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LOCAL
Clydesdales coming to Amarillo Nov. 13

AMARILLO — The world famous Budweiser Clydesdales, the symbol of quality and tradition for Anheuser-Busch since 1933, are scheduled to make appearances Nov. 13-16 in conjunction with the WRCA World Championship Ranch Rodeo.

The eight-horse Hitch will be harnessed and hitched to the red beer wagon during the performances. Each hitch travels with a Dalmatian dog. In the early days of brewing, Dalmatians were bred and trained to protect the horses and to guard the wagon when the driver went inside to make deliveries.

See the Clydesdales at the WRCA Ranch Rodeo at 7 p.m., Nov. 14 and 15 and at 2 p.m., Nov. 16 at Amarillo Civic Center.

DEATHS
Eleanor Talley Gill, 88, longtime hospital volunteer.
Zaine Avery Platt, 2, services pending.
Maudine Rhodes Winfield, 78, missionary.

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Child's death under police investigation

BY MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

Police today continue their investigation in the death of a two-year-old child Sunday afternoon.

Pampa Police Department, Pampa Fire Department and Rural/Metro Ambulance Service responded to a call Sunday from the 2600 block of Cherokee concerning a 2-year-old boy who reportedly fell in a backyard pond and was not breathing, a police department news release stated.

The boy's aunt called 911 at about 2:45 p.m., according to the news release.

The child was transported

to Pampa Regional Medical Center. Amarillo's Northwest Texas Hospital Care Flight crew arrived and assisted with efforts to revive the child. He was pronounced dead at about 3:50 p.m.

Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman ordered an autopsy in accordance with state law.

Pampa Police Department detectives were scheduled to attend the autopsy this morning in Lubbock.

Police department spokespersons declined to release the names and exact addresses of those involved in the incident, or information on whether and how the incident would be investigated.

Bird's eye view



(Photo by Wes Martin)

Here's a bird's eye view of Pampa High School Harvester Band competing at Area UIL Marching Contest at Lowrey Field in Lubbock Saturday. PHS band placed 15th in the competition, Assistant Band Director Jason Jones said today.

2003 United Way campaign nears end

Work remains as the 50th annual Pampa United Way campaign churns toward completion.

Drive Chairman Duane Harp says the campaign has reached a total of \$220,235 at the end of last week.

"Although the public portion of the campaign is over, we have work left to do," Harp said, adding that the original goal of \$311,600 has not been met yet. "We have contacts still being made every day and the fund grows a little every day."

According to Harp, many employee groups report increases over last year's giving, showing that Pampans still respond to the call to help those around them in need.

Pampa Regional Medical Center, for example, led by Denise Daves, raised more than twice its goal, turning in a total of \$15,000, said UW Executive Director Katrina Bigham.

The goal for the United Way drive is

determined by a series of interviews and meetings with prospective agencies each spring.

"Pampa people determine which agencies are supported and how much funding is provided in every case," Bigham said. "We are very proud of the agencies our community supports and we work hard to make sure every dollar is spent in an efficient and professional manner. We look at the entire budget of every agency receiving United Way funding, not just how they spend our money, but how they spend ALL their money."

"This year, the review process certified a need for approximately \$308,500 to be distributed among 16 agencies," Harp said, "to which we added an additional 1 percent, which brought us to our official goal of \$311,600."

Harp says that, though major companies make a considerable dent in the funding goal, the real story often is the

cumulative contributions of individuals in the area and the community that make the total rise.

"The United Way is just that — a united effort on the part of each of us which provides a way to meet community needs," he said.

Presentations are made to groups of employees, business owners, retirees and others in an effort to reach the most people.

"It is a funny thing about people," Harp said, "but as well known as the United Way is, and as much as people know we do this at about the same time each year, until we make eye contact with a person, they usually don't give."

This is the reason it takes dozens of volunteers to run the campaign, because it often boils down to one-on-one requests, he explained.

This year's kick-off, initiated a month earlier than previous years, was attended by approximately 150 United

Way supporters and volunteers. The earlier kick-off, UW officials said, was to enable volunteers more time in anticipation of demands of the regular school year and other fall activities.

"While that wasn't a bad idea," Harp said, "the fact that we changed our routine didn't mean the business community necessarily changed theirs."

Harp said this year's workers have been particularly diligent in their duties.

"The Pampa United Way has only one paid employee and that is what makes this all so special. We have maybe 200 people working at some level during our campaign each year."

"Now that we have reached the last part of October, the final push is on to wrap up the effort," Harp concluded.

"We will concentrate on getting the troops rallied and make sure that (See CAMPAIGN, Page 3)

Cattle prices higher at pen, supermarket

AMARILLO - A livestock economist said that higher cattle prices should mean only slightly higher beef prices in the supermarket.

Randy Blach, executive vice president of Cattle Fax, told members of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association Saturday during their annual convention that retailers already had much of the cost increase built into their prices.

Live cattle prices reached record highs, \$110 a pound, earlier this month.

Blach said he thinks cattle prices have settled in a new plateau. Traditionally, he said, cattle prices will rise then flatten out, rise then flatten out. Blach said cattle prices should now flatten out but at a higher price than the last few years, spelling prosperity for the cattle industry for the next three years or more.

The Denver-based economist said there were three key drivers to the higher cattle market. The first was increased consumer demand that has been building since 1999. The second was a technical glitch in the live and the futures markets.

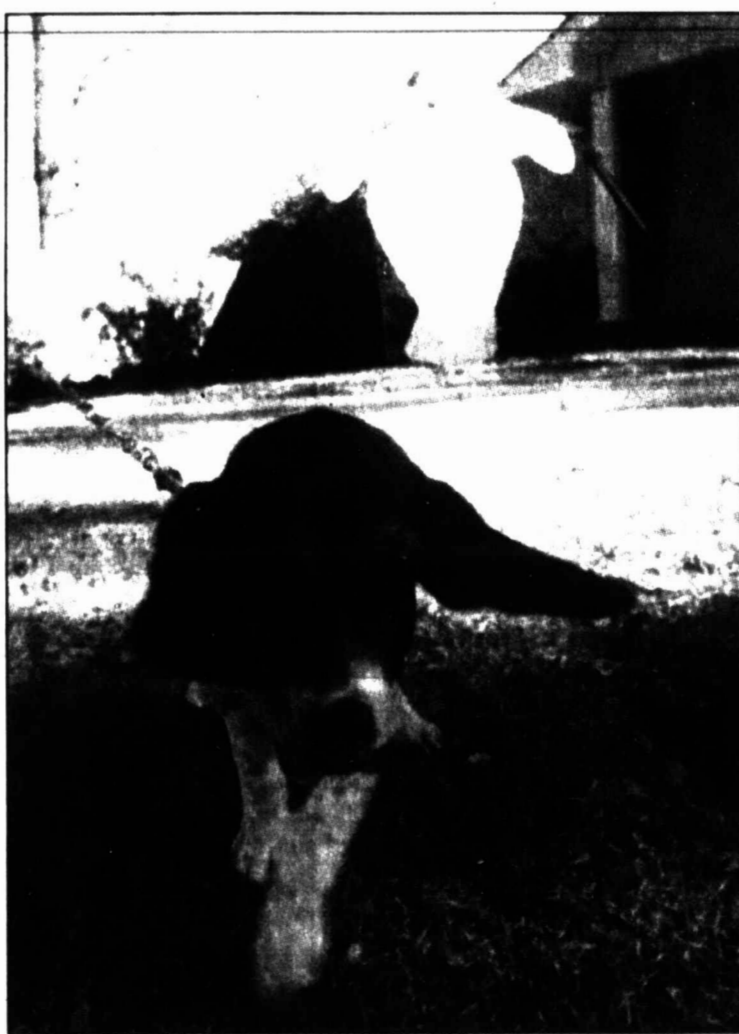
The catalyst for the soaring cattle prices of the last few weeks, however, was closing of the border after a case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or mad cow disease, was reported in Canada.

Since last May when the border was closed, packers have slaughtered more cattle in an effort to keep up with demand. Eventually, this translated into a shortage of cattle, pushing cattle prices up.

Ordinarily, Blach said, as cattle become more profitable, ranchers hold back part of their heifers

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Spooked pup



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

A beagle puppy playing in the front yard of 116 Houston doesn't seem too spooked by ghostly over-sized Halloween display.

City to honor fire heroine on Tuesday

Eight-year-old Abigail "Abby" Jones will be recognized by the City of Pampa Tuesday for helping save her great-great grandfather from a house fire earlier this month.

The Pampa City Commission will present the Lamar Elementary School third grader with an official Award of Heroism at their meeting at 6 p.m., Tuesday, at City Hall.

Abby Jones, remembering a fire prevention presentation at school only two days earlier, called 911 after her beagle, Willis, alerted her to a fire in her great-great-grandfather's home on Oct. 10.

In other business, the commission will consider repealing an ordinance establishing city commission work sessions and changing the time of city commission meetings to 4 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning with their Nov. 25 meeting.

The city commission will also consider on second reading ordinances changing the city water and sewer rates.

The commission is expected to (See CITY, Page 3)

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OBITUARIES

ZAINE AVERY PLATT
2001-2003

Zaine Avery Platt, 2, of Pampa, Texas, died Sunday, Oct. 26, 2003, at Pampa. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Zaine was born April 14, 2001, in Amarillo. Survivors include his mother, Schanta Platt, of the home; his grandparents, Johnny and Cindi Platt of Pampa and Jeanita Telford of Amarillo; his great-grandparents, Katherine Anderson of Panhandle and Sharon and Gene Evins of Amarillo; two uncles, Chad Platt of Waxahachie and Quinston Telford of Amarillo; and four aunts,

Sarah Platt and Beth Foreman, both of Pampa, Tisha Smith of Dallas and Felicia Telford of Amarillo.

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MAUDINE RHODES WINFIELD
1925-2003

LEFORS — Maudine Rhodes Winfield, 78, died Sunday, Oct. 26, 2003, Graveside services will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, in Memorial Heights Cemetery with Gene Gee, Church of Christ minister, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Winfield was born Jan. 1, 1925, in Cove, Ark. She married J.A. "Shorty" Winfield on April 12, 1941, in a corn patch in Oklahoma. She moved to Lefors in November 2002, moving from Arkansas where she had been a resident for 14 years.

She and her husband served as missionaries in Swaziland, South Africa, for many years and pastored in New Mexico, Texas and Arkansas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Oscar Lee Rhodes and Flora Sims Rhodes; a sister, Lavern; and a brother, Otis Rhodes.

Survivors include four daughters, Joy Fulton and Sandy Hill, both of Lefors, Emily Plumlee of Jean and Janice Parsons of Mesquite; two sons, Jim Winfield of Granger and Tim Winfield of Lefors; five sisters, Wanda Clark and Martille Cash, both of Mena, Ark., Iris Risenhoover of Shallowater, Mary Jo Bankston of Oak Grove, La., and Louise Rhodes of Broken Arrow, Okla.; 15 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

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ON RECORD

SHERIFF

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

Sunday, Oct. 26

Efrain Burunda Hernandez, 27, Amarillo, was arrested for license, no insurance, expired vehicle registration, open container, and defective brake light.

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Thursday, Oct. 16

A report of a false report to a police officer was made in the 2400 block of North Charles.

Monday, Oct. 20

Theft under \$50 was reported at Taylor Food Mart, 600 E. Frederic. Children's medication was taken. Estimated loss was \$13.

Friday, Oct. 24

Burglary of a building was reported in the 400 block of North Perry. Entry was made by braking a window on the door. A box of blankets and a wheelchair were taken. Loss and damage estimates were unknown.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of Doucette. A skateboard was broken. Estimated damage was \$85.

Saturday, Oct. 25

A loud party was reported from the 700 block of Magnolia.

Harassment was reported in the 500 block of East Browning.

Sunday, Oct. 26

Pablo Soto Cabrales, 37, 1801 Sumner, was arrested in the 900 block of Varnon Drive for resisting arrest and public intoxication.

Mychal Smith, 30, Plainsville, Kan., and Destiny Marie Masterson, 26, Colorado Springs, Colo., were arrested in the 100 block of North Houston for resisting arrest and public intoxication.

Morris Lynn Powell, 17, 420 N. Wells, was arrested in the 300 block of East Tyng on capias pro fines for no driver's license and failure to appear.

A white female and her fiancé filed charges at Pampa Police Department against a third party for assault. No injuries were reported.

A report of breaking and entering that was later determined to be unfounded was taken in the 600 block of North Dwight.

Charles Franklin Mejia, 18, 1805 Williston, was arrested for public intoxication.

Michael Robert Carver, 17, 420 N. Wells, was arrested for public intoxication.

James Edward Davis, 50, 411 Maple, was arrested for public intoxication.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance today reported the following calls.

Friday, Oct. 24

10:29 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Williston and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:41 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

3:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Charles and transported a patient to BSAW.

7:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of North Williston and transported a patient to PRMC.

Saturday, Oct. 25

6:32 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of North Christy.

11:48 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of South Cuyler and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Dwight and transported a patient to PRMC.

Sunday, Oct. 26

2:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Lea and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Magnolia and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to BSAW.

10:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Foster and Starkweather and transported a patient to PRMC.

Monday, Oct. 27

12:22 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Prairie Drive and transported a patient to PRMC.

FIRE

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

Saturday, Oct. 25

8:32 p.m. — Two units and seven firefighters responded to a reported structure fire in the 200 block of West Brown St. The call was canceled. A homeowner was using a woodburning fireplace.

Sunday, Oct. 26

2:48 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2600 block of Cherokee.

6:34 p.m. — Five unit and 13 firefighters responded to a structure fire on Maple Street. A shop building owned by James Davis was enveloped in flames when firefighters arrived. The Pampa Fire Marshal is investigating the cause of the fire.

8:20 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

11 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a LifeStar medical helicopter stand by at One Medical Plaza.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa

Wheat	3.25
Milo	3.93
Corn	4.41
Soybeans	6.98

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

OXY	36.65	+0.21
BP	42.42	-0.39
Celanese	31.21	-1.05
Cabot Corp.	27.52	NC
Cabot Oil Gas	26.31	+0.19
Coca Cola	45.28	-0.12
VIO	39.48	+0.09
HAL	24.25	+0.27
Triad	28.81	+0.21
NOI	18.40	+0.18
KMI	54.13	+0.04
NCEL	16.03	+0.18
Kerr McGee	43.72	-0.08
Limited	17.17	+0.18
Williams	10.15	+0.19
MCD	24.42	+0.23
XOM	37.95	+0.10
Atmos	24.44	+0.19
Pioneer Nat	25.72	NC
JCP	24.85	+0.40
COP	57.32	-0.20
SLB	47.15	+0.04
Tenneco	5.49	+0.12
CVX	73.10	-0.02
Wal-Mart	58.34	+0.23
OKE	20.57	+0.01
NC	6.89	+0.04
NS Grp	6.89	+0.04
New York Gold	388.75	
Silver	5.15	
West Texas Crude	29.98	

Bears seized in Canadian border drug arrest

ARLINGTON, Wash. (AP) — Two black bears that were seized in a marijuana arrest at the Canadian border are bound for a wildlife sanctuary in Texas.

Corky and Pumpkin are set to leave the Sarvey Wildlife Center on Wednesday to join more than 600 creatures at the nonprofit Wild Animal Orphanage in San Antonio, officials at Sarvey said.

"When we walk back to the pens after they're gone, it will be like our best friends left. We'll miss them," Sarvey volunteer Jeff Guidry said. "Everybody loves these bears."

The 7-year-old sows were sent to the wildlife center near this Snohomish County town after U.S. Customs agents found 166 pounds of marijuana worth nearly \$500,000 in a trailer carrying the bears at the border crossing in Blaine on Jan. 27.

Duane Christopher Bradley of Abbotsford,

British Columbia, pleaded guilty in July to conspiracy to distribute marijuana and was sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison.

He initially told investigators he was taking the bears to Hollywood for a movie, then said he was taking the pot to Los Angeles to exchange for cash and cocaine to take back to Canada, according to documents filed in U.S. District Court.

When seized, the bears weighed 300 to 400 pounds, rather than the normal 200 to 300, because they had been fed whole turkeys. They couldn't climb, their teeth and claws were broken and they rarely ventured outside their den at Sarvey.

Now, after being switched to a diet of fruits, vegetables, berries and breads, each has lost more than 100 pounds. Both have shiny coats and are energetic and playful, Guidry said.

ELEANOR TALLEY GILL
1915-2003

MIAMI, Texas — Eleanor Talley Gill, 88, of Miami, died Monday, Oct. 27, 2003, at Canadian, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Gill was born June 1, 1915, in Miami where she had been a lifelong resident. She was a graduate of Miami High School. She married Herchel Alonzo Gill on June 7, 1936, in Miami. He preceded her in death in 1960.

She was a homemaker and a member of the United Methodist Church of Miami. She volunteered many thousands of hours for the hospital auxiliary at Highland General Hospital.

Coronado Hospital and Pampa Regional Medical Center in Pampa.

Survivors include two sons, Ronnie Gill and wife Dee of Miami and Mike Gill and wife Vicki of Fort Dodge, Iowa; a daughter, Margot Thompson and husband Paul of Washington, D.C.; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a grandson, John Gill, in 1991.

The family requests memorials be to United Methodist Church, 201 S. Main, Miami, TX 79059; or to a favorite charity.

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WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies, highs in the upper 70s and west winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight should see partly cloudy skies, lows in the mid 40s and southwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Tuesday should be mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. North winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the northeast in the afternoon. Tuesday night, mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Breezy. Highs in the mid 80s.

Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the lower 50s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Thursday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Saturday, mostly cloudy. Highs around 70. Saturday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.

STATEWIDE

By The Associated Press

High pressure will dominate this week's weather, with clear to partly cloudy skies and little chance of rain. The state should see highs in the 70s early this week, warming to the low and mid 80s later this week in many areas.

Showers in deep South Texas should end today. No rain is predicted through the week, but a front may bring some rain next weekend.

Sunday's high was 76 at Brownsville. The overnight low was 25 at Marfa, the only Texas city to record freezing temperatures last night. Areas in the Rio Grande Valley recorded over an inch and a half of rain to lead the state.

The West Texas forecast calls for clear to partly cloudy

skies, with no chances of rain for most of the week. Today's highs will be in the 70s across the region, a little cooler in the far west. By Wednesday highs should be in the low to mid 80s across the region, a little warmer on Wednesday in the Permian Basin. Later this week and weekend highs will be in the mid 70s to mid 80s. On Friday or Saturday, rain may enter the forecast, especially in the east.

South Texas will be cool today, with highs around 70 in the north and southeast, and a little cooler in the Coastal Bend and deep south. Other than some isolated showers in the deep south today, South Texas should be free of rain through Friday. Skies will be mostly clear this week except

in Southeast Texas, where partly cloudy skies will prevail. On Tuesday, temperatures will warm some in northern areas, and by Wednesday highs will be in the low to mid 80s over the region, where they will stay through the weekend. A front is expected to bring some isolated rain over the weekend.

North Texas will be clear to partly cloudy this week, with no rain in the immediate forecast. Today's highs will be in the upper 60s in the northeast, low to mid 70s elsewhere. It will be warmer Tuesday, with highs ranging from the mid 70s to low 80s. These temperatures should hold through the weekend. Beginning Friday, the extreme north may see some rain.

City Briefs

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HAUNTED HOUSE, Oct. 29, 30 & 31st, 7pm, \$4 each, Baker Elementary, Benefit Shoes For Kid Fund.

MEETING RESCHEDULED: Alvin Lynn at the White Deer Land Museum, Farnsworth's Battle site. November 9, 2:30 P.M.

FOR SALE Fresh Brown Eggs. Will be at corner of Randy Matson & Hobart 8-10am, Wed. & Sat. 665-8014.

PRCA RODEO Finals Trip for two in Las Vegas for sale, 5 day, 4 nights w/tickets to the rodeo, \$1047, 663-6904.

IS YOUR Business giving Treats on Halloween? Call Pampa News 669-2525, with Business Name, Address & Hours you'll be giving out treats, & we'll list all of them together in a display ad, Thurs., Oct. 30th, for Free. Deadline to call is Tues., Oct. 28th before 12 noon.

VOTE YES Please Support your Pampa Fire Fighters by Voting Yes on Nov. 4th. Ad paid for by PFFA, P.O. Box 2573, Pampa.

Fall colors in Guadalupe Mountains rival Big Bend, sister park

McKITTRICK CANYON, Texas (AP) — Fall colors in Guadalupe Mountains National Park this year are rivaling the scenery in Big Bend, its sister park to the south.

Visitors are coming to McKittrick Canyon, part of Guadalupe Mountains park, for views of vivid reds, oranges, and yellows among

the hardwood trees until about the first week of November.

Park ranger Dave Bieri said some bigtooth maples grow in Boot Canyon at Big Bend National Park, but "not like what we've got down here" among the leaves.

The display attracts 500 to 700 people to the canyon on weekends and about half as many on weekdays.

Bieri told the Odessa American in Monday's editions that a mile-long stretch between Pratt Cabin and an area called the Grotto has prime views of maple and oak trees with some pines.

Bigtooth maples can be found in McKittrick Canyon because of the only stream that flows in the park, Bieri said.

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Murder on the docket for ACT I season opener

Veteran actress/director Rochelle Lacy will direct "Murder in Green Meadows" for Area Community Theater, Inc. (ACT I) set to open Halloween night.

The psychological thriller written by Douglas Post features the acting talents of Jo Scott, Joshua Ellis, Michele Dabbs and Tim Andorfer. The play is set in Green Meadows, Texas. Thomas and Joan Devereaux have just moved to the neighborhood. He's a successful architect. Their across-the-street-neighbors, Jeff and Carolyn Symons, stop by to introduce themselves in a neighborly fashion and the couples fast become friends. Unfortunately, someone doesn't live to see Act II.

Lacy has been an active ACT I member since it's beginning more than 20 years ago. She has served on the board of directors, worked back stage, swept floors, waited tables during dinner theater and been on stage quite a few times. Her favorite role was Sister Robert Ann in "Nonsense."

Lacy's old stomping grounds are at Pampa High School where she taught drama and then history. Today she and her husband, Calvin, winter and work in Red River, N.M.

Jo Scott plays Carolyn Symons. She works in medical records at Pampa Regional Medical Center. Although she hasn't been seen on stage for awhile, Scott had her ACT I debut over 15 years ago, and her credits include "Out of Our Father's House," "Thurber Carnival," "Wait Until Dark," "Romantic Comedy" and "Appointment with Death."

Joshua Ellis is a sales rep at Totally Wireless. He's been active with ACT I for several years on stage and behind the scenes, particularly in the area of lighting design. His ACT I credits include "Prince and the Pauper,"

"Claptrap," "Moon Over Buffalo," "The Women" and "Rumpelstiltskin." He also has a list of credits with the Texas Tech University Theater.

Michele Dabbs is a mother of five and works for Pampa ISD at Travis in the cafeteria and for Latch Key. She made her acting debut two seasons ago as Eileen in "Moon Over Buffalo." Last season, she played several different roles in "The Women."

Tim Andorfer is a project engineer at Celanese. He and his wife, Michelle, have two daughters, Rachel and Molly. Tim has been around ACT I for a dozen years and won Best Actor award for his performance in "Musical Comedy Murders of 1940." His other ACT I credits include "The Curious Savage," "Love Letters," and "USA." Tim is active in Knights of Columbus and serves on the board for St. Vincent's Catholic School.

The ACT I theater is located on the west side of Pampa Mall. "Murder in Green Meadows" opens Friday, Oct. 31, plays again on Saturday, Nov. 1, and the following weekend, Nov. 7 and 8. The curtain goes up at 7 p.m. There will be no matinee performance for this production. Tickets for each show are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for students. Dress rehearsal/Reviewer night, Oct. 28, is open to the public.

Kayla Pursley will direct the second show of the season, "The Secret Lives of Mildred Wild," a comedy with acting roles for five women and four men. Karen Smith plans to make her directorial debut in July with a romantic comedy.

Season tickets are on sale now for \$20, good for three admissions per season. For more information call Berinda Turcotte, 665-9369.



(Courtesy photo)

Don't be deceived by the smiles. Someone ends up dead by the second act. Thomas and Joan Devereaux, the couple on the left, played by Joshua Ellis and Michele Dabbs, and Jeff and Carolyn Symons, played by Tim Andorfer and Jo Scott, are true suburbanite neighbors who share everything. Or maybe not. ACT I presents Murder in Green Meadows by Douglas Post, directed by Rochelle Lacy, Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 7, 8. Curtain goes up at 7 p.m. For ticket information call Berinda Turcotte, 665-9369.

Suicide bombing kills 40 at Red Cross in Baghdad

By CHARLES J. HANLEY
AP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Suicide bombers struck the Red Cross headquarters and three police stations across Baghdad on Monday, killing about 40 people and injuring more than 200 in a coordinated terror spree that stunned the Iraqi capital on the first day of the Islamic holy month of fasting, Ramadan.

The string of car bombings was the bloodiest attack yet in the city of 5 million by insurgents targeting the American-occupied and those perceived as working with it.

President Bush said U.S. progress in Iraq is making insurgents more "desperate" and fueling attacks.

Sitting next to civilian U.S. Iraq administrator L. Paul Bremer in the Oval Office, Bush said he remains "even more determined to work with the Iraqi people" to restore peace and civility to the war-torn nation.

Defense officials said they believe loyalists of fallen Iraqi President Saddam Hussein were responsible for the wave of bombings. At the Pentagon, officials described the two days of violence as a significant spike in attacks that showed some level of coordination.

One American soldier was

killed in one of the police station attacks and six U.S. troops were wounded, the military said. Iraqi police Brig. Gen. Ahmed Ibrahim, the deputy interior minister, put the Iraqi death toll at 34.

The bombings came hours after clashes around Baghdad killed three U.S. soldiers overnight, and a day after insurgents hit a hotel full of U.S. occupation officials with a barrage of rockets, killing a U.S. colonel and wounding 18 other people. U.S. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz was in the hotel, but was unhurt.

"We feel helpless when we see this," a distraught Iraqi doctor said at the devastated Red Cross offices. The Red Cross said 12 Iraqis were killed at its office, including two employees.

Baghdad's al Baya'a police station in the al-Doura neighborhood saw the most deaths, reportedly 15 including the American. Since Bush declared an end to major combat in Iraq on May 1, 113 U.S. soldiers have been killed by hostile fire.

Gen. Ibrahim blamed foreign fighters for the assault, saying a fifth, aborted car bombing was attempted by a man captured with a Syrian passport. "Some countries, unfortunately, are trying to

send people to conduct attacks," the deputy interior minister said, without naming those nations.

That fifth bomber was kept by officers from detonating his Land Cruiser at a station in the "New Baghdad" district. "He was shouting, 'Death to the Iraqi police! You're collaborators!'" said police Sgt. Ahmed Abdel Sattar.

In Fallujah, 40 miles west of Baghdad, witnesses said American troops opened fire, killing at least four Iraqi civilians, after a roadside bomb exploded as a U.S. military convoy passed. The U.S. command did not immediately confirm the incident.

At the offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross in central Baghdad, witnesses said a suicide bomber drove an explosives-packed vehicle, apparently an ambulance, right up to security barriers outside the building at about 8:30 a.m. The vehicle detonated, blowing down the Red Cross's front wall, devastat-

ing the interior and blowing shrapnel and debris over a wide area.

Then, in quick succession, explosions went off at the al-Baya'a, al-Shaab and al-Khadra police stations. Ambulances, sirens wailing, crisscrossed the city all morning.

"From what our indications are, none of those bombers got close to the target," U.S. Brig. Gen. Mark Hertling said. But the explosions outside police stations left streetscapes of broken, bloody bodies and twisted, burning automobiles.

Hertling said he believed the attacks may have been timed with the start of Ramadan to heighten tensions during the fasting month, when Muslims abstain from food and drink during daylight hours.

Near the three-story ICRC building, cigarette vendor Ghani Khadim, 50, said he saw an Iraqi ambulance approach the small compound some 100 yards away. The explosion blew out windows and injured his wife and daughter in his

house behind his stand, he said.

The vehicle had stopped some 60 feet in front of the Red Cross headquarters, "at a line of barrels we have had in front to protect the building," one Red Cross employee, who would not give his name.

The blast knocked down a 40-foot section of the ICRC front wall, demolished a dozen cars and apparently broke a water main, flooding the streets.

The inside of the building was heavily damaged, littered with shattered glass, doors blown off their hinges, toppled bookcases and collapsed ceilings. A gaping crack had opened in a back wall, some 100 yards from the blast site, where a crater some five yards across quickly filled with water.

The Red Cross staff member said someone began firing off an automatic weapon immediately after the explosion. He said he believed it was a gunman somehow associated with the bomber "who wanted to scare people more."

ICRC staffers said about 25 people were present at the offices at 8:30 a.m.

"Of course we don't understand why somebody would attack the Red Cross," Red Cross spokeswoman Nada Doumani said. "The Red Cross has operated in this country

since 1980, and we have not been involved in politics."

In Geneva, Red Cross spokesman Florian Westphal said the ICRC had disclosed in August that it had received warnings of a threat and had been reducing its staff since a Sri Lankan staffer was killed July 22 south of Baghdad.

"It's a big shock," Westphal said. "It is obviously impossible to move onto a normal day's business, so we really have to step back and take stock."

Two buildings away, the explosion devastated the interior of the Al-Nawal private polyclinic operated by Dr. Jamal F. Massa, 53, who had been planning to open it as a full-fledged hospital next month.

"We feel helpless when we see this," he said. He said he couldn't understand why the Red Cross was targeted. "This only hurts guards and other Iraqis."

The Red Cross and other international aid organizations had reduced their Baghdad staffs after the car bombing of U.N. headquarters Aug. 19, in which 23 people died.

Mouwafak al-Rabii, a Shiite Muslim member of the U.S.-appointed Iraqi Governing Council, said the United States must speed up the training of Iraqi police and soldiers and employ ruthless measures to crush the insurgency.

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CITY

approve a Governor's Office Criminal Justice Division Grant application and will discuss designating The Pampa News as the city's official newspaper.

City Manager Mitch Grant will report to the commission on West Texas A&M University's incubator program and on a meeting with the Optimists, soccer association and cemetery concerning water usage.

The commission is also expected to approve the 2003 tax roll.

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CAMPAIGN

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For more information or to make a contribution, contact the local United Way located in Pampa Community Building (Kingsmill and Ballard) at 669-1001.

Contributions may be mailed to the following address: Pampa United Way, P.O. Box 2076, Pampa, TX 79065.

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PRICES

and begin to increase the size of their herds, but that hasn't happened yet.

This will result in a continuing shortage of cattle and should mean continued higher prices and profitability for all sectors of the beef industry, Blach said.

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Has Progress Been Made!

Ike To Decide For West On Summit Meet

By JOSEPH W. GRIGG
United Press International

GENEVA (UPI)—President Eisenhower personally will make the final decision for the West whether sufficient progress has been made at the Geneva Foreign Ministers Conference to justify a summit meeting, authoritative conference sources disclosed Saturday.

The final decision would be based on a twin yardstick:

The actual material progress achieved by the Big Four Foreign Ministers.

The "atmosphere" at the wind-

up of the current talks.

The second factor may be the more decisive, it was said. If the Geneva negotiations erupt into a bout of East-West charges and counter-charges, a summit meeting would be highly unlikely. If they remain friendly, chances of a summit get-together would be far greater.

Meanwhile, the West already obviously was weary of Russian stalling tactics and there were rumors the U.S. might even move to break off the talks if no progress is shown by the end of next week.

Asked about the rumors, U.S.

Assistant Secretary of State Andrew H. Berling, the official U.S. spokesman, refused to confirm them but said:

"Let's wait until the end of next week."

As the foreign ministers went into their week-end recess there were other developments:

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko conferred for an hour and a half with West German Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano at the latter's villa. The meeting was at Gromyko's request, and a communique issued by the West Germans later said they had a "frank" discus-

sion of "problems which form the basis of the conference."

U.S. Secretary of State Christian A. Herter met for two hours at his villa beside Lake Geneva with U.S. Defense Secretary Neil McElroy. Importance was lent to the Herter-McElroy meeting by the fact that they were accompanied by top aides—Assistant Secretary of State Gerald O. Smith, an expert on policy planning, and Assistant Defense Secretary John N. Irvin, whose specialty is internal security.

The official Soviet news agency Tass said that Russia would demand "in the very next days"

that the foreign ministers of Poland and Czechoslovakia be admitted to the conference as full participants. It was a new stalling tactic by the Russians on a demand already rejected by the West.

The Berlin Communist organ Neues Deutschland said the German Communists would oppose secret sessions at Geneva from which their representatives were excluded.

Disclosures that Eisenhower will decide for the West whether there is to be a summit meeting followed Herter's warning to Russia last week that the West will not

go to the summit if the Kremlin renews its threats of a new Berlin ultimatum.

He made it clear that Eisenhower will not attend under duress.

Western officials, consequently, were disturbed that Premier Nikita Khrushchev Thursday unleashed just such a threat again.

He warned West German Ambassador to Moscow Hans Kroll that if the Geneva talks broke down, Russia would at once conclude a separate peace treaty with East Germany. He asserted this would deprive the West of any further rights in Berlin.

Herter also warned Gromyko last week that the West would not be satisfied by minor Russian concessions in the stalled nuclear test ban talks as a price of a summit gathering.

The U.S. let it be known that its minimum condition would be a "standstill" agreement on Berlin, guaranteeing continued Western rights in the divided city and free access to it for some time to come.

Authoritative Western sources were confident that the other Western allies would go along with President Eisenhower's final decision on the summit.



DICK BATSON
... Lee valedictorian



MARION GRAY
... PJH valedictorian



JAMES STEPHENSON
... Lee salutatorian



SUZANNE PADEN
... PJH salutatorian

Gray, Batson Top Jr. High Students

Scholastic honors were bestowed upon six junior high school ninth graders at awards assemblies Friday afternoon. The valedictorians are Marion Gray, Pampa Junior High School, and Dick Batson, Robert E. Lee Junior High.

Suzanne Paden is Pampa Junior High's salutatorian and James Stephenson is the Robert E. Lee second highest ranking student.

Pampa Junior High School also named a high scholastic boy, John Arthur, since the top students are both girls. Robert E. Lee honored a high scholastic girl, Susan Quible.

Citizenship and other extracurricular awards were presented at both junior high schools. Pampa Junior High's winners are Margaret Burns, best all-around girl; John Arthur, best all-around boy; Kay Stapleton, journalism; Lorraine Haymes, Business and Professional Women's citizenship award; Sammie McCalland, Fred A. Hobart, Sons of the American Revolution award; Nora Wells and Billy Tucker, good citizenship award; and Phyllis Delsing, spelling award.

Gail Culpepper was recognized as the first semester mayor and Pat Nickolis as the vice mayor. The second semester officers are Billy Tucker, mayor; and Priscilla Goodwin, vice mayor.

The Lee faculty named Ruth Ann Guthrie, best all-around girl; Mike Steward, best all-around boy; Betty Lou McWilliams and William Gray, good citizens; Carolyn Jones, recipient of the HAPW award; and Randy Haralson, winner of the Hobart award.

An invocation at the Pampa Junior High assembly was given by Virginia Walter, with opening remarks by Priscilla Goodwin. The class history was given by Nora Wells. The class prophecy, by Lorraine Haymes. Billy Tucker introduced next year's school officers and Priscilla Goodwin introduced Principal Cameron Marsh, who presented the awards.

A nest composed of Lorraine Haymes, Pat Nickolis, Marion Gray, Margaret Burns, Nora Wells and Suzanne Paden was featured. They were accompanied by Jimmy Mack. Anita Buske presented

freshman choir trophies to the school and Gail Culpepper followed suit with the band trophies. Priscilla Goodwin dismissed the ninth grade graduates. Sue Adams then dismissed the seventh and eighth graders.

Donna Walsh gave the invocation at Robert E. Lee Junior High School. Opening remarks were made by School Mayor Charles Fant. The choir and band presented "Hymn of Freedom" after which LaNeil Riley read the class poem.

A girls quartet, made up of Carolyn Jones, Wilna Carlisle and Lavonna Andrus, was accompanied by Carol Wilson. After a reading of the class will by Bill Dorn, Fada, a boys quartet sang "The Boy, Dennis Mills, William Gray, Larry Braly, and Dickie Hopkins, were accompanied by Donna Robertson. (See STUDENTS, Page 3)



Johnson Is Favored By Demo Senators

By RAYMOND LAHR
United Press International

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas who says he is not a candidate, is the favorite for the 1960 presidential nomination among Democratic senators now willing to declare a choice.

A United Press International survey of the Democratic side of the Senate showed Saturday that a number of other candidates were viewed as acceptable or as second choice. This was particularly true of other senators who are regarded as potential contenders—John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts, Stuart Symington of Missouri and Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota.

The four senators who are considered possible candidates were not polled. Of the 60 others, 56 were contacted with this result:

Johnson — 17
Kennedy — 4
Humphrey — 2
Gov. G. Mannan Williams (Mich.) — 2
Adlai E. Stevenson — 2
Symington — 1
Gov. Robert B. Meyer (N.J.) — 1
Sen. Albert Gore (Tenn.) — 1

Twenty-six were undecided or unwilling to reveal a preference with the Democratic National Convention still almost 14 months away. Many of those who named Johnson as their preference were identified because they did not want to be publicly committed so early or did not want to offend other candidates.

The Democratic side of the Senate is not a cross-section of the party as it speaks at national conventions. It does not reflect the convention voting power of the heavily populated states in which Johnson's strength is not, yet at least, conspicuous.

Johnson's support was most apparent in the South but it also reached into the West and the border states. And Sen. Thomas J. Dodd of Connecticut, where the Democratic state organization is heavily committed to Kennedy, said:

"I like Lyndon Johnson. I think he's a very great man and would make a great President."

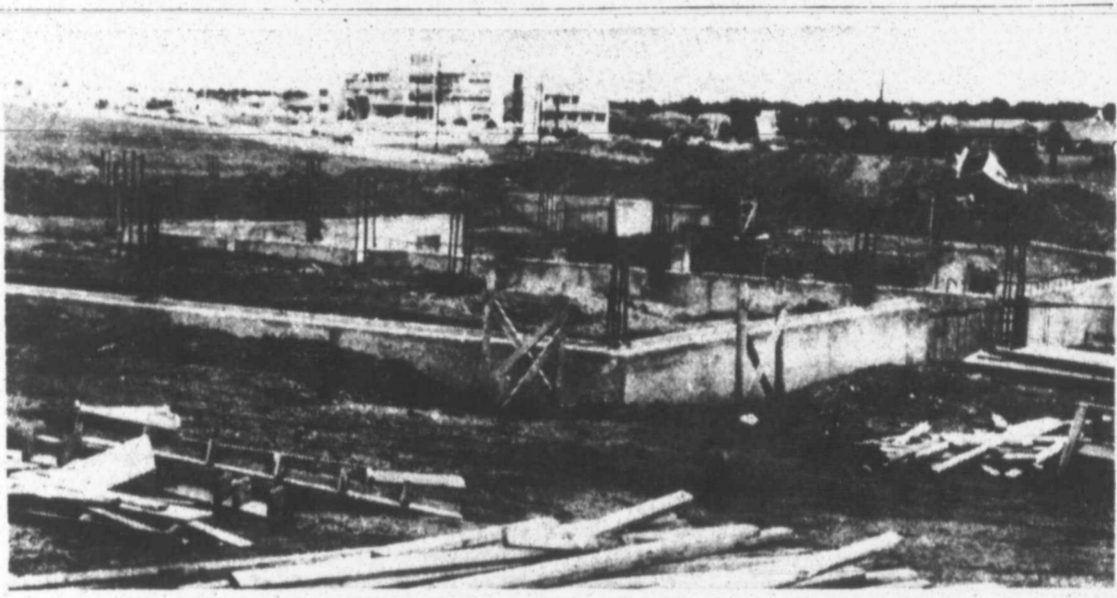
A conservative Southern viewpoint was expressed by Sen. A. Willis Robertson (Va.), who said of Johnson, "I don't know him, but he's a little too far to the left on the civil rights issue to suit us in Virginia."

Robertson said Johnson was (See JOHNSON, Page 3)

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Arms Seized As Cubans' Counter Fight Is Chilled



HOTEL FOUNDATION NEARS COMPLETION

Heavy rains have slowed work in recent days on the Pampa Community Hotel, but construction is "still on schedule," according to builders with the Farnsworth and Chambers Construction Co. Pictured Saturday is part of the hotel's massive foundation which is nearly completed. Three large pillar-like structures (not in

photo) now stand at the hotel site; these will be part of the car port at the hotel's entrance. Some work was underway Saturday on the foundation and lower walls of the future building's elevator shaft. The completion date on the \$1,250,000 hotel is Jan. 15, 1960. (Daily News Staff Photo)

Exiles Lose Full Plane Of Munitions

MIAMI (UPI)—Cuban exiles confirmed Saturday that a plane load of arms seized by customs agents were destined for an expeditionary force training in the Dominican Republic for an assault against the Cuban government of Fidel Castro.

The quick raid Friday as a big transport plane was being loaded under a bright noon sun resulted in the arrest of 14 persons and may have upset the time table of a Cuban counter revolution.

The round up of suspects included the Dominican Republic's consul in Miami, Augusto Ferrando, a Miami policeman who once served as bodyguard for Dominican strongman Rafael Trujillo's playboy son, and a shapely woman co-pilot clad in light fitting Toteslor pants.

All 14, released on bonds ranging from \$25,000 to \$500,000, face a hearing June 8 on charges of plotting to export arms illegally. Ferrando, who surrendered after spending six hours in the diplomatic security of his consulate, policeman James Liquori, 31, and Leonard Trento, 38, Trenton, N.J. businessman, also were charged with offering \$1,400 in bribes to two customs agents.

Federal officers told newsmen they understood the arms were destined for a Cuban counter-revolutionary force being assembled in the Dominican Republic.

Cuban sources in Miami confirmed the statement. Two sources reported the attack against Castro's revolutionary government had been set for two weeks hence, but now has been set back to one month.

The Cubans said, however, that the arms seizure amounted to only a small fraction of the weapons and ammunition that already has been put into the hands of the expeditionary force in Santo Domingo.

At the top of Texas 22-year-old Edwin Snyder was struck across the head with a pipe wrench by a store we have it, Lewis Hardman. (See TEMPER, Page 3)

Seniors' Services Slated Here Today

The graduating seniors of Pampa High School will hear a baccalaureate sermon by Dr. E. Douglas Carver, pastor of the First Baptist Church, at their baccalaureate services, at 5 p.m. in the Pampa High auditorium, the seniors will be honored with a reception and luncheon in the cafeteria.

Baccalaureate services will also be held at Carver School, at 3 p.m. today, with the Rev. E. Felton Nelson, pastor of the Macedonia Baptist Church, Pampa, bringing the address.

Commencement exercises are set for Wednesday at Carver and Thursday at Pampa High. Both programs will begin at 8 p.m.

The Harvest Band, led by W. E. Tregoe, will play "Pomp and Circumstance" and "Tannhauser March," as professional and recreational, at both Pampa High School festivities.

The A Capella Choir, under William A. Hunt's direction, will sing "The Last Words of David" at the baccalaureate. An obituary by James Byars is programmed for commencement.

The choir and band will join forces today in Wilhousky-Nelson's arrangement of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" without which no PHS vesper service would be complete.

Dr. Carver will have the assistance of three local ministers during the program. Rev. David E. Mills, Lamar Christian Church, will give the invocation. A scripture reading will be given by Rev. Ronald Hubbard of the First Presbyterian Church. Dr. Burgin Watkins, pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church, will give the benediction.

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Pack of Dogs Attack, Kill Young Boy

ST. LOUIS (UPI)—A pack of stray dogs attacked and killed a 2-year-old boy Saturday after dragging him into a field about 75 yards behind his parents' home.

Two of the dogs were captured several hours later. But police said at least four dogs were believed still roaming a woodland area of suburban Hazelwood. One of the dogs was believed wounded.

At least 25 men, including 25 Civil Defense members, armed with shotguns and clubs, swarmed over the area in a hunt for the savage dogs after the body of Mark D. Draper was found.

The boy apparently was attacked shortly after he wandered from his home around 8 a.m. Later his mother, Mrs. Douglas G. Draper, was unable to find the child and telephoned a neighbor, Melvern Jones, who heard the dog pack and decided to investigate.

Jones found the dogs around the boy's mangled body.

The pack attacked Jones, but he (See DOGS, Page 3)

Young Tempers Flare; Police Round-Up 23

Teenage tempers flared in ment officers here. Pampa late Friday night and early Saturday morning with two fist, one young Pampa man with a pipe and a series of window-thrashing head from being smashed against a glass window broken at five local business establishments.

Police Chief Jim Conner reported Saturday that both fist-fights arose during separate arguments at the Top o' Texas Drive Theatre and later at the LaVista Theatre which Friday night was showing a late-night double feature.

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NEVER TOO OLD

W. B. (Uncle Billy) Frost, still a youngster at 96, took everything in stride as he posed with Mayor Ed Myatt for the signing of a proclamation declaring this week Senior Citizens Week. But shortly thereafter, on a tour of City Hall with Nina Spoonemore, Uncle Billy met Chamber of Commerce Manager "Red" Wedgeworth and expressed "an old desire," to become a member of the Chamber of Commerce. And so, at 96, Billy Frost did just that... he became a member of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce. (See story on Page 3.)

Sunday News Headliners; Many Are on the Inside

There's an interesting smorgasbord of stories for Daily News readers on the inside pages today. You'll want to read about:

A newsmen's-eye view of zooming through space at 500 miles per hour in a T-33 jet almost 20,000 feet high... prepared by Managing Editor Rick Pesdirtz on Page 5.

Of July Baer, talented Pampa High dancer and actress in a Wally Truesdell feature on Page 6... of the nation's Top 20 tunes and of Military matters on Page 7... and an article by Pampa law student John Teed on Page 8.

In Sports on Pages 9-11 read the stories and boxes of the Harvest Futures 44-0 football win and the Exes 70-58 cage triumph... plus Red Griggs' colorful column, The Pipeline... and of little league baseball, bowling and even pigeon racing.

In Doris Wilson's Society Section you won't want to miss the newswy Peg O' Pampa column on Page 13 and of course there's Dear Abby on Page 19. Oh Page news is on 20, and there's more, much more in today's Daily News.

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Book deal royals fault, butler says

LONDON (AP) — Paul Burrell, the former butler condemned by princes and much of the press for his tell-all book about Princess Diana, says the royal family could have stopped the project simply by giving him more attention.

"Just one telephone call would have stopped it, one. Is that too much to ask — really?" Burrell said in an interview to be broadcast Monday by British Broadcasting Corp. TV.

Charges and countercharges over the weekend gave a final burst of publicity for the book, "A Royal Duty," which goes on sale in Britain on Monday.

Princess Diana's friends have called Burrell a vulture for exploiting his connection to Diana. Her sons, Prince William and Prince Harry, issued a statement Friday accusing him of a "cold and overt betrayal."

The former butler, however, complained that the princes — and the royal family in general — gave him little support when he was put on trial last year for allegedly stealing some of Diana's possessions. He was acquitted after Queen Elizabeth II confirmed that Burrell had told her he was holding some items for safekeeping.

"It would have been a very different world if the telephone had rung and the boys had said 'Oh Paul we're sorry we couldn't help you during your trial, we just couldn't our hands were tied. Why don't you come down to London with Maria (his wife) and the boys and we'll do something?'" Burrell told the BBC.

He added that he felt angry with William and Harry.

"Why do they listen to other people around them?" Burrell said. "Why listen to people who always say yes and no one tells you no? I'd love to give them a piece of my mind."

He said he has accepted an offer by the princes to meet him, but did not say when. He also did not rule out writing another book detailing more of the secrets he shared with Diana.

"I have no plans at this moment in time to write another book, but I don't know what the future holds do I?" he told BBC radio. "I didn't six years ago and I don't now."

The Daily Mirror's serialization of the book gave millions of readers his intimate view of Diana's life, including private letters from her former father-in-law, Prince Philip, and her brother, Earl Spencer.

Rosa Monckton, one of Diana's closest friends, wrote in The Sunday Telegraph that Burrell knew well how the princess was hounded during her life, "and yet now he joins the rest of the vultures who had the task of looking after her, in picking over the bones of her existence in his book."

Ex-Communist snatches victory in Bogota election

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Residents of Colombia's sprawling capital elected a former Communist union leader as their mayor in municipal elections, giving a major boost to embattled left-wing politicians who have long been the target of intimidation and assassination attempts.

With 92 percent of ballots counted, Luis Eduardo Garzon, the son of a cleaning lady, took 46 percent of the vote against 40 percent for the government-backed center-right candidate, Juan Lozano, the nation's official election body said. Lozano conceded defeat.

The victory was seen as a further headache for hardline President Alvaro Uribe, coming a day after he suffered a defeat in a sweeping referendum he had championed as vital to fight terrorism and boost the faltering economy.

Bogota is the biggest political prize ever claimed by an openly left-wing politician in Colombia. It provides a powerful launch pad for Uribe's opponents to attack his plans for tax hikes and labor reforms aimed at raising cash to pay for his war on leftist rebels.

"It's not easy for this country to accept (left-wing) proposals like ours," Garzon told local radio.

Popularly known as "Lucho," Garzon has pledged to help improve the lives of the poor in Bogota, a city of 7 million, facilitating access to education and setting up free food distribution centers. "No tri-

umphalism, no arrogance" he drummed at campaign rallies, remarks clearly intended to set him apart from Uribe's tough, no-nonsense rhetoric.

Garzon came in third in last year's presidential elections and the Bogota mayor's office will give him a useful springboard for another run at the presidency.

Uribe's office said the president would meet with Garzon for talks later Sunday at the presidential palace.

German Piffano, 35-year-old anthropologist, said he voted for the union leader in part to give Uribe a slap in the face.

"With Uribe you're either on his side or you're a terrorist," he said. "Lucho represents a new alternative."

Garzon's victory was somewhat of a surprise given the huge popularity of his center-right predecessor, Antanas Mockus, who improved the quality of life in Bogota by instituting rush-hour restrictions and building parks, bike paths and numerous libraries. Mockus had endorsed Lozano.

Outside of Colombia's major cities, the campaign period before Sunday's vote was particularly violent, even by Colombian standards. Armed groups killed at least 30 candidates for mayor and kidnapped a dozen others.

However, the election day appeared to have gone remarkably smoothly. The only violence reported Sunday occurred when suspected guerrillas burned ballots in three villages.

Wildfires kill 13 in California

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Wildfires fed by hot Santa Ana winds flared into gigantic waves of flame that devoured entire neighborhoods, choked skies over Southern California with ash and killed 13 people in the state's deadliest wildfire tragedy in more than a decade.

The blazes triggered a harrowing flight to safety Sunday for hundreds of residents, who had little time to collect cherished possessions before escaping.

"I was grabbing wet towels. Fire was at our feet. It was blazing over our heads and burning everywhere," said Liza Pontes, 43, recounting her Sunday morning escape from a fire in San Diego County.

She and her family, awakened at 3:45 a.m., made a mad dash from their home to their car and, as they drove away, saw a neighbor's mobile home explode in flames.


From the Mexican border to the suburbs north of Los Angeles, large sections of the region were under siege. More than 825 homes have been destroyed. The death toll is the worst since the 1991

fire in the Oakland hills of Alameda County that killed 25 and destroyed more than 3,200 homes and apartments.

Million-dollar homes evaporated almost as fast as canyon brush in San Diego's affluent Scripps Ranch area, where charred eucalyptus trees blocked the roads. In San Bernardino County, a blaze called the Old Fire, which had destroyed more than 400 homes, torched 25 more when it jumped a road and moved into the heavily forested town of Crestview, fire information officer Candace Vialpando of the U.S. Forest Service said Monday morning.

About 30,000 homes remained in danger from the fires, which had consumed more than 300,000 acres.

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A City of Pampa fire truck provides a backdrop for this picture of Lamar Elementary pre-school students Isaiah Rodriguez, Dustin Wood and Minnie Young with teacher Renee Doughty. Local firefighters presented a fire prevention program at Lamar recently.

Bank of America to buy FleetBoston

BOSTON (AP) — Bank of America Corp., the nation's third-largest bank, has agreed to buy FleetBoston Financial Corp. in a \$47 billion deal that will create one of the biggest banking companies in the world, the banks announced Monday.

The deal will establish a new company that will be the nation's largest consumer bank with about 33 million customers and 2.5 million business clients in the United States and 34 countries, the companies said in a statement.

Bank of America, based in Charlotte, N.C., will pay \$45 a share for Fleet in an all-stock

deal, a premium of more than 41 percent over FleetBoston's closing price on Friday.

The agreement has been approved by both boards of directors and is subject to regulatory and shareholder approval. The closing is expected in the first half of 2004.

Charles K. Gifford, chairman and chief executive officer of FleetBoston, will be chairman of the board of directors of the merged company. Kenneth D. Lewis, chairman and chief executive officer of Bank of America, will be chief executive officer of the merged company, which will have its headquarters in Charlotte.

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Halloween can be a festive and fun time of year for children and families, but for family pets, it can be stressful and even dangerous time of year. Animal Control offers pet owners some common sense tips to help pet owners keep their pets safe during this time of year.

- Don't leave your pet out in the yard on Halloween: There are plenty of stories of vicious pranksters who have teased, injured, stolen, even killed pets on this night.
- Keep your outdoor cats inside several days before and several days after Halloween: black cats in particular may be at risk from children's pranks or other cruelty-related incidents. Many shelters, do not adopt out black cats on Halloween as a safety precaution.
- Trick-or-treat candies are not for pets: Chocolate is poisonous to a lot of animals, and tin foil and cellophane candy wrappers can be hazardous if swallowed.
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- If you do dress up your pet, make sure the costume isn't annoying or unsafe; it should not constrict her movement, hearing or ability to breathe or bark. Also, there should not be small, dangling, or easily chewed-off pieces on the costume that your pet could choke on.
- Be careful not to obstruct your pet's vision; even the sweetest animal can get snappy when he or she can't see.
- When opening the door for trick-or-treaters, be very careful your cat or dog doesn't dart outside.

- All but the most social dogs and cats should be kept in a separate room during trick-or-treat visiting hours; too many strangers in strange garb can be scary for a dog or cat.
- Make sure your dog or cat is wearing proper identification. If for any reason they escape and become lost, you increase the chances that they will be found.



For more advice about caring for your pet, call Animal Control at 669-5775

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SPORTS

Buccaneers end Cowboys win streak

By FRED GOODALL
AP Sports Writer

Cowboys-Buccaneers Stats

Dallas	0	0	0	0	0	—	0
Tampa Bay	0	10	6	0	—	16	
Second Quarter							
TB—FG Gramatica 24, 10:53.							
TB—K. Johnson 7 pass from B. Johnson (Gramatica kick), 4:13. Third Quarter							
TB—FG Gramatica 26, 9:24.							
TB—FG Gramatica 50, 2:03.							
A—65,602.							

Sacked-Yards Lost	2-18	4-22
Punts	6-40.7	5-40.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	1-5	3-15
Time of Possession	25:16	34:44

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Dallas, Hambrick 11-25, Anderson 6-17, Carter 2-15, Glenn 1-4, Cason 2-(minus 1). Tampa Bay, Pittman 30-113, Stecker 5-15.
PASSING—Dallas, Carter 15-25-2-140. Tampa Bay, Johnson 13-26-0-151.
RECEIVING—Dallas, Anderson 5-22, Cason 3-40, Glenn 3-26, Galloway 2-26, Witten 1-15, Hambrick 1-11. Tampa Bay, McCardell 6-68, Dilger 2-51, Williams 1-13, K. Johnson 1-7, Stecker 1-5, Pittman 1-4, Cook 1-3.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Dallas, Cundiff 41 (WR). Tampa Bay, Gramatica 48 (WL).

First downs	Dal	TB
Total Net Yards	178	261
Rushes-yards	22-60	35-128
Passing	118	133
Punt Returns	2-19	1-8
Kickoff Returns	4-103	1-22
Interceptions Ret.	0-00	2-65
Comp-Att-Int	25-15-2	26-13-0

NOTEBOOK

HORSE RACING
ARCADIA, Calif. (AP) — Trainer Richard Mandella won a record four races at the Breeders' Cup on Saturday, capping perhaps the greatest day in racing history when Pleasantly Perfect won the \$4 million Classic at Santa Anita.
 Mandella won the \$1 million Juvenile Fillies with Halfbridled, the \$1.5 million Juvenile with long-shot Action This Day and the \$2 million Turf with Johar, who dead-heated with High Chaparral.
 Julie Krone became the first female jockey to win a Breeders' Cup race aboard Halfbridled.
AUTO RACING
SURFERS PARADISE, Australia (AP) — Paul Tracy won the CART drivers' championship Sunday when closest rival Bruno Junqueira crashed with 10 laps left in the Gold Coast Indy.

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Warren Sapp strolled out of the locker room with an extra bounce in his step. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers played like champions in dominating the Dallas Cowboys 16-0 Sunday, and the All-Pro defensive tackle was beaming. The Bill Parcells-led Cowboys came to town with the NFL's top-ranked defense, No. 4 offense and a five-game winning streak. "But we're still the Bucs," Sapp said.

The defending Super Bowl champions finished a tumultuous week by forcing three turnovers, sacking Quincy Carter four times and limiting the Cowboys (5-2) to just 178 yards to stop Dallas' longest winning streak in nine years. The proud defense that led Tampa Bay's championship run has been under attack after blowing a three-touchdown lead in an overtime loss to Indianapolis and giving up 458 yards — most by an opponent since 1991 — in a lopsided loss in San Francisco.

Sapp resisted the temptation to say the Bucs (4-3) proved their critics wrong. Instead, he talked about staying focused on getting back to the playoffs, where the team can prove who's best. "Once things settle down and we're playing like we can, this is not a team you'll want to dial up, not a team you'll want to play in the playoffs," Sapp said.

American rookie Ryan Hunter-Reay was the winner in a race cut short by thunderstorms and hail. Hunter-Reay beat another rookie, Darren Manning of England, by 1.546 seconds for his first CART victory.

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Tony Pedregon clinched his first Funny Car championship and won the AC Delco Las Vegas NHRA Nationals at The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway on Sunday. Kenny Bernstein, Greg Anderson and Craig Treble also won in their respective categories at the \$1.6 million race.

Marlins' win sure to bring changes - for the Yankees

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Ivan Rodriguez came out of the clubhouse, heading toward the field so he could kiss home plate. On his way, the Florida catcher cut through a dugout littered with champagne bottles, beer cans, cigars and a discarded box of Kodak film. A snapshot of the winning side, for sure.

"I don't believe we won," he said. "But we did it." Well into the wee hours Sunday, long after manager Jack McKeon and the Marlins left Yankee Stadium to celebrate their World Series championship elsewhere, the cleanup would begin.

Pretty soon, look for the New York Yankees to start cleaning house, too. "A lot of people are upset," center fielder Bernie Williams said. "There's going to be a lot of changes."

Bench coach Don Zimmer sounds adamant that he's leaving. Hitting coach Rick Down might lose his job. General manager Brian Cashman? Pitcher Jeff Weaver? Third baseman Aaron Boone? All-Star second baseman Alfonso Soriano? It's all possible in owner George Steinbrenner's world. Especially after such an upset, finished off by Josh Beckett and low-budget Florida 2-0 in Game 6 on Saturday night.

"I just think to get this far, and accomplish as much as we have, we should feel better about this thing than we do. But unfortunately, because of somebody's attitude, we're considered failures," pitching coach Mel Stottlemyre said.

Who knows? Maybe even the security people who let the Marlins stroll through a gate in left-center field to toast their title in Monument Park will be in jeopardy.

"Of course I was disappointed, but we will be meeting soon to make whatever changes are

needed to bring back a stronger, better team for New York and our fans," Steinbrenner said in a statement Sunday. "You can count on it."

One thing is not likely to undergo a major shake-up: the Marlins.

When they last won the World Series in 1997, the Marlins underwent a startling makeover, jettisoning stars such as Gary Sheffield, Moises Alou, Al Leiter and more. The result was an embarrassing 108 losses in 1998 that made them the laughingstock of baseball.

But out of that wreck, then-GM Dave Dombrowski and the Marlins were already building for the future.

The terrible record left Florida with a high draft choice, and Beckett was the overall No. 2 pick in June 1999. Miguel Cabrera signed the next month as a 16-year-old free agent.

First baseman Derrek Lee, starter Brad Penny and reliever Braden Looper also joined the Marlins in trades for the likes of Kevin Brown, Matt Lincecum and Edgar Renteria.

And slowly, they began to get better. Not that anyone expected them to make it this far so quickly.

It certainly didn't look good in mid-May when manager Jeff Torborg was fired. At the time, the 72-year-old McKeon was at home in North Carolina, watching his grandson play college ball.

McKeoni went to speak with Marlins owner Jeffrey Loria, thinking it was just a general chat about baseball. McKeon insisted he didn't know it was a job interview — in fact, at the end of their conversation, he called his future boss "Jerry."

By late May, the Marlins were in last place with a 19-29 record.

"I took this job with the idea that I can turn this club around and make it a winner," McKeon said Saturday night. "I had no idea we would get to the World Series, and I had no idea that we would win the World Series."

SCOREBOARD
How the Top 25 College Football Teams fared
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

No. 1 Oklahoma (8-0) beat Colorado 34-20. Next: vs. No. 18 Oklahoma State, Saturday.	No. 23 Bowling Green 34-18. Next: vs. Ball State, Saturday.
No. 2 Miami (7-0) did not play. Next: at No. 3 Virginia Tech, Saturday.	No. 13 Michigan (7-2) beat No. 10 Purdue 31-3. Next: at No. 11 Michigan State, Saturday.
No. 3 Virginia Tech (6-1) lost to West Virginia 28-7, Wednesday. Next: vs. No. 2 Miami, Saturday.	No. 14 Nebraska (7-1) beat Iowa State 28-0. Next: at No. 19 Texas, Saturday.
No. 4 Georgia (7-1) beat UAB 16-13. Next: at No. 25 Florida, Saturday.	No. 15 TCU (8-0) beat Houston 62-55. Next: vs. Louisville, Saturday.
No. 5 Southern Cal (7-1) beat Washington 43-23. Next: vs. No. 6 Washington State, Saturday.	No. 16 Iowa (6-2) beat Penn State 26-14. Next: vs. Illinois, Saturday.
No. 6 Florida State (7-1) beat Wake Forest 48-24. Next: at Notre Dame, Saturday.	No. 17 Auburn (5-3) lost to No. 9 LSU 31-7. Next: Louisiana-Monroe, Saturday.
No. 6 Washington State (7-1) beat Oregon State 36-30. Next: at No. 5 Southern Cal, Saturday.	No. 18 Oklahoma State (7-1) beat Texas A&M 38-10. Next: at No. 1 Oklahoma, Saturday.
No. 8 Ohio State (7-1) beat Indiana 35-6. Next: at Penn State, Saturday.	No. 19 Texas (6-2) beat Baylor 56-0. Next: vs. No. 14 Nebraska, Saturday.
No. 9 LSU (7-1) beat No. 17 Auburn 31-7. Next: vs. Louisiana Tech, Saturday.	No. 20 Wisconsin (6-3) lost to Northwestern 16-7. Next: at Minnesota, Nov. 8.
No. 10 Purdue (6-2) lost to No. 13 Michigan 31-3. Next: vs. Northwestern, Saturday.	No. 21 Arkansas (4-3) lost to Mississippi 19-7. Next: at Kentucky, Saturday.
No. 11 Michigan State (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 Michigan, Saturday.	No. 22 Tennessee (5-3) beat Alabama 51-43, 5OT. Next: vs. Duke, Saturday.
No. 12 Northern Illinois (7-1) lost to	No. 23 Bowling Green (7-1) beat No. 12 Northern Illinois 34-18. Next: at Miami (Ohio), Nov. 4.
	No. 24 Utah (6-2) lost to New Mexico 47-35. Next: at Air Force, Saturday.
	No. 25 Florida (5-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 4 Georgia, Saturday.

NFL moves Monday night game to Tempe

SAN DIEGO (AP) — With devastating wildfires raging through much of San Diego County, the NFL moved Monday night's Chargers-Dolphins game — which was to have been Junior Seau's eagerly anticipated homecoming — from San Diego to Tempe, Ariz. San Diego Mayor Dick Murphy urged the NFL to either postpone or move the game, and commissioner Paul Tagliabue complied, moving it to the Arizona Cardinals' home field. The city advised the league it could not play the game in Qualcomm Stadium, where the parking lot was turned into a major evacuation center for residents ordered out of their homes. The sky throughout the county was choked with smoke and ash from three fast-moving fires that burned more than 277,000 acres, killed 13 people and burned nearly 850 homes by Sunday night. The state's

largest fire, in eastern San Diego County, caused at least nine deaths. Chargers general manager A.J. Smith said he also told the league the game shouldn't be played in San Diego. "I just can't see us turning around and going to our stadium and playing Monday night football," he said. "There's too much devastation going on for that. Too much." "I think the league did the right thing. To turn around and run out of the tunnel at Qualcomm with all the things going on, it wasn't right for me." Monday night's game was to be a homecoming for Seau, who played his first 13 seasons in San Diego before being traded to the Dolphins this year. "Moving the game is very disappointing to everyone," Seau said, "but obviously for the safety of everyone it is probably the best decision to make right now." "Our prayers are with the

Dallas began the day with the NFL's No. 1-ranked defense. But the Bucs clearly showed they still have one of the best units in the league, even with three newcomers — cornerbacks Tim Wansley and Corey Ivy and safety Jermaine Phillips — in the secondary. "They've earned their reputation, and they really backed it up today," Dallas defensive tackle La'Roi Glover said. But not all of the Cowboys were impressed. "You think they've got a great defense?" running back Troy Hambrick said. "I think we made enough mistakes to make them look good." The Bucs, who have yet to win consecutive games this season, improved to 7-0 after losses under Gruden, who was hired as coach after Parcells pulled out of a signed contract to replace Tony Dungy after the 2001 season. The Cowboys' winning streak was their longest since 1994. Carter was 15-of-25 for 140 yards and was intercepted twice. A week after yielding 212 yards rushing at San Francisco, the Bucs limited the Cowboys to 60 yards. "You've got to stick in there as a football team when tough times come, so we'll see what we're made of," Carter said. Notes: Michael Pittman ran for 113 yards on 30 carries for Tampa Bay. ... Hambrick led the Cowboys with 25 yards on 11 attempts. ... Brad Johnson set up Keyshawn Johnson's TD with a 48-yard pass to Ken Dilger on a flea flicker play.

San Diego residents and everyone that is affected by it." Tickets to the game on the campus of Arizona State University will be free, but people will be asked to make a donation to the San Diego Wildfire Relief Fund. "Many of us visit San Diego. Obviously it's a neighboring community that's got some real problems," Cardinals vice president and general counsel Michael Bidwill said. "We can all raise a little bit of money ... and try to help out our friends over in San Diego." Chargers ticket holders will get full refunds, the team said. Trucks were driving some of the equipment for ABC's "Monday Night Football" telecast the six hours from San Diego to Tempe. Those involved with the broadcast were driving to Burbank, where they were scheduled to fly to Tempe. Analyst John Madden was the exception — he was taking his bus to Arizona.

LUXEMBOURG (AP) — Kim Clijsters won her third straight Seat Open title with a 6-2, 7-5 victory over Chanda Rubin and will return to the No. 1 ranking Monday. Clijsters captured her eighth title of the season Sunday to equal the mark of Justine Henin-Hardenne, her Belgian countrywoman whom she will replace at the top of the WTA rankings.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2003:

Pressure might build, as so many people want and expect so much from you — you're just one person! No question, you will deliver. In fact, please remember what you want in this whirlwind of activity, so that you don't forget you! Network and expand your horizons. Learn a new language, go back to school. Experience life from a revitalized and new perspective. If you are single, a friendship could develop into a lot more. You will meet someone special, and if he or she is new to your circle, this person will become a romance and a friend at the same time. If you are attached, your relationship will grow closer, as the two of you commit to new adventures and different but common hobbies. Be open, Scorp. SAGITTARIUS helps you make money.

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)

***** Continue detaching, to the point of trying to move your own mental filters that prevent you from seeing the whole picture. Erase bias and judgment, and the solution will appear with ease. You cruise through work. Tonight: Try something different.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Deal with someone in a more gentle and careful manner. This person could prove to be unusually responsive and caring, as a result. You don't want to put a damper on another's enthusiasm. A partner has a very interesting way of looking at an issue. Tonight: Togetherness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** You feel unusually confident

this morning, when others seek you out. Your caring seems to exude from you to others. Someone who might have been a problem with you now stands back. How nice. Get to know others again, without judgment. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Pace yourself at work. You could be more overladen when you realize what is on your plate. Take your time looking over what must be done immediately and what can wait. You restructure your work more effectively. Tonight: Happy at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23)

***** Your playful, teasing ways could irritate someone close to you at the office or at home. You might find yourself in quicksand before you know it. Be diplomatic and discuss your feelings as well as this partner's. Everyone turns out happy. Tonight: Let loose when you're home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Deal with basics, and others will be truly impressed by how you think and express yourself. Realize more of what you want from a personal relationship. Be willing to change gears if need be. Someone close might reverse his or her position one more time. Tonight: Vanish! Put on your headphones.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** You might only be speaking your mind, but someone close might be overly reactive. Explain where you are coming from through a different choice of words. Some people just don't get it. You might need to phrase your ideas differently. Tonight: Swap jokes with a pal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Deal with finances, but be willing to reverse your stand when new information comes forward. Your adaptability

can and will make all the difference. Never lose sight of your ultimate goal, and you will prosper. Tonight: Your treat SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Others see you as being so capable that they keep dumping more and more work on you. Ahem — perhaps it is time to discuss a promotion of sorts. Display your flexibility in different situations. You're a role model, in a sense. Tonight: Whatever pleases you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Take a step back, and do your own fact-finding. You might or might not trust someone else, but you have a way of coming up with the right answers at the right time because of your complete approach. You revise your thinking on a key matter. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Where your friends are is where you want to be. Still, you have a knack, even at work, of turning the most serious meetings and sessions into fun happenings. Talk to a key associate more often. This person is on your side. Tonight: Where your friends are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** You need to tell others where you are coming from and not just proceed on your own. Communication proves to be vital and will actually make the job easier, with

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Mom Is Desperate to Get Son Off Her Couch and on His Own

DEAR ABBY: I am a single mother with two young daughters and a 21-year-old son, "Billy," who dropped out of high school during his senior year. When it happened, I was very upset. I told him if he wanted to continue to live at home, he would have to get a full-time job and pay rent. Billy didn't like that idea, so he went to live with his girlfriend and her parents, who didn't seem to care that he had no job.

About a year ago, Billy's girlfriend broke up with him. Since he had no place to go, I told him he could stay with me temporarily. He has been sleeping on my couch ever since. Billy has only a part-time job. He says that's all he can find. I'm tired of supporting him and I think he should be out on his own by now, but if I kick him out, he'll have nowhere to go. His father is no help. Billy rarely sees him. I'm at my wit's end. Please tell me what I should do.

FED-UP MOM
IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR MOM: Your son may have trouble finding full-time employment because he lacks a high school diploma. His first priority should be to contact his high school and find out how to get his GED. Then he must start studying again and pick up where he left off when he dropped out.

I know it's frustrating, but be patient a little longer. I don't know what Billy's talents are, but if he isn't college material, he should consider going to a trade school and learning a marketable skill. The job market is difficult right now, so accept the fact that a part-time job and getting his equivalency diploma may be all Billy can manage for a while.

As long as your son is willing to work toward success, you should be willing to compromise. However, if he isn't willing to go to trade school or get a GED, he should get a full-time job. There are jobs at fast-food places, movie theaters, supermarkets, etc., that don't require skills and/or diplomas. At 21, your son is too old to be supported. Be

prepared to be firm with him, because if you aren't, he may never learn to fly on his own.

DEAR ABBY: I need advice. I am a woman in my mid-30s, married more than 10 years, and the mother of two children. My husband, "Howard," is a good father and has an important job with a six-figure income. I don't have to work. I buy whatever I want and Howard doesn't mind.

My problem is, I don't think I'm in love with Howard. He has an extremely low sex drive. We haven't been intimate in years. In fact, out of frustration, I moved out of the bedroom last year. I have tried talking to him about our problem to no avail. He refuses to go to counseling.

To complicate matters, three years ago I began an affair with a married man. Although he and his wife have children, they are divorcing. We want to be together, but I don't know if I can leave Howard. My lover earns less than half of what Howard makes, plus he will have to pay child support. I don't know if I can manage on his salary. Please understand, I don't work because I don't want to put my kids in day care.

As I see it, I have three choices:

(1) Continue the affair and hope nobody finds out.

(2) Leave Howard and hope my lover and I can make it on his small salary.

(3) End the affair.

If we end the affair, I think one of us would have to move. We live in a small town and travel in the same social circles. This whole thing is driving me crazy. What should I do?

FRUSTRATED IN FLORIDA

DEAR FRUSTRATED: In a nutshell, it comes down to this: Which is more important to you — sex or money? Both are powerful motivators, but only you can answer that question.

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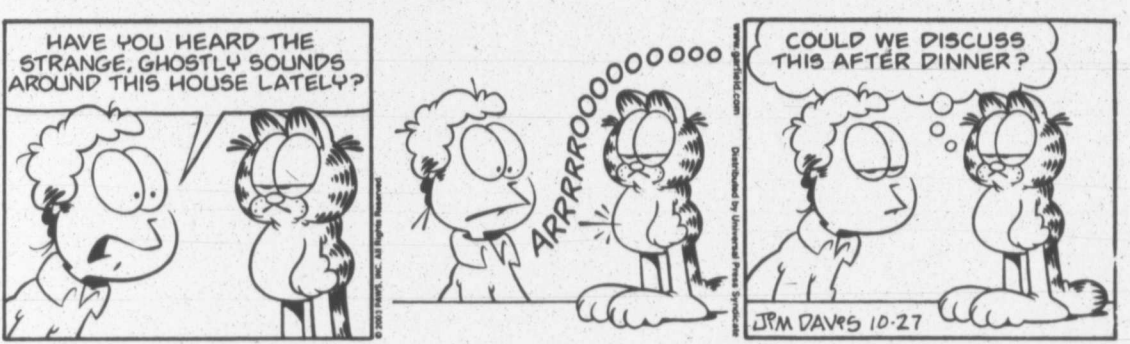
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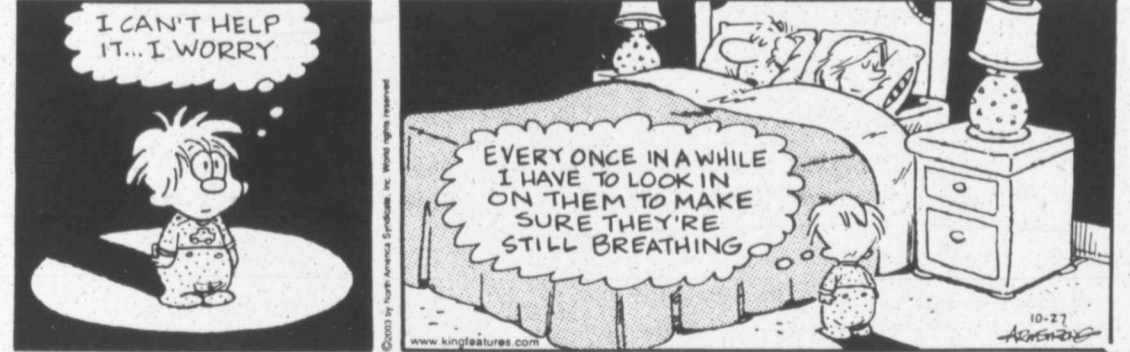
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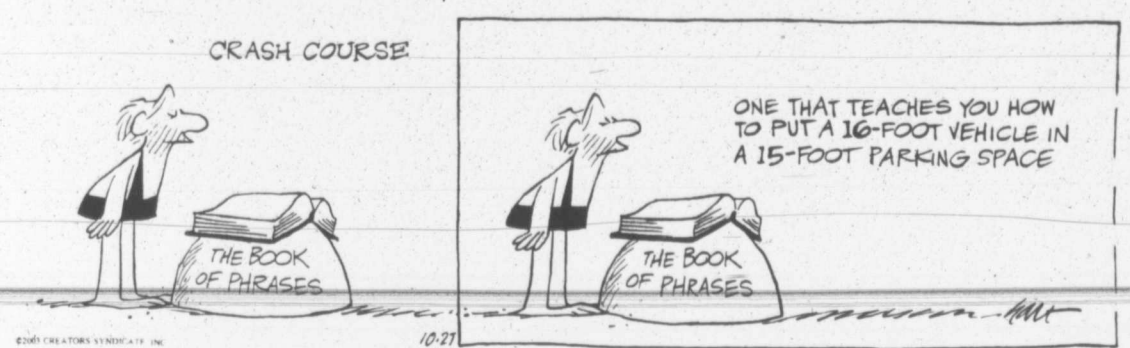
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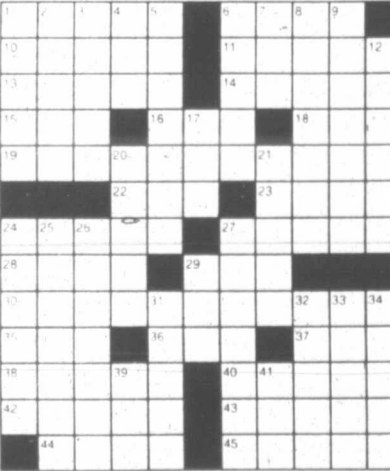
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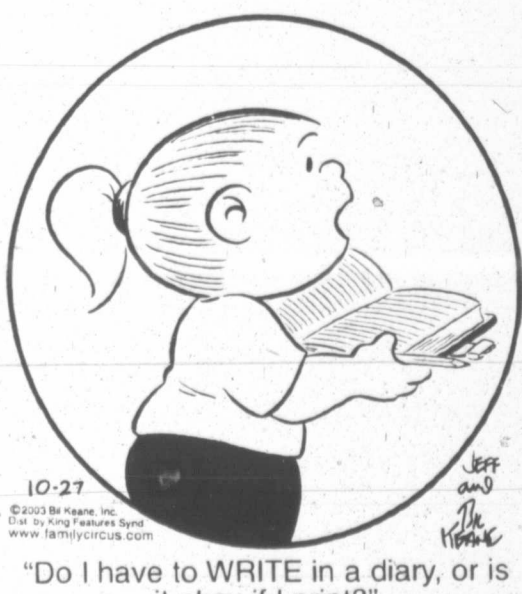
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