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Group to continue with off-campus Texas A&M bonfire

HOUSTON (AP) — Until Texas A&M University's 90-year-old bonfire tradition returns to campus, a group of current and former students say they will continue holding the event off-campus.

The ritual was suspended by university officials after the 1999 collapse which killed 12 students.

Last year, Unity Project held its first bonfire, attended by 10,000 people, on a ranch about 10 minutes east of College Station.

While several other bonfires have been held around the state, Unity Project's effort, organizers said, was the one that tried to adhere as closely as possible to the tradition by incorporating cut — the gathering of needed trees — and a student leadership component.

This year organizers expect to double their attendance. Other changes also are on tap for the event.

DEATHS

- Patty Baggett, 52, seamstress.
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High court declines to be drawn into death penalty/treaty issue

By GINA HOLLAND
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite the concerns of two justices, the Supreme Court refused Monday to be drawn into an international death penalty debate over the legal rights of a Mexican on Oklahoma's death row.

The court was asked to consider whether American prosecutors are violating a 1963 international treaty when they do not notify foreign governments about death penalty cases involving people from their countries. That issue is being debated internationally.

Justices had been urged to take that up in the appeal of Mexican national Osbaldo Torres, known in Mexico as Osbaldo Torres Aguilera, who argued that Oklahoma should not be allowed to put him to death.

The court refused without comment to hear his appeal. Justices John Paul Stevens and Stephen Breyer went on record noting concerns.

"It surely is reasonable to presume that most foreign nationals are unaware of the provisions of the Vienna Convention (as are, it seems, many local prosecutors)," Stevens wrote.

The treaty says consular officers have the right to be notified and visit any national in prison, custody or detention, to arrange for legal representation.

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Breyer said the Supreme Court should not have disposed of the Torres case until the World Court has finished its deliberations.

Torres asked justices to consider whether he can contest his conviction and sentence because he never was told he could talk to Mexican consular officials.

Torres was 18 when he was arrested in Oklahoma City not far from where a couple was shot to death in their bed in 1993. He had blood on his shirt and was with another man identified by witnesses as the shooter.

Sandra Babcock of Minneapolis, the lawyer for the Mexican government, told justices in a filing that when Torres was arrested he had not finished high school and had no lawyer. She said Mexican officials would have liked to help with his legal defense, but they never were contacted at any point in the proceedings, even after his first trial ended in 1995 with a deadlocked jury.

He was convicted of first-degree murder at a second trial in 1996, and Mexican officials were told of his death sentence by his family.

Jennifer Miller, an assistant attorney general for Oklahoma, said the Supreme Court already has rejected one appeal from Torres, in 1999, on other claims. She said that this case was not the right one to address the international issue.

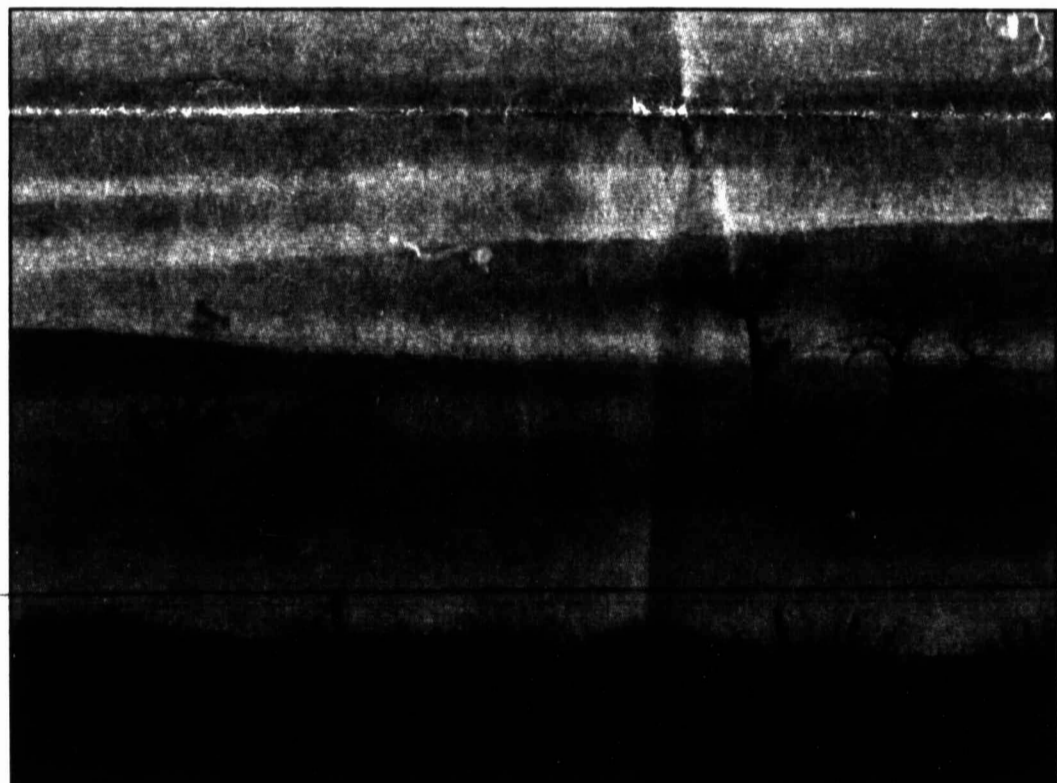
The World Court, officially known as the International Court of Justice, had tried to intervene on behalf of Torres and two Texas death row inmates from Mexico. It has no power to enforce its decisions, which the United States has disregarded in the past.

Babcock said a weeklong hearing has been scheduled by the court to discuss the issue next month.

Mexico does not use the death penalty. In August 2002, Mexican President Vicente Fox canceled a visit to President Bush's ranch in Texas to protest the state's execution of convicted police killer Javier Suarez Medina.

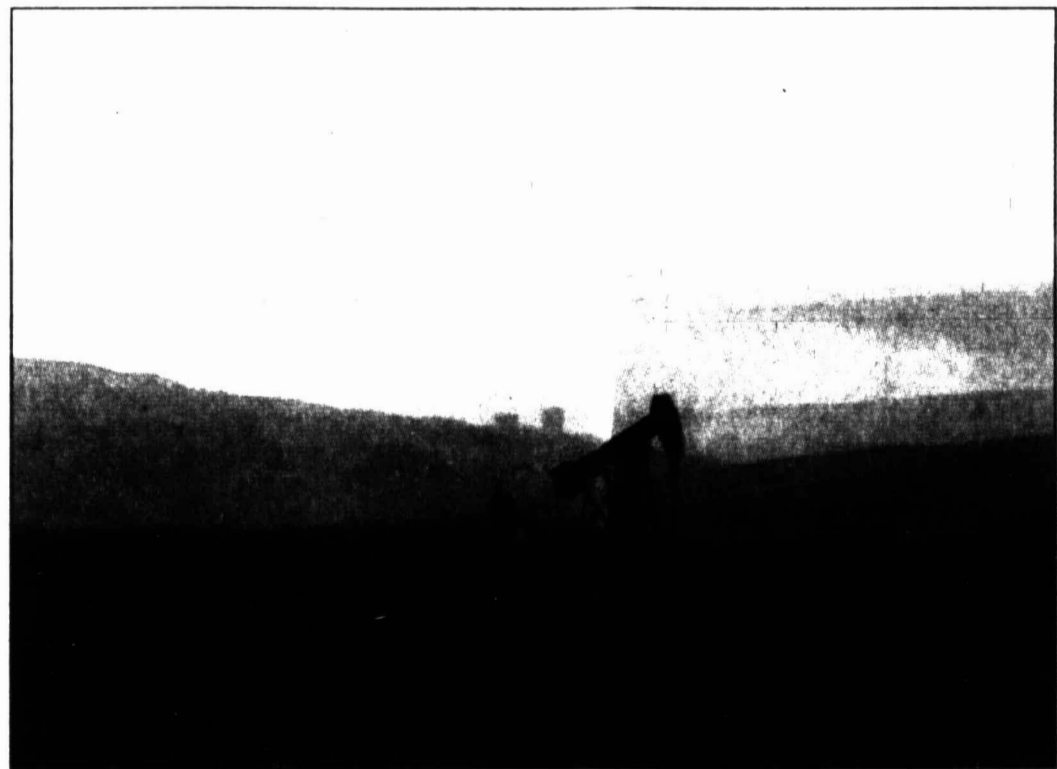
Besides Oklahoma and Texas, Mexicans are on death rows in other states, including Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Nevada, Ohio and Oregon.

Day dawns in the Panhandle



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

The last vestiges of a mild fall cling to the branches of cottonwood trees along Thut Creek amid the mists of dawn today between Pampa and Lefors.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

A pump jack creaks in the early morning monochromatic landscape between Pampa and Lefors as ground mist recedes between the hills and mesas.



(Pampa News photo)

George Kilcrease Jr. is named Most Honorable Man from among entries received by Tralee Crisis Center during Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October. Kilcrease was nominated by his niece, Cheryl Ely, far right. Presenting the award are Karen Harmon, far left, Tralee Crisis Center volunteer coordinator, and Angie Edmondson, third from left, office assistant at the center.

Tralee lists 'Honorable Men'

By MARILYN POWERS
 STAFF WRITER

Tralee Crisis Center has announced its Honorable Man nominees and Most Honorable Man from entries received during October, which was Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

George Kilcrease Jr. has been named Most Honorable Man by the center. He was nominated by his niece, Cheryl Ely, who wrote in her essay, "My uncle is the most honorable man you will ever meet. He has been a wonderful husband, father, brother and uncle. He has always gone out of his way to help anyone in need, even down to giving a homeless man the coat off his back."

The center asked local residents to write essays of 25 words or less describing why

the man they are nominating should be considered an "honorable man." Nominees are Bob Richardson, Ed Myatt, Roger Crawford, Mark Taylor, Lewis James, Tim Covil, Jonathan Taylor, James Moore, Dennis Edmondson, Richard L. Shay, Dickey McGahen, Daniel Wood, James O. Gray, Robert Marx, Bryan Strazz, Charles McGahen, Billy Joe Cox, Lesley Whitson and Kelly Miller.

"In addition, Tralee Crisis Center would like to nominate their own Most Honorable Man, Ed Copeland. We believe this man is honorable because he is a devoted family man and he supports his community, his church and the youth of this city. Everything he does, he does it 110 percent," said a spokesperson for the center in a news release.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Tuesday, November 18th at 11:45 am in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building
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Industries nationwide caught in trade fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — Florida citrus growers could soon be squeezed, Louisiana rice farmers boiled, California nut producers shelled and North Carolina pajama-makers fleeced.

They would be just a few of the victims caught in the crossfire of an increasingly bitter trade fight between the European Union and the United States over steel. Free-traders fear the biggest victim of all could be America's half-century of support for expanding global commerce.

"In this situation you could trigger a perfect storm of unintended but very serious consequences," says Fred Bergsten, head of the Institute for International Economics, a Washington think tank.

The prospect of a tit-for-tat trade war has increased with the decision by a World Trade Organization appeals panel that the Bush administration violated global trade rules by imposing tariffs of up to 30 percent on various types of foreign steel imports in March 2002.

If the administration does not remove the steel tariffs by mid-December when the WTO ruling becomes final, the EU says it will retaliate by imposing tariffs of up to 30 percent on \$2.2 billion of American exports to Europe.

The 15-nation EU carefully chose its target list to inflict significant political

pain in key battleground states in next year's presidential election. It put President Bush in the uncomfortable position of either withdrawing the tariffs and angering steel producers such as West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana or offending a host of states whose industries will be hit by the Europeans' penalty tariffs.

"The EU drew up its list with diabolical cleverness to target products from a number of states that will be in play in the 2004 presidential race," said Brink Lindsey, a trade specialist at the Cato Institute think tank.

The target list runs the gamut from citrus products, aimed at Florida orange juice and Texas grapefruit, to rice, which would hit states such as Louisiana and Arkansas.

Farmers in California, the biggest electoral prize of all, would feel the sting of the EU tariffs on such products as nuts, dates, figs, avocados and grapes.

Other foods targeted for tariffs are various types of apples, pears, apricots, cherries and frozen and dried vegetables.

In a strike at such big textile and apparel manufacturing states as North and South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, a wide array of clothing has been targeted, including underwear, overcoats and pajamas.

Town mourns after 15 die at site of Queen Mary 2

ST. NAZAIRE, France (AP) — Church bells chimed and foghorns blasted Monday as this Atlantic coast shipbuilding town paid tribute to 15 people who fell to their deaths while visiting the world's largest and most expensive ocean liner.

Hundreds of people gathered at the base of the vast, 21-story-tall Queen Mary 2 to observe a moment of silence for those who died when a metal gangway collapsed Saturday, sending victims plunging at least 50 feet to a concrete floor.

Saint-Nazaire, a blue-collar coastal town, has built its existence around the shipyard. And the QM2 was its highest profile creation.

"Here, everyone feels more or less affected," said Sylvie Nerand, 48, who has a friend whose sister died. "We're all sad."

Up to 32 others were injured when the metal gangway collapsed, as dozens crossed it to board the ship from the dock.

On Sunday, hundreds of sobbing visitors, including family members and local residents, poured into shipyard parking lots to share their grief, offer

flowers or write in a book of condolences.

Flags flew at half-staff over police stations and St. Nazaire's city hall, and French President Jacques Chirac and Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin visited.

Celebrations planned for next month, ahead of the launch set for Jan. 12, are now in doubt. The ship was being built for Britain's Cunard Lines, which is owned by Miami-based Carnival Corp.. Cunard has said the maiden voyage from Southampton, England, to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., would likely go ahead as planned.

The cause of the accident is still unknown. Regional prosecutor Pierre-Marie Block said he has opened an investigation into possible criminal charges. Officials at ship builder Alstom Marine Chantiers de l'Atlantique said they would not speculate on what caused the collapse.

Most of the victims were relatives or friends of shipyard workers and cleaning crews. Two friends who died, Charlene Rio and Celine Duchesne, both 20, had just landed temporary jobs on the Queen Mary 2.

Kentucky governor admits to two ethics violations; two other charges dropped

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Gov. Paul Patton said he settled ethics charges against him not because he was guilty but because he would have been found guilty by the Executive Branch Ethics Commission.

Patton reached an agreement with the commission Sunday to avoid an administrative hearing, scheduled to start Monday. He acknowledged to two instances of using his power and influence to benefit Tina Conner, a woman with whom he had an affair, and commission members dropped two other charges stemming from the relationship.

The governor agreed to accept a \$5,000 fine and a public reprimand. As part of the agreement, Patton said he admitted to unknowingly violating portions of the state ethics law.

"I have regrets about what I did. But as far as the specific actions with which I have been charged, I did not believe that they were violations of the law," Patton said. "They only became a violation of the law when the Ethics Commission redefined the law based on their opinion of what the law ought to be."

The commission alleged that Patton intervened — at Conner's request — to get a promotion for a vehicle-enforcement officer who was her friend; improperly arranged for a business owned by Conner's then-husband, Seth Conner, to be certified as a disadvantaged business enterprise; appointed Tina Conner to the Kentucky Lottery Board; and appointed Seth Conner to the Agriculture Development Board.

International Education Week being observed

International Education Week is being celebrated this week (Nov. 17-20). A time to recognize individuals participating in the student exchange program that promotes intercultural understanding, the weeklong observance is also a time for high school students to give thought to studying abroad for a semester, a year, or to perhaps consider participating in a shorter language study, homestay or community service period during the summer.

There are 18-plus programs for high school graduates. The American Field Service program booklet for 2004 is available at the library of Pampa High School as well as through PHS language teachers.

AFS-USA awards over \$1 million in scholarships and financial aid to U.S. students and teachers who want to study abroad each year. December 16 marks the deadline to apply for one of 70 full yearlong scholarships to Germany through German Congress-Bundestag. To qualify, students must carry a minimum 2.8 grade point average. Applications are approved on a first-come basis and are evaluated according to need.

Over 11,000 students participate in AFS international exchanges each year, with about 2,700 coming to the U.S.

More than 85 years ago, AFS volunteers drove ambulances in World War I. In World War II, they rescued the wounded from the battlefield. After World War



(Courtesy photo)

AFS exchange students Masha Soldatova, FLEX scholarship student from Ukraine living in White Deer, and Opal Pimsakul of Thailand, living in Pampa, shared recipes and foods from their native countries during a multi-county 4-H Foods workshop held recently at Gray County Annex. Soldatova prepared Ukrainian honey cookies and Pimsakul sweetened rice-mango treats.

II, they founded AFS to help stop the devastation of war. The initial program brought 52 exchange students to the U.S. from overseas.

AFS exchange students attending PHS this year are Vlad Rybalkin of Ukraine, a FLEX scholarship student from a former Soviet Republic, and Opal Pimsakul of Thailand. They are hosted by Al Williams' and Norman

Stephens' families, respectively.

Rybalkin is in his first year of football and is on the debate team.

Pimsakul is involved in journalism, choir and will participate in "The Nutcracker."

For more information about AFS, contact local volunteers or call 1-800-AFS-INFO. Information is also available at www.afs.org/usa.

Business inventories rose last month by 3.0 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's businesses boosted their stockpiles of unsold goods in September for the first time in six months, a sign that companies may be feeling more confident about the economic recovery's staying power.

The Commerce Department reported Monday that businesses' inventories rose by 0.3 percent in September, a turnaround from the 0.4 percent drop reported in August. September's rise was the first since March, when businesses also increased their supplies at warehouses and backlots by 0.3 percent.

Economists were expecting inventories to be flat in September.

The increase in inventories in September came even as businesses' sales rose by a solid 0.6 percent, the biggest gain since July. That marked an improvement over the 0.3 percent decline registered in August.

With the economy improving, economists are hopeful that businesses will feel more certain about the sustainability of the economic resurgence and will ramp up inventories, a development that would boost economic growth.

After a long capital investment drought, businesses are slowly increasing spending and adding jobs, two crucial ingredients that must continue for the economic recovery to be lasting, economists say.

Near rock-bottom short-term interest rates, along with President Bush's third tax cut, helped give the economy a big boost during the summer.

The Federal Reserve is expected to hold its main short-term interest rate at a

45-year low of 1 percent at its last meeting of the year in December, as well as into part of 2004, economists predict. Holding short-term rates at such low levels might motivate consumers and businesses to spend and invest more, something that would lift economic growth.

In September, wholesalers boosted inventories by 0.4 percent and sales rose by 0.5 percent. Retailers increased inventories by 1 percent as sales dipped by 0.3 percent. At factories, inventories dropped by 0.4 percent as sales jumped by 1.4 percent.

The economy grew at a breakneck rate of 7.2 percent in the third quarter, the best performance in nearly two decades. Economists believe the economy slowed to a rate of around 4 percent in the current quarter, a still-healthy pace.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Teacher Regrets Lie That Ruined Principal's Career

DEAR ABBY: I am a school teacher. Last year I had a brief affair with a much older, married man. He was the principal of my school. I was deeply in love with him and ready to leave my husband to be with him. However, I got cold feet and chose to stay in my marriage, although it had been less than perfect for years.

I confessed everything to my husband, and then told the principal my decision. I haven't seen him since.

I feel an overpowering need to apologize to my lover for what I did to him. You see, I lied and led my husband and the school board to believe that I had been taken advantage of. I called him a "sexual predator" who had forced me into the affair, and he was forced to resign from the school.

Abby, he did not take advantage of me. I knew exactly what I was doing. In fact, I still have strong feelings for him.

Please tell me what I can do to set the record straight and find peace. REMORSEFUL IN THE U.S.A.

DEAR REMORSEFUL: It won't be easy. Begin by telling your husband the truth. Next, write a letter to the school board and tell them exactly what you have told me. That will "set the record straight." Your clergyman will have to help you find peace, because you have a lot to atone for. Please don't wait.

Remember, the longest journey starts with a single step.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 24-year-old, stay-at-home mom with two beautiful little girls. My youngest daughter, "Tanya," is 5 and suffers from seizures and mental problems. I feel I'm not a good mother because her condition consumes me and all I ever do is cry. I told my husband, "Steve," that I would like to look into putting Tanya in a group home, but he adamantly refuses. Steve says we will separate before that happens.

I love my husband and my child, but I feel I'm going crazy. I have no life. We've spoken to professionals; nothing they suggested is helpful. Steve's mother promised to help, but she makes excuses as to why

she can't watch Tanya. I'm out of ideas. What should I do? I have to save my sanity.

ALONE AND CONFUSED IN TEXAS

DEAR ALONE AND CONFUSED: It appears you are shouldering all the responsibility for Tanya. However, you also have your older child to consider. If you are a basket case, you will be unable to parent either child properly.

It's time to talk to Tanya's doctor about what options are available — respite care to take some of the strain off you, or a group home for your child. Do not give in to your husband's blackmail. He can't care for her by himself, and his mother has already proven she won't step in. Please take care of yourself. By doing so, you'll be doing the right thing for both your daughters.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have a wonderful relationship. We have seen both good and hard times during our 30 years together. My problem is our sex life died about two years ago.

I love my wife dearly. I don't want to hurt her, but I still have physical needs despite having had a stroke, a heart attack, four bypasses and arthritis. I have also been disabled since 1988 due to a back injury.

Abby, what can I do? My wife knows how strong my sex drive is, but she will no longer try anything sexual. Please help.

STILL SLEEPING (ONLY) IN THE SAME BED

DEAR STILL SLEEPING: Have a frank talk with your wife. She may be afraid that sex could endanger your health. If that's the case, have your doctor reassure her it is safe. If that's not the problem, she should have her hormone levels checked.

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.

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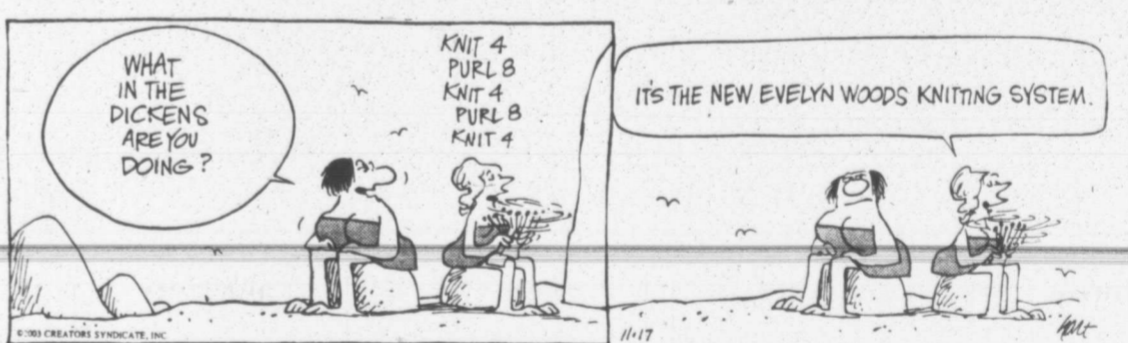
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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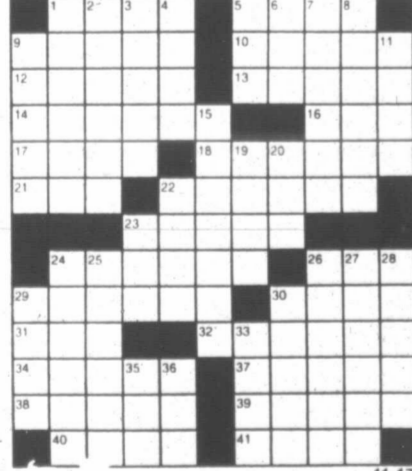
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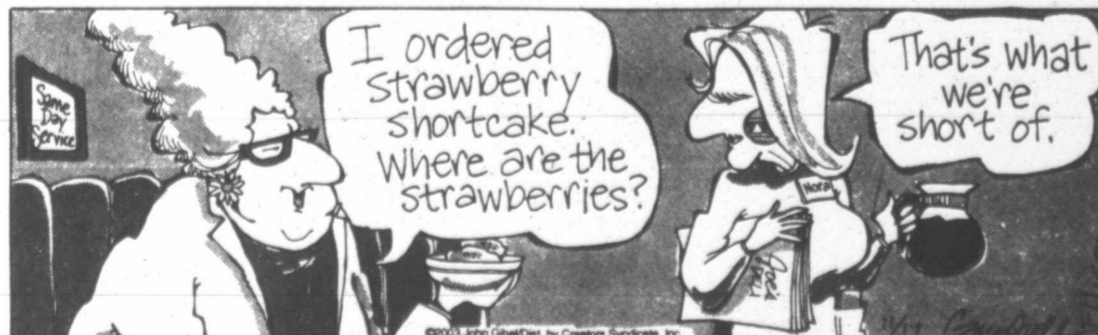
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Country Fair scenes



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"FlashBak" performs at the Country Fair.



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Enjoying dinner at the 2003 Country Fair.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

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There will be two draw-

ings, the first will be immediately following the parade, at approximately 2 p.m., near the intersection of Kingsmill and Cuyler.

The second drawing will be at 5 p.m. near Santa's house at the Coronado Center.

Be watching the Pampa News or call the Chamber at 669-3241 for a list of participating merchants.

2003 CHRISTMAS PARADE

"A CLASSIC CHRISTMAS"
Saturday, December 6th
Parade will begin at 1 p.m.

Dear Members,

Wow, what a great "Country Fair!" We have had tremendous "Country Fairs" each year but this one may prove to be the most successful to date. This will help us continue our work well into next year. Above all, it was great fun and a super opportunity for the community to get together for a full evening of excitement and good times.

As I mentioned in last month's Chamber Page, it is unbelievable how many volunteers it takes to put on this yearly event. Our intention is to name everyone who volunteered to help put this year's "Country Fair" together. The "Country Fair" is just not possible without all of the help. We apologize in advance if anyone who should be listed is not. Please let us know so we can include any names in next month's Chamber Page.

Thanks to everyone for helping to make the 19th annual "Country Fair" a huge success. We can now look forward to next year's milestone 20th "Country Fair."

Please keep in mind that our next major event will be the Christmas Parade and Pampa Bucks drawings to be held on Saturday, December 6th. The parade begins at 1 p.m. at the M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. The first drawing for \$500 in Pampa Bucks will be held downtown and the second drawing for \$500 in Pampa Bucks will be held at the Coronado Shopping Center. Please call the Chamber at 669-3241 for additional information.

Have a great Thanksgiving!
Sincerely,

Clay Rice

Clay Rice
Pampa Chamber of Commerce

P.S. Parade entry forms are available at the Chamber office at 200 N. Ballard. Our theme this year is "A Classic Christmas."

Thank you!

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