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Rock climbing wall to help United Way

Trinity Fellowship Church will set up a rock climbing wall in the Wal-Mart parking lot from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26, to help raise money for the Pampa United Way.

The rock climbing wall, located in the northeast corner of the parking lot near the four-way stop, is for kids of all ages to try at \$3 per climb. Proceeds will be divided 75 percent for the United Way and 25 percent to Trinity Fellowship.

Near the wall, Ken Hinkle plans to serve roasted corn-on-the-cob and David Hutto will be popping Kettle Corn and pork skins with 50 percent of their sales also to be donated to the United Way.

DEATHS

Jess Haynes, 70, services pending.

Don Turner, 84, WWII veteran.

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City officials plan for new landfill cell

Cell 3 expected to cost \$1.15 million to build

By DAVID BOWSER
 Staff Writer

City officials are planning on getting started on a new addition to the landfill as soon as the city commission authorizes the city manager and public works director to negotiate a contract with an environmental engineering firm.

As Cell 2 of the Pampa landfill nears the end of its usefulness, Richard E. Morris, director of public works for the City of Pampa, is recommending to the city commission that the city start engineering design on Cell 3.

Morris estimates that it will take 14 months to get Cell 3 ready barring major weather problems that could slow construction.

The engineering design phase, which he hopes to start immediately, is estimated to cost \$30,000. Construction quality assurance will be another \$120,000.

Construction of the cell will cost \$1 million.

Morris said he hopes to get started on construction of the new cell by April 2004 and have it completed by November or December of 2004.

His plan is the result of a survey in July that indicated Cell 2 will reach capacity by the end of the next calendar year.

"From our calculations," Morris said, "there was about 17 months left in Cell 2."

The funding for the project is not a budget item, Morris said. Money is set aside in the landfill fund to pay for such a project.

As of July 18, Morris said, the city had \$740,000 set aside for construction of the new cell and about \$269,000 a year is being added to the construction fund.

At an estimated cost of \$1.15 million, the city will be about \$85,000 short of covering the estimated cost, but John Horst, the city's financial director, said the Public Works Department could borrow from the landfill operating account and pay it back in the same year.

Morris indicated a similar strategy was used to build Cell 2, which was about \$200,000 more than initial funding allowed.

Suspected meth lab clean-up



(Pampa News photo by Vic Laramore)

A hazardous material clean-up expert dressed in white protective clothing prepares to dispose of chemicals found in a suspected methamphetamine lab at 404 Magnolia Thursday. He asked not to be identified for security reasons. A Pampa Police Department officer driving by the Magnolia Street residence early Thursday smelled a strong chemical odor usually associated with a working meth lab. Five people were arrested and face charges related to the discovery, according to police reports.

Driver escapes before train smashes vehicle

By MARILYN POWERS
 Staff Writer

A Pampa man escaped serious injury and left the scene of an accident involving his vehicle and a train at the Starkweather railroad crossing, in the 300 block of South Starkweather, at 12:02 a.m. today.

Pampa police and fire departments and Rural/Metro Ambulance Service personnel

responded to a call reporting a vehicle on the tracks which had been hit by a train.

The vehicle's driver, Eric Randall King, 22, of 740 Brunow, had fled on foot, according to witnesses.

Police began searching for the driver and found him attempting to return to his wrecked vehicle.

No other persons were reported as passengers in the vehicle, and no reason was given for why the vehicle was stopped on the tracks.

Police took King into custody and he was then transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center by ambulance. He was admitted to the hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

King faces charges of driving while intoxicated and obstructing railroad property over \$1,500 and under \$20,000.

Skellytown EMS to stop ambulance runs on Oct. 1

SKELLYTOWN - Beginning Oct. 1, Skellytown Volunteer EMS Services will not be able to provide an ambulance transport service.

D.C. Woods, EMS director, announced the termination of service is due to the "non-availability of licensed personnel, insurance and funding sources."

Woods said in a press release that the mayor of Skellytown has requested the service store the ambulance for six months to allow time to search for other options.

"As of Oct. 1, 2003, our service will be a first responder with White Deer EMS being the transport provider," he said in the release. "It has been a privilege to serve the citizens of Skellytown and the surrounding area."

40+ cities, counties, officials filing paperwork in Tulia suit

AMARILLO (AP) — More than 40 cities, counties and government officials have filed paperwork asking a federal court in Amarillo to dismiss a lawsuit filed by two people arrested in the Tulia drug busts.

The lawsuit, filed in August by Tonya White and Zuri Bossett, accuses the 26 counties and four cities involved in the task force that conducted the drug busts of violating their constitutional rights.

White and Bossett were among 46 people — 39 of them black — who were arrested after an 18-month investigation conducted by undercover agent Tom Coleman.

The suit also names as defendants every official involved in the July 1999 drug busts.

By Thursday, most of the defendants had filed responses and those who had not sought extensions, the Amarillo Globe News reported in its Friday's edition.

A majority of defendants claim they should be removed from the suit because they had no control over the task force that worked with Coleman.

In August, Gov. Rick Perry signed pardons for 35 people who were convicted in the drug busts. Perry said he was influenced by questions about the testimony of the Coleman, who was later charged with perjury.

Coleman worked alone and used no audio or video surveillance.

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Redistricting clash goes on

AUSTIN (AP) — House Speaker Tom Craddick wants to make something clear: the redistricting clash between House and Senate Republicans isn't only about West Texas.

"There are major differences across the state. We've got major differences in Central Texas. We've got major differences in northeast Texas. And we've got major differences down in the coastal area," Craddick said.

Wrangling over the congressional redistricting moved Thursday to a joint House-Senate committee charged with sorting out map-drawing disputes between the two chambers. Republicans now must solve conflicts of their own after months of fighting with Democrats.

Perhaps the biggest sticking point is a disagreement over how West Texas should be drawn. Craddick is firm in wanting district that could allow his hometown of Midland, with its oil and gas economy, to anchor a congressional seat.

Fellow Republican Sen. Robert Duncan of Lubbock has pushed a plan that keeps Midland in a district with the larger agriculture-oriented city of Lubbock.

Neither side appeared to be budging.

"I think we've got to deal with West Texas first," said Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford, author of the House map and leader of the House contingent on the conference committee. He predicted slow negotiations.

Craddick said there are other discrepancies between the two versions that must be ironed out. He said he wants House conferees to defend the "use map's creation of a new black congressional district.

Craddick contends the Senate's last minute decision to split Webb County, where Laredo is located on the

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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Tuesday, Sept. 23

Robbery was reported at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart. Approximately \$160 in cash was taken.

Wednesday, Sept. 24

Theft was reported in Pampa Police Department's lobby. A checkbook was taken in the 900 block of Scott.

Forgery was reported in Pampa Police Department's lobby. The incident occurred in the 2200 block of Hobart.

An information report was taken in the 1000 block of Love.

Zachary Mears, 27, 1000 Nelson, was arrested on a motion to revoke concerning possession of marijuana.

Thursday, Sept. 25

Harassment was reported to Pampa Police Department in the department's lobby.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of North Wells. Several household items were damaged, with estimated loss of \$250.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1800 block of North Nelson. It is unknown if the vehicle was locked. Taken were a compact disc player and power converter. Estimated loss is \$235.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1800 block of North Wells. It is unknown if the vehicle was locked. Three pairs of sunglasses were taken. Estimated loss is \$240.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of North Dwight. It is unknown if the vehicle was locked or if anything was taken.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 600 block of East Foster. A door was damaged when entry was made. A purse was taken from the trunk. Estimated damage and loss is \$925.

Found property was reported at the intersection of Randy Matson Avenue and Coffee Street. A walking cane was found.

Joshua L. Mullen, 18, of 418 Wynn, was arrested for no insurance and expired motor vehicle inspection.

Five persons were arrested in the 400 block of Magnolia in connection with discovery of a suspected meth lab. Arrested were Jerry L. Music, 35, of 1201 E. Frederic; Donald Johnson, 53, of 521 Montague; Jesus Rodriguez, 23, of 417 Faulkner; Justin Smith, 17, of 506 Roberta; and Lisa Hollowell, 31, of 1018 Love.

Friday, Sept. 26

Eric Randall King, 22, of 740 Brunow, was charged with driving while intoxicated and obstructing railroad property over \$1,500 and under \$20,000. (See related story, Page 1.)

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following motor vehicle collisions.

Wednesday, Sept. 24

8:07 a.m. — A 2001 Toyota Camry, driven by Clara Roth Nienstiel, 99, 2217 Duncan, a 1997 Ford Mustang driven by Kathryn Trolinger O'Dell, 28, 600 Wynne, and a 1997 Chevrolet Z-71 pickup pulling a horse trailer driven by Kerri Cross Harris, 32, HCR 2, Box 28-B, collided at the intersection of Kentucky and Banks streets. Nienstiel was cited for failure to yield right of way from a private drive. O'Dell was cited for child not in safety seat. O'Dell reported non-incapacitating injuries at the scene.

12:58 p.m. — A 1994 Cadillac Seville driven by Vicki Ogden Merrick, 41, 2133 Mary Ellen, and a 1991 Oldsmobile 88 driven by Sharon Hubbard Holmes, 46, 900 S. Osborne, collided in the 100 block of West Foster. Merrick was charged with driving while intoxicated with a minor under 15 years of age. Merrick was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Rural Metro Ambulance.

Thursday, Sept. 25

11:50 a.m. — A 1972 Buick Skylark driven by Elizabeth Anne Adams, 16, 530 N. Dwight, a 2001 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Andrea Barrett Silva, 30, 1141 S. Christy, and a 1988 Chevrolet Silverado pickup driven by Omar Fernando Chavez, 16, 821 Denver, collided at Kentucky and Charles streets. Adams was cited for failure to yield right of way at stop sign. No injuries were reported at the scene.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Department today reported the following arrests.

Thursday, Sept. 25

Bobby Howard, 43, of Lefors, was arrested on driving while intoxicated, third or more offense, and was sentenced.

Eschol Eugene Jackson, 59, of McLean, was arrested for theft of property over \$20,000 and under \$100,000, and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa.		
Wheat	3.17	
Milo	3.65	
Corn	4.25	
Soybeans	5.91	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.		
OXY	34.75	+0.23
BP	42.05	-0.86
Celane	33.52	-0.74
Cabot Corp.	28.82	-0.18
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NS Grp.	6.82	+0.02
New York Gold	385.05	
Silver	5.20	
West Texas Crude	28.10	

AMBULANCE

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

Thursday, Sept. 25

7:59 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Yeager and transported a patient

to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of

West 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

Friday, Sept. 26

12:12 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a motor vehicle accident at Starkweather and Tyng railroad crossing. One person was transported to PRMC.

OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

STONE, James Donald — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

JESS HAYNES

Jess Haynes, 70, of Pampa, died Friday, Sept. 26, 2003. Services are pending under the

direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

DON TURNER

MESA, Ariz. — Don Turner, 84 of Mesa, Ariz., died Sept. 23, 2003, at his home. Memorial services were to be held at 10 a.m., Friday, Sept. 26, 2003, at Trinity Baptist Church, 2130 E. University Dr., in Mesa.

Mr. Turner, a successful salesman, was born in Tulsa, Okla. He was an avid golfer, committed family man, and devoted Christian who shared his love for the Lord with all who would listen. Mr. Turner was a veteran of World War II serving in the Army infantry.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; sons, Don (Marla) and Mark (Pam) Turner; daughter, Jeanne (Sam) Thompson; brother, Bob (Beverly) Turner; sister, Doris (Col. Jack R.) Wallace; grandchildren, Scott, Samara, Shad, Sharon, Katie, Gracie, Boone, Will, and Gretta; great-grandchildren, Ali, Joshua, Maya and Hartley.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Baptist Church Missions Fund, 2130 E. University Dr., Mesa, AZ., 85213.

Grand jury indicts Baytown officer on charges of using unnecessary force

HOUSTON (AP) — A grand jury has indicted a Baytown police officer cleared last year of using excessive force in the death of a Mexican national on charges of using unnecessary force against a Hispanic woman.

Micah Aldred, 27, was charged by a Harris County grand jury Thursday after Naomi Autin filed a complaint accusing him of unnecessarily zapping her three times with a Taser on July 11.

Autin also accused Aldred of throwing her against a pole, which left her with a head gash that required stitches.

Autin had called police for assistance when she couldn't get into her jailed brother's house to collect his mail. She said his house sitter didn't come to the door and she became concerned because she could hear the TV blaring inside.

Aldred denies the charges. He said he was trying to stop Autin from bashing a door with brick when she turned on him.

"This is just a case that if a suspect would comply with a reasonable request to stop beating on someone's door, nobody would have needed to apply any force," Aldred's attorney, Gregory Cagle, said in a story for Friday's edition of the Houston Chronicle.

Autin's attorney, D. Matthew Freeman, said his client wasn't a threat because she is medically disabled with joint and muscle pain from fibromyalgia.

"She wants this officer to no longer be an officer for Baytown or anywhere else," Freeman said. "Unless he's taken off the force, it will happen again. We believe his conduct has been excessive against her and in the Torres case."

Mexican national Luis Torres died last year after being arrested by Aldred and patrolman Bert Dillow.

An eight-minute police videotape showed the officers wrestling Torres to the ground and struggling to handcuff him.

The Harris County Medical Examiner's Office ruled Torres' death a homicide due to mechanical asphyxia, which means something physically kept him from breathing, and blunt impact trauma.

A grand jury cleared the officers and the U.S. Justice Department declined to prosecute.

Last month, the city reached a \$350,000 settlement with Torres' family after they filed wrongful death suit.

If convicted in the Autin case, Aldred faces up to one year in jail and a fine up to \$4,000.

WEATHER FOCUS

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The forecast today is calling for partly cloudy to clear skies with highs in the mid 80s and southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight should fall on mostly clear skies which are expected to turn partly cloudy with lows in the lower 50s and northwest winds around 10 mph, shifting to the northeast 10 to 20 mph after midnight. Saturday should see partly cloudy skies. Highs in the upper 70s. East winds around 10 mph. Saturday night, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s. South winds around 10 mph. Sunday, mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s. East winds 5 to 15 mph. Sunday night, mostly cloudy. A chance of showers and thunderstorms then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Lows in the

upper 40s. Chance of showers and thunderstorms 40 percent. Monday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s. Monday night, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s. Tuesday night, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s. Wednesday night, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s.

STATEWIDE

The Associated Press

Temperatures will be fair and warm across the state this weekend. Northern West Texas will see some cool weather beginning Saturday, with highs dipping into

the 60s in some areas on Sunday.

In South Texas, good chances of rain are forecast today and Sunday. Northern West Texas will also see a good chance of rain on Sunday.

Thursday's temperatures ranged from a high of 90 at McAllen to an overnight low of 50 at Dalhart and Marfa. San Angelo led the state with over two inches of rain, and other areas in southern West Texas received substantial precipitation.

The West Texas forecast today calls for highs in the 80s, with some low 90s in the west, and partly cloudy skies. The south may see a few storms today. On Saturday, temperatures will cool in the north and west, with the north seeing highs in the 60s and 70s Saturday through Monday. Other areas will see highs in the 80s this weekend. The Panhandle and South Plains will see a good chance of cloudy skies and rain Sunday, and the west may see some isolated storms then.

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First U.S. troops en route as Pentagon revives leave program

WASHINGTON (AP) — Word the military was beginning its largest home leave program since the Vietnam war stirred excitement among families of troops serving in Iraq.

But many said the two-week home leave will also

bring heartbreak when it's time for their loved ones to return to duty. Some of the first to get the vacation from Iraq were expected to arrive in Baltimore Friday morning. They were flown Thursday out of the region en route to Germany

and the United States, taking leave from deployments that are turning out to be longer and tougher than expected.

"If he got the opportunity I'd tell him definitely to come," said Michelle Jansen, 24, wife of Spec. Scott Jansen of the Army's 101st Airborne Division. "I think definitely the having to say goodbye again would definitely be worth the 15 days. Better than nothing."

Donabelle King of Beatrice, Neb., said Thursday that she had no word when leave might be given to her son — 45-year-old Lt. Col. Gene King, also with the 101st.

"I think they'd probably hate to have to go back," she said. "As long as they're there they might as well stay a little bit and get it over with."

The program was ordered to provide relief and boost morale for forces serving 12-month tours of duty in the hot, dangerous and sometimes primitive conditions in Iraq, as well as those in support roles in neighboring countries. That means it's available to the vast majority of the more than 130,000 troops deployed there, officials said.

Announced Thursday, the program offers 15-day vacations, with some transportation paid, for every soldier, sailor, airman or Marine staying in region for a year, said Marine Maj. Pete Mitchell, a Central Command spokesman.

The first planeload left Kuwait Thursday for Germany, where some forces are normally stationed. An unknown number of the 270

on that flight were to get off there and the rest were to continue to Baltimore.

The government pays for the flights to Germany and Baltimore. Troops continuing on from there to their homes or other places will cover that expense. Eventually the military hopes to also have flights to Atlanta, Dallas-Fort Worth and Los Angeles.

Yearlong rotations were ordered during the summer for most troops as violent resistance to the occupation spiraled and the Bush administration found little success in getting more nations to contribute forces.

The subject of deployment lengths has been sensitive, with some soldiers and their families complaining bitterly about delays in their home-

coming, repeated deployments and the extension of tours.

"First of all, rest and recuperation ... is essential just because what they're being asked to do is pretty darn difficult," Mitchell said of the troops. "But it's more than that; we also believe rest and recuperation will improve readiness."

He said the mental and physical break from Iraq will make forces "that much more alert, that much ... more on top of the game."

Bob Muller, president of the Vietnam Veterans of American Foundation, took an opposite view, saying he recalls that there was a disproportionate number of casualties among those back from leave in Vietnam compared to the rest of the troops.

Safety awards



(Courtesy photo)

Cooper Energy Service Plant Manager David Stidham, right, awards the September safety award to Greg Vanderlinden, Machinist III.



(Courtesy photo)

Cooper Energy Service Plant Manager David Stidham, right awards the September safety award to Charles Oakley, Safety Coordinator.

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CLASH

Texas-Mexico border, may not win approval from the U.S. Justice Department, which enforces protection of minorities under the federal Voting Rights Act.

Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, the Senate's presiding officer, said he will instruct his conference committee appointees to avoid any violation of minority rights.

"We should either do one of two things — increase the minority representation in Congress ... or not touch any of our minority districts," he said Wednesday after the Senate passed its redistricting map.

Texas Republicans want to send more members of their party to Congress. They say the state's voting trends are solidly GOP and that the 32-member congressional delegation should reflect that. Democrats, who hold a 17-15 advantage in the delegation, want to keep existing dis-

tricts. The House conference committee members will be led by King. Other members are Redistricting Committee chairman Joe Crabb, R-Atascocita; Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston; Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington; and Rep. Peggy Hamric, R-Houston.

Sen. Todd Staples, a Palestine Republican who sponsored the Senate map, will chair the Senate side. Other Senate members are Duncan; Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen; Sen. Jon Lindsay, R-Houston; and Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville.

LAWSUIT

lance to substantiate drug buys he said he made from the 46 people. No drugs or money were found during the arrests.

Charges against White were dropped after she produced an alibi showing she was in another state when Coleman said he sold drugs to her. Bossett's charges were dropped after prosecutors and defense attorneys reached an

agreement to avoid a trial. Attorneys for the many of the defendants did not return calls or declined to comment when contacted by the newspaper.

In their responses, nearly all the defendants said the suit should be dismissed because the task force itself cannot be sued. They cited jural existence, a claim that an organization, such as a task force, cannot be sued until it is determined, generally by the

legislature, to be a legal entity with rights in court.

Potter County claimed in its response that it was not responsible for the task force's actions.

"I can say that we are confident that we will prevail on the defenses that we have raised in Potter County's answer to this lawsuit," said Potter County Attorney Sonya Letson.

Attorney Jeff Blackburn, who filed the suit, dismissed

the claims. He said the counties and cities turned over their narcotics enforcement responsibilities to the task force, which makes them responsible for the outcome.

"We expected them to make these kinds of arguments," Blackburn said. "This isn't anything new or unusual. This kind of effort at avoiding responsibility and ducking the truth isn't going to do them any good. We're going to get to the truth."

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U.N. cuts Iraq staff while calling for greater role in Baghdad

By BARBARA BORST
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UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Secretary-General Kofi Annan has ordered more staff cutbacks in Iraq after a second bombing of U.N. headquarters there, even as Russia and other countries called for a greater U.N. role in rebuilding the country.

The reductions, announced Thursday, highlighted the dilemma of trying to internationalize efforts to stabilize Iraq.

"This is not an evacuation,

just a further downsizing and the security situation in the country remains under constant review," U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said. Annan's order came after the second bombing outside U.N. headquarters in Baghdad on Monday killed an Iraqi policeman and wounded 19 others.

The first bombing, on Aug. 19, killed 22 people at the headquarters. At that time, there were about 300 international staff in Baghdad and another 300 elsewhere in Iraq, and Annan ordered the number

reduced to 42 in Baghdad and 44 in the north.

Eckhard said he did not know how many of the 86 remaining staffers would leave for Amman, Jordan. But a U.N. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said more than half would depart.

The new cuts were announced as the Security Council debates a new resolution the United States hopes will bring new troops and money to Iraq.

In an interview published Friday in The New York Times, Secretary of State Colin Powell said the United States would set a deadline of six months for Iraqi leaders to produce a new constitution for their country.

The proposed U.N. resolu-

tion probably won't mention a fixed time schedule, Powell told Times editorial writers, but it might well include a constitution, elections and the installation of a new leadership.

Opponents of the U.S.-led war in Iraq — including France, Germany and Russia — are calling for the United Nations to take over the political transition and are demanding a speedier timetable for the handover of power than the United States has proposed.

The United Nation's humanitarian work should be able to continue, with limited international supervision, using the 4,233 Iraqis working for the United Nations, Eckhard said.

But Annan has indicated

that if security is not improved, he might not be able to allow the return of international staff in the numbers needed to oversee more than the minimum humanitarian needs, and a larger U.N. role possibly helping with a new constitution and elections would be out of the question.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, who strongly opposed the U.S.-led war, led the calls Thursday for a broadened role for the world body in Iraq.

"Only the direct participation by the United Nations in the rebuilding of Iraq will enable its people themselves to decide their future," Putin said during the third day of the General Assembly's annual ministerial debate.

Putin began and ended his

speech by stressing the United Nations' importance and said powerful countries have an obligation to work within it.

"Being a world power means being together with the world community," he said in an obvious allusion to the United States.

Polish Foreign Minister Wlodzimierz Cimoszewicz also said that the huge task of rebuilding Iraq "should be assisted by the entire international community." Poland was a U.S. ally in the Iraq war.

Sweden's acting foreign minister, Jan Karlsson, said that "the international community needs the legitimacy of the U.N." in Iraq and promised that the bombings of U.N. headquarters "will not make us waver."

Good Conduct Medal



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Tawana L. Garrison-Wynn, YN3 in the U.S. Navy, recently received her first Good Conduct Medal and was recognized as second junior sailor of the Quarter for U.S. Naval Station and as junior service member of the quarter for U.S. Naval Base. Petty Officer Garrison is stationed in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where she works for Base Operations and Migrant Operations. She is the daughter of Wanda Riggie of Skellytown.

Strong quake hits northern Japan, wreaking havoc

KUSHIRO, Japan (AP) — A magnitude 8 quake rocked Japan's northern island of Hokkaido early Friday, injuring hundreds, cutting off electricity and water to thousands, igniting a spectacular oil-tank blaze and collapsing part of an airport roof.

The quake was the largest anywhere in the world this year, the U.S. Geological Survey said. Still, no deaths were immediately reported — a fact that experts attributed to sturdy Japanese buildings and the quake's location 26 miles below the ocean floor.

The quake forced the evacuation of 41,000 people and left some 16,000 homes blacked out. Warnings of tsunami, or ocean waves, were briefly issued as far away as Hawaii and Alaska.

The quake, which struck at 4:50 a.m., cracked roads, capsized fishing boats and caved in part of the roof of the airport in Obihiro, a city of 200,000.

The tremor, centered in the Pacific about 60 miles off

Hokkaido's eastern shore, was followed by several strong aftershocks and small tsunami, ocean waves.

The government warned residents to avoid coastal areas, but the highest waves recorded were only about four feet.

Hokkaido government official Hideki Domon said 323 people were confirmed injured as of 4 p.m., about 11 hours after the quake. Police said 22 were seriously hurt, mostly with broken bones.

Japan's public broadcaster, NHK, put the injury toll at nearly 400.

Kushiro, 560 miles north-east of Tokyo, was believed to be the hardest hit by the powerful quake.

"The shaking went on and on," said Fumiko Okuse, who owns a liquor store with her husband in Kushiro.

"Everything was thrown out of the refrigerators and all over the floor. Juice, beer, everything."

Television footage showed an office where books were knocked off shelves, and desks and computers swayed back and forth as the quake hit. Merchandise fell off store shelves and people sought shelter in schools.

"It shook hard and long and I was very frightened," said Eri Takizawa, a city official in Kushiro. "We have small quakes here from time to time, but this was completely different."

Black plumes of smoke and flames leapt from an oil tank in the city of Tomakomai. The fire was contained within three hours and no injuries were reported.

Police said one person was injured when a local train car-

rying about 39 passengers derailed.

Though not listed as a quake-caused fatality, a 61-year-old man cleaning up broken beer bottles on a street immediately after the quake was struck by an oncoming car and died, Hokkaido police said.

A 58-year-old man also died aboard his fishing boat while trying to sail it to calm waters, but local officials said his death did not appear to have been caused by the quake.

Most of the injured escaped with minor bruises and cuts caused by glass from shattered windows and objects falling off of shelves.

A 70-year-old woman in this Hokkaido city, just west of Kushiro, broke her leg trying to crawl out a window.

AP: Heat wave killed more than 19,000

PARIS (AP) — More than 19,000 people died in a heat wave that baked much of Europe in August, placing it among the worst hot-weather disasters in a century, according to official estimates collected by The Associated Press.

The number of dead may be even higher, since the AP survey of a dozen countries found that two — Spain and Germany — have blamed only a fraction of summer fatalities on the heat so far.

The worst-hit country was France, which on Thursday reported a staggering heat wave death toll of 14,802. Scientists at INSERM, the National Institute of Health and Medical Research, reached the figure by counting the number of deaths over and above what would be expected for the month of August. The toll exceeds an earlier government count of 11,435, a figure based on deaths in only the first two weeks of the month, when Saharalike temperatures gripped the continent.

No comprehensive Europe-wide toll exists, and the dimensions of the tragedy may never be known since nations are using different measures to determine heat-related deaths. The French compared the spike in mortality rates this summer to last and attributed the full difference to the record heat.

The AP conducted its survey over the past two weeks, obtaining information from government and nongovernment sources, including national Health Ministries, government statistics offices, mortuaries and ambulance services.

Italy followed the same formula for counting heat deaths as the French. The Health Ministry said 1,176 more Italians died in the first two weeks of August in the nation's 21 largest cities compared to the same period a year ago. The number will surely rise once figures are in for all of August. Italian authorities earlier reported a 4,175-person increase in deaths nationwide for July 16-Aug. 15.

The Spanish Health Ministry put its official toll at just 141, saying it counted only people whose deaths were specifically attributed to temperature-related conditions such as heat-stroke. But the ministry also said there were 4,230 more deaths last month than in August 2002.

"Having seen the results from the other countries, 141 seems like an underestimation," said Betina Menne, of the European Global Change and Health Program at the World Health Organization in Rome. She added that WHO had not yet seen the complete study.

In Germany, only 40 people are on official record as dying from the heat. The medical division of the German Weather Service is still compiling a country total, although it is unclear whether the federal government will do the same.

However, an AP survey of government statistics offices, ambulance services and undertakers showed that at least 806 more people died in 15 major cities and two states in August 2003 than in the same month last year. Similar figures from the other 14 states were not available.

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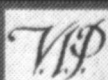
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FDA eyeing technology to safeguard drug supply

WASHINGTON (AP) — Radio-tagged product codes that are gaining popularity for inventory control might also one day help keep fake medicine out of the drug supply.

Drug makers and sellers are urging the Food and Drug Administration to consider the new technology as it seeks safeguards against the growing threat of counterfeit medicine, said FDA pharmacy chief Tom McGinnis, who heads the agency's new anti-counterfeiting task force.

The radio-frequency transmitters already are used at highway toll booths to read speed passes, and Wal-Mart is spurring the technology in other industries by telling its top 100 suppliers to embed the chips in shipping crates for better inventory control by 2005.

It's a still-evolving technology, so widespread use on prescription drugs is probably a few years away, McGinnis said, although he expects some companies with drugs particularly vulnerable to counterfeiters will try it sooner.

Also drawing FDA attention is a program by Serono Inc. that tracks every box of a treatment for AIDS wasting, called Serostim, from factory to a network of pharmacies specially authorized to sell it. Additionally, pharmacies must report that bar-coded tracking number to get reimbursement from certain third-party payers, like New York's Medicaid office.

Serono started the program last fall, after a rash of Serostim counterfeits. No fakes have been detected since, Serono Vice President James Sapirstein said.

The FDA task force next week will outline possible options to fight counterfeiters, with final recommendations due in January.

Until some sort of protective technology arrives, drug stores and even patients need to know that counterfeit drugs, while still rare in this country, are a growing problem, McGinnis said.

"We need to raise the level of concern," he said.

Patients should immediately report anything suspicious about a drug to their pharmacist, who in turn must promptly alert the drug's maker and the FDA, he said. Suspicious signs could be a drug that looks, smells or tastes different than it usually does.

Some dietary experts reject targeting obese Americans

By EMILY GERSEMA
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Several experts updating the nation's benchmarks for good eating habits plan to aim their "eat well, exercise regularly" message at healthy consumers, rejecting the government's suggestion they direct their diet advice to overweight Americans.

The panel acknowledges that obesity is a problem, since 64 percent of adults and 13 percent of children are overweight, but some members doubt they should offer advice on losing weight through guidelines meant to help all consumers improve the way they eat.

"It's not that I'm opposed to weight loss," said Russell R. Pate, a fitness expert from the University of South Carolina and an adviser for a food industry research group, the International Food Information Council. "But by focusing on weight maintenance, you're encouraging calorie balance."

Currently, the government's dietary guidelines and food guide pyramid encourage healthy Americans to maintain their present weight by limiting intake of saturated fats, salt and sugar. The guidelines are the basis of the food pyramid

— the well-recognized graphic meant to teach consumers good eating habits. Revisions of both are due out in 2005.

The Agriculture Department warned that if it continues to gear the pyramid to healthy people, it "could promote consumption at a level that would increase weight or maintain weight above what is healthy," according to a notice published this month in the Federal Register.

But at the guideline committee's meeting this week, Pate was among several members who said they would prefer to target the government's advice to healthy consumers.

Dr. Benjamin Caballero, a professor and director of the Center for Human Nutrition and Division of Human Nutrition at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, said overweight patients should seek advice from their doctors to manage their weight.

"Really, this is not the best place to give clinical advice to people on how to lose weight," Caballero said of the government guidelines.

Critics say that by targeting healthy consumers, the panel would avoid sending an "eat less" message vehemently

opposed by the food industry. Promoting exercise has been one of the food industry's main responses to accusations that its products, portion sizes and advertising encourage people to overeat.

Michael Jacobson, executive director of the Center for Science in the Public Interest — which has complained the panel is dominated by members with ties to the food and pharmaceutical industries — agreed that encouraging all people to maintain a healthy weight would curb some obesity. But he said both his group and the government want a "clearer and a little stronger"

message for consumers.

"Simply telling people to eat less and exercise more is not going to do a darn thing," said Dr. Carlos Arturo Carmargo, an associate professor at Harvard Medical School and the Harvard School of Public Health who is on the guidelines panel. "We really have to do something in addition to that."

Consumers are getting mixed messages because so many weight-loss diets are available, he said. "I'm not sure we want to get into the strategy for weight loss for obese Americans. It's kind of complicated."

Carmargo said the committee should consider writing a separate set of recommendations for businesses and schools, encouraging them to add gyms to help workers and students stay fit, and nutrition classes to teach about good diets.

Jacobson said he fears the "eat less" message will be sacrificed once the committee focuses on making the new guidelines and accompanying pyramid consistent. If one is focused on healthy people and the other on those who are overweight, consumers will only be more baffled, he added.

Emergency worker discovers wounded son after shooting

COLD SPRING, Minn. (AP) — When a second shooting victim was found near the weight room at Rocori High School, emergency worker Tom Rollins was the first to rush downstairs to give first aid.

There, he found his son Aaron, mortally wounded.

The tragic encounter near the bottom of the stairs was yet another mournful note for a community reeling from shock at Wednesday's shooting and the identity of the suspect, a classmate of the two victims.

Rollins was too distraught to give medical assistance, and someone else was sent to help his 17-year-old son, who died at a hospital a short time later. Seth Bartell, 14, remained in critical condition early Friday.

Authorities had not yet identified the suspect, but students and the teacher who apprehended him said he is John Jason McLaughlin, 15, the son of a Stearns County sheriff's deputy. McLaughlin was not immediately charged; authorities had until noon Friday to charge or release him.

By late Thursday, authorities had searched the school and McLaughlin's home, seizing three computers.

Giving the first detailed account of the attack, investigators Thursday said the suspect pulled a .22-caliber gun from a gym bag as he walked out of a locker room, then fired two

shots, hitting the victims.

Bartell got up the stairs. The shooter followed and fired again, said Tim O'Malley of the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

At that point, Mark Johnson, a 27-year teacher and coach, confronted the teen. The student raised the gun and Johnson raised his right hand and shouted "No!"

The shooter emptied the bullets from his gun and dropped it before Johnson grabbed the weapon and hustled the boy to the school office.

"Very quiet," Johnson said. "Didn't say a word. As I escorted him to the office, didn't say one word. He came with me very willingly."

O'Malley said it did not appear the suspect was intent on a Columbine-style massacre. It wasn't clear whether the shooter knew the victims, and authorities refused to identify a motive.

On Thursday, emotional parents hugged each other as they escorted their children to a session at a nearby middle school in Cold Spring, a town of about 3,000 people 60 miles northwest of the Twin Cities.

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Top O' Texas Fellowship of Christian Cowboys will host guest preacher, Rusty Pipes, at their monthly meeting Saturday, Sept. 27.

Pipes is a member of the National Organization of Fellowship of Christian Cowboys of Colorado Springs, Colo. He has served as chaplain of the National High School Finals Rodeo for the last two years, holding "Prayer Behind the Chutes" eight times per day for seven days.

He has traveled to Las Vegas, Nev., to preach after the National Finals Rodeo at the fellowship held each night after the rodeo. In the last few years he has been conducting "Prayer Behind the Chutes" at several rodeos around New Mexico, Texas and Arizona.

In the summers, Pipes helps with Rodeo Bible Camps across the western U.S.A., and this past summer, helped with

the Texas Rodeo Bible Camp in Pampa. He assisted Jim and Kathleen Green in various ways through the four-day camp. An emergency arose with the camp preacher, Curtis House, and Pipes became the closing preacher on the final day of activities within a matter of minutes.

"The Pampa camp was one of the greatest camps I've been involved in," Pipes said. "These kids were looking for God to be in their life and were all very well mannered."

One of Pipe's favorite Bible verses is Proverbs 22:6: "Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

"I feel like the young people in the world today are looking for something real in this ol' world of ours and what a better answer for them than you right where you are, doesn't care about your past, and

what you do or wear. He just loves you for you," Pipes said.

Raised in the Clarendon area, Pipes has moved back to the Texas Panhandle. He lives in Pampa when he's not on the road with his ministry and job. He is starting small Bible studies once or twice a month through the Top O' Texas Fellowship of Christian Cowboys of Pampa.

"I am so blessed to be back in the Texas Panhandle with all my old friends and look forward to starting new relationships," he said.

Top O' Texas Fellowship of Christian Cowboys meets at 6 p.m., the fourth Saturday of every month, at the Clyde Carruth Livestock Pavilion behind the rodeo arena at Recreation Park. The public is invited.

For more information call Jim or Kathleen Greene, 665-8850 or Bill Kidwell at 669-6347.



Rusty Pipes leads "Prayer Behind the Chutes" with the young cowboys at the National High School Rodeo Finals. (Courtesy photo)

Minister's Musings

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Keep Pampa in Your care

We are faced with many problems
that grow bigger day by day
And, as we seek to solve them
in our own self-sufficient way,
We keep drifting into chaos
and our avarice and greed
blinds us to the answer,
that would help us in our need.
Oh, God, renew our spirit
and make us more aware
That our future is dependent
on sacrifice and prayer.
Forgive us our transgressions
and revive our faith anew
So we may all draw closer
to each other and to you.
For when a nation is too proud
to daily kneel and pray
It will crumble into chaos
and descend into decay.
So stir us with compassion
and raise our standards higher
And take away our lust for power
and make our one desire
To be a shining symbol
of all that's great and good
As you lead us in our struggle
toward new-found brotherhood!

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance." Psalms 33:12

America is a notably harmonious country in religion, argues analyst

By RICHARD N. OSTLING
AP RELIGION WRITER

Boston College social analyst Alan Wolfe has written three upbeat books contending that despite those angry headlines and allegations of "culture war," America is a unified rather than a quarrelsome country.

"One Nation, After All," published in 1998, treated political attitudes. "Moral Freedom," which came out in 2001, focused on ethical issues. Wolfe completes the trilogy with his new "The Transformation of American Religion: How We Actually Live Our Faith" (Free Press).

Wolfe says most Americans are amiable souls in matters of religion, too, and that the powerful American culture sands down the rough edges of how believers behave, regardless of what official creeds might command.

As he and others have described it, American religion is generally individualistic, uninterested in doctrine, distrustful toward tradition and institutions, practical and "increasingly at home with the culture surrounding it."

His debatable conclusion: "American religion has been so transformed that we have reached the end of religion as we have known it."

There are exceptions. Mormonism manages to militantly preserve its innovative beliefs and practices. And in terms of issues, Wolfe said in an interview, the harmonious landscape is marred by the raging debates within liberal churches on whether to accept same-sex behavior, and in society at large over legalizing same-sex marriage.

To a great extent, Wolfe is writing for fellow secularists, whom he depicts as frightened that their devout neighbors are

undermining democracy. Yet he says liberals often rely on a "non-democratic institution," the courts, to limit public exercise of religion.

He admonishes intellectuals that "believers are full citizens of the United States, and it is time to make peace between them and the rest of America." He further asserts, "If anything, the problem American believers have is lack of confidence rather than excessive arrogance."

America has a propensity to reshape institutions to satisfy personal needs, Wolfe writes, and while this may be appropriate for consumer goods, it appears "out of place when matters of ultimate meaning and significance are at issue."

Many will doubtless dispute Wolfe's broad-brush theory, finding him perhaps too ambitious in attempting to treat all faiths and working too hard to fit them into his scenario. But he

then we would go. Well, the church sort of came to us," Burton said. "I told my mother she must have been praying pretty hard."

She and her husband, Harlis, both agreed that it seemed like the natural thing to do — the church needed a place, and they needed a church.

"Some people might think it's strange, sure," Harlis Burton said. "They should come out and see for themselves."

Parishioners were so excited to have a place to meet for services that they didn't balk at the idea of meeting in a bar. They even took advantage of the opportunity to make light of the situation.

"May I see some ID, please?" asked member Alicia Perez as she greeted the more than 80 people who came through the door.

Others reminded people they were a BYOB church — bring your own Bible.

Chairs were set up along the dance floor, facing opposite Budweiser signs and pool tables, while the church choir performed on the bar's bandstand.

The Burtons aren't open for business on Sundays, but did open the kitchen for hungry churchgoers anxious to taste their chicken fried steak.

The disco ball above the dance floor turned slowly, occasionally hitting the sign to the right of the room, highlighting two small words — BEER BAR.

"We thought about covering up the sign when we were setting up but decided that it took something away from the atmos-

phere," said member Lynda Ramos.

Ramos said the bar just seemed to fit the church's personality.

"We are used to doing things differently," she said.

Gomez, who is an ordained Southern Baptist minister, operates his church on a concept of cells and celebration. Members meet in small groups, or cells, once a week to study Bible verses and answer tough questions about how each one relates to them. Then on Sundays the congregation gathers for a joyful service of singing and clapping before the sermon.

The goal, Gomez said, is to bring people closer to each other through the cells, and bring them closer to God during services.

The cells, or huddles, are held in cities all over the Coastal Bend including Corpus Christi, Kingsville, Alice, Bishop, Freer and Refugio.

"You get to know people on a more personal level," he said.

The Kingsville site is one of many that the church hopes to plant in a community over the next several years.

The idea is to have planted 10 churches in 10 years that will in turn plant churches in other communities. Gomez said that Alice would most likely be the next site.

In the meantime Gomez is encouraging everyone he sees to come out to Christopher's.

"They can come in and enjoy a meal, maybe sing a little karaoke on Saturday night. And then come on Sunday night and hear some truth."

Booths available for Hereford Wesley UMC arts, crafts fair

HEREFORD - Wesley United Methodist Church will be hosting its 23rd annual Festival of Arts and Crafts from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dec. 6, at the Community Center. Only a limited number of

booths are available and applicants are screened. Booth fee is \$10.

For applications, write or call Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St., Hereford, Texas, 79045; telephone, (806) 364-0774.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Girl Fears Parents' Reaction To News Of Her Pregnancy

DEAR ABBY: I don't know what to do. This morning I found out that I am pregnant. I haven't told my parents, because I'm scared of their reaction. It's so hard. What are my options?
ALONE AND TERRIFIED IN COLUMBUS, GA.

DEAR TERRIFIED: You may feel alone right now, but you aren't. If it is at all possible, confide in your mother or another trusted female adult right away. Do not waste any time. You need more support right now than I can give you in this column.

If there is no adult you trust enough to tell, your next best option is to contact Planned Parenthood. The caring and understanding staff will confirm whether or not you are pregnant. They will then explain all of your options to you. They also provide excellent low-cost prenatal care. Planned Parenthood is listed in your phone book.

DEAR ABBY: My 7-year-old, "Richie," attended a birthday party today. Pizza and cake were served, and goodie bags were handed out at the door as the kids left. In the car, on the way home, Richie opened his and found inside a thank-you note from the birthday boy which read, "Thanks for coming to my party and thanks for the great present!"

Abby, I was shocked. My son repeated the words, "Great present? Mommy, he didn't open his presents during the party. How could he know what I gave him was great?" After my kids' parties, we sit down together and write an individual thank-you card for each gift, and in it my son mentions the particular present. Sometimes we even enclose a photo of the child taken at the party. In the past, we have received e-mail thank-yous, but never one in a goodie bag sent home the day of the party. Is this tacky or a sign of the times? No name or location, please. We live in a small town.
OFFENDED IN THE U.S.A.

DEAR OFFENDED: The parent who came up with the idea of a generic thank-you did her son no favor. Writing a gracious thank-you note is an acquired skill — one with which every child should become familiar as soon as he or she can hold a pen or pencil.

It doesn't have to be long or fancy, but it must be personal and sincere.

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Safety Conscious in Northern California," who observed a young child left alone in a car and told another mother instead of calling the police, reminded me of how a friend of mine handled a similar situation. While driving to work, she saw a child of kindergarten age sitting alone at a bus stop. This went on for several days and she couldn't get him out of her mind, so she decided to take action.

One morning, she stopped her car at the bus stop and asked the boy to give his parents a note. The note said, "I am not a pervert, but I got close enough to your little boy to give him this note. Next time, you might not be so lucky!"

The next morning, and every morning thereafter, that child's mother was waiting with him at the bus stop.
LOVING KIDS IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR LOVING KIDS: Your friend is an excellent communicator. She sent a message the boy's mother will never forget.

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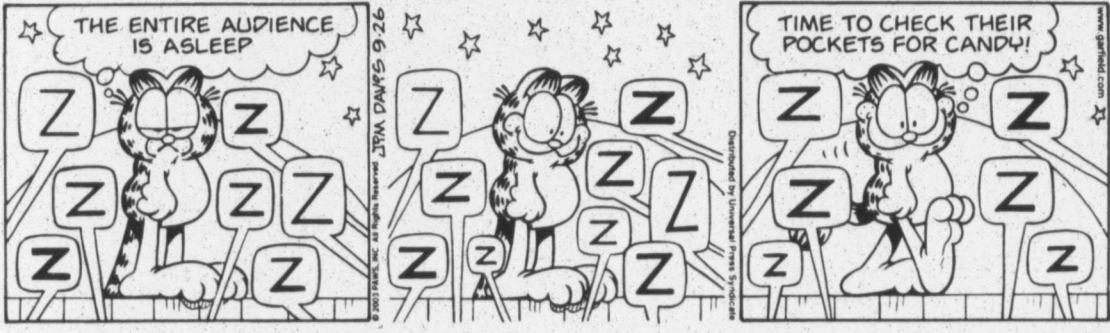
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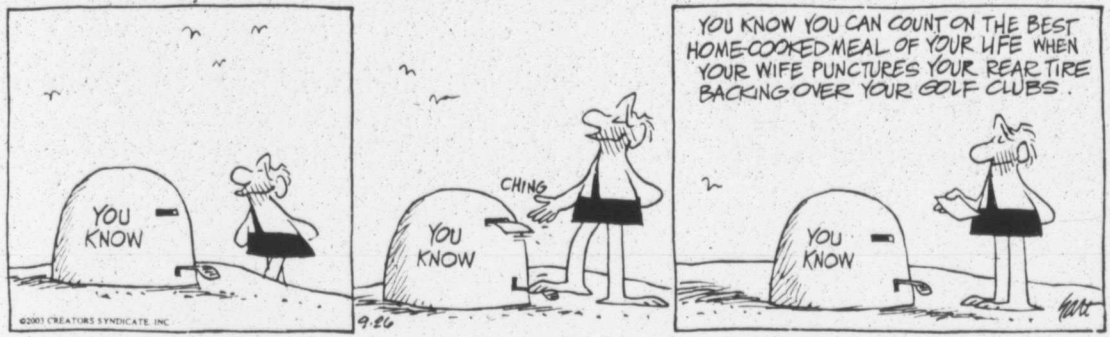
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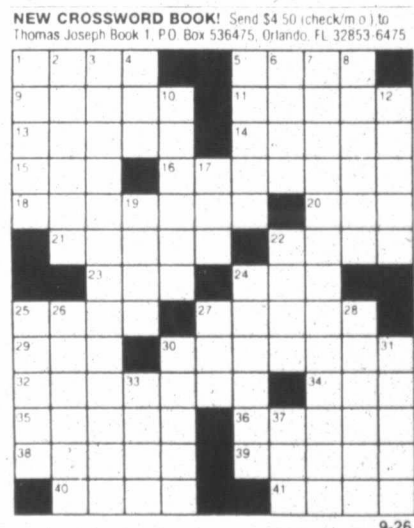
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 21 Contemptible sort
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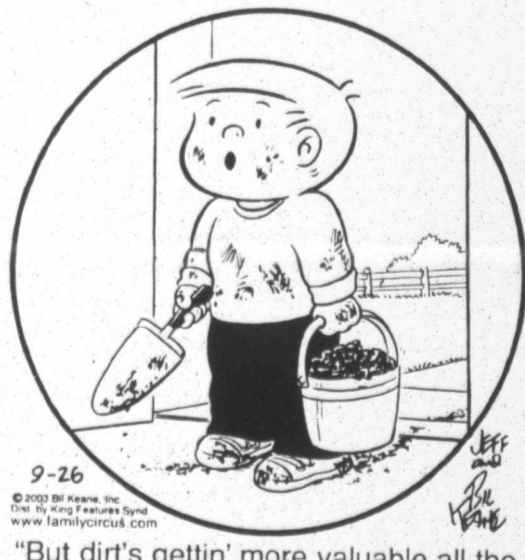
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"Why is your girlfriend wearing my new fall sweater?"

The Family Circus



"But dirt's gettin' more valuable all the time. God's not makin' any more of it."

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SPORTS

Dunn, Kirton overall winners at Chautauqua run

PAMPA — Kori Dunn of Pampa and Wes Kirton of Amarillo were the overall winners in the annual Chautauqua 5K run held Labor Day weekend.

Dunn, a member of the Pampa High cross country team, had a time of 24:16 in the female division. Kirton's 17:16 was the best time in the male division.

In the Fun Run, Ben Kirton of Friona and Emily Nusser of White Deer had the best times in the male and female divisions.

Myra McCavit, 85, was the oldest runner competing in the Chautauqua run.

There was \$713 raised for this year's United Way fund.

Chautauqua 2003 Fun Run-Walk & 5K

(Sponsored by Pampa Regional Medical Center)

Fun Run

8 & Under Division

Male

1. Ben Dietz, 8:56; 2. Westin Harding, Panhandle; 3. Collin Mertz.

Female

1. J'Ce Holmes, 8:41; 2. Savanna Mertz, 3. Sierrah Villarreal.

9-11 Division

Male

1. Hayden Dockery, Amarillo, 7:37; 2. Alex Clendening; 3. Chris Hampton.

Female

1. Delaney Clendening, 10:16; 2. Maddie Abraham; 3. Lysie Guyer.

12-15 Division

Male

1. Chase Guyer, 7:23; 2. Gabriel Miller, Lefors; 3. Cole Guyer.

Female

1. Stephanie Stephens, 9:20; 2. Lydia West; 3. Kaylee Hill.

16-19 Division

Male

1. Matt Henderson, White Deer, 7:29.

Female

1. Emily Nusser, White Deer, 7:30*;

20-29 Division

Male

1. Ben Kirton, Friona, 7:29*.

Female

1. Kimberly Porter, 9:51; 2. Mandi Parsons; 3. April Valasquez.

30-39 Division

Male

1. Greg Logan, 8:46; 2. Pete

Hernandez.

Female

1. Gail Mertz, 12:10; 2. Bonnie Abraham; 3. Renita Logan.

40-49 Division

Male

1. Craig Guyer, 15:16; 2. Terry Brookshire; 3. Norman Stephens.

Female

1. Mary West, 10:02; 2. Beth Miller; 3. Robin Manzanera.

50 plus Division

Male

1. Glenn Schafer, 12:20; 2. Jerry South; 3. Bob Stegar.

Female

1. Sandra Humphrey, Panhandle, 12:27; 2. Cheryl Lewis; 3. Kathy Cavalier.

5-K Run

19 & Under Division

Male

1. David Meyer, 25:29.

Female

1. Kori Dunn, 24:16*; 2. Samantha Ceniceras; 3. Valerie Willis, Lefors.

20-29 Division

Male

1. Wes Kirton, Amarillo, 17:16; 2.

Jason Hubbard; 3. Brian Campbell, Amarillo.

Female

1. Lawana Pulliam, Canadian, 25:33; 2. Karen Gordy; 3. Tammy Newsom, Amarillo.

30-39 Division

Male

1. Cody Wilhelm, Canyon, 20:05; 2. Kirk Kerr, Canyon; 3. Lynn Pulliam, Canadian.

Female

1. Sandee Stokes, 24:26.

40-49 Division

Male

1. Charlie Hennessey, Amarillo, 17:38; 2. Dennis Dockery, Amarillo; 3. Nathan Bailey.

Female

1. A. Calson, Hereford, 28:20; 2. Glenna Bowman, Austin; 3. Janet Bilyeu.

50 plus Division

Male

1. John Scheetz, Amarillo, 26:40; 2. Jack McCavit; 3. Dean Wallace, Amarillo.

Female

1. June Cohen, Amarillo, 33:47.

NOTEBOOK

SOCCKER

PHILADELPHIA (AP)

Mia Hamm scored two early goals, then set up one in the second half as the United States routed Nigeria 5-0 in the Women's World Cup.

In other games, Sweden beat North Korea, China tied Australia, and Russia beat Ghana 3-0.

FOOTBALL

PAMPA

The Cowboys and Dolphins now have a 1-1 record against each other in Tiger League football action.

The Dolphins won the opener 14-12, but the Cowboys took the second game 14-6.

Defense was the name of the game in the second meeting as the Cowboys managed 200 yards rushing between Gabe Rodriguez, Reid Bradley, Kendrick Tillmon, Leonel Madrid and Zack Organ.

The Cowboys first drive started at the their own 45-yard line. The Cowboys moved all the way to the Dolphin 8 where the defense stiffened and stopped the drive.

The Dolphins started at their own 8 and made little gain in two plays. On third down, defensive end Jessie Jimenez intercepted a Dolphin pass and ran it back for a touchdown.

The Cowboys led by a 6-0 score at halftime.

In the third quarter, the Dolphins scored quickly to tie the score.

In the fourth quarter, the Cowboys offense started clicking behind the running of Rodriguez and Bradley. The Dolphins recovered a fumble after the Cowboys moved all the way to the 5-yard line. The Dolphins returned the favor one play later when Corbin Clifton recovered a fumble for the Cowboys.

The Cowboys scored on a 5-yard pass from quarterback Craig Conners to tight end Leonel Madrid. Madrid also scored the two-point conversion to make the final score 14-6.

Defensively, Rodriguez had 10 tackles and Conners two interceptions to lead the Cowboys.

BASKETBALL

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)

Baylor guard Corey Herring, who might have been the second Baylor player whose tuition was improperly secured last year by then-coach Dave Bliss, has returned to the team with a scholarship.

"The only thing I know is (the Baylor committee) contacted me and they said the NCAA granted him a chance to come back here, be on scholarship and play," new coach Scott Drew told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Optimist banquet set for Saturday night

Optimist International Vice-President Elect Danny Rodgers will be the speaker at the annual Pampa Optimist installation banquet, President John Warner announced Thursday.

The banquet will be held Saturday night beginning at 6:30 at the Optimist building.

Rodgers will install the officers and directors for the 2003-2004 Optimist year and will induct new members, Warner said.

Sheri Tice will be installed as the 50th president and first woman president of the Pampa Optimist Club, and David Teichmann and Kevin Davis will be sworn in as first and second vice-presidents. In May, 2004, the Optimist Club will celebrate half a century of service to the youth of this area.

"There are only six

Optimist International vice-presidents elect in the world," Warner continued.

"We feel very honored to be able to get him to come to Pampa."

Rodgers has been a Municipal Judge in Fort Worth for the past seven years. He has been an Optimist for 17 years. He has served as president of the Breakfast

East Fort Worth Optimist Club, has been Lt. Governor of Zones 1 and 13 and has served as Governor of the North Texas District.

He graduated from Baylor University in 1978 with a B. A. degree in history. He obtained his J. D. Degree from Baylor University Law School in 1981.

Rodgers and wife, Jill, are the parents of a son, Matthew, 19, and a daughter, Caitlin, 15.

PGA Texas Open Leaders

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First Round

Bob Tway	31-30	61
Heath Slocum	30-31	61
Aaron Baddeley	33-29	62
Tom Byrum	30-33	63
Cameron Beckman	33-30	63
Rory Sabbatini	32-31	63
Cliff Kresge	32-31	63

Middle school runners improve times at Tulia cross country meet

Pampa Middle School traveled to Tulia Sept. 13 to compete in the McKenzie Park run. Almost every runner on the team improved their time from the week before, according to coach Kate Devoll.

Results are as follows:

Runner	Perryton Time	Tulia Time
Boys - Paul Soria	14:14	12:16
Girls - Kari Carter	18:11	15:55
Amy Adams	18:32	16:14
Rachel Lee	18:34	16:43
Carley Richardson	19:32	16:27
Brenna Albract	19:36	17:03
Kelli Wilson	19:52	16:12
Kat Aler	20:08	17:23
Kayla Jeter	20:16	21:01
Kenzie Carter	22:13	18:40
Destiny Fitzer	22:15	16:15
Amanda Harkins	NA	16:33
Callie Preston	28:07	20:48
Celeste Gonzales	28:10	22:18
Keziah Clennenden	29:07	18:31
Olivia Chairez	NA	17:55
Caitlin Hampton	NA	20:52

Pampa's next meet will be Oct. 4 in Canadian.

PHS Rodeo Club



The Pampa Rodeo Club is hosting a Tri-State High School Rodeo Saturday at the Top O' Texas arena. Club members are (top row) Trinidee Talley, Hawk Tucker, Royce O'Neal, Erica Wildcat, Destinee Manhart and Jessica Helms; (middle row) Whitney Wichert, Tasha Triplett, Aaron Silva and Elizabeth Thomas; (second row) Debbie Douglas, James Schroeder, Bridgett Murray and Kay Talley; (first row) Jack Parman, Richard Kidwell, Cody Lee, Skye Niccum, Brittany Taylor, Stephen McCarley, Karli Douglas, Jacob Trevathan and Jamie Schroeder; (bottom row) Michael Pergeson. Not pictured are Adam Brown, Aaron Hunt, Cody Atwood and Brant Atwood.

High School Scores

Thursday Results

Allen 25, Plano East 14
 Austin High 63, Austin Akims 21
 Austin Reagan 13, Austin LBJ 12
 Baytown Lee 26, Clear Creek 21
 Cypress Springs 13, Cy-Fair 0
 Dallas Madison 39, FW North Side 6
 Dallas St. Marks 35, FW Country Day 6

6 Dallas White 51, Dallas Moha 18
 Edcouch-Elsa 24, Brownsville Lopez 8
 EP Irvin 27, EP Jefferson 21
 Episcopal School of Dallas 32, Plano Prestonwood 7
 FW Southwest 33, Cleburne 14
 Harker Heights 21, Killeen Ellison 14
 Harlingen Marine Military 41,
 Tamaulipas Prepa Tech 14
 Houston Bellaire 38, Houston Austin 0
 Houston Kinkaid 16, Dallas Greenhill 13

7 Houston Westbury 34, Houston Milby 7
 Houston Worthing 61, Houston Chavez 3
 Irving MacArthur 49, Carrollton Creekview 0
 PSJA North 54, Edinburg North 0
 Rosenberg Terry 7, Angleton 6
 Rowlett 17, North Mesquite 14
 SA Lanier 35, SA Burbank 0
 San Marcos 53, Crockett 6
 Stratford 60, Tahoka 0
 Sugar Land Willowridge 24, Sugar Land Elkins 7
 The Woodlands 54, Klein Collins 7

NFL Schedule

Sunday's Games
 Arizona at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
 Tennessee at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
 Jacksonville at Houston, 1 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
 New England at Washington, 1 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
 San Francisco at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
 Kansas City at Baltimore, 4:05 p.m.

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 San Diego at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
 Dallas at N.Y. Jets, 4:15 p.m.
 Atlanta at Carolina, 4:15 p.m.
 Detroit at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
 Indianapolis at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.
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Davis hinting to go one-on-one with Hollywood's 'Terminator'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Having avoided the rough-and-tumble debate of those looking to replace him, Gov. Gray Davis challenged Arnold Schwarzenegger to get his facts straight or go head-to-head in a debate of their own.

Davis, who wasn't invited to Wednesday's barb-filled free-for-all between five contenders for his job, emerged unscathed and perhaps a bit more combative Thursday as he resumed his work as governor.

He took jabs at Schwarzenegger, accusing the Republican action star of twisting his record and exaggerating the state's problems.

"I'm going to set the record straight. I'm getting sick and tired of his distortions," Davis said. "If he doesn't set the record straight himself, I may have to debate him."

A day after his scrappy performance, Schwarzenegger earned endorsements that could provide a key boost to his candidacy with only a week and a half remaining until the election. They also put more pressure on conservative Republican Sen. Tom McClintock to fall in line behind Schwarzenegger's candidacy — something McClintock has refused to do.

Rep. Darrell Issa, who bankrolled the effort to put the measure on the ballot with \$1.7 million, was expected to give the former bodybuilder his endorsement Friday, a Republican source said.

Businessman Bill Simon, who lost the election to Davis last fall and dropped out of the recall race earlier, endorsed Schwarzenegger on Thursday, saying he was the "right man" for the job.

Schwarzenegger also was backed by the California Republican County Chairmen's Association, a group of Republican committee leaders from California's 58 counties. The group, which has ties to grass-roots activists, does not normally endorse.

McClintock was not swayed. He said he planned to keep his word to fight to the end, including a new ad called to be launched today.

Schwarzenegger said it wasn't his place to tell McClintock to quit.

"This is a decision that he has to make," he said. "I think it is obviously much better, mathematically speaking, to win when you don't split the vote, and I think it is very important for him to think about that. But I am not going to be the one that pushes him."

The busy campaign activity came a day after a debate filled with shouting, insults and wisecracks among the leading candidates seeking to replace Davis. The debate frequently turned rowdy, and candidates routinely jumped on top of each other's answers and shouted to be heard.

Some analysts said the raucous atmosphere may have played into Davis' strategy of portraying the recall as a circus while going about the business of leading California.

"I think a substantial amount of viewers probably wanted to take a shower and think this whole recall thing is a big stinky mess," said Marty Kaplan, associate dean at the Annenberg School of Communications, University of Southern California. "Should we empower this group of bickering mud-wrestlers? You wanted to vote them all off the island."

Davis on Thursday accused Schwarzenegger of overstating the amount of taxes Californians pay and of wrongly saying a state program for healthy families has been unsuccessful. He also ridiculed Schwarzenegger's Wednesday night performance.

"I did see the last hour of the debate, it looked to me more like a food fight. There was a fellow who's used to reading scripts who had a couple of one-liners and put-downs," Davis said.

Pressed about whether he really planned to challenge Schwarzenegger to debate, Davis said, "I will give you that answer in the next two days. Right now I am saying, 'Get your facts straight, Mr. Schwarzenegger.'"

Clerk suspected of spying said to be under scrutiny before Guantanamo

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force translator accused of espionage at the prison camp for terror suspects was under investigation before he arrived at the Guantanamo Bay base, a military investigator says.

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations began looking into the case of Senior Airman Ahmad I. al-Halabi in November 2002 while he was a supply clerk at Travis Air Force Base in California, the agent wrote in court documents. Al-Halabi was sent to the Cuban base weeks later as an Arabic language interpreter for the al-Qaida and Taliban suspects there.

Al-Halabi, 24, now is charged with espionage for allegedly e-mailing classified information about the prison camp to an unspecified "enemy" and planning to give other secrets about the prison to someone traveling to Syria. He is one of two military members at the prison camp to be arrested during an investigation of possible security breaches there.

The other suspect, Army Capt. Yousef Yee, a Muslim chaplain, is being held without charge at the Navy brig in Charleston, S.C. Al-Halabi is behind bars at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., forbidden to speak Arabic.

The military has tightened security at Guantanamo Bay since the arrests, with officials making sure that restrictions on handling documents, making phone calls and sending e-mails are being followed, said Army Lt. Col. Pamela Hart, a base spokeswoman.

OSI Special Agent Lance R. Wega asked a federal court in Sacramento, Calif., for a warrant to collect a package al-Halabi sent from Guantanamo Bay to his home address at Travis Air Force Base. Federal magistrate Gregory G. Hollows granted the search warrant on Sept. 5.

An Air Force spokesman, Lt. Col. Rob Koon, said Thursday he had no information on why al-Halabi was allowed to work at Guantanamo Bay when he had been under suspicion before arriving at the prison camp.

Al-Halabi says he is innocent. One of his lawyers, Air Force Maj. James Key III, said al-Halabi is a naturalized U.S.

citizen and a patriotic American.

The most serious of the 32 charges against al-Halabi carries a possible death sentence. Brig. Gen. Bradley S. Baker, the commander of al-Halabi's unit, has not decided whether al-Halabi will be tried by court-martial or, if he is convicted, face a possible death sentence.

While at Guantanamo Bay, al-Halabi "made statements criticizing United States policy with regard to the detainees and U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East," Wega wrote. The agent wrote that al-Halabi also "expressed sympathy for and has had unauthorized contact with the detainees."

The charges against al-Halabi include an accusation that he lied to investigators when he denied making anti-American statements. Al-Halabi also is charged with violating military orders by having improper contact with the prisoners.

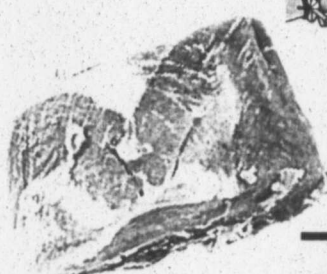
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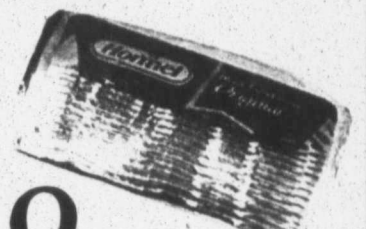
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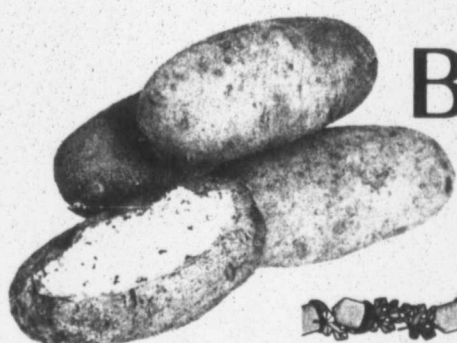
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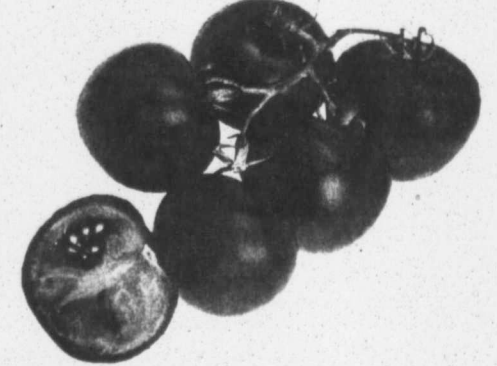


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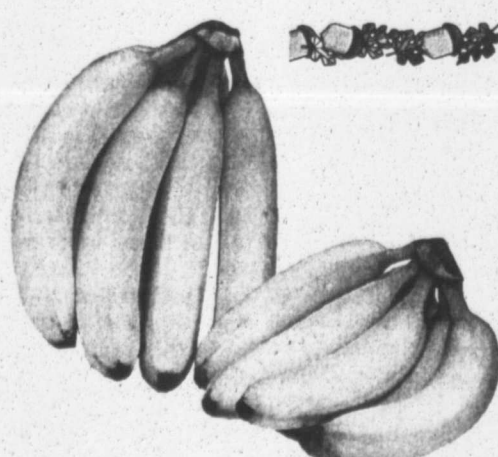
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