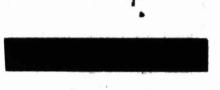


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Lawsuit subject of closed meeting

By MARILYN POWERS STAFF WRITER

County morning's Richard Peet following the session. in this Commissioners Court meeting.

session to hear the report on concerns port disbursement was renewed by by an individual who had filed a com- commissioners. In the contract, the tract was changed. plaint about their dissatisfaction attorney general's office reimburses

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RR crossing to close Nov. 3-7 for repairs

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.

Commissioners went into executive general's office concerning child sup-

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

Saddam Hussein clashed with great." U.S. troops and tanks Friday after the Americans tried to 1st Lt. Joseph Harrison, said clear market stalls from someone tossed a grenade at Baghdad's outskirts. Two soldiers in the marketplace, civilians were killed, and hos- wounding two Americans. pital officials said 17 were About the same time, mortars wounded. Two soldiers also hit a police station near the were wounded, the U.S. mili- market. The Americans said tary said.

Farther west, in the flash- ing a mortar tube. point city of Fallujah, a powerful explosion and fire struck hundreds of Iraqis emerged the office of the mayor, who from nearby mosques after has cooperated with the Friday prayers, gunfire erupt-Americans. In northern Iraq, ed as U.S. armored vehicles meanwhile, U.S. troops sealed moved into the area. Ten off Saddam's birthplace and explosions and machine gun-

ABU GHRAIB, Iraq (AP) ablaze. Protesters shouted, - Iraqis waving pictures of "Allahu akbar," or "God is

collection.

A U.S.-officer at the scene, they arrested two Iragis carry-

Three hours later, when began issuing identity cards to fire were heard, and U.S. heli-

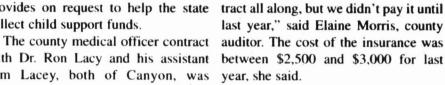
The bodies of two Iraqis -

"God damn America!"

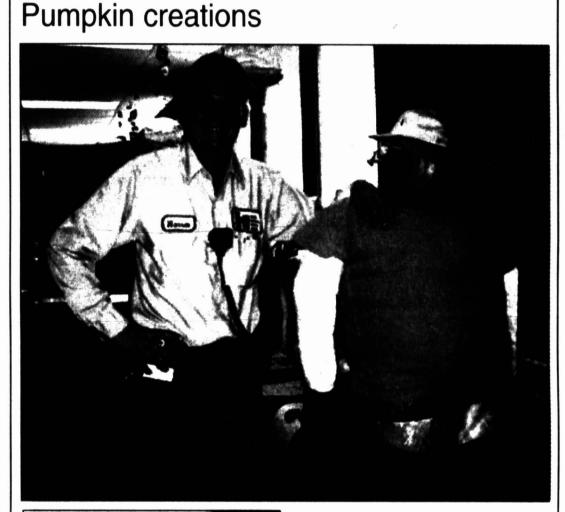
ed to the county attorney's office for provides on request to help the state tract all along, but we didn't pay it until collect child support funds.

Alvey reported that he had complet-County Attorney Todd Alvey report- ed work on the case to the individual's with Dr. Ron Lacy and his assistant between \$2,500 and \$3,000 for last ed on potential litigation against Gray satisfaction, said Gray County Judge Tim Lacey, both of Canyon, was year, she said. renewed after discussion. The doctor A contract with the state attorney and assistant did not request any agreement with the U.S. Forest Service increase in their fees charged to the was on the agenda, but Judge Peet said county, and no other part of the con- the forest service representatives had

regarding a hot check they had present- the county for information the county practice insurance. It was in their con-



A proposed challenge cost share called him and said they could not be at "They did make us pay their mal- today's meeting. The item will be (See COUNTY, Page 3)





(Pampa News photos by Dee Dee Laramore) Warren Kayler, Pampa Regional Medical Center's maintenance employee, with poses Mr. McKracken, the maintenance department's submission for the hospital's

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residents to determine who copters hovered overhead. can move in and out of the village. identified by friends and fami-

The insurgency against the ly as Mohammed Auweid, 45, U.S.-led occupation has and Hamid Abdullah, 41 sharply escalated in recent were carried from the area. days.

Iraqis said the clash at Abu shouted friend Ali Hussein, Ghraib, a western suburb of who said the men were innothe capital, erupted when U.S. cent passers-by. He said the troops tried to clear market Americans fired indiscrimistalls from a main road, nately when Iraqis began Youths threw stones at troops_{ab} throwing stones at them. and Iraqi police, and set tires

(See CLASH, Page 3)

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.

180-foot-high iron dome creaking in and broader imaginations might also hear. behind the 850 doorways, the footsteps of the stricken John Quincy of the nation's legislative center. Adams or the assassinated James Garfield.

bringing in.

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

urder, curses and demon cats. Statues descending from their pedestals for mid-Inight minuets. There are scarier things than lawmaking going on inside the U.S. Capitol.

Walk through the Rotunda late at Jim Berard, Democratic communicanight and the only sound might be the tions director for the House Transportation Committee. Berard the cool air. But those with sharper ears compiled some of the more famous ghost stories in his recently published "The Capitol Inside & Out," a history

1808 when construction superintend-There was plenty of noise Thursday, ent John Lenthall disagreed with archias authorities closed down the House tect B. Henry Latrobe over the vaulting after guards saw what they thought was in the room now known as the Old a firearm on a security camera at a Supreme Court Chamber. When Capitol office building across the Lenthall tried to remove braces from street. It turned out to be a toy, part of the vaults, the ceiling collapsed and a Halloween costume an employee was crushed him. In his last breath, legend goes, Lenthall put a curse on the build-

had a stroke on the House floor, now against the Mexican War. He died two feuding. days later in a room off the floor, and his speech.

former House member who was shot his revenge by tripping up reporters on just four months into his presidency the stairs. and died two months later, and his seeker Charles Guiteau.

Pierre Charles L'Enfant, who died Rotunda. Civil War general and senator Tragedy struck again in 1848 when 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 haunted buildings in Washington, says John Quincy Adams, who was elected home, a pounding gavel has been heard to the House after serving as president, in the house chamber, as Speaker "Uncle Joe" Cannon and his 1911 suc-Statuary Hall, while giving a speech cessor, Champ Clark, continue their

Disbelieving reporters might avoid Capitol workers have since reported a House hallway where in 1890 jourhearing Adams' footsteps, or the nalist Charles Kincaid shot and killed The building got off to a bad start in specter of the old man trying to finish Kentucky congressman William Taulbee after an argument. The legend Among other spirits spotted in is that black spots on the stairway are Capitol hallways are James Garfield, a Taulbee's blood, and that Taulbee gets

> The spirit of the doughboy who lay hanged assassin, disgruntled office in state in the Rotunda in 1921 as the Unknown Soldier from World War I is Washington's famed city planner, said to return when others lie in the (See GHOSTS, Page 3)

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POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Wednesday, Oct. 29

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart. Value of gas stolen was \$15. Theft of prescription medication was reported in the 1100 block of Frost. Estimated loss was \$36.

Thursday, Oct. 30

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1800 block of North Nelson. A window was broken to gain entry, and a coin purse and contents was taken. Estimated damage and loss was \$285.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1900 block of North Wells. A driver's side window was broken to gain entry. It is unknown if anything was stolen from the vehicle. Estimated damage was \$250.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1900 block of North Zimmers. A passenger window was broken to gain entry. A wallet was taken. Estimated loss was \$50.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 600 block of North Wells. A window was broken out to gain entry. Taken was a purse and its contents. Estimated loss was \$285.

A window was broken out of a vehicle in the 1300 block of Somerville. A suspect was reported. Estimated damage was \$1,000.

Hasting's, 1205 N. Hobart, reported a robbery. Amount of loss is unknown.

Assault was reported in the 1200 block of Darby. A juvenile sustained minor injury from the alleged assault.

Friday, Oct. 31

Franklin Roosevelt Angton, 70, 204 W. Tuke, was arrested for no driver's license, no insurance, and failure to appear.

SHERIFF

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

Thursday, Oct. 30 Craig Reed, 33, Brownfield, was arrested

on a bond surrender concerning a charge of assault causing bodily injury. James Tripplett, 37, Leander, was arrested on a civil motion to enforce child support.

AMBULANCE

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

Thursday, Oct. 30

3:56 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Oklahoma and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

7:23 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of North West. No transport.

Friday, Oct. 31 5:19 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period

ending at 7 a.m., today. Thursday, Oct. 30

4:07 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a lifting assist in the 400 block of Oklahoma.

9:50 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a small grass fire approximate ly 10 miles south east of Pampa Approximately three acres were burned Cause of the fire is unknown.

ACCIDENTS Pampa Police Department today reported

the following motor vehicle accidents. Wednesday, Oct. 29

2:56 p.m. - A 1991 Oldsmobile Calais driven by Heath Alan Keeton, 21, 720 N Zimmers, collided with a 1996 Toyota Corolla driven by Doris Wilson Rice, 71 1600 W. 22nd, in the 100 block of North Cuyler. Keeton was cited for unsafe backing.

Thursday, Oct. 30

3:12 p.m. - A 1999 Chevrolet Silverado, owned by Deborah Tryon Laramore, 401 Red Deer, was legally parked in the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway when it was involved in a hit-and-run.

OBITUARIES SERVICES TOMORROW

FUGATE, Floy Nona — Graveside services, 10:30 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

FLOY NONA FUGATE 1929-2003

Floy Nona Fugate, 74, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2003, at Panhandle. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 1, 2003, at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Fugate was born Sept. 29, 1929, at Electra. She moved to Pampa in 1939. She married William Eugene Fugate in 1950; he died in 1995.

Survivors include two daughters, Ann Nolte and husband Ted of Lefors and Twilla Johnson and husband Matthew of Oklahoma City, Okla.; a son, Marvin Fugate of Austin; a brother, Maurice Newton and wife Patsy of Ingram, Texas; eight grandchildren; and several greatgrandchildren.

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

She was an LVN for many years and a Baptist.

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oudy skies, highs in the upper 50s and ly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of show- munity Center. Free Admisnortheast winds 10 to 15 mph. Tonight should fall on cloudy skies with occasional drizzle and patchy fog after midnight, lows in the mid 40s and southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Saturday should see mostly cloudy skies with occasional drizzle then partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers in the afternoon. Patchy fog in the morning. Breezy. Highs in the lower to mid 60s. Southeast winds 15 to 25 mph. Chance of showers 20 percent. Saturday night, mostly cloudy with a 20 per- mid 40s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in cent chance of showers. Lows in the lower the mid 60s.

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receive an award from the Boy

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Boy Scout Troop 158 in

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

By The Associated Press A cool front dipped into

¬ northern sections of Texas early Friday, with gusty winds and unseasonably dry weather expected to greet trick-ortreaters on Halloween.

The front stretched along a line from Plainview through Wichita Falls and into southern Oklahoma.

Temperatures ahead of the system were warm for Halloween, with readings in the mid-60s to the lower 70s.

Clouds will cover the state for most of the day, and parts

Statewide

of southern and eastern Texas could see some showers. Wichita Falls was the hot

spot Thursday with a high of 91 degrees. Marfa recorded the statewide low of 43 degrees overnight.

The West Texas forecast calls for partly cloudy skies through early Saturday with highs in the 50s and 60s and lows in the upper 30s to 40s. There is a slight chance for rain showers Saturday afternoon and Sunday in the Panhandle and the Permian Basin.

cloudiness and some isolated rain showers with highs in the 80s and lows in the 60s and 70s. East Texas and the Coast

South Texas can expect

should be mostly cloudy and breezy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs should be in the low to mid 80s with winds increasing throughout the day. Warm, humid weather is

expected in North Texas on Friday and Saturday, with highs in the 80s and partly to mostly cloudy skies.

Author gets eight-year prison sentence

BRYAN, Texas (AP) - The author of a best- City on suspicion of drunken driving. selling book about former Texas A&M football coach Bear Bryant's demanding 1954 training camp has been sentenced to eight years in prison for a probation violation.

Jim Dent, author of "The Junction Boys," was sentenced Thursday under a plea agreement with prosecutors. He could have faced up to 10 years in prison.

Dent, who was accused of violating his probation for a drunken-driving conviction, was at large for about a year before he was caught in Las Vegas in June.

"I've done some bad things, and pride has gotten in the way in past years," he told state District Judge Rick Davis, vowing not to drink alcohol again. "I plan to get straightened out." Dent was arrested in Brazos County for fclony drunken driving in 1999 and was sentenced in 2002 to 10 years probation. He served 40 days of the probation sentence in jail. The day after his release, he was pulled over in Oklahoma

Dent failed to make his court appearance and did not report the arrest to his probation officers. Police caught up with him months later in Arkansas, after Texas authorities issued a warrant for his arrest. He fled again after an Arkansas

judge reduced his bail from \$1 million to \$5,000. Las Vegas authorities finally arrested Dent on June 12 after the author again was pulled over on

suspicion of drunken driving. "It's a sad situation," his attorney, Jim James,

told the Bryan-College Station Eagle for a story in Friday's editions. "Jim is a very bright man, a very talented man, and I think he has recognized his problem."

"The Junction Boys" chronicled the experience of more than 100 football players who traveled in 1954 to the West Texas town of Junction with Bryant for late-summer training away from campus distractions. When camp ended 10 days later, fewer than three dozen remained to wear the Aggies' jerseys.

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Gen. Franks returns to hometown award

MIDLAND (AP) — The thrifty, brave, clean and reverfour-star general who led milient," Franks said, referring to the Boy Scout Law. "And if tary action in Iraq and Afghanistan has returned to his not, I believe we ought to." West Texas hometown to

Franks said some of his darkest days, and the nation's saddest days, came from not following the scout motto of "be prepared," The Midland Reporter-Telegram reported in Friday's editions.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, an Eagle scout and former assistant scout master, joined Franks in Midland for the award presentation. The governor spoke highly of the scouting volunteers in attendance, then singled out the children in tan uniforms.

"That's why I'm here. General, you're second," Perry quipped. "The first reason I'm here is for those boys and girls who represent nothing less than our future.'

Franks joined the Army in 1967 as a second lieutenant from the Artillery Officer Candidate School in Fort Sill, Okla.

He served in the Vietnam War, where he was wounded three times. He served in the Gulf War and most recently headed the U.S. Central Command, where he was in charge of U.S. military operations in 25 countries, including the ongoing war in Iraq.

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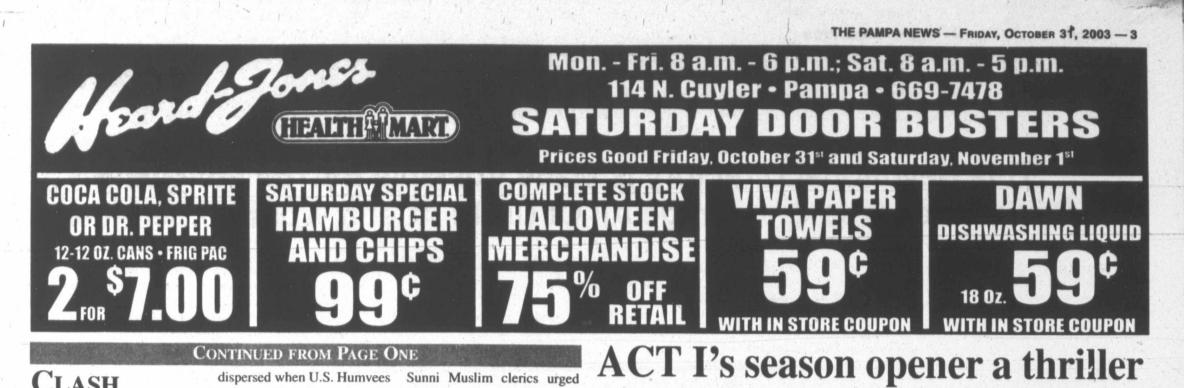
bathtub," ar marble tub t several enjoy tury senato Grant's vice Wilson, in 18 the tub, was cooling wate stroke in hi that night. office say th whiff of the used in the

Senate bath.



Retired Army Gen. Tommy Franks received the 2003 Distinguished Citizen award on Thursday from the Boy

Nov. 14.



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 Cross and the United Nations smoke billowed from the mayor's office.

Afterward, residents shout-⊥ed 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.

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 Iragis who died in a series of vehicle bombings in Baghdad on Monday.

The international Red 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 various-Later, residents angered by ly 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," Sheik 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.

By DIANA BRUNER

GUEST REVIEWER

perfect murder as you'll see in ACT I's season opening play, "Murder in Green Meadows," directed by Rochelle Lacy. Outstanding stage construc-

tion sets the scene for what becomes the modern day home Joshuah Ellis and Michelé a strong leading lady. Dabs.

or her own right. ...

formance of his ACT I career as death. the betrayed cold hearted hus-

performance was maintained throughout the play.

Dabbs' performance of the There is no such thing as 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 want to hate her, but her loneli-

It is nice to see Andorfer He has you laughing at his mean the same. Ellis gives the finest per- jokes and gasping at his

Scot was perfectly cast as ful and believable. Ellis' strong the end will surprise you as she Pampa Mall.

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 seduction of "Jeff" makes you adds to the intrigue and suspense of the play. It's obvious of Thomas and Joan ness makes you feel sorry for that Lacy has a lot of stage Devereaux, skillfully played by her. Dabbs had developed into experience by the skillful way she directed this play.

The audience will find Scene I opens with the audi- back on stage. He gives yet themselves sitting on the edge ence getting to know Thomas another strong performance, of their chairs and jumping and Joan and their new neigh- this time as the friendly, help- with surprise and shock. bors, Jeff and Carolyn Symons, ful neighbor who would do "Murder in Green Meadows" is performed by Tim Andorfer anything for them, including a perfect play for Halloween. and Jo Scott. This talented cast dumping a body in the river. After seeing this play, the meshes well together, however His relationship with "Joan" cliché "This is the first day of each cast member shines in his leads to a convincing demise. the rest of your life," will never

Bravo to this wonderfully talented cast, crew and director.

"Murder in Green band bent on revenge. His the quiet grieving wife who Meadows" runs at 7 p.m. nightfierce confessions to his cheat-finds the truth and gets the final ly, Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 7, and 8, in ing wife was extremely power- revenge. Her performance at the ACT I Theatre, behind the

EEKEND SATURDAY **&** SUNDAY

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COUNTY

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

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 included the courthouse's air back taxes owed are \$188. The bid was submitted by George Gilcrease.

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

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

Miscellaneous items discussed but not acted upon conditioning system, adult

probation report, and a fire

department report on service Commissioners approved 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 Statuary Hall Collection to 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 dance with 91 men.

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Religious conventions hot commodity for Charlotte, N.C., other mid-size cities

By TIM WHITMIRE ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) match made in conventioneering heaven.

The church's biennial General Assembly, which ended last week, brought an estimated 7,000 people to fill tables at the city's restaurants and beds at its hotels. Conventioneers, meanwhile, got to spend five gorgeous fall days in a clean, affordable **Bible Belt city.**

It's very hospitable," the Rev. David James, pastor at First five-day meeting.

denominations feel the same Church youth conference is

Religion in Brief

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Briarwood Fall Festival set for Halloween

Briarwood Full Gospel Church, 1800 W. Harvester, will host its sixth annual Fall Festival from 6-9 p.m., Friday, Oct. 31.

Various game booths are planned in addition to crafts, a black light puppet show, a cake walk and a hay ride. A silent auction for home-baked goods will be staged for the adults who may also register to win a variety of door prizes.

Preschoolers will have their own area with games and a giant maze in which to play.

Admission will be \$1.50 per person, and children under 5 get in free. Pictures, concessions and the "jail" are not included in the admission fee. For more information, contact the church at 665-7201.

Baptist Women set World Day of Prayer

On Monday, Nov. 3, Baptist women around the world plan to join for the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer.

Central Baptist Church of Pampa, Starkweather and Browning, is the site for Pampa and the area this year for this gathering of women coming to gether to learn about the needs of and pray for women on each continent.

was the fourth major religious ple to town. group to meet here in 2003. "Charlotte has a warm,

They've been a boon to Southern hospitality, it just - The Christian Church and Charlotte, one of several "sec- lends itself to the religious sec- those amenities of the first-tier the city of Charlotte were a ond-tier" destinations that tor," said Molly Hedrick, a cities, yet we are small enough have come to rely on religious spokeswoman for Visit that our rates are reasonable." meetings to bring in tourism Charlotte, the city's conven- said Christa Williams, a tion bureau. The Progressive National

Most of the mainline Visit Charlotte. Baptist Convention visited in Protestant denominations are The meetings attracted an and the Billy Graham nightlife.

estimated 22,500 visitors to Evangelistic Association is "I've enjoyed the city. the downtown area and direct building a new headquarters that much spare time," People have been very nice. spending of approximately building and museum in the Williams said. "They often tell city. After the Christian Church

With business travel and Christian Church in San left, 4,000 people for a Youth convention spending still Lorenzo, Calif., said as he got Specialties conference of depressed as a result of the ready to head home from the Christian" youth workers economic downturn and ter- tor, has been to Christian descended on the city. And in rorism concerns, religious Church assemblies in Denver; Other people from other late December, a Wesleyan conventions have become cru- Tulsa, Okla.; Kansas City; and cial to the tourism bottom line St. Louis. of Charlotte and other places

Indianapolis.

shrink due to-a-bad business it." climate and attendees don't Las Vegas or New Orleans.

part is inelastic," said Warren blies. Breaux, vice president of sales at the Gaylord Opryland Portland, Ore., in 2005; to Fort Resort and Convention Center Worth, Texas, in 2007; and in Nashville. "They're kind of Indianapolis in 2009. impervious to the market conditions."

a national meeting of religious date us," he said. convention managers held in Charlotte. He told them that there is a new enthusiasm for religious meetings among convention and tourism officials, particularly in first-tier cities such as Orlando and San Diego that are feeling the squeeze from the business travel market. "Everybody's going to begin to look at that marketplace to help us through the wild swings of the corporate marketplace," Breaux said recently. Since 1996, when the Convention Religious Managers Association first held its annual gathering in Charlotte, the city has booked 43 religious conventions and meetings, Hedrick said. Only sporting events and association meetings created more

way: The Christian Church expected to bring 10,000 peo- bookings for the city than religious conventions in fiscal 2003.

> "Charlotte offers a lot of national booking manager for

Because the focus of most August, the Cooperative well-represented here, and religious meetings is worship Baptist Fellowship met in June religious revivals regularly and fellowship, the groups and the Presbyterian Church in draw large crowds to the often don't demand a city America came to Charlotte last Charlotte Coliseum. Billy packed with a lot of tourist Graham was born in Charlotte, attractions or a vibrant

> "Usually they don't have me, 'We won't be in your bars, but we'll definitely be in your restaurants."

James, the California pas-

"This is the first General such as Nashville, Tenn.; St. Assembly in a while where I Louis: Cincinnati; 'and haven't felt crowded," he said. "You have a lot of hotels here, Attendees their own travel and that's key. Some places, and use their vacation time to they have a convention center visit: Meeting sizes don't and a Holiday Inn and that's

The Rev. Bill Edwards, demand the flash and glitz of a associate general minister and vice present of the Christian Religious meetings are "a Church, helps select sites for marketplace that for the most the group's general assem-

His church is headed to

"What works best for us is the kind of second-tier cities Breaux spoke in January to that work hard to accommo-

LELAND LEWIS FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD As the Spirit blows

Some time ago I was sitting on a deck which joined my brother-in-law's lake home. As I looked out at the trees around the home, I became aware of the wind moving through the tops of the tall trees, but none of the short growth closer to the house was moving. The flowers and the grass were still. And again I observed that sometimes these same flowers and grasses moved as a breeze came by, but the oak trees didn't seem to notice.

I thought, "Here is a picture of the Spirit moving among God's people. Sometimes at one level, touching some; other times at another level, touching others. And what the Spirit touches moves, sometimes with a flutter, sometimes with a great bowing over."

Sometimes people are deeply moved and express it openly. At other times, the Spirit causes deep inner reflection.

But we know one thing; the Spirit moves where He will (John 3:8). We must allow the Spirit to move within us.



Proceeds to fund Youth Camps & Mission Trips

Two sessions are planned to accommodate those who work: 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. or 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Men are invited, also.

FUMC Youth plan garage sale

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A garage sale sponsored by the First United Methodist Youth opens at 8 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 1, in the old Pampa Hardware Building, 120 N. Cuyler. Items include furniture, housewares, exercise equipment, clothes, scooter, and bicycles. Proceeds help fund youth camps and mission trips.

St. Vincent's Catholic School Festival

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School plans a festival of events from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Friday, Nov. 4.

A dinner of chili and potato will be served from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for kids ages 5-12, and kids under 5 eat free. Tickets are available at the door.

Games and craft booths will be open 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Gifts available at the event include home interior items, Red Apple cookie dough, Avon, Scout booths and craft items. Games planned include a cake walk, face painting, kids' games, and bouncy booths. Prizes will be awarded. A silent auction will close promptly at 9:30 p.m.

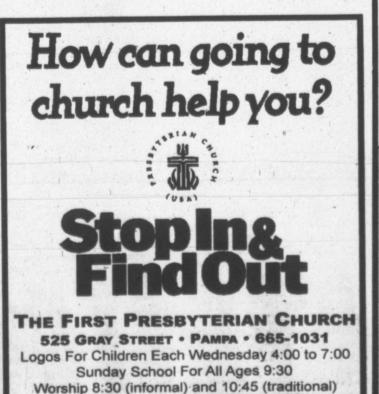
Trinity plans special guest this weekend

Pastor Joseph Thompson will be at Trinity Fellowship Church, 1200 S. Sumner, for the weekend services on Saturday, Nov. 1, at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 2, at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Thompson, originally from Nigeria, has lived in the United States for 11 years. His received seminary training at Dr. Lester Sumrall's Indiana Christian University. He is the founder of Yeshua Ministries, a ministry that focuses on city transformations, church growth and leadership development through deliverance, emotional healing, and spiritual warfare.

He says his passion is to see the body of Christ united, developing a global perspective so that the gospel is effectively communicated to every people group.





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Israel PM says wants to arrange peace pax

JERUSALEM (AP) -Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon expressed a willingness to negotiate with the new Palestinian prime minister, but U.S. officials said the Palestinians first dismantle terror must organizations.

Sharon, speaking Thursday at an economic forum in Tel Aviv, said he believes "we are on the verge of a new opportunity to bring about quiet and peace."

Sharon blamed Palestinian reluctance for the absence of a top-level dialogue between the two sides.

"The reason we don't have prime ministerial level contacts stems from the fact that Palestinians have requested time to the designated allow Palestinian prime minister to establish himself," Sharon said. "We are ready to enter negotiations at any time."

Israel previously indicated it would not talk with the new Palestinian government led by Ahmed Oureia because that Cabinet was too closely associated with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

The implementation of the "road map" peace plan, which was drafted by the United States, Russia, the United Nations and the European Union and presented in June, has bogged down in violence and efforts to form a stable Palestinian government.

Sharon's comments came a day after Qureia said he has a two-stage strategy for achieving a

By JIM HEINTZ ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

MOSCOW (AP) - Russian business and political circles on Friday faced spiraling uncertainty after President Vladimir Putin tightened his grip on the Kremlin by relieving his chief of staff from duty and prosecutors ordered the freezing of a huge chunk of shares in oil giant Yukos.

The announcement late Thursday that Alexander Voloshin was departing came after days of rumors that he had tendered his resignation in the wake of the arrest and jailing of head Yukos Mikhail Khodorkovsky.

Voloshin was the last major figure in the Kremlin from the Boris Yeltsin era, when so-"oligarchs" called like Khodorkovsky amassed huge fortunes when former Soviet state industries were privatized at giveaway prices in dubious auctions.

Infighting in the Kremlin has been a hallmark of Putin's presidency and Voloshin's departure is likely to help Putin consolidate his own power and that of his allies.

Putin named Dmitry Medvedev, the first deputy chief of staff and the chairman of the Russian natural gas giant Gazprom, to succeed Voloshin.

Medvedev worked in the early 1990s as an aide to the late St. Petersburg mayor Anatoly Sobchak, as did Putin after he left the KGB. He is one of the many Kremlin figures from Putin's St. Petersburg circle, which has been jockeying for influence with other groupings in the Kremlin.

Voloshin, who was named Yeltsin's chief of staff in March 1999, was regarded as a central figure in the so-called "Family," the group of businessmen and politicians who wielded enormous power under Yeltsin. Former Russian chief prosecutor Yuri Skuratov alleged in 1999 that there was substantial evidence connecting Voloshin to graft in the corruption-tainted Yeltsin administration.

Voloshin's departure appeared to signal a strengthening of the security-service faction in the Kremlin -- connected with Putin from his days as a KGB-agent — which appears

eager to stem the influence of magnates such as Khodorkøvsky.

The announcement of Voloshin's departure, came hours after prosecutors froze about 44 percent of Yukos shares, plunging the stock market into its second nosedive in a week. The benchmark RTS Russian stock index closed down 8 percent after the announcement of the share freeze and Yukos shares lost 14 percent.

The stock market's sharp reaction appeared to reflect investor fears that a probe of Yukos that began in July could

foretell troubles for Russia's biggest companies.

Many worry that the Kremlin could launch a broad revision of the results of the privatization of the 1990s, in which tycoons like Khodorkovsky snapped up prized chunks of state assets. Some analysts believe that Khodorkovsky's arrest will serve as an example to other phenomenally wealthy Russians to refrain from challenging Putin.

The events of recent weeks "include elements that must be interpreted as a reconsideration of the (country's) course,"

Interfax quoted Anatoly Chubais as saying. Chubais, who is currently heading Russia's electricity monopoly, Unified Energy Systems, was the architect of the post-Soviet privatization program.

The prosecutors' office said the shares were frozen as a "guarantee," or collateral, to help cover the amount of damages Khodorkovsky is accused of causing the state.

The frozen shares --- worth about \$12 billion by the end of trading Thursday - belonged to Yukos Universal Ltd. and Hully Enterprises, which are held by Trust investment bank, according to prosecutors. But they said Khodorkovsky is the "beneficial owner" of the shares.

Platon Lebedev and Vasily Shakhnovsky, who also have been charged in the investigation, own some of the frozen shares, as well.

The freeze was a new escalation in a four-month-old probe of Yukos, which took a dramatic turn on Saturday when Khodorkovsky was arrested and jailed after being seized by special agents at a Siberian airport.

The arrest was widely seen as an action staged by some of Putin's top lieutenants to avenge the tycoon's political activities, which included funding of opposition parties.

Voloshin reportedly resigned to protest Khodorkovsky's arrest. Top Russian media reported that Voloshin submitted his resignation to Putin on Saturday after Khodorkovsky's arrest, but agreed to wait a few more days to avoid inflicting political damage to the presi-

School House. Seated are Billie Weatherly, Nona Melanson, Pam Lash, Lois Minnick and Jerry Smith. Artisans not pictured are Denise Downs, Jimmie Swift, Marcia Stout, Karla Mitchell, Darlene Holmes, Davis and Angie Odell. dent. **Researchers ignite debate with vaccine-evading mousepox virus**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A research team backed by a federal grant has created a. genetically engineered mouse-

ideal virus to study in animals.

The research highlights a contentious discussion among scientists and security experts: pox virus designed to evade Does publication of such work bugs. Such germs are created similar research should be con- cated a nearly 3-year-old vaccines, underscoring help or hinder the biodefense by splicing drug-resistant fidential to impede terrorists Australian study, which the effort? Should such studies be conducted at all?

tists' intentions are altruistic --could help terrorists create biological weapons laced with genes in viruses normally defeated by vaccines.

Alibek, a director of George Mason University's National Center for Biodefense, to make this stuff." genetically modified super- believes Buller's work and and rogue nations from acquiring knowledge about geneti-

research. "There are cookbooks easily attainable on how

Buller said his work repliscientific community continues to debate. In that study, scientists trying to beat back an overabundance of mice in Australia spliced a single foreign gene into a typically mild mousepox virus in hopes of creating a genetically engineered sterility treatment. Instead, they created a mousepox strain so powerful that it killed even those mice inoculated against the

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Craft Show

(Courtesy photo)

A group of local artist-crafters recently met at the home of Debbie Davis, north of town, to discuss and plan the annual craft show Nov. 14-15 at Little Red

cease-fire ending three years of Mideast violence. Qureia wants to first negotiate a truce with Palestinian militants and then ask Israel to sign on. Any new truce would replace one that collapsed in the summer. On June 29, the main Palestinian militant groups declared a unilateral halt to attacks against Israelis. But six weeks later, there was a new wave of militant suicide bombings and Israeli military operations.

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biotechnology's deadly potential and stirring debate over whether such research plays into the hands of terrorists.

The team at the Saint Louis University, led by Mark Buller, created the superbug to figure out how to defeat it, a key goal of the government's anti-terrorism plan.

The researchers designed a two-drug cocktail that promises to defeat their exceptionally deadly virus. They hope to publish their work soon in a peer review journal.

"The whole focus was to contribute to the biodefense agenda of the country," Buller said.

Buller spliced a gene known to suppress the immune system into the mousepox virus, then injected the combined strand into vaccinated mice. All of them died.

Mousepox can't be passed to humans, but it's a close relative to smallpox, making it an

In response to heightened security concerns, many scientific journals have censored studies with national security implications. When Buller presented his results last week at an international biodefense conference, it prompted debate.

Some feared that publication of such information -regardless of whether scien-

"In the Soviet Union, there was some research trying to develop genetically engineered smallpox," said Ken Alibek, a former top scientist in the Soviet biological weapons program who came to the United States in 1992. "It wasn't very successful, but now with all the new advances in technology, know that it's pretty much

obvious that it can be done."

cally engineered bioweapons. Buller counters that publicizing such work will deter terrorists by showing that scientists can build defenses against souped-up bioweapons. Buller also believes scientists must genetically engineer pathogens to understand how to defeat them.

"All this is out there," Buller said of bioweapons virus.

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remembered on anniversary of slaying Run-DMC D.I whose real name was Jason

NEW YORK (AP) -Relatives and friends of the late rap disc jockey Jam Master Jay gathered on the one-year anniversary of his killing to honor him with prayers, poetry and stories of his legacy.

"We all suffered a great, great loss," said Keith Rock, a comedian who led the Thursday night event, with tears in his eyes.

The Run-DMC rapper's mother, sister, three young sons and brother were among those who attended the memorial in the borough of Queens, near where he was killed. Between speakers, a DJ played snippets of Run-DMC songs. A year ago, a gunman clad

in black walked into Jam Master Jay's recording studio in the neighborhood

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where he grew up and shot him once in the head. Police say they have pur-

sued several significant leads, including some that suggest the rap legend died in a dispute over money. But shooting the remains unsolved.

Homicide detectives say the case remains a top priority.

The 37-year-old victim,



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But privately, investigators have complained that some witnesses have been uncooperative. And with no major breaks, the case has drawn comparisons to the

known artists.

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DMC,

Master Jay had helped produce and promote lesser-The city, music industry

notables and family members have helped keep the killing in the headlines by offering tens of thousands of dollars in rewards,

B.I.G. in Los Angeles.

There has been specula-

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Other reports have suggested

he was involved in a drug

deal gone bad.

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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 routes and add a dozen new ones. 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 trans-

portation 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

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.

Troopers expecting traffic surge as deer season begins

As deer season gets under way in Texas, hunters who break traffic laws will become the hunted, state said. troopers say.

They said hunters mingling with Halloween trickor-treaters beginning Friday will make this one of the busiest travel weekends of the year.

More state troopers are scheduled to patrol highways, hunting for scofflaws. Deer season begins Saturday.

"Thanksgiving is the busiest time of the year, but deer season is in the same catdays like Christmas and New Years," Lt. Ron Snow of the Texas Department of Public Safety in Abilene said. "It is a really busy night, and there is so much travel and so much movement we try to schedule

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — more troopers on the road." Drinking tops the list of violations on the first weekend of hunting season, Snow

> "Through the course of the weekend, we will see more intoxicated drivers than any other time of the year," he told the Abilene Reporter-News in Friday's online edition.

> Many hunters from the Dallas-Fort Worth area were expected to leave after work Friday afternoon for hunting leases in the Big Country.

"Being the first weekend of deer season, there will be a egory with other major holi- lot of people on the hng down on the seat-belt violators," he

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

AMA young physicians descend on Capital Hill,

express malpractice concerns to lawmakers

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



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

depth briefing prior to the three main objectives. fly-in with AMA director of Governmental Affairs Julius with Sen. James Inhofe's (Rhave we gotten meaningful next morning during an early breakfast. The doctors divided into groups of three and conducted 22 visits during which they explained their

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ed by their votes," she said. "I wanted to give them a practical example of how Hobson and learned about Okla.) office, explained in their constituents are affecthas been hammered home lobbying techniques the detail the differences ed by their votes. I wanted between Medicare payment to show them, "This is real and private insurance in her life Oklahoma. This is where you're from.' " Redwine is the daughter of Sue and Raymond Thornton of Pampa.

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

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

said. "We are always out there looking for drinking violations. Drivers who commit these offenses are a danger to themselves, and a danger to others on the road."

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New Jersey casino parking garage collapses on workers

(AP) - Rescue workers gingerly searching through the wreckage of a partially collapsed casino parking garage found the body of a fouth 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

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-

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professional," she said. "I'm Standards angry. There are human lives at stake here."

Gary Roskoski, area director for the U.S. Occupational Health Safety and 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

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. wiped out. I went to another tling of construction, that's not Division of Codes and

"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.

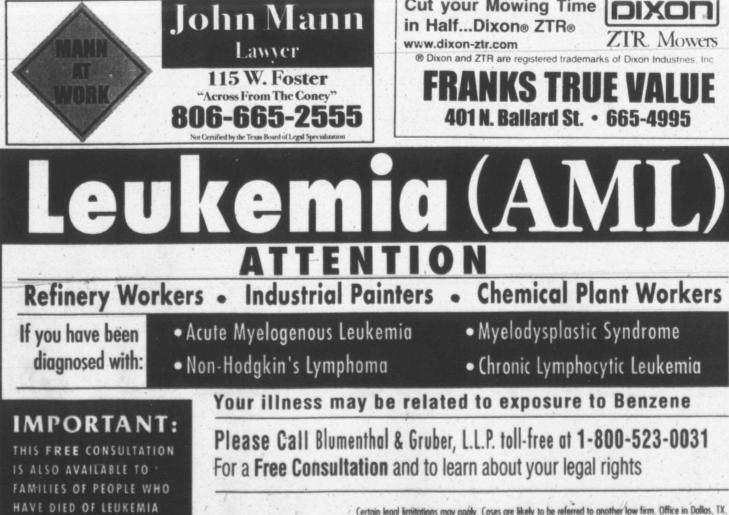
The casino remained open Thursday, but a 10-block square area around it was closed to traffic, causing gridlock throughout the city. The new structure, including a park-

ing garage and hotel expansion, was expected to be completed in 2004.

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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.

and cleaned, cooked and raised our than a wife — but I loved him.

Last week, Lou told me to get a

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

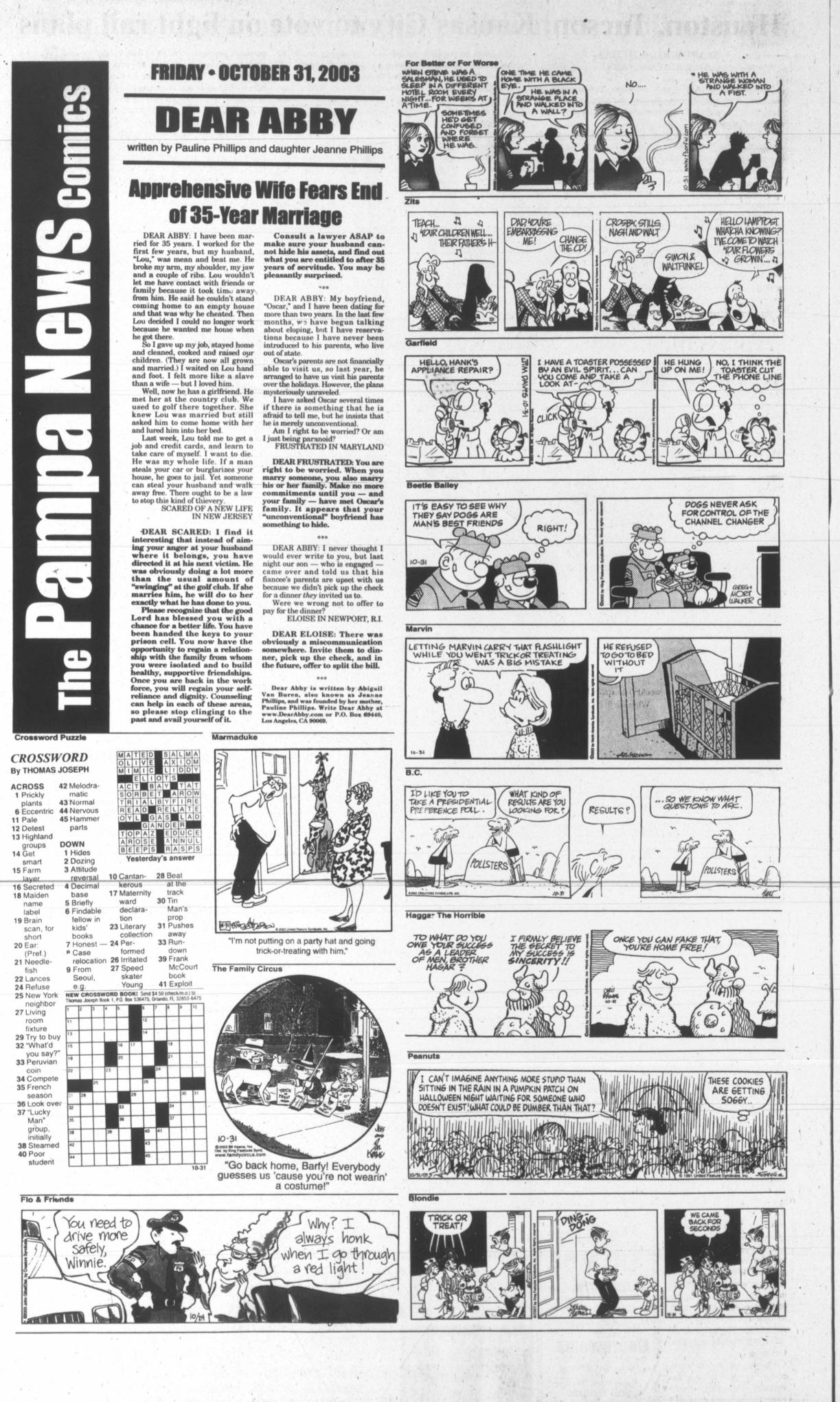
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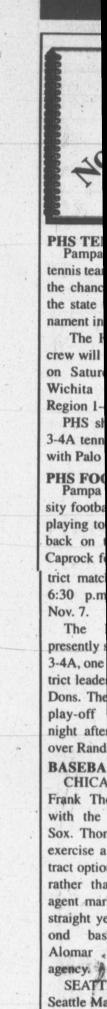
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SPORTS

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 jury, or being subpoenaed to testify, meeting place for some of the nation's have refused to discuss the scope of the top sports stars.

Shot putter Kevin Toth and 1,500meter runner Regina Jacobs were Thursday's daylong proceeding said among four track and field athletes tes- the athletes were asked whether they probing a California lab that supplies boosting hormone EPO. some top athletes with nutritional supplements. The grand jury eventually expects to hear from baseball players asked whether they had obtained THG such as Barry Bonds and Jason or EPO from BALCO. An attorney for Giambi, several NFL players and Victor Conte, BALCO's founder, has boxer Shane Mosley.

tomers of the Bay Area Laboratory Co- wrongdoing. Operative, or BALCO, which is the THG that has been linked to BALCO.

wrong," attorney Douglas Schwartz

afternoon testimony. "I really feel tell you to be quiet?" sorry for these athletes, because here."

An appearance before the grand grand jury or its secret proceedings.

But a source familiar with tifying Thursday before a grand jury had taken THG or the endurance-

The source, who requested anonymity, said the athletes were said his client is the target of the grand Jacobs and Toth have been cus- jury probe and is innocent of any

The source also said the athletes target of the probe. Both also have test- were asked whether they had knowinged positive for the new designer steroid ly purchased steroids from BALCO, or or THG. whether they thought they were buying "Regina was here. She did nothing legal nutritional supplements.

said after Jacobs had completed her said the athletes were asked. "Did he out-of-competition test Aug. 1 in pended for three months.

they've really become the victims U.S. athletes who tested positive for the supplements he was given were THG at the U.S. track and field cham- within international rules. pionships in June at Stanford, accordappear on the 17th floor of the federal does not imply any of the athletes is a investigation who spoke to The ples for THG since the discovery of the courthouse, which has turned into a target of the probe. Federal officials Associated Press on Thursday on con- previously undetectable steroid. The dition of anonymity.

comment Thursday when asked out-

Toth, who has the longest throw in drugs in sports. the world this year and won his first

Revenue Service and local drug agents drug violation by Calvin Harrison, the in September. Conte also has been sport's top anti-doping official said accused by the U.S. Anti-Doping Thursday. Agency of supplying athletes with the

"Did you meet Conte?" the source he tested positive for THG during an indoor championships and was sus-

Germany. Chambers said through an Jacobs and Toth were among four attorney that he was assured by Conte

Authorities in track and field, and ing to another source close to the other sports, have begun retesting sam-U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Jacobs and Schwartz refused to Tuesday declared THG an illegal drug.

EPO, or erythropoietin, boosts side the grand jury room whether she endurance by stimulating the produchad tested positive for THG at that tion of oxygen-carrying red blood cells meet. Jacobs, 40, won her 12th nation- in the body. A banned substance, EPO al outdoor title in the 1,500 at Stanford. is considered among the most abused

Meanwhile, the United States could national title in June, would not com- lose its 4,600-meter relay gold medal ment after ins grand jury appearance. from this summer's world track and BALCO was raided by the Internal field championships due to a second

Harrison tested positive for the designer steroid tetrahydrogestrinone, stimulant modafinil at the U.S. track championships in June. In 1993, Conte also was fingered by British Harrison tested positive for the stimusprinter Dwain Chambers, who admits lant pseudoephedrine at the U.S. junior

Rockets 102, Nuggets 85 PMS teams wipe out Borger

HOUSTON (AP) Houston's first regular-season coach Jeff Van Gundy.

A pregame fireworks display tone for the game, and Cuttino Mobley scored 21 points to lead 47 with 7:28 left in the period. the Rockets to a 102-85 victory Houston was up 72-60 at the start over the Denver Nuggets on of the fourth. Thursday night at the team's new downtown arena.

their new home court, Van the ball well and our wings are Gundy pointed out a lot of not running hard enough. improvement is still needed.

that won the first game here.

"The crowd was great. When thought it really helped us.

Leading 48-42 at halftime, the with a 13-5 run that made it 61-

The Nuggets couldn't keep pace with the Rockets, who had "As you can tell, I'm happy all five starters plus sixth man with the win," Van Gundy said Maurice Taylor in double figures.

"You are not going to win games with 23 turnovers, and Nuggets coach Jeff Bdzelik said. While the Rockets settled into "We haven't been rebounding

Yao Ming scored 17 points in

Following are the results from the Pampa team at 5 p.m. and A team at 6:30 p.m. Middle School football game against Borger.

8th Grade Pampa A - 6 Borger A - 6 Shavious Kelley scored on a 33-yard run. Record: 1-4-1 Pampa B - 35 Borger B - 14 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 the extra point. Scott Brown-scored on a 1- yard run. yard run. Marquez scored or 25-yard run.

Record: 3-3

Last game will be Plainview at Pampa - B team at 4 p.m. and A team at 5:30 p.m.

7th 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.

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Record: 3-2-1 Pampa B - 12

Borger B - 0

Coleby West caught a 16-yard pass from scored on a 42-yard run and Marquez kicked Heath Skinner. Jeremy Busse scored on a 4-

Record: 5-1

Last game will be Pampa at Plainview - B

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. and the state

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Pampa Harvesters' var-

sity football team won't be

playing tonight. They'll be

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Caprock for their final dis-

trict match in Amarillo at 6:30 p.m., next Friday,

The Harvesters are presently second in District

3-4A, one game behind dis-

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BASEBALL

PHS FOOTBALL

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

victory at Toyota Center wasn't they started coming back, the enough to impress new Rockets crowd picked up loudly. I and two mini-concerts set the Rockets started the third quarter

solemnly. "But I also know what can get you beat. You can't accept in victory what you they were really bad turnovers," wouldn't accept in defeat."

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 careerbest 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 threeyear 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

"I think we made some good 20 minutes. Francis finished with effort plays, but the goal is to 17 points, and Kelvin Cato, Jim win," Van Gundy said. "We Jackson and Taylor each scored made a lot of mistakes. I'm look- 10. ing forward to getting on the practice court tomorrow to cor- with 19 points and rookie rect those mistakes."

was more excited than Van

Andre Miller led the Nuggets Carmelo Anthony added 18, A sellout crowd of 18,189 shooting 4-of-15 from the field. "We just have to let the game

Gundy about the Rockets' win. come to us and run our motion "It was great," guard Steve offense in the flow of the game," Francis said. "It will be some- Miller said. "Carmelo is a big thing you never forget. Twenty to part of the team, but it is going to 25 years from now, you can say take everyone contributing for us you were a member of the team to win."

Hidden Hills Seniors Team results

1st: Bill Hammer, B.F. Dorman, Travis Johnston, Charles Terrell, Butch Shepherd - 300

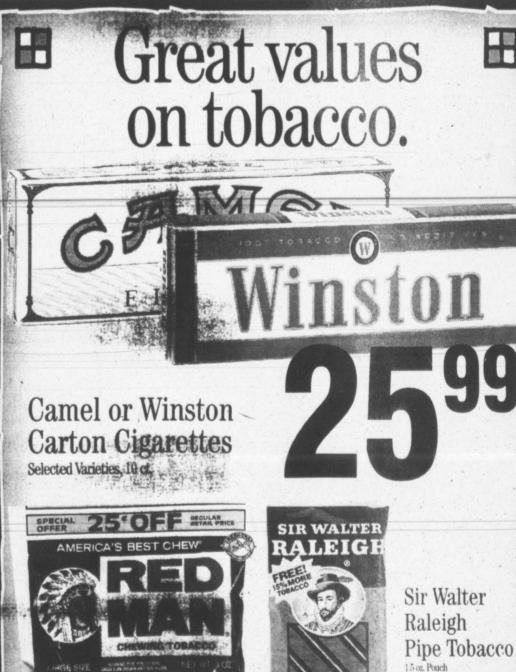
2nd: Travis Taylor, Ron Barnell, Waldon Haynes, Richard Abbott - 320

3rd: Jim Cantrell, Billie MacMillican, Callen George, Lucio Moreno, Buddy Briley - 325

4th: Gerry McCabe, Bob Young, Joe Mabry, Wayne Jones -329

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4. HOCKLEY	1,816,316	4. PANOLA	19,283,969
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6. SCURRY	924,113	6. PECOS	16,350,936
7. MIDLAND	854,611	7. STARR	12,278,062
5. CRANE	815,041	8. WISE	12,226,386
9. PECOS	810,646	9. CROCKETT	9,877,899
10. UPTON	625,640	10. YOAKUM	9,568,600

RRC posts oil, gas statistics

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission issued a total of 1,006 original drilling permits in September 2003 compared to 816 in September 2002.

The September total included 807 permits to drill 2003 crude oil production

re-enter existing well bores, and 170 for re-completions. Permits issued in September 2003 included 211 oil, 352 gas, 418 oil and gas, 18 injection, and seven other permits.

Texas preliminary August new oil and gas wells, 29 to averaged 933,543 barrels daily, down from the 950,408 barrels daily average of August 2002.

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The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for August 2003 is 28,957,062 barrels, a decrease from 29,462,638 barreis reported during August 2002.

In September 2003, operators reported 241 oil, 635 gas, and 16 injection compared to 282 oil, 496 gas, 35 injection

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and two other permits during September 2002. Total well completions for 2003 year to date are 7,565 up from 7,229 recorded during

the same period in 2002. Operators reported 656 holes plugged and 128 dry holes in September 2003 compared to 508 plugged and 147 dry holes in September 2002.

September Texas Oil/Gas Drilling Permits

and Completions by District

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PERMITS TO

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Texas oil and gas wells produced 453,010,358 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas

based upon preliminary production figures for August 2003, up from the August 2002 preliminary gas production total of 447,248,864 Mcf.

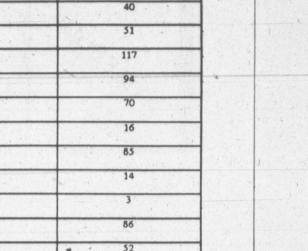
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Reuters reverses decision, agrees to allow church display in Times Square

By RICHARD PYLE ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — Reversing course, the Reuters news agency has agreed to allow a religious message to be displayed on its Times Square building and said it will re-evaluate the policy that prohibited it.

That could mean not only religious but also political messages on the company's giant electronic billboard, a spokesman said Thursday.

"The whole policy will be up for review," spokesman Steve Naru said.

The immediate effect was a victory for the United Methodist Church, which signed a \$30,000 contract in September to display a series of Thanksgiving season messages.

The policy, dating from the 1940s, when Reuters was owned by

prohibited messages with religious or political content, the company said. Reuters went public in 1984 but retained some of the former policies.

The Rev. Larry Hollon, chief spokesman for the Nashville-based Methodist denomination, which claims 10 million members worldwide, complained that Reuters allowed beer advertising while rejecting "messages of hope, peace and reconciliation."

In a letter to Hollon dated Tuesday, Reuters CEO Thomas Glocer said he had reconsidered the ban on the ads, which were to run for 11 days as part of a four-year \$21 million media campaign.

"On reflection, I believe that you are right," Glocer said. "Consumers have become more sophisticated over recent years, and I think there is little likelihood of an advertisea British media trust, specifically ment being viewed as the opinion of

a news gatherer such as Reuters."

Glocer said he agreed that the church should have the same access as commercial advertisers to the electronic billboards.

Hollon said the decision "reflects well" on Reuters' management.

"We asked for fairness, ... they took us seriously and have responded in a reasonable and balanced manner," he said in a statement.

The 32-story Reuters building at Broadway and 42nd Street opened in 2001 and has three full-color LED display screens covering 7,000 square feet. An estimated 1.5 million people pass through the area daily, the company said.

the Naru, Reuters spokesman, said the decision was subject to approval by Reuters' partners including the

management firm that operates the building. He said he did not expect ject to limitations on content. that to be an obstacle.

In his letter, Glocer said the review of the terms of the lease and advertising policies was intended to permit

2003 natural gas production allow-

ables for prorated fields in the state to

29,904,925Mcf (thousand cubic feet).

2003 allowable represents a decrease

of 1,944,275 Mcf when compared to

actual production of 31,849,200 Mcf

in November 2002. In setting the

November 2003 allowable, the

Commission used historical produc-

tion figures from November 2002 and

producer forecasts for the November

2003 demand, and then adjusted the

figures to account for such factors as

For these fields, the November

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Commission recently set November 2003 is 270,401,203 Mcf compared to 327,424,818 Mcf in September 2002. The October 2003 gas storage estimate is 285,558,120 Mcf.

> Gas well gas from prorated fields accounts for 9 percent of total gas well production in Texas.

Preliminary statewide production reported for August 2003 is 28,957,062 barrels of crude oil and 381,666,814 Mcf of gas well gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for this month can be obtained by multiplying these preliminary production totals by a production adjustment factor of 1.0243 for crude

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October gas production allowables AUSTIN - The Texas Railroad by the Commission for September

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EL PASO - David Bowers, director from the Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District, recently attended the 63rd Annual State Meeting of Texas Soil and Water Conservation District Directors at the El Paso Convention and Performing Arts Center in El Paso.

Bowers was accompanied by Hack Coffee, district conservationist, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Pampa. Approximately 650 resource conservationists and their guests were in attendance.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Nov.

You will often be preoccupied by family

matters. You display an unusual ability to

talk about what you want and feel.

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forms, especially through real estate. You

exhibit unusual allure, drawing others

and helping you get your way. If you are

single, you will have many suitors in

your life. The issue will be choosing the

right one. Remember, this is a unique

year, so don't think you will always have

it like this. If you are attached, your rela-

tionship blossoms, especially if you, as a

team, realize a special hope or desire.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

* * * * Say what you feel, and make

plans that suit you. Split and take a day

off with a friend to enjoy the foliage. By

getting away, you gain a new perspec-

tive. Pick apples, or stop and drink some

hot cider. Go with adventure. Tonight:

* * * Stay on top of a changing situa-

tion that could involve an older parent

AQUARIUS can be an albatross.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Where your friends are.

Tonight: A must show.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Horoscope

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Participants heard from several notable speakers on issues related to strengthening the conservation district program on the state and national levels.

SWCD officials attend 63rd annual state meeting

Principal speakers included State Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, El Paso: Jose' Dodier, president, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation District, Zapata; W.T. "Dub" Crumley, chair, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Stephenville; Gary Mast, President of NACD, Millsburg, Ohio; Dr. Larry Butler, state conservationist, USDA, Temple; and Mike Bira, environmental scientist, US-EPA, Dallas, to name a few.

Elections for the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation District Directors in Areas I, III and V were conducted. Elected were Scott Buckles for Area I, Ben Bono for Area II, Barry Mahler, reelected to Area V, along with alternate directors Sabas Cortez III for Area III and Pat Hudson for Area IV. Officers were also elected. Mahler will serve as president and Dodier as immediate past president.

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friend or loved one. A cozy day at home SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

well capability, new wells in a field, oil and 1.1057 for gas well gas. (These

Texas natural gas storage reported

Steagall to highlight WT alumni celebration

CANYON - As part of West Texas University's Alumni A&M 50th Anniversary Association's Celebration, Red Steagall will come back to his roots for a performance, dance and barbecue dinner beginning at 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 15, at WTAMU Event Center.

The 1991 Official Cowboy Poet of Texas will return to his alma mater to perform his Texas Swing dance music and award-winning poetry. Steagall is best known for songs such as "Here We Go Again," "Party Dolls and Wine," "Freckles Brown," and "Lone Star Beer and Bob Wills Music."

PPHM announces additions to print collection

CANYON — Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum recently announced recent additions to its fine prints collection. "Fresh Prints from the Permanent Collection" will feature etchings, lithographs, serigraphs and wood-cuts by several Southwestern artists. "Fresh Prints" will also act as a companion to the exhibit, "The Prairie Print Makers."

Texas and New Mexico artists will have works featured in the exhibition. PPHM has striven to collect prints by some of the more prominent artists in these states.

Among the artists whose prints will be featured are members of Lone Star

TPMHMR STAR program gets new program director

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Panhandle Mental Health Mental recently announced the (Services to at Risk

production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

In addition to recording 26 consecutive records on the national charts, this singer, songwriter, television, radio and motion picture personality has authored three books featuring collections of his poems and songs.

VIP tickets for this event are on sale for \$50 each and entitle ticket-holders to a seat at a table on the floor, the barbecue, the concert and the dance. General admission tickets are \$30 and include the barbecue, concert and dance. Student and event-only tickets are also available. For more information, contact the WT Alumni Association at (806) 651-2311.

Printmakers (Jerry Bywaters, Otis Dozier, Alexandre Hogue, William Lester and Everett Spruce), The Texas Printmakers (Bess Bigham Hubbard, , Bertha Landers, Mary Lightfoot, Elizabeth Walmsley and others) and members of Santa Fe art colony (Gerald Cassidy and Willard Nash) as well as artists such as Peter Hurd, Tom Lea and Birger Sandzen.

Over the past 15 years, PPHM has added over 100 prints to its collection. The exhibit provides a forum to display these acquisitions.

"Fresh Prints" will be on display through Feb. 22, 2004, at the museum.

> experienced conflict. Services provided by STAR are offered free of charge and are made possible through a grant funded by Texas Department Protective and of Regulatory Services. STAR personnel are located in Pampa, Amarillo, Borger, Clarendon. Dalhart, Hereford and Perryton.

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

talk about what you need and want. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Somehow, together you make it possible. Enjoy the level of unpredictability in unhappy person in your immediate enviyour life. Tonight: Go for togetherness. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

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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 Ouam, director of statefederal 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.

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

Census: Blacks settling in South at record pace

WASHINGTON (AP) - A automobile factories and other 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, accordindustrial 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 ing to a Census Bureau report and 1990, when there was a net increase of 200,000; the net increase was nearly 347,000 between 1995 and 2000.

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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

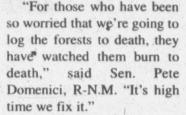
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Senate bill would require court challenges to be filed within 15 days. It also would impose a 45-day limit on a judge's ability to temporarily block a project.

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.



"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.



(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,

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.

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 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,

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 and interim director of the 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."





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