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Deaths

George R. 'Ray' Cox, 54, McLean native.
Vesta W. Phillips, 88, sales clerk.
H.L. 'Les' Porche, 86, retired gang pusher.
Teddy Jean Pyron, 70, services pending.
Eugene Williams, 84, retired SCS worker.

Texas Today

CPS head says he couldn't have asked lawmakers for money

AUSTIN (AP) — Even though he knew employees investigating allegations of child abuse and neglect were being saddled with too many cases, the head of a state agency said Tuesday that politics prevented him from asking lawmakers for money to reduce their workload.

Thomas Chapmond, the outgoing commissioner of the Department of Family and Protective Services, said he knew it was not safe for Child Protective Services investigators to be handling so many cases but he did not ask lawmakers for money to hire new investigators during the 2003 regular legislative session.

"I didn't think I could politically come down here and do it," Chapmond told the Senate's budget writing committee, which last year ordered all state agencies to make cuts.

Investigators for CPS, which is overseen by Chapmond's department, are responsible for an average of 61 cases, or families. Each case can involve multiple children. The Child Welfare League of America generally recommends investigators be assigned 12 to 15 cases, Chapmond said.

Heavy caseloads by CPS investigators have been singled out as a major factor in problems plaguing the agency. Republican Gov. Rick Perry had ordered a report on CPS after a Hidalgo County grand jury indicted Chapmond's department for failing to intervene in a sexual abuse case involving three sisters, including one who said her stepfather impregnated her.

Bush, Kerry square off once more

Numbers on economy, domestic issues likely to fly in third confrontation

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — President Bush and Sen. John Kerry are likely to reach into their arsenals of statistics to bolster arguments about economic and domestic issues during the final presidential debate Wednesday night.

How many jobs have been lost and created, who is covered and who is left uninsured by medical plans, and who will pay more in taxes and who will pay less are key areas of con-



Bush

frontation between the two campaigns.

With viewers expected to number in the tens of millions, the confrontation will draw the last huge audience they can expect before Election Day.

"These are the debates where actually the evidence matters. The president and

his team can go around and say anything," Kerry adviser Joe Lockhart told "The Early Show" on CBS. "Evidence matters. That's why John Kerry wins these debates and George Bush loses them."

The president is widely viewed as having performed poorly in the first debate but then battling Kerry to a draw in the second. Bush campaign manager Ken Mehlman said the president views the third and final debate at Arizona State University as an opportunity

and looks forward to it.

"The president knows who he is, knows what he wants to do," Mehlman told CBS, "and there's a huge difference between the president and Sen. Kerry on these important domestic issues."

As the candidates prepared to discuss health care, the



Kerry

Kerry campaign released a 30-second ad that accuses Bush of misleading voters about the Democratic health-care plan and criticizes the president for rising costs.

The National Rifle Association endorsed Bush on Wednesday, opening a last-minute campaign that will eventually spend about \$20 million on behalf of the pres-

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City approves police cars, holds off on fire truck

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Pampa city commissioners Tuesday approved the purchase of three new police cars for Pampa Police Department, but balked at buying a new pumper truck for Pampa Fire Department.

The pumper truck, which would cost an estimated \$217,000, according to Fire Chief Kim Powell, would result in the elimination of a 1957 Mac pumper truck, Powell said.

Three other trucks in active service are 1967, 1984 and 1988 models.

"We have about \$200,000 extra from sales tax money. That would allow us to buy it," said Ward 4 Commissioner Faustina Curry. "We've been talking about this fire truck for three or four years, and every time, we've said we don't have the money. Right now, we

have the money."

"Our newest trucks are 16 years old. I'd rather see us look ahead and buy these items, than have a good time now and buy them later, when we'd have to go into debt," said Ward 2 Commissioner Ray Boring.

"We have \$243,478 in excess collections of sales tax," said Interim City Manager and City Finance Director John Horst.

"I did not and I still do not want to go into debt over this piece of equipment. I believe this is a piece of equipment the fire department needs. For me, it is strictly a timing issue. I'd like to wait six months. This is supposed to be a bad winter, and we haven't had one in some time. In six months, I'd be more than happy to revisit this," said Mayor Lonny Robbins. He mentioned areas in which "we've never met budget," including the waste water department.

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"I did not and I still do not want to go into debt over this piece of equipment the fire department needs."

— Lonny Robbins
Mayor



(Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS)

Pampa/Gray County Emergency Management Coordinator Ken Hall, left, and John Kiehl, regional services director of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, react to a comment from a Pampa city commissioners yesterday. Hall and Kiehl spoke to the commission concerning the City of Pampa's acquisition of a hazardous materials decontamination trailer with funds received from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Iraqi deputy prime minister pleads for aid

U.S. official acknowledges slow pace of channeling funds for rebuilding Iraq

TOKYO (AP) — Iraq's deputy leader pleaded with donors Wednesday to fulfill their promises of aid to help rebuild his war-ravaged nation, while U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage acknowledged that Washington was initially too slow in channeling money to Iraq.

Of the \$13.6 billion in grants and loans promised last year by nations and lending institutions, only about \$1 billion has been deposited in World Bank and U.N. funds for Iraq.

Deputy Prime Minister Barham Saleh and four other members of Iraq's interim Cabinet were at the 55-

nation conference that opened Wednesday in Tokyo in hopes of convincing participants that their country is both in need of donations and safe enough for the money to be effective.

"Development and stability in Iraq cannot be driven through the barrels of guns," Saleh said in an impassioned

speech to open the two-day conference. "Assistance and aid in the short term is the key to destroying the causes of terrorism. It is also the only way we can build a sustainable, long-term future for our people."

Saleh said Iraq's wealth had been "utterly squandered by tyranny" before a

U.S.-led coalition invaded the country last year and ousted former dictator Saddam.

"Please do not delay — the time to make firm commitments is now. Honor your pledges now," he said.

Armitage acknowledged

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Military helping soldiers vote in Nov. 2 election

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (AP) — Although Lt. Lynn Shradley didn't vote in the last presidential election, she plans to this year. She even took her political involvement a step further, helping other soldiers apply for absentee ballots during an election fair at Fort Campbell.

The 23-year-old, who now has an Iraq deployment under her belt, said the war is one reason why she's interested.

"I feel we should finish the job," she said. "That's why I want to vote

"I feel we should finish the job. That's why I want to vote because I do have an opinion."

Lt. Lynn Shradley
U.S. military voter

because I do have an opinion."

With 1.4 million service members, military voters like Shradley can make a difference in the presi-

dential election, and the military has stepped up efforts to help them cast their ballots.

Guard troops from Camp

Atterbury in Indiana deployed to Afghanistan with absentee voter booklets this summer. At Fort Drum, N.Y., soldiers were encouraged by their superiors to vote and, like other military bases around the globe, a voter assistance officer was assigned to each unit to answer questions.

Each military branch also has voter information Web site, and some posts included voter information on their home pages.

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Obituaries

George R. 'Ray' Cox, 54

George R. 'Ray' Cox, 54, of Pampa, died Monday, Oct. 11, 2004. Graveside services were scheduled for 2 p.m. today in Alanreed Cemetery at Alanreed with the Rev. Kelly Raymond, pastor of First Baptist Church in McLean, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mr. Cox was born Nov. 26, 1949, in McLean. He had been a resident of Pampa since 2001, moving from Gonzales, La.

He was preceded in death by his father, George William Cox, in 2001. Survivors include one son, Chad Cox of Amarillo; his mother, Lucille Stacker of Pampa; three sisters, Lona White and Shirley Martinez, both of Pampa, and Sue Bowen of Gonzales, La.; two brothers, Gerald Cox of Evangeline, La., and Jimmy Nelson of Pampa; one grandson; and three stepgrandchildren. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Vesta W. Phillips, 88

Vesta W. Phillips, 88, of Pampa, Texas, died Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2004, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Phillips was born May 8, 1916, in Ramona, Okla. She came to Pampa in 1929 from Bristow, Okla., and was a 1935 graduate of Pampa High School. She married Mitchell Phillips on April 24, 1937, in Lubbock. She worked in the cafeteria at Austin Elementary School and later worked as a sales clerk for Ford's Boys Wear and Wright's Fashion. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Home Extension

Club and the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. Survivors include her husband, Mitchell Phillips, of the home; three sons, Danny Phillips and wife Cindy of Kaufman, Ted Phillips and wife Glenda, and Terry Phillips and wife Brenda, all of Fort Worth; one brother, Frank Conner of Pampa; two sisters, Geraldine Hassell of Tulsa, Okla., and Freddie Seitz of Pampa; eight grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

H.L. 'Les' Porche, 86

H.L. "Les" Porche, 86, of Pampa, Texas, died Monday, Oct. 11, 2004, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Rodney Tedford, minister of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mr. Porche was born Feb. 8, 1918, in Yoakum, Texas. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in France and Germany during World War II. After his discharge, he moved to Pampa. He married Tonia Derrick on June 17, 1961, in Pampa. She preceded him in death in 1997.



Porche

He was a gang pusher for Mobil Oil Company, retiring in 1981. He was a member of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ. He was a very caring and generous man who always put the Lord and his family first, and was loved by all. Survivors include seven grandchildren, including a grandson, Kevin Porche of San Angelo, and a granddaughter, Lynne Presley of Rogers, Ark.; 12 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Faye McDonald of Edna and Beatrice Lacy of Aransas Pass; one brother, Chile Porche of Edna; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Omer and Annie Porche; two sisters, Leona Dickinson and Mildred Shows; and a brother, Ralph Porche. The family requests memorials be to High Plains Children's Home & Family Services, Inc., 11461 S. Western St., Amarillo, TX 79118. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Eugene Williams, 84

Eugene Williams, 84, of Pampa, died Saturday, Oct. 9, 2004. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Bob Davis, pastor of Progressive Baptist Church, officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Hillcrest Memory Gardens in Spencer, Okla., under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mr. Williams was born June 11, 1920, at Mart. He married Katie Johnson on Aug. 25, 1947, at Mart. A Pampa resident for 26 years, moving from Denton, Mr. Williams retired from the Soil Conservation Service of the Federal Government in 1979. Baptized at the Rocky Creek Baptist Church in Mart, he attended Progressive Baptist Church of Pampa and was active in neighborhood and community service. Mr. Williams was a local Meals on Wheels volunteer and was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II with the



Williams

Normandy Invasion and in the European theater of the war. He was preceded in death by a brother, B.F. Williams; and two sisters, Edna Miller and Faye Bacy. Survivors include his wife, Katie, of the home; two sons, Gene Williams of Austin and Wendell Williams of Oklahoma City, Okla.; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild. The family requests memorials be to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2680, N. Canton, OH 44720, or to Arthritis Foundation, 3001 West 5th St., Fort Worth, TX 76107. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Teddy Jean Pyron, 70

Teddy Jean Pyron, 70, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2004, at Lubbock. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mrs. Pyron, a graduate of Pampa High School, was born Sept. 14, 1934, at Asher, Okla. She married Paul H. Pyron on Jan. 20, 1961, at Pampa. In 1995, after retirement, the couple moved to Mustang, Okla., and to Lubbock in 2000. Mrs. Pyron was a member of Calvary Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by a daughter,

Debra Ann Chase; her parents, Ted and Imogene Brown; and a brother, James L. Brown. Survivors include her husband, Paul, of the home; three daughters, Terry Weatherford, Karla Chase Clanahan and Paula Pyron, all of Lubbock; a son, Richard Pyron of Florida; a brother, Bill Brown of Waco; a sister, Patricia Britton of Pampa; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents. Sunday, Oct. 10 Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather, reported a gas drive off. Value of the gasoline taken was \$40.38. Monday, Oct. 11 Theft was reported in the 1000 block of Crane Road. A driver's license valued at \$18 was taken. Making a false statement to obtain services was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 1400 block of West Somerville. Further investigation revealed the charge to be unfounded and was caused by a clerical error, according to the report. Tuesday, Oct. 12 Violation of a protective order was reported in the 500 block of Doucette. Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 1100 block of North Wells. Assault by threat was reported in the 1900 block of North Banks. Theft was reported in the 1000 block of Cinderella. Halloween decorations valued at \$50 were taken. There

are suspects in the case, according to the report.

Sheriff

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon amongst juveniles was reported in the 2400 block of North Evergreen. No injuries were reported. The weapon was a pellet gun. Identity theft was reported in the 1000 block of East Francis. A man was taken into custody in the 500 block of East Harvester for driving while intoxicated. Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests. Tuesday, Oct. 12 Brent Wayne Dyer, 41, 2717 Duncan, was arrested by Gray County Probation Department for a sentence to drug treatment. Shawn Weatherford, 33, 1101 S. Christy, was arrested for open container and no valid driver's license. Luis Baca, 18, 923 Rham, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury. Robert Batterbee, 45, Owasso, Okla., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated, open container, and failure to signal lane change. Wednesday, Oct. 13 Philip David Fought, 24, 2220 Dogwood, was arrested on a bond forfeiture for a charge of forgery.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents. Friday, Oct. 8 1:50 p.m. — A 2003 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by Kevin Earl Feltner, 18, Lefors, and a 2004 Ford F-150, driven by Gustavo Pena Jr., 31, 432 S. Hughes, collided in the intersection of Crawford and Hobart Streets. Mark Allen Hanes, 36, 628 Roberta, a passenger in the Silverado, was taken by private vehicle to Pampa Regional Medical Center with possible injuries. Jesus Manuel Villegas Jr., 24, 1119

Gray County Weather



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

This friendly ghost greets passersby from its home beneath a tree in the 2200 block of Charles. It may want to wear a coat for tomorrow's forecast low in the upper 30s.

Today: A 50 percent chance of showers after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 59. Windy, with a north northwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers before midnight. Cloudy, then gradually becoming partly cloudy, with a low around 36. Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 65. Wind chill values between 27 and 32. Northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph. Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 46. West northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 77. North northwest wind around 15 mph. Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 44. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 73. East southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49. Southeast wind 15 to 20 mph becoming west. Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 77. West wind around 20 mph. Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 49. Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 72. Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48. Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74.

Services tomorrow

PORCHE, H.L. "Les" — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa. WILLIAMS, Eugene — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Altbury Grain of Pampa. Wheat 3.10 Milo 3.26 Corn 3.88 Soybeans 4.43

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa. OXY 54.75 -2.20 BP PLC ADR 57.66 -0.95 Cabot Corp 36.50 -0.60 Cabot Oil Gas 42.93 -2.06 Coca Cola 39.64 -0.14 VLO 39.23 -2.39 HAL 33.38 -0.72 TRI 33.47 -0.57 NOI 31.60 -1.25 KMI 63.80 -1.62 XCEL 17.50 -0.08 Kerr McGee 56.22 -2.46 XOM 48.38 -0.99 Limited 23.18 NC Williams 12.47 -0.20 MCD 28.54 +0.99 Atmos 25.63 -0.17 Pioneer Nat. 32.54 -1.35 JCP 36.83 +0.40 COP 82.70 -2.70 SLB 65.06 -1.51 Tenneco 12.21 -0.29 CVX 53.24 -1.26 Wal-Mart 53.02 +0.10 OKE 26.19 -0.23 NS Grp 16.61 -0.84 New York Gold 415.35 Silver 7.02 West Texas Crude 52.51

CITY BRIEFS

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St. Jude Research Hos For-Life Bike held earlier th parking lot on of Pampa Mal Six riders \$600 in pledge mile bike r release from th said. Berinda T



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At a recent bike-a-thon fund-raiser for St. Jude's, Jonathan Polk holds up pictures of his sister and tells the bike riders about the work at St. Jude Children's Hospital and what they were raising money for. Polk's sister, Jana, was diagnosed with cancer back in 1979. Originally from Arkansas, if it weren't for St. Jude, Polk says, his sister wouldn't be alive today.

Bike-a-thon raises money for St. Jude's

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Wheels-For-Life Bike-A-Thon was held earlier this month in the parking lot on the west side of Pampa Mall.

Six riders raised over \$600 in pledges for their two mile bike ride, a press release from the bike-a-thon said.

Berinda Turcotte was

chair of this year's event. Riding their bikes were Christian Polk, David O'Rear, Mikah Tice, Brooke Woelfle, and Brendon Woelfle. Kolten Henderson completed the course later in the day.

St. Jude is the world's largest pediatric cancer research center, the release said, and is supported prima-

rily by public contributions.

Opened in 1962, St. Jude treats children without regard to race, religion, creed or ability to pay. Families without insurance are never asked to pay. Each patient must be referred by a physician, have a disease currently under study at the hospital and be 18 years old or younger.

Riders raising \$75 won St. Jude T-shirts and sport bags. Riders raising \$35 won T-shirts.

The rider who raised the most money over \$125 won a portable CD player. Christian Polk raised the most money and is the winner of the CD player.

All riders received certifi-



Bikers line up at the starting line for the St. Jude Wheels-For-Life Bike-a-Thon held recently on the west side of Pampa Mall. From left: Christian Polk, David O'Rear, Mikah Tice, Brooke Woelfle, Brendon Woelfle. Over \$600 in pledges were collected for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Help

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the slow pace and said the recent use of more U.S. funds for security has created a "void," particularly in the electrical and water sectors in Iraq.

"It took longer than necessary to get our act together

prior to turning over sovereignty," he said.

But he added: "It's not a complete void. We have other money going in."

Armitage stressed that the United States — Iraq's leading donor nation, with a pledge of \$18.4 billion — is "picking up the pace."

The United States has disbursed about \$3 billion for reconstruction so far, includ-

ing about one-third in the past 12 weeks, and Armitage said he expects Washington to soon disburse about \$400 million a month.

Armitage also called on other nations to join the United States in giving Iraq major debt relief. He said Iraq's debt is about \$125 billion, and said he believes Washington has won assurances for at least half of that

to be forgiven.

The donors' meeting follows a conference in Madrid last year in which 37 countries and international lending institutions pledged \$13.6 billion in grants and loans. Other meetings have followed, most recently in Doha, Qatar, in May. But the continuing instability in Iraq has stalled reconstruction and diverted funds to security.

Votes

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"A great emphasis has been placed to try to rectify challenges we faced in the election cycle of 2000," said Lt. Col. Joe Richard, a Department of Defense spokesman.

In the last presidential election, some ballots were rejected in Florida, where George W. Bush's razor-thin margin of victory gave him the presidency after an extended legal battle. Several hundred absentee ballots from troops abroad

were thrown out in the state for lack of postmarks, as required by state law, or other flaws such as no signatures.

On ships, military postal personnel have been instructed to postmark ballots. Not all efforts to improve the voting process have gone smoothly, however. Because of security concerns, the Pentagon canceled plans earlier this year that would have allowed up to 100,000 military and overseas citizens from seven states to cast ballots through the Internet.

Military personnel from Missouri will be allowed to

vote by e-mail in the upcoming election, which some Internet security experts say opens up the election to fraud. But a spokeswoman

for Missouri Secretary of State Matt Blunt, a Republican, said safeguards are in place.

City

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Commissioners ended by voting to seek bids for the proposed new pumper to determine current actual costs of the truck before voting on any purchase at a later date.

Payment of \$48,544 was unanimously approved to buy two 2005 Ford Crown Victorias from Texhoma Ford in Dennison for Pampa Police Department. The cars will be fully equipped as patrol cars for the quoted price, Horst said, and will be paid for out of the vehicle replacement fund "where we do have a sufficient cash balance" to cover the cost.

A third vehicle, a 2004 Impala four-door, was also unanimously approved at a cost of \$15,508.09 from Culberson-Stowers, Inc. of Pampa. The car is new and has never been driven, Horst said, and funds are available to cover its cost.

Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner said the Impala would be used as a car for his and the department's detectives' use. It will not have the same options package as a patrol car, he said.

Horst confirmed Robbins' statement that purchase of the three police vehicles was included in the current city budget.

"It is interesting that we are concerned about police vehicles and not fire department vehicles," Curry remarked.

"We should at least look at setting up a fund for fire department equipment," Boring said.

"I'm not opposed to that," Robbins said.

Commissioners unanimously approved accepting a bid of \$141,840, contingent on receipt of federal funds originating from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, for a hazardous materials decontamination trailer. Total federal funds allotted to Pampa will be \$192,359, with the

balance to be applied toward buying a used semi truck with which to pull the trailer, and supplies for the trailer.

John Kiehl, regional services director for Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, and Pampa/Gray County Emergency Management Coordinator Ken Hall explained the trailer's features to commissioners. Kiehl said Pampa would be asked to respond to requests for aid from other Panhandle cities and counties in which the trailer would be needed.

The city will also be required to maintain replacement value insurance on the trailer, store it in a covered area, make it available for regional response exercises and keep it ready at all times to respond to calls.

'We should at least look at setting up a fund for fire department equipment.'

— Ray Boring
City commissioner

The trailer, semi truck and related materials will be the responsibility of the fire department, and the items will be stored rent-free in the Marie Foundations building currently owned by Pampa Industrial Foundation.

In other action, commissioners adopted Ordinance No. 1432 concerning operation, use and fees for M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. Horst reported that sale of 400 million gallons of drinking water to Lubbock would likely be completed at a price of 41 cents per thousand, or about \$160,000 total for the year to be received by Pampa.

The impending sale would still leave Pampa with 200 million gallons in excess of average annual usage, Horst said.

Debate

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ident's re-election, most of it in 10 to 15 states. The NRA contends Kerry wants to "ban guns in America," an assertion Kerry flatly denies.

Although the 90-minute debate is limited to economic and domestic policy, there may be questions that allow Bush to discuss foreign policy, the war in Iraq and the war against terrorism.

Kerry has criticized Bush's domestic record for most of the campaign but still spent two days secluded in a New Mexico hotel trying to master the debate material.

For Bush, the debate is a chance to revive in public opinion polls as the clock

ticks down to Nov. 2. His job-approval rating slumped to 47 percent in a USA Today-CNN-Gallup poll published Tuesday, just one percentage point above the lowest point in his presidency, reached in May.

As in the first debate, the candidates will take questions standing at lecterns. Bob Schieffer of CBS News will moderate.

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Viewpoints

Enthusiasm important commodity in any project

Our economics class has started a new project geared at teaching us real-world economic principles from inside of the classroom walls.
We have broken into teams, with each representing an individual company. The goal of each company is to make as much profit as possible by investing a fictitious account of \$100,000 in the stock market.
It all started out innocent enough. We would take a stab in the dark and buy stocks that

we were familiar with, like Wal-Mart and Fuji film.
But now my group has become obsessed with the assignment. While we are required to check the prices of each stock in our portfolio every day, we have resorted to checking the real time market values three or even four times a day.
Going further than that, we now do excessive amounts of research before the purchase of any stocks.
No longer does our group stick to buying blue-chips.

Now we are adventuring out into little heard-of stocks, such as Intertape Polymer Group (ITP) and Magnum Hunter Resources Inc., (MHR).
We are able to do this because of the research. If our group buys a company on the market, we first know its last quarter earnings, information about its CEO and CFO's track record and a multitude of other tiny

facts which all add to our knowledge about the stock. It seems that our obsession and new strategy is paying off.
The project is part of a stock market game.com. Stockmarketgame.com is a web site for Texas High Schools to conduct this project under; consequently, it ranks each team from every

school on the web site against one another. In just a few short weeks, we have been able to jump from a horrible ranking of number 38 out of 79 groups to number 8 out of 79.
When I think about it, I realize the project is just like anything else in life. If you are not enthusiastic about completing it, your performance on the assignment will suffer.
That is why I am glad that my company has turned into Wall Street sharks; after all, the top three teams on the

site win a cash prize. But even more importantly everyone who participates in the assignment learns what it takes to become a successful investor in real life - a lot of work. But it all pays off. When I saw that our purchase of Abercrombe and Fitch stock had risen over \$5 in two days, I knew that all of our effort was worth it, and that I have become hooked on the stock market for life.

**Ben
Briscoe**
Staff Intern



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 13, the 287th day of 2004. There are 79 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Oct. 13, 1792, the cornerstone of the executive mansion, later known as the White House, was laid during a ceremony in the District of Columbia.
On this date:
In A.D. 54, Roman emperor Claudius I died, after being poisoned by his wife, Agrippina.
In 1775, the United States Navy had its origins as the Continental Congress ordered the construction of a naval fleet.
In 1843, the Jewish organization B'nai B'rith was founded in New York City.
In 1845, Texas ratified a state constitution.

In 1943, Italy declared war on Germany, its one-time Axis partner.
In 1944, American troops entered Aachen, Germany.
In 1960, Richard M. Nixon and John F. Kennedy participated in the third televised debate of their presidential campaign.
In 1962, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" by Edward Albee, opened on Broadway.
In 1974, longtime television host Ed

'There are some things one can only achieve by a deliberate leap in the opposite direction. One has to go abroad in order to find the home one has lost.'

— Franz Kafka
Austrian author
(1883-1924)

Sullivan died in New York City at age 72.
In 1981, voters in Egypt participated in a referendum to elect Vice President Hosni Mubarak the new president, one week after the assassination of Anwar Sadat.
Ten years ago: Pro-British Protestant paramilitaries in Northern Ireland announced a cease-fire matching the Irish Republican Army's six-week-old truce. Japanese novelist Kenzaburo Oe won the Nobel Prize in literature.
Five years ago: The Senate defeated the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, 51-48. In Boulder, Colo., the JonBenet Ramsey grand jury was dismissed after 13 months of work with prosecutors saying there wasn't enough evidence to charge anyone in the six-year-old's strangulation. Robert A. Mundell of Columbia University in New York won the Nobel Prize for economic sciences.
One year ago: The U.N. Security Council approved a resolution expanding the NATO-led peacekeeping force in Afghanistan. Texas Gov. Rick Perry signed into law a controversial redistricting bill designed to put more Republicans in the Texas congressional delegation. Democratic congressman Dennis Kucinich formally kicked off his presidential bid.

THE REAL DEBATE BEGINS



Kerry: A Catholic in name only?

John Kerry, like the Supreme Court in 1973, is doing what centuries of prelates could not and would not do: uniting millions of Protestants and Catholics. Just as the Court's Roe vs. Wade decision pushed leaders of both groups to unite against abortion, so Kerry's views are also prompting a political shift.
Look at it this way: In 1960, John F. Kennedy's Catholicism, although nominal, prompted many Catholics to vote for him. In 1980, Jimmy Carter's overt evangelicalism turned off many Catholics. In 2004, according to a recent Pew poll, a majority of Catholics plan to vote for George W. Bush, an overt evangelical, against John Kerry, officially a Catholic.
How nominal is Kerry's Catholicism? Just look at his

1998 interview with American Windsurfer, the journal of a charming sport that has become a Kerry metaphor. The senator said: "I am a believer in the Supreme Being, in God. I believe without any question in this force that is so much larger and more powerful than anything human beings can conceivably define." Sounds more like "Star Wars" than Christ on the cross.
Is Kerry a CINO, a Catholic in name only? He goes to Mass but windsurf's theologically: He has "always been fascinated by the Transcendentalists and the Pantheists and others who found these great con-

nections just in nature, in trees, the ponds, the ripples of the wind on the pond, the great feast of nature itself."
Does Kerry speak about sin? Can't find that anywhere in his published speeches, but he did tell American Windsurfer: "So much of the conflict on the face of this planet is rooted in religions and the belief systems they give rise to. The fundamentalism of one entity or another." He does have ardent praise for the Dalai Lama, who "is certainly telling us there is life from enlightenment - here and hereafter, but I think, whether or not we're going to be (enlightened) is the great test that all of us are

Marvin Olasky
Columnist



struggling with."
Is this Catholicism? Doesn't sound like it, but these mixed messages are apparently common at Sen. Kerry's home church, the very liberal Paulist Center in Boston. Jonathan Last of The Weekly Standard attended a Center service and observed a reciting of an edited version of the Nicene Creed, with the section on believing in only "one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God," dropped out.
Once the theological ball is dropped, other balls - marriage, sanctity of life and so on -- also hit the floor. The noise of all those balls dropping is mixed with the

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Updating Texas' criminal justice system

Being "tough on crime" - a favorite campaign slogan of many political candidates from both major parties - is not always the same thing as being effective on crime, according to research presented at a League of United Latin American Citizens forum in Victoria on Saturday. ...
The document, online at www.txlulac.org, is important not only because it documents why a traditional "tough on crime" approach is not always effective, but also because it offers solid, sensible policy recommendations for the Texas Legislature to consider. ...
The LULAC report

devotes several pages to dispelling what its authors show are myths about the criminal justice system. One of the most compelling is that the state invests heavily in programs to prevent recidivism such as drug and alcohol treatment and alternative sentencing. The reality, according to the researchers, is that Texas spends too little criminal justice money on anything other than arresting, convicting and imprisoning offend-

ers. ...
Among the report's recommendations:
- The state should invest more in alternatives to incarceration for nonviolent offenders. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice can do some of this from its current appropriations and by applying for grants, but the bulk of the responsibility rests with the Texas Legislature to fund more alternatives.
- The Legislature should redefine small-scale, nonvi-

olent drug use offenses as misdemeanors, rather than as felonies.
- The state should provide job training and treatment programs while nonviolent offenders are imprisoned and follow through with programs outside of prison to aid their successful re-entry into society.
- The Legislature should repeal laws that prevent nonviolent offenders from finding employment when they re-enter society.
These and LULAC's other criminal justice policy recommendations merit serious consideration by the 79th Texas Legislature when it convenes in January.

Texas Thoughts

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of four years, "Harold," and I are starting to discuss marriage and starting a family. I am hesitant because of one thing: We have very different views about disciplining children.

My parents never used violence as a form of punishment, and I don't want to use it to discipline my kids. I think that other methods of discipline work just as well, without destroying the bond between parent and child.

When Harold was young, his father would discipline the kids by hitting them with a belt. Harold sees nothing wrong with this, although the only argument seems to be, "I turned out OK."

This is only partially true. Both Harold and his brother have big anger management issues. I love him and would love to spend the rest of my life with him, but this is a major issue for me.

Do you think this marriage would work, and are there any good compromises we could agree on?

— NON-VIOLENT IN ST. LOUIS

DEAR NON-VIOLENT: Your boyfriend may believe that he has turned out OK, but the fact that he has anger management problems proves that he didn't. Before any decisions about marriage are made, Harold should get professional help to get to the root of his problems, which are likely the result of his father's abuse.

You and Harold should enroll in classes on child development and parenting. Some hospitals, high schools and community colleges offer them. Unless the two of you can reach a firm agreement about this subject, you should NOT marry. The marriage would last only until he raised a hand or a belt to you or your little one — and then it would be history, and rightly so. Children respond far better to

praise than to punishment. The only thing that hitting a child proves is that violence is acceptable.

DEAR ABBY: I am 16 and a junior in high school. My best friend says there may be something wrong with me. When I was younger, I was a hard-core tomboy. I stayed that way until I got to be 13.

Finally, in my freshman year of high school, I began to wear makeup on occasion -- but to this day, I have never been interested in dating guys. I mean I like guys, but I don't care to DATE them. People look at me like I'm crazy when they hear me say that. Once a guy I know said he thought I was gay. I'm not. Now my friend is saying I might have a problem.

Abby, do I? Is it OK not to be drooling over guys right now? Should I date so people won't get the impression I'm gay? Please help.

— NOT INTERESTED IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR NOT INTERESTED: No, and it is OK not to be obsessed with boys right now. Not everyone -- male or female -- matures at the same rate. I have received letters from readers telling me they didn't become seriously interested in a romantic relationship until they were 18 or 19, or even older. You may be a late bloomer.

People are "coming out" much earlier than they used to, and were you attracted to people of the same sex, you would probably know it. If you don't think you're gay, you probably aren't. Do not allow yourself to be pressured into dating until you are ready. To do otherwise would be doing yourself and the other person a disservice.

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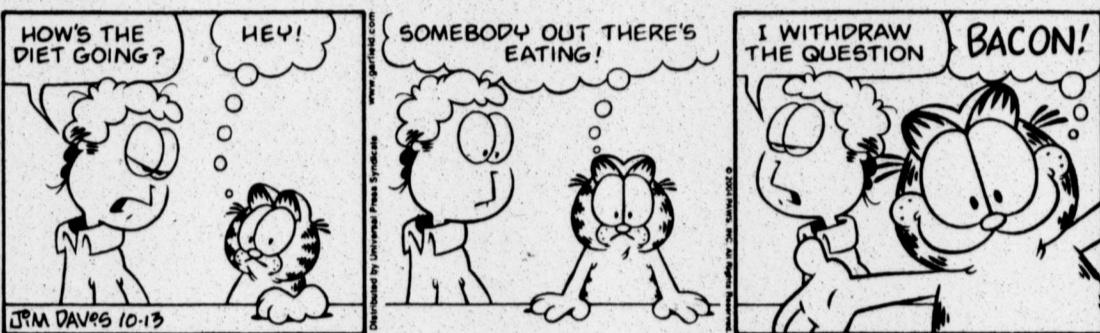
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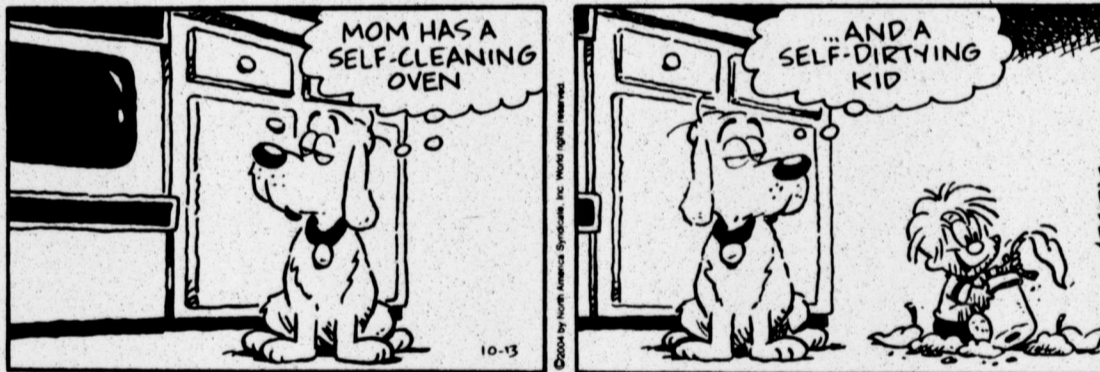
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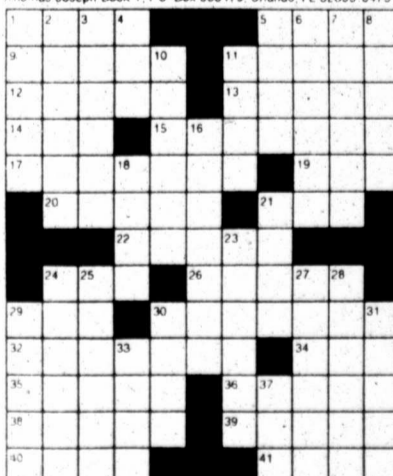
By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
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 - 15 Alien landing spot
 - 17 Command from the boss
 - 19 Stocking stuffer
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 - 22 More recent
 - 24 Diamond need
 - 26 Be real
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 - 30 Empty talk
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 - 35 Place for a cut
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Yesterday's answer

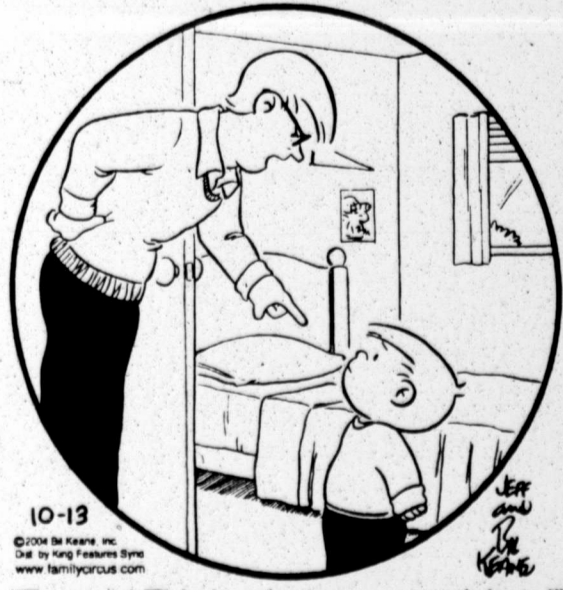
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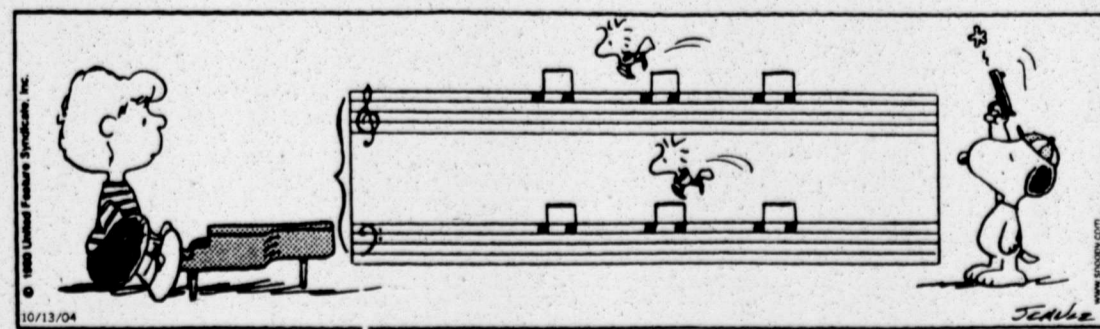
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