."

DiBiagio called investigators to inform them that the two had to appear in front of federal magistrate, Muhammad on the federal gun charge and Malvo as a material witness.

Pennsylvania drafts safety buggy manual

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — State officials are creating a new safety manual for horse-drawn buggy drivers, hoping it helps them avoid crashes with fast-moving cars and trucks on winding Amish country roads.

Seven members of an Amish family, including five children from ages 3 to 11, remained hospitalized Wednesday after the latest such accident.

Similar to a "Safe Driving in Amish Country" brochure already available, the new manual will focus on common sense and courtesy, with an emphasis on lights and reflectors the law requires on carriages to give them higher visibility, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation spokesman Rich Kirkpatrick said.

"It's primarily going to be geared toward the Amish, giving them some tips on how to cope with much heavier, faster-moving vehicles than their buggies," Kirkpatrick said.

The manual will be published in about two months, though officials are still deciding how to distribute it, Kirkpatrick said. Drivers of animal-drawn vehicles may not see it at PennDOT offices, because they don't need operators' licenses and they don't need to register the buggies.

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Sausage Festival



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Jerry Urbanczyk, a third-generation descendant of Polish settlers in White Deer, hefts a load of sausage during preparations for the Nov. 3 Sacred Heart Polish Sausage Festival in White Deer. Doors will open at the church parish at 11 a.m. and the meal will be served until 3 p.m.

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BLOCK SCHEDULE UNDER REVIEW

School Board Will Decide By November

By Julie Thompson

The block schedule has been under evaluation by the school administration and a final decision is tentatively scheduled for the November board meeting.

The administration is evaluating the efficiency in terms of cost, and the effectiveness the learning is having on the students as compared to a seven period day.

"The most important thing is what's best for the students academically," principal John Kendall said.

Academically speaking, the school is doing better than it ever has before. TAAS, SAT, and ACT scores are up school-wide according to Kendall.

The student/teacher ratio is the lowest in the parhandle at 134 students per teacher.

However, according to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) students on the accelerated block schedule performed poorly as compared to those on the A/B block schedule. (A schedule where students attend certain classes on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and change on Tuesdays and Thursdays continuing all year.)

"I do think the benefits of a traditional schedule outweighs those of the block schedule," school board member Dr. Jay Johnson said.

Johnson also said that he believes that college bound students get into the habit their senior year of not studying as hard due to TA classes and outs.

However, students on the block schedule are not only given the opportunity to graduate early, but they can earn more credits as well.

"In a four year span students could earn 28 credits with the seven period day, but with the block system students will receive up to 32," counselor Karla Howell said.

According to superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr the board has been approached by people

Superintendent Dawson Orr

"My opinion is that the actual organization is not what makes the difference. It's how well the teachers use the time they have."

both for and against the block schedule.

"When we switched, the people who favored the 90 minute periods said that the teachers would have more time to go in-depth," Orr said. "Critics say that you're giving up too much time."

On the seven period day compared to the block schedule, students would in fact, spend 30 hours less learning a specific course at the of the semester.

"Teachers who have lab classes will have less time to finish," Howell said. "Students who fail a

class would also have to wait an entire year to retake it."

Drama teacher Heather Fuentes recently moved from teaching theater at the middle school which is on the traditional schedule to the high school.

"I really like having an hour and a half for theater because it allows me to do more elaborate hands on activities like makeup demonstrations and scenery construction," Fuentes said.

Another factor the administration is evaluating is the cost efficiency. According to school board president Lee Porter there has been a 13 percent decline in enrollment in the past year. For every student the school loses, the more money it loses as well.

"Part of the issue is that one-fourth of a teacher's day is spent as a conference period," Porter said. "In the seven period day they would get two periods for conference, but they would still be spending more time teaching."

Porter said that the time teachers spend in conference is time we're paying them not to teach. However, one argument against this is it is not the amount of time spent teaching that makes the difference.

"My opinion is that the actual organization is not what makes the difference," Orr said. "It's how



Photo By Tess Kingcade

CHECK IT OUT: Sophomores April Laycock and Whitney Parker speak out about the pros and cons of the block schedule in front of the school board on October 24.

WHAT A 'P'

Cabot Donates New Statue For Tennis Team

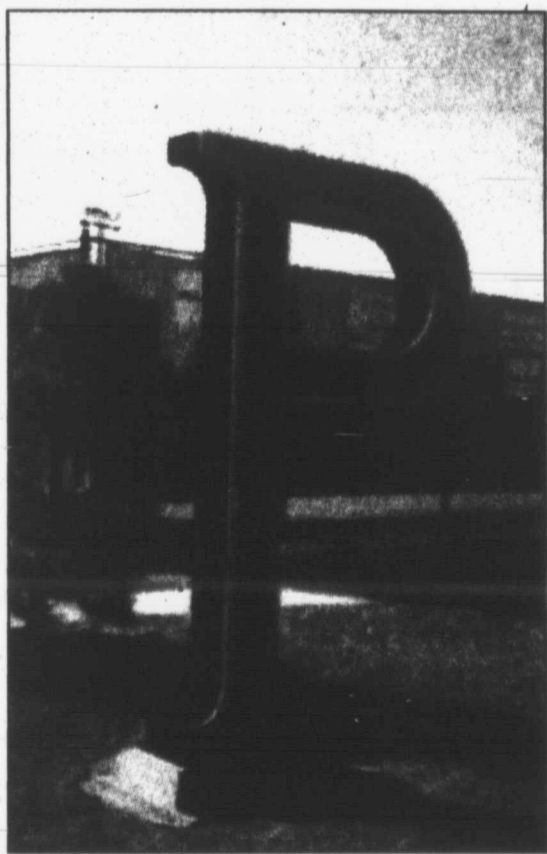


Photo by Amanda Kesterson

NEW SIGN OF SCHOOL PRIDE:

The statue was put up on the northeast side of campus last month.

By Julie Thompson

Last month after the tennis match against Plainview, the team had a picnic for the entire tennis family and dedicated the "P" now seen outside the courts.

"Cabot donated the materials and Kenny Gerber made it," coach Carolyn Quarles said.

K&K, a company out of White Deer, brought in a crane and lifted the giant 'P' out of a flat-bed truck.

"It was quite a sight," Quarles said. The tennis team hopes to expand on the school spirit in the future.

"We'd like to add more," Quarles said. "We might put more up around the school, you never know."

Unity of Light

He was always willing to listen when...

"Chris was never in a bad mood ever."
Vanessa Orr-12

While most seniors were buying senior ads, filling out applications to college, and getting ready for the last year of their high school career, senior Chris Owen was in the hospital fighting for his life. He died Tuesday, October 22, 2002.

Chris Owen was first diagnosed with cancer his fifth grade year. However, his most recent battle with leukemia resurfaced his sophomore year. Later on he was hospitalized, and his condition worsened.

He began to receive six to eight units of blood per day, and because of these frequent blood transfusions, his immune system grew very weak. This allowed him to contract a staph infection in his lungs.

This infection initiated more life threatening problems by causing several of his vital organs such as his kidneys, pancreas, and liver to malfunction and eventually shut down.

While Owen was still able to go to school one of his prominent extracurricular activities was band. he had an illness.

"He never made excuses, and he always tried hard," band director Bruce Collins said. "He was just a really hard worker."

"I'll never forget Chris because of the funny faces he always made."
Cody Sanchez-11

His passion for God will always be a giant influence in my life and heart.

Chris Owen

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Corrections & Clarifications

It was reported in the September issue that history teacher Mark Craddock had contracted West Nile Virus, but there have been no confirmed cases in Gray County at this time.

Also in the September issue, on page 9, it was stated that the new golf coach Mona Freeman coached golf in Borger. This was incorrect. She coached volleyball, basketball, and track.

THE SCOOP

October LTH Issue Features ...

by Tess Kingcade

Hey guys, this is your editor-in-chief Tess Kingcade, and I am writing "The Scoop" article every issue from now on. This is the deal - we are giving you guys the scoop on what we, as a staff, have been working on for this issue.

Our managing editor, Julie Thompson wrote a very in-depth story on the block schedule, by getting quotes

from people against and for the dissolution of the block schedule. Julie tried to inform students the best way that she could on what is actually going on with the upcoming decision.

Opinion editor, Benjamin T. Briscoe, wrote a story on the Pampa Economic Development Committee, on page 3, trying to bring students up to date on what actually happened with the PEDC in terms we as high school students can understand.

And the Rock Venue continues...

Pampa's most recent jam house is underway and we want you to know what's going on. Check out the story on page 7 in the entertainment section.

Two weeks ago we lost a fellow classmate, senior Chris Owen, who passed away on Oct. 15. Chris will be missed deeply, as the page 1 story indicates.

Imagine having twins at 17? Well we know one hard working, young lady who is living that reality. Read about Liz West and her twins in the feature section.

Finally, we want to hear from you guys. We majorly need letters to the editor. We can't make you happy unless you tell us what you want. We have set up two comment boxes - one in the library, and one in the main office. Please drop by and share your thoughts. Of course we can't print unsigned letters, but we still want to know what you think. (Just make sure you sign them.)

Well, I hope you enjoy this issue and please give us feedback on how we are doing. Thanks.

SCHOOL BOARD INITIATES CHANGES

Code of Conduct Up for Modifications

By Matt Foust

The extracurricular code of conduct is currently under review by the school board.

The code of conduct is an agreement signed by every student participating in extracurricular activities, elected to an office, or acting as a school representative that holds them to a certain standard.

The code requires the student to "have and maintain a good citizenship record, both in and out of school, on and off campus."

"This statement pertains to mis-

conduct such as drug, tobacco, alcohol use, cheating, criminal activity, vandalism, or any other violating behavior.

"The board is opposed to underage

School Board

President Lee Porter

"The proposed changes were product of the school board, and their action was exactly as they should have done."

drinking," school board president Lee Porter said. "Student leaders are setting an example."

The changes to the contract under review were initiated during the summer by a student in extracurricular activities.

"The proposed changes were

product of the school board, and their action was exactly as they should have done," Porter said.

The school board has been looking to the community for their proposals regarding the contract, and will vote on the proposed changes at their October 24 meeting.

"We've had a community involvement group that has met two Mondays and we've been taking ideas from that," Porter said. "The group is comprised of staff members, parents, and interested community members."

brought forth by an appeal by a student under disciplinary action. The discipline committee acted within policy which is a

NEWS IN BRIEF

Politics

Election day is Tuesday November 5.

UIL Practice

UIL academic practice will be held in the library on Thurs, Nov. 7 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Notable Days

Veterans Day is November 11. Canned food drive starts November 11.

Board Meeting

There will be a board meeting held at Carver Center November 21 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Directories

School directories will go on sale at the end of October for fifty cents. The directories will include the students name, telephone number, and some e-mail addresses.

School Picture Retakes

Were you absent for school pictures? Or maybe you just hate your school pictures? Don't forget school picture retakes will be in the library on Tues, Nov. 5.

Yearbook Orders

Yearbook orders were taken in homeroom in September. If you did not turn in a yearbook order form, stop by room 122 to fill yours out today.

Rock Solid Concert

Check it out! The next Rock Solid concert will feature Dead Poetic on Sun, Nov. 3 at the downtown venue location.

Do you have something short and sweet that the whole school needs to know about? Submit your news in brief to Room 122 or drop it off in a LH comment box in the office or library by Nov. 15.

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THE DOWNLOW ON THE P.E.D.C City Officials Explain How Pampa Economic Development Corporation In Process Of Being Dissolved

By Benjamin Briscoe & Staff Reporters

An organization known as the Pampa Economic Development Corporation (PEDC), which was originally created to bring in businesses to Pampa, is in the process of being dissolved because the majority of Pampa voters elected to do so last November in a city election.

There is currently a dissolution board set up to handle the legal details and aspects involved in ending the PEDC.

"Under the (state) statutes, the procedure sets out that an economic development corporation can be dissolved upon a vote," Vanessa Buzzard, PEDC attorney, said. "This happened on Nov. 6, 2001, thus the current board is in the process of dissolving the former PEDC."

The election was set up after a local group called "Concerned Citizens" got enough petition signatures to have a city-wide vote over whether or not to keep the PEDC in operation.

The reasons why the "Concerned Citizens" group and the majority of

Pampa voters elected to terminate the PEDC differ from person to person.

thought they were involved in the research and development in the pig farms heavily."

PEDC Attorney

Vanessa Buzzard

"Under the (state) statutes, the procedure sets out that an economic development corporation can be dissolved upon a vote."

"I think the main reason people voted to close the PEDC is because they

current PEDC dissolution board member Steve Phillips said.

The group gathered signatures to have the election because, they said, they were concerned that the PEDC may have incurred bad debts.

"At the time of the election, the PEDC had several notes payable (loans) relating to projects which it had funded prior to Nov. 6," Pampa city attorney Don Lane said.

However, the former PEDC president said the organization was a real benefit for the Pampa economy.

"In the year the PEDC was operational, we created 260 jobs and the projects

created a pay roll of over \$28.6 million," former PEDC executive director Susan Triplehorn said. "Property tax value had also increased by \$5.4 million."

Although citizens continue to debate whether the PEDC was valuable for Pampa, the reality is that voters did elect to get rid of the PEDC and the process of dissolving it will go on for some time.

"There is no projected timeline for the dissolution," Buzzard said. "Only an assurance that it will happen in a timely manner."

BAND HAS OPTIMISTIC VIEW FOR MARCHING SEASON

By Amanda Rasmussen

The marching band is optimistic about regional competitions this year. They recently scored a one (the highest possible score for band competitions) in all categories for a regional contest a few weeks ago. Their progression leaves them with high hopes for maximum performance later in the season.

Though the band has barely started regional competitions this year for the most part they should do exceptionally well according to the band director, Bruce Collins.

"The games have been going very well," Collins said. "We have little details, individual error, and minor mistakes that we need to work on still."

The goal for band contests are a one, but getting there is not always easy. The aspects and technicalities of band have to be taken into consideration while practicing. These are not always easy to perfect.

As a result the band spends many hours practicing outside of school to make sure everything is perfect for upcoming competitions.

"For practices we have the regular school period, then once a week rehearsals that last for two hours," senior band member Travis Leever said.

The things the band does wrong while playing and marching may not



BAND MARCHES ON: The high school band marches at half time in the game against Palo Duro. Senior Luke Bailey (left), junior Evelyn Jasso (center), and freshman Zed Richards (right) prepare for a performance.

always be obvious to the spectators watching at sporting events, but some slip-ups do occur.

"Some individual players have a hard time marching and playing, but time is the only thing that can fix that," Collins said.

Every organization seems to have something that sets them apart, accord-

ing to Collins the bands ability to play and march at the same time makes them unique in comparison to other schools who have difficulty accomplishing this.

"Most high school bands don't play and march at the same time," Collins said. "That's really what we do a lot better than most."

Though it may take a large amount of work and practice to get to the level of competitiveness needed to participate at an aggressive state during marching season, to band members it is referred to as "fun-work."

"At the beginning of the year it is a lot of work," Leever said. "It's work, but it's fun and later on everything just falls into place."

NEW MULTIMEDIA CLASS TEACHES STUDENTS MOVIE MAKING SKILLS

By Benjamin Briscoe

In the middle of second period on a Thursday afternoon junior Shelby Crook, sophomore Omar Chavez, and junior Caleb Darling head to the video conference room, carrying a Cannon ZR50 Camera with the intent of making a Harvest Time Productions film in the video conference room. They are in the newly created multimedia class taught by Heath Parker.

"I have a friend who works at another high school and teaches a class similar to this and I thought we needed a multimedia class at our school," Parker said.

But, as might be expected for a new course, the new class has not always been smooth sailing.

"Being a new class, multimedia took a while to get organized. But I liked being the first one to learn the new equipment," sophomore Jarred Busse said.

Working with the camera and computer is a main part of the class.

"The main objective of this class is to teach students to work with each

other and technology," Parker said. Even with the advanced technology, each video is still time consuming to make.

"It takes three or four days to produce each film, and about three to five hours outside of class work a week," sophomore Teryn Garner said.

Other than the time aspect, according to a few students in the class, there is some room for improvement.

"Everything in this class revolves around sports," Chavez said. "There is the occasional side project, but if you look at the labels on the videotapes everything is about sports."

However, there is a reason why the majority of the videos are about sports.

"Each one of our cameras was bought by a different sports organization. We cover the people who bought the equipment for us. Sports organizations happened to be those people," senior Santiago Silva said.

But overall, the students said they were happy with the class.

"I joined this class because I wanted to work with movies and learn how to cut films," Busse said. "This class has taught me the basics."

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Staff Editorial Doing Away With Block Schedule Ridiculous

The school board is considering to eliminate the block schedule. We feel that doing away with the block is ridiculous.

Everyone hates change. Changing the block schedule to a regular seven period class would be going to extremes. But disliking change is not a good enough reason to keep the block schedule and it is true that some changes do need to be made.

One concern opponents of the block schedule have is that seniors are not being prepared well enough for college because they have met their graduation requirements by the last year and tend to take out and TA periods. The reason why they feel seniors are not getting a good education is because they are not. But this problem is easily solved by requiring students to take a variety of classes the last year.

The crucial key is planning ahead. There are many extra classes seniors can take. For example, ACT/SAT preparation courses, biology II, pre-cal, and many electives... the list goes on. Again, planning with your counselor before hand is all it takes for a rewarding senior year that will prepare students for the challenge of college the next fall.

In addition to this, failure rates are already up. It's a serious battle to get students to remember do their homework and remember their book, pencil and paper as it is. Forcing more classes on students means more classes to keep up with. Let's face it, in this day and age, high school students are facing many more challenges than in years past. Many students hold down part-time jobs, with some working 30-40 hours a week. In addition to school, to make ends meet on their own or help at home. Life is fast-paced and teens are already too wrapped up in extracurricular activities and many more emotional issues (drugs, pregnancy, suicides) than decades before. A seven-period day, with more classes, more books, more tests, and more responsibilities to keep up with at the same time could overwhelm students so much that failure rates increase even more.

Also teachers will not have enough time to teach their curriculum as thoroughly, so this means more homework, more students not doing homework, and this leads to more failures. Does it mean we shouldn't raise standards? No. But the reality is learning today is different. Instead of doing away with the block, we should take advantage of the hour and a half classes. Besides, TAAS scores and SAT/ACT scores at PHS have risen since the block began.

And that makes sense, because the block provides a longer period to learn more things - just like the majority of colleges set up their course schedules. Plus, it is a proven fact that if a teacher has a better relationship with their students, the students are more likely to learn more in that environment. With the seven class schedule, teachers will see up to 30 kids in a class period, seven times a day. That equals out to be about 210 students each day. You would be lucky to remember their names. In addition, with the seven classes, people who fail a class will have to wait an entire year to retake it. So if a senior was to fail English IV, he/she would not be able to graduate. (More teachers and classes will have to be provided in the summer.) Again, more failure.

Another concern is that students are not able to take as many electives together through the entire course of the school year because only four classes are offered. This is true. However, they do have more opportunities with the block schedule to take more electives in general - one more class each year than on a seven-period schedule. Maybe they won't get to take drama, band and speech all at the same time, but they can take them different semesters, or be involved outside of class time. They still have the opportunity to take a wide variety of classes - just not at the same time.

Then there's the money issue. Is the block schedule more expensive for the school district than a seven-period day? Probably. But even if it is, what about the possibility of losing students or staff to other school districts... that would be a great loss. And what about the loss of student and teacher morale - the majority of the high school community loves the block schedule. Finally, there is the potential academic loss. Scores have risen and more students are taking college preparatory tests than they did before the block. Besides, as important as money is to our school district at this point in time, some things shouldn't be tossed aside for it, or the lack of it. The block schedule is one of those things.

The key solutions to all these problems seem to be better communication and more planning regarding students' graduation plans. We feel that the system of getting out information to students and parents about the block and schedule planning could be improved. There needs to be more time for explaining the block schedule to students in middle school coming up to the high school as well as for the students already here.

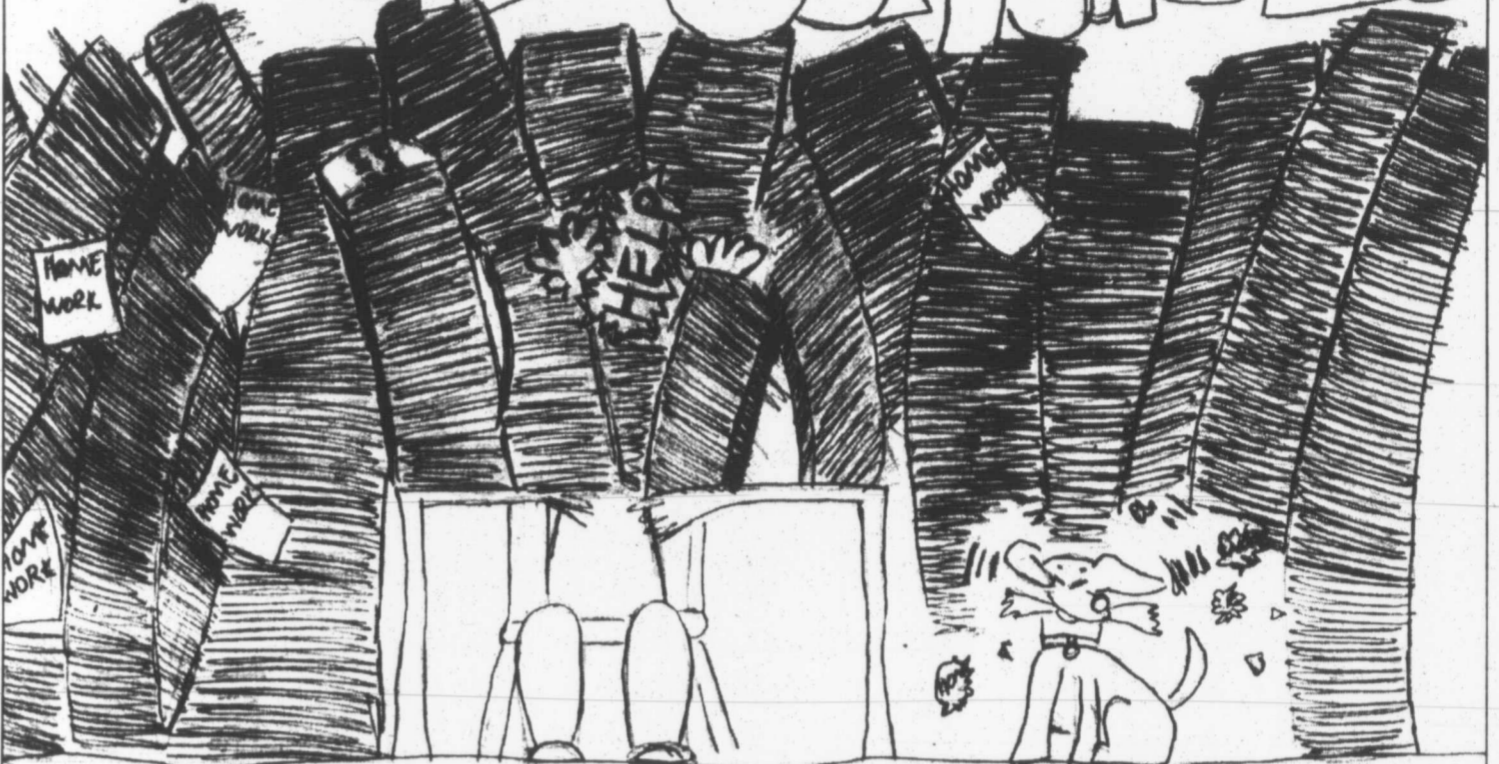
There are three graduation plans students can choose, each with different credit requirements and there should be a half to full day of round table sessions (not just an hour) where eighth graders and their parents talk to counselors and teachers and high school student leaders about the best plan and ways to schedule classes effectively. Also, each year at high school there should be at least half a day, in addition to the current scheduling day, where each grade has the opportunity, with their parents, to reevaluate current graduation plans, remind them of requirements and keep them posted on the importance GPA and college entrance exams.

Students need to figure out how to plan schedules so that the important classes are taken together. For example, taking foreign languages back to back - planning like this would help instead of taking one foreign language your freshman year then taking the other your junior year. The high school has already extended Algebra I into a year long class to help this problem. Maybe other important core classes could do same. Making modifications to the current schedule and planning ahead of time would do the trick.

No schedule is going to be perfect, but this one fits us well. Changes can be made to the existing schedule without throwing it in the trash and starting all over. It is true that most schools in this area and around the country do not have the block schedule, but this is what sets us apart for the better. We've always known we're the "Best in the West"... hopefully it will stay that way.

The staff editorial is written by the editor-in-chief on behalf of the majority of the staff.

BLOCK SCHEDULE



Life Without

By Brittany Brazile

DEFEATING ITS GOALS:

War With Iraq Bad Idea



By Benjamin Briscoe

Everyday America faces complete annihilation from weapons of mass destruction. From botulism toxin to nuclear warfare, our civilization could be destroyed at less than a moment's notice, and President George W. Bush is trying to use this to create war with Iraq.

Bush's war with Iraq should not be backed for three reasons, an Iraqi war would ignore warnings of great works of literature, it will never accomplish its goals, and it could lead to nuclear destruction.

First we must examine today's situation with Iraq in relevance to great works

of literature. In "All Quiet on the Western Front" the dehumanization powers of war are shown. World War I caused a generation of men to become completely physically and emotionally exhausted. Most of the men died on the battlefield and did not

be in hopes of eliminating Iraq's possession of weapons of mass destruction. Even if the United States and its supporters won the war, the U.N. weapons inspections would not be successful. Past U.N. weapons inspectors have said how easy it is to hide a small

ons inspections does not only fail to meet their objectives, but because massive harms in the process. The process does little more than tick other nations off. By inspecting Iraq, the United Nations sends a message of distrust to the Iraqi people, and this in turn makes the citizens of Iraq feel disrespected. This feeling of disrespect leads to a hatred of American, and other U.N. nations, citizens on the part of the Iraqi people. This hatred could easily escalate into a nuclear war. They have the weapons (President Bush has told us that) so what is to stop them from using them if they are enraged at another nation? Because of this scenario, weapons inspections should not be persuaded for it presents a larger threat of nuclear warfare than under the current system.

Because of the warnings from the literature of the past, the relation that the goal of the war can never be achieved, and the increased threat of nuclear warfare the war with Iraq should not take place.

Shop more Benjamin Briscoe

"Finding a vial of anthrax in Iraq is similar to finding a needle in a haystack that is a little more than 271,600 square miles."

return to see their families; we have no assurance this will not happen with this war. To continue this conflict is to deny classic ideas of our heritage.

Next, the war with Iraq will never accomplish its goals. The goal of the war would be to allow United Nations weapons inspectors to take place in Iraq. This would

vial of anthrax in any nation. It is similar to trying to find a needle in a haystack that is a little more than 271,600 sq mi. (437,072 sq km). The search is implausible, and the U.S. should not create war over an impossible goal.

Finally, the war could lead to nuclear destruction. It has been proven that weap-

HECTIC WORLD OF TEACHING NOT AS EASY AS IT SEEMS



By Matt Foust

I have always known that being a teacher isn't an easy job, but I never really knew how tough it was until I started teaching ESL students at the middle school. Preparing lesson plans, teaching aids, worksheets, and other

materials is not at all easy.

When I first volunteered to go to the middle school and teach Latin I thought to myself, "how hard could it be?" Well, it was definitely harder than what I had anticipated. The funny thing about this is that I only have to prepare for one class that lasts half an hour and there are only eight students. Another thing, I am not the only one that does this. A friend of mine and I share all of the responsibilities equally. It is basically like me preparing for a class that lasts fifteen minutes, and I still have to work hard to keep up.

Watching my mom get ready for her classes each year had taught me that the role of a teacher could not by any means

be described as easy. She and other teachers like her have to prepare for either six classes that last an hour or three classes that last an hour and forty-five minutes a piece keeping in mind that some classes can have as many as 30 students.

Discipline is also a major factor that I had never considered how difficult it could be. Talking, shuffling, and not listening didn't bother me at all when I was a student. Viewing the classroom from the other side of the desk offers an entirely different view of how class behavior affects a learning environment. It is amazing how smoothly things go and how much more can be accomplished when all of the students pay attention. I know that

is one of those "nah really" statements, but I get a different perspective from playing the teacher.

The paradox of my experience is that despite all of the hard work and time that goes into teaching, it is really rewarding. Setting out a lesson plan and actually seeing it when the students realize or begin understand something that is trying to be taught. I would not say that this experience has influenced me to become a teacher, but without a doubt it has led me to form a greater respect for what teachers do on a daily basis. Now I can see why teachers look forward to summer as much as if not more than the students.

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POSITIVE PAMPA HIGH School Spirit on the Rise



By Tess Kingcade

Praising the school doesn't happen very often so I have taken it upon myself to point out a few awesome things that have been going on this year. This column will be a recurring one where we will talk about positive things around campus. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please, drop it off in the LH comment boxes in the main office, or the li-

brary, or email me at tessk@cableone.net. Come on, guys, you know you want to.

First of all, school spirit has flown into space! Senior Tara Coffee's decked out green and gold truck is just the coolest, and if that's not school spirit then I don't know what is. And what about, "The Riot," that's what I am talking about. At all the football games I have been to this year all the "Riot" fans were just glowing with green and gold. You die hard football fans keep up the good work. In addition, Junior Janessica Buchanan aka "Harvie" is so crazy, she perfectly fits the role of our mascot, helping keep everyone fired up.

Next, the school is looking righteous from the ground up. The trees around the school look beautiful. Last

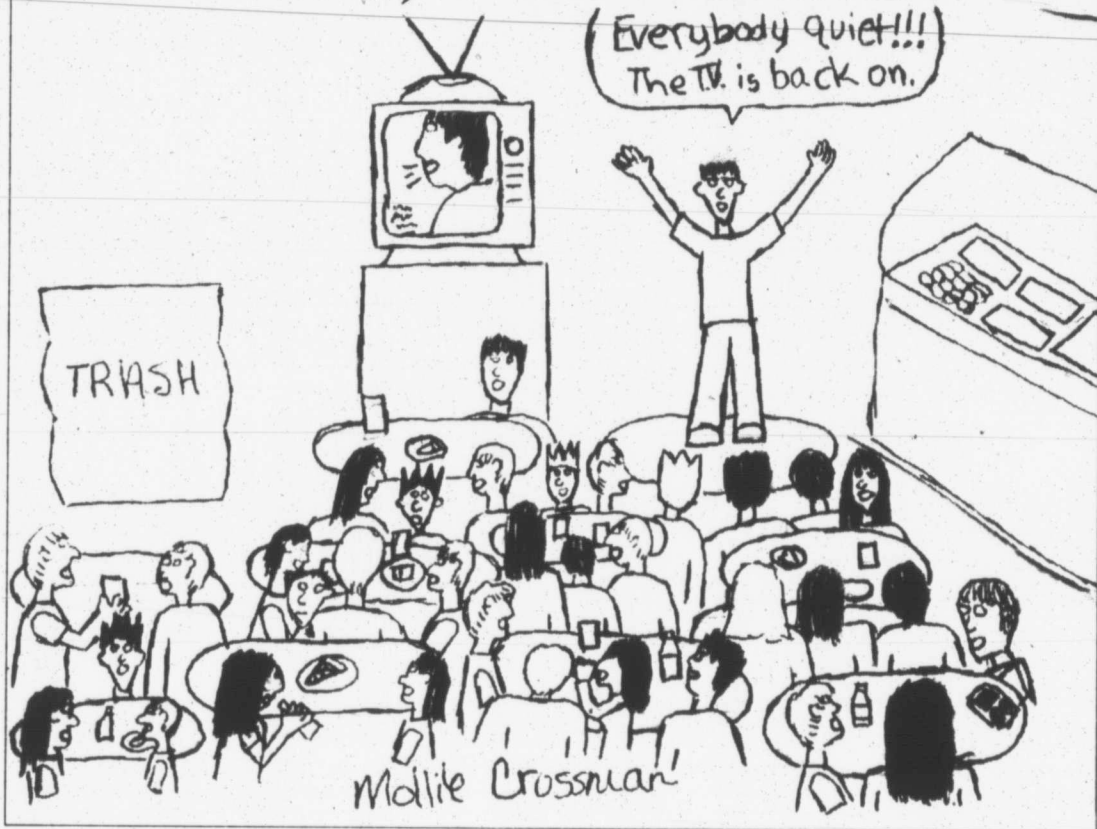
year's statue addition is still looking pretty grand, as it proudly looks over the front lawn. Also the latest addition, the "P" statue in front of the tennis courts, adds a new kick to the northeast side of the building. Thanks to Cabot and the Gerber family for making that happen.

Lastly, the brand spanking, new multimedia class is having great luck. The Harvest Time Productions are the most up-to-date thing to hit PHS classrooms. Congrats to Coach Parker and his crew for doing a great job.

Well kids, I guess I'm done for this time. Please send us your thoughts, and comments. So we can cheer on the mean green together.

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TV Now, Food Later



AGE REQUIREMENT AT CITY LIBRARY DISCOURAGING FOR TEEN READERS

By Price Hall

Everyone remembers their elementary school librarian giving his or her speech about how children shouldn't watch television all day long and rot their brains to useless mush.

That librarian taught us the importance of sitting down and reading a book instead. This is the key to becoming the educated young people of tomorrow, she said.

Well apparently, our lovely public library feels very differently about the

subject of young people wanting to read.

Ever since I was a little chunk of a child, I have been interested in books and have enjoyed reading just about anything. So naturally when I get bored, I tend to want to grab a book and read it. It just so happens recently that one day I got bored and due to my lack of money, I was forced to go to the library to get something to read. So I got my car keys and went.

After careful selection I chose a few books that showed promise. When I took them to the counter to check them out, I realized that the library card that I got when I was seven years old had somehow escaped my wallet and was gone forever.

No problem, I'll just pay a couple of bucks and get a new one and be on my way to reading my book. Then the ultimate insult was thrown at me.

on us, and some people are still trying to figure out how to flush a toilet. Comforting, huh?

With something to gripe about this is Kalen Gardner. Flush a toilet today or not, the choice is yours. -Kalen Gardner, 11

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'WE'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE EVERYONE HAPPY ...'

Reporter Reflects on Personal Experience with Newswriting Process

By Julie Thompson

Directions: You are a reporter for the Leaguetown Press, the student newspaper of Leaguetown High School. From the given information, write a news story as you would for the high school newspaper.

Writing Prompt: While cruising around town on a recent Saturday afternoon Press photographer Jim Matters, along with some friends, saw Leaguetown principal Ben Clinton's car parked in front of science teacher Mary Rodham's house. Rodham is single. Because Matters is a staff photographer,

he had been instructed to always have his camera with him. He did have his camera and pictures were taken of the principal's car in front of the house.

Last week the principal found out that Matters had the pictures that were taken and demanded that Matters surrender the pictures to him. Matters refused and Clinton has now barred Matters from graduating with his class next week. He also placed Matters in alternative school for the remainder of the semester.

Matters has filed a federal lawsuit against the school district and the principal for infringing on his right of free speech.

The lawsuit will be heard in Judge Harold Croner's court next Thursday, two days before Saturday's graduation. The next issue of the Press is scheduled to be distributed this Friday before the lawsuit is heard next Thursday.

I sat on the front row of the huge arena style classroom and tapped my foot

nervously as I read through that prompt given to me at the state UIL News Writing Competition in Austin last year. I could feel the vibrations of frantic scribbling from the wiry girl two seats down, already several paragraphs into the story.

I placed sixth in the state at that competition and I've consequently been offered scholarships. But the story I wrote and was faced with that day was far from positive - in terms of it being about something upbeat.

I tell you this, because in the month since our September issue hit the classrooms, we have been flooded by comments from adults (including teachers) that *The Little Harvester* is too negative.

I beg to differ. While over the past few years we've been told that we are not a real newspaper, we have still tried to conduct ourselves as so. Thanks to this, I knew what to write at that state competition when the time came.

We have been told that our paper is an educational tool and that, journalistically speaking, we don't dwell in the real world. High school students are not here to dig, dig, dig... we're not a real newspaper in spite of the fact that we deal with such ethical and weighty issues day in and day out.

I truly believe that if our staff had compromised our paper like we have been advised to do so at times, and only written about upbeat, positive things or "all things that make the school look good," I never would have made it to Austin in the first place... we should focus on that as an educational tool.

That story was purely about the ethics involved in journalism. I had over a dozen quotes to shift through, most based on hearsay... and all in 45 minutes.

Like it or not, our typical work day faces these issues constantly. We're not cheerleaders, we are journalists. We report the news... positive or negative. A good newspaper serves its community. The

high school students are our community, and we'll cover what our peers want to know, despite the fact that our paper is distributed around town.

Having said this, I would like to take the time to applaud our principals for not censoring our paper. High schools across the country have taken their newspaper problems to court to get freedom from censorship, and thankfully, we don't have that problem. So, many thanks for trusting us, Mr. Kendall and Mr. Barker, even when we make mistakes.

And, granted, mistakes were made. We printed inaccuracies. (See our corrections box on page 2). Several stories may have contained quotes that were too opinionated without enough quotes from the other side of the issue to provide proper balance. The news coverage as a whole was unbalanced with too many stories about the same topic.

We admit this entirely, and we're working on it. We've evaluated our pa-

per, and have taken steps to fix these problems. We circled every mistake we found with every journalist's best friend... the red pen. After finding all of the typos and identifying the one-sidedness, our paper is bleeding. We killed it. It's dead.

But hey, we're learning. We're working on writing more accurate, fair and balanced news articles. At the same time, as long as we're allowed to, we won't shy away from reporting stories that concern our readers, whether they be positive or negative events. This is our educational tool. Rome wasn't built in a day.

EB White, prolific essayist and co-author of "Elements of Style" makes an observation that every reader brings their own bias to news articles. So, in that respect, we're not going to make everyone happy. But quite simply, that's not our job. At least, not in the real world.

What is Your Favorite Halloween Memory?

"The time this old lady with a parrot yelled at me and said I was too old to trick or treat. I was only eight."

-Junior Sonya Voyles

"Two years ago I played a demon in the Hollowed House and I made a girl pee in her pants."

-Junior Shelby Crook

talk back

"When I was six, I dressed as Cat Women, and my mom entered me in a contest. I won sixth place out of 150 kids"

-Sophomore Lauren Winkelman

"I went to Amarillo to go trick or treating and got lost."

-Senior Tamara Silva

LUNCH TIME ENTERTAINMENT

New TV Installed In Cafeteria

By Mollo Crossman

Lunchtime music video entertainment became a new addition on campus this fall after cafeteria manager Debbie Keller decided to put a television in the eating area.

The TV was installed so that students would have a more relaxing environment, according to Keller.

"Since the first day of school more people have come into the cafeteria to eat and that was one of the reasons why I decided to have a TV in there," Keller said.

According to Keller, making the cafeteria more fun and decorating it up a bit will make kids want to be in the cafeteria.

"The only bad thing about the cafeteria is the tables. They need to put in more or bigger ones so all of them won't be so crowded," sophomore Cynthia Hernandez said.

But Keller is listening to students and making plans for more improvements to the cafeteria.

"I am going to decorate it differently every month to get it to look less like a cafeteria and we are going to start serving new food

like cheese sticks, foot long hot dogs and popcorn shrimp," Keller also said.

Although some cafeteria regulars said students mostly talk and don't watch the TV, others said that changing the atmosphere in the cafeteria has been a plus.

"I think the TV thing is a very good idea because it gives students something to listen to during lunch," junior Meredith Rollins said. "The only bad thing is they show CMT (Country Music Television) sometimes."

THEATRE CLASS TO PUT ON CHILDREN'S SHOW

By Price Hall

Each day the theatre production class meets at 7:00 a.m. to prepare for its upcoming productions. The group's first major performance is the play "Alice In Wonderland" which will be performed on November 13 for several hundred local elementary school students.

With a production of this kind, it allows the students to do things that they normally cannot do during the rest of the year.

"I get to make a complete idiot of myself. It's fun," senior Amber Bowers said.

The play will be performed several times throughout the day for the many children that will attend.

"I estimate that we should expect anywhere from 300 to 400 kids," director Heather Fuentes said.

Despite the laid back approach that some of the students take to the children's show, this group of students are very serious about what

they do. "I look forward to developing my characters and becoming a better actress," Bowers said.

In addition to the children's show, production class has a public performance of "A Christmas Carol" planned for the Christmas season.

"The children's show is always a fun experience," senior Kelly Tripplehorn said. "It also helps to raise interest in the theatre."

Upcoming Concert Dates

NOVEMBER

Nov. 3 **BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN**-American Airlines Center, Dallas

Nov. 4 **NO DOUBT, GARBAGE, DISTILLERS**-Smirnoff Music Centre, Dallas

Nov. 14 **BECK**-Will Rogers Auditorium, Fort Worth

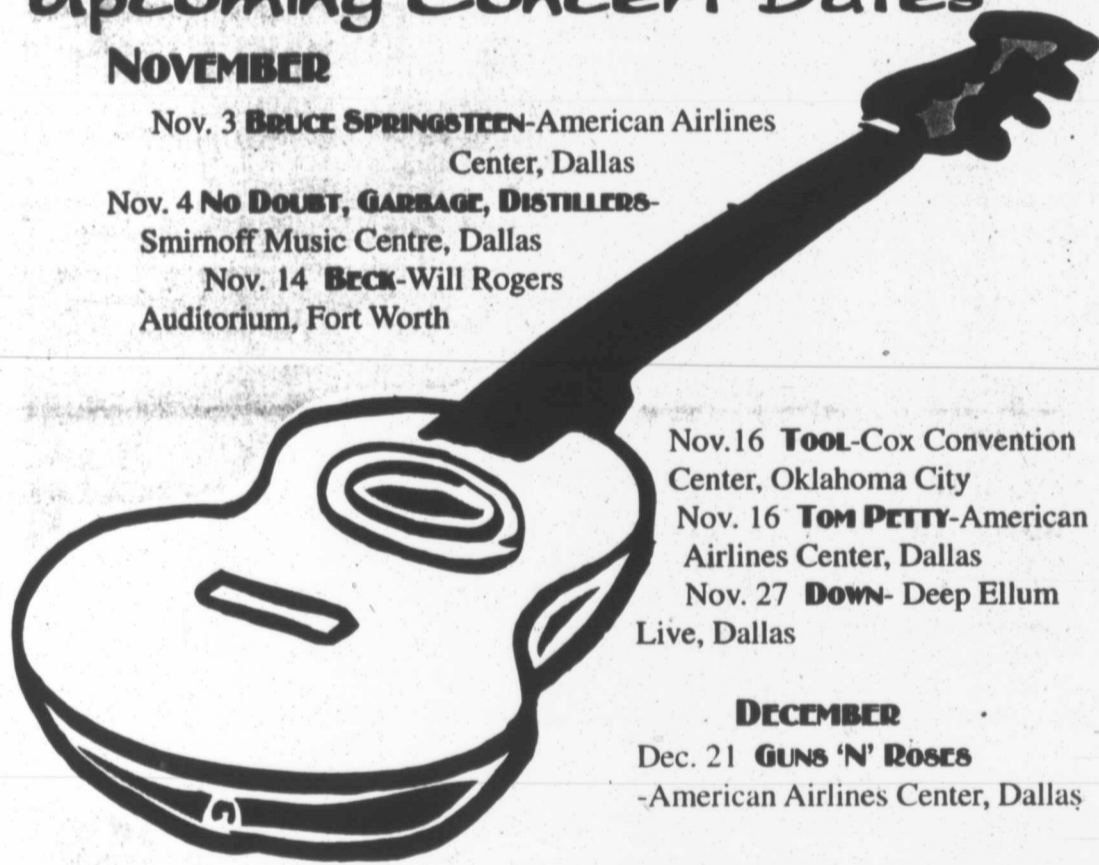
Nov. 16 **TOOL**-Cox Convention Center, Oklahoma City

Nov. 16 **TOM PETTY**-American Airlines Center, Dallas

Nov. 27 **DOWN**- Deep Ellum Live, Dallas

DECEMBER

Dec. 21 **GUNS 'N' ROSES**-American Airlines Center, Dallas



Movie Review

'THE RING' RATES NO. 1 IN BOX OFFICE



Courtesy Photo

By Price Hall

Title: The Ring

Director: Gore Verbinski

Producer: Walter Parks and Laurie Macdonald

Cast: Naomi Watts, Martin Henderson, Brian Cox

"Seven days..." That's how long you have to live after watching the cryptic video tape in this year's scariest new film, The Ring.

Based on the Japanese film "Ringu," this English language remake effectively causes us Americans to have similar nightmares. The Ring is advertised as a supernatural thriller along the same lines as The Sixth Sense. After actually viewing the movie, it became clear that The Ring far surpasses any ghost story that has come out in years, despite its PG-13 rating and a complete absence of blood and gore. The Ring still manages to scare audiences by building extremely creepy atmosphere and its well-written storyline.

The Ring only suffers from a few minor flaws, which include some very small gaps in the story that I felt should have been explained. These are the only things that keep the film from being a perfect horror film. I haven't been that freaked since sixth grade gym class.

I hope I have more than seven days to live, because I plan to make my way back to the theatre to see this great film a second time.

UNKNOWN BANDS DESERVE MORE RECOGNITION

By Price Hall

The shelves of record stores are filled with many strange and interesting musical choices that maybe some people are too afraid to give a chance. Some of these oddities deserve to be on your shelf, not collecting dust at some store.

For instance, the Pixies and Sonic Youth have been well known on college radio stations since the 1980s, but have never found mainstream success. Bands like the Pixies later went on to influence other well known bands like Nirvana.

There are many other bands that have amazing amounts of talent, but never achieve a solid mainstream audience (bands like the Flaming Lips, Tripping Daisy, the Jellyfish, and New Order). Most of these bands have a very devoted, but

small, following and all have given their own unique twist to the traditional rock format.

Whether it be through using unusual types of instruments, or just having a characteristic sound that separates them from others, these bands are those that are really pushing the envelope as to what kind of music can be produced.

Other bands may draw in a huge amount of people for live shows, but do not get any radio or T.V. airplay. Some of these bands include Phish and Dream Theatre. Most of the music of Phish consists of improvisation and long, extended versions of their studio material. Dream Theatre is a progressive rock band whose songs come together and form a story, kind of like an epic film without the visuals to go along

with it. Each of their albums are basically one long song, with each track pieced together to keep the record going without any stops.

A genre of music that is flooded with unknowns is punk music. This is mainly due to the fact that punk musicians normally want nothing to do with the corporate rock scene. A few of these bands rise to stardom and gradually gain more recognition. An example of these types of bands are A.F.I. and the Distillers. Most of the popularity comes from a relentless tour schedule and just going out and making themselves known.

No matter what kind of music, there will always be bands that deserve attention but don't receive it. So everybody, put down your Creed CDs and try something new and exciting.

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Local Venue Kicks Off Successfully

By Price Hall

The Rock Solid venue has been up and running for over a month now. A lot of work and two shows later, things are looking good for this small establishment.

"Yeah, we've pulled more people than we expected," junior Dennis Shuck said.

In fact, it appeared as though attendance to the venue is increasing with each show. The organizers of the venue put out countless amounts of promotional material and are constantly thinking ahead to the next show and how to make improvements.

The early October battle of the bands show was another success for

Rock Solid and fans seemed pleased at the show that was presented to them, despite one advertised band dropping out and Upperoom member Corey Bromwell sustaining a head injury on stage.

Supporters of the venue were left hungry for more musical entertainment. Believe it or not, Rock Solid already has another nationally known touring band booked for early November.

"On November 3 we've got Dead Poetic coming," Shuck said.

As a result, the venue can expect even more people to come to that show due to the popularity of the band.

"There should be way more

people there than the last two shows," sophomore and concert goer G.T. Ward said.

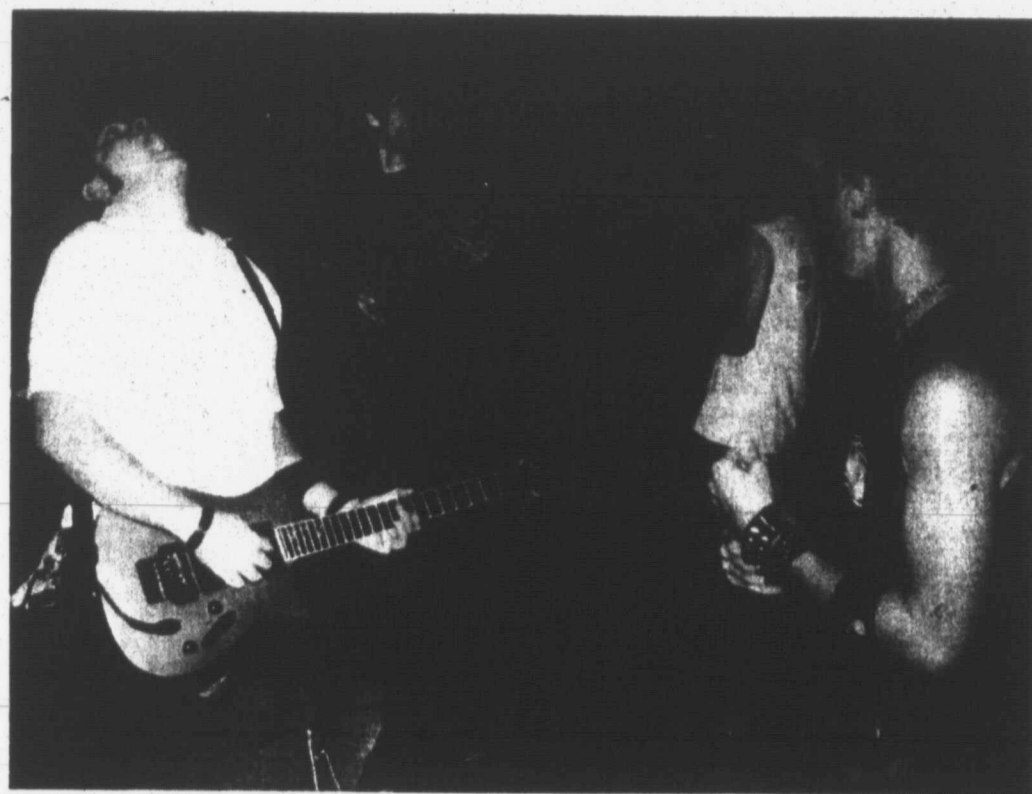
Those attending a show should be ready to brave the mosh pits if they really want a close and personal show.

In fact, the mosh pit seems to be the primary attraction for some people.

"I got beat up, and I probably beat someone else up. That's what you're supposed to do at concerts," junior Aric Luedecke said.

The next show at Rock Solid will be just as energetic, if not more so, than the last.

"When planning to come to Rock Solid," junior Brian Denney said, "Be sure to bring your dancing shoes."



BANG YOUR HEAD: Metal band Upperoom performs for an eager crowd at the battle of the bands show on October 12, at the Rock Solid venue downtown.

Top 10 CD's

1. **Eminem**
"Eminem Show"
2. **Elvis Presley**
"Elvis 30 Number 1 Hits"
3. **Disturbed**
"Believe"
4. **Lil' Flip**
"Undaground Legend"
5. **Nelly**
"Nellyville"



6. **Avril Lavigne**
"Let Go"
7. **Toby Keith**
"Unleashed"
8. **Dixie Chicks**
"Home"

9. **Cross Canadian Ragweed**
"Cross Canadian Ragweed"
10. **Disturbing The Peace**
"Golden Grain"

'THE WIZ': Preparation Begins For Choir Musical

By Brittany Brazile

Dorothy's back in the land of Oz with a whole new twist in the concert choir's current production of "The Wiz" which will be lighting up the M.K. Brown Auditorium stage November 22 and 23 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 24 at 2:30 p.m.

The show put on by the choir is nothing like the movie version of "The Wiz." The musical itself is a fantasy in contemporary form. Directors Fred Mays and Wanetta Hill will use their creativeness to jazz up the character's traditional clothing into costumes that come to life and leave more to the mind's imagination.

Casting a musical is a long and

drawn out process that requires patience according to Hill and Mays. The two directors spent about five hours outside of class casting the show. This year's cast of main characters includes: senior Kelsey Charron as Aunt

Em, senior Karissa Intemann as Dorothy, junior Derek Lewis as Uncle Henry, senior Bonnie Holmes as Addaperle, senior Jay Gerber as Scarecrow, senior Tyler Howard as Tinman, senior Mike Eskridge as Lion, senior Julian George as The Wiz, senior Brittany

Brazile as Evillene, senior Denise Mackie as Glinda, and Max the Brendal Scotty, owned by Jai Jai Porter, as Toto.

A countless amount of hours are put in to make the show all come together. Main characters practice

.....
Director Wanetta Hill

"The Wiz is an adaption of the Wizard of Oz."

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three nights a week in order to block and perfect each scene.

"It's a lot of hard work and dedication, but it is all worth it in the

end because of all the people you bond with along the way," Intemann said.

With 12 behind-the-scenes crew members and 88 people on stage, Hill and Mays use creative license to make the show run smoothly.

However, with a price tag of several thousand dollars and no school funding, the musical could not happen without the contributions made by the choir parents. Parents put in many hours of set painting and costume making for the show.

"The Wiz is an adaptation of the Wizard of Oz," Hill said. "But our show is more up beat and we are using a lot of help and creativity to adapt it to our needs."

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LET'S KICK IT

Students Talk About Where They Hang Out

By Matt Foust

Perhaps the element which best describes a group of friends is the location where they hang out. This place reflects their friendships, interests, pastimes, and individual personalities.

The locations that people relax at are just as varied and different as the students who stay there. A sense of community is attained through being with friends in a place where everyone feels comfortable. Whether they are on school time or their own time, students enjoy being in a location where they feel comfortable and appreciated.

"It (a hangout) represents the people you hang out with, the things you like to do, and your characteristics as a human being," junior Mac Smith said.

The places that students hang out at are wide and varied. The locations each have their own personality. This personality of the hangout is very closely related to the people that spend their time there.

"Me and my friends hang out at the flea market that we rent," senior Jesse Czesnowski.

While at school, students are more constrained as to what they can do and where they can do it. The limitation of space however, does not hinder the students' capability to have fun.

"At school we tailgate in the senior parking lot, and we have lots of crazy fun," senior Cassie Gibson said.

Another major characteristic of the hangouts that students visit is what actually happens at them. Students pro-



THE FOOT
Junior Cassie Gibson and her friends hang out at the flea market that they rent.

vide themselves with typical forms of entertainment while at their preferred hangout.

"We just watch movies, listen to music, and have fun," Czesnowski said.

Many times, a group of friends is not alone at their hangout because it is a public place.

"We go to the park until 11:00 and then we go to Peggy's Place to watch all the old drunk people get in fights," Gibson said.

Other students have the safety of others in mind when deciding on their location to socialize.

"It keeps us from being a fire hazard," senior Teryn Stowers said.

Despite all that goes on at a group of friends' hangout or even the hangout itself, many people choose their location for the same reason.

"All of my friends hang out there," junior Caleb Darling said.

Though the location of a retreat for friends is important, there would be no hangout if there were not friends.

"I don't think the place matters as much as who you're with and what you're doing," Czesnowski said.

WHOA, MAMA



Suck It Up: Senior Liz West feeds her seven-month-old twins Trae and Sierra Long.

By Tess Kingcade

The aroma of crushed up baby carrots, formula, and Johnson's baby oil are just a few of the smells senior Liz West lives with everyday.

West, a student at Pampa Learning Center, found out she was pregnant the month before she started her junior year of high school.

One of the hardest parts of learning she was pregnant was her parents' reaction. They were both very disappointed and shocked, she said.

As far as the actual pregnancy, West said nine months of being pregnant was exciting and stressful at the same time - especially when she found out she was going to have twins.

"I was scared but also the anticipation of the babies was overwhelming," West said.

On February 21, 2002, Sierra

Elizabeth and Trae Mason were born - the day Liz began her journey of becoming a mother.

"It takes a lot of hard work, and it is harder than you think," the 17-year-old West said.

The money is a whole different story.

The babies go through about six diapers each day (84 a week) with each 48-pack costing around \$7.

"It's a poopies situation," West said. A typical day for West starts at about 6 a.m., when she gets ready for school. At around 8 a.m. the babies wake up and she gets the bottles ready.

Next, she gives the twins their baths, and dresses them. She spends the next several minutes loading them in their car seats.

After dropping them off at daycare, she goes to PLC from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In the afternoon, West picks the kids up, and begins her afternoon schedule which includes feeding them, making her own supper, and changing diapers.

Finally she gets the twins ready for bed, and sings lullabies.

Before having the babies, West described her life as no worries, no responsibilities, and a lot of freedom.

Today, she describes her life as busy, stressful, and rewarding.

But as rewarding as it is having twins, West said it's still more difficult than she ever imagined.

She is very frustrated at the fact that teenagers aren't using her as an example.

She wishes young girls would use protection and be smart about the decisions they make.

"Please wait," West said. "You don't even know."

GOOD THINGS IN SMALL PACKAGES
Priceless Treasures Vary From Student To Student

By Cassie Newton
Guest Reporter

There are certain things people can't live without. For some it's water, for others it's food, and then there are those who find the simpler things of life as priceless treasures.

"I could never live without my little sister, because I love her very much, she makes me feel good about myself, and she looks up to me, and admires me," Senior, Carissa Knoll said.

While some students treasure their family, others can't live without their animals.

"I love my dog, Malibu, because she's cool, and I have had her forever," sophomore, Wesley Braglin said.

"I have had a teddy bear since I was little, I got it for Christmas, it makes me feel special," freshman Nakayla Courter said.

In addition there are those who have much smaller things they love.

"My dad left me his ring, it's cool looking my dad's uncle made it, it makes me feel normal," junior Jason Hogue said.

Sophomore Isabell Chaves, also shares her love for a ring.

"My grandma gave me a ring, and it means a lot to me," Chaves said.

Meanwhile there are some who cherish pictures.

"I have a picture Heather Burkhalter painted of a moon and shooting stars," junior Sarah Sawyer said.

"It symbolizes our friendship, it makes me feel important, because I know someone cares that much for me."

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ONE CLASSROOM AT A TIME: JANITOR DONALD FARRAR REGULATES THE HALLWAYS AND KEEPS THEM SAFE



Photos by Brittany Brazile

CLEANING DAY

Locking the doors (above) and mopping the halls (left) are just the beginning of Farrar's job.

By **Brittany Brazile**

For most of the students and faculty a normal day of work begins at around 8:00 a.m. but in the life of janitor Donald Farrar, a normal day starts at 5:30 a.m.

Farrar's day begins by cleaning the ISS room, drama room, counselor Gary Alexander's room, and ESL teacher Eunice Moreno's room. After cleaning and tidying up, Farrar unlocks the "Best of the West" doors for the driver's education students, and begins sweeping the front area of the school and picking up trash.

At around 7:00 to 7:15 a.m., calls start coming in for Farrar to unlock teacher's classrooms. As the tardy bell rings for class to begin, he goes to work locking outside doors in the building and sweeping up dirt and any other messes tracked in by people entering the school.

After sweeping the vocational building, as well as the first, second, and third floors, Farrar receives a 15 minute break from 10:30 to 10:45 a.m. and im-

mediately afterward goes back to work unlocking the doors for students to get in and out of the building for lunch.

"Sometimes things get wild, hectic, and crazy around here," Farrar said.

He is constantly sweeping the floors and rushing to clean up any mess that may occur around the school.

By the time lunch is over and 2:00 p.m. rolls around, it is time for Farrar to go home and put his hard day's work behind him.

Donald Farrar attended Lamar Elementary here for a few years, then moved and went to junior high at Idalou, Texas, and graduated from Mobette High School.

He currently lives in Pampa with his mother and brother, David, who works as a janitor at Wilson Elementary School.

In his spare time Farrar enjoys listening to bands like Fog Hat, Boston, Nazareth, and can tolerate some country. At other times he enjoys fishing at Lake Meredith.

"I love fishing," Farrar said, "but I've

only been once this year."

He also used to participate in outdoor sports such as softball.

"My spare time just depends on how my mom's doing," Farrar said. "She's a diabetic and is on oxygen 24 hours a day."

Despite his own circumstances, students around the school are always greeted by Farrar with "good morning" and a smile.

"Donald is a very nice person," Junior Chelsea Dyer said. "He is sometimes unappreciated in the way that people don't realize the impact janitors have on how schools run and (janitors) don't always receive the respect they deserve."

No matter what kind of day Farrar might be having, or whether it is Monday morning or Friday afternoon, it always seems as though he goes out of his way just to make someone else's day better.

"He always says hello," counselor Bobbie West said. "He's a very nice and friendly person."

MOVING VIOLATION Campus Resource Officer Explains How He Keeps Campus Traffic Under Control

By **Jared Dunham**
Guest Reporter

They're around everyday patrolling the campus.

Although most teens say they believe the police are out to get them, lurking behind every corner, campus resource officer Colby Brown explained what the tickets are given for and why the police patrol where they do and when they do it.

Most tickets Brown issues are for speeding, running red lights, and not stopping at stop signs.

"As much as the student body wants to think that I just pull over students, I pull over just as many adults for the same things," Brown said.

Brown said that he thinks that at times there may be more police patrolling the school than the rest of the town.

"At lunch time I'd say yes," said Brown.

The reason why, he said, is because one cop cannot be in five different places at once. More kids are likely to take side roads to speed on instead of Duncan, Harvester, or other main

streets that are patrolled more often making the need for more police out to patrol the smaller streets, he added.

"I don't search cars just for grins," Brown said.

A search is only done with probable cause. In fact, only nine MHTPs for tobacco have been written since school began, he said.

Officer Brown

"I've pulled over people I like, people I don't like and some that are office aides."

"This year the school received a grant to step up the enforcement of tobacco laws," Brown said.

And feelings are mixed as far as what students say about campus enforcement.

Junior Caleb Darling said he was pulled over last year on the one-way street in front of Valhalla. Darling says he was pulled over for "over excessive use" of his horn.

"Officer Brown wasn't too happy," said Darling. But Darling said that he was not pulled over based on his age.

"If I was an adult I still would have got a ticket for being stupid," Dar-

ling said.

Junior Chelsea Davis retold her police encounter when she was pulled over in mid-September.

"I got pulled over about two weeks ago for taking off too fast, rapid acceleration," Davis said.

Davis said that she believes the Pampa Police do stereotype teens.

"Cops think just because we're teenagers we're doing something bad," she said.

Davis also said she doesn't think that it is necessary to have as many police patrolling the school area and that the police may pull certain people over just to search their car for drugs, alcohol, or tobacco.

"Why be here when they could be pulling other people over who are doing harsher things than us?" she added.

As for certain social groups being targeted by the police more than another, Brown denies this happening.

"I've pulled over people I like, people I don't like, and some that are office aides," said Brown.

This year, Brown has issued 46 tickets, 29 warnings, and has gone on



Photo by Tess Kingcade

BAD BOYS, BAD BOYS! Officer Colby Brown stands by his car ready for the day's work.

calls to five major accidents totaling over \$1000 dollars in damages.

He said he usually issues one ticket at lunch each day and every car is equipped with a radar which catches a lot of speeders.

"I'm getting a lot of people doing 10 to 15 MPH above the speed limit," Brown said and jokingly added, "People

never do speed back to school, do they?"

When pulled over, Junior Amber Asher said she was told if she was pulled over again with her tags out she would get a ticket.

"There's other terrible stuff going on and they pull us over for our tags being out," she said.

But if your tags are out, Officer Brown said, he usually won't issue a ticket. He normally goes through the

parking lots and puts reminders on the cars who's tags are out so they can get them changed.

"My pet peeve is insurance. If you don't have insurance you will get a ticket," Brown said.

But he also wants to remind people that if they get stopped, it doesn't always mean there's going to be a ticket.

"For the people that don't know, I'm very forgiving," Brown said.

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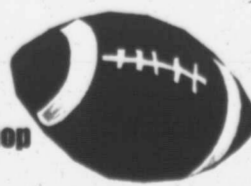
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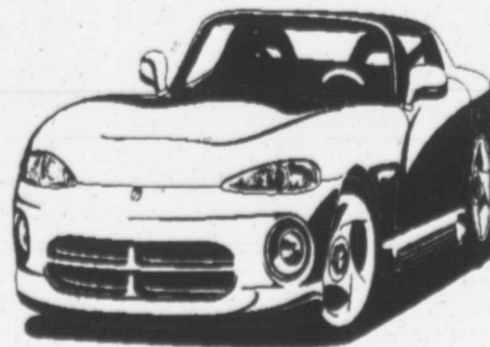
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FOOTBALL KEEPING PLAY-OFF HOPES ALIVE AT 3-2



FRIDAY NIGHT COIN TOSS: Senior captains Zach Cobb, Jered Snelgroves, Brandon McElroy, and John Braddock

By Matt Foust

The football team is now 3-2 in district with an impressive 6-3 overall record. With the help of an explosive offense, strong defense, and solid special teams, the outlook for the rest of district looks bright. Perhaps the key reason for the football team's success this far is an offense that has totaled 2,754 yards of total offense for an average of over 393 yards per game as of the Hereford game. The offense has also posted over 400 yards against Amarillo High, Borger, Randall, and Plainview. The catalyst for the production of the offense this far is the newly implemented pass-oriented offense.

"It gives our players an opportunity to compete successfully, and it goes well with our talents," head coach Dennis Cavalier said. "We're the only team that utilizes it in the manner that we do."

According to Cavalier, the percentage of called pass plays this year has been 70 to 80 percent. In the past, that number has been anywhere from 5 to 40 percent. The major reasons for the rise in pass attempts this year is senior quarterback John Braddock's 66 percent completion rate, junior receiver Johnny Moore's 615 receiving yards, and junior Jesse Tarango's 646 receiving yards for 5 touchdowns as of the Palo Duro game.

"The offense spreads defenses out a lot, and you don't have the ten man front," Braddock said.

The offensive line has also been strong so far. By providing protection for passing plays, the line is significant in helping the passing yards continue to rise.

"Our offensive and defensive lines have been the biggest improvement," Cavalier said.

The powerful offense has been backed up by a strong defense that has performed well. The defense has this far

been led by senior linebackers Zach Cobb and Curtis Pritchett as well as senior free safety Tristan Brown.

"I think we're getting better every week," Cobb said. "We've been playing together as one and working hard. We work hard all week to get ready for Friday night."

Often times it is the special teams that push a team over the top. This year's special teams have not let down the rest of the team.

"We're a really good combination of speed and power. They underrate us. We just need to work on the tackle after contact," senior Derrick Williams said.

With the combination of a high flying offense, strong defense, and consistent special teams, the rest of district play looks bright for the football team.

"I hope that everyone comes out and supports us," Braddock said. "They won't be disappointed."

GOLF OUTLOOK BRIGHT

By Amanda Rasmussen

The boy's and girl's golf teams both got off to an encouraging start this season with both teams placing well in their early competitions.

"For our first two tournaments we won both matches, the third tournament we had to forfeit, and our fourth tournament got cancelled due to weather conditions," sophomore golf member Stacy Pepper said.

According to coach Mona Freeman, one thing that may need to be worked on is their short game.

"For the most part the girls have

been pretty steady in their golf game," coach Freeman said. "They need to work on shots from a hundred yards in, but their ball striking has improved since the beginning of the year."

The guys also seem to have their own little flaws as well. After all, no team is perfect, and while there may not be consistent mistakes there are things they could improve on that may help their game.

"I think the greatest weakness for the boys team so far is fighting personal bad habits," junior golf member Gary Utsey said. "There's

nothing really that we all do persistently wrong."

Since it's just the beginning of the season, the team still has a lot of room to make improvements. The team's need for improvement does not seem to dampen the coach's goals to qualify for regionals and go on to state.

"Of course we want to qualify for regionals," Freeman said. "I think state is also very attainable, but we're going to have to buckle down and learn the rules of the game better."

CAPTAINS LEAD VOLLEYBALL

By Brittany Brazile

during practice or during a game.

"Putting others before yourself is being a leader by showing the rest of the teammates that you care about them," Stowers said.

The team practices everyday after school from 2:30 until 4:00 doing drills and focusing on what needs to be improved.

"The most strenuous thing about

can improve on and how to come together and work as a team. The team aspect is vital to their success.

"Coaching the team is a challenge because the youngsters on the team are young and inexperienced," head varsity coach Mike Lopez said. "But their time is coming. Next year they will be so much better."

As far as future plans for volleyball,

Williams is still going strong but Stowers is going to wrap up her volleyball career at the end of this season.

"I've received an invitation to try out to play on a team that will travel to Australia in July," Williams said. "But for now I'm playing my hardest and working on getting scholarships."

Senior Teryn Stowers

"Putting others before yourself is being a leader."

This year's position as captain on the girl's volleyball team is shared by senior Teryn Stowers and senior Angie Williams. Both girls have been playing volleyball and showing signs of leadership since their middle school years and have stood out in high school.

The volleyball team for this season consists of two seniors, four juniors, five sophomores, and one freshman. So far this year, Williams and Stowers have helped to lead the younger girls on the team to a total of eleven wins.

"In order to be a co-captain it takes a lot of hard work, dedication, leadership, and teamwork," Williams said.

Along with being leaders on the team, the two girls are responsible for coaching the younger girls whether it is

practice is that there is not enough intensity," Williams said.

Since the majority of the team consists of younger girls, Stowers and Williams are constantly showing what they

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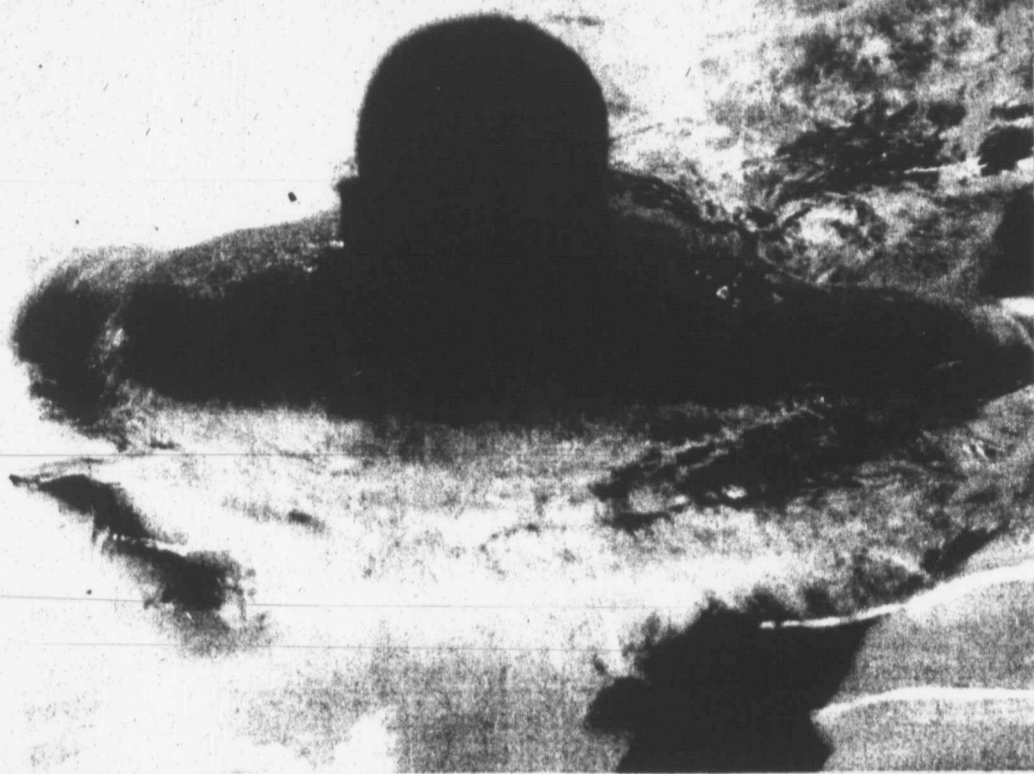
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SWIMMERS GIVE EXTRA EFFORT



swimming takes up more time than other extracurricular activities.

"Sometimes it is hard to find the time to do homework with late practices and swim trips on the weekends," senior team captain Jessica White said.

Though swimming is hard, it is not as horrible as it sounds.

"It is a blast hanging out with my friends and playing games on the long trips," freshman Wendy Stephens said.

For some of the athletes, their favorite part of swimming is the influence of coach Amy Howard.

"My favorite part of swimming, scary enough, is coach Howard," freshman Kandice Maddox said. "She pushes me to my limit to help be the best I can."

Coach Howard has had a major effect on all of the swimmers. With all that yelling, coach Howard has an amusingly squeaky, horse voice after the meets. Although to these athletes swimming is hard, time consuming, and exhausting, they would not have it any other way.

"Coach is an important part of this sport," junior Joe Johnson said. "I couldn't imagine swimming without her scrambling on the deck screaming go!"

GETTING THEIR FEET WET: Junior swimmer Alan Arzola practices his breast stroke at the youth center during a recent exercise.

By Jessica Hall

Waking up at 5:30 a.m. for weights, swim practice until 5:30 p.m., and three to eight hour trips on the weekends are some of the extra efforts swimmers put in. Swimming is not only physically demanding but also mentally demanding.

SELF-DEFENSE ALLOWS STUDENTS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES

By Benjamin Briscoe

In an era of rampant crime, self-defense classes have become a common practice for high school students.

"I have been taking self-defense classes for seven years now," sophomore Yolanda Young said. "I

started taking them because the idea of being able to defend myself was interesting to me."

These classes have several benefits that allow the participants to protect themselves.

"The classes build up my discipline and help keep me in shape," junior Max Vinson said.

There are however, several drawbacks to self-defense classes

however.

"I think the draw backs are the occasional injury you might receive during training," sophomore Jarred Busse said.

Despite the drawbacks, these classes come highly recommended and are gaining popularity.

"I recommend the classes to other girls, because some people will try to take advantage of you,

and self defense classes can help prevent that," Young said.

These classes are not just for girls.

"I think everyone should at least take a self defense course," ISS coordinator and local taekwon do teacher Gail Thompson said. "Before you leave home to go to college on your own, you should be able to defend yourself, or at least know what to do."

UNSUNG HEROES HELP ATHLETES



STUDENT TRAINERS: Freshman Kayle Patton and junior Samantha Conner.

By Amanda Rasmussen

As the spectators gather in the stands to watch the game on Friday night, the football players charge out onto the field taped in the appropriate places ready to play another game. Later on in the game, a few get thirsty and grab a refreshment neatly set out for them. Then at some point an offensive tackle comes in with a cut that is immediately fixed up. Having been released in minimal time, the athlete is ready to go again.

To someone just watching the game, this may all just seem to happen; however, these duties are all part of being a trainer.

"At a typical game we load everything, make sure the players are taped, and set stuff up at the sidelines," junior Samantha Conner said. "We also have to

be up at the games really early, and the freshman have to fill the water bottles for the football players."

The trainers in a way could be described as the unsung heroes of the football games. Without them, the players would not get the first aid they needed as fast or water when they were thirsty.

"All of the trainers have to go to the games," Conner said.

"During the game, we make sure no one is bleeding and that the bottles are filled. Then at the end of the game we make sure everything is clean and put up."

Being a trainer means sitting around and paying attention when nothing is happening but also being there for major injuries.

"The worst thing I had to deal with was a really bloody scratch on the arm," Conner said. "At this one Randall game, a player's hip popped out of socket and rotated."

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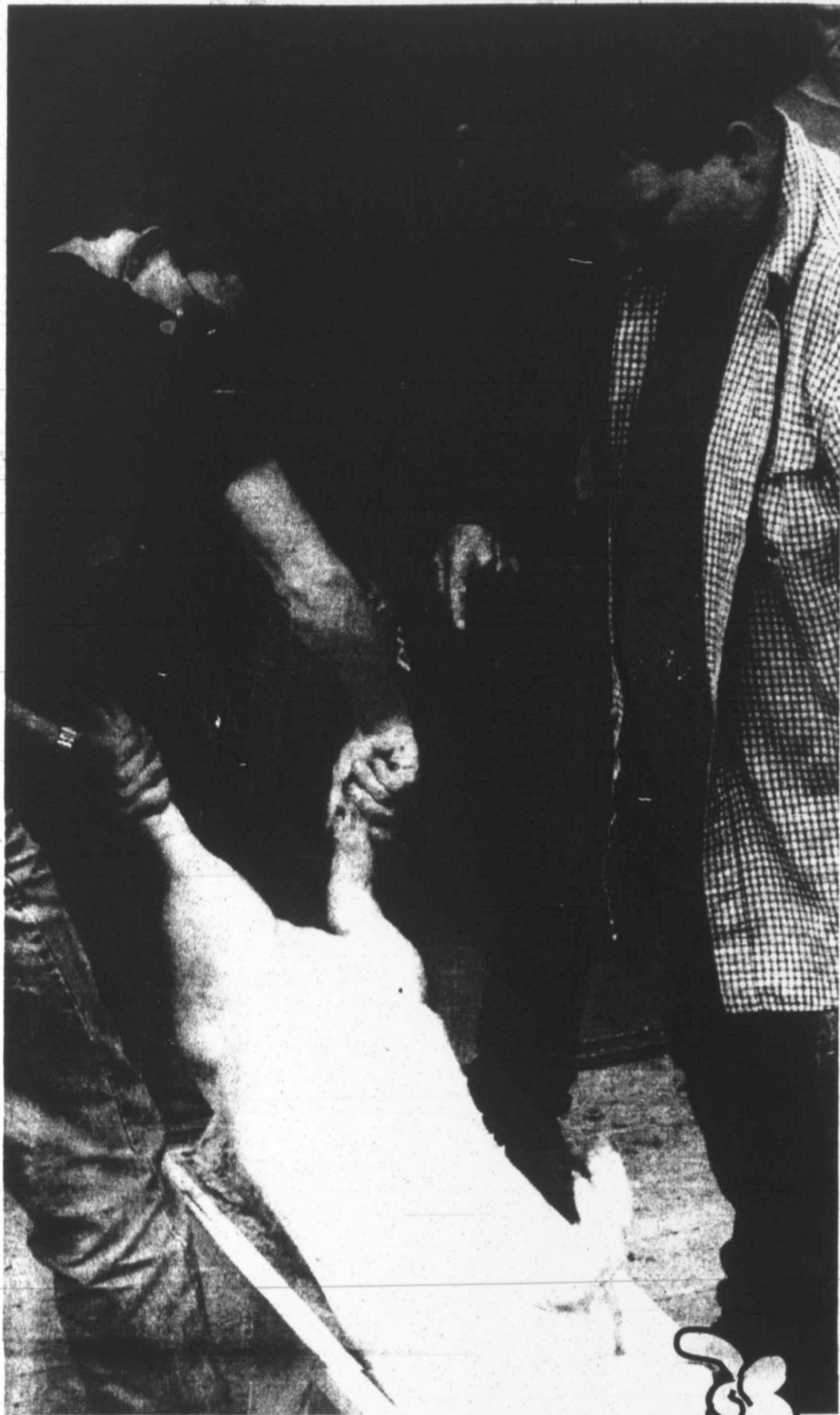
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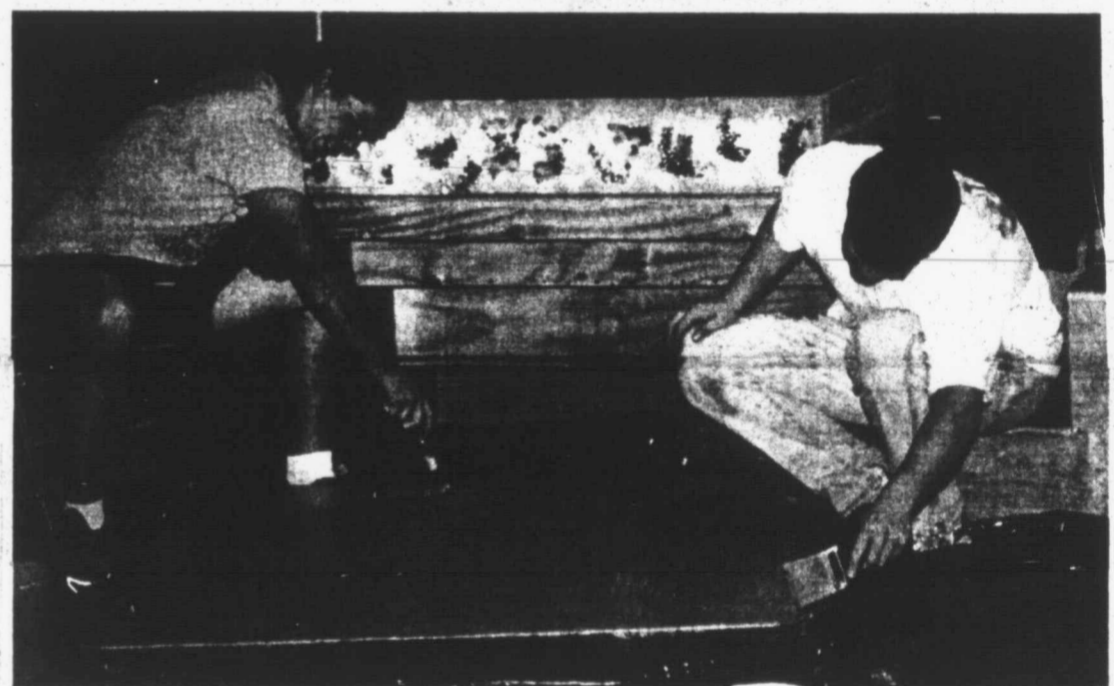
HERE PIGGY PIGGY: Junior Rucker and juniors Byron Light, and Jeff Trusty castrate a pig in Mr. Dunn's 3rd period Ag class.



COLORFUL FLOWERS: Senior Amanda Dyson paints a potrait in her 2nd period art class.

Hands On Learning

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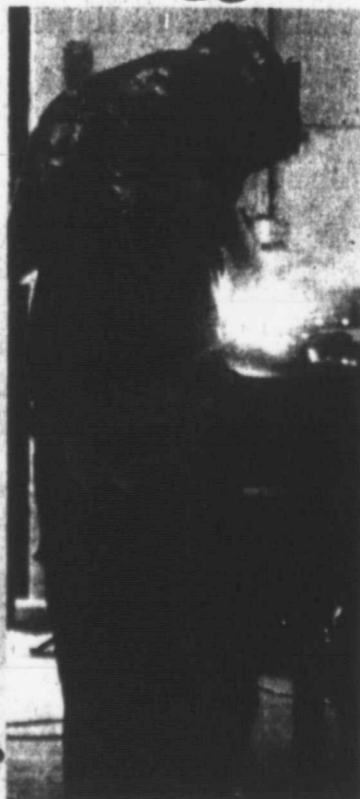
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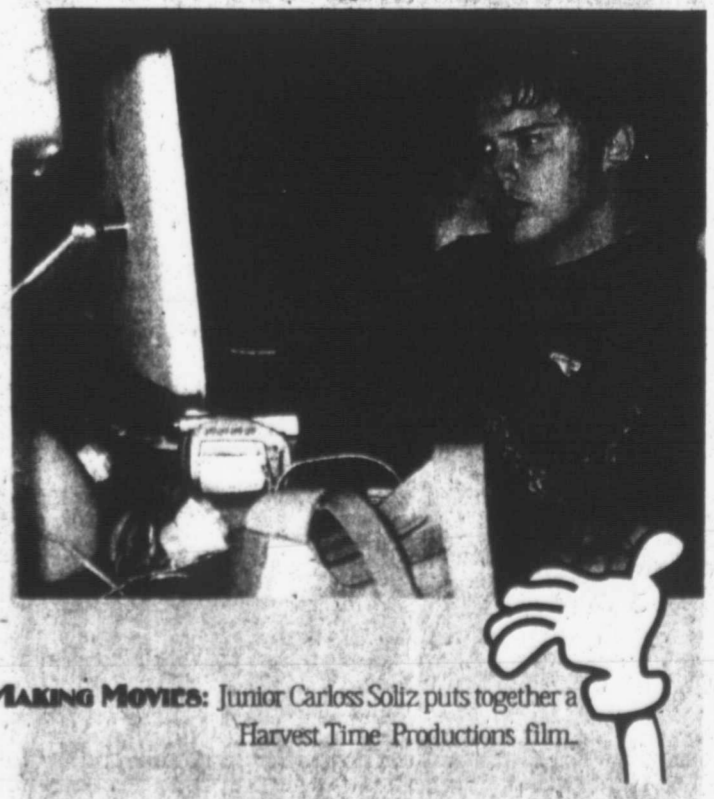
TUNE IT UP: Seniors Jordan Klaus and Landon Baker work on a truck in Mr. Holmes 3rd period auto tech class.



PASTE IT: Juniors Jasmine Cordova, Erika Cochran, Abraham Avila, Alfonzo Dominguez, and Michelle Qualls piece together a poster.



BLINDED BY THE LIGHT: Junior Ryan Willis welds in metal trades.



MAKING MOVIES: Junior Carlos Soliz puts together a Harvest Time Productions film.