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Pampa High School Harvester Basketball invites the public to the annual Baked Potato Dinner, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 8, at the PHS cafeteria. Tickets are \$6 at the door or from the PHS athletic department or basketball players.

STATE

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Mentally ill condemned murderer James Colburn was spared from the Texas death chamber after his lawyers filed a dramatic last-minute appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. Colburn, 42, whose paranoid schizophrenia became an issue in his appeals, was set to die just after 6 p.m. Wednesday for killing a woman in 1994 while trying to rape her.

DEATHS

Verl Hagaman, 92, former Pampa realtor.
Arthur B. Clark, 85, former Pampa firefighter and Shamrock businessman.
Ruth B. Huff, 87, former Pampa resident.

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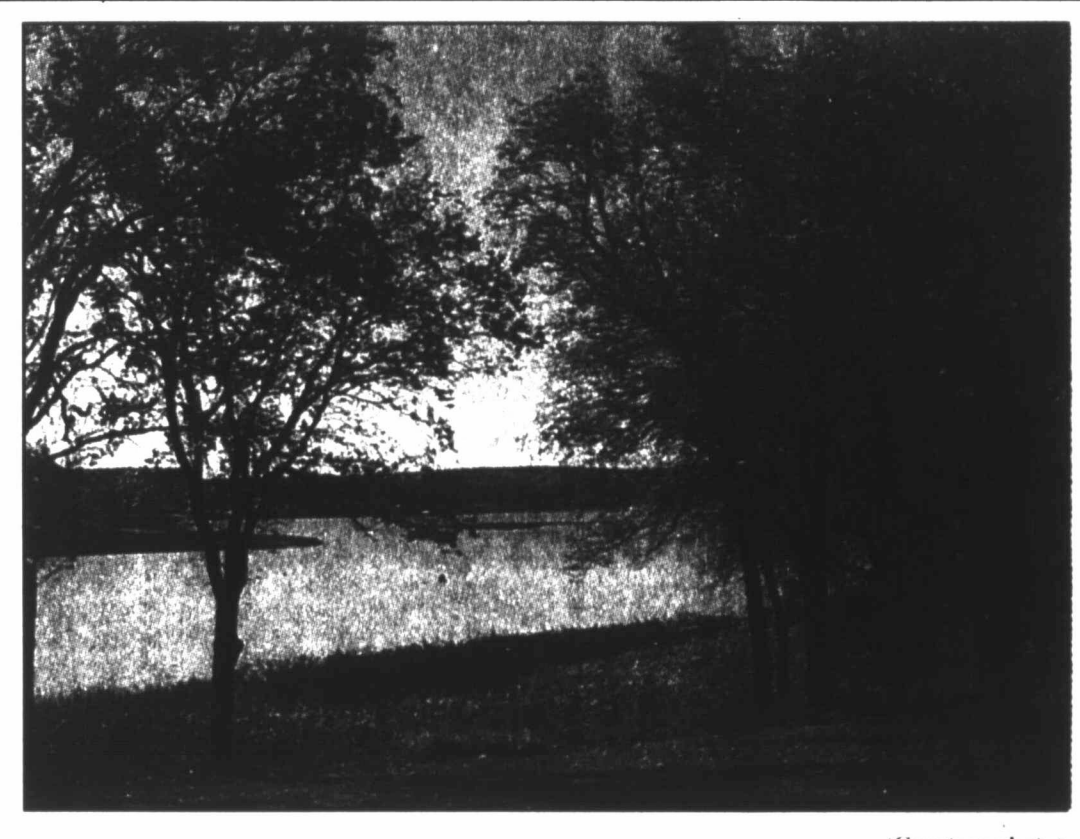
Two Amarillo men were in critical condition today at a Lubbock hospital following a Tuesday explosion in Pampa. Lyle Johnson, 49, and Michael Smail, 49, both of Amarillo, were reported in critical condition today at the University Medical Center's burn center in Lubbock with injuries suffered in an explosion at a Pampa home Tuesday.

Fire officials said cleaning fluid apparently ignited about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in the basement of the Dennis Stowers home, 1001 Deer Place, in northeast Pampa, burning both men. Authorities said Johnson was flown from Pampa to the Lubbock burn center by

LifeStar helicopter. Smail was taken by Rural Metro Ambulance to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo and later transferred to the Lubbock burn unit. Teresa Keller, the housekeeper and apparently the only other person in the home at the time of the explosion, was trapped in the house until emergency

workers could rescue her. Keller was on the second floor of the home at the time. Her husband, Leo Keller, said the stairway was completely blocked. "It was a miracle she got out," Leo Keller said. Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell said every room in the house was affected. Pampa Fire Marshal Gary

Stevens said the pair were apparently cleaning a concrete floor in the basement of the two-story brick home at the time of the explosion. The Pampa Fire Department dispatched five units and nine firefighters to the home. They reported extinguishing three small blazes in the basement caused by the explosion.



(Courtesy photo) Tree leaves at Lake McClellan are changing colors, and the lake is now about half full following the recent rains. Previously, completely dry, the lake now is standing at about 15 feet, according to Precinct 3 County Commissioner Gerald Wright. Many local lake lovers are enjoying the foliage changes while watching the lake rise.

Wheeler County grand jury indicts accused drug runner and burglars

WHEELER — A St. Louis woman is facing drug charges here after being stopped by Texas Department of Safety troopers and Wheeler County deputies in Shamrock. Niko L. Doss, 27, St. Louis, was indicted this by a Wheeler County grand jury on charges of possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver in connection with an alleged offense on Feb. 13.

an incident on Aug. 23. Thomas Nelson Lilly, Jr., 19, also known as T3, Shamrock, was indicted on charges of burglary of a building in connection with an incident on Aug. 23. Jackson Lee Lisle, 18, Shamrock, was indicted on charges of burglary of a building in connection with an incident on Aug. 23.

Wheeler County officers said DPS Trooper Jerome Ingles stopped the 2002 Ford Taurus that Doss was driving on Feb. 13, as she passed through Shamrock on Interstate 40. Officers said the eastbound car was apparently en route from California to St. Louis at the time it was stopped.

Shamrock Police Chief Joe Daniels said today that the investigation into a rash of late summer burglaries is continuing. Lisle was arrested the night that the 4 Sport store in Shamrock was broken into. Saldivar and Lilly were arrested the following day.

The routine traffic stop became a drug investigation after Wheeler County Deputy Scott Morgan and the sheriff department's drug sniffing dog Tanja were called to the scene. Officers said they found 52 grams of what appeared to be crack cocaine and two grams of suspected heroin. The Wheeler County grand jury also true billed three Shamrock men in connection with a suspected burglary ring. Ricardo Saldivar, 19, Shamrock, was indicted on charges of burglary of a building in connection with

John Nicholes Blalock of Edmond, Okla., was indicted on two counts of charges of burglary of a building in connection with incidents on Sept. 27. Wheeler County Sheriff's officials said that Blalock and a juvenile were arrested in Oklahoma in connection with a series of burglaries in the northern part of Wheeler County. Wheeler County Sheriff Jimmy Adams said Deputy John Burrell was the lead investigator in the case. He was assisted in the investigation by Deputies Morgan Hightower and Joel Finsterwald.

Craddick stakes claim to House speaker

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican Tom Craddick staked his claim to be speaker of the state House of Representatives today riding the election night success that gave the GOP control of the chamber for the first time in 130 years. Dozens of Republicans crowded around Craddick as he announced he had the support of a 102 members of the of the 150-member House. Republicans won 88 seats Tuesday. The House will formally vote on its new speaker when the legislative session convenes in January. Craddick, 59, would replace Speaker Pete Laney, a Hale Center Democrat who has been speaker for 10 years. "I will guide the House with a fair, even hand. No one will be shut out. Everyone will have their chance to do what their constituents sent them to Austin to do," Craddick said. When first elected in 1969, Craddick was one of eight Republicans in the House when Democrats ruled the state. Craddick is the chamber's

longest-serving Republican. In a statement, Laney said he was proud of his work as speaker and pledged his help to new members during what is expected to be a difficult session. Lawmakers face a budget shortfall of at least \$5 billion and problems with homeowners insurance, school funding and health care. "It is my hope that the Texas House will continue to serve as an example of bipartisan leadership and cooperation for the rest of our nation," Laney said. The speaker is crucial to what issues get addressed in the Legislature. He decides committee chairs, who either push through or kill legislation. He refused to commit to the socially conservative agenda that the Republican Party of Texas laid out Wednesday, including school vouchers, tougher abortion laws and a ban on gay marriages. Craddick did take one key position — he said he believed lawmakers could balance a budget without raising taxes despite the projected shortfall.

Voting totals hold no surprises

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

Precinct-by-precinct voting totals from early voting were included in the totals released Wednesday in the unofficial vote returns, but the precinct-by-precinct early voting was not released.

In the Precinct 2 County Commission race Willoughby won 791-449 over Jim Greene.

The following are the vote totals for Willoughby: Precinct 2, election day, 96, and early voting, 33; Precinct 10, Willoughby, election day, 197; early voting, 129; Precinct 13, election day, 198, early voting, 135.

Greene's totals were: Precinct 2, election day, 75; early voting, 33; Precinct 10, election day, 83; early voting, 38; Precinct 13, election day, 125, and early voting, 135.

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 and 3

Totals for Joe Martinez were: Precinct 1, election day, 132, early voting, 17; Precinct 3, election day, 40m and early vot-

ing, 12; Precinct 7, election day, 156, and early voting, 94; Precinct 11, election day, 174, and early voting, 121; Precinct 12, election day, 73, and early voting, 47; Precinct 14, election day, 358, and early voting, 183; Precinct 15, election day, 378, and early voting, 389.

Totals for Debbie Darby were:

Precinct 1, election day, 63, early voting, 3; Precinct 3, election day, 13, early voting, 1; Precinct 7, election day, 63, early voting, 49; Precinct 11, election, 43, and early voting, 30; Precinct 12, election day, 70, and early voting, 26; Precinct 14, election day, 95, and early voting, 70; Precinct 15, election day, 104, and early voting, 90.

County Judge

Totals for Richard Peet were: Precinct 1, election day, 118, early voting, 13; Precinct 2, election day, 78, early voting, 40; Precinct 3 election day, 35, and early voting, 2; Precinct 4, election day, 33, early voting, 6; Precinct 5, election day, 152, early voting, 18; Precinct 7, election day, 134, early voting, 77;

Precinct 8, election day, 402, early voting, 319; Precinct 9, election day, 216, early voting, 151; Precinct 10, election day, 179, early voting, 120; Precinct 11, election day, 148, early voting, 108; Precinct 12, election day, 67, and early voting, 38; Precinct 13, election day, 224, early voting, 134; Precinct 14, election day, 318, early voting, 167; Precinct 15, election day, 330, early voting, 314.

Totals for Greg Kurtz were:

Precinct 1, election day, 80, early voting, 6; Precinct 2, election day, 90, early voting, 29; Precinct 3, election day, 21, early voting, 29; Precinct 4, election day, 8, early voting, 3; Precinct 5, election day, 113, early voting, 6; Precinct 7, election day, 89, early voting, 67; Precinct 8, election day, 139, early voting, 128; Precinct 9, election day, 102, early voting, 85; Precinct 10, election day, 104, early voting, 48; Precinct 11, election day, 72, early voting, 48; Precinct 12, election day, 77, early voting, 92; Precinct 13, election day, 94, early voting, 92; Precinct 14, election day, 136, early voting, 89; Precinct 15, election day, 153, early voting, 175.

Productivity grows at 4 percent pace in third quarter

WASHINGTON (AP) — Productivity grew at a brisk annual rate of 4 percent in the summer. It was the strongest showing since the beginning of this year.

Productivity bounced back in the third quarter, after growing by a sluggish 1.7 percent pace in the second quarter of this year, the Labor Department reported today.

Gains in productivity are helping to keep a lid on inflation, an important factor for Federal Reserve policy-makers as they try to energize the sputtering economic recovery.

After holding interest rates at low levels all year long, the Fed slashed a key interest rate by a bold half percentage point on Wednesday, its first rate reduction of this year.

By lowering rates, Fed-policy-makers hope to motivate consumers to spend more and businesses to step up investment, factors which would boost economic growth as the holiday season approaches.

New claims for unemployment benefits dropped last week by a seasonally adjusted 20,000 to 390,000, the lowest level since early October.

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Milo	4.04	Halliburton	17.08	-0.87
Corn	4.52	Triad Hospitals	35.30	+0.65
Soybeans	4.95	NOI	21.83	-0.05
Sunflowers	9.00	KMI	38.30	+0.04
		XCEL	10.85	-0.39
		Kerr McGee	45.18	-0.21
		Limited	15.68	-0.21
		Williams	2.73	-0.02
		McDonalds	18.97	-0.09
		Exxon Mobil	34.66	-0.22
		Atmos	22.03	-0.37
		Pioneer Nat.	24.19	+0.02
		Penney's	20.14	+0.28
		COP	49.07	+0.07
		Schlumberger	43.08	-0.20
		Tenneco	5.25	-0.24
		CVX	68.77	-0.39
		Wal Mart	54.23	-0.11
		OKE	18.92	-0.43
		NS Group	5.95	0.05
		New York Gold	318.45	
		Silver	4.48	
		West Texas Crude	25.77	

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

Occidental	28.15	-0.05
Fidelity Magell.	NA	
Puritan	NA	

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

BP	37.55	-0.35
Celanese	18.97	-0.68
Cabot Corp.	24.85	-0.39
Cabot Oil Gas	22.49	+0.08
Coca Cola	45.08	-0.32

POLICE

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

Wednesday, Nov. 6
Randy Dwayne Cox, 22, 1033 Huff Road, was arrested on several municipal warrants. These include no drivers license, theft, disorderly conduct and failure to appear.
A found lawn mower was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.
A dog, a white boxer, was reported stolen in the 200 block of Kingsmill.
Shoplifting was reported at a store in the 1200 block of North Hobart. Diapers valued at \$20 were reportedly taken.
A mixed breed dog was reported stolen from the animal shelter. Estimate of loss was \$50.
Harassment was reported in the 700 block of North Russell.
An assault was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

SHERIFF

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

Wednesday, Nov. 7
Danny Tackett, 50, 125 S. Faulkner, was arrested for burglary of a building.
Brent Jeffery Williamson, 35, was arrested

for violation of probation. Original charge was possession of a controlled substance out of Wise County.
Charles Rocky Huff, 50, 1005 Love, was arrested for capias profine offenses, failure to appear and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

AMBULANCE

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

Wednesday, Nov. 6
7:55 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Doucette. One patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).
12:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Hobart. One patient was transported to PRMC.
6:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of North Hobart; one patient was transported to PRMC.
Tuesday, Nov. 7
12:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells. One patient was transported to PRMC.

FIRE

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

Wednesday, Nov. 6
6:10 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to an automobile crash at the intersection of 18th and Hobart.

CORRECTION

According to a Rural/Metro Ambulance spokesperson, the men injured in an explosion were misidentified by fire officials in Wednesday Page 1 photographs. The man walking in the top photograph is Michael Smail and the man seated in the lower photograph is Lyle Johnson, according to ambulance officials. Also, the paramedic with Johnson in the lower photo is Dee Foster.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for sunny skies and breezy conditions in the afternoon with highs in the mid-70s, and southwest winds 5 to 15 mph increasing to 15 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Caution is advised on area lakes this afternoon. Tonight should be mostly clear with lows in the mid-40s, and southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Friday should be mostly sunny, windy. Highs in the upper 70s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph increasing to 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 40 mph. Friday night, mostly clear. Windy. Lows in the mid-40s. Southwest winds 20 to 30

mph with gusts to 40 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy. Windy. Highs in the mid-70s. West winds 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 40 mph. Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid-40s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Sunday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid-30s. Veteran's Day, mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid-50s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid-50s. Tuesday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid-30s. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.

STATEWIDE

Texans likely will have little need for an umbrella for the next day or two, according to the National Weather Service forecasts for the state.
Some patchy fog is possible along the Texas coast, but that's the closest thing to precipitation in the state's weather forecast through Friday.
Weather conditions were clear and cool across North Texas on Thursday morning, with temperatures mostly in the 40s except for a few readings in the 30s in eastern sections. Extremes were 43 at Abilene and 34 at Nacogdoches. Winds were generally calm.
Clear skies and cool temperatures were also

the case for West Texas and South Texas. Temperatures were in the 30s and 40s across West Texas, with temperatures ranging from 31 at Dalhart to 46 at Guadalupe Pass in far West Texas. Southwest winds of about 15 mph resulted in extra warmth in the mountains.
Across South Texas, temperatures Thursday morning ranged from the 30s in the hill country to the 50s along the lower Texas coast. Galveston had the warmest reading of 54, and Junction had the coolest reading of 35.
In West Texas, the highs should be in the 70s for the north half of the region. From the Midland-Odessa area south, highs should be in the 80s.

Prosecutors seeking to keep drug for weapons suspect behind bars

HOUSTON (AP) — Prosecutors will ask that bond be denied for the man accused of being the primary U.S. contact for an alleged \$25 million drugs-for-weapons scheme designed to arm a Colombian terrorist force.
Uwe Jensen, a white-haired, 66-year-old Danish-American, appeared briefly in Houston federal court Wednesday after his arrest. A bond hearing was set for Friday morning, but Assistant U.S. Attorney Stuart Burns said the government wants to keep him behind bars.
"He and (fellow suspect Carlos) Romero both have traveled to Colombia and met with members of the AUC," Burns said, referring to the Spanish acronym for the United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia.

finalize a deal with what turned out to be U.S. undercover agents.
Lopez and Emilio are suspected AUC members. All were arrested Tuesday.
U.S. prosecutors expect the three other defendants to join Jensen in Houston's federal detention center once they go through the extradition process.
The four are charged with conspiracy to distribute cocaine and conspiracy to provide material support and resources to a foreign terrorist organization, charges that could carry up to life in prison, U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft said.
"This investigation establishes the undeniable link between illegal narcotics trafficking organizations and international terrorism," U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Texas Michael Shelby said in a statement.
"We cannot avoid the conclusion that drugs are the currency of terror."
Ashcroft said the investigation by the FBI and Drug Enforcement Administration ensures "narco-terrorists from South America to Southeast Asia are less able to threaten American lives and American security."
The men were in Costa Rica to finalize a transaction that would have traded cocaine and cash for five

containers of Russian-made weapons, the Justice Department said. The weapons included anti-aircraft missiles and rocket propelled grenade launchers intended for the AUC.
The group is estimated to have more than 8,000 paramilitary fighters with operations ranging from cocaine distribution to assassinations, the Justice Department said. The Colombian National Police say the AUC was responsible for 804 assassinations, 203 kidnappings and 75 massacres in a 10-month period, according to Shelby's office.
Jensen and Romero, caught on undercover tapes admitting to being a drug dealer with AUC connections, were arrested based on a criminal complaint filed in Houston on Friday and unsealed Wednesday.

The AUC, considered a terrorist organization by the United States, is comprised of militias that have been accused of carrying out massacres in Colombia's civil war.
Jensen was arrested in the Houston area. Romero, a 43-year-old who has frequented Houston on a business visa, and fellow Colombians Cesar Lopez and a man known as Commandant Emilio were arrested in San Jose, Costa Rica, after traveling there to

OBITUARIES

VERL HAGAMAN 1910-2002

Verl Hagaman, 92, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2002, at Wichita Falls, Texas. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.
Mr. Hagaman was born Feb. 28, 1910, in Tyrone, Okla. He married Carmelita Turman on Dec. 29, 1935, in Liberal, Kan. She preceded him in death in 1991. He came to Pampa in 1940 from Garden City, Kan. He was district supervisor for Texas Ideal Food Stores for 34 years, retiring in 1970. He then received his realtor's and broker's licenses, and worked for Hugh Peoples Realtors and First Landmark Realtors for 29 years, until retiring and moving to Wichita Falls in 1999.
He was president of the Pampa Board of Realtors in 1972. He was a member of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce and the Gold Coats. He was a member of the Pampa Lions Club where he received his 50-year monarch award.

He was a board member of the Pampa Senior Citizens Center and was chairman of the United Way Campaign in 1971. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Men's Fellowship Sunday School Class.
He was preceded in death by five sisters and three brothers.
Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Joan and Don Lynch of Wichita Falls; and numerous nieces and nephews.
The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981; or the W. Earl and Emma White Hospice Center, 4909 Johnson Rd., Wichita Falls, TX 76310.
The family will receive friends from 5:30-7 p.m., on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2002, at the funeral home.
www.carmichael-whately.com

ARTHUR B. CLARK 1917-2002

AMARILLO — Arthur B. Clark, 85, died Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2002. Services were to be at 10 a.m., today in First Baptist Church Chapel with Dr. Howard Batson officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Amarillo under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors of Amarillo.
Born Aug. 24, 1917, at Dresden, Texas, Mr. Clark graduated from high school at Corsicana and attended Texas Christian University. He married Monta Gorham on Aug. 24, 1935, in Navarro County; she died in 1998.
He retired as a fireman for the City of

Pampa in 1980. He also owned-operated Clark's Appliance Service and Western Auto Stores in Shamrock and Commerce.
He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the military police during World War II, and belonged to Masonic Lodge #966 in Pampa.
He was a member, outreach leader, and volunteer at First Baptist Church and volunteered with Integrated Health Services as well.
Survivors include three daughters, Annette Taylor and Lamoyne Garrison, both of Amarillo, and Deborah Edwards of Del Norte, Colo.; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

RUTH B. HUFF 1915-2002

SAN ANTONIO — Ruth B. Huff, 87, died Sunday, Nov. 3, 2002, at San Antonio. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Monday, Nov. 11 in Memory Gardens at Pampa. Arrangements are under the direction of Roy Akers Funeral Chapels in San Antonio.
Mrs. Huff was born Jan. 8, 1915, at Castell, Texas, to Oscar and Beulah Wilson Huff.
Survivors include a sister, Helene H. McCormick of San



Antonio; a nephew, Robert McCormick of San Antonio; and a cousin, Agnes Hefner of Marble Falls.

SERVICES TOMORROW

SCHMIDT, Ellen Cunningham — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Miami.

Texas Pacific Group part of consortium

LONDON (AP) — Diageo PLC, the world's largest spirits company, said Thursday that the U.S. investors to whom it plans to sell its Burger King business want to make changes to the deal.

Diageo said talks about possible revisions in its agreement with the consortium — comprising Texas Pacific Group, Bain Capital and Goldman Sachs Capital Partners — were to start immediately and would continue over the next few weeks.

The consortium has asked for changes "in the light of the conditions existing in Burger King's markets and the buying group's judgment of their potential effects under the agreement, including their potential effects under its financing," Diageo said.
The investor group agreed in July to buy Miami-based Burger King for US\$2.26 billion. Burger King is the No. 2 fast-food chain after McDonald's, with more than 11,400 restaurants worldwide.

A source knowledgeable about the deal said that both sides are committed to the sale. The buying group might want to renegotiate the price, due to the economic downturn, or it might be experiencing problems raising money to pay for Burger King, the source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

City Briefs

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Analysts gloomy despite rate cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — After the Federal Reserve tried boosting the wheezing economy with an interest rate cut for the first time this year, private economists offered mixed opinions on whether more may be needed.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues on Wednesday prescribed a half-percentage point reduction to the federal funds rate, the Fed's main lever for influencing the economy. That pushed the funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other on overnight loans, to a 41-year low of 1.25 percent.

In response, some commercial banks lowered their prime lending rate — a benchmark for many consumer loans — by a similar half-point to 4.25 percent, the lowest rate since 1959.

By lowering short-term interest rates, Fed policy-makers hope to motivate anxious consumers to spend more and wary businesses to invest more, energizing economic growth.

"I think the Fed recognized that the consumer is getting near the end of their ropes," said economist David Jones, author of "Unlocking the Secrets of the Fed."

The Fed said Wednesday's rate reduction "should prove helpful as the economy works its way through this current soft spot."

With interest rates already at low levels all year long, some private economists wondered whether Americans would rush out on a major buying binge. But many believed the rate reduction would provide consumers and businesses with a much-needed psychological boost, reducing the odds that they would sharply cut spending and investment and throw the economy into a tailspin.

"Consumers are hanging in there, but with increasingly less conviction," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com. "They are continuing to buy if given what they consider to be once-in-a-lifetime deals, but otherwise they are very cautious and thinking about pulling back further."

Zandi and other economists believed the bold, half-point rate reduction probably meant the Fed would stay on the sidelines for the next few months. But other economists said they thought a further reduction could come at a policy-makers' meeting either in December or January.

"If things improve and a possible war with Iraq recedes, then they may not have to cut rates again. But my guess is that we will get another quarter-point move in January," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's.

Economists, however, didn't believe the Fed wanted to create an expectation that rates would be moving even lower. The Fed on Wednesday returned to a neutral policy stance — indicating that economic risks were equally balanced between inflation and weak growth.

Stage set for China's Communist Party Congress

By TED ANTHONY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BEIJING (AP) — Awash in communist red, China's increasingly Westernized capital mobilized Thursday for a landmark party congress, deploying banners and palm fronds on Tiananmen Square and tightening security as a nation in transition prepared itself for a new generation of leaders.

"Beijing has got everything ready," the official Communist Party newspaper People's Daily said a day before the 16th Party Congress convened. "The capital at night looks resplendent, lustrous and brilliant everywhere."

Even as government-controlled media touted China's dynamic progress, the congress remained veiled in secrecy and calls for reform echoed from inside and outside the country. Activists used the spotlight to push their views.

During the congress, held once every five years, President Jiang Zemin, 76, is expected to retire as party general secretary and yield to

Vice President Hu Jintao, 59, who most predict will also replace Jiang as president next year.

Congress spokesman Ji Bingxuan said Hu was named to lead the party congress Thursday. Being named leader of the congress wasn't an indication that Hu is any closer to taking over as party boss. He held the same post at the last congress held five years ago. However, it might have signaled that Hu's position was uncertain if a rival had been put in charge of the congress instead.

Jiang ascended to the top party post in 1989 at the behest of Deng Xiaoping, who began the country's economic reforms after Mao Zedong, the founder of communist China, died in 1976.

Delegates also may change China's constitution to reflect Jiang's invitation last year to entrepreneurs to join the Communist Party, established 81 years ago as the "vanguard of the working class."

As the congress begins, China finds itself in the throes of a systemic transition from a planned communist economy to a profit-driven one, the exten-

sion of reforms introduced two decades ago by Deng. Some Chinese are far richer than before, but many others have lost jobs they held for a generation.

The reforms have reshaped Chinese society into an unprecedented blend of communist sloganeering and Western-style commercialism that the government calls the "socialist market economy" — a system that heralds fundamental changes in, and possibly the eventual end of, communism in China.

You wouldn't know that this week in Beijing, where the carefully calibrated message is one of Chinese communism adeptly keeping in step with changing times.

The government says it hopes publicity about the congress highlights China's strides forward — its application of Deng's principle of "gaige kaifang," or "reform and opening up."

"We hope the world will get a full picture of China," Foreign Ministry spokesman Kong Quan said this week.

State media overflowed with reports of preparations Thursday as party members streamed in to Beijing and

hotels brewed up special recipes for ethnic minority delegates. Party vehicles have undergone stringent inspections and, the government said, are "even decorated and beautified with fresh flowers."

The official Xinhua News Agency reported a "red readings fever" across the capital, saying communist publications were being snapped up by the public. Theaters featured communist movies. "University students love to study party history," enthused the Beijing Youth Daily.

China has also made a point of inviting foreign reporters to cover the congress and has opened a plush media center filled with publications that trumpet the party line. By Wednesday, 1,375 journalists, foreign and Chinese, had applied to cover the congress, officials said.

Secrecy and sensitivity ruled. Roads closed and sirens blared across central Beijing as the country's many security agencies deployed officers and flexed muscles. Even the congress' end date was treated as a closely guarded fact until Thursday, when its Nov. 14 conclusion date was announced.

StoryPatch



(Courtesy photo)

StoryPatch Theater presented "The Tale of Pecos Bill" to local elementary schools as well as several surrounding elementary schools. The presentation combined theater, puppetry, and song to bring a valuable lesson to the students. In this photo they present "The Tale of Pecos Bill" at Wilson Elementary teaching students about legends, tall tales, the old west, and cowboys. The performances were funded in part through grants from the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Californian going strong at ripe age of 113

SAN PABLO, Calif. (AP) — She's strong-willed and had a taste for Twinkies and KFC dinners well past her 110th birthday. Meet 113-year-old Mary Christian, a California woman now believed to be the oldest American.

Christian received the title last week from the Gerontology Research Group, a nonprofit collection of volunteer demographers who study aging and chronicle those who age long and gracefully.

The group said she became the nation's eldest resident after last week's death of Mary Parr, 113. After Parr's death, John McMorran, also 113, held the title briefly until Christian's age was confirmed.

Born in Taunton, Mass., on June 12, 1889, Christian now holds the distinction all to herself.

"She's physically in good health. She's always astounding her doctors," said her great-granddaughter, Sharon Hanney. "She had a cold when she was 102 and got over that."

Christian moved with her family from Massachusetts to California at age 10. She was

working in a Richmond chocolate factory when the 1906 earthquake hit, and she recalled for relatives that the boss let employees take bits of the broken sweets home after they fell on the floor from the shaking.

Christian's two sons are dead, but her family includes 14 grandchildren and more than 30 great-grandchildren, said Michael Rinna, whose wife is a niece of Christian's.

Christian now lives at the Creekside Care Center in San

Pablo, an eastern suburb of San Francisco. Only a few of her closest relatives can hold a conversation with her, as she only recognizes their familiar voices, Hanney said.

Christian has lost much of her vision, and essentially is bedridden, but retained her taste for fast food until two years ago.

"She used to be just crazy about Kentucky Fried Chicken. We would take her KFC," Hanney said. "She also loved Twinkies."



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Actress Ryder found guilty of felony theft

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Winona Ryder has been convicted of felony theft charges for her now-famous shopping excursion at a Saks Fifth Avenue store, but that doesn't mean the actress will spend any time behind bars.

Prosecutor Ann Rundle said probation, community service and restitution are the probable penalties for Ryder after she was found guilty Wednesday of stealing more than \$5,500 worth of merchandise at the Beverly Hills store last year.

"This case was never about jail time," Rundle said. "We wanted Ms. Ryder to take responsibility for her conduct."

The jury convicted her of grand theft and vandalism, the latter charge for cutting sensor tags off merchandise. The charges carried a maximum sentence of three years in prison, but Rundle pointed out it was Ryder's first offense and not a violent crime.

Juror Walter Fox told NBC's "Today" show Thursday that jurors had "some heated conversations, but there were really no major differences."

The most damaging evidence, he said, was the videotape of her leaving the store and the testimony that when she was apprehended "she had merchandise that belonged in the store that had not been paid for and some of it had been vandalized."

Ryder was a portrait of composure as the verdicts

were read. She wore a muted deep purple coat dress and black hair band and showed no emotion. As she was waiting for an elevator in the Beverly Hills courthouse, she was asked how she felt about the verdict.

"Thanks for asking," she said. "I just can't talk right now."

Her attorney, Mark Geragos, said he would have no comment until after sentencing on Dec. 6. He intends to file a motion for a new trial before sentencing.

Ryder is a two-time Academy Award nominee whose credits include "Mr. Deeds," "Reality Bites" and "Girl, Interrupted." The trial made her the topic of tabloid headlines around the world and provided a glimpse into the life of a Hollywood celebrity.

There were slight gasps in the courtroom when the prosecutor unveiled an \$80 pair of socks, a thermal shirt for \$750, purses for over \$500, a hair band for \$140 and a Gucci dress for \$1,595.

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Americans have it better than ever

In his Oct. 20, 2002, New York Times Magazine article titled "For Richer: The Disappearing Middle Class," Princeton University economist Professor Paul Krugman wrote, "For the America I grew up in - the America of the 1950s and 1960s - was a middle-class society, both in reality and in feel. The vast income and wealth inequalities of the Gilded Age had disappeared. ... Daily experiences confirmed the sense of a fairly equal society. The economic disparities you were conscious of were quite muted."



WALTER WILLIAMS
COLUMNIST

the Time." Let's take a small sample of their evidence.

Krugman's vision of income inequality and the disappearing middle class is an excellent example of the classroom propaganda college professors use to exploit America's immature and inexperienced youth. Let's look at it.

A no-brainer is that, if the middle class has disappeared or is disappearing, it means that America has become or is becoming a nation where there's only the rich and the poor - like a Third World country. I'd like to see Krugman's evidence.

Krugman sees the '50s and '60s as a time of a "fairly equal society." Even if his observations were factually true, so what? Does it mean that the average person enjoyed a higher standard of living? The fact of business is that the 20th century has been the best ever for all Americans. Cato Institute scholars Stephen Moore and the late Julian Simon document this in "It's Getting Better All

The average life expectancy in 1900 was 47 years. Today, it is 77 and rising. The infant-mortality rate has dropped from one in 10 to one in 150. Americans who're considered poor have routine access to a quality of food, health care, consumer products, entertainment, communications and transportation that even the Vanderbilts, Carnegies and Rockefellers could have only dreamed of.

Rich people have always had servants to spare them the drudgery of having to beat the dust out of rugs; the advent of vacuum cleaners spared the common man of that kind of drudgery. Henry Ford became very rich, but the benefits reaped by the common man by being able to afford an auto trivialized whatever gains were reaped by Ford. Air conditioning and air travel, as late as the '50s, were something for the well-to-do; now, half the poor people have air conditioning and travel by air, and more than half own automobiles. In the 19th century, almost all teen-agers toiled in factories or fields.

Now, nine in 10 attend high school. Today's Americans have three times more leisure time than their great-grandparents did. The price of food relative to wages has plummeted: In the early part of this century, the average American had to work two hours to earn enough to purchase a chicken, compared with 20 minutes today.

College professors, politicians and others whose agenda calls for increased government control over our lives promote the lie that things are getting worse. If we buy into that lie, we'll kill the goose that lays the golden eggs. We might ask ourselves: Why is it that so much of the progress of the past 100 years has originated in America? Moore and Simon provide a simple but compelling answer: "The unique American formula of individual liberty and free enterprise has cultivated risk-taking, experimentation, innovation and scientific exploration on a grand scale that has never occurred anywhere before."

Finally, let's keep in mind that inequality of income is a result, and if we looked at the distribution of productivity, which economists haven't been able to do very well, we might not be surprised by inequality of income. In other words, how surprised would you be if I told you that I know how to play basketball and I try hard, but nobody is willing to equalize incomes by paying me as much as Michael Jordan earns?

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WASHINGTON TODAY

Who's up? Who's down?

By GEORGE GEDDA
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

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Mallard Fillmore by Bruce Tinsley



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TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Nov. 7, the 311th day of 2002. There are 54 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 7, 1893, the state of Colorado granted its women the right to vote.

On this date:

In 1916, Republican Jeannette Rankin of Montana

became the first woman elected to Congress.

In 1917, Russia's Bolshevik Revolution took place as forces led by Vladimir Ilyich Lenin overthrew the provisional government of Alexander Kerensky.

In 1940, the middle section of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge in Washington state collapsed during a wind-storm.

In 1944, President Franklin Roosevelt won an unprecedented fourth term in office, defeating Thomas E. Dewey.

In 1962, former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt died in New York City.

In 1962, Richard M. Nixon, having lost California's gubernatorial race, held what he called his "last press conference."

telling reporters, "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore."

In 1972, President Nixon was re-elected in a landslide over Democrat George McGovern.

In 1973, Congress overrode President Nixon's veto of the War Powers Act, which limits a chief executive's power to wage war without congressional approval.

SPORTS

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BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Pampa Harvester basketball boosters will be holding its annual baked potato dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday in the high school cafeteria.

Tickets are six dollars per person and will be available at the door. Tickets can also be purchased at the athletic office or from any player.

FOOTBALL

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M University President Dr. Robert M. Gates offered his support for beleaguered football coach R.C. Slocum Wednesday but said the school's new athletic director will make any judgments on future coaching decisions.

"While our football season to date has been disappointing, Texas A&M has a fine head coach, not only with an enviable long-term winning record, but also an admirable record in helping student athletes succeed and in running a program with integrity. Coach Slocum has my full support," Gates said in a statement.

Athletic director Wally Groff is stepping down in December and a search committee is looking for his replacement.

After starting the season ranked among the top teams in the nation, the Aggies will enter Saturday's game against No. 1 ranked Oklahoma at Kyle Field with a 5-4 record after a season of turmoil.

HOCKEY

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars converted their scoring opportunities this time.

Dallas broke out of a shooting slump as Mike Modano had two goals and an assist, and Brenden Morrow scored on a penalty shot in the Stars' 4-0 victory over the Vancouver Canucks on Wednesday night.

The Stars had only seven goals in 121 shots over their previous three games, but they scored three times on 13 shots in the first period and went on to improve to 4-1-1 at home.

"It's a lot easier playing with the lead," Stars coach Dave Tippett said. "When you're behind, sometimes there's a frenzy at the net. Tonight, we made some smart passes and took advantage of our chances."

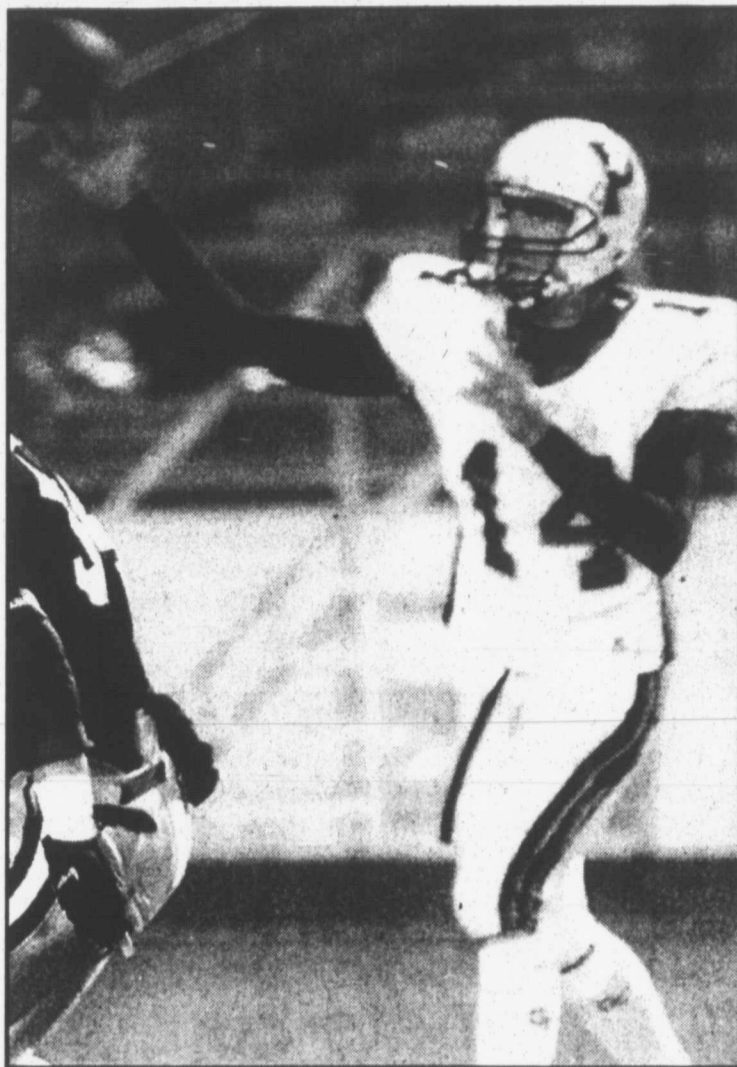
Marty Turco stopped 26 shots for his second shutout of the season and seventh of his career in helping the Stars improve to 4-2-2 in their last eight. Ulf Dahlen added a first-period power-play for Dallas.

"Once in a while you let it creep into your mind, but you have to remind yourself to refocus," Turco said of the shutout. "Shutouts are great, but the win is the most important thing."

Morrow and Modano picked up shorthanded goals and the Stars killed off all six power plays.

Modano has eight goals and 10 assists in 14 games, and he credits his fast start to the league crackdown on obstruction.

"In the past there was always a lot of clutching and grabbing, but this year it seems like there's a lot more open ice," Modano said.



Quarterback John Braddock is one of 20 seniors who is making his last appearance Friday night in Harvester Stadium unless Pampa has a playoff game here. The seniors will be honored at 7 p.m. prior to the Pampa-Caprock kickoff.

Harvesters host Caprock to end regular season

PAMPA — Pampa is looking at one of those must-win situations when the Harvesters host the Caprock Longhorns at 7:30 Friday night.

Pampa (3-2 district, 6-3 overall) will be looking to clinch one of the two remaining playoff spots in District 3-4A. Winless Caprock has no playoff hopes, but PHS head coach Dennis Cavalier still views the Longhorns as a dangerous team.

"I watched them play against Palo Duro and Dumas and I saw a team this is improving and competing well," coach Cavalier said. "They're going to be eager to win a game."

Caprock (0-5 district, 0-9 overall) gave Dumas a scare before dropping a 21-7 decision last weekend.

Dumas is the team that shocked Pampa 31-21 two weeks ago.

Caprock held a 7-0 half-time lead when linebacker Matt Lopez picked up a Dumas fumble and returned it for a 12-yard TD in the second quarter.

"I was impressed with their offensive line," Cavalier said. "Kenny Holmes (205-pound senior lineman) is one of their better players. They do some good things."

The Longhorns operate primarily out of an I-formation with running backs Josh Hassler (170-pound senior) and Tanner Painter (150-pound senior) carrying the bulk of the load.

"Hassler is the stronger runner and Painter is quicker," Cavalier added. "They work well together."

Senior Night

Pampa senior football players, cheer leaders and their parents will be honored at 7 p.m. Friday, prior to the Harvesters final regular season game against Caprock.

Fans are urged to wear their green and gold for Senior Night at Harvester Stadium.

The Harvesters are coming off an open date, spending much of the first week on conditioning drills. Monday, the coaching staff started reviewing Caprock and making a game plan.

"It seems like it's been a long time since we played our last game," Cavalier said. "After the disappointing loss to Dumas it seemed even longer."

Pampa's wide-open attack may have faltered against Dumas, but the Harvesters are still averaging almost 400 yards per game in total offense. Senior quarterback John Braddock combines with junior tailback Johnny Moore and junior flanker Jesse Tarango as the district's main scoring threats. Braddock has thrown for 2,256 yards and 18 touchdowns, and also has 4 rushing touchdowns. Moore has 80 receptions for 736 yards and 5 touchdowns. Junior flanker Jesse Tarango also has 5 TD receptions to go with 63 catches for 849 yards.

"It's nice to be in game 10 and still be alive (for the playoffs). I know this is one game we'll win if we play well," Cavalier said.

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Little tailback makes big impact for Oklahoma

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma's smallest player is one of the biggest reasons the top-ranked Sooners are in the mix for another national title.

At just 5-foot-8, Quentin Griffin has darted for 487 yards in the past three games, all against highly ranked opponents, and in the view of his coaches and teammates has earned consideration as a Heisman Trophy contender.

"I think Quentin has as good a chance as anybody right now," said offensive coordinator Chuck Long, who was runner-up to Bo Jackson in the 1985 Heisman race.

Coach Bob Stoops has said for the past few weeks that Griffin will get noticed if the Sooners (8-0, 4-0 Big 12) continue to win and Griffin continues to excel.

"He ought to be up there with several people," said Stoops, whose Sooners face Texas A&M this week.

It's fitting that Griffin is quietly making a name for himself, since he

does just about everything else without making a peep. Quiet, shy, reserved — all those adjectives are used by friends when they describe Griffin.

"He's quiet pretty much all the time," said offensive tackle Wes Sims. "Every once in a while he'll open up a little bit and talk a little bit, but for the most part he's really a quiet guy."

Roommate Andre Woolfolk tells of Griffin occasionally playing practical jokes, revealing a more outgoing side of the senior tailback. But in public and with the media, Griffin rarely has much to say.

He was asked this week about the Heisman talk.

"That's cool to be thought of in that way," he said. "I really haven't thought about it. I just want to go out and continue to play well. I'm grateful to be mentioned."

Griffin has been a consistent and complete running back throughout his career.

He ran for just 285 yards as a fresh-

man, when he expected to be redshirted but wound up playing in five games due to injuries to other players.

He had 783 yards as a sophomore in 2000, including some big runs in Oklahoma's biggest games on the way to the national championship, and he ran for 804 yards last year.

Through eight games this season, Griffin has 950 yards and is averaging 6.7 yards per carry. He also has excellent hands — he had caught at least one pass in 38 straight games before last week — rarely fumbles and is a strong blocker.

"He's just a humble kid who works his tail off day after day," said run game coordinator Kevin Wilson. "He knows what we're doing maybe better than any other position. He understands our protections and what our problems are and what he's got to do. He can make adjustments that aren't that simple look very simple because he understands the big picture."

Griffin's yardage total this season isn't overly impressive, but it includes two games in which Long said the

coaches didn't use him properly. He gained just 3 yards on nine carries against Alabama, and had 10 yards on seven carries against South Florida.

Since the South Florida game, Griffin and the running game have excelled, making the offense more balanced than it has been in Stoops' four years as coach. Griffin ran for 105 yards against Missouri and followed that with a career-best 248 yards against then-No. 3 Texas.

One week later, he gained 111 yards against Iowa State, which was ranked ninth. Last week, the roll continued with 128 yards against then-No. 13 Colorado.

"He's gaining momentum and is really playing in a great way right now, and we'll need it the rest of the way," Stoops said.

His size makes Griffin tough to find behind the line of scrimmage, and his shiftiness makes him tough to tackle. Sims said he often marvels at Griffin, comparing his style to Barry Sanders.

"That's real nice to be thought of

like that," Griffin said. "But nobody's like Barry, that's my opinion."

Griffin has the quickness to make people miss but, at 197 pounds, also is strong enough to run through tackles. He did both on a 63-yard run last week, shedding a Colorado tackler in the backfield, then juking past another to get outside and down the field.

"There's a lot of good players around, but for what we do and the type of kid he is, I wouldn't trade him for anyone," Wilson said. "He's a special player."

Two years ago, Griffin scored two touchdowns in a come-from-behind victory over the Aggies.

His coach, R.C. Slocum, said he has admired the way Griffin handles himself on the field and the way he plays.

"When they start talking Heisman Trophy winners, to me, I've always thought that award goes to the best player in college football," Slocum said. "That kid ought to be in there somewhere."

Mavs only unbeaten team

By **MIKE FITZPATRICK**
AP Sports Writer

Three teams hit the road with a perfect record. Only one was left standing at the end of the night.

Dirk Nowitzki had 28 points and 13 rebounds as the Dallas Mavericks beat Toronto 106-92 Wednesday to improve to 4-0.

Michael Finley added 22 points for the Mavericks, who also have victories over Memphis, Phoenix and Golden State.

"I almost consider us slumping right now at 4-0," Steve Nash said. "We're going to play a lot of teams that are going to cause us a lot more problems than the teams we've faced thus far. The Raptors had a lot of injuries."

Toronto was without Vince Carter (strained left quadriceps) and Antonio Davis (strained ribcage). Starting center Jelani McCoy didn't play after the first quarter because of back spasms.

That made it easier for Dallas to extend its winning streak, something the New Jersey and Seattle couldn't do. Milwaukee beat the Nets 99-93 and New Orleans topped the SuperSonics 86-84, leaving Dallas as the NBA's lone undefeated team.

In other games, it was New York 95, Sacramento 88; Washington 107, Cleveland 100; Philadelphia 101, the Los Angeles Clippers 99 in overtime; Boston 91, Chicago 69; Detroit 80, Utah 78; Phoenix 93, Atlanta 88; and Portland 94, Memphis 88.

Shawn Bradley, starting in place of an injured Raef LaFrentz, added 14 points and 13 rebounds for Dallas.

The Raptors kept it close until the fourth quarter, when the Mavericks outscored Toronto 26-17.

"We're a step slow on defensive rotations, and we're not as fluent on offense," Bradley said. "It's a different thing each night, but we have veterans that are able to fight through it."

Bucks 99, Nets 93
At Milwaukee, Ray Allen scored 29 points and Toni Kukoc added 26 as Milwaukee prevented the defending Eastern Conference champion Nets from starting 5-0 for the first time in franchise history.

The Bucks shot 12-of-20 from 3-point range.

"When you are playing against a team that

can shoot the ball and you give them that much open space, the basket looks like an ocean for them," Nets coach Byron Scott said. "You can't do that on the road."

Hornets 86, SuperSonics 84
At New Orleans, Baron Davis had 23 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists for the Hornets (3-1), who have won all three games in their new home.

Davis got the best of his showdown with fellow All-Star guard Gary Payton, who had 29 points and nine assists. "All you can do is contain him and hope help will come to stop him," Payton said.

Knicks 95, Kings 88
At New York, Lee Nailon scored 10 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter as New York handed Sacramento its first three-game losing streak in two seasons.

Allan Houston scored 21 for the Knicks, who won for the first time this season after four losses.

Chris Webber scored 22 and Peja Stojakovic 19 for the Kings, who were playing their fourth road game in five nights.

76ers 101, Clippers 99, OT
At Philadelphia, Allen Iverson scored six of his 34 points in overtime to lead Philadelphia over Los Angeles.

The 76ers have won three straight since losing their opener. The Clippers have dropped three of four.

Wizards 107, Cavaliers 100
At Washington, Jerry Stackhouse scored 35 points and Washington never trailed in snapping a two-game losing skid.

Michael Jordan avoided the first scoreless game of his career with a jumper and an acrobatic move for a layup down the stretch. He finished with six points in 24 minutes.

Celtics 91, Bulls 69
At Chicago, Antoine Walker scored a season-high 22 points, and Paul Pierce added 17 for Boston.

The Celtics led the entire way as they got payback for last week's season-opening loss to the Bulls. The Eastern Conference finalists have won two straight after losing their first two.

Pistons 80, Jazz 78
At Salt Lake City, Jon Barry hit a 3-pointer with 22.3 seconds left as Detroit took advantage of a rare night off for Karl Malone.

Richard Hamilton had 28 points and Ben Wallace added 15 rebounds as the Pistons sent the Jazz to their second 1-4 start in as many seasons.

Baker leaving as manager of Giants

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Not even a World Series trip was enough to patch up the problems between San Francisco manager Dusty Baker and Giants owner Peter Magowan.

So on Wednesday, the Giants said Baker would not be back. The announcement came several hours before his contract was set to expire and less than two weeks after he nearly led them to a title.

"I never thought it was going to come to this," general manager Brian Sabean said.

Baker became the first manager in nearly three decades to leave a team right after reaching the World Series. Dick Williams led Oakland to the 1973 championship and then retired — he was hired by the California Angels during the 1974 season.

Chances are, Baker won't be out of work for long.

The Chicago Cubs and Seattle Mariners are likely to express interest in the three-time NL Manager of the Year. They are among 10 teams that will have new managers next season.

The Giants said Baker told them he would not be available to comment until next week. Baker said when the season ended he planned to spend some time alone to gather his thoughts.

Baker's differences with Magowan simmered all season, mainly about who deserved

the most credit for the franchise's recent success. It even came up during the Giants' seven-game loss to the Anaheim Angels in the Series.

Baker was credited by many observers for his ability to handle a difficult clubhouse that included feuding stars Barry Bonds and Jeff Kent. One person who also will be missing from the Giants' dugout — Baker's 3 1/2-year-old bat boy son, Darren.

"Any time a team gets to the seventh game of the World Series, a lot of things have to be working," Giants third baseman David Bell said Wednesday night. "A lot of things have to be going in the right direction. Dusty was the leader of that. The biggest part of all that was Dusty."

"I definitely wanted it to work out for Dusty," he said. "I enjoyed playing for him, but maybe it will work out better for him now. I can't imagine what not only Dusty, but the people around him for 10 years, are feeling right now. To be one place for 10 years is a long time. I can't imagine what that would be like."

Magowan and Sabean met with Baker last week. "However, his public disparagement of the organization has continued," the owner said.

"As a result, Brian and I didn't believe we could reconcile the differences with Dusty and it wasn't practical to go forward," he said.

Ex-TCU star getting his chance

Nailon nets 20 against Kings

NEW YORK (AP) — The tattoo on his belly reads "Still I Rise." The one on his left arm declares "Me Against The World."

Former TCU basketball star Lee Nailon is a walking billboard of inspiration for the New York Knicks, who sank from mediocre to dysfunctional before the season even began, then proceeded to lose their first four games.

The ever-contentious Latrell Sprewell is still sitting on the sideline, squeezing a ball to strengthen his broken right pinkie, while the team shops him around.

Antonio McDyess is out for the season with a fractured left knee.

There is no big center and little hope of reaching the playoffs.

Their sellout streak of 433 games, the longest active run in any of the four major sports, ended Monday night.

Amid this wreckage, the splendidly decorated, 6-foot-8 Nailon arrived as a free agent a week ago, happy enough to find a new home after his uncomfortable two-year tenure with the Hornets ended after an argument with New Orleans coach Paul Silas. At least with the Knicks, Nailon thought, he would be able to get the minutes to show that he deserves a place in the NBA.

Turned loose Wednesday night after entering the game near the end of the first quarter, Nailon scored 20 points to lead the Knicks to a 95-88 victory over the Sacramento Kings.

The Knicks surely needed more than motos, and Nailon came up with the goods. He hit jumpers and drove hard to the basket, showing flair and muscle and the kind of energy the Knicks have been lacking.

These were not quite the same Kings who compiled the league's best record last season and nearly beat the Los Angeles Lakers in the playoffs.

Mike Bibby is out after surgery on his right foot. Keon Clark sat out with a strained groin, and Vlade Divac played with a strained back. Dragging themselves home from a four-game trip, the Kings have lost three straight games for the first time in two years.

Still, the victory couldn't have been more satisfying and needed by the beleaguered

Knicks and their fans.

Though several thousand seats in Madison Square Garden were empty, the Knicks announced a sellout crowd of 19,763, and those who came gave Nailon welcome roars as he scored New York's first six points of the fourth quarter and 10 of its first 12.

"The Garden's always been the toughest spot to play in," Nailon said. "For me to be playing here is a blessing. Every time I touched the ball the fans were going crazy. That's a good sign."

Nailon seemed to have signs all over his sculpted 240-pound body.

"I Still Rise," he said, is meant to remind himself that no matter what he faces he can prevail.

"It means I rise in the fourth quarter — not just the fourth quarter, but all around," he said. "In any obstacle course, I try to go through anything in my way. I think I have. It says a lot about me, and that's why I put it on me."

He had "Me Against The World" tattooed on his arm to remind himself of the hard times in his life and of a close cousin who was shot and killed in 1994.

"At that time, I felt like nothing was going right for me," he said.

Nailon, who averaged 23.9 points and 9.1 rebounds in two seasons at TCU, played in Italy in 1999-2000. He signed with the Charlotte Hornets in 2000 but saw little playing time — his rookie season and averaged only 3.9 points.

Last season, he averaged 10.8 points as he started 41 games after Jamal Mashburn was injured.

Nailon's rocky time with the Hornets included an embarrassing and very public contract squabble between his agent and the team prior to last season and ended after a dispute with Silas in a preseason game this year.

"Every year I have to show people what I can do, it seems," Nailon said. "I just haven't gotten the opportunity. Hopefully, this year I'll show everybody how talented I am and what I can do. I think I can play in the league with anybody. I work hard every day and I'm not going to stop now."

Nailon believes there's a spot for him in the Knicks' lineup even if Sprewell comes back, as scheduled, on Nov. 16.

If Nailon keeps coming up with big nights, though, he might just make Sprewell all the more expendable.

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING League Results at Harvester Lanes

Caprock League (Week 7)	Won	Lost
Team		
L.E.R.A.	20	8
Red's Pro Shop	17	11
Westair	16	12
MAJ-IC	13	15
Byrum Farms	12	16
Culligan	12	16
Harvester Machine Co.	11	17
Harvester Lanes	11	17

Association Awards

Greg Vanderlinden, 729, 700 ABC high series recognition.
Kenny Beery, 752, 700 ABC high series recognition.
Greg Vanderlinden, 300, 300 ABC high game recognition.

Week's Top Scores

High scratch game: Greg Vanderlinden 300; High scratch series: Kenny Beery 752; High handicap game: Greg Vanderlinden 316; High handicap series: Charles Byrum 816.

Casino League (Week 7)

Team	Won	Lost
4-Skins	20	8
Ma's Furniture	19	9
Team 14	18	10
Lee Ann's Grooming	17 1/2	10 1/2
Team Eight	16 1/2	11 1/2
Clemens Home Repair	16	12
King's Row	16	12
Cellular Connection	14 1/2	13 1/2
Pin Peckers	13 1/2	14 1/2
E. & L. Welding	13	15
Team One	12	16
Team Five	8	20
The Fun Bunch	7	21
Williams Appliance	5	23

Week's Top Scores
Men
High scratch game: Steve Nolte 267; High scratch series: Blaine Bolton 688; High handicap game: Steve Nolte 275.

High handicap series: Blaine Bolton 688

Women

High scratch game: Peggy Chase 205; High scratch series: Peggy Chase 546; High handicap series: Ginger Jernigan 663; High handicap game: Ruth Swearingin 233.

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Pampa Soccer Association

Game Results: Week 7, ending Nov. 2

U-12 Boys

Reapers 5, Wheeler Bank Center 1

U-10 Boys & Girls

Keyes Pharmacy 12, T-Shirts & More 0

Culberson-Stowers 4, Medicine Shoppe 2

Celane One 5, Medicine Shoppe 4

T-Shirts & More 2, Snappy Services 1

Keyes Pharmacy 1, Medicine Shoppe 0

Celane One 6, T-Shirts & More 4

Keyes Pharmacy 4, Culberson-Stowers 2

Culberson-Stowers 6, Snappy Services 0

Standing: Week 7, ending Nov. 2

U-10 Boys & Girls

Team

Celane One

Keyes Pharmacy

Culberson-Stowers

Medicine Shoppe

T-Shirts & More

Snappy Services

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U-6 & U-8 Standings

(Recreation only, no standings kept)

Celane (3 teams), Centramedia, CompuTEC Computers; Culberson-Stowers; Culligan Water Conditioning; Doan's Truck Repair; FirstBank Southwest (2 teams); Gene Goss Eng & Mach (White Deer); Keyes Pharmacy; Market Square; Medicine Shoppe; Miami Roustabout; National Bank of Commerce; Niccum Electric; Pampa Physical Therapy; Snappy Services; Southwest Collision Repair; T-Shirts & More; Top O' Texas Ice Co.; Very Important Children (Panhandle); West Texas Landscape; Wheeler Banking Center.



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69a Garage Sales

BLACK Bear Tee Pee Sale: 115 N. West st., Fri. & Sat. 9-4 p.m.

ESTATE Sale Inside: 70 years of goods. 8am Sharp-? Fri. & Sat. Don't Miss This One. 1020 Charles

2307 Fir, Sat. Nov. 9th. Upright freezer, light fixtures, tow bar, nice clothes, misc. 10-5 p.m.

LARGE Sale 1821 Lea Nov. 8&9, 8-5 Lots of misc. items

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SAT., 8-5 p.m. 402 Hattie, Miami. Antiques, ceramics, Sarah Coventry, display cases, arts & craft supplies, desks, lots misc.

GARAGE Sale: Nov. 8-9 9:00-5:00, you name it, and after 50 yrs we may very well have it. 1044 S. Sumner

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Thursday, November 7

DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

Disabled Bride-to-Be Should Relax and Enjoy Her Friends

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from the bride-to-be who had spina bífida, asking how to get down the aisle gracefully at her wedding without using her walker, I would like to share the following:
 I, too, was born with spina bífida, and I, too, suffer from spasms, among other conditions unique to this condition. When my wife and I were married, we had our ceremony with her seated in a chair beside my wheelchair. It went off without a hitch.
 Those who attend weddings are usually family and friends. So my advice to that lucky lady is to relax and just be herself — spasms, walker and all. Everyone expects no less — or more — than that. Sign me...
TEXAS FOUR-WHEELER

DEAR TEX: Your advice is terrific, and I hope that the nervous bride-to-be will relax and give it serious consideration. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: A young woman with a physical disability wrote you concerning her worries that she would not be able to walk down the aisle on her wedding day. I recently attended a wedding where the bride had similar concerns. She managed the day in an electric scooter decked with flowers and garlands that matched her lovely dress. Perhaps her solution could be applied here.
MATT IN ROME, N.Y.

DEAR MATT: I don't see why not — all it would take is a florist with artistry and ingenuity.

DEAR ABBY: May I suggest another way for "Worried Bride-to-Be" to look at her "disability"?
 In the early 1900s, the New York Giants baseball team had a pitcher named Luther H. Taylor. He was a deaf mute who was, in an era of insensitivity, nicknamed "Dummy." Taylor lost a lot of games due to his inability to communicate with his teammates.
 John McGraw, the manager of the Giants, was under enormous pressure from the team's owner, the

fans and the sportswriters to trade Taylor. Instead, McGraw required the entire Giant team to learn American Sign Language. Once that was accomplished, McGraw used hand signals to lead his team. That's the origin of the hand signals that are used in baseball today.

Rather than be embarrassed about her disability, "Worried" should find a way to use her special abilities.
STEPHEN REDMOND, M.D., MORGAN HILL, CALIF.

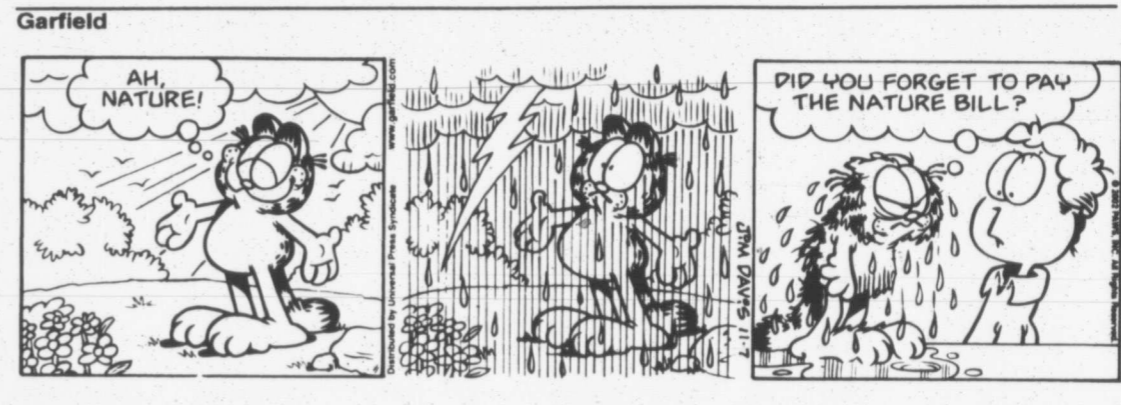
DEAR DR. REDMOND: Thank you for not only a fascinating tidbit of information, but also a healthy helping of food for thought. I love the way you look at life's challenges.

DEAR ABBY: My brother-in-law (28) and his fiancée (19) make it a practice during family meals to engage in whispered conversation that involves only the two of them. In addition, they spend parts of the meals passionately deep-kissing and rubbing noses.
 Am I wrong to feel this behavior is rude, immature and inappropriate?
LOSING MY APPELITE
IN LA PORTE, IND.

DEAR LOSING MY APPELITE: Not at all. In polite company, whispered conversations that exclude others are considered rude. And tongue should not be eaten at the table unless it has first been thoroughly cooked and properly seasoned.

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 1 Liberal study
 5 Los Angeles suburb
 11 Worms, at times
 12 Charm
 13 West Point letters
 14 Grand Canal
 15 Gemini
 17 Take to court
 18 Reason —
 22 Called for aspirin
 24 Beer hall container
 25 Buck's mate
 26 Tack on
 27 Like good sentences
 30 Field measure
 32 Yard plus a bit
 33 Balloon fill
 34 Harbor craft
 38 Not an immigrant
 41 Garr of film
 42 Started the bidding
 43 Some July babies
 44 Beliefs
 45 Sicilian volcano
- DOWN**
 1 Neighbor
 2 Foolhardy

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ACHE ARABIA
SLOW LOWEND
EAR BONN
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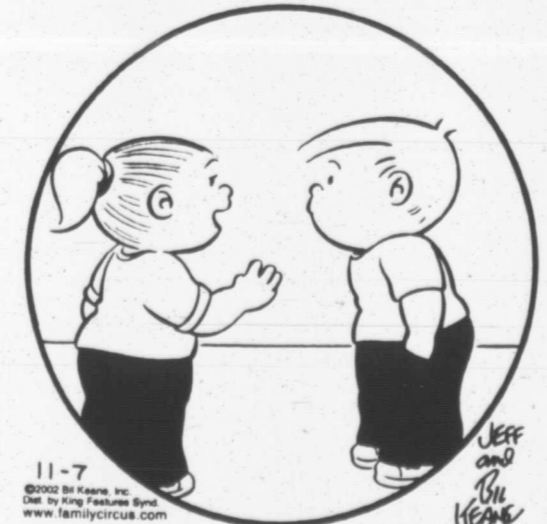
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