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LOCAL
Ceta Canyon to host Thanksgiving events

Ceta Canyon Camp and Retreat Center, a Christian ministry of the United Methodist Church, will host "A Celebration of Thanksgiving" from 4 to 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 1, at its scenic location. The event will include an open house, dinner, silent auction, Victorian Christmas Drawing, dance and music by Svetlana Petrey and "The Prairie Dogs."

Cost is \$30 per person, and participants must RSVP by Oct. 27 by calling (806) 488-2268.

The retreat center and camp hosts a variety of camps, conferences, retreats, meetings, reunions and picnics for all church denominations, non-profits, institutions, schools, families and businesses. The learn more, log onto www.cetacanyon.org on the Internet or e-mail info@cetacanyon.org.

DEATHS

Jackie Rennie, 65, former PISD employee.

Dewey 'Lane' Shipman, 59, owner/operator of Eagle Radiator Shop.

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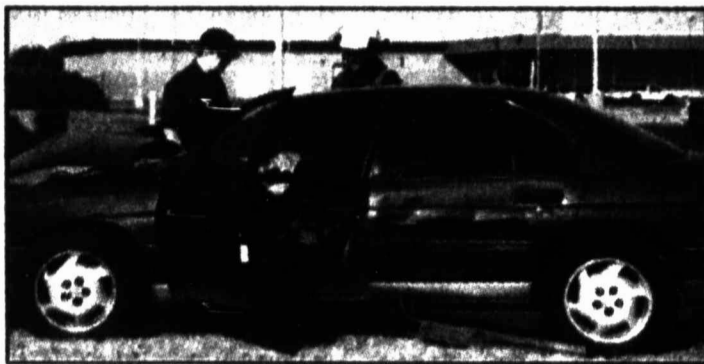
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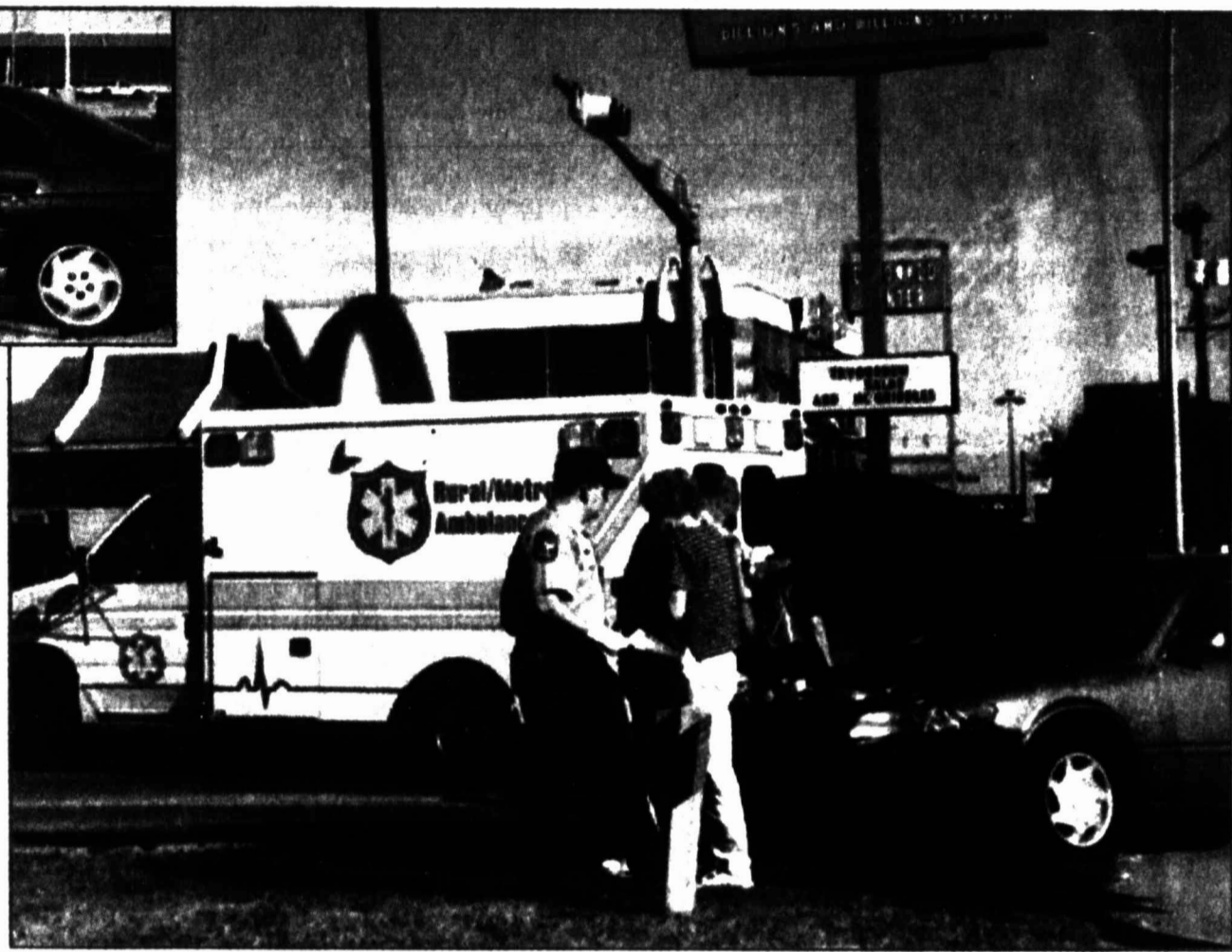
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Mid-morning collision temporarily interrupts Hobart traffic



(Pampa News photos)

This Toyota Camry, right, and a Chevrolet Lumina, inset, were involved in a wreck at the intersection of Somerville and Hobart this morning. A Pampa Police Department spokesperson at the scene said no serious injuries were reported.



At the Country Fair



(Pampa News photo by ReDonn Woods)

Neil Fulton, sitting, and Clay Rice, both of Pampa Chamber of Commerce, show off items auctioned off during the Chamber's 19th Annual Country Fair staged at M.K. Brown Auditorium this past weekend.



(Pampa News photo by ReDonn Woods)

Keith Woods, left, patiently waits as Duane Harp places a band on his wrist at the Chamber's 19th Annual Country Fair.

Deputies still seek murder victim's ID

By **MARILYN POWERS**
 Staff Writer

The identity of a woman found dead last Thursday morning off Interstate 40 near the Johnson Ranch Road in Gray County is still unknown, according to Kelly Rushing, chief deputy for Gray County Sheriff's Department.

"We are following up on all phone calls," he said.

"We are waiting for the toxicology report to determine cause of death," Rushing said. An autopsy was performed on the body in Lubbock on Friday morning.

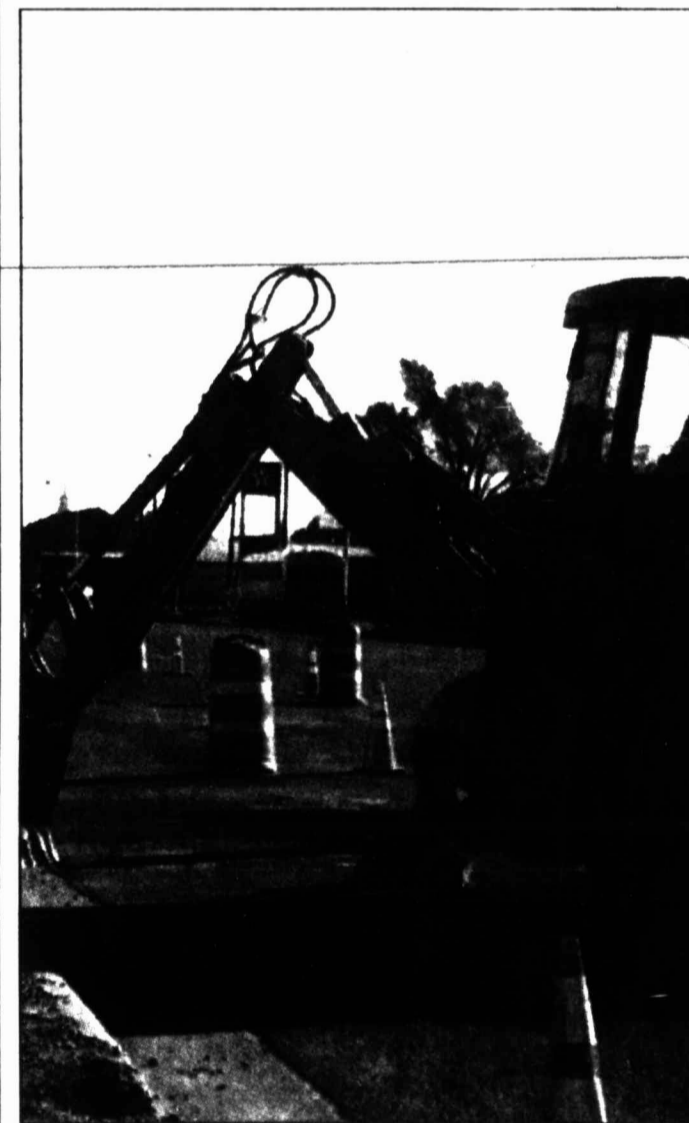
The woman appears to be a Native American between 30 and 40 years of age, 5'2" tall, medium build, with black

shoulder-length hair. She was last seen at the Flying J Truck Stop in Sayre, Okla., wearing a green sweatshirt, flannel shirt and blue jeans, according to a news release from the Texas Department of Public Safety. She was carrying a

blue and tan back pack and a blue Igloo cooler.

Anyone who may have information concerning the woman or the incident may call Gray County Sheriff's Department at 669-8022 or Crimestoppers at 669-2222.

Water main springs leak



(Pampa News photo)

City of Pampa workers dig up and begin repairing a 6-inch water main at Highway 60 and Gray Street this morning after the cast iron main ruptured. Duane Waldrop, an equipment operator for the city, said that repairs to the main would take at least three to four hours. No interruptions to water service were known as of press time. Total time to complete repairs and to re-pave the highway surface were "a couple of days, at least," Waldrop said.

Security errors plague airport

DALLAS (AP) — More than two dozen full or partial evacuations at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport have reportedly resulted from security blunders, false alarms and communication breakdowns since the East Coast terror attacks.

Changes in security protocol at the airport, one of the nation's busiest, were instituted after the evacuations which delayed tens of thousands of travelers and cost airlines and airport vendors millions of dollars but were not triggered by any credible threats, officials say.

The Transportation Security Administration's federal security director at DFW Airport acknowledged the fledgling agency has made mistakes during the 13 months it has been responsible for security.

"We're always going to err on the side of security," the TSA's Jimmy Woolen told The Dallas Morning News in Monday's editions. "With these incidents, though, we, one, needed to find out what went wrong and, two, find out how to fix it."

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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Wednesday, Oct. 15

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of Doyle. A vehicle was keyed. Estimated damage was \$500.

Thursday, Oct. 16

Harassment was reported in the 200 block of North Cuyler.

Assault by contact was reported in the 1200 block of Charles. No injuries were reported.

Friday, Oct. 17

Criminal trespass of a habitation was reported in the 2700 block of North Hobart.

Found property was reported in the 2300 block of Comanche. A bicycle was found.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of West Buckler. A dumpster was marked with graffiti. Estimated damage was \$10.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 600 block of North Somerville. The vehicle was unlocked. Taken were a knife and compact discs. Amount of loss was unknown.

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Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 900 block of North Somerville. Entry was through a window which was broken out. A videocassette recorder and an antique candy dish containing approximately \$80 in change was taken. Total estimated loss was \$130.

Saturday, Oct. 18

Reckless damage was reported at Recreation Park on Highway 60 by the City of Pampa. Five juveniles are suspected of causing damage to park equipment. Estimated damage is \$5,450.

Possession of marijuana under 2 ounces

was reported in the 600 block of East Foster.

Family violence was reported in the 1900 block of North Coffee. No assault occurred; the incident was a suicide attempt.

A runaway was reported in the 500 block of North Cuyler. The runaway is reported to be a 13-year-old male.

An information report concerning a fraudulent Social Security card was made in the lobby of Pampa Police Department. The incident occurred in the 1100 block of Cinderella.

Found property was reported in the 600 block of Plains. A microwave was found.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of Dogwood. A vehicle was scratched. Amount of damage was unknown.

Kevin Wade Harris, 34, 518 Yeager Apt. 7, was arrested on a bond surrender out of Parker County for possession of marijuana.

Sunday, Oct. 19

Antonio Cordova Perez, 39, 522 N. Starkweather, was arrested in the 500 block of North Starkweather for domestic assault causing bodily injury to a family member, and resisting arrest.

Lacey Deionn Nevins, 33, 1104 Neel Road, was arrested in the 900 block of South Faulkner on warrants for violation of a driver's license restriction and parking 18 inches from a curb, and for possession of a controlled substance under 1 ounce and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Disorderly conduct/language was reported in the 400 block of North Wynne.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1900 block of North Evergreen. The vehicle was unlocked. Two speakers were taken. Estimated loss was \$100.

Assault was reported in the lobby of Pampa Police Department. No injuries were reported. The incident occurred in the 1700 block of North Duncan.

SHERIFF

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

Saturday, Oct. 18

Anneta Shaver, 30, Skellytown, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated, first offense.

Sunday, Oct. 19

Juan Manuel Salazar, 21, Hereford, was arrested by DPS for escape, money laundering, burglary of a building and no driver's license.

April Lee Herrera, 23, 709 Frost, was arrested on capias pro fines for failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear and no valid driver's license.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m., today.

Saturday, Oct. 18

3:04 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a call for medical assistance in the 300 block of North Wells.

Sunday, Oct. 19

11:02 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a controlled burn in the 1900 block of Alcock.

11:42 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to an oilwell fire on Highway 152 and Gray 3.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Saturday, Oct. 18

5:30 p.m. — A 1992 Ford Aerostar, driven by Raquel Maria Godoy, 21, Route 2 Box 40P; a 1994 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme, driven by Damian Junior Garza, 31, 630 N. Christy; and a 1994 Buick Skylark, driven by Carla Gay Coffman, 41, 507 N. Nelson, were in collision in the 1200 block of North Gwendolyn. A passenger in Garza's vehicle reported possible injuries but refused treatment. Godoy was cited for failure to control speed.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m., today.

Saturday, Oct. 18

9:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Prairie and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Coffee and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Tignor and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

Sunday, Oct. 19

12:09 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Christy. No transport.

12:31 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a call for medical assistance at Lefors and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of North Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Harvester Stadium and transported a patient to PRMC.

STOCKS

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

Wheat	2.90	Limited	17.27	-0.12
Milo	3.56	Williams	9.87	-0.06
Corn	4.04	MCD	24.14	-0.01
Soybeans	6.64	XOM	38.58	-0.08
		Atmos	24.70	+0.05
		Pioneer Nat	25.25	-0.30

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

OXY	35.90	-0.23	CVX	73.57	-0.16
BP	43.48	-0.12	Wal-Mart	58.67	-0.17
Celanese	32.86	-0.20	OKE	20.63	-0.01
Cabot Corp	28.79	-0.06	NS Grp	6.78	+0.07
Cabot Oil Gas	26.91	+0.01			
Coca Cola	45.04	-0.09			
VLO	39.43	-0.35			
HAL	23.83	-0.28	New York Gold	371.65	
Triad	28.95	+0.02	Silver	4.93	
NOI	18.51	-0.10	West Texas Crude	30.68	

OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

HILL, Sylvia Lucille — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

RENNIE, Jackie — Graveside services, 3 p.m., Grandview Cemetery, Kaw City, Okla.

SHIPMAN, Dewey "Lane" — 2 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, Pampa.

DEWEY 'LANE' SHIPMAN

1944-2003

Dewey "Lane" Shipman, 59, of Pampa, Texas, died Friday, Oct. 17, 2003, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday at Zion Lutheran Church in Pampa with the Rev. Michael Erickson officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Shipman was born July 22, 1944, at Durant, Okla. He had been a resident of Pampa for 27 years. He married Donna Freeman on Oct. 1, 1966, at Clayton, N.M. He worked for Pioneer Natural Gas for 27 years. He owned and operated Eagle Radiator Shop since 1994.

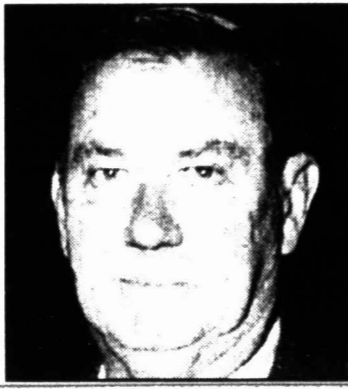
He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Vietnam War.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church. Survivors include his wife, Donna, of the home; two sons, Eric Shipman and James Shipman, both of Pampa; six brothers, Zeal Shipman of Amarillo, Alvin Shipman and Calvin Shipman, both of Durant, Okla., Don

Shipman of Denison, James Shipman of Greenville, and Carl Ray Shipman of Oklahoma City, Okla.; a sister, Evelyn Downs of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and a granddaughter, Ashley Shipman of Pampa. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Kate Shipman, and by his twin brother, Blaine Shipman.

The family requests memorials be to Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Duncan Street, Pampa, TX 79065.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



JACKIE RENNIÉ

1938-2003

GROOM — Jackie Rennie, 65, died Saturday, Oct. 18, 2003. Services were to be at 2 p.m., today in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with Andy Taylor, pastor of Trinity Fellowship Church in Sayre, Okla., officiating. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m., Tuesday, in Grandview Cemetery at Kaw City, Okla. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Rennie was born Feb. 3, 1938, in Ponca City, Okla. She had been a resident of Groom since 1989. She lived in White Deer from 1976-1989 and Pampa from 1964-1976.

She retired from Pampa Independent School District in 2001 as secretary to the superintendent, after 33 years.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Rennie, of the home; two daughters, Jody Richardson of Groom and Kelly Packard of White Deer; a son, Jack Todd Freeman of Glen Rose; a stepdaughter, Melissa Heaton of Alva, Okla.; two stepsons, Mark Rennie and Marty Rennie, both of Alva; 11 grandchildren, Joe Rae Richardson, Julie Williams, Jacey Richardson, Trenton Todd Packard, Tanner Packard, Jamie Rowan, Jordan Freeman, Jarett Freeman, Lance Heaton, Landon Heaton, and Lauren Heaton; and a great-granddaughter, Mallie Williams.

The family requests memorials be to Camp of Champions, 1580 N. 4th St., Sayre, OK 73662.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Homeowners still searching for insurance breaks

HOUSTON (AP) — Despite moves by state officials to give homeowners insurance relief, Texas residents are still feeling the pinch of high premiums.

And State Farm, Texas' largest homeowners insurance company, and Farmers Insurance Group are challenging their rate cuts in court. The companies jointly write 42 percent of policies in the state.

Last week, Gov. Rick Perry listed among his accomplishments saving taxpayers more than half a

billion dollars in lower home insurance costs.

Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor, acting in August under authority given him in a new law, ordered insurers operating in the state to drop their rates by a collective \$510 million.

Most other insurers reached a settlement with the insurance department that cut their rate roll-backs in half, with a promise that the balance of the rate cuts will be given to policyholders next year if the weather holds and there isn't

an unexpected spike surge in claims.

Consumer groups and lawmakers are also criticizing Montemayor for two proposed rules affecting how insurers use credit history and neighborhood location to calculate rates.

"The reforms were modest, and now they've been watered down even more," Dan Lambe, executive director of the consumer advocacy group Texas Watch, told the Houston Chronicle in Monday's editions.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for mostly sunny skies, highs in the lower 90s and southwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight should see partly cloudy skies, lows in the lower 50s and southwest winds around 10 mph, shifting to the north 5 to 15 mph after midnight. Tuesday should be partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Southeast winds around 10 mph shifting to the southwest after midnight. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. West winds 5 to

10 mph. Wednesday night, mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s. Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. Thursday night, mostly clear. Breezy. Lows in the mid 50s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Saturday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Cooler. Highs in the lower 60s. Saturday night, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Breezy. Lows in the upper 30s. Sunday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Breezy. Highs in the mid 50s.

STATEWIDE

By The Associated Press

Clear weather will continue over the state for most of the week.

Summer-like temperatures are forecast today in northern parts of the state, but should cool back to the 80s by mid-week.

The only rain in the offing

is a chance this coming weekend, with best chances on Sunday.

Sunday's high was a blazing 103 degrees at Hondo. The overnight low was recorded at Dalhart with 44 degrees. No rain was reported in Texas cities Sunday.

The West Texas forecast calls for summer-like temperatures today in the north and in the Permian Basin. Some 90 degree temperatures will continue Tuesday in the west. Otherwise highs will be in the 80s all week in the region. It will be sunny, with cloudier skies creeping into the forecast by the end of the week. A weekend front should bring a slight chance

of rain over the region.

South Texas should be sunny, with cloudier skies at the end of the week. Highs will be in the 80s. A cold front should bring a slight chance of rain beginning Friday night. Fog is forecast the next few mornings on the lower coast.

In North Texas it will be warm today, with highs in the mid to upper 80s, and spots in the northwest may top 90. On Wednesday the region should cool back some, with highs in the lower to mid 80s, where they will remain through the weekend. Cloudier skies are forecast beginning Friday. Some rain may fall this weekend, with best chances on Sunday.

City Briefs

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ALL FALL, Halloween & Easter 65% Off, Celebrations, Coronado Center.

FAMILY MEDICINE Center will have a Flu Vaccine Clinic from 1-4, Oct. 14, 15, 21 & 22.

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LINGERIE SHOW, Tues. Oct. 21. Hollywood Playboys (male review) Wed. Oct. 22. Biarritz Club, 618 W. Foster.

4th Infantry detains arms dealer in raids

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) — U.S. troops detained four suspected high-level Baath party members and a former Republican Guard officer involved in arms sales to insurgents, the military reported Monday.

A total of 19 suspects were detained in four separate raids and a huge weapons cache was uncovered in one location, said Maj. Josselyn Aberle, spokeswoman for Fort Hood's 4th Infantry Division in Central Texas, which controls a large swathe of northern Iraq, based in Tikrit.

Of the suspects, four turned out to be high-level Baath party members and another was a former Republican Guard special forces officer believed involved

in arms sales to anti-coalition forces, according to Aberle.

Three other suspects were implicated in mortar attacks on U.S. troops in the Balad area, between Baghdad and Tikrit, about 120 miles north of the capital.

Also, U.S. troops acting on a tip from an Iraqi informer discovered a huge weapons cache in Taji, just north of Baghdad, Aberle said.

The cache included over 100 artillery shells, dozens of mortar rounds, 15 rocket propelled grenade launchers, Kalashnikov rifles and machine guns. In the area around one house at the raid site, a waterpipe was found stuffed with grenades and artillery shells.

Gay fire

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Gay bishop-elect fires off at critics

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — The Rev. V. Gene Robinson, the Episcopal Church's first openly gay bishop-elect, told parishioners his election is a sign of a changing church, one that will continue even if he resigns.

"If I step down, do you really think other qualified gays and lesbians wouldn't be elected?" he asked about 40 people during a religious education meeting Sunday at Grace Church. "My standing down isn't going to make it all go away."

for a while," he said. "This is not our church to win or lose. It's God's church."

Robinson predicted the church ultimately will survive the turmoil.

"I've been here an hour and look! The roof's still on. I think it will calm down when people see not a lot has changed," he said.

But Apple's question prompted Robinson to talk about his struggles to discern God's will.

"I agonize about this all the time. This is one of the hardest things I'll ever do," Robinson said. "I do have this sense I'm supposed to go forward, and I do feel that's coming from God and not my own ego. But I don't know."

"If I'm wrong, God help me — and God will help me," he said.

Robinson was elected by New Hampshire clergy and parishioners in June and confirmed by the national Episcopal Church in August. He is scheduled to be consecrated as bishop of New Hampshire in two weeks.

At an emergency meeting in London last week, Anglican leaders warned that if Robinson is consecrated, "the future of the Communion itself will be put in jeopardy."

However, they acknowledged that each province has the right to choose its own leaders. The announcement came a week after a meeting of 2,700 dissident Episcopalians in Dallas.

His comment was prompted by a suggestion from a parishioner that Robinson reconsider accepting the bishop's role because of the turmoil it has caused and the threat it poses to the international church.

"I personally think it's not worth losing the family," Paul Apple, of Mont Vernon said.

Outraged conservatives have threatened to divide the Episcopal Church in the United States and the worldwide Anglican Communion of which it is part.

"I don't want anyone to leave the church, and I don't like being thought of as the reason they leave the church," said Robinson, 56.

But he said the vigorous and sometimes bitter church debate over homosexuality would continue whether or not he left the stage.

"It's not all going to go back to being nice and pretty again. It's going to be messy

Retail pharmacies fighting for piece of the pie in Medicare drug legislation

By MARK SHERMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's drug stores and supermarkets are engaged in a furious lobbying campaign to limit the influence of rivals likely to play a prominent role in a prescription drug benefit for Medicare recipients.

The growing mail-order services owned by pharmacy benefit managers pose a threat to retailers. They fear being shut out of the market if the managers administer the benefit under Medicare and also sell drugs by mail order.

The House and Senate both approved bills earlier this year to create a prescription drug benefit for older Americans while embarking on the most thorough overhaul of Medicare since its creation in 1965.

Republicans in particular favor giving private health plans a new role in the program. They argue that competition will modernize health care for the elderly, as well as restrain future cost increases.

President Bush and congressional Republicans want to limit the cost of the new benefit to \$400 billion over the next decade.

A poll released Sunday found that 70 percent of respondents thought it should be legal for Americans to buy prescription drugs outside the United States and import them; one in eight said they or someone in their home has done just that. While such purchases can save money, they violate federal law.

The poll of 1,000 adults was taken Oct. 9-13 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Efforts to forge a compromise between the House and Senate bills has been sluggish, although the pace picked up in recent days.

The prospect that lawmakers actually might produce legislation in coming weeks has given new urgency to the lobbying effort.

Wal-Mart Stores, Walgreens, Giant Food, The Kroger Co. and other sellers of prescription drugs wrote House Speaker

Dennis Hastert, calling the dual role by pharmacy benefit managers a conflict of interest.

A benefits manager "that owns or operates a mail-order pharmacy has an incentive to direct prescriptions through their mail-order pharmacy," the companies said. Their letter cited a recent study that found "self-dealing" would cost taxpayers and the elderly between \$14.5 billion and \$29 billion over 10 years.

Congress has prohibited doctors who participate in government health programs from directing business to companies in which they have a financial interest. The pharmacies and their allies want a similar provision in the Medicare bill for pharmacy benefit managers, or PBMs.

Rep. John Boozman, R-Ark., whose district includes Wal-Mart headquarters, said, "The self-dealing by the PBMs means higher costs. I think just common sense tells us that. How can you strike the best deal when you're dealing with yourself?"

The retailers also push their case by citing government allegations that Medco Health Solutions Inc., the largest pharmacy benefit-management company, pressured doctors to switch patients to medications made by its former owner, pharmaceutical giant Merck & Co.

But Sen. John Breaux, D-La., a member of the House-Senate negotiating team, said he does not believe there is support for "saying (managers) can't do mail order themselves." He said this issue has yet to be addressed by negotiators.

Pharmacy benefit managers also have a ready answer to their opponents' claims with a study by Congress' investigative arm of their performance in administering drug coverage for federal employees.

The General Accounting Office said benefit managers saved money for the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program by "obtaining drug price discounts from retail pharmacies and dispensing drugs at lower costs through their mail-order pharmacies."

Chain drug stores and independent pharmacists disputed the GAO's findings.

Student accused of smuggling box cutters faces legal hearing

BALTIMORE (AP) — College student Nathaniel Heatwole wanted to shine a spotlight on aviation security by putting banned items aboard planes, authorities say. Now, they are now putting him under the spotlight.

Heatwole, a 20-year-old junior at Guilford College in Greensboro, N.C., was expected to be the focus of a hearing in U.S. District Court in Baltimore on Monday.

FBI spokesman Bill Carter said Sunday the FBI had no other information on the proceedings and directed calls to the U.S. Attorney's office in Baltimore. Messages left with the U.S. Attorney's office Sunday weren't returned.

On Thursday night, Southwest Airlines maintenance workers found small plastic bags containing box cutters, bleach, matches and modeling clay in lavatory compartments on planes in New Orleans and Houston.

Notes in the bags "indicated the items were intended to challenge Transportation Security Administration checkpoint security

procedures," according to a statement from Southwest Airlines.

A Bush administration official has said the suspected perpetrator last month sent the government an e-mail warning of his intention to conceal suspicious items on six planes and provided dates and locations for the plan.

The suspect was identified through a database search that linked the bags found on the planes to the e-mail, the Transportation Security Administration said.

The discovery triggered stepped-up inspections of the entire U.S. commercial air fleet — roughly 7,000 planes. But after consulting with the FBI, the TSA rescinded the inspection order.

No other such suspicious bags were found in the inspection.

The modeling clay found aboard the Southwest planes was made to look like an explosive, while the bleach could have been used to demonstrate how a corrosive or dangerous liquid could be smuggled aboard a plane.

Doctors take one twin off ventilator

DALLAS (AP) — Doctors took one of two formerly conjoined Egyptian twins off a ventilator Sunday and hoped to do the same with the second twin as early as Monday.

Mohamed Ibrahim, 2, was breathing on his own Sunday afternoon, a week after surgery to successfully separate him from brother Ahmed

Dr. James Thomas, chief of critical care services at Children's Medical Center Dallas, said in an update released by the hospital that he is cautiously optimistic that doctors will not have to place Mohamed back on a ventilator. Thomas said that if Ahmed continues to improve, he may be ready to come off the ventilator Monday.

The twins were listed early Monday in critical but stable condition in the hospital's pediatric intensive care unit.

"Once each twin is breathing on his own without respiratory distress, his condition may be upgraded from critical to guarded," Thomas said.

The hospital said the twins are showing more motion in their arms and legs and improved response to verbal cues from the family and medical team.

"The neurosurgical and medical teams are very pleased with the twins' progress so far," Thomas said.

Thomas said Ahmed has not had any repeat of a seizure he suffered Friday night. A lumbar drain was removed Sunday after CT scans showed no accumulation of spinal fluid. Mohamed's lumbar drain remains in place.

The hospital said the boys continue to run a low-grade fever, but don't appear to have an infection.

California still in grips of transit, grocery strikes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An estimated half-million commuters faced another morning rush hour without city buses or trains as a transit strike entered its sixth day.

The labor protests in the nation's third-largest transit system have clogged freeways and forced users to scramble for alternative ways to commute. The strike, coupled with a grocery workers strike and lock out, has weakened Southern California's already troubled economy.

Though negotiations between mechanics and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority have apparently stalled, talks with train operators, bus drivers and the

authority have gained momentum, said Bill Heard, spokesman for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

"Things are looking quite optimistic with the drivers," Heard said Sunday. "We are at the table, face to face, and things are quite cordial."

About 2,200 MTA mechanics went on strike Tuesday after contract negotiations collapsed over the cost of health care coverage. Nearly 6,000 MTA drivers and train operators joined the mechanics in the picket line.

The MTA and the mechanics union met separately Saturday with a state mediator at a hotel in Pomona, but made

little progress, Heard said. Negotiations between MTA representatives and the United Transportation Union, the union for MTA bus and rail operators, resumed Sunday morning.

Calls to Neil Silver, president of the mechanics' Amalgamated Transit Union, were not immediately returned Sunday.

In addition to the transit walkout, a total of 70,000 grocery clerks from three companies — Kroger Co.'s Ralphs, Safeway Inc.'s Vons and Albertsons Inc. — went on strike or were locked out Oct. 11 in Southern and Central California.

Terry O'Neil, spokesman

for Ralphs, said no new negotiations were scheduled.

"The strikes go on until the union makes a decision to come back to the table and enter into meaningful discussions about the issues," O'Neil said.

The supermarket chains tried to sway public opinion with a full-page ad in Southern California newspapers Sunday that described their contract offers as "more than fair."

"Do you care about the folks on the picket line? We do, too," the ad said. "We want everyone to know that we're committed to taking care of both our customers and our employees."

Rick Icaza, president of the UFCW Local 770, took issue with the ad, which also ran Friday.

"How can it be fair if you reduce our medical benefits?" he asked.

Man hijacks Dallas bus, loses control, injures six

DALLAS (AP) — A man who claimed he was being pursued by gang members and needed to go to the police station commandeered a city bus but then lost control, crashing into a residential yard and injuring six people, including himself.

The bus wreck Sunday night damaged a tree and a garage, narrowly missing a house near the Fair Park area of South Dallas.

The Dallas Area Rapid Transit bus operator, the suspect and four passengers were taken to area hospitals. The operator was in serious condition at Baylor University Medical Center's emergency room early Monday, said hospital spokeswoman Jamie Rambo.

The suspect was listed in critical condition with head trauma and multiple fractures. Three bus passengers were taken to Parkland Memorial Hospital and one child was at Children's Medical Center Dallas. Conditions of the four passengers were unavailable early Monday.

Morgan Lyons, a

spokesman for Dallas Area Rapid Transit, said Dallas police were investigating the wreck, which occurred just before 10 p.m. Sunday.

"The operator was on his regular route and came to a bus stop where the suspect boarded the bus and said he was being chased by gang members and wanted to be taken to Dallas police headquarters," Lyons said.

When the operator didn't immediately respond, said Lyons, the suspect placed his foot atop the operator's foot on the accelerator.

"The operator stopped the bus," he said. "The suspect then put his hand in his pocket, indicating that he might have some kind of a weapon. When the operator got out of his seat, the suspect got in the driver's seat."

The suspect drove the bus an undetermined distance before losing control and smashing into a tree, clipping a garage but missing a nearby residence, Lyons said.

He said the bus, which had a capacity of 45 passengers, was significantly dam-

aged in the crash and rescuers had to cut into the wreckage to free the suspect.

Lyons said DART investigators conducting a safety inspection had not determined the bus' speed before the wreck and had not found any skid marks at the scene. Law officers haven't immediately identified any other suspects or additional evidence of gang members' pursuit, he said.

No charges have yet been filed.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Treating Man's Drinking Must Be A Family Affair

DEAR ABBY: I read your column every day, and I disagree with the advice you gave the 13-year-old girl who signed herself "Angry Daughter/Sister in Kansas." You recommended she confront her mother for tolerating her husband's abusive ranting.

From years of professional experience, I predict that if the mother does leave her probably alcoholic husband, unless she gets treatment for herself and her co-dependence issues, she'll only pick another abusive addict she'll need to control. I have seen too many sequential relationships where the co-dependent spouse picked one addicted person after another — each more abusive than the last.

That child needs her own support group. At 13, she can contact Alateen, where she will learn she is not responsible for "fixing" her parents.

THERAPIST
IN BELLEFONTE, PA.

DEAR THERAPIST: You have a point. Mea culpa. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Whoa! You advised a 13-year-old to basically "solve" the crisis in her alcoholic family system. Regardless of when or if the alcoholic gets treatment, the entire family needs help to avoid lifelong behaviors that are not healthy. School counselors, community agencies and national hotlines can steer that young girl to family recovery programs. She can certainly let her mother know that she is hurting, and that she is taking action to find help for herself. Her mother may not be ready for that step, but will probably be tacitly supportive.

As a retired school counselor and alcohol/drug prevention specialist, I ran groups for children of alcoholics. Young people are resilient. They can make healthy life decisions with little guidance. If she reaches out for help, it may cause positive changes at home. Even if it doesn't happen immediately, that girl will have established a lifeline.

JUDY F. TROY, OHIO

DEAR JUDY F.: Let's hold a good thought. Helping herself should be the first step.

DEAR ABBY: I was in a similar

situation with three children. A friend suggested I go to Al-Anon. There I learned that alcoholism is a family disease, and that all members are affected by living with an alcoholic.

When I got help, my children also got better, and my husband eventually went for help. He has been sober for 20 years, and we have a great relationship. We just celebrated 40 years of marriage and we still attend the 12-step programs. They saved our marriage.

GRATEFUL AL-ANON MEMBER
IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR GRATEFUL: Congratulations on your anniversary. Readers, the phone number for Alateen and Al-Anon should be listed in your local telephone directory. If it's not, the toll-free number in the United States and Canada is (888) 4AL-ANON (425-2666).

DEAR ABBY: I have fallen for a close male friend. We have been friends for about three years, but only recently have I revealed my feelings for him. Abby, it was a disaster. He not only doesn't feel the same, but he said he never will. He assured me that our friendship is very important to him, however.

My friends tell me he is keeping me around "just in case," and that I can't be objective. Am I foolish to maintain the friendship, or do you think I should move on?

SPURNED IN ARKANSAS

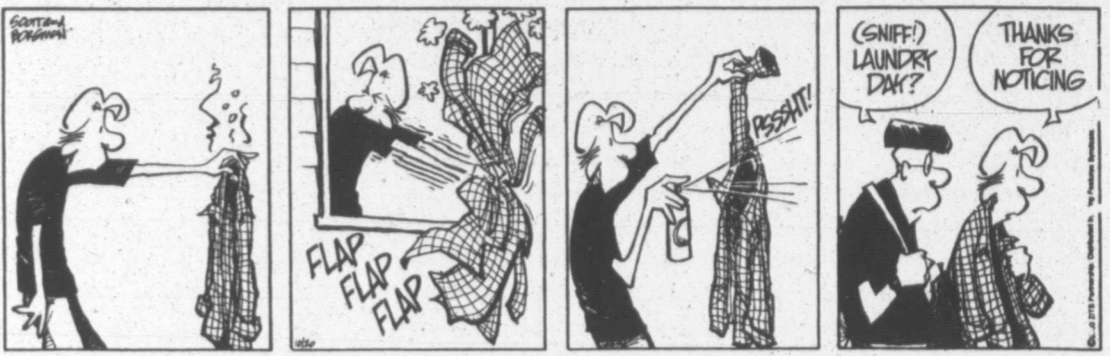
DEAR SPURNED: He was being honest with you. That doesn't sound like a "user" to me. However, unrequited love is painful. Move on for now. It will give you time — and space — to heal. When you are less emotional about him, and less vulnerable, you can resume the friendship if you wish.

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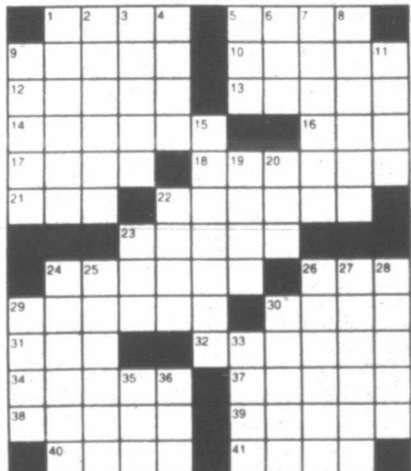
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SPORTS

Cowboys rip Lions for fifth consecutive win

DETROIT (AP) — Bill Parcells seems to do very little wrong as an NFL head coach.

He wanted Terry Glenn despite the wideout's mediocre stats last season? Well, Glenn suddenly is a playmaking star again.

He wanted inexperienced Quincy Carter to start at quarterback? Well, Carter has been good enough to help Dallas go 5-1 and lead the NFC East.

It all went according to plan for Parcells' Cowboys against the Detroit Lions on Sunday. Carter threw three first-half touchdown passes to Glenn, and Dallas beat Detroit 38-7 to match its win total from each of the previous three seasons.

The Cowboys have won five straight games for the first time since 1994, and they're off to their best start since winning eight of nine in 1995. Dallas has won three road games this season — one more than the two previous

years combined.

And who claims to be not quite satisfied?

Parcells, of course.

"I'm happy. We're winning," he said. "It helps our confidence, but we've got a few good scuffles coming up, so we'll see. We're a long way from the finish line."

The Cowboys, the only team to lose twice to Detroit

plays on two of the TDs. Parcells wanted him in Dallas, so the Cowboys sent an undisclosed draft pick to Green Bay for Glenn in February.

He's played well for Parcells in the past. With New England, Glenn had 90 catches for 1,132 yards and six TDs in his rookie season of 1996, which ended with the

than they did the past two years with Marty Mornhinweg, who was fired after going 5-27. Last year, the Lions won two of the first six games before finishing 3-13.

"I hope this is the bottom," Mariucci said. "I was just as surprised by this as everyone else in the stadium. I don't ever remember coaching a

Carter threw a sharp, 20-yard pass to Glenn, who managed to keep both feet in the back of the end zone late in the first quarter for a TD. He made a diving, 19-yard catch — despite pass interference by Dre' Bly — to put Dallas ahead 14-7 early in the second quarter.

Glenn was wide open for his third TD, an 8-yard catch, on Dallas' next drive after a pass from Joey Harrington was intercepted by Dexter Coakley.

"Everyone goes into the office and has a bad day," said Harrington, who was booed often. "Sometimes an architect can't come up with the right design and a painter can't paint when he wants to."

Notes: It was Dallas' most lopsided victory since beating Arizona 48-7 at home Oct. 22, 2000. ... Indianapolis' Marvin Harrison was the last player to catch three TD passes in a first half, two years ago against Buffalo.

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the past two-plus seasons, beat the Lions on the road for the first time since 1986.

"I've never won here," said Jerry Jones, who bought the Cowboys in 1989. "It has everything to do with (Parcells') skill level and experience. Our players are believing in him. Two-thirds to three-quarters of these guys came up here the past two years and got beat."

Glenn had six catches for 75 yards, with spectacular

Parcells-led Patriots in the Super Bowl.

Despite making just 56 catches for 817 yards and two TDs last year with the Packers, Glenn expected to have a good season once he was reunited with Parcells.

"I was pretty confident in my ability," Glenn said. "It couldn't have been worse than last year."

The Lions, 1-5 under first-year coach Steve Mariucci, are not faring much better

game like this before."

Another move that paid off for Parcells was picking Carter over Chad Hutchinson during training camp. Carter was 18-of-25 for 190 yards Sunday with a career-high three TDs and no interceptions.

"He made one bad play in the third quarter," Parcells said. "But other than that, I thought he was real sharp."

Glenn's first three catches went for touchdowns.

Lefors wins wild one against Fort Elliott

LEFORS — Lefors outlasted Fort Elliott 64-53 Friday night in a District 1-A six-man contest.

Andrew Jennings led the way for the Pirates with six touchdowns.

Jennings scored on runs of 13, 2, 40, 69 and 25. He also scored on a 66 interception return.

Jesse Soto scored on TD runs of 6 and 45 yards for the Pirates.

Soto also caught a 20-yard scoring pass from Trent Roberson.

Jennings rushed for 252 yards on 22 carries and Jesse Soto picked up 89

yards on 10 carries.

Junior Newman scored three touchdowns for the Cougars, including one on a 70-yard kickoff return.

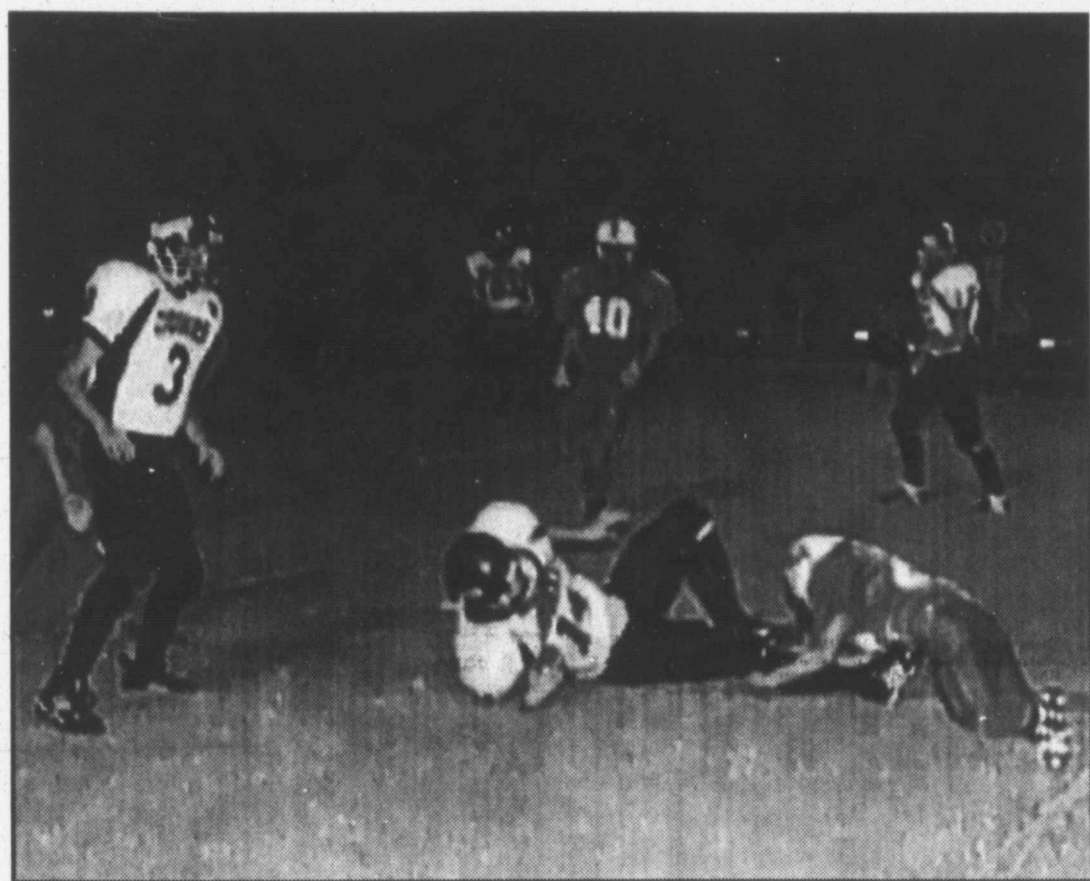
He added a 3-yard TD run and also caught a 12-yard TD pass from Justen Bryant.

Bryant threw three other TD passes, two to George Helton for 1 and 3 yards and Russell Lohberger for 25 yards.

Bryant had TD runs of 9 and 2 yards.

Lefors has 5-2 record for the season and the Pirates are 3-1 in district action.

Fort Elliott is 1-5 for the season and 1-3 in district.



Fort Elliott's Justen Bryant (14) is tackled by Jared Andis after a short gain.

Sooners show balance in win over Mizzou

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Brad Smith was running wild and Oklahoma couldn't do much about it.

The Missouri quarterback was giving the Sooners fits Saturday night, just as he did last year when he rolled up nearly 400 yards and three touchdowns as the Tigers nearly pulled off an upset.

But these are not last year's Sooners.

Oklahoma leaned on the nation's highest-scoring offense until its vaunted defense came around and Antonio Perkins tied a Division I-A record with his seventh career punt return for a touchdown — as the top-ranked Sooners beat No. 24 Missouri 34-13.

"That's great — it shows equal opportunities for an offense to have your back in the first half and then in the second half the defense took over," defensive tackle Tommie Harris, who had four quarterback hurries. "You don't have

that many teams that can do a 50-50. It shows how balanced we are."

There were three other games between ranked teams with No. 8 Ohio State beating No. 9 Iowa 19-10, No. 13 Purdue topping No. 14 Wisconsin 26-23, and No. 15 Michigan State edging No. 25 Minnesota 44-38.

Two other ranked teams lost Saturday. Florida beat No. 11 Arkansas 33-28 and Washington beat No. 22 Oregon State 38-17.

In other ranked games, it was No. 2 Miami 52, Temple 14; No. 4 Georgia 27, Vanderbilt 8; No. 5 Southern California 45, Notre Dame 14; No. 6 Washington State 24 beat Stanford 14; No. 7 Florida State 19, Virginia 14; No. 10 LSU 33, South Carolina 7; No. 12 Northern Illinois 37, Western Michigan 10; No. 16 TCU 27, UAB 24; No. 17 Michigan 56, Illinois 14; No. 18 Nebraska 48, Texas A&M 12; No. 19 Auburn 45,

Mississippi State 13; No. 20 Texas 40, Iowa State 19; and No. 23 Oklahoma State 51, Texas Tech 49.

With the first BCS standings set to be released Monday, Oklahoma (7-0, 3-0 Big 12) offered more proof of its dominance on an off-night against a Missouri team that had knocked off a Top 10 team the week before.

Smith had 192 yards of offense against the nation's third-ranked defense in the first half, including a 26-yard run early in the second quarter to make it 10-10 — only the second time Oklahoma has been tied all season.

The homecoming crowd of 83,327 — which broke the OU attendance mark for a fourth-straight game — sat in stunned silence as the Tigers (5-2, 1-2) looked poised to follow up on last week's 41-24 upset of Nebraska.

Then, the Sooners' offense took over.

In the final seven minutes of

the first half, White threw both of his touchdown passes and Perkins ran back a punt 69 yards with 1:02 left to give Oklahoma a 31-10 lead.

That score left Missouri noticeably deflated as the Sooners whooped their way into the locker room for half-time while many of the Tigers slowly jogged off the field.

"We didn't handle the emotion and the intensity of an impact play," Missouri coach Gary Pinkel said. "They can

PHS girls drop district match

DUMAS — Dumas, Class 4A's No. 2 ranked team, defeated Pampa 25-12, 15-16, 25-19 in District 3-4AS volleyball action on Saturday.

Dumas clinched the district championship with the victory.

The Lady Harvesters close out the regular season at 2 p.m. Saturday at home against Caprock. It's a must-

win situation for Pampa to have a chance at making the playoffs.

strike fast and hard. Most teams they put 60 (points) on." The touchdown return was Perkins' fourth this season and seventh of his career, both equalling Division I-A records. The junior cornerback broke a single-game mark against UCLA earlier this season with three returns for score.

"What a special young man," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "He just has an incredible ability and showed it again tonight."

District 3-4A

Team	Won	Lost
x-Dumas	10-0	25-4
Randall	7-3	17-12
Pampa	7-4	17-9
Hereford	7-4	16-15
Palo Duro	2-8	7-24
Caprock	2-8	7-24
Plainview	1-9	7-19

Pampa defeats Dumas in Team Tennis action

PAMPA — Pampa rolled to a 17-2 win over Dumas in Team Tennis action Saturday, pushing the Harvesters' district record to 10-1.

"We came out strong, winning all seven of our doubles matches, and then continuing on with 10 out of the 12 singles," said coach Travis Eggleton.

Pampa hosts Canyon in a non-district match on Tuesday before hosting

Caprock on Saturday in the final district match of the season.

Players of the week are sophomores Nick Robbins, Steven Smith and Myca Vinson.

Pampa 17, Dumas 2 Boys Singles

Justin Bonner (D) def. Britton White, 2-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3.

Zach Hucks (P) def.

Chase Casados, 6-0, 6-2.

Adam Etchison (P) def. Aaron Gossley, 6-2, 7-5.

Austin Morton (P) def. Heath Cochran, 6-3, 6-2.

Mitchell Crow (P) def. Jade Green, 6-1, 6-2.

Nick Robbins (P) def. Josh Hallmark, 7-5, 7-6 (9-7).

Steven Smith (P) def. Tabor Lechner, 6-2, 7-5.

Girls Singles

Tara Jordan (P) def.

Whitney Perez, 6-2, 6-1.

Aerial Rivera (D) def. Lacie Long, 6-7, 6-4, 6-4.

Myca Vinson (P) def. Addyson Woodrum, 6-4, 6-0.

Erin Norris (P) def. April Cpon, 6-2, 6-0.

Ashlee Lucas (P) def. Maria Bernal, 6-0, 6-0.

Payton Baird (P) def. Jaelyn Allen, 6-0, 6-0.

Boys Doubles

White-Hucks (P) def. Booner-Cochran, 6-2, 6-2.

Etchison-Crow (P) def. Cassados-Gossley, 6-4, 6-3.

Robbins-Smith (P) def. Green-Bain, 6-0, 6-0.

Girls Doubles

Jordan-Lucas (P) def. Perez-Rivera, 6-3, 6-1.

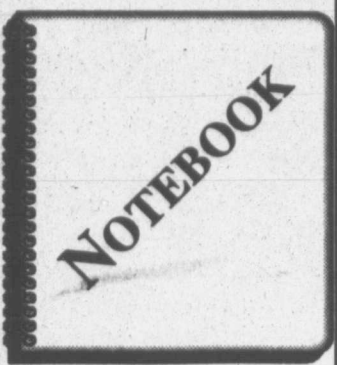
Long-Vinson (P) def. Woodrum-Coon, 6-0, 6-1.

Baird-Denney (P) def. Bernal-Allen, 6-1, 6-0.

Mixed

Norris-Morton (P), won by default.

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BASEBALL

PAMPA — Harvester Baseball Booster Club will meet at 7 Tuesday night in the Ready Room in the high school athletic building.

All baseball parents are urged to attend.

BASKETBALL

DENVER (AP) — Kobe Bryant could learn this week whether he will be tried on charges he sexually assaulted a 19-year-old hotel worker.

An Eagle County judge was expected to rule as early as today, with many legal analysts and even Bryant's defense attorney predicting the NBA star would be ordered to stand trial.

"The sole question before the judge is does he have any evidence that matches the elements of the crimes charged against Kobe Bryant — that's any evidence whatsoever," defense attorney Larry Pozner said Monday.

"Because the complaining witness has said Kobe Bryant is the person, it happened in Eagle County, Colorado, and she was sexually assaulted, our strong belief here is that he will bind the case over for trial."

That doesn't necessary mean there will be a trial, Pozner told NBC's "Today" show. He said the case could still end up being settled out of court.

SOCCER

PAMPA - There will be a Harvester Soccer Booster Club meeting at 7 Tuesday night in the Ready Room at the high school athletic building.

FOOTBALL

DALLAS (AP) — Oklahoma State running back Tatum Bell, Nebraska linebacker Barrett Ruud and Oklahoma kick returner Antonio Perkins are this week's Big 12 Conference players of the week.

A panel of media covering the conference picked Bell as offensive player, Ruud on defense and Perkins for special teams.

In the Cowboy's 51-49 win over Texas Tech, Bell had 238 yards rushing on 28 carries. He scored three times, including a TD on a 95-yard run.

Ruud had a hand in two of Nebraska's record eight turnovers. He caused a fumble and returned his first career interception for a touchdown in Nebraska's 48-12 win over Texas A&M. The junior also made a team-high 10 tackles, including two for losses.

Perkins picked up his second special teams honor this season after he tied the NCAA Division I-A record for punt returns for touchdowns in a career with seven and season with four with his 69-yarder against Missouri in the 34-13 win by the nation's top-ranked team.

Showing their support



Woodrow Wilson Elementary's future Harvesters and Lady Harvesters wear green and gold on game days to show support for the Pampa High football team, which hosts Dumas at 7:30 Friday night in Harvester Stadium. Front row, l-r: Colton Ensey, Kristian Vizcaino, Erik Vizcaino and Ruben Recendiz; Middle row, l-r: Kelsey Brookshire, Mackenzie Smith, Serena Reyes, Meganne Fraser, Vanessa Ramirez and Savanna Hulsey; Back row, l-r: second grade teacher Rhonda Frels, Kaci Reyes, Lesleigh LaRue, Lauren Wilemon, Kendrick Alexander, Cody McIntyre, Jacob Black and coach Josh Blackmon.

Yankees come out slugging to even series at one win each

NEW YORK (AP) — The Face of October showed up and shut down the Florida Marlins, silencing all their talk about wreaking havoc in this World Series.

With his cap pulled down low and shadowing his dark eyes, Andy Pettitte pitched neatly into the ninth inning and drew the New York Yankees even with a 6-1 win in Game 2 Sunday night.

The Yankees came out slugging, a take-that response to a Marlins' team intent on using its speed to cause trouble.

Hideki Matsui delivered the big hit the Yankee Stadium crowd was waiting for, a three-run homer in the first inning on a 3-0 count. Slumping Alfonso Soriano later added a two-run drive.

Those shots seemed to

revive a Yankees team that looked sluggish in losing the opener 3-2. And they were plenty for Pettitte, who tied John Smoltz's postseason record of 13 victories.

Pettitte nearly recorded his first postseason shutout in 29 starts. Third baseman Aaron Boone's second error of the game, a two-out mis-play in the ninth, set up Derrek Lee's RBI single.

At that point, manager Joe Torre pulled Pettitte, who waved his cap as he got a standing ovation from the 55,750 fans chanting his name.

Pettitte gave up six hits, struck out seven, walked one and did not permit a runner past second base until the last inning. Jose Contreras relieved and got the final out.

Pettitte is a familiar if not frightening figure on the mound, and once again his timing was impeccable.

The Yankees also lost the openers in their playoff series against Minnesota and Boston this year before Pettitte won Game 2.

Now, the Series shifts to Pro Player Stadium for Game 3 on Tuesday night. Marlins ace Josh Beckett will start against Mike Mussina.

Pettitte improved to 13-7 lifetime in the postseason, and never let the Marlins threaten. Catcher Jorge Posada threw out Luis Castillo trying to steal in the first inning, and the Yankees got a lucky break when a ball that deflected off Miguel Cabrera's leg was called fair and turned into a

Barnes leads Stars by Wild

DALLAS (AP) — Stu Barnes, NHL leading goal-scorer. That's lofty stuff for a 13-year veteran with one 30-goal season.

Barnes can savor it for now, though, as his two goals Sunday night led the Dallas Stars to a 3-1 victory over the Minnesota Wild and gave him five for the young season, tying Atlanta's Ilya Kovalchuk for the league lead.

"Oh, geez," said Barnes, smiling. "It won't last."

In only six games, Barnes already has two two-goal games. The first came in the opener, a 4-1 victory over Anaheim. A puck from that game stands in his locker with the score and his name written in gold ink.

Another one from this game is certain to join it.

What made this outburst special is how quickly it happened — 20 seconds apart, so quickly that the arena announcer was still saying Barnes had just scored his fourth goal of the season when the fifth went in. He had only 13 all last season.

In a flash, a 1-0 Minnesota lead became a 2-1 Dallas advantage, putting the Stars in control of a game in which they were dominating the puck but had little to show for it.

"You're wondering whether you're going to score, then we get the lead and the momentum," Dallas coach Dave Tippett said.

Jason Arnott assisted on both of Barnes' goals, with Brenden Morrow getting the second assist on the first one, giving the trio five points. That

line had four points (one goal, three assists) the previous game.

"We're just trying to look for anyone," Arnott said. "Stu's been open and he's had the hot stick lately. We've got to keep doing the same things."

Bill Guerin scored 4:27 after Barnes' second goal, making it 3-1 by redirecting a long shot from Sergei Zubov. It was upheld after a long video review examined whether Guerin's stick was too high.

McLean blanks Higgins

McLEAN — McLean shut out Higgins 47-0 Friday night in a District 1-1A six-man contest.

James Alexander led the McLean offense with three touchdowns on 10, 1 and 10 yard runs.

Others with touchdown runs were Dusty Moody (10-yard run), Nick Jones (41-yard run) and Seth Childers (25-yard run).

Mandon Conklin caught a 25-yard TD pass from Lucas Seymour.

McLean's defense recovered three fumbles and intercepted a Higgins pass.

The game was called at halftime due to the 45-point rule.

The Tigers are 5-2 for the season and 3-1 in district play.

Higgins is 0-7 and 0-4.

double play.

Not that the Yankees needed much help to beat Mark Redman on this night.

Pettitte's complete game also allowed New York to give ace closer Mariano Rivera another day of rest.

Nick Johnson helped out with three hits for the Yankees. He may not get to play again for a bit, as the Yankees will lose the designated hitter at Miami, with Jason Giambi likely to move back to first base.

Boone is certainly learning how fast fortunes change in the Bronx — he was hailed as a hero after his 11th-inning homer won Game 7 of the ALCS, but was criticized for failing to throw home in a key spot Saturday night.

Matsui's homer came after Giambi was hit by a pitch with two outs and Bernie Williams singled.

Matsui became the first Japanese player to homer in a World Series, getting the green light on the 3-0 count and hitting a no-doubt drive over the wall in center field. The crowd kept cheering until he came out for a curtain call.

When Matsui trotted out to left field after the inning, the fans in the bleachers gave him another standing ovation. Williams tipped his cap from center field and Matsui returned the favor.

Juan Rivera, platooning with right fielder Karim Garcia, hit an RBI double in the second that made it 4-0. He drove in Johnson, who beat out a surprise bunt, but

tried to stretch the hit into a triple and was cut down on a snap throw by catcher Ivan Rodriguez.

Redman was pulled when the Yankees threatened again in the third. He had gotten no-decisions in his other three postseason starts this year, and was pulled from Game 7 of the NLCS at Wrigley Field after only three innings.

Soriano homered off Rick Helling in the fourth, launching a shot far over the left-field fence after another single by Johnson.

Soriano had been just 5-for-36 with 13 strikeouts since the start of the ALCS against Boston. He drew a leadoff walk in the first but was struck off by Redman, and picked out the next inning.

Mavs get Walker from Celtics in 5-player deal

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks bulked up an already strong offense Monday, acquiring All-Star forward Antoine Walker from the Boston Celtics in a five-player trade.

The Celtics agreed to take center Raef LaFrentz and the four years remaining on a \$69 million, five-year contract signed before last season.

The Celtics also get Jiri Welsch and Chris Mills, players the Mavericks got in an offseason trade that also brought Antawn Jamison from Golden State, and Dallas' first-round pick in 2004. The Mavericks will get guard Tony Delk from Boston.

Mavericks owner Mark Cuban confirmed the deal to The Associated Press, saying it was pending league approval.

"It's not every day that a 27-year-old All-Star becomes available," said Donnie Nelson, Dallas' president of basketball operations. "We feel we've got one of the most versatile coaches in the league. To add a player of Antoine's ability just gives (coach Don Nelson) more options to work with."

Nelson struck the deal with Danny Ainge, who became Boston's head of basketball operations in May. The two are close friends, with Nelson having been an assistant to Ainge in Phoenix. Between his jobs with the Suns and Celtics, Ainge was a TV analyst and he said on

the air he did not like Walker's game. Since joining Boston, he's said he had no intention of trading Walker.

Now Walker, a three-time All-Star who averaged 17.3 points and 8.7 rebounds last season, goes from playing alongside one high scorer in Paul Pierce to being joined by four: Dallas' nucleus of Dirk Nowitzki, Steve Nash and Michael Finley, plus Jamison, who was added in August.

The Mavericks, the NBA's highest-scoring team the last two years, have now upgraded a roster that won 60 games and reached the Western Conference finals last season. It also counters the changes made by fellow Western Conference opponents — San Antonio, Sacramento and the Lakers.

Walker has size (6-foot-9, 245 pounds) but can run the offense. His dribbling and passing skills make him the prototype "point forward" coveted by Mavs coach Don Nelson.

Walker led the Celtics in assists the last three seasons, and he and Pierce combined to average nearly half of Boston's points during that span.

"We see Antoine as a triple-double guy," said Donnie Nelson, the coach's son and an assistant coach. "I know in some form or fashion at the end of the game you're going to see the Big Three and Antoine Squared." Donnie Nelson said Nowitzki will get more min-

utes at center. Shawn Bradley and Danny Fortson, also acquired in the Golden State trade, will help man the position. Eduardo Najera could play there, too.

Delk will be a backup swingman, with Travis Best still the primary relief for Nash. Nelson said Delk may be able to provide some of the intangibles lost when Nick Van Exel was sent to Golden State.

"He's not afraid, he's tough and experienced," Nelson said, referring to Delk. "He's got a knack for making big shots and big plays."

LaFrentz was acquired from Denver at the trade deadline two seasons ago, then re-signed last summer. He was mostly a disappointment last season, averaging just 9.3 points and 4.8 rebounds.

The Mavericks had coveted Welsch in their trade with the Warriors but were willing to give up on the project to upgrade their roster now. The 6-foot-7 swingman from the Czech Republic was a first-round pick last season but saw limited time as a rookie with Golden State.

The oft-injured Mills was seen as a trading chip from the time Dallas acquired him. The forward played only 112 games the last four seasons but has a big contract that expires after this year, which will help the Celtics clear room under the salary cap. He hasn't played this season.

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL						
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AMERICAN						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	5	2	0	.714	145	126
Miami	4	2	0	.667	118	77
Buffalo	4	3	0	.571	138	110
N.Y. Jets	2	4	0	.333	94	94
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	5	1	0	.833	178	105
Tennessee	5	2	0	.714	194	150
Houston	2	4	0	.333	100	170
Jacksonville	1	5	0	.167	110	154
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	3	3	0	.500	134	126
Cleveland	3	4	0	.429	112	121
Cincinnati	2	4	0	.333	111	132
Pittsburgh	2	4	0	.333	111	146
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	6	0	0	1.000	191	115
Denver	5	2	0	.714	178	115
Oakland	2	4	0	.333	115	144
San Diego	1	5	0	.167	115	169
NATIONAL						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	5	1	0	.833	150	100
Philadelphia	3	3	0	.500	95	119
Washington	3	4	0	.429	135	171
N.Y. Giants	2	4	0	.333	105	123
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	5	1	0	.833	118	105
Tampa Bay	3	3	0	.500	134	97
New Orleans	3	4	0	.429	152	168
Atlanta	1	6	0	.143	114	220
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Sunday's Games						
Dallas 38, Detroit 7						
New Orleans 45, Atlanta 17						
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BASEBALL	
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WORLD SERIES	
(FOX)	
Saturday, Oct. 18	
Florida 3, N.Y. Yankees 2	
Sunday, Oct. 19	
N.Y. Yankees 6, Florida 1, series tied 1-1	
Tuesday, Oct. 21	
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 17-8) at Florida (Beckett 9-8), 8:32 p.m.	
Wednesday, Oct. 22	
N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 17-9) at Florida (Undecided), 8:24 p.m.	
Thursday, Oct. 23	
N.Y. Yankees at Florida, 8:24 p.m.	
Saturday, Oct. 25	
Florida at N.Y. Yankees, 7:55 p.m., if necessary	
Sunday, Oct. 26	
Florida at N.Y. Yankees, 8 p.m. EST, if necessary	
GOLF	
Hidden Hills Seniors Salt Scramble	
(Oct. 15)	
1. Elmer Wilson, Jess Martin, Lucio Moreno and Bill Brown, 110.	
2. Willie Nickelberry, Ralph Wilson, Carroll Pettit and James Gray, 112.	
3. Ralph Baker, Leroy Morris, Jerry South and Reece Field, 116.	
2nd to last: Jim Brashears, Bob Young, Charlie Terrell and Wayne Jones, 128.	
Last: Buddy Epperson, Kenneth Williams, Nolan Welborn and Jim Jensen, 128.	
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Understand that your high energy needs to go somewhere. Choose to direct it into a personal project or something else as significant. Work could benefit from this extra push, too. Your good will comes out with your cohorts. Tonight: You create a group event.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** You might want to have some words with someone who might be upsetting you on some level. A meeting could prove to be a volatile yet progressive event. A new friendship could bud into more if you allow it. Be very careful here, because both of you could go hook, line and sinker. Tonight: Romp the night away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** You might want to push very hard to have an opportunity fall your way, but

cannot. Others seem to resist. Your positive spirit helps you break past a pattern and allows you more flex. A real estate investment might be just what the doctor ordered. Tonight: At home. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22) *** Keep communicating and telling others what you think are your good ideas. Not everyone has to agree, but unleashing a conversation like this might be quite helpful. You could be delighted by the exchange that occurs. Tonight: Out and about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Use your strength of personality to achieve your goals in the early part of the day. People will be more responsive to that Lioness charm. Finances and emotional interactions take up a large part of your afternoon. Tonight: Go home and put the headphones on.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Lie back during the day, as information comes forward. A partner could be quite hot under his or her hat, and you need to understand what is going on with him or her. The Moon slides into your sign later in the afternoon. Tonight: Beam in what you want. Others respond.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Sometimes you need to take your time thinking and working through a problem. You need to understand more of what is happening behind the scenes. Do your work, and observe others' behavior. Tonight: You create a group event.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Meetings bring the results you want and desire. You might not be sure about a particular associate, but you will be, as this person demonstrates his or her true colors. Network at the end of the day, allowing a more social occasion to happen. Tonight: Where the gang is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** All eyes turn to you for answers and directions. You might not be comfortable with what you hear, especially if you determine someone could be on the warpath. Review information before making a decision. Just don't join in and put on war paint! Tonight: A must appearance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Your ability to get past uproar and tension gives you the status you need and want. Others might be confused by what goes down, but you could be quite excited about what you hear. Guide a project. Tonight: Hop on your computer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Others have different ideas from yours. Rather than get into a power struggle, see the positive in each idea, and see if you can utilize them all in some way. Teamwork brings extraordinary results. Go for the bottom line. Tonight: Together works.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Play today as if you were playing poker. Know that the cards aren't in your hand. Don't place a bet; allow everyone else to do that for you. As the result of your low-key status, you'll gain. Someone comes to you with something very special. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

BORN TODAY

Actress Carrie Fisher (1956), Swedish dynamic inventor Alfred Nobel (1833), TV judge Judy Sheindlin (1942)

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Former POWs urged to apply for disability benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elvin Beemer tries not to dwell on the six months he spent in a German prisoner-of-war camp during World War II, but sometimes the memories come flooding back.

It was Christmas Eve, 1944. A British plane bombed the camp where he and other Americans were being held. "There were arms and legs and everything else," he recalls. A day later, he helped bury the remains of 50 American officers.

Now 84, Beemer came out of the war relatively unscathed phys-

ically — but with his memories. "I don't even feel like my country owes me anything," he said. "I left a third of my buddies over there in the cemetery."

His stubborn humility — typical among former POWs of his generation — is something the Department of Veterans Affairs must overcome as it tries to find thousands of former POWs who, like Beemer, never claimed disability benefits.

In radio, TV and newspaper appeals to run over the next year, the VA wants to send the message

that former POWs are "first of all very deserving and they need the support," said Walter H. Cox, a consultant to the department's advisory committee on former POWs.

"Of course all POWs are eligible" for some degree of disability compensation, Cox said. "They put themselves in harm's way to defend their country and we owe them."

Besides regular veterans benefits, former POWs are compensated for health conditions presumed to be related to their internment

and are exempt from health care co-payments. Monthly checks range from \$103 to \$2,163, depending on the degree of disability. Former POWs also get free dental treatment if their captivity lasted more than 90 days.

The VA estimates that nearly 40,000 ex-POWs are still living, about 60 percent of whom receive disability compensation. The majority served during World War II, and their average age is 82.

"We want to turn over every rock to locate as many of these people as possible," Cox said. "It's

almost like a last chance. They're dying ... at least 10 a day."

As part of its appeal, the VA is telling reluctant POWs to apply for the sake of their spouses, who may be eligible for benefits if they die.

Les Jackson, a spokesman for the American Ex-Prisoners of War, welcomed the agency's effort, though he said time is running out.

"We've been interested in a so-called outreach program for many years," he said. "When you're talking to the third-largest bureaucracy in the city, it takes some time."

Politicians going all out to reach voters

WASHINGTON (AP) — Voters' ballots are still secret, but technology is helping political parties get a pretty good idea who will vote, how they'll vote and the best way to make sure they vote — long before people actually head to the polls.

The Democratic and Republican parties both are collecting information about millions of individual voters, a key ingredient in their 2004 campaign game. The close 2000 presidential election showed how important getting even a fraction more of a party's supporters to the polls can be.

The Democratic National Committee has "DataMart," a new 158-million-record database of voter information connected to "Demzilla," which tracks and manages party contact with donors and activists. The Republican National Committee has a 165-million-name database called "Voter Vault."

"We can tell you exactly which house on which street we need to get out the vote, because we know that the issues they are concerned about are Democratic issues," party Chairman Terry McAuliffe said. "And we know what to say, and we know what not to say."

The DNC has 306 pieces of information attached to every name, he said.

In addition to its value in get-out-the-vote efforts, the data the parties accumulate helps fund-raisers, who can use it to spot voters who identify with a party but haven't yet donated to it.

It also can help parties lavish special e-mails, direct mail

and phone calls on small-dollar donors, who have become even more valuable now that the campaign finance law has banned corporate, union and unlimited individual donations.

The Democratic Party's database includes Census data, such as block-level demographic information; national consumer data, which provides individual details such as whether a person is married, owns a home and has children; voter files, which are available from several states and show a person's party identification and which elections he or she has voted in; and rundowns on how precincts voted in past elections.

The Republican National Committee declined to say what kind of data Voter Vault has. Frank Fahrenkopf, who made developing voter files a priority when he was RNC chairman in the 1980s, said technology has come a long way since then.

Before user-friendly data and databases, the RNC obtained hunting and fishing license lists on computer tapes from the states, figuring outdoor-sports enthusiasts would be receptive to the party's message.

"We would compose special letters from President Reagan to them dealing with issues of hunting and fishing and outdoor life and so forth. So we were targeting the message," Fahrenkopf said.

The party also had special mailings and get-out-the-vote efforts for people living near military bases, figuring anybody within three miles of a base probably lived or worked on it and tended to be conservative, he said.

Southern farmers bringing in best peanut crop in years

SYLVESTER, Ga. (AP) — After years of drought, a shift to a new farm program and a disastrously wet harvest season last fall, Jerald Carter is working down to dusk on his best peanut crop in five years.

"It's been easier to make because we've had adequate rainfall," he said. "We've had to irrigate a lot less. The fuel and electric bills are a lot less. Therefore, the profit margin ought to be a little better."

The Agriculture Department rates the 2003 crop 96 percent fair to excellent in seven of the top producing states: Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, Georgia, Oklahoma, Texas and Virginia.

Even so, farmers are careful not to boast because a lot could happen during the remaining weeks of the harvest. After pulling the crop through a dry summer last year, Georgia growers got hammered with torrential rains at harvest time that drastically reduced yields and quality.

"I feel like I lost half of them," Carter said. "It's hard to get over that, and that's why we need a good crop this year."

Georgia, the top peanut-producing state, supplies about 38

percent of the nation's peanuts. The elimination of the Depression-era peanut quota system last year has opened new growing areas and created opportunities for farmers who had never cultivated peanuts.

South Carolina has added 9,300 acres since last year, bringing its total to 18,000 acres for harvest; Alabama has added 4,000 for a total of 189,000 acres; and Florida has added 21,000 acres for a total of 107,000 acres.

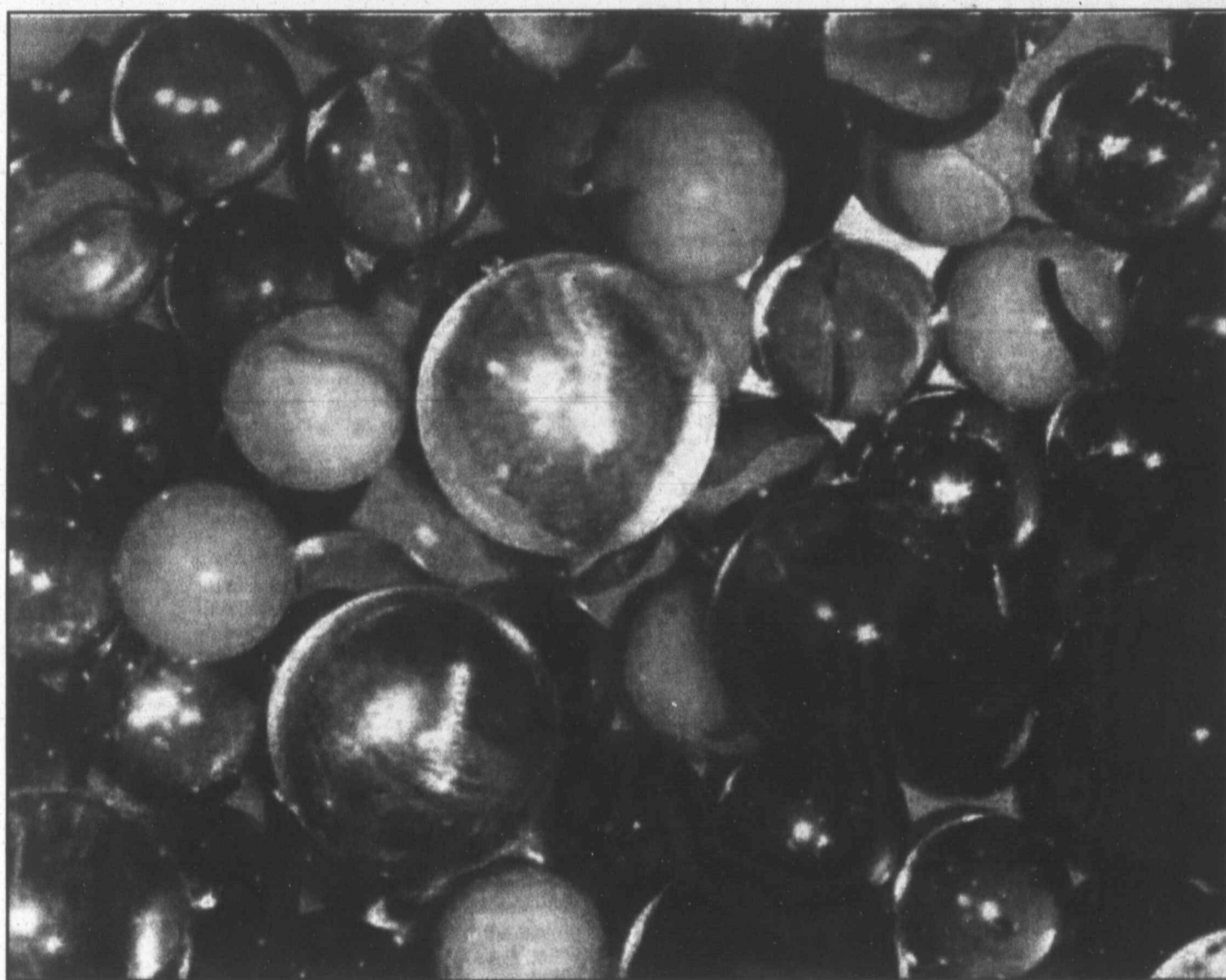
Farmers have cut back in New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Virginia and kept about the same production in North Carolina.

Still, this year's U.S. crop should total nearly 4 billion pounds — or 600 million more than last year.

With lots of mild, sunny days in south Georgia, growers have about 60 percent of the crop harvested.

Driving through the countryside, there's an earthy smell of freshly dug peanuts, with plants flipped upside down in the fields so sunshine and fresh air can provide initial drying for the pods that manufacturers transform into snack nuts, peanut butter and candy.

'Color Creative'



(Photo by Cory Jackson)

"Marbles" by Cory Jackson garnered first place at Gray County Photography Competition besides a Blue Award and "Judge's Favorite" at the State 4-H Photography Contest. This photo and others are on display at Lovett Memorial Library.

Balkans' wartime leaders heroes to many

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro (AP) — Like many Serbs across the Balkans, Sinisa Espek reveres a man accused of genocide and crimes against humanity. He considers Bosnian Serb wartime leader Radovan Karadzic a defender of his people.

"Thirty-seven members of my family were killed in World War II," said Espek, 34, the owner of a popular bakery in Belgrade. "I owe my thanks to Karadzic for keeping something like that from happening again."

Espek, a Serb from Sarajevo who rebuilt his life in Belgrade after the 1992-95 Bosnian war, says that crimes were simply committed on all sides — and he credits Karadzic with keeping him and other Serbs from perishing.

Such devotion, which often goes hand-in-hand with virulent anti-Western rhetoric, is hampering the efforts of Serbia's democratic leaders and foreign powers to stabilize the republic and integrate it into Europe.

But few of the Serbs who idolize Karadzic and other top suspects wanted by the U.N. war crimes tribunal — most notably Gen. Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb military chief during the war in Bosnia — hope for renewed warfare.

Instead, most are average people convinced that the world is against them. They express their anger over that sense of oppression by idolizing ex-leaders like Karadzic, Mladic and former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

Milosevic is now on trial by the tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, for war crimes

committed in Bosnia and Kosovo. But Karadzic and Mladic have eluded capture since their indictments in 1995.

They are accused of masterminding the worst massacre in Europe since World War II: the slaughter of up to 8,000 Muslim boys and men at Srebrenica. They also are accused of organizing the 44-month siege of Sarajevo, in which 12,000 people were either fatally shot or starved to death.

Those horrors were underlined anew in late September when a former Bosnian Serb captain described how he separated Muslim men from their families in Srebrenica. Momir

Nikolic, 48, told the war crimes tribunal that Mladic had discussed practical arrangements for killing the prisoners at a meeting before the systematic killings began.

The horror of such testimony, however, hasn't tainted Mladic or Karadzic in the eyes of many Serbs.

"When the war started, Muslims came and kicked me out of my home where my family had lived for 300 years," Espek said. "Karadzic had warned us this would happen and saved us. He is a defender of Serbs."

Espek expresses his gratitude by keeping a small photo of Karadzic above the counter

in his bakery alongside a painting of Serbs fleeing the Turks in the 17th century.

Such reverence for the wartime Serb leaders results in part from a deep-seated sense of Serb victimhood nurtured by Milosevic-era propaganda.

During the Bosnian war, which killed an estimated 260,000 people and made refugees of 1.8 million others, the Milosevic regime claimed that Serb attacks on rival Muslims and Croats were purely defensive. They said the thousands of civilians who fled in fear were "voluntarily emigrating" — what the United Nations called "ethnic cleansing."

Soyuz craft with American, Russian, Spanish crew docks with International Space Station

MOSCOW (AP) — A three-man crew docked with the International Space Station on Monday, the second time a Russian Soyuz has visited since the U.S. shuttle program was grounded after disintegration of the Columbia. Since the Feb. 1 disaster, the United States has depended on Russia to keep its astronauts flying. The Russian Soyuz, whose primary role was to serve as an emergency evacuation craft for the station, is now the only ship capable of carrying crews to and from the 16-nation space outpost.

Astronauts Michael Foale of the United States and Russian Alexander Kaleri are the eighth crew to have flown to the station for long-term occupation since the inaugural crew arrived on Nov. 2, 2000.

Pedro Duque of Spain, a European Space Agency astronaut traveling with Foale and Kaleri, is to remain aboard the station for eight days and return on Oct. 27 with American Ed Lu and Russian Yuri Malenchenko, who have been aboard since April 28.

Applause broke out at Mission Control outside Moscow after the docking Monday morning two days after the Soyuz lifted off from the Russian space facility in Kazakhstan.

"I congratulate all our partners on this spec-

tacular success today," William Readdy, associate administrator at NASA, told a news conference.

"Our gratitude to our partners is extreme and our pledge to our partners is that our primary objective is to return the space shuttle to flying safely as soon as we possibly can, perhaps this time next year," Readdy said.

For Spain, it was an especially moving moment.

"This flight gives a way for Spain to demonstrate its readiness to support the ISS," Vicente Gomez, a Spanish representative of the European Space Agency.

Foale will become the first American to have served on both the International Space Station and its predecessor, the Russian Mir.

Malenchenko will become the first person to have left the planet single and return to a wife. He was married in August while in orbit. Yuri Semyonov, director of RKK Energiya, the company that builds Russian spacecraft, warned Monday of possible difficulties ahead with the Russian program.

"The financial situation is catastrophic," Semyonov said. He said Energiya had not received money from the government to build more spacecraft for future missions.