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Starkweather Street Railroad Crossing will be closed Monday, Nov. 3, through Friday, Nov. 7, for railroad repairs, according to representatives for BNSF Railroad.

**STATE**  
**Amarillo officer kills forgery suspect**

AMARILLO (AP) — A 32-year-old Amarillo man who police say tried to flee in a stolen vehicle was fatally shot by a police officer Thursday. Dale Allen Carlile died Thursday from gunshot wounds to his upper body, authorities said. The shooting occurred after police were called to The Money Hut on a reported forgery in progress, the Amarillo Globe-News reported in its Friday editions.

**DEATHS**  
**Floy Nona Fugate, 74, licensed vocational nurse.**

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## Lawsuit subject of closed meeting

By MARILYN POWERS  
 STAFF WRITER

County Attorney Todd Alvey reported on potential litigation against Gray County in this morning's Commissioners Court meeting.

Commissioners went into executive session to hear the report on concerns by an individual who had filed a complaint about their dissatisfaction regarding a hot check they had presented to the county attorney's office for collection.

Alvey reported that he had completed work on the case to the individual's satisfaction, said Gray County Judge Richard Peet following the session.

A contract with the state attorney general's office concerning child support disbursement was renewed by commissioners. In the contract, the attorney general's office reimburses the county for information the county provides on request to help the state collect child support funds.

The county medical officer contract with Dr. Ron Lacy and his assistant Tim Lacey, both of Canyon, was renewed after discussion. The doctor and assistant did not request any increase in their fees charged to the county, and no other part of the contract was changed.

"They did make us pay their malpractice insurance. It was in their contract all along, but we didn't pay it until last year," said Elaine Morris, county auditor. The cost of the insurance was between \$2,500 and \$3,000 for last year, she said.

A proposed challenge cost share agreement with the U.S. Forest Service was on the agenda, but Judge Peet said the forest service representatives had called him and said they could not be at today's meeting. The item will be

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## Marketplace site of clash between U.S. troops, Iraqis

ABU GHRAIB, Iraq (AP) — Iraqis waving pictures of Saddam Hussein clashed with U.S. troops and tanks Friday after the Americans tried to clear market stalls from Baghdad's outskirts. Two civilians were killed, and hospital officials said 17 were wounded. Two soldiers also were wounded, the U.S. military said.

Farther west, in the flash-point city of Fallujah, a powerful explosion and fire struck the office of the mayor, who has cooperated with the Americans. In northern Iraq, meanwhile, U.S. troops sealed off Saddam's birthplace and began issuing identity cards to residents to determine who can move in and out of the village.

The insurgency against the U.S.-led occupation has sharply escalated in recent days.

Iraqis said the clash at Abu Ghraib, a western suburb of the capital, erupted when U.S. troops tried to clear market stalls from a main road. Youths threw stones at troops, and Iraqi police, and set tires

ablaze. Protesters shouted, "Allahu akbar," or "God is great."

A U.S. officer at the scene, 1st Lt. Joseph Harrison, said someone tossed a grenade at soldiers in the marketplace, wounding two Americans. About the same time, mortars hit a police station near the market. The Americans said they arrested two Iraqis carrying a mortar tube.

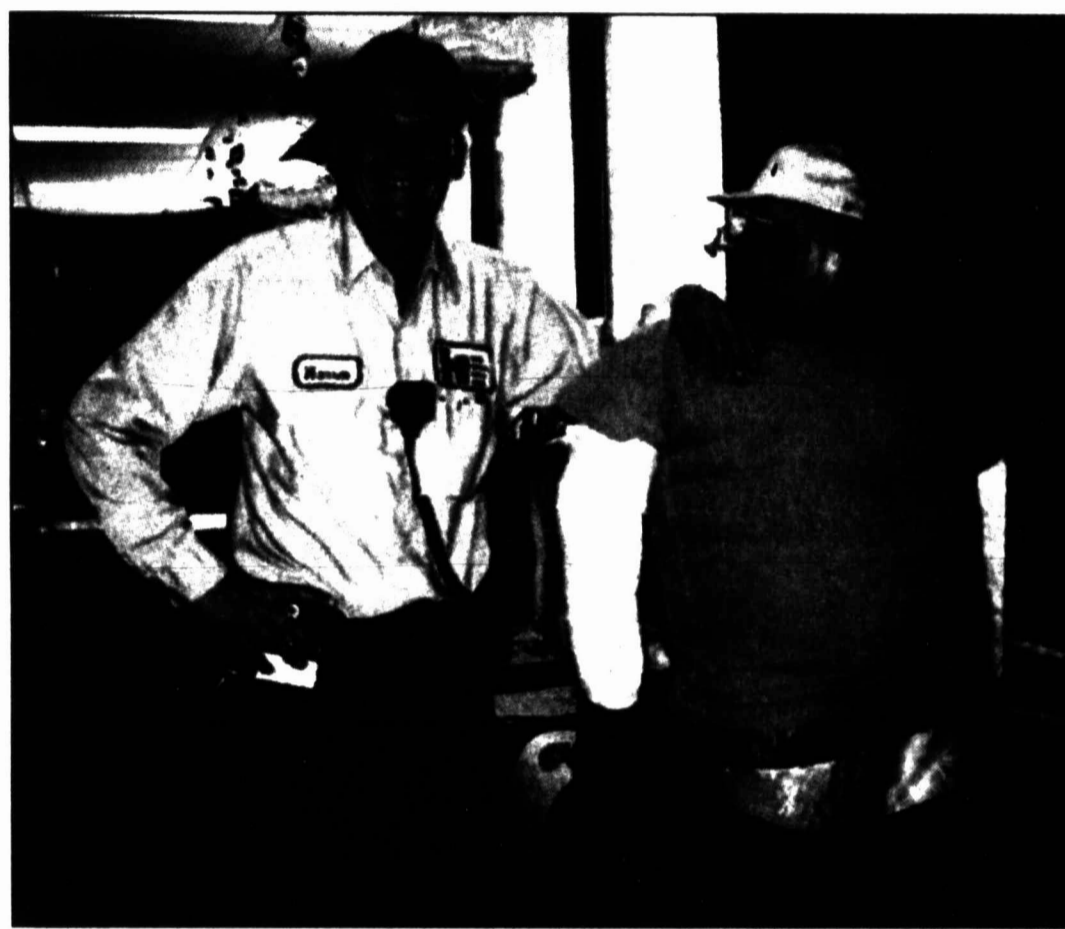
Three hours later, when hundreds of Iraqis emerged from nearby mosques after Friday prayers, gunfire erupted as U.S. armored vehicles moved into the area. Ten explosions and machine gunfire were heard, and U.S. helicopters hovered overhead.

The bodies of two Iraqis — identified by friends and family as Mohammed Atweid, 45, and Hamid Abdullah, 41 — were carried from the area.

"God damn America!" shouted friend Ali Hussein, who said the men were innocent passers-by. He said the Americans fired indiscriminately when Iraqis began throwing stones at them.

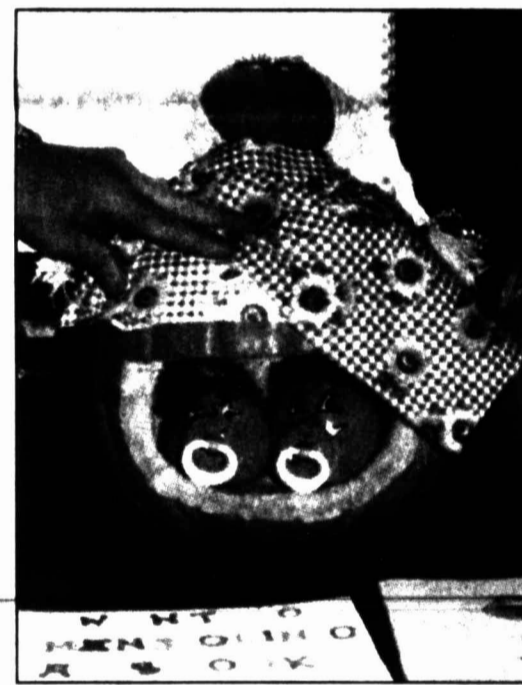
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## Pumpkin creations



(Pampa News photos by Dee Dee Laramore)

Warren Kayler, Pampa Regional Medical Center's maintenance employee, poses with Mr. McKracken, the maintenance department's submission for the hospital's pumpkin decorating contest. Kayler said the natural form of a large pumpkin he found inspired the creation. The Women's Clinic staff's entry, left, is of a "mama" pumpkin at 38-weeks gestation whose "twins" can be seen when the mama's apron is lifted. "We've got some talented people here at the hospital," Alecia Nicholas, PRMC human resources, commented. She said the pumpkin contest winners will be announced this afternoon.



## U.S. Capitol: Haunted house on the Hill

By JIM ABRAMS  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Murder, curses and demon cats. Statues descending from their pedestals for midnight minuets. There are scarier things than lawmaking going on inside the U.S. Capitol.

Walk through the Rotunda late at night and the only sound might be the 180-foot-high iron dome creaking in the cool air. But those with sharper ears and broader imaginations might also hear, behind the 850 doorways, the footsteps of the stricken John Quincy Adams or the assassinated James Garfield.

There was plenty of noise Thursday, as authorities closed down the House after guards saw what they thought was a firearm on a security camera at a Capitol office building across the street. It turned out to be a toy, part of a Halloween costume an employee was bringing in.

Halloween or not, the 200-year-old Capitol is said to be one of the most

haunted buildings in Washington, says Jim Berard, Democratic communications director for the House Transportation Committee. Berard compiled some of the more famous ghost stories in his recently published "The Capitol Inside & Out," a history of the nation's legislative center.

The building got off to a bad start in 1808 when construction superintendent John Lenthall disagreed with architect B. Henry Latrobe over the vaulting in the room now known as the Old Supreme Court Chamber. When Lenthall tried to remove braces from the vaults, the ceiling collapsed and crushed him. In his last breath, legend goes, Lenthall put a curse on the building.

Tragedy struck again in 1848 when John Quincy Adams, who was elected to the House after serving as president, had a stroke on the House floor, now Statuary Hall, while giving a speech against the Mexican War. He died two days later in a room off the floor, and Capitol workers have since reported hearing Adams' footsteps, or the specter of the old man trying to finish his speech.

Among other spirits spotted in Capitol hallways are James Garfield, a former House member who was shot just four months into his presidency and died two months later, and his hanged assassin, disgruntled office seeker Charles Guiteau.

Washington's famed city planner, Pierre Charles L'Enfant, who died impoverished and embittered by the way Congress had treated him, has also been seen in the subterranean rooms of the Capitol, carrying a roll of parchment and shaking his head, according to John Alexander, author of "Ghosts: Washington Revisited."

Alexander also relates how late at night, after the politicians have gone home, a pounding gavel has been heard in the house chamber, as Speaker "Uncle Joe" Cannon and his 1911 successor, Champ Clark, continue their feuding.

Disbelieving reporters might avoid a House hallway where in 1890 journalist Charles Kincaid shot and killed Kentucky congressman William Taulbee after an argument. The legend is that black spots on the stairway are Taulbee's blood, and that Taulbee gets his revenge by tripping up reporters on the stairs.

The spirit of the doughboy who lay in state in the Rotunda in 1921 as the Unknown Soldier from World War I is said to return when others lie in the Rotunda. Civil War general and senator

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**CLASH**

"U.S. soldiers are the real terrorists, not us!" he said.

Nearby Shula Hospital received 17 wounded civilians, three in critical condition, said Dr. Imad Ali.

In Fallujah, a center of Sunni Muslim resistance 40 miles west of Baghdad, an explosion rocked the city center at midday. Heavy black smoke billowed from the mayor's office.

Afterward, residents shouted at authorities that their neighborhood was a target because the U.S.-appointed mayor and other officials worked there, police said. Civil defense officer Ahmed Khalil said police shot and killed a resident during the argument.

Later, residents angered by the police action broke into the smoldering building and looted the mayor's office. They

dispersed when U.S. Humvees arrived with helicopters overhead.

An upsurge of attacks this week, coinciding with the start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, has killed scores of people, most of them Iraqis who died in a series of vehicle bombings in Baghdad on Monday.

The international Red Cross and the United Nations have removed foreign staff temporarily. But on Friday, the European Union's head office said it would not withdraw its humanitarian aid workers despite the attacks. EU spokesman Diego Ojeda said the team of about 10 aid workers from the EU's humanitarian aid office would continue its work in Baghdad.

U.S. officials have variously blamed the violence on Saddam loyalists and Islamic extremists.

In Mosul, an association of

Sunni Muslim clerics urged Iraqis to shun contacts with Americans, saying their religion prohibited cooperation with occupation authorities.

"Beware of supporting the occupiers and know that contacting them, without a legitimate necessity, is sinful," the Association of Muslim Scholars in Iraq said in a statement read to worshippers at Friday prayers.

"We tell America that ... we will not accept its occupation," Sheikh Ibrahim al-Naama told worshippers. "It is not honorable for our country to be occupied and that a Muslim accepts this occupation. We are hopeful and are waiting for the day when the occupiers will leave our country."

American soldiers moved early Friday to seal off Uja, Saddam's birthplace, surrounding it with razor wire and setting up checkpoints. They ordered all adults to register for identity cards in the village about 95 miles north of the capital.

**ACT I's season opener a thriller**

By DIANA BRUNER  
 GUEST REVIEWER

There is no such thing as the perfect murder as you'll see in ACT I's season opening play, "Murder in Green Meadows," directed by Rochelle Lacy.

Outstanding stage construction sets the scene for what becomes the modern day home of Thomas and Joan Devereaux, skillfully played by Joshua Ellis and Michele Dabs.

Scene 1 opens with the audience getting to know Thomas and Joan and their new neighbors, Jeff and Carolyn Symons, performed by Tim Andorfer and Jo Scott. This talented cast meshes well together, however each cast member shines in his or her own right.

Ellis gives the finest performance of his ACT I career as the betrayed cold hearted husband bent on revenge. His fierce confessions to his cheating wife was extremely powerful and believable. Ellis' strong

performance was maintained throughout the play.

Dabbs' performance of the cheating, verbally abused wife was able to switch back and forth with every conceivable emotion. Her attention to small detail brings additional believability to her character. Her seduction of "Jeff" makes you want to hate her, but her loneliness makes you feel sorry for her. Dabbs had developed into a strong leading lady.

It is nice to see Andorfer back on stage. He gives yet another strong performance, this time as the friendly, helpful neighbor who would do anything for them, including dumping a body in the river. His relationship with "Joan" leads to a convincing demise. He has you laughing at his jokes and gasping at his death.

Scott was perfectly cast as the quiet grieving wife who finds the truth and gets the final revenge. Her performance at the end will surprise you as she

goes from meek to controlling to get what she wants from Thomas.

Stage Manager Berinda Turcotte's quick set changes keep the pace of the play moving. Kayla Pursley's timing with the lights and sound effects are right on cue and adds to the intrigue and suspense of the play. It's obvious that Lacy has a lot of stage experience by the skillful way she directed this play.

"The audience will find themselves sitting on the edge of their chairs and jumping with surprise and shock. "Murder in Green Meadows" is a perfect play for Halloween. After seeing this play, the cliché "This is the first day of the rest of your life," will never mean the same.

Bravo to this wonderfully talented cast, crew and director. "Murder in Green Meadows" runs at 7 p.m. nightly, Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 7, and 8, in the ACT I Theatre, behind the Pampa Mall.

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**COUNTY**

placed on the agenda for the next meeting, Nov. 14, at the forest service's request, Peet said.

Commissioners accepted a bid of \$151.50 for property located at 1014 E. Denver. The site is a vacant lot and is delinquent on the tax rolls. Estimated value is \$750, and back taxes owed are \$188. The bid was submitted by George Gilcrease.

Commissioners approved

payment of bills and salaries, and the treasurer's report of \$2,991,933.01 as of today.

County Treasurer Lee Cornelison was recognized for completing continuing education in connection with his county work.

Miscellaneous items discussed but not acted upon included the courthouse's air conditioning system, adult probation report, and a fire department report on service outside city limits.

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**GHOSTS**

John Logan is also said to return to the old Military Affairs Committee room, with the door to the room quietly opening and the general appearing, surrounded by a blue haze. In the 1930s workmen discovered a sealed-up room containing what many believed was Logan's stuffed horse.

Then there's the "killer bathtub," an ornate Italian marble tub that was one of several enjoyed by 19th century senators. Ulysses S. Grant's vice president, Henry Wilson, in 1875 fell asleep in the tub, was chilled by the cooling water and died of a stroke in his Senate office that night. Visitors to that office say they can catch a whiff of the scented soap used in the long-abandoned Senate bath.

Berard says the most famous Capitol apparition is the "Demon Cat," thought to date back to the early days when cats roamed the building to keep the rat population down. The cat, said to appear at times of national crisis, grows to enormous size before suddenly vanishing. Legend has it that one guard fired his gun at it, and another was so frightened he suffered a fatal heart attack.

Some claim that on the night a new president is sworn in the statues in Statuary Hall dismount for their own inaugural ball, and that Civil War foes Grant and Robert E. Lee have been seen meeting for a reconciliatory handshake. The one problem here, Berard noted, is that there are only six statues of women in the National Statuary Hall Collection to dance with 91 men.

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# Houston, Tucson, Kansas City to vote on light rail plans

By ARTHUR H. ROTSTEIN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — In a city where choked streets are the norm from early morning through the evening rush hour, many believe a light rail system could be the answer for frustrated commuters.

Voters here will decide Nov. 4 whether to approve two propositions that would put in place a new city transit plan to include a new 13-mile light rail system.

Tucson isn't alone in asking voters next month to pave the way to a better transit system. Voters in Houston and Kansas City, Mo., will decide whether to approve funding for plans that include bolstering or building a light rail system.

Currently, 19 U.S. cities operate light rail systems. Another 13 cities, including Phoenix, Ariz., are in some stage of developing light rail.

In Tucson, one proposition seeks to raise the city's sales tax to 2.3 percent from 2 percent and increase a construction sales tax to 6 percent from 2 percent. Estimates say the increases would raise \$1 billion over 20 years.

The other proposition outlines how the money would be spent. Besides rail, money would go toward an express bus feeder network tying into light-rail stations.

In Houston, voters are being asked to authorize \$640 million in revenue bonds to add 22 miles of track to a new 7.5-mile light rail system that will debut in January.

Houston Mayor Lee Brown rode a city bus on Thursday to promote the expansion proposal.

Bethanne Wenger, who was riding the bus to her job at the Texas Medical Center, said she takes three buses to reach work. She said she hopes transit improvements include more direct service to the medical complex.

"We are way behind compared to other cities," she told the Houston Chronicle for a story in Friday's editions. "I don't see how we can address our needs presently if we don't do some expansion."

Metro opponents would like to use the \$5.8 billion in planned rail expenditures for wider highways, arguing that light rail will not reduce traffic. But Brown disagreed with that argument at a Thursday rally at City Hall.

"Building more highways and roads cannot resolve the transportation problem we're faced with today," he said. "We must work now to prevent gridlock and poor air quality."

In Kansas City, one measure seeks a three-eighths of a cent hike to the half-cent transportation sales tax, which would generate about \$22 million a year for five years, to preserve more than a third of the city's bus routes. It also would improve other routes and add a dozen new ones.

A second measure calls for a half-cent transportation sales tax hike, producing an estimated \$360 million over 12 years, to build a light rail line, add 50 new electric and hybrid-electric buses, an electric streetcar line and a bus rapid transit system.

Stephen Farley, a spokesman for Citizens for a Sensible Transportation Solution, which brought the Tucson plan to the ballot, said varied modes of transportation are needed in this city of some 503,000 people, which has been growing at a rate of 3 percent a year.

"I don't think any reasonable person could imagine that we could continue to grow at that pace without offering any reasonable operations besides the car," Farley said.

Opponents say the package will be too burdensome for residents and too costly.

John Dougherty, governmental affairs director for the Tucson Chamber of Commerce, said that few people use city buses now.

"If you look at how the (ballot initiative) money is to be spent, a full 68 percent of the money will go to only 2.5 percent of the citizens" — those who use public transportation, Dougherty said.

The light rail system does seem to appeal to people who already use the city's bus service.

"One, the transportation is better. Two, it's more economical," said Ronald Drumbore, a maintenance worker.

## AMA young physicians descend on Capitol Hill, express malpractice concerns to lawmakers

Susan Redwine, M.D., an Oklahoma pediatrician, was among a group of young physicians gathering on Capitol Hill recently to inform Congressional leaders of issues currently facing the doctor community such as Medicare physician payment, Medicare coding and e-prescribing concerns.

The physicians organized a day-long "AMA Young Physician Section's" Capitol Hill Fly-In and Policy Briefing involving 11 physicians from across the nation.

"The single most important thing we can do is hammer home our message on the Hill," said AMA-YPS Governing Council Member-at-large Scot Glasberg, M.D., who headed the fly-in. "A consistent, perpetuating message needs to be sent. For example, if you look at medical liability reform, only where the point has been hammered home have we gotten meaningful reform."

Redwine was among the group joining Dr. Glasberg on the Hill.

The group staged an in-



(Courtesy photo)

Susan Redwine, far right, was among a group of physicians visiting Capitol Hill recently.

depth briefing prior to the fly-in with AMA director of Governmental Affairs Julius Hobson and learned about lobbying techniques the next morning during an early breakfast.

The doctors divided into groups of three and conducted 22 visits during which they explained their

three main objectives.

Redwine, while talking with Sen. James Inhofe's (R-Okla.) office, explained in detail the differences between Medicare payment and private insurance in her home state.

"I wanted to give them a practical example of how their constituents are affect-

ed by their votes," she said. "I wanted to give them a practical example of how their constituents are affected by their votes. I wanted to show them. This is real life Oklahoma. This is where you're from."

Redwine is the daughter of Sue and Raymond Thornton of Pampa.

## New Jersey casino parking garage collapses on workers

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Rescue workers gingerly searching through the wreckage of a partially collapsed casino parking garage found the body of a fourth victim early Friday in a crushed stairwell.

"We have him," said James Foley, task force leader of the New Jersey Urban Search and Rescue team. Because of the location and the danger of the unstable wreckage, it took several hours to get the body out.

Two other people were found dead Thursday, several hours after the top five floors of the new 10-story garage fell as construction workers were pouring concrete. Another died at a hospital, and 20 others were injured.

The cement slabs that had been the garage's top floors slopped precariously down as floodlights illuminated more than 150 search-and-rescue experts, engineers and firefighters cutting through concrete and pulled away rubble by hand through the night.

Workmen had been pouring concrete on the top floor of the structure when the floors collapsed about 10:40 a.m.

Workers rushed from the building, some carrying out their bloodied colleagues. Harold Simmons, 42, a pipe fitter, was on the second floor when he heard rumbling. About 300 to 400 workers were at the site, he said.

"It sounded like an earthquake. The whole building was shaking. You didn't know where to run. I tried to run to a staircase, but the staircase was

wiped out. I went to another staircase and that one was wiped out," Simmons said.

Portions of the building were still moving slightly for hours after the collapse, and authorities warned that a second collapse could occur at any time.

"It will be a long process," said Michael Schurman, deputy director of emergency management for Atlantic County. "It's a very unstable building."

The cause of the collapse was unknown, and the identities of the dead and injured were not immediately released.

Stacey Strasky, 40, said she had been outside the parking garage Sunday and heard popping and wailing coming from the building. She told a security guard, who said the building was only settling.

On Thursday, Strasky said her concerns should have been forwarded to someone with more authority.

"For in-house security to blow it off as being just the set-

ting of construction, that's not professional," she said. "I'm angry. There are human lives at stake here."

Gary Roskoski, area director for the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration, said investigators would examine blueprints for the building and the cure rate for the concrete used in its construction.

The general contractor of the garage is Keating Construction Corp., said Jennifer Monahan, a spokeswoman for the state

Division of Codes and Standards.

"This is a difficult time. Obviously, our first concern is the well-being of the people that are injured or missing," the company said in a statement.

The casino remained open Thursday, but a 10-block square area around it was closed to traffic, causing gridlock throughout the city. The new structure, including a parking garage and hotel expansion, was expected to be completed in 2004.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Apprehensive Wife Fears End of 35-Year Marriage

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 35 years. I worked for the first few years, but my husband, "Lou," was mean and beat me. He broke my arm, my shoulder, my jaw and a couple of ribs. Lou wouldn't let me have contact with friends or family because it took time away from him. He said he couldn't stand coming home to an empty house and that was why he cheated. Then Lou decided I could no longer work because he wanted me home when he got there.

So I gave up my job, stayed home and cleaned, cooked and raised our children. (They are now all grown and married.) I waited on Lou hand and foot. I felt more like a slave than a wife — but I loved him.

Well, now he has a girlfriend. He met her at the country club. We used to golf there together. She knew Lou was married but still asked him to come home with her and lured him into her bed.

Last week, Lou told me to get a job and credit cards, and learn to take care of myself. I want to die. He was my whole life. If a man steals your car or burglarizes your house, he goes to jail. Yet someone can steal your husband and walk away free. There ought to be a law to stop this kind of thievery.

SCARED OF A NEW LIFE IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR SCARED: I find it interesting that instead of aiming your anger at your husband where it belongs, you have directed it at his next victim. He was obviously doing a lot more than the usual amount of "swinging" at the golf club. If she marries him, he will do to her exactly what he has done to you.

Please recognize that the good Lord has blessed you with a chance for a better life. You have been handed the keys to your prison cell. You now have the opportunity to regain a relationship with the family from whom you were isolated and to build healthy, supportive friendships. Once you are back in the work force, you will regain your self-respect and dignity. Counseling can help in each of these areas, so please stop clinging to the past and avail yourself of it.

Consult a lawyer ASAP to make sure your husband cannot hide his assets, and find out what you are entitled to after 35 years of servitude. You may be pleasantly surprised.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Oscar" and I have been dating for more than two years. In the last few months, we've begun talking about eloping, but I have reservations because I have never been introduced to his parents, who live out of state.

Oscar's parents are not financially able to visit us, so last year, he arranged to have us visit his parents over the holidays. However, the plans mysteriously unraveled.

I have asked Oscar several times if there is something that he is afraid to tell me, but he insists that he is merely unconventional.

Am I right to be worried? Or am I just being paranoid?

FRUSTRATED IN MARYLAND

DEAR FRUSTRATED: You are right to be worried. When you marry someone, you also marry his or her family. Make no more commitments until you — and your family — have met Oscar's family. It appears that your "unconventional" boyfriend has something to hide.

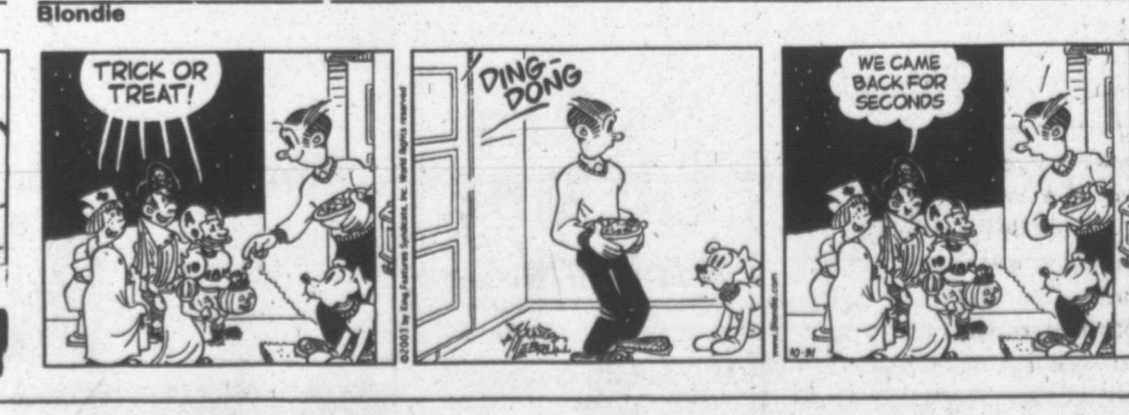
DEAR ABBY: I never thought I would ever write to you, but last night our son — who is engaged — came over and told us that his fiancée's parents are upset with us because we didn't pick up the check for a dinner they invited us to.

Were we wrong not to offer to pay for the dinner?

ELOISE IN NEWPORT, R.I.

DEAR ELOISE: There was obviously a miscommunication somewhere. Invite them to dinner, pick up the check, and in the future, offer to split the bill.

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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS
- 1 Prickly plants
  - 6 Eccentric
  - 11 Pale
  - 12 Detest
  - 13 Highland groups
  - 14 Get smart
  - 15 Farm jay
  - 16 Secreted
  - 18 Maiden name
  - 19 Brain scan, for short
  - 20 Ear: (Pref.)
  - 21 Needle-fish
  - 22 Lances
  - 24 Refuse
  - 25 New York neighbor
  - 27 Living room fixture
  - 29 Try to buy
  - 32 "What'd you say?"
  - 33 Peruvian coin
  - 34 Compete
  - 35 French season
  - 36 Look over
  - 37 "Lucky Man" group, initially
  - 38 Steamed
  - 40 Poor student
- DOWN
- 1 Hides
  - 2 Dozing
  - 3 Attitude reversal
  - 4 Decimal base
  - 5 Briefly
  - 6 Findable fellow in kids' books
  - 7 Honest
  - 8 Case relocation
  - 9 From Seoul, e.g.
  - 10 Cantankerous
  - 17 Maternity ward
  - 23 Literary collection
  - 24 Performed
  - 26 Irritated
  - 27 Speed skater
  - 28 Beat at the track
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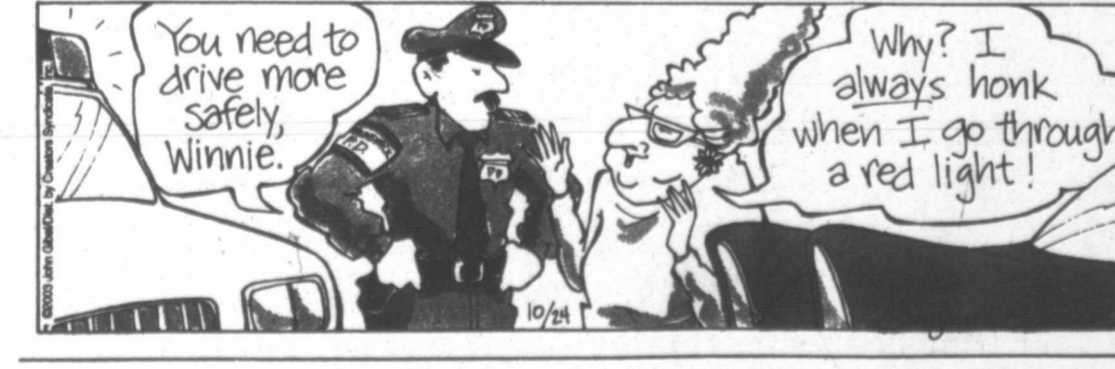
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# SPORTS

## Athletes testify before grand jury probing THG, lab

By **ROB GLOSTER**  
AP Sports Writer

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Two U.S. track and field champions were among the first group of athletes to appear on the 17th floor of the federal courthouse, which has turned into a meeting place for some of the nation's top sports stars.

Shot putter Kevin Toth and 1,500-meter runner Regina Jacobs were among four track and field athletes testifying Thursday before a grand jury probing a California lab that supplies some top athletes with nutritional supplements. The grand jury eventually expects to hear from baseball players such as Barry Bonds and Jason Giambi, several NFL players and boxer Shane Mosley.

Jacobs and Toth have been customers of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, or BALCO, which is the target of the probe. Both also have tested positive for the new designer steroid THG that has been linked to BALCO.

"Regina was here. She did nothing wrong," attorney Douglas Schwartz said after Jacobs had completed her

afternoon testimony. "I really feel sorry for these athletes, because they've really become the victims here."

An appearance before the grand jury, or being subpoenaed to testify, does not imply any of the athletes is a target of the probe. Federal officials have refused to discuss the scope of the grand jury or its secret proceedings.

But a source familiar with Thursday's daylong proceeding said the athletes were asked whether they had taken THG or the endurance-boosting hormone EPO.

The source, who requested anonymity, said the athletes were asked whether they had obtained THG or EPO from BALCO. An attorney for Victor Conte, BALCO's founder, has said his client is the target of the grand jury probe and is innocent of any wrongdoing.

The source also said the athletes were asked whether they had knowingly purchased steroids from BALCO, or whether they thought they were buying legal nutritional supplements.

"Did you meet Conte?" the source said the athletes were asked. "Did he

tell you to be quiet?"

Jacobs and Toth were among four U.S. athletes who tested positive for THG at the U.S. track and field championships in June at Stanford, according to another source close to the investigation who spoke to The Associated Press on Thursday on condition of anonymity.

Jacobs and Schwartz refused to comment Thursday when asked outside the grand jury room whether she had tested positive for THG at that meet. Jacobs, 40, won her 12th national outdoor title in the 1,500 at Stanford.

Toth, who has the longest throw in the world this year, and won his first national title in June, would not comment after his grand jury appearance.

BALCO was raided by the Internal Revenue Service and local drug agents in September. Conte also has been accused by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency of supplying athletes with the designer steroid tetrahydrogestrinone, or THG.

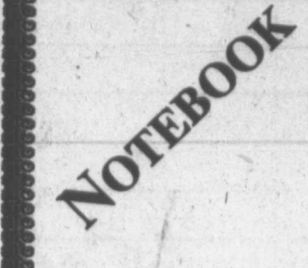
Conte also was fingered by British sprinter Dwain Chambers, who admits he tested positive for THG during an out-of-competition test Aug. 1 in

Germany. Chambers said through an attorney that he was assured by Conte the supplements he was given were within international rules.

Authorities in track and field, and other sports, have begun retesting samples for THG since the discovery of the previously undetectable steroid. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday declared THG an illegal drug. EPO, or erythropoietin, boosts endurance by stimulating the production of oxygen-carrying red blood cells in the body. A banned substance, EPO is considered among the most abused drugs in sports.

Meanwhile, the United States could lose its 4,600-meter relay gold medal from this summer's world track and field championships due to a second drug violation by Calvin Harrison, the sport's top anti-doping official said Thursday.

Harrison tested positive for the stimulant modafinil at the U.S. track championships in June. In 1993, Harrison tested positive for the stimulant pseudoephedrine at the U.S. junior indoor championships and was suspended for three months.



**PHS TENNIS**  
Pampa High School's tennis teams are looking for the chance to take part in the state team tennis tournament in Austin.

The Harvesters' tennis crew will meet Palo Duro's on Saturday morning in Wichita Falls for the Region 1-4A tournament.

PHS shares the District 3-4A tennis champion title with Palo Duro.

**PHS FOOTBALL**  
Pampa Harvesters' varsity football team won't be playing tonight. They'll be back on the field against Caprock for their final district match in Amarillo at 6:30 p.m., next Friday, Nov. 7.

The Harvesters are presently second in District 3-4A, one game behind district leaders, the Palo Duro Dons. The Dons assured a play-off berth Thursday night after winning 20-18 over Randall.

**BASEBALL**  
**CHICAGO (AP)** — Frank Thomas is staying with the Chicago White Sox. Thomas said he will exercise a \$6 million contract option for next season rather than test the free agent market for a second straight year. Chicago second baseman Roberto Alomar filed for free agency.

**SEATTLE (AP)** — The Seattle Mariners hired Paul Molitor as batting coach, agreeing to a one-year contract.

**BASKETBALL**  
**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Forward Elton Brand sustained a hairline fracture in his right foot during the Los Angeles Clippers' season-opening loss to Seattle in Japan.

He is expected to be out four to six weeks, the team said.

**FOOTBALL**  
**CINCINNATI (AP)** — Bengals receiver Chad Johnson was fined \$5,000 for his throat-slash gesture that drew a 15-yard penalty on Sunday.

**TENNIS**  
**PARIS (AP)** — Andy Roddick will move up to No. 1 after reaching the Paris Masters quarterfinals while top-ranked Juan Carlos Ferrero lost. Roddick beat 16th-seeded Tommy Robredo 6-3, 6-4 to assure that he will move up from his current career-best ranking of No. 2. Ferrero was upset by Jiri Novak 7-5, 7-5.

**HOCKEY**  
**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — The Los Angeles Kings suspended rookie defenseman Joe Corvo for three games after he pleaded guilty to assault and battery charges earlier this week. Corvo received a three-year suspended sentence Monday after pleading guilty in Boston to assaulting a woman in a restaurant last year. He also was ordered to complete counseling and perform community service.

**VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP)** — The Columbus Blue Jackets traded forward Sean Pronger to the Vancouver

## Rockets 102, Nuggets 85

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Houston's first regular-season victory at Toyota Center wasn't enough to impress new Rockets coach Jeff Van Gundy.

A pregame fireworks display and two mini-concerts set the tone for the game, and Cuttino Mobley scored 21 points to lead the Rockets to a 102-85 victory over the Denver Nuggets on Thursday night at the team's new downtown arena.

"As you can tell, I'm happy with the win," Van Gundy said solemnly. "But I also know what can get you beat. You can't accept in victory what you wouldn't accept in defeat."

While the Rockets settled into their new home court, Van Gundy pointed out a lot of improvement is still needed.

"I think we made some good effort plays, but the goal is to win," Van Gundy said. "We made a lot of mistakes. I'm looking forward to getting on the practice court tomorrow to correct those mistakes."

A sellout crowd of 18,189 was more excited than Van Gundy about the Rockets' win.

"It was great," guard Steve Francis said. "It will be something you never forget. Twenty to 25 years from now, you can say you were a member of the team

that won the first game here.

"The crowd was great. When they started coming back, the crowd picked up loudly. I thought it really helped us.

Leading 48-42 at halftime, the Rockets started the third quarter with a 13-5 run that made it 61-47 with 7:28 left in the period. Houston was up 72-60 at the start of the fourth.

The Nuggets couldn't keep pace with the Rockets, who had all five starters plus sixth man Maurice Taylor in double figures.

"You are not going to win games with 23 turnovers, and they were really bad turnovers," Nuggets coach Jeff Bzdelick said. "We haven't been rebounding the ball well and our wings are not running hard enough."

Yao Ming scored 17 points in 20 minutes. Francis finished with 17 points, and Kelvin Cato, Jim Jackson and Taylor each scored 10.

Andre Miller led the Nuggets with 19 points and rookie Carmelo Anthony added 18, shooting 4-of-15 from the field.

"We just have to let the game come to us and run our motion offense in the flow of the game," Miller said. "Carmelo is a big part of the team, but it is going to take everyone contributing for us to win."

## Hidden Hills Seniors Team results

- 1st: Bill Hammer, B.F. Dorman, Travis Johnston, Charles Terrell, Butch Shepherd - 300
  - 2nd: Travis Taylor, Ron Barnell, Waldon Haynes, Richard Abbott - 320
  - 3rd: Jim Cantrell, Billie MacMillican, Callen George, Lucio Moreno, Buddy Briley - 325
  - 4th: Gerry McCabe, Bob Young, Joe Mabry, Wayne Jones - 329
- Closest to Pin #6 - Jerry South  
Closest to Pin #15 - Bob Henderson

## PMS teams wipe out Borger

Following are the results from the Pampa Middle School football game against Borger.

8th Grade	Pampa A - 16 Borger A - 6
Darren Parker scored on a 5-yard run and Thomas Fraser ran in the extra point. Fraser scored on a 4-yard run and Sergio Salazar caught a pass from John Luke Covalt for the extra point. Record: 3-2-1	
Pampa A - 6 Borger A - 6	Pampa B - 12 Borger B - 0
Jad McGuire scored on a 5-yard run. Enrique Marquez kicked the extra point. Martinez scored on a 57-yard run and McGuire ran in the extra point. Marquez scored on a 42-yard run and Marquez kicked the extra point. Scott Brown scored on a 1-yard run. Marquez scored on a 25-yard run. Record: 3-3 Last game will be Plainview at Pampa - B	Darren Parker scored on a 5-yard run and Thomas Fraser ran in the extra point. Fraser scored on a 4-yard run and Sergio Salazar caught a pass from John Luke Covalt for the extra point. Record: 3-2-1 Coleby West caught a 16-yard pass from Heath Skinner. Jeremy Busse scored on a 4-yard run. Record: 5-1 Last game will be Pampa at Plainview - B team at 4 p.m. and A team at 5:30 p.m.

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## Internet tax issue causes quandary

WASHINGTON (AP) — A moratorium on taxing Internet services expires Saturday, and a push to extend it is bogged down by concerns that making the ban permanent would curb the ability of state and local governments to collect traditional telecommunication taxes.

For some, a bigger problem is the federal government imposing its will on states.

"This is the federal government telling state and local governments that they no longer have control over their revenue sources," said David Quam, director of state-federal relations at the National Governors Association.

But most of the ban's biggest proponents say they don't worry about the temporary law expiring, since the short-term ban has lapsed in the past without a surge in taxation.

Federal law has blocked state and local governments from taxing services that allow people to connect to the Internet since 1998. Its backers say it helps make the Internet available to nearly everyone.

"The Internet is an incredible resource and should be available for the lowest cost possible so everyone has access," said Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont.

In the five years the ban has been in effect, technology raced ahead of the law. Problems erupted this year when lawmakers tried to make sure that new and faster connections, such as DSL, cable and satellite, remain tax-free.

The House passed a bill in September to make the temporary ban permanent, and to make sure new technologies to access the Internet stay tax-free. But the language covering new technologies worried state and local governments, who feared courts might decide that it blocked their ability to tax traditional telecommunications if the services were delivered over the Internet.

The bill then stalled in the Senate, where a handful of senators stopped it from proceeding to debate. Those senators yielded Thursday night and agreed to let the Senate debate the bill next week.

# Congress nears approval on forest plan

By H. JOSEF HEBERT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is on the verge of ushering in a broad new land management plan aimed at reducing the threat of wildfires in the nation's forests by allowing for increased thinning of dead trees and underbrush.

The forest plan was approved by the Senate late Thursday, 80-14, as Democrats joined Republicans in support of a program they said was clearly needed after years of devastating wildfires across the West. The dry underbrush and dead trees have turned some forests into tinderboxes, they said.

In the House, meanwhile, lawmakers on Thursday approved, 216-205, a record \$2.9 billion spending plan for forest firefighting and fire protection. The Senate will take up the measure next week. The money includes \$800 million in direct firefighting money, 60 percent more than the current budget.

The deadly fires that this week have blackened 730,000 acres in southern California, destroying 2,600 homes, added new momentum to the forest management legisla-

tion, a modified version of President Bush's "healthy forests" initiative that until recently had been stalled in the Senate.

"There is a tremendous lesson in these fires, that the land has to be managed," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., who co-sponsored the compromise bill.

Bush said he hoped the Senate and House could work out their differences quickly and give him a bill to sign into law. The administration has expressed support for both the House and Senate versions, calling them a recipe for healthier forests.

But some Senate Democrats predicted negotiations with the House were likely to be difficult.

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., a strong supporter of the Senate-passed bill, said there were "huge differences" between what the Senate approved and the legislation passed by the House in May.

The Senate bill would limit thinning activities to 20 million at-risk acres and require that half of the \$760 million authorized for the program be used in forests near populated areas. The rest would be used in high-risk forests, watersheds, endangered species

habitat or forests with insect infestation.

The House bill would cover 35 million acres and provides no government funds or priorities for where, the thinning should be conducted, including old-growth and roadless forests. While the Senate specifically included provisions to protect large, old-growth trees, the House has no such safeguards.

Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Calif., chairman of the Resources Committee that crafted the House-passed bill, welcomed Thursday's Senate action. But he added that "we still have work to do" in crafting a final bill, suggesting that the battle was far from over.

The Senate and House bills would allow forest thinning without environmental reviews and limit the ability of opponents to challenge the

cutting plans in court. The Senate bill would require court challenges to be filed within 15 days. It also would impose a 45-day limit on a judge's ability to temporarily block a project.

Environmentalists have accused lawmakers of using the Western wildfires to open federal forests to new logging, including cutting mature trees. But they also acknowledge that if a bill is to become law, they prefer the Senate measure.

"We don't want to step one sawtooth toward the House bill, or the forests will really be in trouble," said Jay Watson, director of wild lands and fire programs for the Wilderness Society in California.

Supporters of the bill rejected the environmentalists' criticism.

"For those who have been so worried that we're going to log the forests to death, they have watched them burn to death," said Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M. "It's high time we fix it."

"This finally opens the door to significant land management reforms," said Domenici, whose states also has seen a string of damaging wildfires.

Added Wyden: "Even with respect to the amount of acreage to be thinned, it is a fraction of the work necessary in high risk areas."

A proposal to limit the program to five years, offered by Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, was defeated, 61-31. Domenici said the job of improving forest health to significantly reduce the threat of wildfires could take 15 years or more.

## Census: Blacks settling in South at record pace

WASHINGTON (AP) — A strong economy and vastly improved race relations are luring record numbers of black Americans to the South, a region that many deserted early in the 20th century.

More than 680,000 blacks 5 and older moved to the South from another region between 1995 and 2000, outnumbering the 333,000 who moved away by a better than 2-to-1 margin, according to a Census Bureau report released Thursday.

The report found no other region of the country had an increase in black migration, a reverse of the trend seen in the first half of the century, when many blacks left the South for the industrial Northeast and Midwest.

"Many blacks left not only because of economic opportunities but because of the political and social constraints of segregation," said Charles Ross, historian and interim director of the African-American Studies program at the University of Mississippi. "Those things have changed dramatically in the South."

Migration from the South rose through the early decades of the 20th century, as tens of thousands of blacks left to escape segregationist Jim Crow laws and a poor economy. That led to a rise in black populations in Northeastern and Midwestern cities, where blacks came for jobs in steel mills,

automobile factories and other industrial plants.

That movement north slowed as job opportunities dwindled and racial tensions rose in northern cities in the 1960s and 1970s, Ross said.

A return of blacks to the South was first documented by the Census Bureau between 1975 and 1980, when 100,000 more blacks moved in than moved out. The trend continued between 1985 and 1990, when there was a net increase of 200,000; the net increase was nearly 347,000 between 1995 and 2000.

Blacks who move to the South tend to be more educated than those who never left the region. Migrants to the South also tend to be slightly older than those who left the region, indicating some may have returned after leaving earlier in their lives, the Census Bureau said.

Older blacks who moved to the Northeast or Midwest in the mid- to late 20th century may be returning to the South to open their own businesses and connect with family roots, said William Spriggs, executive director of the National Urban League's Institute for Opportunity and Equality.

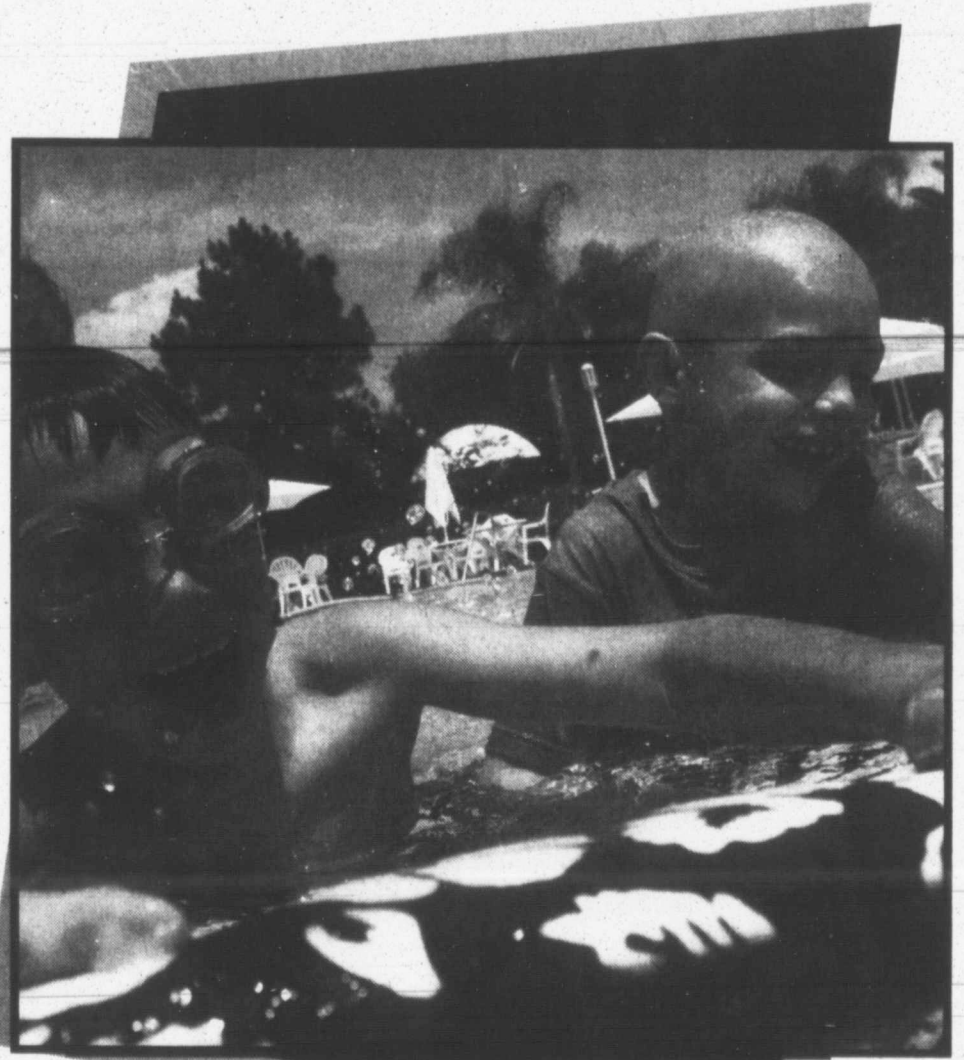
"Most of these African-Americans came from the South," Spriggs said. "The politics of the South have changed enough so that these new business operations can get contracting opportunities."

## Award-winning picture



(Courtesy photo)

Local artist Grant Johnson took Best of Show and Artist's Choice Award at the Best of the Southwest Fall Art Competition recently. The show was sponsored through Amarillo Fine Arts Association and saw over 300 entries shown and judged at the Panhandle Art Center in Amarillo. Above: Johnson and wife, Kelly.



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