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Perry unveils office to lure jobs to state

ARLINGTON (AP) -Saying Texas must lead the nation's economic recovery, Gov. Rick Perry on Wednesday unveiled an office dedicated to luing jobs to the state.

The State Regional Economic Development Office in Arlington and in several other cities will help local governments persuade businesses to relocate or expand in their regions. Perry announced plans for the offices last month when he introduced a \$5 million marketing campaign to promote the state's business climate, edu-

cation system and work force. "The state of Texas is actively engaged in economic development. Twenty years ago that was not the case. Even 10 years ago you would've been hard pressed to really find anything other than some lip service to economic development in the state," Perry said at a news conference. "Today the state is an active partner."

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GLO authorities to lease land for wind farms

By NATALIE GOTT **ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER**

AUSTIN (AP) — Officials at the state General Land Office are hoping winds from the Gulf Coast could soon supply a surge to light living rooms, run refrigerators and power personal computers in Texas.

Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson is scheduled to soon will accept bids from rigs in our bay," Smith said. companies that want to lease state lands to build and operate windmills to generate power. The lands are scattered throughout the state, including some in the Gulf of Mexico.

Through the General Land Office, Texas leases land it owns for oil drilling. The state then makes royalties, which are deposited into a school trust fund called the Permanent School Fund. The land office wants to apply that same program to leases for developing wind power.

going to be doing a lot of wind business. But we can't wait for start now," Patterson said.

Wind power is not a new parts of West Texas. In 2001, answer. more new wind generation was installed in Texas alone than had previously been installed in the entire country in a single year, according to the American Wind Energy Association.

But Texas has never opened its land on a large-scale basis for leases for Wind-power production. And, nowhere in the United States have turbines been erected offshore.

A wind farm has been proposed for Nantucket Sound in Massachusetts, but the effort has come under scrutiny from those who say the turbines would wreck the seascape and an important ecosystem.

Tom "Smitty" Smith, direc-

tor of the Texas chapter of Public Citizen, which monitors environmental acknowledges that some people may claim that windmills in the Gulf of Mexico would be an eyesore. But he says Texas, which owns the right to land 10.3 miles offshore, already uses the gulf for energy extrac-

"Unlike Martha's Vineyard, we as Texans have already announce today that his office made the decision to put oil

> He said the decision on such a project becomes a choice about whether Texans want the pollution from power plants that leaves cities in a haze or whether they are willing to put wind turbines in the ocean.

> "If I had to make that call, I would put wind turbines in the ocean," Smith said.

That's Patterson's goal.

"Within five years, we hope to be generating electricity and royalties for the Permanent School Fund from wind power "In five years, I think we are being produced in the Gulf of Mexico," Patterson said.

The question is how well five years to start. We've got to the program — both for onshore and offshore land leases — will go over with de els concept to Texas. Giant wind opers. Land office officials turbines already tower over admit they do not know the

> They have not predicted how much money they believe the program could generate nor do they know if companies will be interested in developing in the Gulf.

> "You always kind of wonder about going to the sock hop and nobody asks you to dance," Patterson said. "We don't know."

Mike Sloan, director of the Texas Wind Coalition, said the program shows the state is interested in wind power development. But like the others, he could not predict how the industry would respond to the program and noted there is not a lot of experience with offshore development.

Attorney defends TSU decision to halt probe into missing funds

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Southern University administrators had the right to halt an investigation into the disappearance of campus funds because the suspected crime involved TSU property, the university's top lawyer says.

Lynn Rodriguez, TSU general counsel, explained Wednesday the university's position on state law during the trial of a whistle-blower lawsuit filed by the Houston school's former police chief.

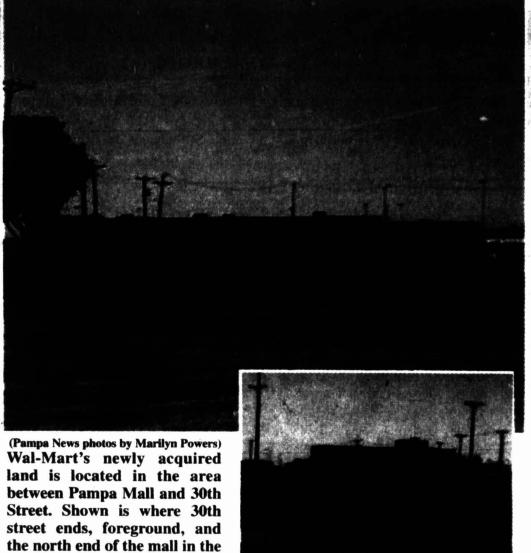
"Are you aware that the district attorney's office violently disagrees?" Rodriguez was asked by attorney Rusty Hardin, who represents former Chief Cordell Lindsey

She acknowledged that she was unaware of any case law supporting her interpretation.

Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal differed with Rodriguez's view.

"When public funds are at stake or in use, I don't think the administration has the right to determine whether or not they are going to pursue a prosecution," he told the Houston Chronicle Thursday's editions.

Shannon Edmonds, staff attorney for the Texas District and County Attorneys Association, said he was unaware of any law allowing a property owner to halt a criminal investigation.



distance. The inset shows the same land as seen from the north end of Pampa Mall, with

Pampa Regional Medical Center and various medical offices in the distance.

Wal-Mart petitions for zoning change

By MARILYN POWERS STAFF WRITER

a limited partnership, has purchased a section of land in north Pampa from SHG Properties.

is north of Pampa Mall and south of 30th Street. The general warranty deed, on file at the Gray County Clerk's office, shows the sale is "executed to be effective as of Sept. 29,

100, Block 3, I&G.N.R.R. Co. Survey, including all of Lot 1, Westgate Addition Unit 1 plus a portion of an unplatted 167.037-acre tract.

Wal-Mart representatives submitted a request for a zoning change for the property at the city's Planning and Zoning Commission meeting held Tuesday, Oct. 21. The land is currently zoned agricultural, and Wal-Mart has requested the zoning be

changed to commercial. build a 155,000-squarefoot supercenter," said Danny Winborne, city building inspector. Wal-Mart representatives have submitted a site plan for review by the commission.

Wal-Mart's real estate Ark., did not specify what the retailer planned for the site.

of deciding whether to express their opinions on build a supercenter there to the proposed supercenter. Wal-Mart Stores Texas, replace the current store. The first public hearing We don't have all the enti- will be at 5 p.m. Monday, tlements yet. We're not prepared right now to make a definite statement The land, 35.063 acres, about what we're going to do," said Tim Scott of the

real estate department. land is listed in county appraisal district records as having belonged to SHG Properties. The general warranty and recorded in The land is in Section the county clerk's office shows that the land was sold by Hays Gardner Group Limited Partnership (LP), LCH Family LP, and Dianna Sanders. The deed was signed by Jim Gardner, president of Hays Gardner Group, LP; Carolyn Stout, vice-president of LCH Family, LP; and Dianna Sanders. The signatures were notarized Sept. 24.

Two permitted exceptions involved in the sale are an easement and right of way dated Aug. 18, "They are planning to 1965, to Southwestern Public Service Company, and a mineral reservation in warranty deed.

No building or other types of permits have been issued for the property, Winborne said.

Before the zoning department in Bentonville, change can be completed, the Planning and Zoning Commission must hold two public hearings, at

"We are in the process which citizens may

Nov. 10 in the city commission chambers on the third floor of City Hall. The second public hearing will be held in conjunction with the city commission The newly purchased meeting scheduled for Nov. 25.

After the public hearings, the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance, changing the Wal-Mart land from agricultural to commercial, must be read on two different occasions at city commission meetings. The two readings are tentatively scheduled for Dec. 9 and 16. If the proposed zoning change is passed by city commissioners after both readings, the new zoning will take effect.

"If we can get all the subdivision requirements, preliminary plat and final plat approved and the zoning changed, they could start building sometime in February," Winborne said.

"They gave no indication of what will happen to the current store," he said of the Wal-Mart Discount Store at 2225 N. Hobart. "The representatives said that if Wal-Mart owns the real estate at the current store rather than leasing it, they usually try to use it for some purpose," Winborne said.

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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

DANIELS, Cecil Eugene — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

FORD, Audrey — Memorial mass, 11 a.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pampa.

LOIS SUE 'CARR' BRANCH

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Survivors

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Branch

Lois Sue "Carr" Branch, 88, of Lubbock, died Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2003, at Lubbock. Services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with Glen Walton, minister of Bell Avenue Church of Christ in Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa under the direction Joe Branch of of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Branch was born May 22, 1915, in of Archer County. She married Houston Ray ☐ Branch on April 6, 1939, at Megargel; he died July 13, 2001.

A Pampa resident from 1960 until moving to ☐ Lubbock in 2000, she taught school at Breckenridge, Megargel, Electra, Burkburnett, Albany and Pampa.

She was a member of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ in Pampa.

Mrs. Branch was preceded in death by a son, www.carmichael-whatley.com.

include two sons, Melvin Lubbock and Glenn Branch Amarillo; sisters. three

of Wichita Falls, Glendora Hill of Fullerton, Calif., and Pat Hardegree of Yellville, Ark.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to The Children's Home of Lubbock, P.O. Box 2824, Lubbock, TX 79408.

-Sign the on-line register book at

CECIL EUGENE DANIELS

1951-2003

Cecil Eugene Daniels, 52, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2003, in Colorado. Services will be at 2 p.m., Friday, in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Pastor Paul Nachtigall, of Cornerstone Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Daniels was born June 1, 1951, at Dumas, to Cecil and Mary Williams Daniels. He married Dianne O'Day on March 9, 1974. He worked for North Plains Electric for 19 years, retiring in 2000:

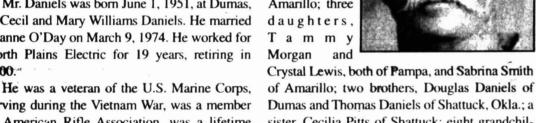
serving during the Vietnam War, was a member Dumas and Thomas Daniels of Shattuck, Okla.; a of American Rifle Association, was a lifetime sister, Cecilia Pitts of Shattuck; eight grandchilmember of Veterans of Foreign War, and was dren; and five great-grandchildren. president of Vietnam Veteran's Motorcycle Club's local chapter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two www.carmichael-whatley.com.

brothers and a

Survivors include wife, Dianne, of the home; a son, Leon Jacobi Amarillo; three Tamm

Morgan



The family will be at 401 N. Rider.

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lowing calls during the 24-hour period end ing at 7 a.m., today.

Wednesday, Oct. 22

9:52 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

1:19 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to

7:50 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Mary Ellen and transport-

GENEVA A. BUTLER 1918-2003

Geneva A. Butler, 85, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2003, at Claude. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Butler was born Jan. 27, 1918, at White City in Wilbarger County. She had been a Pampa resident for about a year, moving from Chillicothe.

She married the Rev. Oland Butler on Dec. 21, 1936, at Medicine Mount; he died in 1992. During their marriage, she served as a minister's wife of Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Oland M. Butler, Jr., and a grandson, Randall Scott

Survivors include two sons, Stanley Butler of Pampa and Wayne Butler of Oark, Ark.; six brothers, Cecil Box, Owen Box, Wayne Box, Boyd Box, Keith Box and Gordon Box; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to St. Paul United Methodist Church, 511 N. Hobart, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Tuesday, Oct. 21 Violation of a protective order was report-

ed in the 1100 block of North Starkweather. Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of Starkweather. Two tires were slashed. Estimated damage was \$250.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of East Gordon. The back window was broken out of a vehicle. Estimated damage was \$500.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester. A vehicle was keyed. Estimated damage was unknown.

Wednesday, Oct. 22

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported at Varnon Drive and Neel Road. Jessica Key De La Torre, 18, 1045 Huff, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and a capias pro fine for criminal mischief.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1600 block of North Russell. Two Game Boys, five games, diamond earrings, a wedding ring and two portable compact disc players were taken. A door was broken to gain entry. Estimated loss was \$1,800.

Aggravated robbery was reported in the 1100 block of Garland. Taken were two necklaces, a ring, a watch, and a wallet and contents. Estimated loss was \$1,755. No known injuries were reported.

A lost bicycle was reported in the 800 block of North Christy. Estimated loss was

Class disruption was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

Possession of marijuana in a drug free zone was reported by Pampa Middle School, 2401 N. Charles.

Brent Crossman, 45, 736 N. Banks, was arrested for violation of a protective order and criminal mischief.

Thursday, Oct. 23

Monty Paul Givens, 49, of Whitney, was arrested in the 900 block of East Tyng for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces, no valid driver's license, failure to change address on driver's license, and failure to register a secondhand vehicle within 20 days.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the fol-

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Department today reported the Safety for possession of marijuana following arrests.

Wednesday, Oct. 22

Gray County Sheriff's Texas Department of Public over 4 ounces and under 5 pounds.

James Clyde Benson Jr., 34, Keisha LaDon Ross, 32, Los Los Angeles, Calif., was arrested by DPS for possession of marijua-Angeles, Calif., was arrested by

na over 4 ounces and under 5 pounds, and assault on a public servant.

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Billy Dean Hutchison, 25, Amarillo, was arrested for theft by

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA for sunny skies, highs in the on mostly clear skies, lows in

The forecast today is calling

5 to 15 mph. Night should fall winds 10 to 20 mph.

By The Associated Press Texans will feel a pronounced

degrees over the state, but will dip to the 60s and 70s over the weekend as the front moves south.

of some rain ahead of and along the front. Storms may contain strong winds and hail.

ing temperatures of the season

STATEWIDE

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change in the weather in the next few days, as a cold front puts an end to summerlike temperatures. Highs today will be around 90

Except for West Texas, the rest of the state will see a good chance

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Saturday night.

The West Texas forecast calls for highs today in the low to mid 90s in the Permian Basin, upper 80s to low 90s in the north, and upper 80s in the far west and south. Temperatures will cool during the day Friday. On Saturday, highs will be in the mid to upper 50s in the Panhandle, mid 50s to mid 60s in the South Plains, low to mid 70s in the Permian Basin, and upper 70s in the far west. Skies will become partly cloudy as the front moves in.

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Senate votes to impose tough limits on spam

AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) -The Senate has voted to impose tough new limits against sending unwanted commercial e-mails, but supporters warned computer users not to expect any immediate end to offers for prescription drugs, cheap loans, herbal remedies and pornography.

approved Wednesday by a 97-0 vote, would outlaw the shadiest techniques used by many of the Internet's most prolific e-mailers, who pump out millions of unsolicited messages daily.

Sens. Conrad Burns, R-Mont., and Ron Wyden, D-Ore., would prohibit senders of unsolicited commercial e-mail from disguising their identity by using a false return address or misleading subject line. The legislation also would prohibit senders from harvesting addresses off Web sites and require such emails to include a mechanism so recipients can indicate they do not want future mass-mailings.

A provision proposed by Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., authorizes the Federal Trade Commission to establish a do-not-spam list, similar to the agency's popular do-not-call list of telephone numbers that marketers are supposed not to call. The Direct Marketing Association opposed that never going to work."

The Bush administration supports the bill, although similar legislation has stalled in the House.

"Kingpin spammers who send out e-mail by the millions are threatening to drown the Internet in a sea of trash, and the American people want it stopped," Wyden

Acknowledging problems with e-mails sent from overseas, he urged other countries to approve similar limits.

Burns said time spent by unwanted messages and the costs to businesses and Internet providers deliver-

ing them were "escalating and wide-ranging." Under the bill, he said, "people will think twice before they send it, and that's the answer."

The bill also requires commercial e-mail senders to include their physical address, along with a clear notice that the message is an advertisement or sales

Despite the vote, sena-The "Can Spam" bill, tors cautioned computer users not to expect an immediate end to overflowing inboxes.

"The odds of us defeating spam by legislation alone are extremely low, but that does not mean we The bill, sponsored by should stand idly by and do nothing about it," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., chairman of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee.

Violators could be sentenced for up to three years in prison under an amendment by Sens. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and Patrick Leahy, D-Vt. Their provision explicitly prohibits spammers from, among other practices, hacking into computers to use them as surreptitious relay points to disguise the origin of unwanted e-mails.

Hatch said the bill cracks down on unwanted e-mails "without unnecessarily burdening legitimate electronic commerce." The bill was supported by some leading technology companies, such as Microsoft Corp. and Time Warner's America provision and has described Online. AOL said it blocks it as "a bad idea that is roughly 2.4 billion unwanted e-mails daily from subscribers.

> Technology companies have developed increasingly sophisticated software to filter unwanted e-mails, but legislation would give consumers one more tool to combat spam. The term was applied to unwanted emails after a 1970 Monty Python skit in which an exasperated restaurant customer is urged to order the canned meat product until she screams, "I don't want any Spam!"

Sens. John Edwards, Dconsumers wading through N.C., John Kerry, D-Mass., and Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii. Wednesday's vote.

GOP leaders under pressure to settle Medicare bill disputes

WASHINGTON Congressional negotiators have yet to resolve some of the most contentious issues blocking a Medicare prescription drug bill, with time dwindling this year on a Bush administration priority.

The top House and Senate Republican told negotiators to settle the major issues by week's end, and the Republicans involved in the closed-door compromise talks said they thought they

Chief among the unresolved issues is a demand by House GOP conservatives to have traditional Medicare compete directly with new managed-care plans.

Democrats fear that could send premiums for traditional Medicare skyrocketing. Two sources said discussions focused on suggestions to avoid large cost increases for current beneficiaries

as well as individuals aged 55 and lowincome people.

In talks that ran into the night, negotiators also debated proposed cuts in hospital payments and ratified an earlier agreement on the structure of a prescription drug benefit that would become available to seniors. For a monthly premium of \$35, a beneficiary would pay an annual deductible of \$275 for coverage that then picked up 75 percent of costs up to \$2,200. After a gap in coverage to \$3,700 in out-of-pocket costs, all or nearly all remaining prescription bills would be paid for,

In yet another sign that the pace of talks was quickening, Senate Democrats scheduled a closed-door meeting Thursday to review the discussions, although Sen. Max Baucus of Montana, one of two Democrats in the talks, said it

was a "stretch" to believe that all major issues could be resolved by Friday.

The party's leader, Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., was also expected to send President Bush a letter outlining a series of conditions to be met if the administration wants bipartisan support.7

Among them was a rejection of "caps : or other arbitrary limits" on Medicare spending, according to one official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Other officials, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said that if the negotiators failed to reach a compromise on major issues by then, it was possible that Speaker J. Dennis Hastert, R-III., and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., would step in more forcefully.

Frist said he hoped to have final legislation before the Senate the first or second week of November.



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from area counties will present their annual "Celebrate!" program in two segments on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at Texas A&M Center in Amarillo. The program will be offered at 1:30 p.m. and again at 6:30

Science Extension Agents

p.m., at the center located at 6500 Amarillo Boulevard West. Registration for each event will be conducted 30minutes prior to start time. Admission will be \$10 at the door.

Rachelle Redd, continuing education instructor at Amarillo College, will be the featured presenter. Redd will present "From Trash to Treasure," in which she will demonstrate how to turn recycled household items into creative novelty items, ornaments or gifts. Redd often uses items re-claimed from

Family and Consumer area businesses.

Extension agents to stage

'Celebration!' in Amarillo

In addition to Redd's presentation, 15 area Extension agents will present a variety of holiday craft ideas such as pumpkin topiary, shutter phone directory, vinyl lunch bags, embossed cards and gift tags, no-sew pillows, tapestry purses, torn aprons and much, much more.

Agents will also demonstrate holiday recipes to use throughout the year such as creamy chicken/rice soup, cranberry-ginger punch, skillet beef-n-rice, just to name a few. Participants will have the opportunity to sample the recipes at the conclusion of the program.

"Celebration!" is open to the public. Advance tickets are available at a reduced price of \$8 through Monday, Oct. 27, from Joan Gray, local Extension agent, at 669-8033. SALE 39.99-54.99

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Will Rush Limbaugh spend any time behind bars?

It couldn't happen to a nicer fellow. I've listened to Rush for years. He is a perfect example of a pompous, self-righteous, right-wing fanatic, hypocrite. I've heard his slandering lies, telling only bad things for the liberals and good for the conservatives, but never the whole truth about anyone.

Every politician that's been elected the last 15 years got elected by being "tougher on crime" than his opponent; consequently, we have more people in jail than any nation in the world. Most of this growth is because of our "drug war."

When George "Dubya" was running for governor of Texas, he ran on "Do the crime, do the time." Rush was the biggest supporter of this philosophy. He railed all the time about "longhaired dope-taking liberals." His answer to the problem was never about any kind of rehabilitation, but always about prison

Incidentally, I've never done drugs, and I don't smoke. I've written many letters about decriminalizing some drugs and using rehabilitation instead of jail time. However, I've changed my mind where Rush is concerned.

I think he should be prosecuted to the full letter of the law. I like the phrase, "live by the sword, and die by the sword." Well, I think the full sword of the law should be used against him. What Rush really is, is a pill-taking illegal drug addict. (The pills may be prescription legal, but obtained illegally.)

I want to see if these self-righteous right-wingers will practice what they preach, when it's one of their own heroes. If Rush is prosecuted and does jail time, he can join the other rightwing fellow talk-show hosts like Gordon Liddy and Oliver North who are both prosecuted felons

Calvin Lacy **Pampa**

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Oct. 23, the 296th day of 2003. There are 69 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Twenty years ago, on Oct. 23, 1983, 241 U.S. Marines and sailors in Lebanon were killed in a suicide truck-bombing at Beirut International Airport; a near-simultaneous attack on French forces killed 58 paratroopers.

On this date:

In 1864, forces led by Union Gen. Samuel R. Curtis defeated Confederate Gen. Stirling Price's army in Missouri. In 1915, 25,000 women marched in New York City,

demanding the right to vote. In 1942, during World War II, Britain launched a major

offensive against Axis forces at El Alamein in Egypt. In 1944, the World War II Battle of Leyte Gulf began. In 1946, the U.N. General Assembly convened in New York

for the first time, at an auditorium in Flushing Meadow. In 1956, an anti-Stalinist revolt that was subsequently

crushed by Soviet troops began in Hungary. In 1972, the musical "Pippin" opened on Broadway.

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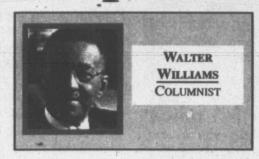
Book offers tips for educators

"Excellent schools deliver a clear message to their students: No Excuses. No excuses for failing to do your homework, failing to work hard in general; no excuses for fighting with other students, running in the hallways, dressing inappropriately and so forth."

That's part of the prescription for ending educational mediocrity discussed in Abigail and Stephen Thernstrom's new book, "No Excuses: Closing the Racial Gap in Learning" (Simon & Schuster, 2003).

It's no secret that, as the Thernstroms point out, the education achieved by white students is nothing to write home about. In civics, math, reading, writing and geography, nearly a quarter of all students leave high school with academic skills that are "Below Basic." In science, 47 percent leave high school with skills Below Basic, and in American history it's 57 percent. Below Basic is the category the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) uses for students unable to display even partial mastery of knowledge and skills fundamental for proficient work at their grade

As dismal as these figures are, for black students it is magnitudes worse. According to NAEP findings, only in writing are less than 40 percent of black high school students Below Basic. In math, it's 70 percent, and science 75 percent. Blacks completing high school perform a little worse than white eighthgraders in both reading and U.S. history,



and a lot worse in math and geography. The Thernstroms report, "In math and geography, indeed, they know no more than whites in the seventh grade." From these facts, the Thernstroms conclude, "The employer hiring the typical black high school graduate (or the college that admits the average black student) is, in effect choosing a youngster who has made it only through the eighth grade."

At the other end of the NAEP academic scale, Proficient and Advanced, nearly half of all whites and 40 percent of Asians score in those categories in reading, compared to less than a fifth of blacks. In science and math, 3 percent of black students display more than a partial mastery, in contrast to seven to 10 times as many white and Asians.

The dismal performance of black students translates into at least two devastating consequences. First, glaring racial double standards are needed if more than a handful of black students are to attend the nation's most prestigious universities. Second, if one hasn't mastered high school pre-calculus, high-paying careers such as engineering, medicine and computer technology are hermetically sealed for life.

These outcomes are not preordained, and the solution is not more money, as the educationists would have us believe. Were that the case, academic achievement wouldn't be a problem. In the last two decades, educational expenditures have doubled, yet academic performance

The route to greater academic excellence is nearly a no-brainer. There are three vital inputs to education: parents, teachers and students. You tell me: How much money does it take for teachers to assign homework, and for parents and teachers see to it that it gets done? How much money does it take to see to it that kids get a good night's sleep, come to school on time, don't fight in school, and respect authority? If these no-brainer things aren't accomplished, there's no amount of money that's going to make much of a difference.

The education establishment likes to blame poor parenting and rowdy and lawless students for educational mediocrity. Without a doubt, that's part of the problem, but incompetent, uncaring teachers are also a part of the prob-

The NAEP findings clearly point to one fault that lies solely at the feet of the education establishment - that's the granting of fraudulent diplomas. After all, isn't it fraud to confer a high school diploma upon a student, attesting that he's mastered a 12th-grade level of education, when in fact he hasn't mastered a seventh or eighth-grade level?



Tide turning for arrogant politicians

Mr. David Broder is upset. He doesn't approve of what we Californians just did to his beloved Gray Davis. He is, as a matter of fact, outraged that we had the gall to recall one of his fellow liberals. We had no right to do such a thing, he

In his post recall election column, he began by writing "Now that the miserable recall experience is over," revealing exactly how he feels about the people exercising their constitutional rights.

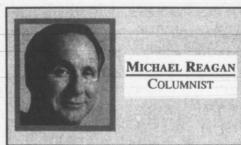
As Pat Buchanan has observed, the very liberal Mr. Broder "speaks for an elite that denounced the recall as a 'circus' and 'chaos.' He does not speak for the people."

The people loved it ... yet Broder dismisses it all as a "misguided effort."

He wasn't alone in misjudging what happened here in California on Tuesday, Oct. 7. The always wrong - Terry McAuliffe, who could find a ray of false sunshine in a 50 state dismantling of his Democrat party, tells us that what happened here in California does not bode well for George Bush because we threw the bums out - we were throwing out incumbents and so the thing was bad news for incumbents and George Bush ought to watch out.

Somebody ought to watch out, and it's not President Bush. It is, instead, every governor and every legislator across the country that thwarts the will of their voters had better watch their

The people of California took this election very seriously while everybody else was laughing at the state including Broder and George Will and others in



the media who really didn't understand what we were going through and what we were facing. And what, unfortunately we are still facing until this governor steps down because he is now signing out. everything that comes to his desk, including more of the laws that have driven scores of businesses from the state and costs thousands of jobs that left with them.

It will be very hard for Governor Schwarzenegger to undo any of the mischief being done by Davis who despite his pledge to help the new governor is busy making it tougher on him instead of making it easier on him to fix this state's terrible problems.

What Broder was saying to the people of California is that you really have no right to have the recall. The fact that California's constitution provides for recall doesn't matter to him or his liberal colleagues because the constitution doesn't matter to them. And, by the way, they didn't yell and scream when they tried twice to recall my father when he was governor. Broder and his friends never wrote any columns condemning those recall attempts. That was fine with them. It only becomes an outage when it is used against their favorite liberals.

They just can't accept the fact that mail.com for Mike.

recalls were tried 31 times in California over the past 93 years and this is the only time it worked and it worked because the people of California had had it up to their armpits with Gray Davis and his cronies.

Had this recall been against Pete Wilson or any other Republican, every one of those writers who were screaming about the tragedy of it all with the Davis recall would be hailing it and saying what a wonderful thing was being done to throw the Republican rascals

What a bunch of hypocrites.

What really upsets them is the danger now faced by other politicians across. America who treat the people's wishes with contempt. Alabama's Republican Governor Bob-Riley already learned a harsh lesson when voters overwhelmingly turned down his plan to raise taxes by a whopping \$1.2 billion - a controversial proposal that has made him a heretic in his own party.

"Clearly the angry voter is back," said pollster John Zogby. "Nationwide, there is a percolating anxiety and anger."

It's good that California showed leadership - what we did sends a message to other governors that when you go back on you word, when you lie to the public as Gray Davis and his cohorts lied to us you'd better beware. The message: watch your step, you could be next.

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Panel anticipates increase in Social Security deficit

The government should change how it projects Social Security's future finances by assuming significant increases in immigration, longer life expectancies and lower inflation, an advisory panel said

If adopted, the system's projected 75-year deficit would rise by \$200 billion to \$3.7 trillion, according to a report by a panel of economists, actuaries and demographers appointed to review nethods now used to project Social Security's future financial status.

Social Security is a payas-you-go system, in which workers' payroll taxes fund benefits for current retirees. The system faces financial problems as the large baby a larger and younger populaboom generation starts retiring in five years, while there are fewer workers to pay Social Security taxes.

The most urgent change would be to assume an increase in immigration mended that assumptions for

WASHINGTON (AP) - rather than a decline, the mortality rates be changed to report said.

> "Given the steady increase in immigration experienced since World War II, the panel believes that the current assumption of a decline in the annual number of immigrants is unrealistic," it said.

Immigration has increased by an average of about 4 percent a year since 1950. Yet Social Security trustees assume a drop this year from 1.2 million to an annual total of 900,000 in 2023 and after, the report said.

"In light of the sustained, rapid increase of net migration over more than five decades, the panel finds this assumption to be highly implausible," the report said. "Since immigration results in tion, the effect of a mistaken migration assumption on projected trust fund balances should be a major cause of concern."

The panel also recom-

result in a projected life expectancy of 84.4 years instead of the current 82.9 years for someone born in

On labor force participation, Social Security trustees should eliminate an assumption recently added that rates will rise because of increases in life expectancy. The report said sufficient evidence does not yet exist that points to a sustained trend of Americans working longer and postponing retirement.

Other recommendations include an increase in the assumed rate of real wage growth and a decrease in the assumed rate of inflation.

The Social Security Panel Technical Assumptions and Methods was appointed by the Social Security Advisory Board, an independent, bipartisan board created in 1994 to advise the president, Congress and the Social Security commissioner.

At the Country Fair ...



(Pampa News photo by ReDonn Woods)

Diana Larkin is seen here checking out Silent Auction items during Pampa Chamber of Commerce's 19th Annual Country Fair held recently at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Winners of the \$1,000 drawing were Tim Fatheree, G.M. Walls, Jr., Judi Edwards, NBC Employee pool, Paula Goff and Kathrine Taylor. Pampa Pawn pool #3 won the \$5,000 drawing.

Scientists count planet's marine life, expect thousands of new fish species

WASHINGTON (AP) — An unprecedented census of life in the world's oceans is discovering three new fish species a week on average and predicts as many as 5,000 unknown fish species may be lurking undetected, according to the first interim report.

By the time they're done in 2010, scientists say they may find more than 2 million different species of marine life.

Three hundred scientists from 53 countries participating in the \$1 billion study reported their first findings Thursday, three years into the decade-long project. So far, the Census of Marine Life comprised 15,304 species of fish and 194,696 to 214,696 species of animals and plants, estimated to be roughly 10 percent of the world's total.

The census is adding about 150 to 200 species of fish and 1,700 species of animals and plants each year.

The scientists said they believe the oceans that extend across 70 percent of Earth's surface hold about 20,000 species of fish and up to 1.98 million species of animals and plants. Many of those could be basic and small life forms, such as worms and jellyfish.

"We've tended to be interested in the things. that we eat," said Jesse Ausubel, an environmental scientist at The Rockefeller University in New York City. He helps run the census for the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, which provided \$20 million in funding.

"We've tended not to be interested in the things that pass through our nets or don't taste good," Ausubel said. "But the small critters are tremendously important in the ecosystem ... and in an evolutionary sense, the small things came first. They're ancient, and they're survivors."

Scientists hope to gain a better understanding of life in the mostly unexplored seas, learning about evolution and climate, pole to pole. Environmentalists hope to use it to counter overfishing and pollution that has depleted the ocean's resources. Industry hopes it will lead to more efficient fishing and shipping, new pharmaceuticals and industrial compounds.

"Our goal by 2010 is to know as much about life in the oceans as we know about life on land now," said Ronald O'Dor, a marine biologist at Dalhousie University in Canada and the project's chief scientist

"No one would claim that we know everything about life on land," he said. "There are probably still a few hundred thousand beetles in tropical forests that haven't been described. But we'd like to aim for parity."

The project grew from scientists' concerns after a 1995 report by the National Academy of Sciences found that human population growth was fast changing the diversity of life in the

oceans, possibly irreversibly. They wanted to learn what still was there.

The census started organization six years ago, partly through the efforts of J. Frederick Grassle, director of Rutgers University's Institute of Marine & Coastal Sciences. Actual work began in 2000. It has cost \$70 million so far and the price tag eventually is expected to reach \$1 billion, paid by participating govern-

Blaze at Detroit adult home kills at least two

DETROIT (AP) — Fire but Moore said fire officials broke out at a group home for mentally and physically disabled adults early Thursday, killing at least 2 of the 13 people inside, fire officials said.

The fire appeared to have started shortly before 4 a.m. on the first floor of a threestory home used as an adult care facility, fire officials said.

Two people died on the third floor and nine others were taken to hospitals, Detroit Fire Chief Lee Moore

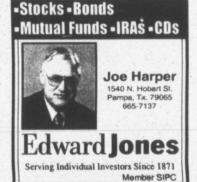
Broadcasters reported a third person died at a hospital,

were aware of only two deaths, and the hospital didn't confirm a third death.

Sophia Moss, the resident manager of the home, said she was awakened early Thursday by smoke alarms in the home and went door to door screaming at residents to wake up and get out of the house. She left her second-floor bedroom to alert residents on the first floor and then went back upstairs.

"I couldn't make it up to the third floor," Moss said. "I wanted to go back in and I couldn't."

One resident was able to carry a wheelchair-bound man out the back door, Moss said. Witnesses urged others to jump from the windows to escape.



Wildfires break out in Southern California

LOS ANGELES (AP) arrival of Santa Ana winds, firefighters battled several Southern California wildfires, including two arson fires and a blaze at Camp Pendleton that threatened 300 homes.

That fire was expected to grow, while a spokeswoman for the San Bernardino National Forest said an arson fire in San Bernardino County may have doubled in size overnight due to strong wind.

"All bets are off at this point," Tricia Abbas said Thursday. The fire scorched 2,500 acres by late Wednesday but was burning up a slope and away from homes, she said. It was 17 percent contained and almost 700 firefighters were battling the blaze Thursday.

Meanwhile, a fast-moving arson fire that began Tuesday destroyed four homes in the Reche Canyon area of Riverside County and burned about 2;387 acres, said Capt. Rick Vogt of the California Department of Forestry. Full containment was expected by Thursday morning, he said.

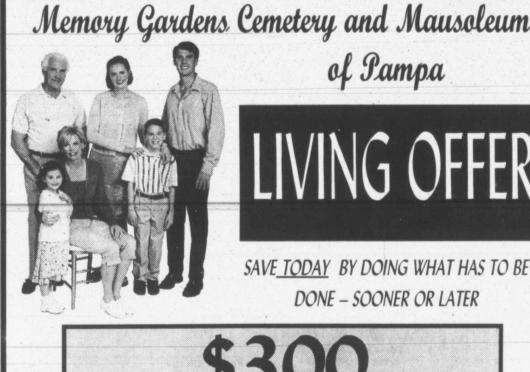
High Racing against the expected Wednesday helped spur five wildfires, burning more than 7,000 acres. Southern California has experienced record, triple-digit temperatures and the warm weather is expected to continue for the next few days.

> The season's first hot Santa Ana winds, expected over the weekend, may help the fires spread, said Bill Hoffer, a

temperatures National Weather Service specialist.

> "It lowers relative humidities, it causes a real drying effect," he said.

A brush fire burned more than 2,085 acres by Wednesday night and threatened about 300 homes in De Luz Canyon, just east of Camp Pendleton, said Kerri Uglik, a spokeswoman with the U.S. Forest Service.



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written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Couples With Cold Feet Are Wise To Step Back

DEAR ABBY: I am writing regarding "Sad Mom in Michigan," who ignored her daughter's second thoughts about getting married and rushed her to the altar because the wedding was already paid for. Many pastors, myself included, can add her letter to our collection of wedding horror stories. Families often spend thousands of dollars to show off in a one-hour ceremony instead of investing time in talking to their kids about commitment. I have seen brides blackmailed into doing what the parents wanted because "we're paying for it."

A wedding should be an occasion of joy as a couple begins a new life together, not a nerve-wracking, bankrupting extravaganza that everyone would like to forget. Par-ents who want a circus shouldn't turn their kids into clowns in order to live out their own fantasies.

If a child expresses doubts before a wedding, that is the time to back up, take a breath and reconsider, no matter what has been paid. Divorce is more expensive than any wedding. PASTOR IN DALLAS

DEAR PASTOR: And in more ways than one. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: May I respond to "Sad Mom," who gave her 27-yearold daughter the wrong advice about going through with her marriage? As a pastor, I take marriage seriously. When a couple asks me to perform their ceremony, I make it clear I believe that marriage is for life.

Each time I meet with a couple, I ask if they still want to go through with the ceremony, and I tell them that if there is any doubt at all, we can "postpone" it. I would rather have them call it off now than one year, 10 years or even 50 years down the road.

I also inform the couple that on the day of the ceremony I will ask if they want to go through with it, and if for any reason they wish to call it off, it is perfectly OK. It is their future, not the future of their

parents or friends. God bless!

TERRY JOHNSON, PASTOR, CALVARY CHAPEL, WESTWOOD, CALIF.

DEAR PASTOR JOHNSON: You are a wise pastor. Unless both parties are convinced beyond a doubt they're doing the right thing, they shouldn't do it. A 10-minute "mistake" can lead to a lifetime of misery. Do the math!

DEAR ABBY: One of my employees is applying to get her MBA and has asked me to write a letter of recommendation for graduate school. Her performance at work has been acceptable but not outstanding, and I don't feel comfortable writing a "glowing" letter about her.

I know how important recommendations are, and I don't want to hurt her chances of pursuing her dream. How can I tactfully decline? HONEST BOSS IN COLORADO

DEAR HONEST BOSS: Invite the employee into your office. Praise her for her fine qualities and tell her where there is room for improvement. Say that you honestly cannot write a "glowing" recommendation and must decline because you don't want to spoil her chances of being accepted. It's the kind-est way to handle a potentially ego-damaging situation.

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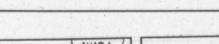




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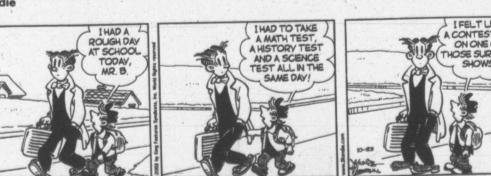








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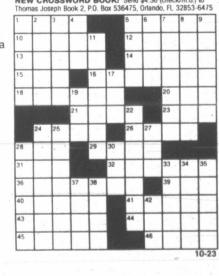
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FOOTBALL

PAMPA — Harvester fans are urged to wear green and gold at the Pampa-Dumas football game Friday night.

There will be a sprit line of fans as the Harvesters pass through the helmettunnel to enter Harvester Stadium.

Senior players will be honored prior to the kickoff at 7 p.m.

BASEBALL

HOUSTON (AP) -Astros manager Jimy Williams received a oneyear contract extension, signing with Houston through the 2005 season.

HOCKEY

DALLAS (AP) — Joe Nieuwendyk is still scoring big goals in Dallas.

Nieuwendyk, playing in Dallas for the first time since the Stars traded him to New Jersey in March 2002, scored a power-play goal with 6:58 left as Toronto beat Dallas 3-1 on Wednesday night.

Nieuwendyk helped the Devils reach the Stanley Cup finals last year, but did not play in the championship series because of an injury. He signed with the Maple Leafs in September.

"It was disappointing to me to be traded when I was," Nieuwendyk said. "But I've certainly had time to get over it. Last year, winning the Cup was a great experience."

Nieuwendyk, the Conn Smythe Trophy winner as the playoff MVP when Dallas won its lone title in 1999, deflected Mats Sundin's shot past goalie Marty Turco to give Toronto a 2-1 lead.

"Sometimes the simplest play is to put it on net in traffic, especially when Marty's seeing the puck the way he is," Nieuwendyk said. "Mats made a great play on it."

Nieuwendyk scored his first goal for Toronto, and Sundin picked up his first point of the season on the play.

"Our offense has not been clicking," Sundin said. "When we haven't been as productive as we need to be, people get frustrated. We showed some real good signs tonight. I've been getting a lot of chances. The puck just hasn't been going in for me."

Ed Belfour, Dallas' goalie during its championship run, made the goal stand up, stopping 15 shots.

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Tiger League champs



Clifton Supply Cowboys compiled a 5-1 record to win the Tiger League football championship this season. Team members are (front row, I-r) Trevor McKay, Brandon Rice, Ramon Jimenez, Cameron Benge, Erick Lewis and Kendrick Tillman; (second row, I-r) Zack Organ, Cole Wilson, Corbin Clifton, Javier Solis, Gabe Rodriquez and Reid Bradley; (back row, I-r) head coach Mando Ramirez, Leonel Madrid, Daniel Smith, Jessie Jimenez, Craig Conner, Austin Preas and assistant coach Alfredo Jimenez. Not pictured is Dillion Johnson. After losing the season opener, the Cowboys won five straight games to claim the league title. Their defense gave up only six points the last five games.

Marlins tie series at 2 games each

MIAMI (AP) — Roger Clemens walked off the mound a hero. Alex Gonzalez and the Florida Marlins danced off the field as win-

Gonzalez led off the bottom of the 12th inning with a home run and the Marlins survived yet another late Yankees jolt, beating New York 4-3 Wednesday night to even the World Series at two games

strong with the bat," the their storied history, set up slumping Gonzalez said.

After both teams saluted Clemens in what might have been his final appearance, pinch-hitter Ruben Sierra saved the Yankees with a twoout, two-run triple in the ninth that tied it at 3.

It turned out the drama was just beginning once the clock passed midnight. And at 12:28 a.m., Gonzalez hit a low line drive off Jeff Weaver that barely cleared the left-field wall for the win.

Gonzalez had been only 5for-53 this postseason. Weaver, the odd man 'out on the Yankees' staff for most of the season, pitched for the first

has voted to allow its football

team to compete at the six-

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time since Sept. 24.

"Just trying to put it in play, man. He threw me that sinker and I got it," Gonzalez said.

Both teams threatened in extra innings, with Marlins reliever Braden Looper escaping a bases-loaded, one-out jam in the 11th and posting the victory.

The Yankees had won seven straight extra-inning games in the Series since 1964. The previous two were "I had a feeling. I was among the most stirring in when Tino Martinez and Scott Brosius hit two-out, two-run homers in the bottom of the ninth on consecutive nights against Arizona's Byung-Hyun Kim in 2001.

> But the Marlins also knew a thing about late magic. Their last Series win at Pro Player Stadium was an 11-inning victory in Game 7 against Cleveland in 1997.

> "That's what this is all about. You've got two great teams that deserve to be here, and you saw great baseball tonight," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

Now with things all even, it goes to Game 5 on

The move to six-man ends

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Thursday night. David Wells starts against Florida's Brad Penny in a rematch of the opener that the Marlins won 3-

The Marlins guaranteed the Series will return to Yankee Stadium. And that means there's still a chance Clemens will pitch again - and it would be in Game 7.

"We got five straight hits in the first inning we thought we were going to get to him early," Florida's Jeff Conine

It's a big game in a little place

By JOSH DUBOW **AP Football Writer**

Don't look to college football's traditional cathedrals for this weekend's biggest games.

Notre Dame Stadium, the Horseshoe, the Orange Bowl and the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum will be empty Saturday. The Big House hosts a big game in the Big Ten between Michigan and Purdue, but even that's not the most important game of the week-

For the big showdown, you need to travel to 28,599-seat Doyt Perry Stadium on the campus of Bowling Green, where the 23rd-ranked Falcons (6-1) will host No. 12 Northern Illinois (7-0) for the toughest test remaining in the Huskies' bid for an undefeated season.

This big game in the little Mid-American Conference has caught the country's attention. In a sign of how hyped the game will be, ESPN's "College GameDay" will bring its traveling roadshow to Bowling Green.

"I think, once the game starts, players and coaches get in game mode, and concentration takes over," Bowling Green coach Gregg Brandon said. "That enthusiasm lasts for maybe a quarter. Then, you've got to block and tackle. Your skills, techniques and fundamentals take over."

The picks: No. 1 Oklahoma (minus 25) at

Buffs host No. 1 team for first time in 25 years ... OKLAHOMA 41-10. UAB (plus 29 1/2) at No. 4 Georgia

Bulldogs get easy nonconference tuneup for Florida ... GEORGIA 37-3. No. 5 Southern California (minus 10) at Washington

College Picks

Bobby Bowden can pass Joe Paterno for most wins ... FLORIDA STATE 31-Oregon State (plus 8) at No. 6

Cougars can't look ahead to show own vs. USC ... WASHINGTON

Buckeyes looking for first road win **OHIO STATE 31-13** No. 17 Auburn (plus 3 1/2) at No. 9

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Top 10 team in last 11 ... AUBURN 21-

No. 10 Purdue (plus 5) at No. 13 Michigan Another tough road test for the

Boilermakers ... MICHIGAN 28-24. No. 12 Northern Illinois (plus 3 1/2) at No. 23 Bowling Green

Huskies' undefeated run ends . **BOWLING GREEN 27-24.** Iowa State (plus 23 1/2) at No. 14

Nebraska Huskers 23-2 in last 25 meetings with Cyclones ... NEBRASKA 31-14.

No. 15 TCU (minus 6) at Houston

Homed Frogs have won 17 of 18 Penn State (plus 10 1/2) at No. 16

JoePa looking for first conference

in ... IOWA 27-20.

No. 18 Oklahoma State (minus 6) at Texas A&M High-flying Cowboys can't look

ahead to Oklahoma ... OKLAHOMA STATE 34-24. No. 19 Texas (minus 33) at Baylor

Bears last team to shut out Longhorns in 1980 ... TEXAS 42-13.

Badgers try to bounce back from loss

to Purdue ... WISCONSIN 27-10. No. 21 Arkansas (plus 1) at

Eli Manning and Rebels try to stay undefeated in conference ... MISSISSIP-

No. 22 Tennessee (minus 3 1/2) at

Tide winless at home vs. Vols since '91 ... TENNESSEE 24-17.

New Mexico (plus 9) at No. 24 Utah Utes ranked for first time since '96.

Last week: 18-1 (straight); 10-7-1

Season: 120-32 (straight); 73-68-1 Trojans winless in Seattle since '93 ... (vs. points)

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UIL rejects proposal to add fourth playoff team

Wheeler drops to six-man

WHEELER - Wheeler 90. The cutoff is 99.5

Wheeler school board Mustangs, who won state

members cast a 7-0 vote titles in 1977, 1979 and

six-man football.

Independent School District between 11-man football and

AUSTIN — The UIL baseball. Legislative Council took no action this week on adding a have been added three times fourth playoff position in each district for team sports after a statewide superintendent survey showed 65 percent did not favor expansion.

The lack of action effectively killed adding another added a third team in 1996. playoff team for the 2004-2005 school year in the sports of football, volleyball, basketball, soccer, softball and sanctioned sports.

Additional playoff teams in the last 21 years. The UIL added the district runner-up to the playoffs in 1982, and added a third team to the 5A football playoff structure in 1990. Classes 4A through 1A

The Legislative Council also rejected boys volleyball, ice hockey and boxing as

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Sunday's Games Detroit at Chicago, 1 p.m. Denver at Baltimore, 1 p.m. St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m. Seattle at Cincinnati, 1 p.m. Dallas at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m. Tennessee at Jacksonville, 1 p.m. Cleveland at New England, 1 p.m. Carolina at New Orleans, 1 p.m. N.Y. Giants at Minnesota, 1 p.m. San Francisco at Arizona, 4:05 p.m. Houston at Indianapolis, 4:15 p.m. N.Y. Jets at Philadelphia, 4:15 p.m. Buffalo at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

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GOLF

Hidden Hills 4-man Seniors Scramble (Oct. 22)

1. Travis Taylor, Carl Johnson, Nathan Lancaster and Buddy Briley, 61. 2. Pat Montoya, Ray Covalt, Darrell

Hinkle and Paul Hinton, 62. 3. Jimmy Cantrell, O.K. Lee, Charles Terrell and Joe Wheeley, 65.

4. Willie Nickelberry, Buddy Epperson. James Lee and Jim Osborne, 65.

Closest to hole: Marvin Allison, No. 8. Closest to hole: Duane Stiles, No. 15.

Impossible dream? Texas Christian University shooting for BCS bowl

- At the pinnacle of a pyramidshaped sign listing TCU's goals are the words national champi-

The next line on the sign posted prominently in the team meeting room has another goal the 15th-ranked Horned Frogs (7-0) know may be impossible even if they finish the regular season undefeated: Go to a BCS bowl.

"The only way you get anywhere is dream," TCU coach Gary Patterson said. "What you do is set goals and let opportunity meet reality somewhere in between, and you do the best you

TCU has a nine-game winning streak, matching No. 1 Oklahoma for the nation's longest, and has won 17 of its last 18 games. The Frogs are one of just five undefeated Division I-A

Still, the reality is that if TCU continues winning there is no guarantee of becoming the first "outsider" to play in one of the four January games that make up the Bowl Championship Series.

undefeated Marshall playing in the Motor City Bowl in 1999? That was a year after Tulane, which plays had to settle for the Liberty Bowl with an 11-0 record.

Plus, the Frogs aren't the only team from outside the six BCS conferences still undefeated. No. 12 Northern Illinois (7-0) of the Mid-American Conference is also ranked higher in the BCS rankings at No. 10, four spots ahead of TCU.

"We just have to focus one game at a time, because if we lose one game, the BCS doesn't matter for us," said defensive end Bo Schobel, who has a schoolrecord 10 1/2 sacks this season. "If we make a mistake, we're

Just like three years ago.

The Frogs were 7-0 in coach Dennis Franchione's last season. their 12-game winning streak the longest in the nation. They were in the Top 10 in the AP poll for the first time since 1959, and were ninth in the BCS standings.

Then they lost 27-24 at San Jose State, a team they had beat-

en 42-0 the year before. Cornerback Tyrone Sanders hasn't forgotten how he felt after that, and not because the thenfreshman had the only two-inter-

ception game of his career. "I really don't want to go

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) with TCU in Conference USA, through the feeling of losing the game and having to start all back over from the beginning," Sanders said.

> The Frogs wound up 10-1 and in the Mobile Alabama Bowl, a long way from the BCS. And they lost 28-21 to Southern Mississippi.

TCU can accomplish most of the goals this season, such as another C-USA championship and sixth straight bowl game, without getting to the top two tiers of the pyramid. Several have already been reached and shaded in purple, the team's

"In a perfect scenario, a national championship would be possible, but we would have to play certain teams that we're not playing this year," Schobel said. "But I think the BCS bowl game is possible. We have a shot if we keep playing hard and keep going the things that we need to

Despite lingering injuries to quarterback Tye Gunn and top tailback Lonta Hobbs, and the loss of senior running back Ricky Madison (205 total yards in the opener) because of torn knee ligaments, the Frogs have

Pampa Middle School volleyball teams close season on Monday

Pampa 7th and 8th grade volleyball teams competed against Canyon earlier this week.

Pampa ends the season Monday in Plainview. Pampa-Canyon results are as follows:

8th grade

8th "A" - lost 18-25, 10-25 Team Stats: Sara Foster - 4 serves, 12 serve digs receives, 2 hits Stephanie Polasek - 3 serves, 10 serve

receives, 2 hits, 5 digs Krishna Henderson - 4 serves, 3 serve

receives, 1 hit, 1 dig Trisha Moore - 1 serve, 1 serve receive, 1 hit, hits

Jasmaine Moore - 4 serves, 1 serve receive,

Kambra Jimenez - 3 serves, 7 serve receives,

Valerie Rushing – 1 serve Stephanie Jasso - 1 serve receive 8th "B" - lost 23-25, 18-25 Team Stats: Layce Beesley - 5 serves, 4

serve receives, 6 hits, 4 digs Emily Woodruff - 12 serves, 2 serve hit. receives, 2 hits

Meagan Crawford - 1 serve, 1 serve receive,

Rachal Nunn - 3 serves, 1 serve receive Kayla Mendoza - 5 serves, 1 serve receive, 1

Kathryn Cree – 4 serves, 2 serve receives, 1

Amber Brown - 4 serve receives, 5 digs K'Lyn Holmes - 5 serve receives, 2 digs. Kalynn Jones - 2 hits, 1 dig

Lindsey Riley - 1 serve receive, 2 hits 7th grade

7th grade "A" - lost 24-26, 16-25 Team Stats: Kelby Doughty- 1 serve, 2 serve receives, 5

hits, 4 digs Kylee Wariner- 1 serve, 3 serve receives, 2

Libby Dyson- 2 serves, 1 hit, 1 dig

Keisha Crowell- 1 serve, 3 serve receives, 1 hit, 3 digs Lauren Smith- 3 serves, 3 serve receives, 2

Whitney Brummett- 1 serve receive

April Silva- 1 serve, 2 serve receives, 1 dig Lilly Price- 2 serve receives, 1 hit Jessica Miner- 2 serve receives

Holly Winegeart- 8 serves, 2 serve receives, 3 hits, 2 digs 7th grade "B" - won 25-23, 25-23

Team Stats: Victoria Campbell-1 serve receive, 2 hits Kara Lane- 7 serves, 3 serve receives, 2 digs Diana Mechelay- 1 serve, 2 serve receives, 1

Calee Henley- 2 serves, 1 hit, 1 dig Kamy Miller- 5 serves, 1 serve receive, 1 hit,

Karlie Novian- 3 serve receives, 1 dig Teysha Parker- 5 serves, 1 dig Chelsie Douglas- 1 serve, 1 hit, 2 digs Hannah Hopkins- 7 serves, 2 serve receives,

Rikki Beesley- 1 serve, 3 serve receives, 1 hit, 3 digs

Tristin Reeves- 3 serve receives 2 digs

Snook is rare catch in Texas waters

By DAVID SIKES Corpus Christi Caller-Times

A couple months ago I reached an angling goal and satisfied a desire to catch a Texas snook.

But it was a long time coming. After many frustrating attempts, I began to feel that my first snook might share something with another long-awaited quest in my life.

Maybe snook also come when we least expect them. Maybe I was trying too hard. Snook, like love, require a great deal of patience.

Indeed, my first Texas snook came in the same place I'd tried a half dozen times before - the jetties at Port Isabel. But snook were not our quarry this trip. I was free-lining live shrimp with my girlfriend along with guide Lou Austin, attempting to catch gray snapper and grouper.

I caught six snook that morning.

A week after that South Padre surprise, I caught Today, Texas snook comprise the tiniest fraction Aransas. They're here. Port Aransas is considered the snook's northernmost reach.

But to give you an idea of how rare they are, North Jetty regular Charlie Zahn, who has caught at least one tarpon in each of the past 10 years, has never landed a local snook.

Even experienced fishermen lucky enough to hook a snook sometimes are baffled by the fish's unfamiliar under-bite and thin lateral line.

So what became of the Texas snook, a fish coveted as much as a sport-fishing prize as for its flavor? Some people believe pesticide use may have played a role in its demise.

Others suggest a series of harsh Texas winters took a toll on the temperature-sensitive subtropical

Commercial landings in Texas peaked in 1928, a year when more than 220,000 pounds were recorded. The commercial sale of snook was outlawed in 1987. No commercial landings have been recorded since 1961.

Perhaps overfishing in Texas and Mexico contributed to the snook's decline in Lower Laguna

The answer probably involves a combination of factors, known and unknown, biologists say. Among the list of possible explanations, the damming of Texas rivers ranks high. Larval snook require a steady supply of freshwater to survive. The silting in of the Rio Grande could jeopardize the state's only significant spawning population of

At risk is the continuation of a 10-year rise in the Lower Laguna Madre snook population, according to biologist Randy Blankinship, the

state's foremost snook expert with Texas Parks & Wildlife. Trouble is, this mini-population boom is just as difficult to explain as the previous decline.

Recent catch rates show a 15 to 20 percent upswing in snook numbers compared with catch rates in the early 1990s. In some cases, the difference involves only a handful of additional fish caught in gillnet surveys. To put into perspective, state gillnets snared a total of 257 snook statewide from 1975 to 2001.

Between May 1974 and March 1985, 100,000 dockside surveys of recreational anglers revealed only 14 snook catches statewide, mostly in Lower Laguna Madre. Through the early 1990s, Texas anglers were

allowed to keep three snook daily that measured between 20 and 28 inches. In 1995, the daily bag was reduced to one fish between 24 and 28 inches in length.

an 18-inch snook off the North Jetty at Port of one percent of the recreational anglers' take. Most catches are isolated to the tropical waters near South Padre Island and Brownsville, along the jetties, in nearby South Bay or in the Brownsville Ship Channel, which has been off limits to anglers since the Sept. 11 attacks.

The most popular techniques used to catch snook include fly-fishing, soft plastics (which fooled my North Jetty snook) or topwater plugs. But nighttime fishing with live bait, generally mullet or shrimp, could be the most effective of all.

Keeper snook in Texas appear as curiosities in newspapers and Internet chat rooms, feeding the mystique and awakening reminiscent tales of when snook were common at passes, jetties, piers and the

In May 1981, David McKee, a marine biologist at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, caught a 26-inch male snook in waters between Baffin Bay's Penescal Point and Rocky Slough. Snook are among the marine species that change genders as part of their maturation process. Generally when snook reach lengths of 30-34 inches, they morph into females. The very next month, McKee caught a 30-inch female in the same waters. Nearly 20 years later, two Upper Laguna snook of similar size were caught and released by anglers fishing Rocky Slough during the summer of 2000.

Corpus Christi fishing guide Mike Singleterry said that even today when conditions are warm and calm he catches snook — possibly the smaller fat snook variety — using black plugs near the pilings of Bob Hall Pier. He speaks of this in hushed tones, torn between an urge to broadcast his good fortune and a desire not to reveal the whereabouts of his

United States track officials propose tough anti-doping rules

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) -Threatened with decertification and confronted with fresh evidence its athletes are using banned substances, USA Track & Field has proposed tougher drug rules that could include lifetime bans for first steroid offens-

The proposed rules also could include fines of up to \$100,000 for athletes who test positive for banned drugs - and for their coaches.

'We can no longer allow athletes to cheat and get away with it," said USATF chief executive officer Craig Masbeck, acknowledging his organization has not

done enough to curb drug use. The plan was unveiled Wednesday as Dwain Chambers,

Europe's fastest man, became the first athlete to admit testing positive for a newly discovered designer steroid and as Masback announced that four U.S. track and field athletes also tested positive for the drug this summer.

The Washington Post reported Thursday that U.S. middle-distance runner Regina Jacobs had tested positive for THG. The 40year-old Jacobs is a 15-time U.S. national champion.

The previously undetectable steroid, THG, is at the center of a potentially colossal scandal involving chemists, athletes and coaches. The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency believes the THG came from a laboratory that supplies some of the nation's top sports stars with nutritional supple-Masback said the USATF's

proposal is "twinned with an admission on our part that we have not done everything we could have done in the past."

Just days ago, the U.S. Olympic Committee gave the national track governing body a month to deal with doping and athlete conduct issues — or face possible decertification.

The USATF hopes to vote on the new anti-doping policy at its annual meeting Dec. 4-8 in Greensboro, N.C., after determining if it can legally implement the increased penalties under the Amateur Sports Act. Current USATF rules call for a two-year ban for a first steroid

Masback said the proposed changes would not be retroactive, which means athletes who positive this summer for tetrahydrogestrinone, or THG, would not face a possible life-

The plan also proposes fines of up to \$10,000 for stimulant use and up to \$100,000 for drugs such as steroids or amphetamines. Coaches could face bans and fines of up to \$100,000 if their athletes flunk drug tests.

The USOC called the plan "an excellent first step" and said panel to work with the USATF.

addressed now," Jim Scherr, the

it had appointed a four-person "This is a problem that must be addressed, and it must be

USOC's acting CEO, said in a statement. "The integrity and credibility of track and field in America is at stake." Masback sent a letter

Wednesday to the leaders of major U.S. sports leagues, asking them to join him in Washington in the next two weeks for a meeting about the problem of drugs in sports.

"The situation in which we find ourselves is not a track and field problem or a baseball problem, but an American problem," Masback said in a conference call from USATF headquarters in Indianapolis.

The International Association of Athletics Federations, track's world governing body, welcomed the

USATF proposal and said there is nothing in IAAF rules to block the U.S. body from imposing lifetime bans.

The four U.S. athletes who tested positive for THG this summer at the U.S. track and field championships at Stanford, Calif., could be barred from the 2004 Olympics. Despite that, hurdler Allen Johnson said the

U.S. team will not suffer. "We have enough clean athletes to perform as well as we ever have. We have enough clean athletes to win gold medals," Johnson, a four-time world champion, said during the USATF conference call. "I think the image now is going to be that the cheaters are not

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You will get past others' attitudes and CANCER (June 21-July 22) strong; follow them. If you are single, up. you might meet someone quite important LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) with friends. LIBRA reads you cold.

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

and thus, the more money possibilities friends. emerge. What is coming up might not be LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) about. It's Friday night!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) of information to absorb. Others might Tonight: Let the good times roll. seem challenging, but really they are SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Tonight: Don't push too hard.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) really might not care. At least pretend to Tonight: Get some extra sleep.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Oct. 24, be serious at the office, as a key discus- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) sion occurs. Be politically correct, my **** You will get what you want, Do not let others discourage you, even if dear Twin. Start working on better health at work or personally. Yet in your inner you respect and honor their opinions. habits. Tonight: The party must go on. mind, you might be worrying about the

Emphasize the goal and what it is you asking for more of what you want in from. A partner could be a touch negawant. You can have it if you concentrate order to establish the type of work or tive. Tonight: Just don't be alone! and know what you want. Network and home atmosphere that you would like. In CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) expand your immediate circle of friends the next few weeks, your ideas could be **** A boss demands, and you as well. Your instincts are unusually quite unusual, but great. Tonight: Rest might not want to go along with his or

in your life this year, if you haven't ** Talks are animated and take you long-term goals. Friends surround you in already. Check this person out carefully, in a new direction if you allow them to, all the different areas of your life. Make sure this person is who he or she If you get stubborn and locked into your Tonight: Just whom are you going to seems. If you are attached, your relation- thinking, you might not get the goodies join? ship flourishes with a healthy mix of that lie out there. A family member has AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) romantic getaways and fun get-togethers an interesting tidbit to add. Tonight: Talk ★★★ Listen to what you are hearing up a storm.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll ** Indulge yourself and treat your- a strong hand, knowing which way you Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; self well. Sometimes you take great care want to go. Others respect your attitude of others and let yourself slide. Why not and leadership. Tonight: Take off as soon make that appointment for a check-up as possible. you have been avoiding? You also might PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** The more level you are, the want to start looking at a diet or exercise *** Work with one other person better a financial discussion will become, program. Tonight: Hook up with your to accomplish what you need done right

the only way to go. Other potential offers ** * * You must express what is on tive. Decide that there are no problems, or projects will emerge. Tonight: Out and your mind as clearly as possible. You just solutions. Try to unlock your thinkmight want to share more with a partner ing. Tonight: Add some romance to your or friend whose money knowledge you life. *** Pace yourself, as much will be respect. The more advice you get, the presented today and you will have a lot better. Others gather around you.

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Donors conference to assist Iraq opens

- U.S. and Iraqi officials pleaded for billions to rebuild Iraq at a donors conference that opened Thursday, with warnings that they might not get all they need right away.

Despite the approval last week of a U.N. resolution setting out Iraq's future course, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan acknowledged that lingerdivisions over Washington's role in running the country might deter some donors.

But in his opening set aside, saying "the longterm challenge of reconstruction has to be faced by all of us."

Security remains a primary constraint "both now and into the foreseeable future," he said.

"But a start to reconstruction cannot be deferred until that day," he said. "It demands our urgent attention now. I appeal to donors to give and give generous-

Ahead of the meeting, Annan and Secretary of State Colin Powell sought to lower expectations that Washington would come away with the entire amount it wants — \$35.8 billion through 2007.

may take time to meet the in Madrid, most of which goal" of more than \$55 billion set by the World Bank, which includes the Bush administration's nearly \$20 billion pledge.

ments to announce every- control, but some aid groups thing they are going to do were skeptical about for Iraq in the future tomor-Annan said "But

MADRID, Spain (AP) will be an important beginning."

> France and Germany, leading opponents of the U.S.-led war, have both cited concerns about the slow pace of restoring Iraq's sovereignty for their refusal to pledge any new money

> In London, a British aid group charged Thursday that the U.S.-run body governing Iraq has failed to account for billions of dollars allocated for rebuilding the country.

Christian Aid said in a report that the Coalition remarks Thursday, Annan Provisional Authority had urged that such concerns be only explained publicly how it had spent \$1 billion of the \$5 billion it has been given for Iraqi development. The funds include \$1 billion from the former U.N. Oil for Food program, \$2.5 billion in assets seized from Saddam Hussein's former regime an \$1.5 billion in oil revenues, the group

> In Baghdad, the provisional authority said it was "adhering fully" to the U.N. resolution that established it and was working with international agencies to set up a monitoring board. Once it is established, the board will audit all the Development Fund of Iraq's transactions, the authority said.

That money is separate Powell acknowledged "it from the funds being raised are to go into a trust managed by the World Bank, the United Nations and a committee of Iraqis.

The new fund is designed "I don't expect govern- to lure donors wary of U.S. whether it will be able to make decisions on the U.S. occupying authority.

ground independently of the Wednesday night. tomorrow and the day after

Former butler: Di said relationship

with Charles 'poisoned' by others

LONDON (AP) — Princess her marriage that she never wanted a divorce, but said her relationship with Prince Charles had been poisoned by "envy, jealousy and hatred" from his family and friends, a tabloid newspaper reported Thursday.

The Daily Mirror is running excerpts from "A Royal Duty," a forthcoming memoir by Diana's former butler and confidant Paul Burrell.

In Thursday's excerpt, Burrell said Diana sent him a handwritten note on Aug. 28, 1996, the day her divorce from Charles was finalized.

"I never wanted a divorce and always dreamed of a happy marriage with loving support from Charles," she wrote, according

"A part of me will always love Charles," she added.

But, she said, "It has been a turbulent 15 years having to face the envy, jealousy and hatred from the prince's friends and family."

"They have so misunderstood me. It has brought enormous heartache."

Charles, the heir to the throne, married 20-year-old Lady Diana Spencer at a pomp-laden service in St. Paul's Cathedral in 1981. But the marriage foundered, in part over Diana's unhappiness at the burdens of royal life and Charles' continuing relationship with companion Camilla Parker Bowles.

In a 1995 interview Diana acknowledged that she too, had had an affair, with former cavalry officer James Hewitt.

Burrell said Diana asked her Diana maintained at the end of mother-in-law, Queen Elizabeth II, whether the divorce meant Charles would marry Parker Bowles. The queen is said to have replied: "I think that very unlikely."

> Burrell also wrote that Diana once told him her son Prince William "doesn't want to be king. He doesn't want his every move watched."

> William, 21, is second in line to the throne, after his father.

Burrell's book, due to be published next week, is the latest inside look at the royal family's

The excerpts have included letters to Diana from her fatherin-law Prince Philip - one stating he "never dreamed" Charles would leave Diana for Parker

Burrell also cited a letter in which Diana's brother, Earl Spencer, said, "I pray you're getting treatment for your mental problems."

Spencer told the U.S. television network NBC on Wednesday that the letter was "private correspondence which has been taken out of context and out of time."

The royal family, reportedly angry over Burrell's revelations, has asked for and received sections of the book from its pub-

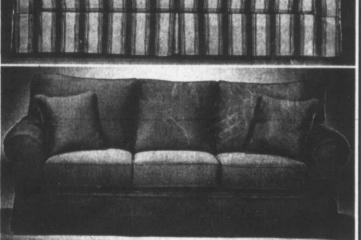
The Daily Mirror also published a letter, allegedly written by Diana 10 months before her 1997 death in a Paris car crash, saying someone was planning "an accident in my car ... in order to make the path clear for Charles to marry."

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