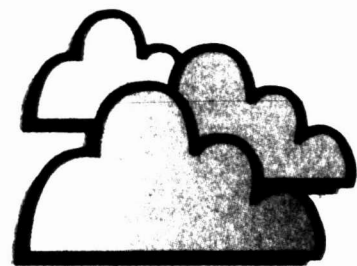


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William Andrew "Bill" Brown, 40, U.S. Postal Service employee.

Thelma V. Irwin, 94, Fresno, Calif., resident.

Elmer Junior Rupp, 82, World War II veteran.

Eugene Williams, 84, Pampa resident.

Briefs

Sessions counts on conservative record

DALLAS (AP) — His opponent says he's on the fringe and Republican Pete Sessions doesn't necessarily disagree.

He calls himself one of the most conservative members of Congress and he's even been known to oppose President Bush — he voted against the No Child Left Behind Act — if it means staying true to his conservative principles.

"I am on the extreme," Sessions explains, "where it relates to government efficiency, jobs in this country and for effectiveness of government and good things for the taxpayer."

He says he voted against Bush's bipartisan education act because school boards in his district asked him to.

Prison farms may become obsolete

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas criminal justice officials dealing with a shrinking budget and a growing prison population are conducting a test to see if getting meals from an outside company can save money.

The decision could affect the prison farm system and its Buffalo Ranch in Burleson County, Texas Department of Criminal Justice officials said.

State-owned prison farms have historically provided much of the food for TDCJ's 150,000 inmates.

However, in a yearlong test under way at the 1,166-bed Hamilton Unit in Bryan, food-industry giant Aramark is providing meals at a daily cost of \$2.43 per prisoner, TDCJ spokesman Mike Viesca said in Sunday's editions of the Houston Chronicle.

That's 17 cents per inmate less than the TDCJ currently spends to feed an offender, even though the prison system has, in addition to Buffalo Ranch, another 139,000 acres of farms and ranches across the state.

Officials say if that 17-cent difference could be multiplied by the state's estimated 150,000 convicts, systemwide savings would top \$9 million a year.

Bush making swing of western states

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — President Bush is launching a focus on Western battlegrounds with no sign that the biting rhetoric he has aimed at Democratic challenger John Kerry in recent days is as aggressive as it's going to get.

Bush spent one day off the campaign trail, relaxing on Sunday at his central Texas ranch and engaging in informal preparations for the final debate before Election Day — Wednesday in Tempe, Ariz.

On Monday, he stops in the far southeastern corner of New Mexico for a morning rally in the town of

'There's a lot more in (Kerry's) record that the American people are going to hear and know about by the time it's all over.'

— **Karl Rove**
Chief political adviser

Hobbs, to begin several days of travel in the West, considered a second-tier battleground region behind the upper Midwest and big swing states like Ohio, Pennsylvania and Florida.

Later Monday, Bush hosts

a lunch fund-raiser in Denver for Republican Pete Coors, who is running for a Senate seat being vacated by GOP Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, and has another campaign rally at the scenic Red Rocks amphitheater.

Starting last week with a retooled stump speech and highlighted in their second debate, held Friday in St. Louis, Bush has delighted Republican supporters with a harder-hitting stance against Kerry.

Hoping to stunt the momentum the Massachusetts senator gained from a much-praised showing in the first debate and a week of difficult news for Bush on Iraq and the economy, aides are signaling the anti-Kerry arsenal is far from depleted.

"There's a lot more in (Kerry's) record that the American people are going

to hear and know about by the time it's all over," said Karl Rove, Bush's chief political adviser.

Looking ahead to the final debate, set to focus entirely on domestic issues, Bush is devoting more time to talking about Kerry's record on taxes, health care and other domestic issues.

In the process, he is seeking to drive home two main characterizations of his rival: that Kerry is a die-hard liberal who lacks credibility because he tries to paint himself as otherwise. It's the domestic version of the weak, flip-flopping image

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Purchases on officials' next agenda

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

Pampa City Commission will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the third floor commission chamber to consider equipment purchases.

Resolution No. 04-015 concerning a hazardous materials decontamination trailer will be voted on, followed by awarding a bid for the purchase of the trailer.

Commissioners will also discuss buying police vehicles and fire apparatus.

Other items on the agenda include second and final reading of Ordinance No. 1432, which applies to the operation, use and fees for M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

A report will be heard concerning sale of water to Lubbock, and the Highway 60 Project and Super Playground bridge will also be discussed.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Keeping watch

A pair of scarecrows watch over pumpkins and a wheelbarrow full of fall colors in the 800 block of North Gray.

Reciprocal agreements affect handgun carriers

Reciprocal agreements affect handgun carriers out-of-state.

Texas has signed reciprocal agreements with Idaho,

news release.

"These agreements allow licensed Texans to enjoy the same or similar privileges their licenses give them at home," said DPS Director Thomas Davis Jr.

With the addition of Idaho, Utah and Mississippi, Texas currently has reciprocity agreements with 12 states.

The agreements were made possible by 1997 changes to the Texas concealed handgun law. The other nine states are Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Wyoming.

"Texans should remember that laws vary from state to state, and traveling, license holders should educate themselves about laws in other states that govern where and when they can legally carry their concealed handguns."

— **Thomas Davis Jr.**
DPS Director

Utah and Mississippi, allowing citizens with concealed handgun licenses issued by those states to legally carry concealed handguns in Texas, and vice versa, according to a Texas Department of Public Safety

Congressional roundup

Senate reaches an accord

By **JIM ABRAMS**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate, after a weekend of behind-the-scenes negotiations, struck a deal to allow passage of a sweeping corporate tax bill and spending measures for disaster relief and homeland security.

The agreement clears the way for the Senate to adjourn on Monday and hit the campaign trail following the lead of the House, which left town on Saturday until after the Nov. 2 elections.

The Senate's adjournment had been held up by Sens. Mary Landrieu, D-La.; Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., to protect measures that had been left out of the corporate tax bill, and in Harkin's case a cut in spending for a farm conservation program.

In the settlement, the three senators will get mostly symbolic votes in which the Senate will reaffirm positions it has taken in the past, but which have been opposed by House Republican leaders.

Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., announced the deal late Sunday night, after

the Senate had been in session through the weekend as leaders of both parties tried to work out some sort of compromise. Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., acknowledged that tempers had frayed, saying "this has been a very difficult and trying time for the entire Senate."

The objections of Landrieu, a strong defender of the military, had held up a vote on one of the biggest bills to move through this soon-to-end session of Congress — a sweeping overhaul of corporate taxes with some \$136 billion in tax breaks for manufacturers and others.

The agreement called for the Senate on Monday to vote first on the corporate tax bill. This would be followed by votes on a \$33 billion measure to fund Homeland Security Department programs and a spending bill that includes \$14.5 billion in relief for hurricane victims and Plains farmers suffering from years of drought.

Harkin held up action on the hurricane aid, attached to a \$10 billion military con-

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Oil futures rise as overseas strike begins

By **BRAD FOSS**
AP Business Writer

Oil futures prices rose slightly Monday despite assurances from Middle East countries that they were committed to keeping the market well supplied as a strike began in Africa's largest exporter of crude.

Traders are worried about

potential supply problems stemming from strife in Nigeria, the slow recovery of production in the Gulf of Mexico following hurricanes and the amount of heating fuel available in the United States as winter approaches.

Concerns about Russian output persist, too, as oil giant Yukos struggles to

repay a multibillion-dollar bill for back taxes.

Crude for November delivery rose to \$53.40 a barrel in morning trading, up 9 cents from its record settlement price of \$53.31 set Friday on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

While oil prices are about

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Obituaries

William Andrew "Bill" Brown, 40

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — William Andrew "Bill" Brown, 40, died Oct. 3, 2004, at Las Vegas, Nev. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2004, at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, Texas, with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor of the United Methodist Church of McLean, Texas, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa, Texas.

Mr. Brown was born April 20, 1964 in Pampa, Texas. He attended schools in Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School in 1982. He was employed by Titan Specialties in Pampa for four years. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1987 and served in Operation Praying Mantis and Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf. He was honorably discharged in 1995. He was employed with the U.S. Postal Service up until the time of his



Brown

death. Bill was a good and loving husband, father, son, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend to us all. He will be greatly missed. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, C.C. and Norma Hayter.

Survivors include his wife, Saiyoot Brown; three daughters, Lilly, Diane and Lisa; one son, Simon; and three grandsons, Darren, Austin and Jordan, all of Las Vegas, Nev.; his parents, Fred and Beverly Brown of Lefors; his brother, Carl Brown of Pampa; his sister, Cheri Van Houten and her husband Don; four nephews, Chad, Rikke, Christopher and Andrew Van Houten; and one niece, Samantha Van Houten, all of Pampa.

Memorials may be made to Pampa United Way, P.O. Box 2076, Pampa, Texas 79066-2076.

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

Thelma V. Irwin, 94

FRESNO, Calif. — Thelma V. Irwin, 94, a former Pampa resident, died Friday, Oct. 8, 2004.

Arrangements are under the direction of Stephens and Bean Chapel in Fresno.

Mrs. Irwin was born July 7, 1910, at Westernport, Md., and relocated to Pampa from western Maryland in 1951. She moved to Fresno when her late husband, Wayne D. Irwin, a chemist for Celanese Corporation, retired in 1978.

Mrs. Irwin was preceded in death by a daughter, Virginia Thrower.

Survivors include a daughter, Ruth Diel of Fresno; a son, David and Joy Irwin of Rochester, N.Y.; and four grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be to St. Agnes Hospice, 1111 E. Spruce Ave., Fresno, CA 93720 or to Dystonia Medical Research Foundation, One East Wacker Dr., Suite 2430, Chicago, IL 60601-1905.

Elmer Junior Rupp, 82

GRAHAM — Elmer Junior Rupp, 82, passed away Saturday, Oct. 9, 2004, at his home in Graham. Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, at Pioneer Cemetery with the Rev. Gary Tull officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home.

Mr. Rupp was born Dec. 26, 1921, in Casper, Wyo., to the late Elmer Clifford and Gladys (Day) Rupp. He married Mildred Joyce Russell July 5, 1946, in Pampa. She preceded him in death on Feb. 26, 1997. Mr. Rupp was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serv-

ing during World War II. He was a survivor of Pearl Harbor and received the Purple Heart medal.

A retired welder, Mr. Rupp built drilling rigs in Tulsa, Okla., moving from Tulsa to Graham in 1992. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include daughter, Donya Joyce Wooderson of Graham; two grandchildren, Michael Kevin Wooderson and Kelly Wooderson Burkett; and three great-grandchildren, Jaycie Burkett, Michael Dixon Wooderson and Rachel Elaine Wooderson.

Eugene Williams, 84

Eugene Williams, 84, of Pampa, died Saturday, Oct. 9, 2004, at Pampa. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of

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

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Wednesday, Oct. 6
Theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks. Food and beer were taken, for an estimated loss of \$87.56.

Thursday, Oct. 7
Telephone harassment was reported in the 1300 block of North Duncan.

Friday, Oct. 8
Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of East Harvester. An estimated \$1,200 in damage was done to an Excel Energy electrical insulator and bushing.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1200 block of North Garland. A window was broken. No items were reported taken. Estimated damage was \$50.

A minor in possession of alcohol, and possession of drug paraphernalia, were reported in the 1300 block of North Garland. Several subjects were cited in connection with the incident.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 300 block of North Starkweather, where tools valued at \$1,474.95 were reported stolen.

Tagging, the unlawful use of spray paint to depict a slang gang-related message, was reported in the 600 block of South Russell. The side of a building was painted, with damage estimated at \$100.

Theft was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester. A purse and contents and a cell phone were taken, for an estimated loss of \$75.

Saturday, Oct. 9
Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of Lefors. A car was shoe polished. Estimated amount of damage was \$5.

A wrong, fictitious, altered or obscured vehicle registration was reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather. A subject was arrested and charged with the offense.

Sunday, Oct. 10

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1500 block of North Wells. An estimated \$100 damage was done to a mailbox.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1500 block of North Wells. An estimated \$50 damage was done to the window and roof of a vehicle.

Criminal trespass was reported at Pampa Mall, 2500 Perryton Parkway. An entrance door window was broken out, for an estimated \$100 in damage.

Allen C. Henry, 22, 513 N. Faulkner, was arrested at the intersection of Frost and Foster Streets for minor in possession of alcohol, no insurance, displaying expired registration, and two counts of failure to appear.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Sunday, Oct. 10
9:00 p.m. — A 1991 Mercury Grand Marquis, driven by Kaley Rachele Maddox, 16, 1316 E. Francis Ave., and a 1991 Ford F-150 pickup, driven by Ashley Ann Parker, 18, 1701 Mary Ellen, collided in the intersection of Somerville and Hobart Streets. No injuries were reported. Maddox was cited for disregarding a stop light.

Sheriff

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

Saturday, Oct. 9
Terry Hoskins, 48, 305 Anne, was arrested for disorderly conduct/indecent exposure and public intoxication.

Sunday, Oct. 10
Anguiano Carreon, 37, Dallas, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.

Fire

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

Saturday, Oct. 9

6:58 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 300 block of North Wells on a medical.

Sunday, Oct. 10
9:04 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Hobart and Somerville.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Oct. 9
11:41 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Sumner to transfer a patient(s) to LifeStar helicopter for transport.

1:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of North Wells and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

6:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Frances. No transport.

6:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of North Wells and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Sunday, Oct. 10
2:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Faulkner and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

4:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Perry and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

6:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Walnut and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Monday, Oct. 11
5:01 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Wells and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Correction

In an article that appeared on page 2-B of the Sunday, Oct. 10, edition of The News entitled "Names sought for MOW Community Celebration quilt," the correct telephone number for Meals on Wheels is 669-1007.

Gray County Weather

Today: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Patchy fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 62. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 71. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 50. Northwest wind between 10

and 15 mph.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 68. North northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 42. North northeast wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 67. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southeast.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 47. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 72. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 44.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy, with a high around 67.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 45.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72.

Girl, 12, accused of fatally shooting mother

DALLAS (AP) — A 12-year-old girl upset over being grounded is accused of shooting her mother to death early Sunday in her bed.

The girl's 10-year-old brother called police about 1 a.m. after finding his mother, 48-year-old Elvira Marion Walton, shot.

The 12-year-old who was being detained at the Henry Wade Juvenile Justice Center.

"Apparently the motive is because the daughter was upset that the mother disciplined her," Dallas police Sgt. Gary Kirkpatrick, homicide unit supervisor, said in Monday editions of The Dallas Morning News.

Walton had six children

and lived in a converted garage used as the family home. An older daughter, 22-year-old Thanica Derrick, said her mother had been having trouble with the 12-year-old.

"She is your average 12-year-old, hormones and everything," Derrick said. "There's nothing that bad to make her do that to my mama. She had been breaking out of the house and not going to school."

Neighbor Lashonda Washington said the 12-year-old regularly stayed out late with neighborhood boys.

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Smokey Bear balloon hits tower at fiesta

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The final day of the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta ended with high drama Sunday when a balloon became entangled in a radio tower, forcing the pilot and two young passengers to shimmy most of the way down the nearly 700-foot-tall structure.

Bill Chapel, 69, of Albuquerque, was piloting the Smokey Bear balloon when winds blew it into the radio tower near the balloon fiesta park.

"All you can do is grit your teeth and hold on to your passengers and prepare them for the impact," he said.

The hot-air balloon's canopy — shaped like the face of the famous bear that warns children against forest

fires — got wrapped up around the triangular-shaped tower, leaving its gondola resting up against the structure and Chapel and his young passengers, Aaron Whitacre, 10, of Tucson, Ariz., and Troy Wells, 14, of Rio Rancho, stranded.

"I hung onto the tower with all my strength, and I got them calmed down," Chapel said.

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the Bush team has tried to attach to Kerry on Iraq and the war on terror.

Campaigning Saturday in Missouri, Iowa and Minnesota, Bush mocked

Kerry's debate promise never to raise taxes on those earning less than \$200,000 as unbelievable and ridiculed his rival's plan to increase the number of people with health insurance as a federal takeover of health care, a characterization Kerry says is false since his plan does not call for nationalized health care. Many of

Kerry's statements, Bush now likes to say, "don't pass the credibility test." Bush then warns — his audience often chanting along with him — that Kerry "can run but he cannot hide" from a record that the president criticizes as both unimpressive and unabashedly liberal. In chats with reporters,

two Bush's closest advisers — Rove and Karen Hughes — together used the word "liberal" nearly a dozen times to describe Kerry. To Bush's repeated claim that Kerry is the most liberal senator, the Democrat's campaign notes that it was in only one congressional session, in 2003 when Kerry usually broke off campaign-

ing only to vote on legislation critical to his party. When the National Journal magazine examined Kerry's long-term Senate voting record, he ranked No. 11 in liberalism. Bush's attempt to increase his focus on domestic policy is buoyed by his advisers' assessment that his much-improved performance in the

second debate was strongest when the discussion turned to domestic issues, an area where Kerry believes he has the advantage with voters. After spending Monday night in Denver, Bush holds a rally in Colorado Springs on Tuesday before heading for the Wednesday evening debate at Arizona State University in Tempe.

Vanaver Caravan



Vanaver Caravan of New York recently held workshops with Madeline Graves Dance & Gymnastics Center of Pampa. The MG Dancers at Madeline Graves Dance Center were asked to perform with the caravan at its final performance at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Above: (front row, left-right) Amber Wirthmann, Vanaver Caravan dancer, Ashley Stark, Abbey Rios, Danielle Zuniga, Sydney Hoelting, Jessica Hiberd, Cynthia Schepp, Jonah Munsell, Edwin Fion, Vanaver Caravan dancer; (second row, l-r) Madeline Graves, owner/instructor of M.G. Studio, Edy Brainard, Caylee Steward, Stephanie Ronquillo, Elysa Clements, David Pakenham, Vanaver Caravan dancer; (third row, l-r) Amy Fradon, vocalist for Vanaver Caravan, Keziah Nelson, Jenna Munsell, Kimberly Curtis, Klarisse Espiritu-Santo, Livia Vanaver, artistic director for Vanaver Caravan, Allison Cooper, Ashley Williams, Alyssa Hoelting, Shauna Graves, dance instructor at M.G. Studio, Ramona Stafford, Vanaver Caravan dancer; (back row, l-r) Jonathan Miller, fiddler for Vanaver Caravan, Bill Vanaver, artistic director for Vanaver Caravan, Abby Weaver, Monica Schepp, Jacklyn Cargill and David Bernz, guitarist for Vanaver Caravan.

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80 percent higher than a year ago, they are \$27 below the peak inflation-adjusted price reached in 1981. Excess available output is scant, with global production capacity only about 1 percent above the daily supply of 82 million barrels. Demand rose faster than expected this year, particularly in China and India, catching many in the industry off guard. "For most of the last decade, the world has had a spare capacity buffer of around 3 to 5 million barrels per day, but no more," Energyasia.com reported in its latest research report.

On Sunday, U.S. Treasury Secretary John Snow said he had received assurances from Arab oil-producing nations that they would attempt to lower crude prices by increasing supply as the Northern Hemisphere winter approaches.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, which includes the world's largest producer Saudi Arabia and other key Middle East exporters, has already raised its daily production quotas by 2.5 million barrels a day this year to just under 30 million barrels.

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struction spending bill, to protest the decision to pay for the \$2.9 billion in drought relief by cutting a farm conservation program that he has championed.

The hurricane money, intended mostly for the election battleground state of Florida, is not budgeted and will increase the federal deficit.

Landrieu won agreement for a vote on a measure giving a 50 percent tax credit to employers who compensate workers up to \$30,000 in lost pay when military reservists or National Guard members are called to active

duty. It was estimated to have a \$2.5 billion cost over 10 years.

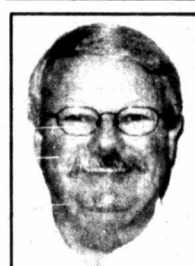
Her proposal had been in the Senate version of the corporate tax bill but was taken out when House Republicans opposed it. Given that opposition, it was unlikely to win House passage.

Harkin gets a vote Monday on a Senate resolution to instruct members of an upcoming budget conference committee that the Senate wants funding restored for the agriculture conservation program.

The corporate tax bill grew out of the need for Congress to respond to a World Trade Organization ruling that a \$5 billion annual subsidy for U.S. exporters was illegal. As a result,

1,600 American exports to Europe are being hit by penalty tariffs that now stand at 12 percent and are rising by one percentage point a month.

The bill became the vehicle for the most significant overhaul of corporate tax law in nearly two decades.



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Viewpoints

U.S. law is dynamic, ever-changing

As I expected, after writing about the House of Representatives passing a bill to prohibit federal courts from hearing cases challenging the words "under God" in the Pledge of Alliance, I've listened to several people attack the godless courts of this nation for making law.

Actually, that's what they're supposed to do. They interpret the statutes passed by legislators and hold them up to scrutiny in comparison to the United States Constitution. It's called case

law and the precedents set by the decisions of the appeals courts and the Supreme Court are a valid part of our legal system.

I don't always agree with the courts, particularly the federal courts, but most of the cases with which I disagree are 5-4 decisions. That is, the nine members of Supreme Court can't agree unanimously on a case.

In that situation, it takes only one Justice to change his or her vote and the entire precedent changes.

That's one of the unique,

and I think one of the great things about our judiciary. It makes our legal system dynamic. It can change with society. We may not all agree, but it's the law - for now.

The law is not just a written word in a book passed by Congress and signed by the President. The law is a living, dynamic being, and it allows the law to adapt to

changes in our civilization.

One of the things that makes our democracy work is the separation of powers as laid out in the U.S. Constitution. There is the Executive Branch. The Legislative Branch. The Judicial Branch.

It's called checks and balances.

All too often, the courts are called upon to address diffi-

cult questions that weak-kneed lawmakers avoid.

Take school finance, for instance.

It took a court to make the Texas Legislature deal with the issue a decade ago. It's taking a court to make them deal with it again.

Legislators are not known for their bravery or their creativity, unless it's in making excuses or passing the buck.

Chief executives, be they governors or presidents, seemingly exert little leadership.

With such people in

office, who can see only as far as the next election, it's little wonder we have to rely on the courts to make things happen.

Without the courts, the bickering would go on forever and nothing would get done.

Our lawmakers may talk about God, our presidential candidates may campaign from church pulpits, but it's the voter who needs a strong faith in God that everything will be all right in spite of our politicians.

David Bowser
Staff Writer



Executive Branch. The Legislative Branch. The Judicial Branch.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Oct. 11, the 285th day of 2004. There are 81 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 11, 1779, Polish nobleman Casimir Pulaski, fighting for American independence, died two days after being mortally wounded in the Revolutionary War Battle of Savannah, Ga.

On this date:

In 1811, the first steam-powered ferryboat, the Juliana, was put into operation between New York City and Hoboken, N.J.

In 1890, the Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in Washington, D.C.

In 1932, the first American political telecast took place as the Democratic National Committee sponsored a program from a CBS television studio in New York.

In 1942, the World War II Battle of Cape Esperance began in the Solomons, resulting in an American victory over the Japanese.

In 1958, the lunar probe Pioneer One was launched; it failed to go as far out as planned, fell back to Earth, and burned up in the atmosphere.

In 1962, Pope John XXIII convened the first session of the Roman Catholic Church's 21st Ecumenical

'When a friend speaks to me, whatever he says is interesting.'

— Jean Renoir
Movie director
(1894-1979)

Council, also known as Vatican II.

In 1968, Apollo 7, the first manned Apollo mission, was launched with astronauts Wally Schirra, Donn Fulton Eisele and R. Walter Cunningham aboard.

In 1979, Allan McLeod Cormack and Godfrey Newbold Hounsfield were named co-recipients of the Nobel Prize for Medicine for their work in developing the CAT scan X-ray.

In 1984, 20 years ago, space shuttle Challenger astronaut Kathy Sullivan became the first American woman to walk in space.

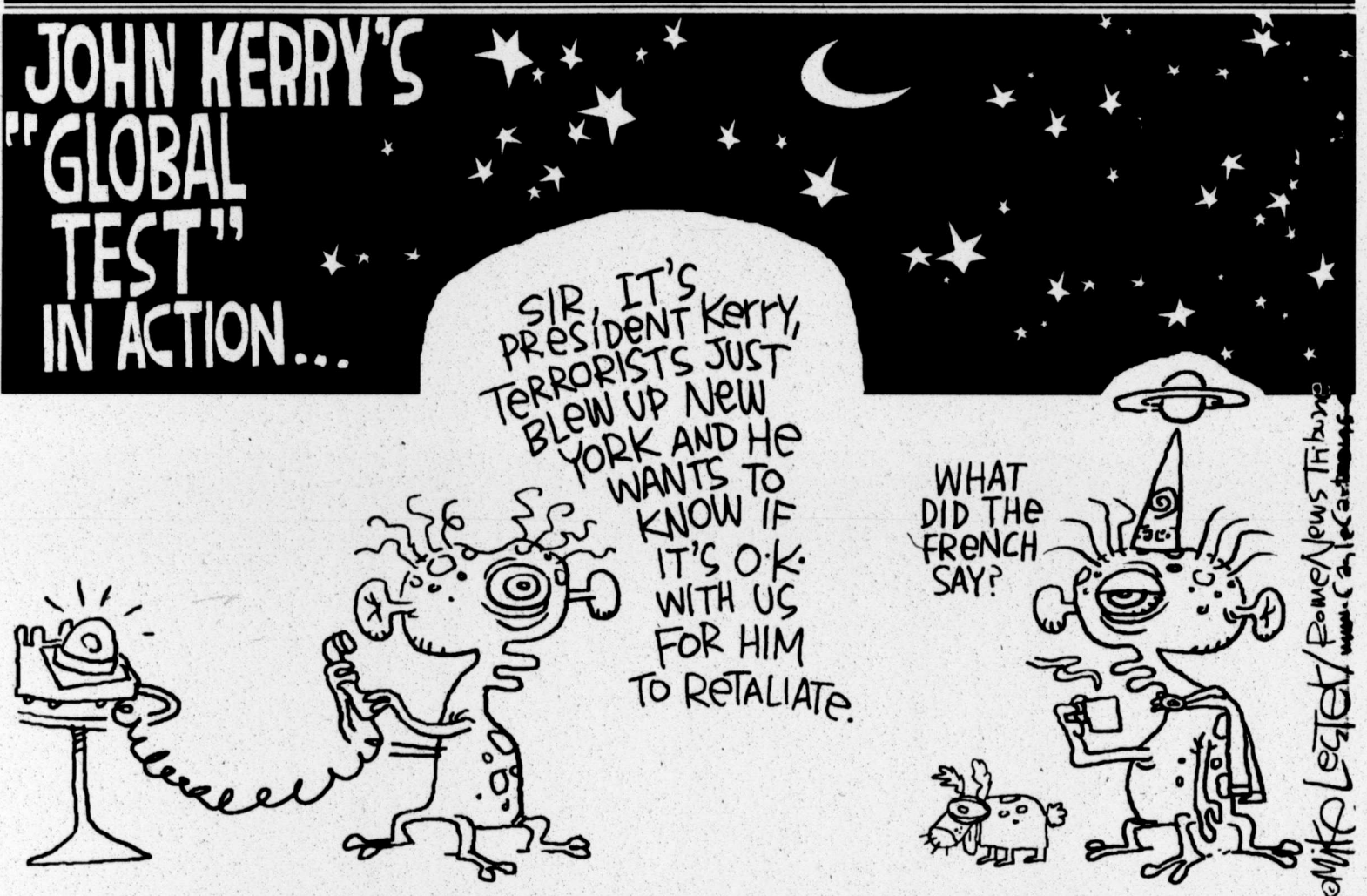
In 2002, former President Jimmy Carter won the Nobel Peace Prize.

Ten years ago: U.S. troops in Haiti took over the National Palace. Iraqi troops begin moving north, away from the Kuwaiti border. The Colorado Supreme Court declared the state's anti-gay rights measure unconstitutional.

Five years ago: Dr. Guenter Blobel of New York's Rockefeller University won the Nobel Prize for medicine for discovering how proteins find their rightful places in cells.

One year ago: A team of 18 doctors at Children's Medical Center Dallas began complicated separation surgery for two-year-old conjoined twins from Egypt; the operation was completed in 34 hours.

Clerks for three major supermarket chains in Southern California began a four-and-a-half-month strike after negotiations with store officials broke off.



Cat Stevens arrest an embarrassment

Any doubt that the Department of Homeland Security is a joke should be put to rest by its recent detainment and deportation of the pop singer Cat Stevens, who now calls himself Yusuf Islam.

The entertainer has mysteriously made it to one of the watch lists that the government so famously failed to consult prior to the attack of Sept. 11, 2001. Nevertheless, he was allowed to board a plane with his daughter in London for a trip to Washington, D.C.

When our sterling bureaucratic protectors discovered the singer's presence about mid-Atlantic, they diverted the airplane and all of its passengers and crew, of course, to Bangor, Maine, where one of the world's most famous peace advocates was taken away by the FBI and interrogated for

about six hours. He was separated from his daughter and naturally never told why he was on a watch list. Then he was put on another plane back to England, where he is a citizen.

This shabby treatment of a man known around the world not only for his music but for his charitable endeavors, advocacy of peace and forthright denunciations of terrorism is stupid and an embarrassment for the United States. Even the British foreign secretary, Jack Straw, protested.

How stupid? Well, within the recent past, Yusuf Islam has made two trips to the United States to meet with high-ranking government officials, including officials from the Bush White House

concerning charitable projects. After the attacks against the United States, the singer not only condemned them, but forked up a good amount of money for the survivors. And at about the same time that our bureauc-

cratic protectors were focusing on an innocent man, a report comes out that guns and explosives are still easily being smuggled past the U.S. security people at airports. Maybe their priorities are messed up.

More importantly to Americans, this incident shows you the danger of government lists. To this day, the singer does not know why he was put on the list, and the only thing the U.S. bureaucrats will say is,

"Yusuf Islam has been placed on the watch lists because of activities that could potentially be related to terrorism."

Now, let's decode this bureaucratese. What activities? If you are going to publicly embarrass a person, you should say frankly what activities you are talking about. And who says he's engaged in them? And what in the heck does it mean that they could "potentially be related to terrorism"? Notice they do not say these mysterious activities are related to terrorism. They say they "could potentially be" related. Our government so loves guilt by association that these activities could be nothing more than donating to a legal charity that uses a bank somebody thinks is owned by a terrorist organization. That's guilt by asso-

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Charley Reese
Columnist



Project Vote Smart service to nation's voters

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Project Vote Smart:

Maybe this sounds like a subversive idea, but how about political candidates helping voters arm themselves with comprehensive information before going to the polls? Project Vote Smart, a nonpartisan voter-education campaign, is asking candidates to do just that by completing a National Political Awareness Test that covers a range of issues that they might confront if elected.

The responses are posted on the PVS Web site (www.vote-smart.org) along with information on candidates' personal backgrounds, voting records, campaign finances, public statements

and endorsements. The aim is to provide voters with "the necessary tools to self-govern effectively: abundant, accurate, unbiased and relevant information."

Here's a call for Texas politicians to meet V o t e S m a r t ' s challenge to "put the power of democracy back in the hands of the people by providing Americans with the necessary facts to make confident decisions" on Nov. 2.

Texas candidates have a Wednesday deadline to respond. As of the end of September, only 18 percent

of those running for the Legislature and 42 percent of congressional candidates had.

What are the others afraid of? That Texans will have access to comprehensive knowledge on which to make informed decisions, the essence of meaningful civic participation? Project Vote Smart doesn't advocate for particular candidates. It promotes democracy.

The project was started in 1992 by such notables as former Presidents Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford, for-

mer U.S. Sens. Barry Goldwater and George McGovern and former Reps. Newt Gingrich and Geraldine Ferraro.

As the group's Web site notes, Founding Father James Madison put it best when he said: "A popular government, without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a prologue to a farce or a tragedy. A people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives."

Participating in the PVS survey on the issues is one way that Texas candidates can demonstrate their respect for the electorate and their faith in the process.

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I make charitable donations, small ones, and I have no idea which banks the Boy Scouts and the Salvation Army use, much less who owns the banks. I kid you not that in this

present state of hysteria and semi-police-state tactics administered by morons, good people's reputations have been smeared by just such a ridiculous claim.

The government should not be allowed to put anybody's name on a terrorist watch list without notifying that person, presenting its evidence before a judicial officer and giving the person a chance to rebut it. As it is now, anybody can end up being called a terrorist and never know why. As Sen. Ted Kennedy has pointed out, he's been stopped numerous times for additional searches because apparently some name is

similar to his on one of these dumb watch lists.

Computerized lists can be dangerous. In my city, an innocent businessman, asleep in his car, was shot to death by a police officer because the man's car had been mistakenly listed as stolen.

What this administration has done is revive McCarthyism, something that has no place in a free society. As for Yusuf Islam, I'm sorry, from a personally selfish point of view, that he converted to Islam. I greatly miss Cat Stevens' music.

Association fosters awareness of epilepsy

This article is one in a series of articles of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information is being provided by Pampa United Way as part of its 2004 "Community Matters" fund-raising campaign.

The mission of High Plains Epilepsy Association, a United Way Agency, is to further the understanding and the acceptance of individuals with epilepsy.

Eleven-year-old Brian McDaniel experiences seizures. Some of his imaginary childhood peers are afraid of him. Others fear that the 11 year old (actually a three-foot puppet) is going to die. Still others say that Brian is crazy, according to scripts from a "Kids on the Block" puppet program designed to educate children, ages K-5, about epilepsy.

In reality, Brian has epilepsy. This format is used to educate school age children about epilepsy and the steps to take if they see someone have a seizure. Joanne Spinoza is Brian's partner in the 10-minute script. The puppets themselves stand about three-feet tall and wear a size 4 toddler clothing.

Staff and volunteers from the High Plains Epilepsy Association (HPEA) in Amarillo provide the voices for the puppets. The puppeteers wear all black clothing, including black hoods and gloves, during the 10-minute skits. The concept, a



Brian McDaniel and Joanne Spinoza are puppets used by High Plains Epilepsy Association to dispel the stigmas and myths surrounding epilepsy. The "Kids on the Block" program is a 10-minute script about Brian who has a seizure and Joanne who has to remember all the first aid Brian taught her to deal with it.

part of Bunraku puppet style, is to make the puppeteers blend into a black backdrop. After each program, there is a question and answer session with the children. The puppet program is used for grades 1st-5th.

The education of individuals regarding the different types of seizures and the first aid that is appropriate for each type of seizure can begin as early as Pre-K. This education process focuses on the understand-

ing of what a seizure is and how to assist the individual having a seizure.

For the pre-K and kindergarten age group a flip chart is used that tells a story about Doty the Dalmatian, a dog who has epilepsy. A video is also shown. In the video, a child talks about what it is like to have a seizure, and what the children can do to help someone who is having a seizure.

The educational format for the junior high and high school students is different.

A short quiz is given at the beginning to obtain a better understanding of the information the group already possesses about epilepsy. The quiz is also used as a discussion tool.

A short presentation is given regarding what epilepsy is, how you get epilepsy, the different types of seizures, what first aid is appropriate for each seizure, the test that are used when diagnosing someone with epilepsy, the importance of medication and the type of physician who treats epilepsy. A video is also shown that shows individuals having different types of seizures and the appropriate first aid being administered.

HPEA also has available a "School Alert" packet designed for the school nurses. This packet contains brochures specific to dealing with epilepsy in the school. A poster, describing the different types of seizures and first aid is also available.

A licensed social worker is in Pampa the second Tuesday of each month at the Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. For more information, call the HPEA office at 1-800-806-7236.

The programs and services of the organization are provided at no charge. The High Plains Epilepsy Association is funded in part by the Pampa United Way, Texas Department of Health, foundation grants, private donations and two annual fundraisers.

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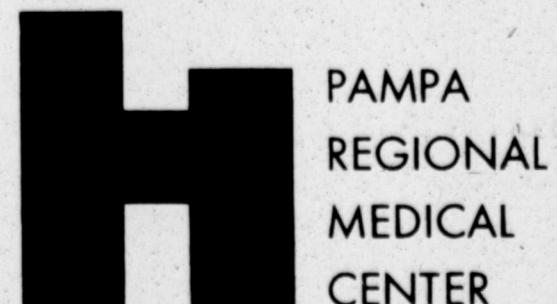
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Calendar items

• **Through Dec. 14, Lovett Memorial Library will host its fall "story time" at the library for children 18 months to 4-years of age.** Shanla Brookshire, children's librarian, will read stories and prepare crafts for participants. All story times are free and require no registration. Certificates for the summer reading game are available at the circulation desk. Children who made quilt blocks at the program need to pick them up by Oct. 1. For more information, call Lovett Memorial Library at 669-5780. • **The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella).** Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Oct. 6 and 20, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and from 12:30-4 p.m., Oct. 11, City Hall, Canadian.

• **Pampa Civic Ballet will conduct two auditions for the upcoming seasonal performance of "The Nutcracker" at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 13 at Beaux Arts Dance Studio, 315 N. Nelson, in Pampa.** PCB will be conducting auditions for the part of Clara as well as for parts for boys ages 3-14.

• **Tralee Crisis Center is sponsoring an Honorable Man March at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 14 to start at the intersection of Francis and Cuyler.** The purpose of the march is to raise awareness of domestic violence and encourage men who live a violence free lifestyle to step up and be recognized by the community. Out of the 153 women killed last year in Texas, two of those were from Pampa, according to the crisis center.

• **Pampa High School Choir Boosters are planning a "Hole-In-One Shoot Out" from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16 at Pampa Middle School.** The finals will be conducted between the top 10 contestants at Hidden Hill Golf Course at 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17. The

fee is \$5 for three golf balls and \$1 for extras. Cash prizes will be awarded.

• **Pampa Army National Guard reunion is set for Saturday, Oct. 23 at the Pampa Armory.** Registration will be between 11 a.m. and 12 noon. A business meeting is scheduled between 2 and 3 p.m. Dinner will be served between 6 and 7 p.m. followed by the program between 7 and 8 p.m. For more information, call (806) 274-9470 or e-mail buffalo@buffalo.com.

• **The Erick, Okla., Chamber of Commerce is currently seeking applications for booth space for the community's Second Annual Roger Miller Festival slated Saturday, Oct. 23.** The Roger Miller Museum will be hosting a grand-opening and benefit concert during the event with will include a petting zoo, a mechanical bull, a car/bike show, live entertainment and more. To reserve a booth space or to request an application, contact Erick Chamber of Commerce at 1-580-526-3505.

• **West Texas A&M University, in conjunction with Texas State Comptrollers Office, will conduct a free "New Taxpayer Seminar" from 6-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, at the Small Business Development Center, 2300 N. Western, Amarillo.** To register, call (806) 372-5151 or log onto www.smallbusinessdevelopmentcenter.com on the Internet.

• **SW USA Aleutian Island veterans will reunite Nov. 10-12 in Laughlin, Nev.** All service branches, veterans and guests are welcome. For more information and/or registration forms, send a SASE to Al King, P.O. Box 130327, Sunrise, FL 33313 by Oct. 15.

• **Working Ranch Cowboys Association Ninth World Championship Ranch Rodeo will be staged Nov. 11-14 in Amarillo.** Cowboys from working ranches across the Northern Hemisphere will compete for the title of "Best in the World."

• **Moonlight Extension Education Club in Muleshoe will hold its 26th Annual Christmas Bazaar Dec. 4 at Bailey County Civic Center in Muleshoe.** Applications for booth space are available through Nov. 31. For more information, call (806) 272-3463 or (806) 272-3024.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law, "Diana," is a successful interior designer. Her son, "Brent," and I just moved into a new home, and she can't wait to visit. In the past, this has meant days of listening to Diana's endless suggestions about all of the "wonderful things we can do" with "our" new home. Brent is no help when it comes to shutting her off.

I'm anxious about Diana's visit because she ignores my hints that she keep her ideas to herself. Am I being mean-spirited? Her ideas are usually not in keeping with our style or budget.

How should we handle it when she offers a house-warming gift - like lawn furniture - and insists on "helping" us pick it out? Diana visits so often that we can't accept something and not use it.

Abby, this has gone on for 13 years. I love her in so many other ways, but this makes me feel like an ungrateful daughter-in-law. Please help.

— ANXIOUS IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR ANXIOUS: Since Diana is an interior designer by profession, she could be verbalizing her ideas out of force of habit. Once the ideas start flowing, it can be hard to shut off the tap. Rather than becoming defensive when Diana starts offering suggestions, simply tell her that you will "keep them in mind" or "give them some thought." It's not insulting, nor does it commit you in any way.

If she offers a house-warming gift, remind her that her tastes and yours are not always in sync -- and let her know what YOU have in mind. After all, you will have to live with the results. As a professional, she can respect that -- and with her resources, she can show you things you might never have dreamed were available.

DEAR ABBY: Four months

ago, my husband sent his 22-year-old daughter a check for a special occasion. She still hasn't cashed it. She insists if she cashes it, the money will be spent on groceries and rent instead of something special.

My mother always told me it was rude not to cash a check from someone immediately, because otherwise the sender had to deal with it every month when trying to balance his or her checkbook. My husband says I am picking on her. Am I old-fashioned?

— "WICKED" STEPMOM IN COLORADO

DEAR STEPMOM: Here in California, if a check isn't cashed within a certain time, it's considered invalid. However, since your husband has accused you of sniping at his daughter, and he doesn't seem to mind the inconvenience caused by his daughter's outstanding check, it's time to halt the helpful criticism and examine your motives.

DEAR ABBY: I recently introduced my 31-year-old son and his ladyfriend of three years as my son "Ian" and his friend "Lisa." Lisa took offense and said I should have introduced them as Ian and his GIRLFRIEND Lisa.

Since they are not married or engaged, was I correct in my introduction?

— IAN'S MOTHER

DEAR MOTHER: Technically, perhaps. However, since your son and Lisa have been an item for three years, it would have been more accurate to have introduced her as his girlfriend. It appears your offhand introduction struck a nerve, but it may be because she's sensitive about that subject.

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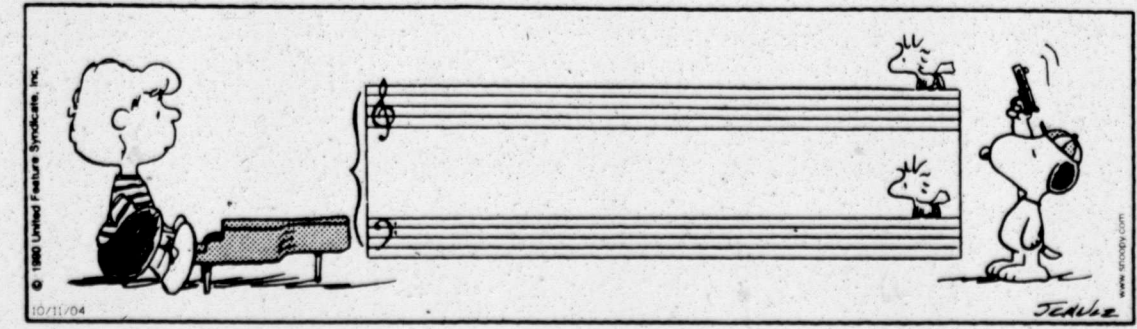
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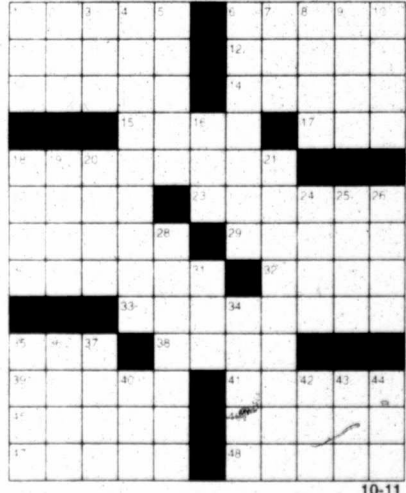
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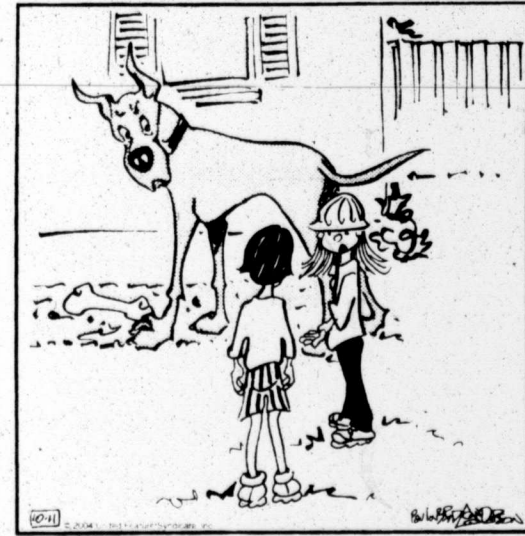
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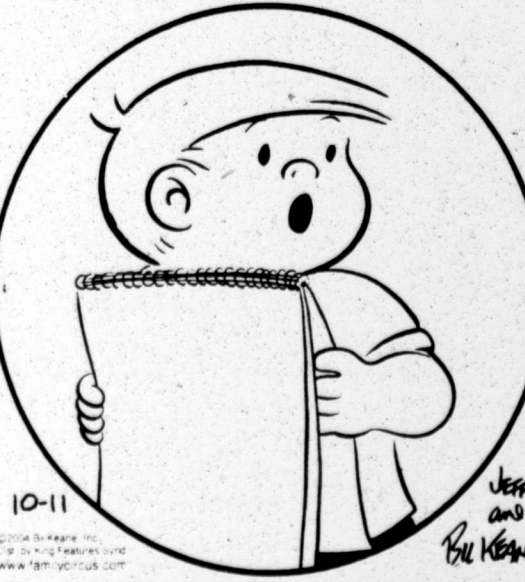
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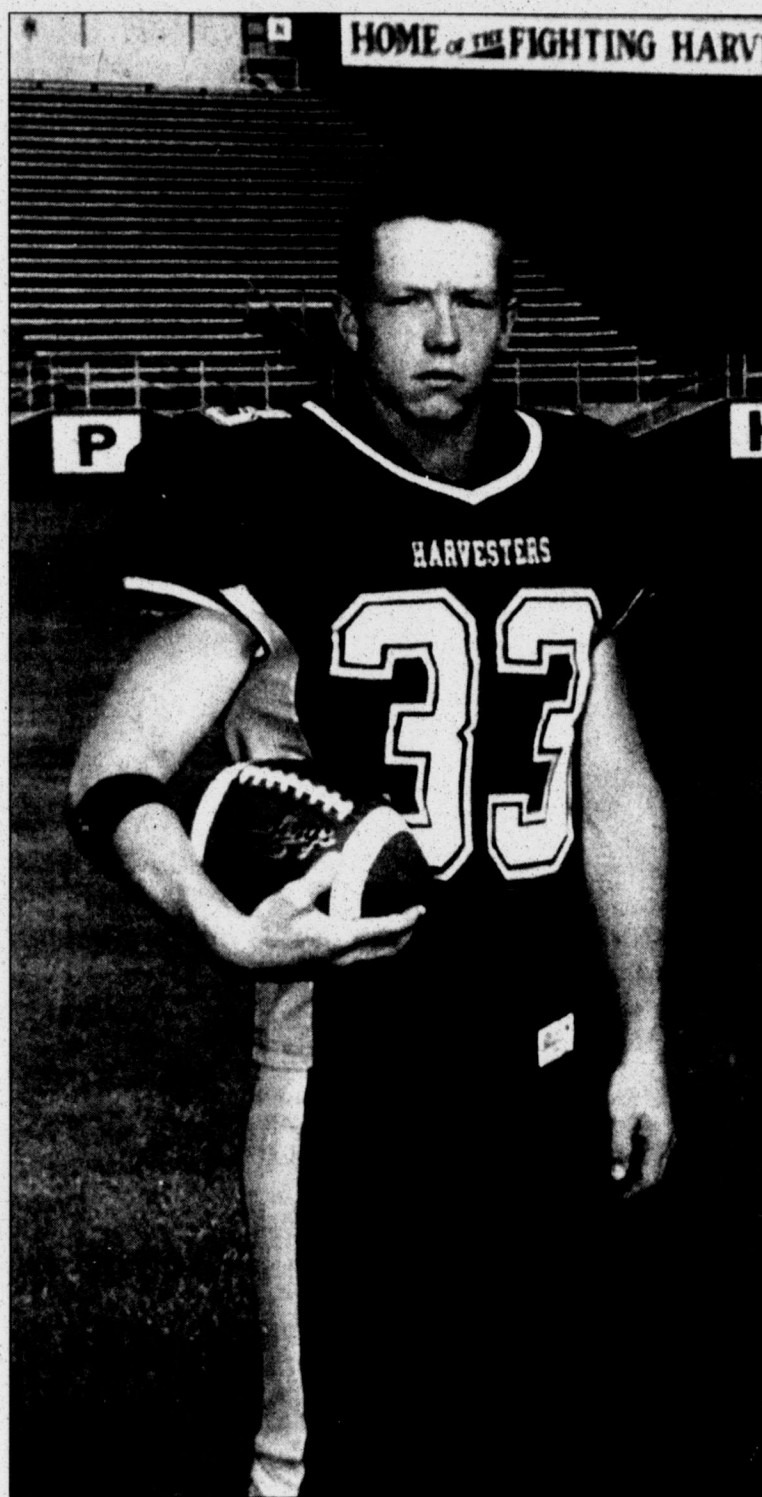


Flo & Friends



Sports Day

Senior spotlight



Sam Gamble strikes an imposing pose during team photos prior to the start of the 2004 season.

Sam Gamble, TE/LB

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

At 5'8", 158 pounds, Sam Gamble is part of the Senior leadership charged with "Protecting the Tradition" for the Harvesters this season.

Samuel Gamble
Jersey: # 33

Player Position(s): Defensive Line
Player Grade: 12

Player Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Jenny Gamble
School Activities/Interests: Football

Player information provided by the PHS Football Booster Club.

Lady Harvesters fall, face Hereford tomorrow night

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Lady Harvester volleyball team fell to Randall this past Saturday, 25-9, 27-25, 25-20.

In the game, Jaelyn Spearman had 11 kills and seven digs. Britteni Rice, Jackye Barber and Jackie

Gerber had five kills each, and Lindsey Ammons had 21 assists and 10 digs.

Pampa is now 9-19, 3-3 for the season and hosts Hereford tomorrow night. The first serve scheduled for 6 p.m.

PHS tennis team hosts Hereford

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School tennis team will take to the home courts tomorrow when it hosts Hereford in District 3-4A play.

Matches are to get underway at 4 p.m.

Dolphins, Packers claim PFL City League Championships

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Great Plains Pest Control Dolphins captured the 5th-6th grade City League Championship this past Saturday by defeating the KB Farms Cowboys.

The Heritage Feeders Packers claimed the 3rd-4th grade City League Championship by downing the Quality Sales Texans.

Brian Wall, Rick Pearson, Shaun Smith and Joe Mechelay will coach the 5th-6th grade All Stars. Shawn Clifton, Joe Kyle Reeve and Danny Escalante will coach the

3rd-4th grade All Stars.

Tournaments consist of the Pampa All Star Tournament and the Dumas All Star Tournament. 3rd-4th grade games will be Oct. 30. 5th-6th grade games are to be played Nov. 6.

Tournaments for both divisions are also scheduled for Borger, Nov. 13, and Perryton, Nov. 20. The City League Tournament for 3rd-4th grade is scheduled for Oct. 23.

PFL Commissioner Leah Pearson thanks the sponsors and congratulates all who participated while wishing all players and coaches good luck in the upcoming tournaments.

KEN CAMINITI

A former MVP is dead, but why?

Ken Caminiti is dead. He is dead at the age of 41. He is dead because of drugs. The autopsy will be conducted today, but the results will no doubt show this once amazing iron-man of the diamond is gone too soon because of poor lifestyle choices he made.

Can he be blamed? Naturally. But if accountability is part of the equation, then perhaps sports as a whole needs to stop, take measure of what it has done to today's athlete and, make some changes.

Drug use, whether it be cocaine, marijuana, steroids or whatever, is far too rampant in sport today. Frankly, it has been for years. Olympians still try to get away with using drugs to enhance their performance. All in the quest for a small piece of metal attached to a ribbon. Other athletes use drugs to help stave off the pain of training or playing. Still others do so to circumvent their otherwise mediocre talent. And then there is the athlete who uses because their bank accounts allow them too. Call it a 'social' habit if you wish. Just last week, Caminiti admitted to cocaine use. It wasn't his first time. In

May of 2002, he told Sports Illustrated he used steroids during his 1996 MVP season when he played for the San Diego Padres. He died over the weekend of a heart attack in the Bronx, New York.

In a time when the sports industry, professional in particular, appears to be more and more forgiving of athletes involved with drugs, Caminiti should serve as cause to get involved. To become far more proactive than to slap them with a fine and suspensions of a game or two. Fines should be large enough to really gain attention. A few thousand dollars to a multimillionaire athlete is nothing. Fines should be in the \$500 thousand range or higher. This might capture the attention.

Drugs, no matter the classification, have long been the dirty little sports secret no one wants to talk about. After all, there are millions of dollars at stake. Do not think for a moment that those in charge of the NFL, NHL, NBA or any other sanctioning body—including Major League Baseball—are unaware of the epidemic.

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7th, 8th grade football

The Pampa Middle School 7th and 8th grade football teams will be in action tomorrow.

The 7th grade will travel to Plainview with the B-team to kick off at 5 p.m., the A-team to follow at 7 p.m.

The 8th grade team will be home to host Plainview. The B-team to take the field at 5 p.m., the A-team to follow at 7 p.m.

Note: The Freshman team is off this week.

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They will posture for the camera when needed, then sweep the issue under the carpet. They too should be held accountable. While some athletes are simply discarded, others are given chance, after chance, after chance to right themselves but never do. Should there not be a better plan for intervention and/or support?

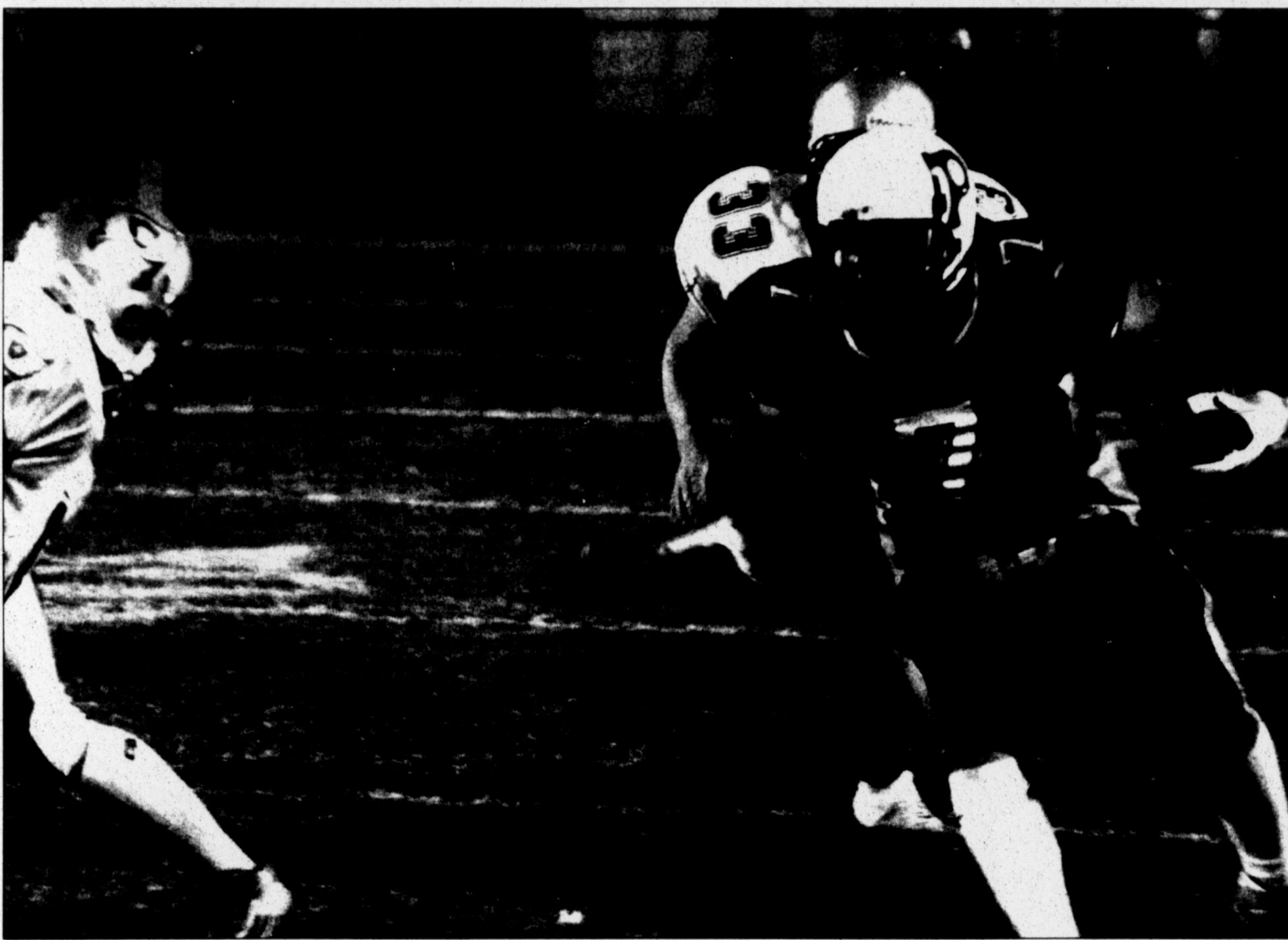
If today's athlete needs a reason to stop the drug use, I submit to you one Lyle Alzado. A hero of mine in the 70s when he was playing for my beloved Denver Broncos. Even after leaving for the Oakland Raiders, I quietly cheered for him. But it is not his playing physique I remember. It is the shell of

a man he became in his final days. Thin, fragile—nothing like the defensive warrior he had been. Prior to his death, he admitted to a long-time use of steroids.

So what does this have to do with Ken Caminiti? I have long suspected that steroids and other enhancers are simply the launching pad for other drugs. Cocaine use by an athlete is more often than not the byproduct of his/her steroid use. And someone, at some point in time, knew of the problem but chose not to do anything.

If sports and athletes need additional persuading, perhaps former Caminiti teammate Andy Ashby summed it up best by saying, "It's a shame for his family as much as it is for his friends. He's got three daughters who are going to miss having Dad around. It's a shame. It's a terrible thing."

Come and get it



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Pampa Harvester Q.B. Cobb focuses on a Randall defender during a run this past Friday night. Pampa won the exciting District 3-4A opener at home against the Radiers, 10-7.

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East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	4	0	0	1.000	105	63
N.Y. Jets	4	0	0	1.000	98	75
Buffalo	0	4	0	.000	51	73
Miami	0	5	0	.000	42	87

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Ind.	4	1	0	.800	159	106
Jacksonville	3	2	0	.600	73	86
Houston	2	3	0	.400	118	127
Tennessee	1	3	0	.250	63	91

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	4	1	0	.800	112	94
Baltimore	3	2	0	.600	97	79
Cleveland	2	3	0	.400	82	96
Cincinnati	1	3	0	.250	66	95

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	4	1	0	.800	99	74
San Diego	3	2	0	.600	140	115
Oakland	2	3	0	.400	95	119
Kansas City	1	3	0	.250	89	110

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	4	0	0	1.000	107	55
N.Y. Giants	4	1	0	.800	104	72
Dallas	2	2	0	.500	67	91
Washington	1	4	0	.200	71	85

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	4	1	0	.800	98	66
New Orleans	2	3	0	.400	92	127
Carolina	1	3	0	.250	69	88
Tampa Bay	1	4	0	.200	69	89

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	3	1	0	.750	78	72
Minnesota	3	1	0	.750	112	94
Chicago	1	3	0	.250	68	76
Green Bay	1	3	0	.250	72	94

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Detroit	3	1	0	.750	78	72
Minnesota	3	1	0	.750	112	94
Chicago	1	3	0	.250	68	76
Green Bay	1	3	0	.250	72	94

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	3	1	0	.750	92	46
St. Louis	3	2	0	.600	116	113
Arizona	1	4	0	.200	87	87
San Francisco	1	4	0	.200	91	137

Sunday's Games

Detroit 17, Atlanta 10
 N.Y. Giants 26, Dallas 10
 Indianapolis 35, Oakland 14
 Minnesota 34, Houston 28, OT
 New England 24, Miami 10
 Pittsburgh 34, Cleveland 23
 Tampa Bay 20, New Orleans 17
 N.Y. Jets 16, Buffalo 14
 San Diego 34, Jacksonville 21
 St. Louis 33, Seattle 27, OT
 San Francisco 31, Arizona 28, OT
 Denver 20, Carolina 17
 Baltimore 17, Washington 10

Monday's Game

Tennessee at Green Bay, 9 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 17
 Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
 Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
 Houston at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
 San Diego at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
 Washington at Chicago, 1 p.m.
 San Francisco at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
 Seattle at New England, 1 p.m.
 Kansas City at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
 Carolina at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.
 Denver at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
 Minnesota at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.
 Open: Indianapolis, Arizona, N.Y. Giants, Baltimore
Monday, Oct. 18
 Tampa Bay at St. Louis, 9 p.m.

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10-11 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: TODAY, LIMOUSINES ARE LIKE TAXICABS WITH THE DOOR HANDLES STILL INTACT. — ERMA BOMBECK

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2004:

Your creativity flourishes as it rarely has in previous years. You went through a similar period approximately 10 to 11 years ago. Think back and remember what happened. Solutions come out of the blue. You are just plain lucky. You choose the right words. If you are in an artistic field, your work will benefit. In fact, whatever you do seems to have your magical signature on it. The only characteristic you need to be aware of is a tendency to become too self-involved. What you want will happen if you apply yourself to that goal. If you are single, suitors surround you left and right. You will make a good choice once -- and if -- you decide to have a relationship. If you are attached, your relationship will bloom as long as you aren't too me-oriented. LIBRA is a soul mate. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** Defer to others, and their good luck will sprinkle on you. Know that you don't have to do much at all but listen. You might want to check out a situation more carefully. Don't work on hearsay. The intensity of others fires you up. Tonight: Go along with someone else's plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Dig into work with enthusiasm and energy. You might be amazed at what you accomplish. Ask for help, and you'll clear out more than a day's worth of work. Brainstorm and play devil's advocate with a moneymaking proposition. Tonight: Relax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Your imagination charges dif-

ferent situations with alternatives and perspective. Lighten up and enjoy the moment. Not everything, even work, has to be serious. Listen to a partner. He or she has a similar creative urge too. Tonight: Be a romantic.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Basics do count. Your love of your home and family needs to be honored. Consider a variation or change in your work that would make you happier. You might want to be closer to home or work from home. Tonight: Make a favorite meal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Ask, and others will respond. You like it that way. Communication and networking play big roles in your day. News from a child or loved one might delight you. If you are an artist or writer, your creativity flourishes. Tonight: Swap stories and news with a friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Expenses could easily get out of control. The extravagance bug might attack you out of the blue. Be ready. You might not want to say "no." Whatever you buy will be good for you, though you will pay more than you originally had intended. Tonight: Your treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** You magnetize others with your smile and optimism. Communicate and share your happiness and ideas with others. Your generosity manifests in your smile, attitude and indulgent way. Pick up the check at lunch too! Tonight: As you like it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Everything will work out perfectly if you maintain a low profile and don't push to put your two cents in. You will have your chance soon enough. Use your intuition with money, even if

it is buying a lottery ticket. Tonight: Just for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Schedule meetings. Network. Relate to others. You could be stunned by the end results, especially as what you want could land in your lap. Lady Luck shakes hands with you today. Make the most of this moment. Tonight: Celebrate living.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Your sense of responsibility finally pays off. Whether you receive general acknowledgment (applause), a promotion or a pay raise, the message is the same. Applause surrounds you. Use your intuition with those in charge. Tonight: Out late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** You hear news that can only make you smile. You have a sense of direction and a new vision. Break away from uniform or past thinking. Express your caring to those in your life. Your gratefulness creates even more positive happenings. Tonight: Off to the movies.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Work with individuals and not groups. You get stunning results, no matter which way you turn. Take your bows, but also give credit to that one special person who pushes you across the line. Teamwork counts. Tonight: Be a duo.

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Actor Kirk Cameron (1970), actress Susan Anton (1950), actor Hugh Jackman (1968)

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Ken Caminiti dies at age 41

NEW YORK (AP) — On the field, Ken Caminiti's all-out style served him well. Off the field is where it got him in trouble.

The 1996 National League MVP, who later admitted using steroids during his major league career, died Sunday. He was 41.

Caminiti died of a heart attack in the Bronx, said his agent-lawyer Rick Licht. The city medical examiner's office said an autopsy would be performed Monday, spokeswoman Ellen Borakove said.

"What we all loved about Cammy was his devotion to the game and his desire for the game. But it went into uncontrollable levels with no discipline," said one of his former coaches, Houston manager Phil Garner.

Caminiti's 15-year big league career ended in 2001, five seasons after he led the San Diego Padres to a division title and was a unanimous pick for MVP. But the three-time All-Star third baseman often was in trouble the last few years.

Just last Tuesday, he admitted in a Houston court that he violated his probation by testing positive for cocaine last month, and was sentenced to 180 days in jail.

State District Judge William Harmon

gave Caminiti credit for the 189 days he already served in jail and a treatment facility since he was sentenced to three years probation for a cocaine arrest in March 2001.

"This is the largest mistake I've made in my life," Caminiti said when he pleaded guilty in March 2002. "I had a real good thing going for me and I got sidetracked. It doesn't have to be that way. It doesn't have to be drugs. It doesn't have to be alcohol. That part of my life is over."

In May 2002, Caminiti told Sports Illustrated that he used steroids during his MVP season, when he hit a career-high .326 with 40 home runs and 130 RBIs. He estimated half the players in the big leagues were also using them.

Licht said Caminiti hoped to get back into the game, possibly in a position that would allow him to mentor younger players about avoiding the mistakes he made.

"I'm still in shock," Padres general manager Kevin Towers said. "He was one of my favorite all-time players."

Caminiti did return to baseball this year, serving as a spring training instructor with San Diego.

"He didn't look good," Towers said.

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— Phil Garner
 Manager, Houston Astros

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Dedication hostesses



Wearing period dresses, members of Las Pampas Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution and Gray County Historical Commission were hostesses at the recent dedication of the Pioneer Cottage located next to the train depot on Atchison Street. Above: (front, left-right) MC Darlene Birkes, Mary Cantrell, Donna Burger; (back, l-r) Willie Mae Mangold, Nancy Coffee and Louisa Britton. GCHC was the sponsoring organization for the dedication. The move and restoration of the cottage was a project of the Centennial Committee with grants from David and Nona Payne Foundation, City of Pampa Parks Department and the committee. The move was also made possible through the assistance of Jordan prison unit, TDCJ, and White Deer Land Museum staff.

Army National Guard gearing up for reunion

Pampa Army National Guard reunion is set for Saturday, Oct. 23 at the armory on Highway 60 in Pampa. Organizers say the event will get under way with registration between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m.

"We haven't had a reunion since the fall of 1998 when we had our 50th Anniversary Reunion," a press release from reunion chair, Bob Barringer SFC (USA retired), said. "A lot has happened since then and we have a lot of catching up to do. We will have

scrapbooks, pictures and a time for remembering. Better than 2,000 men and women have served as members of the Pampa Army National Guard. You can stand proud in your accomplishments in serving in the Army National Guard. This unit has always been one of the most successful in the Army because of members like you."

Visitation will be between 12 noon and 2 p.m. and between 3 and 6 p.m. A business meeting will be conducted between 2 and 3 p.m. Dyer's Bar-B-

Que will cater the evening meal at 6 p.m., and 1SG Joe Martinez (USA retired) will present the program at 7 p.m.

Cost of registration is \$30 per couple or \$15 for singles. Dress is casual or military. Participants are urged to bring their pictures, scrapbooks and memorabilia to share with other reunion-goers.

For more information, call (806) 274-9470 or e-mail buffaloborger@yahoo.com.

TCE to offer 'Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes' class

Texas Cooperative Extension in Gray County will be conducting a six-week diabetes management seminar entitled "Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes" beginning Thursday, Oct. 14 and continuing each Thursday through Nov. 18. Classes will be held between 6 and 8:30 p.m. at Gray County Annex at a cost of \$5 per family.

Scholarships are available.

Diabetes is a serious illness, but the good news is, it doesn't have to be a life-threatening one. Early diagnosis and treatment, and good management practices are the keys to a long and healthy life for persons with diabetes, a press release from TCE said.

According to the American

Diabetes Association when a person has diabetes, his or her body doesn't produce insulin (type 1) or properly use insulin (type 2), a hormone needed to convert some foods into energy. No one knows what causes diabetes, although genetics and such factors as lack of exercise and obesity may contribute, the release continued.

Facts and figures from the ADA list about 17 million Americans with diabetes but only about 11.1 million diagnosed. This means nearly one-third, or 5.9 million people, don't know they have this disease.

The ADA estimated, the TCE press release said, the total direct and indirect cost of this disease in 1997

(the most recent year figures are available) to be \$98 billion. Of that, \$44 billion was medical and treatment costs, and \$54 billion was for indirect costs, such as disability.

A simple blood test by a health care provider is required for a diagnosis of diabetes. However, being aware of the symptoms can lead to an earlier diagnosis and a better quality of life. The ADA lists some of the symptoms to look for — frequent urination, excessive thirst and extreme hunger, blurry vision, increased fatigue, irritability and unusual and unexplained weight loss.

Once the medical diagnosis has been made, proper treatment and

management can make life healthier for the person with diabetes. TCE says. A combination of exercise, weight control, proper diet and sometimes medications can keep the person — not the disease — in charge of his or her life.

The Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes is an educational program to help people with Type 2 diabetes learn the skills they need to understand and manage their diabetes, to reduce their risks for complications and to attain their highest possible level of wellness.

This program aims to help people control their

diabetes rather than letting the disease control them. The Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes curriculum consists of 12 lessons — one introductory class, which is an overview of diabetes, six nutrition lessons and five self-care lessons.

For information on living with diabetes, especially Type 2 diabetes, plan to attend Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes program, hosted by Texas Cooperative Extension-Gray County and taught by several health professionals and Joan Gray-Soria, Extension agent for Gray County. Call 669-8033 to find out more.

Superman star dies at age 52

MOUNT KISCO, N.Y. (AP) — "Superman" actor Christopher Reeve, who turned personal tragedy into a public crusade and from his wheelchair became the nation's most recognizable spokesman for spinal cord research, has died. He was 52.

Reeve went into cardiac arrest Saturday while at his Pound Ridge home, then fell into a coma and died Sunday at a hospital surrounded by his family, his publicist said.

His advocacy for stem cell research helped it emerge as a major campaign issue between President Bush and Sen. John Kerry. His name was even mentioned by Kerry during the second presidential debate on Friday.

In the last week Reeve had developed a serious systemic infection from a bed sore, a common complication for people living with paralysis. He entered the hospital Saturday.

Dana Reeve thanked her husband's personal staff of nurses and aides, "as well as the millions of fans from

around the world."


"He put up with a lot," his mother, Barbara Johnson, told the syndicated television show "The Insider." "I'm glad that he is free of all those tubes."

Before the 1995 horse-riding accident that caused his paralysis, Reeve's athletic, 6-foot-4-inch frame and love of adventure made him a natural choice for the title role in the first "Superman" movie in 1978. He insisted on performing his own stunts.


"Look, I've flown, I've become evil, loved, stopped and turned the world backward, I've faced my peers, I've befriended children and small animals and I've rescued cats from trees," Reeve told the Los Angeles Times in 1983, just before the release of the third "Superman" movie. "What else is there left for Superman to do that hasn't been done?"

Though he owed his fame to it, Reeve made a concerted effort to, as he often put it, "escape the cape."

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