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VFW to host dinner in honor of veterans

VFW Post 1567 will host a traditional Thanksgiving dinner honoring local U.S. military veterans at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 11, in the VFW Hall, 105 S. Cuyler. Veterans and their families are invited to attend.

LOTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) — Here are Saturday's Texas Lottery game results:

Lotto Texas results:
 34-17-16-11-5. Bonus Ball: 7.

Two jackpot winners, splitting \$29 million prize.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$4 million.

Cash Five Texas results:
 9-10-28-34-22

Pick 3 results Saturday night:
 3-9-1

Pick 3 results Saturday afternoon:
 9-8-4

DEATHS

Vera A. Forman, 82, homemaker.

Velma Lorene Johnson, 89, retired certified nurse's aide.

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Perry to form state energy council

MIDLAND (AP) — Declining crude oil production in Texas is prompting a re-examination of alternative energy sources, the state's top energy chief says.

Victor Carrillo's statewide energy policy would feature a blend of incentives to encourage oil and natural gas exploration and development and exploitation and redevelopment.

Accompanied by Carrillo, Gov. Rick Perry was scheduled to sign an executive order creating the Texas Energy Planning Council on Monday at the Petroleum Museum in Midland.

The council will work with the

Clean Coal Technology Council toward the development of cleaner forms of energy, the governor's office said in a prepared statement.

Carrillo, Texas Railroad Commission chairman, last month urged creation of the council as the first step in creating a Texas energy plan. The Railroad Commission is the state agency that regulates the energy industry.

Producers in the nation's top oil-producing state are caught on a "constant treadmill" trying to satisfy ever-increasing demand for fossil fuels with supplies that have been dwindling

since the early 1970s, Carrillo told participants at the Permian Basin Petroleum Association's annual meeting in Midland last month after sending his proposal to Perry.

With Texas crude oil production dropping at about 5 percent per year, it's a "critical time" in the state's history, Carrillo said.

"We can't sit idly by. The time for action is now for a comprehensive, coordinated effort to find ways to find and produce new reserves," said Carrillo, who has announced his intentions to create an energy plan for the state.

It would maintain existing production incentives and create new ones, support advancements in exploration and production technologies and encourage energy conservation.

"Conservation is an important aspect of the mix," Carrillo said.

He urged that the plan include development of the renewable energy sector, but not at the expense of traditional energy sources.

"Texas has the largest renewable energy potential in the United States, but (renewables) won't replace the need for conventional energy sources anytime soon," Carrillo said.

Police officer to be honored at city meeting

BY DAVID BOWSER
 STAFF WRITER

Pampa Police Officer Aaron McWilliams will be recognized for his action in saving the life of a pedestrian last month.

On Oct. 10, Officer McWilliams was sent to the Starkweather railroad crossing where he found an unconscious pedestrian lying within inches of the railroad tracks. Braving a passing freight train, McWilliams picked the woman up and carried her to safety.

Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner will present the Life Saving Ribbon to McWilliams at the Pampa City Commission meeting at 6 p.m., Tuesday, at city hall.

City Manager Mitch Grant will report to the commission on the Railroad Commission wanting to expand their office located in city hall. The Railroad Commission district office in Pampa occupies 2,962 square feet of city hall. They want an additional, 940 square feet.

Grant said another city in the area is using economic development money to try to lure the district office away

from Pampa. Grant will also give a status report to the city commission on the city's Action Center.

The Action Center, located on the main floor of city hall, encompasses the offices of the Fire Marshal, Health Inspector and Building Inspector.

"All of these activities involve dealing with people in regards to their private property," Grant said.

Richard Morris, public works director, will present a Planning and Zoning Commission Report to the commission. The first public hearing on zoning changes for a proposed Wal-Mart Supercenter will be at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting today.

The commission is expected to adopt on second and final reading ordinances repealing city commission work sessions and changing the time of commission meetings from 6 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month.

The city commission will also capass the results of the Nov. 4, special election and declare the results. A move to allow the Pampa Fire

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Part of the job



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Geno Shuck, with the city's public works department, was out in the blustery wind today moving an irrigation sprinkler head at Aspen Park before concrete could be poured along the hiking and biking trail. "Otherwise," Shuck explained, "it would have been buried under the concrete."

Public hearings set on Wal-Mart zoning request

A public notice published by the City of Pampa in Sunday's edition was submitted to The Pampa News with the incorrect day for a public hearing on zoning for a new Wal-Mart Supercenter.

Pampa City Commission will conduct the public hearing at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 25, on the third floor at Pampa City Hall, 201 W. Foster.

A public hearing on the matter is also scheduled for 5 p.m. today on the third floor of City Hall.

At the hearings, city commissioners will hear comments from the public concerning the following request:

A) Wal-Mart Stores Texas, L.P., request to rezone 35.063 acres in Section 100, Block 3 I&G.N.R.R. Co. Survey, being all of Lot 1, Westgate Addition Unit 1 and part of an unplatted 167.037 acre tract formerly owned by SHG Properties, from Agriculture to a Commercial Zoning. The purpose of this request is to facilitate planned retail store and related commercial development.

FBI agents testify in plague trial

BY BETSY BLANEY
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

LUBBOCK (AP) — An FBI agent testified Monday that at one point he feared a Texas Tech professor was growing plague bacteria "like a farmer grows hothouse tomatoes."

"We don't believe he brought back that much. My fear was he was growing it like a farmer grows hothouse tomatoes," FBI agent Miles Burden testified during the federal trial of Dr. Thomas Butler.

Butler faces 69 charges that he smuggled plague samples from Tanzania in April 2002 and illegally transported them in the United States and overseas. Other charges include lying to FBI agents about the missing vials, theft, embezzlement and fraud.

On Jan. 14, Butler reported the vials stolen to police. Within hours, scores of federal agents

"My fear was he was growing it like a farmer grows hothouse tomatoes."

— Miles Burden, FBI Agent

descended on the city and a frantic search for the vials ensued. President Bush was even briefed about the situation.

The search ended when Butler gave FBI agents a written statement in which he admitted a "misjudgment" in not telling his supervisor that the vials had been "accidentally destroyed," according to testimony.

Burden said that another agent had spoken with Butler's wife. He

said that agent told him that Elizabeth Butler said her husband was dissatisfied with the university and that he wasn't receiving the recognition that he deserved.

"He believed that the people at Texas Tech were trying to sabotage him," Burden said.

Butler, 62, had told agents that disgruntled employees, terrorists or the cleaning crew could have taken the missing vials.

Burden said that "the disgruntled employee might indeed be Butler."

When agents were interviewing Butler before he gave his statement, Butler was involved in a conference call in which he learned that the director of the FBI and the president would be notified of the missing vials.

According to Burden, Butler said "You have no choice" but to notify those officials.

Prosecutors allege that Butler

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Friend Who Bears Bad News Seems Too Eager to Bring It

DEAR ABBY: My close friend, "Denise," tells me when others say something derogatory about me. Some examples:

Denise was recently in a restaurant with "Martha," a mutual friend, when I happened to enter. Denise said that Martha laughed and made fun of me when she saw me. Another time, a woman I'll call Lorraine invited Denise to a party but didn't invite me. Denise said she told Lorraine she wouldn't attend unless I were also invited. Lorraine relented and reluctantly invited me, although Denise said she really didn't want to.

There have been other incidents when people said unflattering things about me to Denise, and Denise reported them to me. Why? I never tell her when I hear something uncomplimentary about her because I don't want to hurt her feelings. Why do you suppose she feels compelled to bring me "bad news" about myself? Your opinion is appreciated.

HURTING IN MINNEAPOLIS

DEAR HURTING: She does it because she gets a perverse pleasure out of hurting you. A more important question is: Why do you tolerate it? So-called "friends" have been known to make up unkind things out of whole cloth in order to isolate people from their other friends. If I were you, I'd start asking the individuals she reports are badmouthing you if what she said is true. I advise you to keep Denise at arm's length. She personifies the old saying, "It takes an enemy and a friend working together to hurt you to the core — the enemy to slander you and the friend to get the news to you."

DEAR ABBY: All my life, I have been unbearably shy. I have few friends. My co-workers think I dislike them because I don't talk much. I do like most people and I'm tired of being lonely — but when I try to communicate, I panic and can't

think of what to say. How can I get over this?

CLAMMED-UP IN KANSAS

DEAR CLAMMED-UP: By writing to me, you have already taken the first step in coping with your problem — so don't be shy. You're on the right track.

I have several suggestions to offer. The first is simple. Write down, in advance, some topics to discuss with your co-workers and take the list with you. If your mind goes blank, consult the list. Believe me, you are not the only person to whom this happens.

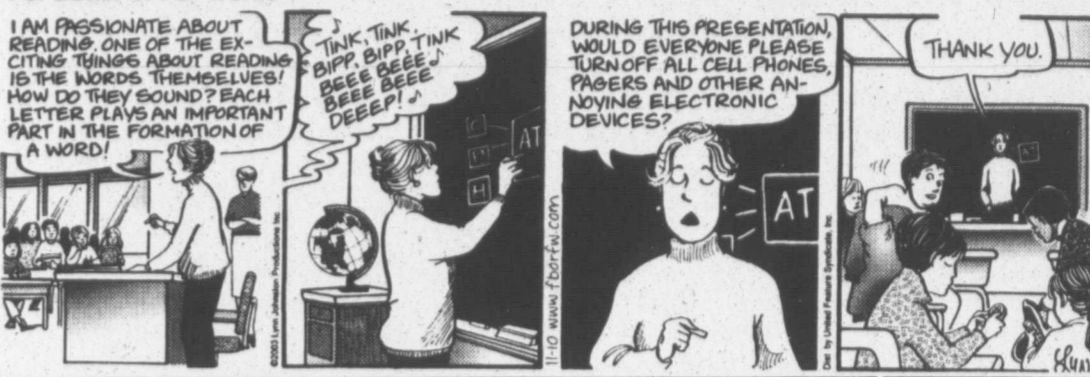
If that isn't enough to get the ball rolling, consider that you might suffer from a social anxiety disorder. A psychologist can help you overcome it with counseling and medications. Enough people suffer from social anxiety disorders that online support groups have been formed to provide help. Members.aol.com/cybernettr/shyness.html offers information to help overcome shyness, as well as tips on job hunting, assertiveness and dating.

The Social Anxiety Group at <http://anxietynetwork.com> offers support and education to those with anxiety disorders. Members exchange coping skills, and there are online support meetings for people with social phobias. I'm sure you will be welcomed.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$10 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby — Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in price.)

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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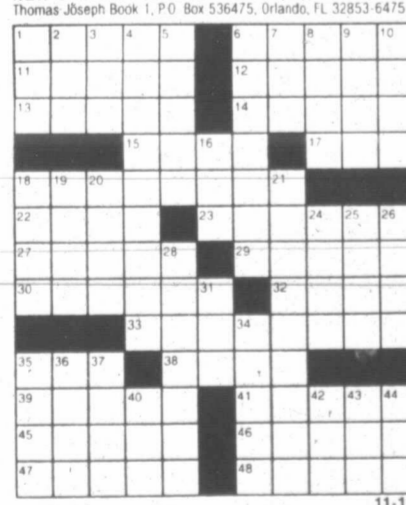
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Saturday's answers

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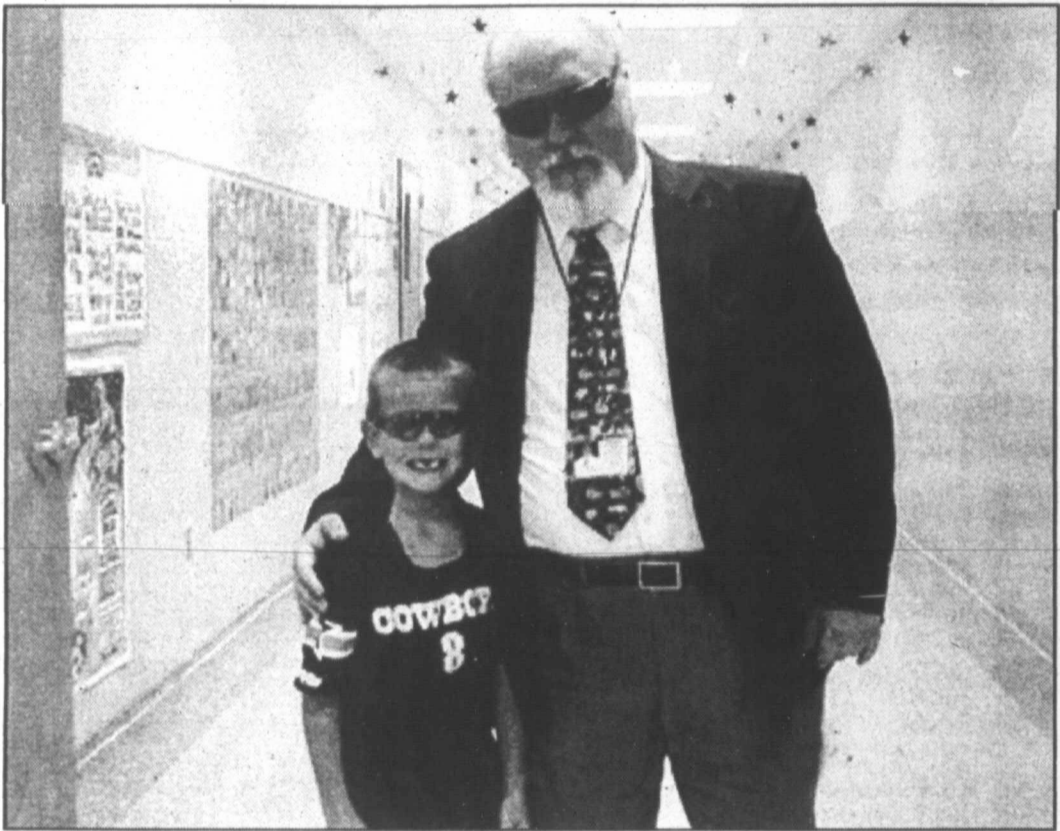
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Red Ribbon Week



(Courtesy photo)

Cole Wilson, Stephanie Allen, Emily Nicklas and Braden Russell on "Shade Out Drugs" Day at Travis Elementary, held in conjunction with Red Ribbon Week recently.



(Courtesy photo)

Doug Rapstine, principal at Travis Elementary, with Nathan Furgason during Red Ribbon Week recently.



(Courtesy photo)

Tristen Plunk, a student at Travis Elementary, wearing her "shades" on Shade Out Drugs Day during Red Ribbon Week recently.

Prisoner swap could unravel

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's Cabinet narrowly approved a prisoner swap with Hezbollah after eight hours of anguished debate, but the deal could still collapse over a Lebanese inmate who killed three Israeli civilians in 1979.

Hezbollah leader Sheik Hassan Nasrallah reiterated Monday that the inmate, whom Israel refuses to release, has to be part of the deal. However, Nasrallah did not slam the door, saying he still waits to hear from a German mediator.

The 12-11 vote Sunday reflected widespread concern that the lopsided deal — hundreds of prisoners in exchange for an Israeli businessman and bodies of three soldiers — would signal weakness and encourage more kidnapping of Israelis.

Japan's ruling bloc wins parliamentary elections but faces still more opposition

TOKYO (AP) — Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's ruling party on Monday clawed its way back to a simple majority in parliament following elections that strengthened the main opposition party and signalled a shift away from a political system that has long been dominated by a single party.

Sunday's balloting was the first major test for Koizumi since he took power more than two years ago, and he said the results gave his Liberal Democratic Party-led bloc the mandate it needs to forge ahead with reforms.

The LDP initially won only 237 seats but later regained a simple majority in the 480-seat lower house of Parliament by merging with one of its junior partners and converting three independent lawmakers.

The announcement means the ruling party, which also is supported by the Buddhist-backed New Komeito Party, tightened its grip on the powerful chamber — retaining control of all committees as well as the ability to pass legislation.

"We have won the people's support," Koizumi told reporters at LDP headquarters on Sunday.

The centrist Democrats, meanwhile, boosted their seats to 177 — 40 more than they previously held — assuring a more unified opposition than its fragmented and powerless predecessors.

Koizumi, 61, said his administration would immediately start hammering out details for tax cuts, public pension reforms and privatization of the highways administration. He also pledged to continue prodding banks to dispose

of their massive bad loans to revive the world's second-largest economy.

But the vote was hardly a resounding victory for the LDP, which failed to win a simple majority on its own, and it reflected growing dissatisfaction with the conservative party's inability to end an economic slowdown that has persisted for 13 years.

"Koizumi won't face any major hindrance in Parliament. But the opposition has established a beachhead from which it can creep closer to taking power or actually oust the LDP in future elections," said Shigezo Hayasaka, a former aide to the late Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka.

According to unofficial results, the LDP had 240 seats, including three independent legislators who Koizumi said joined the party on Monday. The merger with the New Conservatives gave it four more seats, while its other junior partner, the Buddhist-backed New Komeito Party, had 34, giving the bloc a total majority of 278 — down from 287 before the election.

"To revitalize Japan, to jointly realize our parties policies and to benefit the people, we decided to join forces with the LDP," New Conservative secretary general Toshiro Nikai said in a televised news conference.

The opposition gains could embolden anti-Koizumi factions within the ruling party who oppose his belt-tightening policies. It also might force the prime minister to pause before moving ahead with an unpopular plan to send Japanese peacekeepers to support the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq.

Sources: Kerry ousts campaign chairman

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic candidate John Kerry fired his campaign manager Sunday night in an attempt to shake up his beleaguered presidential bid, The Associated Press learned.

Two senior campaign officials speaking on condition of anonymity said Monday that Jim Jordan was ousted by the Massachusetts senator and his campaign chair, Jeanne Shaheen, the former governor of New Hampshire.

Jordan will be replaced by

longtime Democratic operative Mary Beth Cahill. The sources said that Jordan was told by Kerry the reason he was dismissed was because changes were needed in the campaign.

Cahill has worked for Emily's List, a lobbying group on behalf of women's political issues and currently is chief of staff for Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.

Jordan, former head of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee,

helped build Kerry's presidential campaign and positioned the senator as an early front-runner in the 2004 Democratic sweepstakes.

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