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Deaths

Lessie L. Gist, 83, cafeteria worker.
Patricia Ann Downey, 65, community volunteer.

Texas Today

Woman and three kids found dead in Lubbock apartment

By BETSY BLANEY
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A mother and three children were found dead Monday at their Lubbock apartment, police said.

The bodies were found throughout the four-bedroom apartment, and blood was scattered in the living room, hallway, kitchen and bedrooms, said police spokesman Lt. Victor Quintana.

"It appeared that there was a struggle involved," Quintana said.

Police were investigating the deaths as homicide, but would not say how the victims were killed and said they had not determined a motive.

The victims were identified as Tammy Cooper, 45; her daughter, Mahogany Jasmine Allen, 11; and her twin sons, Kadiele and Kasheim Allen, 9.

Police were called to the Windcrest Estacado Apartments shortly after 7:30 a.m. after a family friend who had stopped to pick up the children for school found the door ajar, Quintana said. The man pushed the door open and saw the body of one of the boys in the living room. Investigators found no evidence of a forced entry. The mother, who had moved into the area in the last six months from Dallas, was last heard from about 10 p.m. Sunday, Quintana said.

The deaths came as a shock to residents and police.

"It's certainly out of the ordinary for this city to have a multiple homicide," Quintana said.

Jackie Johnson, who moved into the gated apartment complex three years ago, said it had shaken her sense of security.

"It scares me very much, very much," Johnson said.

Officers investigate sexual assault reports

Pampan, 17, arrested Friday; juvenile detained earlier in connection with case

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A Pampa man is free on \$3,000 bond after he was arrested Friday and charged with aggravated sexual assault of a child.

David Gene Tucker, 17, 1426 S. Barrett, was arrested at 11:17 a.m.,

Oct. 22, at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester, by Pampa Police Officer Brett Watson and booked into Gray County Jail. He was released Saturday after making bond, according to jail records.

The assault was reported to the sheriff's office on Oct. 13 by Lefors Independent School District, said Lt.

Joe Hoard of the sheriff's office. Several victims and several suspects are involved, Hoard said, and most of the suspects are juveniles.

One juvenile Gray County resident was detained by deputies immediately after the report was received, Hoard said. The juvenile was charged and later released to parents after a

detention hearing.

The charge is an aggravated assault because at least one of the victims is under the age of 14, Hoard said.

"This has reportedly been going on for awhile," he said.

The case is still under investigation, Hoard said.

Board seats before City Commission on Tuesday

By DEE DEE LAMORE
Editor

Pampa City Commission plans to meet at 4 p.m., Tuesday, in the third floor Commission Chamber, at City Hall, 201 W. Kingsmill.

Four action items before the commission involve appointments to four city boards — Library Board, Hidden Hills Golf Course Advisory Board, and Construction Board of Appeals and Board of Adjustment.

The following persons are being considered for two-year appointments to the Library Board: Dr. R.M. Hampton, Debbie Robertson, Betty Henderson and Harold Taylor (reappointments) and Kevin Cree (new appointment).

Hidden Hills Golf Course Advisory Board appointees are Wayne Jones, Kent Olson, O.K. Lee and John East, all present members of the board. One vacancy remains.

Construction Board of Appeals members seeking reappointment include Matt Hinton, Mike Albus, Larry Baker, Hugh Hall and John Wagner.

Considerations for reappointment to the Board of Adjustment are Cleo Meeker, Lyndon Field and Kevin Hunt.

A closed executive session is planned to discuss appointments to the

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Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

A Red Ribbon day



Maribel Soto pins a "Red Ribbon" campaign ribbon on Kristen Boyd at Pampa High School as part of the local drug and alcohol awareness campaign observance at local schools. More local activities are listed in a "Red Ribbon" special section included in today's edition of The Pampa News.

Lefors voters to decide on tax increase

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Lefors Independent School District's school board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the high school library to establish the location of an upcoming school rollback election.

"We are asking our people to bring our tax rate back up to \$1.50, what it was last year," said Lefors ISD Superintendent Joel Henry.

The \$1.50 per \$100 property valuation goes into the Maintenance and Operating fund of the school district, Henry said. Another 10 cents per \$100 valuation goes to the Sinking and Interest fund, which is used to pay off bond notes, Henry said.

If a majority of voters do not approve the \$1.50 rate, it will be dropped to \$1.44 for the 2004-2005 year, he said.

"Last year, we had \$1.50 for the maintenance and operation fund, and 14 cents for the sinking and interest fund. Because of the way the money came in for the sinking and interest fund, we have an extra amount. We collected more than enough last year. This year we need only 10 cents to pay off the debt," Henry said.

Lefors ISD taxpayers will still see a decrease in their school taxes for 2004-2005, even if the \$1.50 rate is passed.

"A homeowner in Lefors will pay about \$7.48 less for the year for school taxes. Royalty owners, who pay the bulk of the school taxes, will get hit harder," Henry said.

The actual tax rate will decrease from \$1.64035 to \$1.60035, even if the \$1.50 rate remains the same, he said.

The rollback election will be held Nov. 2, and board members will vote tomorrow on placing it in the same location as the general election.

Board members will also consider a proposal by the senior class on dates and other information for their senior trip.

'We are asking our people to bring our tax rate back up to \$1.50, what it was last year.'

— Joel Henry
Lefors ISD Superintendent

Attempt to miss animal causes crash

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Motorists attempting to travel southeast toward Lefors Friday morning on Highway 273 were asked to use the Bowers City Highway while wreckers worked to clear a tractor-trailer rig from a bridge nine and one-half miles south of Pampa.

Highway 273 was closed most of the morning as the result of a single-vehicle accident which occurred at 4:09 a.m. Friday, according to a Texas Department of Public Safety spokesperson.

A blue 2002 Freightliner truck tractor, driven by Timothy Weber, 46, of Frederick, Okla., towing a silver 2004 flatbed semi trailer, was northbound on Highway 273 approaching a bridge when, the driver said, a deer traveled onto the roadway, according

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The sky begins to lighten to the east Friday morning at the bridge where a tractor-truck trailer jackknifed and fell off a bridge near Lefors. Texas Highway 273 from Loop 171 to Lefors was closed for hours Friday as emergency crews worked to remove the wrecked truck and clear the roadway. The driver, who was not injured, said he was trying to avoid a deer when the mishap occurred.

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Obituaries

Patricia Ann Downey, 65

AMARILLO - Patricia Ann Downey, 65, went home to be with Jesus Thursday, Oct. 21, 2004. Services are to be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2004, in the Schooler-Gordon Bell Avenue Chapel with Pastor J. Alan Ford officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Downey was born Dec. 10, 1938, in Pampa, the daughter of George E. McConnell, Jr., and Mildred J. Butler-McConnell. She attended Pampa High School and married Melvin W. Downey on June 8, 1956.

She was a longtime resident of Amarillo and was active in countless community and Christian organizations. She attended Amarillo College where she earned an associate in arts degree with honors in 1985.

Patricia was a devoted wife, caring mother, grandmother and friend who loved and

served the Lord. She will be remembered by her strong faith and her ability to turn herself and others to God in times of hardship and in times of praise.



Downey

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Dwain, Joe and Randy Downey, and three daughters-in-law, Shelly, Dorothy and Alicia Downey, all of Amarillo; her sister, Marcia Ward and niece, Kathy Ward of Oklahoma City; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family extends its sincere gratitude to the staff of Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice and requests memorials be made to Olivia's Angels at BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

The family will receive friends for viewing Monday, Oct. 25, 2004, between the hours of 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Schooler-Gordon Funeral Home, 5400 Bell Ave.

Lessie L. Gist, 83

Lessie L. Gist, 83, died Sunday, Oct. 24, 2004, at Pampa. Services are to be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2004, at the Hobart Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Powell officiating. Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Gist was born May 30, 1921, in Byers. She married O.C. "Jack" Gist on Nov. 16, 1941, in Walters, Okla. He preceded her in death on Jan. 26, 1988. She retired from the Pampa Independent School District as a cafeteria worker after 17 years of service. She was a charter member of the Hobart Baptist Church, a member of the TEL Sunday School Class, and a children's Sunday School class teacher for over 30 years.

Survivors include one son, Phillip Gist and wife Marita of Pensacola, Fla.; three daughters, Gayle Steward and husband Kenneth of Pampa, Karen Leatherman and

husband Wayne of Killeen, and Dianna Knight and husband Ellis of Howardwick; two brothers, Joe Wellington and wife Kitty of Wichita Falls and Lee Wellington and wife Nancy of Tucson, Ariz.; three sisters, Johnnie Parkinson and husband Frank and Shirley Mann and husband Barry, and Olene Menezski and husband Richard of Killeen; nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her mother, Leona Wellington.

Memorials may be made to Hobart Baptist Church, 1100 W. Crawford, Pampa, Texas, 79065, or BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas, 79065.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2004, at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home.

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



Gist

Services tomorrow

DOWNNEY, Patricia Ann - 2 p.m., Schooler-Gordon Bell Avenue Chapel, Amarillo.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

This black kitten soaks up some of the sun's rays recently on Kingsmill Avenue. Clouds and rain are in this week's forecast, bringing a temporary end to sunny days. Black cats are one of the symbols of Halloween, which is next Sunday.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Wednesday, Oct. 20

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of Carr.

Thursday, Oct. 21

Fraud was reported at Mr. Payroll of Pampa, 309 N. Hobart.

Friday, Oct. 22

Retaliation was reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 N. Charles.

Driving while intoxicated was reported at the intersection of Worrell and Russell Streets.

Possession of crack cocaine with intent to distribute was reported in the 900 block of Gordon.

Assault was reported in the 1300 block of Garland. No injuries were reported.

Saturday, Oct. 23

Theft was reported at Starkweather and Tying Streets. Taken was used roofing tin valued at \$150.

Theft was reported in the 1100 block of East Francis. Taken were household appliances, tools, jewelry, electronics and fishing equipment, for an estimated loss of \$37,363.

Sunday, Oct. 24

Burglary was reported in the 600 block of Roberta. It is uncertain whether anything was taken, according to

the report.

Theft was reported in the 500 block of South Ballard. A tire valued at \$175 was reported stolen and later recovered.

Theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the 2200 block of Dogwood. A pit bull dog valued at \$350 was reported taken.

A bicycle was reported stolen from the 600 block of Wynne. Estimated loss is \$70.

Roxy Robinson, 48, 1000 Huff, was arrested in the 1000 block of Huff for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.

Curtis Loyd Norris, 74, 316 S Gray, was arrested in the 200 block of North Starkweather for driving while intoxicated.

Corey Eugene Pasley, 34, 1031 N. Sumner #217, was arrested in the 100 block of Craven for public intoxication.

Manuel Perez, 44, 1101 Gordon, was arrested in the 500 block of Doucette for public intoxication.

Fire

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

Sunday, Oct. 24

1:16 a.m. - One unit and four firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision in the 400 block of East Browning.

9 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded

to a LifeStar medical stand-by at One Medical Center.

10:35 p.m. - Smoke and an electrical smell was reported behind Big Country Tire, 2821 Texas Hwy. 152, West. The call was canceled.

Monday, Oct. 25

2 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to an odor investigation in the 400 block of North Faulkner. No problem was found.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS Transport responded to the following calls during the following.

Saturday, Oct. 23

4:23 p.m. - A Mobile Intensive Care Unit responded to the 2100 block of Mary Ellen and transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

5:28 p.m. - A MICU responded to the 500 block of Montague and transported one to PRMC.

6:19 p.m. - A MICU responded to the 1200 block of Wells and transported one to PRMC.

7:31 p.m. - A MICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

Sunday, Oct. 24

1:27 a.m. - A MICU responded to Kingsmill and Starkweather streets. No patient transport.

7:31 p.m. - A MICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to BSA-West, Amarillo.

Gray County Weather

This Afternoon: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 70. East northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a low around 54. East wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south.

Tuesday: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Chance of precipitation is 60%. Cloudy, with a high around 71. South wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 58. South wind around 15 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 74. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.

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Chief justice hospitalized for thyroid cancer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, the second-oldest man to preside over the nation's highest court and its

premier conservative figure, is undergoing treatment for thyroid cancer.

Rehnquist, 80, underwent a tracheotomy Saturday at

Bethesda Naval Hospital in suburban Maryland, the Supreme Court announced Monday, and he plans to be back at work next week.

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U.N. nuclear agency confirms that tons of explosives missing from former Iraq military base

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Several hundred tons of conventional explosives are missing from a former Iraqi military facility that once played a key role in Saddam Hussein's efforts to build a nuclear bomb, the U.N. nuclear agency confirmed Monday.

International Atomic Energy Agency chief Mohamed ElBaradei will report the materials' disappearance to the U.N. Security Council later Monday, spokeswoman Melissa Fleming told The Associated Press.

The development immediately became an issue on the U.S. presidential campaign trail, with the White House downplaying the threat from the missing cache of weapons but Sen. John Kerry's campaign calling the disappearance a "grave and catastrophic mistake."

Fleming said the IAEA received a declaration from the Iraqi Ministry of Science and Technology on Oct. 10 "informing us that approximately 350 (metric) tons of high explosive material had gone missing" from the former Al-Qaqaa military installation. The sprawling site is about 30 miles south of Baghdad.

The IAEA fears "that

these explosives could have fallen into the wrong hands," Fleming said.

At the Pentagon, an official who monitors developments in Iraq said U.S.-led coalition troops had searched Al-Qaqaa in the immediate aftermath of the March 2003 invasion and confirmed that the explosives, under IAEA seal since 1991, were intact. Thereafter, the site was not secured by U.S. forces, the official said, also speaking on condition of anonymity.

The Iraqis told the nuclear agency the materials were stolen and looted because of a lack of security at governmental installations, Fleming said.

"We do not know what happened to the explosives or when they were looted," she told AP.

A European diplomat familiar with the disappearance of the explosives said "everyone knew it was there."

Nearly 380 tons of powerful explosives that could be used to build large conventional bombs are missing from Al-Qaqaa, The New York Times reported Monday.

The 380 tons is the U.S. equivalent of the figure of 350 metric tons mentioned by the Iraqis, the IAEA said.



Singing for the United Way

Pampa High School Show Choir, directed by Fred Mays, sang for their Mexican pile-on lunch — not supper — at last week's check-in meeting for Pampa United Way volunteers at the Genesis House Activity Center. Pictured, from left, are Ben Gibson, Nicole Fernuik, Dustin Elliott, Stacy Pepper, Andrew Fraser, Carrisa Snelgrooes, Kyle Ward, Joel Shannon, Anna Shafer, Scott Guthrie, Whitney Morris and Dusty Joiner. Other Show Choir members, not pictured, include Audrey Dunn, Monica Johnson, Lindsey Ammons, Mark Murray and Brittin East. Genesis House and Southside Senior Citizens Centers were featured United Way agencies at the luncheon. After the check-in meeting, United Way officials reported this year's campaign with the theme "Community Matters," had reached 42 percent of the goal of \$312,000.

City

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Planning & Zoning Commission and for the interim city manager evaluation.

Persons up for reappointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission are Annie Swaney, Bob Curry, Darville Orr and Charles Buzzard.

Commissioners are scheduled to evaluate the performance of John Horst as interim city manager during this meeting.

Also listed on the agenda is a resolution authorizing the submission of a solid waste grant application, the purchase of mowers, and September bills.

Other items scheduled for discussion are a search and rescue dog and proposed groundwater rules.

Wreck

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to a DPS report.

Weber reportedly veered to avoid hitting the deer and traveled off the roadway onto the shoulder, where he struck the east guardrail. The tractor-trailer rig damaged 288 feet of guardrail, signs and bridge supports, according to the DPS report. Both the tractor and trailer sustained "extensive damage," the spokesperson said.

The rig came to rest partially on the bridge and partially dangling below, the spokesperson said. The trailer's load, which was not

identified in the DPS report, fell to the creek bed below the bridge.

No hazardous materials were included in the trailer's

load, according to DPS, and no injuries were reported. No citations were issued.

Weber was the only occupant of the Freightliner.



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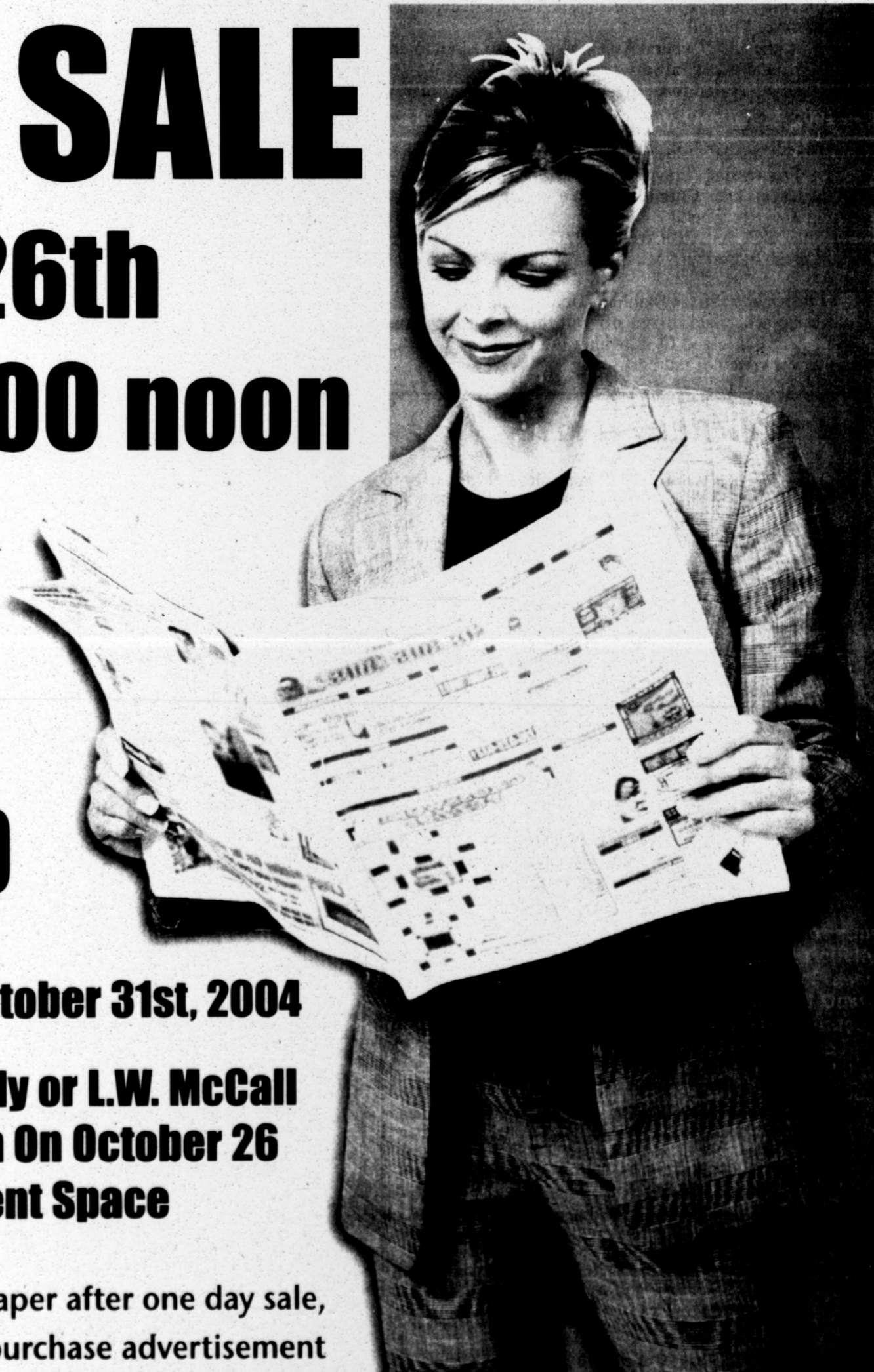
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Viewpoints

We've got a lot to learn about miracles

Now that I'm on the downhill side fast approaching the completion of my sixth decade on earth, I am still constantly amazed at what I don't know.

I'm also amazed at things other people don't know.

My son is a full time student at Texas Tech University. He's the third generation of the Bowser family to attend that institution, and I hope someday he will be the third generation to gain a degree there — someday soon, I hope.

Now in closing in on the 10th year of a four year program after two school and five majors, he is quick to remind me that the amount

of knowledge in the world today is doubling at an exponential rate. When he first started college at the University of Oklahoma, the knowledge of the world was doubling every 18 months. I understand that's now down to about six months.

There's a lot more to know these days than when I received my master's degree in 1980. There's a heckuva lot more to know than when I received my bachelor's degree in 1968.

It seemed a little far-fetched when I wrote a paper in the 1970s while working on my master's and predicted that newspaper photographers would be taking pic-

tures at events, then sending those pictures over the telephone to the city desk.

Now, we do it everyday and think nothing of it.

When I first started in this business,

type was set on a linotype machine. Stories were typed out by reporters

on a typewriter, then edited in pencil (or in my case rewritten) by an editor and sent down to the backshop where a linotype operator set the final version in lead for a plate that would go on a

press to be printed.

Good linotype operators made more than reporters. Today, there are no linotype operators, but reporters still aren't paid very much.

When my son went to college and majored in engineering (his first major), I made the mistake of saying something about a slide rule. He didn't know what I was talking about. Neither did I for that matter. Slide rules were always a mystery to me.

The happiest I ever saw

my son was when he bought his first handheld calculator that would do tri-nomials. I don't even know what a tri-nomial is. I don't even know if I'm spelling it right! The first hand-held calculator I ever bought cost \$600 and would add, subtract, multiply and divide. It would also find the square root of a number, and I thought that was amazing. My calculator was about the size of a small book.

My son's calculator cost less than \$100 and fit in his pocket.

The first computer I ever bought was an IBM and had less memory than a single diskette. Of course, nobody

uses diskettes anymore because they're obsolete.

I remember talking to freelance journalist Jerry Heasley of Pampa a few years ago when he bought his first digital camera. He fondly remembered what it used to be like to go on assignment. He would take a camera, a couple of lenses and a dozen rolls of film.

Now, with a digital camera, more lenses, batteries, battery chargers, extra memory cards, a laptop computer, appropriate storage devices and wiring to tie everything together, Heasley said he feels like ABC Sports going

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David Bowser

Staff Writer



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Oct. 25, the 299th day of 2004. There are 67 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One-hundred-fifty years ago, on Oct. 25, 1854, the "Charge of the Light Brigade" took place during the Crimean War as an English brigade of more than 600 men, facing hopeless odds, charged the Russian army in the Battle of Balaclava and suffered heavy losses.

On this date:

In 1400, author Geoffrey Chaucer died in London.

In 1760, Britain's King George III succeeded his late grandfather, George II.

In 1918, the Canadian steamship Princess Sophia foundered off the coast of Alaska; nearly 400 people perished.

In 1929, former Interior Secretary Albert B. Fall was convicted of accepting a \$100,000 bribe in connection with the Elk Hills Naval Oil Reserve in California.

In 1951, peace talks aimed at ending the Korean Conflict resumed in Panmunjom after 63 days.

In 1962, U.S. ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson presented photographic evidence of Soviet missile bases in Cuba to the U.N. Security Council.

In 1971, the U.N. General Assembly voted to admit mainland China and expel Taiwan.

In 1983, a U.S.-led force invaded Grenada at the order of President Reagan, who said the action was needed to protect U.S. citizens there.

In 1993, Canada's Liberal Party ended nine years of rule by the Progressive Conservatives in national elections; Liberal leader Jean Chretien became prime minister, succeeding Kim Campbell.

In 2002, U.S. Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., was killed in a plane crash in northern Minnesota 11 days before the election.

Ten years ago: Susan Smith, of Union, S.C., claimed that a black carjacker had driven off with her two young sons (Smith later confessed to drowning the children in a lake, and was convicted of murder).

Our readers write

Birds bash back yard

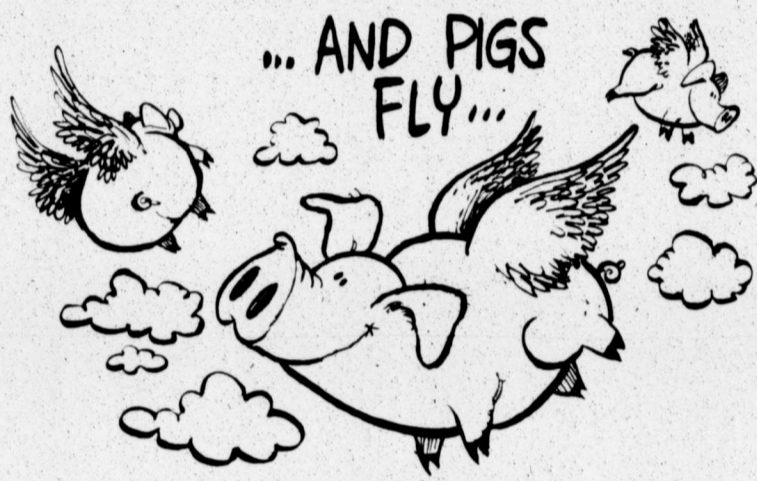
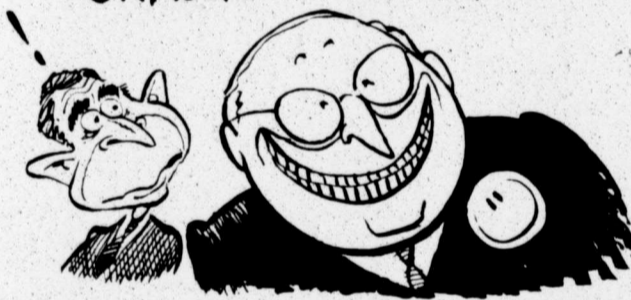
I agree with Mr Cree. I live near Wal-Mart and I have the same problem with birds. I have such a horrible mess to clean in my yard and

I cannot let my kids play in the yard until I clean it up. They are black birds and grackles and they are ruining my things, I can not even leave a bowl of food out for my dogs because the birds eat it all! Help!

Charla Shults
Pampa



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Political demagoguery abounds

Politicians have a field day misleading Americans who, as a result of having been dumbed down by our education system, can't think, reason or analyze.

How many times have we heard the political lament "There are 43 million Americans without health insurance"? While that observation might very well be true, what are we to make of it? Does it mean that there are Americans dying on the streets for want of medical treatment? Were that the case, you can bet the rent money that the major TV networks would feature

nightly stories of medically indigent Americans in various stages of pain, suffering and death.

I've seen no such stories. So what does the absence of health insurance mean? Among the things that it might mean is that you don't receive medical treatment on the same terms as a person with health insurance. You might spend a day waiting for treatment at a clinic instead of having

an appointment at a chosen time at a physician's office. It might also mean that you'll receive a smaller

quantity and lower quality of medical care such as hospitalization in a ward instead of a private room, interns rather than specialists, and treatment at voluntary clinics and free hospitals such as Shriners.

Let's face it: People who can buy insurance get bene-

fits that those who cannot afford it don't. Those with lots of money get things that those with little money don't. Whether we like it or not, these are facts of life. By the way, a healthy young person might opt for self-insurance and not purchase health insurance because he believes that the money could be better spent elsewhere.

According to some of the electoral rhetoric, President Bush has been responsible for shipping the best American jobs overseas,

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Walter Williams
Columnist



Gun control not about duck hunting

"Guard with jealous attention the public liberty. Suspect every one who approaches that jewel. Unfortunately, nothing will preserve it but downright force. Whenever you give up that force, you are inevitably ruined." Patrick Henry, Virginia Ratification Convention, June 5, 1788.

Gun control continues to be a hot button issue in our country today. It is beyond my ability to understand this. Our Founding Fathers spoke clearly of their intent behind the Second Amendment. Please allow me to give you an example of what can happen when we

do not listen to great men like Patrick Henry, who gave you this country at huge personal expense.

Let us look at the gun Control Act of 1968. It is so familiar to some citizens of America. It was as if they had heard it before. They had. Sen. Thomas Dodd of Connecticut was the vice-chairman of the review board and later executive trial counsel at the Nuremberg Trials. He had an inside look at how the Nazi

government came to power. I guess it impressed him.

Sen. Dodd returned home with a copy of the Nazi gun control legislation that was so efficiently and effectively used to disarm the citizenry before

Hitler's reign of terror. Sen. Dodd turned this over to the Library of Congress for translation. Almost word for word, and paragraph for paragraph, the translated Nazi laws were submitted to Congress. The legislation

passed, creating the Gun Control Act of 1968. Better known as "The Safe Streets and Crime Control Act."

Hitler sold it to the people as such: "This year will go down in history. For the first time, a civilized nation has full gun registration. Our streets will be safer, our police more efficient and the world will follow our lead into the future." That has a familiar ring to it, does it not?

I guess we have followed Hitler's lead. It was sold to the American people the same way and still is today.

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Be Our Guest

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to cover the Super Bowl. Knowledge has led to more technology, and more technology has led to more knowledge. It seems I keep falling further and further behind. There are more and more things I don't understand. After a thunderstorm and power outage, I have to wait until my son comes to visit so he can reset the clock on my VCR. My son rolls his eyes and asks when I'm going to get a DVD and join the 21st Century. But sometimes I wonder if we're so involved in technology and the pursuit of knowledge that we miss some things that have always been around us. There was a cute little blonde

a few years ago that would get me up early in the morning so we could watch and marvel at the sun coming up. I was on a trip recently to do a story on an old cowboy that had made a lot of money running a resort. One evening as we sat out on the terrace of the guest house having a beer with a bunch of missionaries (the cowboy and I were having beer. The missionaries were Baptists), one of the learned missionaries quoted scripture and lamented that there weren't any miracles anymore.

The next morning as the cowboy took me out to his horse pasture, we sat in his Suburban and watched a foal with spindly legs bound and jump with enthusiasm amid the tall grass as his mother grazed nearby. The gruff old cowboy put into words what I was thinking. "How could anybody look at that," the cowboy said, gazing at the newborn horse, "and think that there's no more miracles in the world?"

'How could anybody look at that and think there's no more miracles in the world?'

— Cowboy watching a foal at play

Some of us — all of us — still have a lot to learn.

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FBI chases new leads on election attack plot; CIA source discredited

WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI investigators have made new arrests and developed leads that reinforce concerns that terrorists plan to strike around the presidential election, officials said Saturday, even though the CIA has discredited a person who told its agents of such a plot involving al-Qaida. A senior FBI official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said some of the leads were culled from interviews with thousands of individuals that agents have conducted in the Muslim community. The official would not be more specific, but said the FBI continues to have misgivings about possible al-Qaida intentions to launch an attack with the goal of affecting the elections.

Several people have been taken into custody recently on charges not related to terrorism, but officials are investigating whether they may have been involved in terror activities, said another law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity. As for the person who warned the CIA, at least some of that individual's reporting no longer is seen as credible, said a U.S. intelligence official, speaking on condition of anonymity. The official stressed, however, that a number of other sources point to terrorist activity around the election season. The official also said no concrete plot has been discovered so far with specific mention of time, place, method or identity of would-be attackers.

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thus turning us into a nation of hamburger flippers. But according to a study by Bruce Bartlett, a senior fellow at the Dallas-based National Center for Policy Analysis, "How Outsourcing Creates Jobs for Americans," over the past 15 years, foreign corporations have moved jobs to the United States at a faster rate than jobs have left. "Jobs insourced to the United States increased from 4.9 million in

1991 to 6.4 million in 2001," reports Bartlett. There's been an 82 percent increase in insourced jobs compared to a 23 percent increase in out-sourced jobs. Because of the higher and increasing productivity of American workers, the jobs that move here pay more than the ones that leave. Insourced jobs pay roughly 16.5 percent more than the average domestic job, and one-third of them are in the manufacturing sector, says Bartlett. Americans who lose their jobs due to outsourcing might have to make painful adjustments. But

should we listen to political proposals to ease their pain by erecting trade barriers that will make the nation as a whole worse off? Our unemployment rate, which the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics put at 5.4 percent in September, is one of the lowest in the world and in our history. France's unemployment rate is 9.4 percent, Germany's 9.9 percent and Italy's 8.6 percent. Our Canadian neighbor's is 6.6 percent. The only reason for today's hysteria over jobs is because it is an election year, and one of the ways politi-

cians gain power is to create fear among the electorate. The next time you hear a politician whining about our "awful" job climate, ask him which European country we should look to for guidance in job creation. The fact of business is that our country is the world's leader not only in job creation but in terms of where the world wants to invest its money. Walter Williams, Ph.D., is a professor of economics at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.



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Thank you, Sen. Dodd. By the way, it was a group of Jewish-American citizens who found the 1968 legislation so familiar. They tried, as our Founding Fathers tried, to warn us. But we do not listen. This is all documented history. Please look it up for yourself. As a further note, once Hitler was satisfied that all firearms were registered, the most important part of the law was presented to the people. "All military firearms are to be handed in immediately ... Anyone who does not belong to the (SS) and who keeps his weapon ... must be regarded as an enemy of the national government."

Need I remind you what happened to Christians, Jews, and other "enemies of the state" after that? Do they even teach this in school anymore? The Militia Act of 1792 stated that all male citizens between the ages of 18 and 45 were members of the Militia. It was ordered that they should keep in their homes a proper military weapon, ammunition, bayonet, and other military equipment at the ready. They had to provide this for themselves. The government did not provide it for them. There are those who argue that those days and ways are gone. Things must change. May I remind you of the words of George Mason: "To disarm the people ... (is) the best and most effectual way to enslave them." June 14, 1788.

So I must ask, what is the real reason for the government's obsession with controlling our arms? How many times must we suffer the lessons of history? I feel I must stand with Richard Henry Lee, who stated, "To preserve liberty, it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms, and be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them ... " Jan. 25, 1788. When we give up our rights, we never get them back. "Suspect every one who approaches that jewel." The Second Amendment was never about duck hunting. David Watson is a father of four children who recently moved to Pampa. He describes himself as a traditionalist and a nationalist.

Calendar items

- **Pampa Community Concert Association** Presents "Live on Stage" 2004-05 concert series includes the following programs: Rhythm in Shoes on Oct. 26; pianist Richard Glazier on March 19; and Southern Fried Jazz Band on April 7. Each concert will get under way at 7:30 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. Additional concerts, some with other performers, have been scheduled in area towns. For more information on any of these events or a complete area concert schedule, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 675-2631.
- **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.
- **2CARE for Moms and Babies** is

- conducting free car seat safety classes. Limited car seat distribution is also available through the program. For more information, call 665-5339.
- **The monthly meeting of Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild** is set for 7:30 p.m. Oct. 28 in Amarillo. The meeting is open to individuals interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts. For more information, call (806) 358-2765.
- **Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild** will sponsor an "American Spirit Quilt Show" Nov. 6-7 at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa.
- **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.
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FBI reports violent crime down 3 percent last year

WASHINGTON (AP) — Violent crime fell last year, with only a slight uptick in murders marring the overall trend of fewer crimes across the country, the FBI said Monday in its annual crime report.

There were just under 1.4 million crimes of murder, manslaughter, rape, robbery and aggravated assault in 2003, 3 percent fewer than 2002 and a decline of more than 25 percent from 1994.

The 2003 figure translates to a rate of 475 violent crimes for every 100,000 Americans, a 3.9 percent decrease from the previous

year, the FBI report said. Aggravated assaults, which make up two-thirds of all violent crimes, have dropped for 10 straight years.

Murder was the only violent crime that increased in 2003, with the 16,503 slayings reported by police to the FBI representing a 1.7 percent hike from the year before. Nearly eight in 10 murder victims last year were male and 90 percent were adults.

Property crimes such as burglary, theft and theft of motor vehicles dropped slightly, with the overall

total of 10.4 million crimes in 2003 representing a decline of less than 1 percent.

The property crime rate for 2003 was 3,588 crimes per 100,000 Americans, a 1.2 percent decline. Property crime is down 14 percent overall since 1994.

The FBI's annual Uniform Crime Reporting Program statistics largely mirror those of other government studies that show crime at historically low levels. The Justice Department's annual survey of crime victims, released in September, found the

nation's crime rate at its lowest point since such studies began in 1973.

The drop in crime has made it far less of a political issue. President Bush and Democratic challenger John Kerry rarely mention it in their campaign speeches and polls indicate few voters rank crime as a top concern facing the country.

Attorney General John Ashcroft said the numbers demonstrate the success of initiatives as stepped-up federal prosecution of gun crimes, arrest of more drug offenders and longer prison sentencing policies for

repeat offenders. Violent crime, he said, has dropped 6 percent since 2000.

"All across our country, law-abiding Americans are enjoying unprecedented safety," Ashcroft said.

The FBI report is based on crime statistics submitted by 17,000 state and local law enforcement agencies around the country. The report also showed that:

—Violent crime in cities dropped 3.9 percent compared with 2002 and 3.7 percent in less metropolitan areas.

—Excluding traffic

stops, law enforcement agencies made 13.6 million arrests in 2003, or about 4,695 arrests for every 100,000 Americans. In 2003, those agencies solved about 46 percent of violent crimes, including about 62 percent of murders.

—Nearly 71 percent of the 2003 murders involved use of a firearm, with 13 percent involving knives or other cutting instruments. Blunt objects, hands and feet also were used.

—Property crimes cost victims about \$17 billion last year, including \$8.6 billion in motor vehicle thefts.

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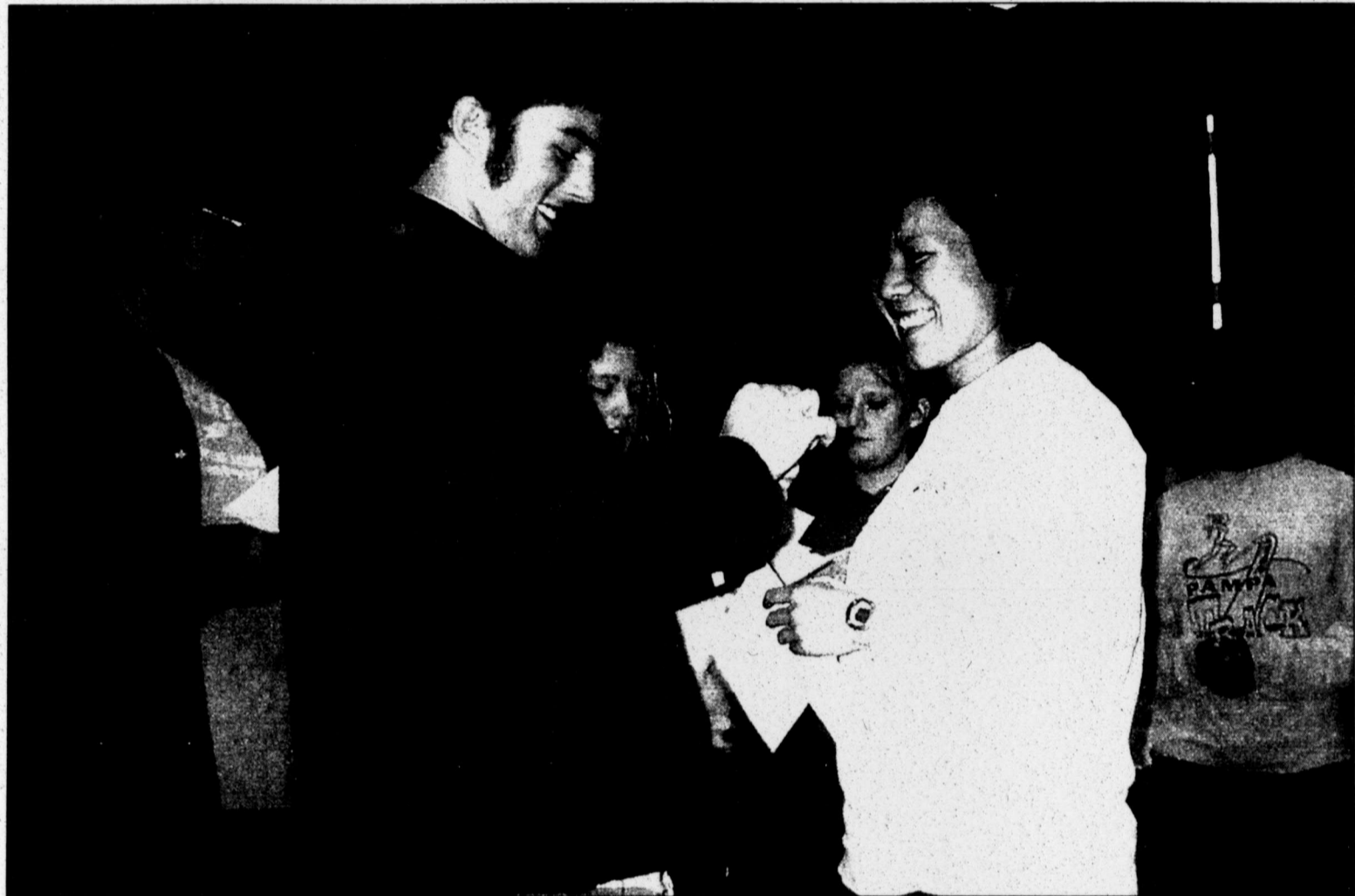
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Report: Internet users not as safe online as they think

WASHINGTON (AP) — Internet users at home are not nearly as safe online as they believe, according to a nationwide inspection by researchers. They found most consumers have no firewall protection, outdated antivirus software and dozens of spyware programs secretly running on their computers.

One beleaguered home user in the government-backed study had more than 1,000 spyware programs running on his sluggish computer when researchers examined it.

Bill Mines, a personal trainer in South Riding, Va., did not fare much better. His family's 3-year-old Dell computer was found infected with viruses and more than 600 pieces of spyware surreptitiously monitoring his online activities.

"I was blown away," Mines said. "I had a lot of viruses and other things I didn't know about. I had no idea things like this could happen."

The Internet always has had its share of risky neighborhoods and dark alleys. But with increasingly

sophisticated threats from hackers, viruses, spam e-mails and spyware, trouble is finding computer users no matter how cautiously they roam online.

The technology industry is feeling the pain, too.

Spurred by the high costs of support calls from irritated customers — and fearful that frustrated consumers will stop buying new products — Internet providers, software companies and computer-makers are making efforts to increase awareness of threats and provide customers with new tools to protect themselves.

Still, many computer users appear remarkably unprepared for the dangers they face.

The study being released Monday by America Online

and the National Cyber Security Alliance found that 77 percent of 326 adults in 12 states assured researchers in a telephone poll they were safe from online threats.

Nearly as many people felt confident they were already protected specifically from viruses and hackers.

When experts visited those same homes to examine computers, they found two-thirds of adults using antivirus software that was not updated in at least seven days.

Two-thirds of the computer users also were not using any type of protective firewall program, and spyware was found on the computers of 80 percent of those in the study.

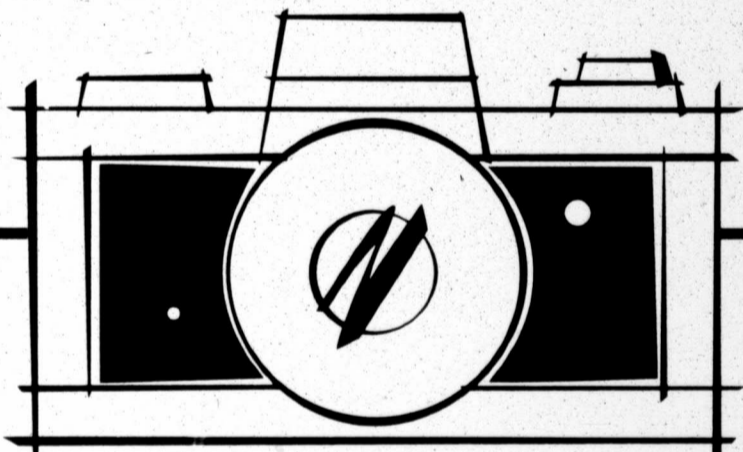
The survey participants, a cross-section of Internet users, were selected in 22 cities and towns by an independent market analysis organization, said AOL spokesman Andrew Weinstein.

The alliance, a nonprofit group, is backed by the Homeland Security Department and the Federal Trade Commission, plus leading technology companies, including Cisco Systems, Microsoft, eBay and Dell.

The group's chief, Ken Watson, said consumers suffer from complacency and a lack of expert advice on keeping their computers secure. "Just like you don't expect to get hit by a car, you don't believe a computer attack can happen to you," Watson said.

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— Bill Mines
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Daisy troop gives to Tralee

Girl Scout Daisy Troop #222 members Ashlynn Roby, Rylee Makenzy, Argan Bright, Ashlee Heavner and Haylei McCall view clothing items donated to Tralee Crisis Center during a troop visit recently. Both Daisy Troop #222 and Brownie Troop #221 donated a new package of socks, underwear and shoes to the crisis center in observance of "Make a Difference Day," celebrated Oct. 23.

Illinois negotiating flu vaccine purchase

CHICAGO (AP) — Gov. Rod Blagojevich says his administration has negotiated a tentative agreement to purchase at least 30,000 flu vaccinations from British wholesalers, but federal regulators must still approve the deal.

Blagojevich's office said a letter would be sent to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Monday requesting its approval of the deal, which would allow the state to provide flu shots to Illinoisans at risk of serious complications from the flu.

The Illinois Department of Public Health would distribute the vaccinations to nursing home residents across the state, Blagojevich spokeswoman Abby Ottenhoff said.

Ottenhoff did not know how many of the state's roughly 100,000 nursing home residents may have already received a flu shot. She said the new vaccinations would supplement the 35,000 doses the state is receiving from federal authorities for Medicaid patients.

"I am calling on the FDA to work with us immediately to allow us to purchase the flu shots we need," Blagojevich said in a statement. "The sooner they give their approval, the sooner we can get flu vaccines to the senior citizens who need them the most."

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Hunting for bear

First bear hunt in Maryland in 51 years begins, despite efforts of animal lovers

OAKLAND, Md. (AP) — The state's first bear hunt in 51 years began Monday, as hunters set off before dawn to stalk the animals through the woods of western Maryland.

The morning was cold and foggy — "perfect for bear hunting," according to state Department of Natural Resources biologist Robert Beyer.

"Weather conditions are good; there is very little wind for the animals to scent," Beyer said. "We expect the hunters to be out in force, enjoying themselves for the first time in 51 years."

Baiting was prohibited during the six-day hunt, which was opposed by animal rights groups. Instead of waiting near a pile of jelly doughnuts or lighting up a smoky, sweet-smelling lure, participants must go where the bears are.

"You more or less gotta run into 'em," said Clarence Dayhoff Sr., who has killed three bears in Canada and hunted them in Pennsylvania.

Dayhoff, 64, of Hagerstown, planned to hunt with his son on private land in Garrett County. They are among 381 participants in the tightly regulated hunt.

At a meeting Sunday in Frostburg, DNR officials distributed the last of 183 licenses to hunters selected by lottery for the hunt in Garrett and western

Allegany counties. Each permit entitles the holder and a companion to hunt, with just one bear allowed per team. Seventy percent of the permits are for use on private land only, and the landowner may participate as a third team member.

The hunt will end when 30 black bears have been culled from a resident population that has grown from a handful in the 1950s to an estimated 500. If fewer than 30 are killed, a second hunt will be held Dec. 6-11.

DNR officials, accused by animal-protection groups of holding a "trophy hunt," asked hunters to be sensitive to those who disapprove. "It doesn't do anybody any good to see a dead bear hanging off the back of somebody's vehicle that's not covered up," said Harry Spiker, the agency's black bear project manager.

The Fund for Animals and the Humane Society of the United States, losers of a legal battle to stop the hunt, held an hour-long candlelight vigil Sunday night at the governor's mansion in Annapolis, seeking an 11th-

hour "reprieve" for the bears. There was no response from Gov. Robert Ehrlich, who has consistently sided with DNR biologists on the issue.

Hunt opponents dispute the state's bear population estimates and the DNR's contention that the hunt is needed to reduce human-bear conflicts, including at least 17 highway deaths of bears this year.

Of the 28 states with bear hunts, 11 allow baiting and 17 permit use of hounds. Maine is the only state where bait, dogs and traps are permitted. Maryland officials proposed the hunt in February and the final regulation went into effect Sept. 27.

Michael Markarian, president of the Fund for Animals, said hunt opponents plan to photograph and videotape dead bears at check-in stations. "We want to share this with the public and show people what is happening with these bears," he said.

On the Net:
Maryland Department of Natural Resources: <http://dnr.maryland.gov>
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'We expect the hunters to be out in force, enjoying themselves for the first time in 51 years.'

— Robert Beyer
State biologist

Obsolete dam removal presents costly challenge

OJAI, Calif. (AP) — The Matilija Dam isn't much of a dam anymore — on rainy days, it looks more like a waterfall. A pile of sediment has built up so high behind the dam that when just an inch of rain falls, water spills over in glistening cascades.

The dam's aging concrete also chokes off sediment and nutrients that could nurture the riverbanks and restore Ventura County beaches downstream. So, it's got to go.

But, tearing down the Southern California structure presents a costly challenge.

The sheer size of its removal will make it one of the most complicated in the country, and the project will carry an expected price tag of \$130 million.

"It's not just something that you can go in there and remove in a day," said Steve Evans, conservation director of the Friends of the River, which monitors dam

removals across California. Environmentalists and engineers agree the Matilija Dam has outlived its intended purpose. Officials add that demolishing the 198-foot-high dam would ultimately improve the area's ecosystem — helping restore endangered steelhead trout by allowing them to swim upstream and spawn, and allowing sand to flow downstream and restore eroded beaches.

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— Steve Evans
Conservation director

Jeff Pratt, director of the Ventura County Watershed Protection District, said the sediment makes the reservoir all but useless. The local water district is leading the removal effort.

Plans to remove the Matilija meet state coastal protection requirements. The dam, built in 1947, was created as a means of providing flood control to a handful of small downstream communities and recharging ground-

water supplies used by farmers in the sparsely populated Ojai Valley.

Now, the dam cradles mostly rocks and pebbles, and is clogged with 6 million cubic yards of sediment.

"For a long time we looked at the benefits of water development — dams, levees and such — and ignored the costs," said Daniel McCool, a University of Utah political science professor who studies environmental issues. "Now the things that were damaged by the levees and dams are

the things that we value."

Part of the Matilija is already gone. Workers took out slabs built with substandard materials, reducing the dam's height to 165 feet in the middle. As the rest is removed, the watershed district will take steps to avoid flooding along the 16 miles of the Ventura River that leads to the Pacific Ocean.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law, "Sharon," and I had a wonderful relationship until I gave birth. Almost overnight, Sharon became extremely overbearing about how I should raise her grandson, "Charlie." (He is now 8.)

Recently, Charlie contracted a common childhood illness. Although I had been taking him to the pediatrician regularly, Sharon kept insisting that I wasn't caring for him properly. One afternoon when she was baby-sitting, she went so far as to take Charlie to his pediatrician and tell the doctor that I wasn't treating his illness. When the pediatrician didn't tell Sharon what she wanted to hear, she took Charlie home with her and gave him some medicine she had at her house. When I found out, I was horrified. (What if he'd had an allergic reaction?)

When I called Sharon to discuss the matter, she hung up on me. So I sent her an e-mail and told her how devious I thought she had been, and that she was no longer welcome to baby-sit Charlie at her house, although she could visit him at our home if she wished. No response.

Two days later our doorbell rang. It was a visit from Child Protective Services. Charlie's pediatrician had to be contacted as well as his school counselor. It was very embarrassing. After an investigation, the matter was dismissed.

Sharon has never denied that she called CPS, nor has she made any effort to apologize. My husband and I have no wish to speak to her until she does. Are we right to avoid her, and should we wait for her to come to us? We hate to be in a feud, but we worry that she may try something like this again if she doesn't see there are consequences for her actions. — EMBARRASSED IN NEW YORK

DEAR EMBARRASSED: Grandma may have thought she knew best, but she should have quit after consulting

Charlie's pediatrician. For her to have given her grandson leftover meds without authorization from you or his doctor was child endangerment. If you wait for Sharon to come to you, Charlie may not see his grandmother before he reaches adulthood. And in your case, unless there are strict ground rules, that may be the safest thing for your son. Hang tough.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 15, and recently broke up with my boyfriend, "Mike." I believe in waiting for marriage to have sex, and he doesn't. That's why I ended it.

I didn't want things to go past kissing, but because of Mike's pushing, prodding and relentless arguing, it did. I would sometimes have to use force to get him to stop.

My mother adores Mike and made me keep all his gifts and pictures in the hope that we'll get back together. She doesn't know that we were 1 inch from losing our virginity. Should I tell her what happened? And what should I do with the gifts? — ASHAMED IN DECATUR, GA.

DEAR ASHAMED: By all means tell your mother why you broke things off — especially the pressure to which you were subjected and the fact that Mike wouldn't take no for an answer. She needs to wake up, stop idealizing him, and recognize that you were nearly raped.

Return the gifts and mementos. As long as you keep them, Mike will think the door is open. It's not, and for good reason.

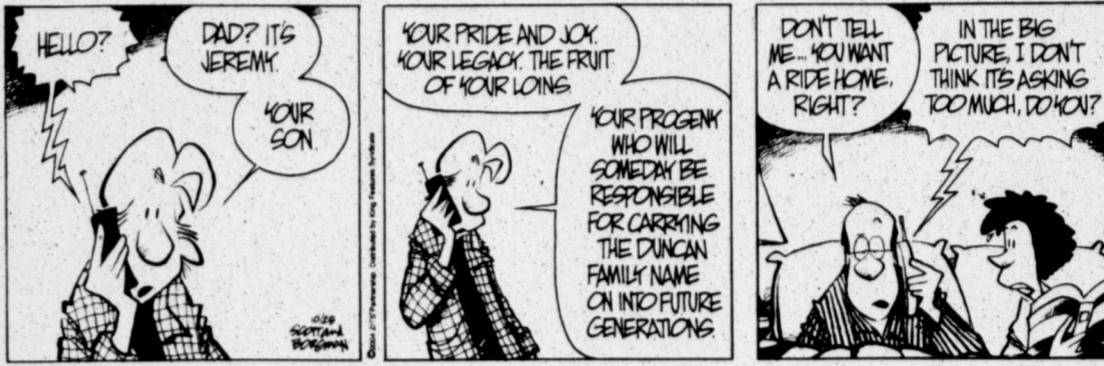
P.S. That boy's parents should be notified, so they can teach their son about boundaries before he winds up in serious trouble.

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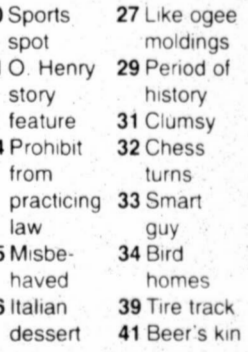
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

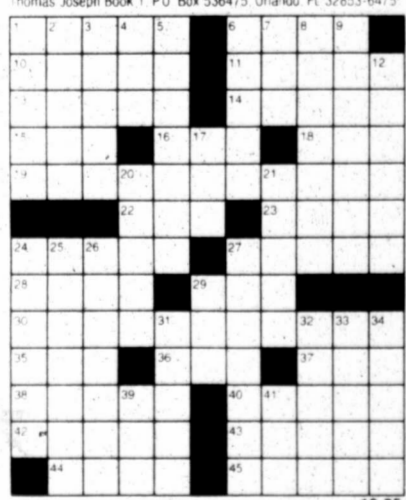
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Sports Day

Pampa strong in final district meeting



Pampa Tennis Team member Haley Acker prepares to receive a serve during her singles match Saturday.

The Pampa tennis team finished district play Saturday with a 15-4 win over Caprock. "This was a great victory and a confidence booster for our team," said Coach Josh Freeman.

'This was a great victory and a confidence booster for our team.'

— Josh Freeman
Head Coach, PHS Tennis

"Our players came out of doubles play with a 6-1 score, and then continued to dominate the singles by winning nine of the 12 singles matches. We will now travel to Wichita Falls on Thursday where we will compete in Regional play on Friday and Saturday."

Players of the week were all 14 varsity players. "These players have shown their dedication and spirit all season by giving 100% every time they walked on to the court. Coach Kindle and I both are very

proud of our team and have had a great time coaching this great group of students. We are looking forward to Regionals and also the spring season where the focus is on individual tennis rather than team tennis," said Coach Freeman.

Individual results:

Boys Doubles

Crow/Foreman(P) def. Kirchgessner(C) 8-6

Robbins/Smith(P) def. Barbosa/Nelson(C) 8-1

Gonzales/McNeely(P) def. Hernandez/Zamudio(C) 8-5

Girls Doubles

Vinson/Long(P) def. Ellis/Hernandez(C) 8-6

Lucus/Stowers(P) def. Skinner/Miller(C) 8-5

Clark/Acker(P) def. Yarbrough/Chavez(C) 8-0

Mixed Doubles

Saldivar/Wilde(C) def.

Pereira/Fortenberry(P) 8-6

Boys Singles

Nick Robbins(P) def. Jared

Kirchgessner(C) 6-4, 6-3

Mithcell Crow(P) def. Isaac Saldivar(C) 6-1, 6-4

Jose Bazaldua(C) def. Michael

Foreman(P) 4-6, 6-4, 6-1

Steven Smith(P) def. Martin Barbosa(C) 6-2, 6-2

Adam Gonzales(P) def. Joseph

Hernandez(C) 4-6, 7-5, 6-4

Jareth Fortenberry(P) def. Antonio

Zamudio(C) 6-0, 6-3

Landon McNeely(P) def. Brant Nelson(C) 8-2

Girls Singles

Ashley Ellis(C) def. Myca Vinson(P) 6-0, 6-0

Justina Hernandez(C) def. Lacie Long(P) 7-5, 6-3

Ashlee Lucas(P) def. Haley Wilde(C) 6-3, 6-2

Meagan Clark(P) def. Bresha Skinner(C) 6-3, 6-1

Sammie Pereira(P) def. Lindsey Miller(C) 6-1, 6-0

Tanna Stowers(P) def. Crystal Yarbrough 6-0, 6-1

Haley Acker(P) def. M. Chavez(C) 8-0

PLANE CRASH CLAIMS 10

NASCAR family suffers loss

Tragedy knows no bounds. It does not know how much money you have. It does not know what your station in life is. It does not care.

Tragedy, though painful, is one of the great equalizers in life. It brings us to our basic element—Human.

Yesterday afternoon, among the hills of Virginia near the Martinsville Speedway, tragedy struck. A plane owned by Hendrick Motorsports crashed with 10 souls onboard. "Souls" is a maritime use actually. It is more accurate and appropriate to say, there were 10 humans aboard the Beech 200 aircraft.

There were no survivors.

Among the dead were Rickey Hendrick, son and heir apparent to the Hendrick franchise. His uncle John Hendrick and his twin daughters. And six others including Hendricks' head engine builder and Tony Stewart's pilot.

The news had been known for much of the Subway 500, but NASCAR opted to keep it from the teams until after the race. Hendrick driver, Jimmie Johnson, won the race. But there was no victory lane celebration. There were no post race interviews. Each of the Hendrick drivers and team

members were taken to a secured area and informed of the tragedy.

The weather in the area was poor. Cloudy and overcast much of the day with as mist falling by the end of the race. Some speculate weather and an airport tough to land at and somewhat antiquated, may have played a role in the crash.

The Hendrick family has been through so much in recent years, including Rick's battle with leukemia and the loss of his father earlier this year. It is nearly impossible for most to fathom the pain this family is feeling today.

A race took place yesterday. Tempers flared, even among teammates. Cars were damaged. Points were won and lost. And after the race, after hearing of the tragedy, all were reminded they are only human. Flesh. Bone. Blood. Emotion.

They are part of a family that suffered a great loss. A tragedy. Rich and poor. Black and white. Blue collar and white collar. Some are even Sports Editors in tight-knit communities. They are all part of the NASCAR family.

And each member mourns this tragic loss.

Michael J. Stevens

Sports Editor



Pats win No. 21

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — The New England Patriots extended their NFL victory streak to 21 games with a 13-7 win over the AFC East rival New York Jets.

The Patriots also set the regular-season mark of 18 straight wins, surpassing the 17 won by the 1933-34 Chicago Bears.

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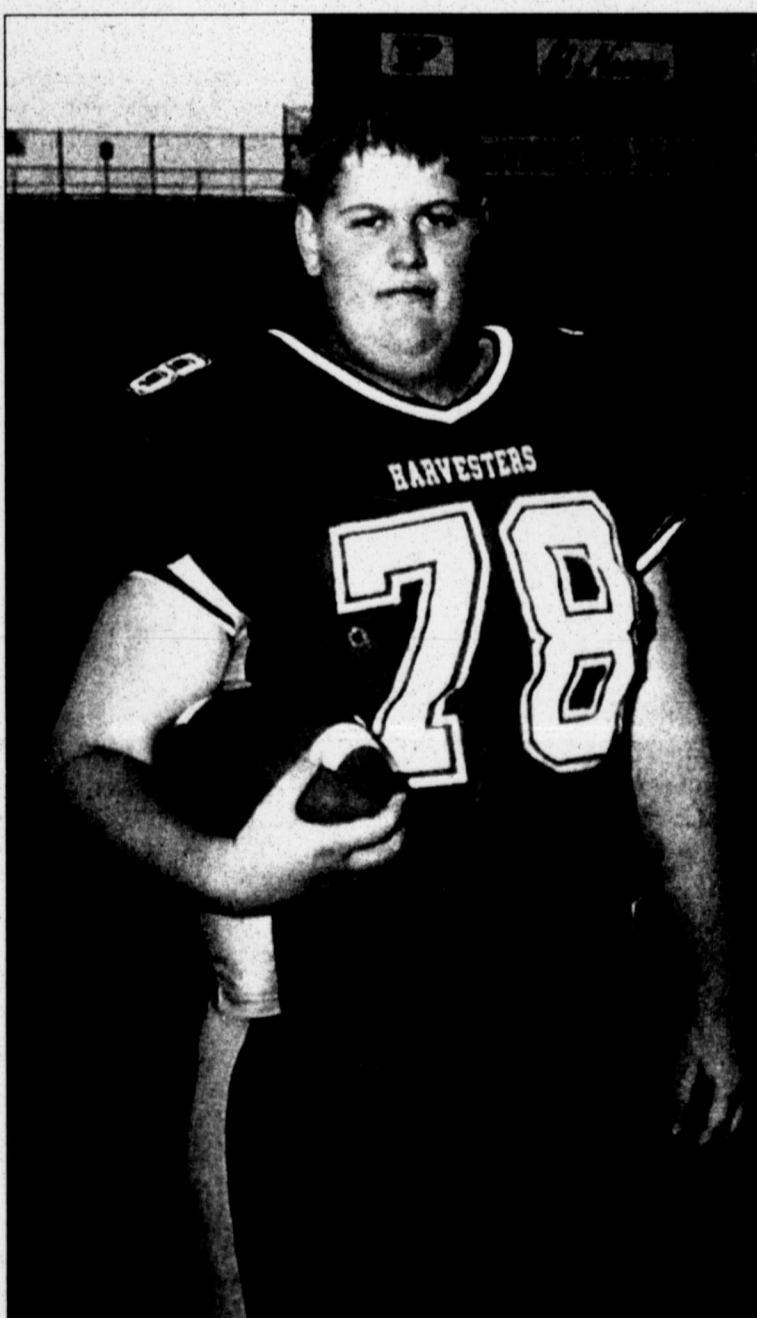
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Senior spotlight



Senior Matt Mears plays a big role in opening up running lanes and protecting the quarterback.

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

At 6'1", 308 pounds, Pampa's Matt Mears imposing figure capable of controlling whoever stands across the line from him.

Matt Mears
Player Jersey: #78
Player Position(s): Left Tackle
Player Grade: 12
Player Parent(s)/Guardians(s): Ron & Juanita Mears
School Activities/Interests: Football
Player information provided by the PHS Football Booster Club.

7th and 8th grade teams face Westover Park tomorrow

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa 7th and 8th grade football teams will face off against Westover Park tomorrow afternoon.

The seventh grade A and B teams will host Westover with the first game scheduled for 5 p.m., followed by the second game at 6:30 p.m.

The 8th grade teams will travel to Westover Park

tomorrow. Both games to be played at Randall High School.

The first game to kick off around 5 p.m., the second to follow at 6:30 p.m.

The Freshman team is home this week to take on Caprock. That game is scheduled for 5 p.m. Thursday.

Lady Harvesters end season on winning note

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa Lady Harvesters wrapped up the 2004 season with a win over district rival Caprock this past Saturday.

Pampa took the Lady Longhorns 25-22, 25-15, 25-18.

The Lady Harvesters finished the season 11-21 overall, 5-5 in District 3-4A, ending the season in fourth place.

Indoor football player found dead

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — Police on Monday were investigating the death of a wide receiver for the Wichita Falls Thunder.

Pierre Glenn Johnson's roommate found him dead in their apartment on Sunday, Wichita Falls police Sgt. Leland Wright said.

Johnson, 23, was lying on a couch and his roommate initially thought he was sleeping, police said.

Police were investigating the case as a homicide, but they hadn't ruled out suicide as well, Wright said in Monday's edition of the Wichita Falls Times Record News.

Prior to joining the indoor football team, Johnson played for Midwestern State during the 2001-02 season.



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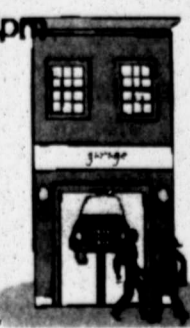
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Tom Lehman	66-66-67-72	—	271
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Neal Lancaster	69-69-67-67	—	272
John Huston	64-71-69-68	—	272
Lucas Glover	68-68-68-68	—	272
Geoff Ogilvy	68-67-67-70	—	272
Billy Andrade	69-69-69-66	—	273
Jerry Kelly	67-68-71-67	—	273
Skip Kendall	66-67-72-68	—	273
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Bart Bryant	66-71-67-69	—	273
Dan Forsman	68-70-66-69	—	273
Ben Curtis	66-71-66-70	—	273
Scott Verplank	70-65-65-73	—	273
Justin Rose	71-68-69-66	—	274
J.L. Lewis	62-73-72-67	—	274
Kirk Triplett	66-67-72-69	—	274
Loren Roberts	71-67-66-70	—	274

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#7 Q.B. Cobb appears to be pointing the way for Cam Seger during a run Friday night. Pampa lost to Palo Duro, 24-0.

Green Bay beats up Dallas Cowboys 41-20

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Since Mike Sherman took over the offensive play-calling, the Green Bay Packers have racked up 72 points, 914 yards and no turnovers in consecutive routs of Detroit and Dallas.

"It's not easy, I'll tell you," the multitasking coach and general manager said after Green Bay scored on its first seven possessions Sunday to thrash the Cowboys 41-20.

Sherman, who called the game with offensive coordinator Tom Rossley, still weak from heart surgery,

offering advice from the coaches box, sure made it look easy.

Green Bay (3-4) dominated Dallas (2-4) in every way and ended a three-game losing streak at Lambeau Field.

Brett Favre threw two touchdown passes despite a jammed right wrist, Ahman Green ran for his first two TDs since the season opener despite a sore Achilles' tendon, Ryan Longwell kicked two field goals and the half-back option pass produced points for the second straight week.

"This is certainly the low

point for me in my tenure here in Dallas, without question," said Cowboys coach Bill Parcells, in his second year with the team. "I am

embarrassed to put a team on the field that looks like that. If we don't play better on defense than we did today, we don't have a chance to win another game."

Sherman will continue in his new role at least through next week's game at Washington but said his temp job is strictly week-to-week.

Rossley said last week, however, that he would be reluctant to return to calling the plays now that the Packers have found a spark after a four-game losing streak.

"Trust me, it's not the plays, it's the players making plays," Sherman said. "When they go up and make

plays and throws and catches and runs and blocks, it's easy to call the game."

It was another masterpiece as Green Bay gained 480 yards and punter Bryan Barker wasn't needed until the fourth quarter.

"That was a bad beating," Parcells said. "We couldn't even slow them down. I did think we could ever get into position to make it a contest. But they just manhandled us today in every way."

— Bill Parcells
Head Coach, Dallas Cowboys

us today in every way. We couldn't make them punt."

Green, who has not been speaking to the media, ended a monthlong funk by rushing for 163 yards, including a 90-yard score in the third quarter that was the longest Dallas had ever surrendered.

He became the second player in NFL history with

two career touchdown runs of at least 90 yards, joining Bo Jackson, who scored both of his in 1987.

Green, who had a 98-yarder last December, also set a franchise record with his 27th 100-yard game, breaking Jim Taylor's mark.

Javon Walker (eight catches for 129 yards) had his fourth 100-yard game this season and his 5-yard TD catch helped Green Bay take a 20-6 halftime lead.

Running back Tony Fisher's first NFL toss found Bubba Franks alone in the end zone to make it 27-6 in the third quarter. Last week, Green threw a TD pass to Donald Driver.

"I can throw better than both of those guys," said Davenport, lobbying his shot.

The Cowboys held out hope for their first win in five trips to Green Bay when tight end Jason Witten (eight catches for 112 yards) blew past cornerback Al Harris and caught a 42-yard touchdown pass from Vinny Testaverde that made it 27-13.

But the Packers quickly responded with Favre's 33-yard TD toss to Driver to

make it 34-13 and avoid their first 0-4 start at home since 1986.

"We need every win we can get," Green Bay cornerback Al Harris said. "Every one. If it's here at Lambeau or in the Mojave Desert. We need it."

Cowboys safety Roy Williams apologized to the offense, the coaches and the fans for the dismal display on defense and special teams.

He said the Cowboys were going to have to be careful not to splinter "because if we do, we are going to be like back two years ago when (Dave) Campo was the head coach and we were playing just to be playing."

Notes: Packers S Darren Sharper (sprained left knee) will have an MRI on Monday. Packers RG Marco Rivera sprained an ankle. ... Quincy Morgan, acquired from Cleveland last week, had four catches for 76 yards but pulled a hamstring, and teammate Terry Glenn aggravated a sprained right foot. ... Favre (200) and Testaverde (207) are the only QBs among the 22 active NFL players who have played in 200 games.

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: THERE'S NOTHING REMARKABLE ABOUT IT. ALL ONE HAS TO DO IS HIT THE RIGHT KEYS AT THE RIGHT TIME AND THE INSTRUMENT PLAYS ITSELF. — BACH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2004:

This coming year you will be reaching the end of a cycle of completion. Look back at the past 10 years and what you might want to change. In a year, you will start a new cycle, where you can create much more of what you desire. Make room for the new and what you want. You land on your feet like a cat this year. Learn to express your anger and not hold it in. You will either make yourself sick or possibly blow up like a volcano at something little. Spend more on your well-being. If you are single, you will meet people easily. Just make sure anyone you meet is emotionally available. You will meet someone important toward next fall. If you are attached, the two of you gain by doing more nurturing and private activities together. ARIES triggers you.

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)
★★★ Early in the day, discuss funds that involve security, a domestic matter or a real estate issue. Clear the air. You discover that someone could be volatile or angry and directing his or her energy toward you. Take the high road, and don't become triggered. Tonight: Let your mind relax.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★ What you don't say might be more important than what you do say. Others will slowly open up if you don't pressure them. But, what you learn needs to be kept hush-hush right now. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Aim for exactly what you want. Understand that it will not drop

in your lap without some of your ingenuity and creativity. A child or a loved one feels left out and lets you know it. Make it OK to spread yourself thin. You scarcely have a choice. Tonight: Socialize away.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Keep your opinions to yourself, even when a difficult boss or associate pushes you beyond your limit. This person might be having an unusually hard time and cannot control his or her anger. Look the other way. Tonight: Race on home and turn on your answering machine.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Look past the obvious and read between the lines. Your intuition could be a bit off, but your abilities to dig up the facts, make inquires and find experts peak. Dynamic thinking opens many doors. State your case once you are sure of the facts. Tonight: Treat yourself to some mind candy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to curb your spending, even if others are encouraging you to go for it. You alone are responsible for your spending. A talk with a family member helps renew your perspective. Eye the long-term. Tonight: Let another treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Others run with the ball, but you still cannot resist putting in your two cents. Could you be overreacting? Let others reveal their ideas and feelings. Discussions open up understanding. Brainstorm away. Tonight: Go along with plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Holding in anger could backfire and make you a bit accident-prone. The issue for you is to express your feelings in a fashion that someone else can hear. Take a second look at your financial sit-

uation. Consider putting in overtime. Tonight: Play it low key.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Keep your mind active, and you'll come up with unusual answers. You have that extra pow that makes the difference in the responses of others. Another's objection needs to be listened to. Make your plans or a project as good as possible. Tonight: So naughty and so nice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You find a boss a bit touchy or difficult. Do your best to pacify this person. You might need to rethink your plans and your approach. Realize that what you think is right might not be in sync with someone else. Tonight: Veg.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Pick up the phone. You hear news that might force a change of plans. In fact, you might need to take off at the last minute. Friends and associates pitch in and help you get past an immediate problem. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news over a drink and munchies.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Cut spending until you get a better handle on your budget, especially if you are attached. You might need to know what the left hand is doing. Check out insurance and taxes. You want to know where you stand. Tonight: Think "money."

BORN TODAY
Sen. Hilary Rodman Clinton (1947), actor Bob Hoskins (1942), actress Jaelyn Smith (1947)

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Boilermakers tumble, Southern Miss cracks AP top 25 college football poll

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The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 23, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1.	Southern Cal (50)	7-0	1,610	1
2.	Oklahoma (13)	7-0	1,567	2
3.	Auburn (2)	8-0	1,486	3
4.	Miami	6-0	1,441	4
5.	Florida St.	6-1	1,266	5
6.	Wisconsin	8-0	1,265	6
7.	California	5-1	1,234	7
8.	Texas	6-1	1,125	8
9.	Utah	7-0	1,103	9
10.	Georgia	6-1	1,039	10
11.	Tennessee	6-1	1,006	11
12.	Michigan	7-1	985	13
13.	Virginia	6-1	765	14
14.	Louisville	5-1	728	15
15.	West Virginia	6-1	686	15
16.	Texas A&M	6-1	639	17
17.	Purdue	5-2	553	12
18.	Boise St.	7-0	552	19
19.	LSU	5-2	461	18
20.	Arizona St.	6-1	425	21
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Copycats try to cash in on yellow wristband craze

AUSTIN (AP) — Charities and causes of all stripes are rushing to cash in on the popularity of the Lance Armstrong Foundation's yellow wristband.

A rainbow of wristbands are now being sold to promote awareness of everything from breast cancer to high medical malpractice premiums for doctors.

The trendy silicone rubber bracelet produced by the cycling superstar's cancer-fighting organization is imprinted with the motto "Live Strong."

This week, the foundation will announce that it has sold 20 million wristbands at \$1 each, the Austin American-Statesman report-

ed Monday.

Proceeds go toward programs for young people with cancer.

The Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids in Washington is one group hoping to play off the foundation's success.

The group has created a red wristband imprinted with its Web site and "1200," the number of Americans who die each day from smoking-related illnesses, spokesman Vince Willmore said.

In southern Illinois, doctors worried about the rising cost of medical malpractice insurance have given away 100,000 neon green wristbands saying "Keep Doctors in Illinois"

in a little more than a month.

Lynne Nowak, a doctor in Belleville, Ill., said she got the idea after noticing how many non-athletes were wearing the Armstrong foundation's yellow wristband. Nowak said her design has caught on among local high school students.

"It astonishes me that it's a big fashion statement to wear this obnoxious green wristband," she said.

University of Texas marketing professor Julie Irwin said she doesn't expect to see much success among the spin-offs.

"Once we all start wearing bracelets of different colors signifying different causes,

the fashion will fade," she said.

"Ideas work because of their potency and originality, and you can't really borrow that sort of inspiration."

But the Armstrong Foundation doesn't worry about similar wristbands, as long as they don't try to use the trademarked "Live Strong" slogan, executive director Mitchell Stoller said.

The craze "only reinforces our message," he said.

On the Net:
Lance Armstrong Foundation:
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Tiny dog survives in wilderness

BEVIL OAKS, Texas (AP) — A tiny dog from East Texas is back home after surviving a big adventure in the Montana wilderness.

Esther, a 10-month-old terrier mix, went missing for five days and nights after jumping out of her owner's truck to chase a group of elk.

She disappeared last week on the last day of Leonard "Bo" Tiemann's vacation with his wife.

He and a friend spent six hours searching for the puppy, but the couple eventually decided they couldn't further delay their 2,000-mile drive home.

Before leaving, Tiemann took off his coat and tied it to a tree near where Esther was last seen. He asked his friend to check every day to see if she'd returned, hoping she'd be drawn by his scent.

Tiemann heard nothing for days and was convinced Esther had frozen to death on the snow-covered mountains or fallen prey to a hungry animal.

But a Montana pilot who was hunting moose in the backcountry spotted a coyote on the hunt on Oct. 18. Looking closer, he saw Esther running for her life. The pilot shot the coyote and rescued Esther.

After feeding the thin and dirty dog his sandwich, he took her back to Lincoln, Mont., where word had spread that Esther was missing.

The pilot stopped at a convenience store, where a woman recognized Esther and called the Tiemann's friend.

Esther's journey still wasn't over, however.

Her trip home to Bevil Oaks, about 15 miles northwest of Beaumont, took her through four airports in Missoula, Mont., Salt Lake City, Dallas and Jefferson County.

The Tiemanns said they're thrilled to have their dog back. They even hosted a homecoming party in her honor, serving — of all things — barbecued bear meat.

"I know she's just a dog, but people get attached," Tiemann said in Monday's edition of The Beaumont Enterprise.

Minister's toddler hit in parking lot

ANDERSON, Texas (AP) — The 14-month-old son of a minister was killed when a member of his congregation ran over him while leaving a church function, officials said.

Micah Schoessow wandered away from his mother in the Zion Lutheran Church driveway on Sunday afternoon when he was hit, Grimes County Sheriff Don Sowell said.

The church member stopped her sport utility vehicle to chat with the boy's mother, who had been weeding her flower bed near the back of the parsonage. She hit Micah as she drove away.

The boy was pronounced dead about an hour later.



40 years

Local Masons with 40-years of membership were recently recognized by Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge # 1381 AF&AM. Pictured above are (left-right) Terry Joe Harelson, Sharon Harelson, Jim Osborne, Don Hickman, Ronald Dee Hawkins, Charles Jack Seals, Joe D. Cree, Jimmy Ray Reddell, William Joseph Chambless.

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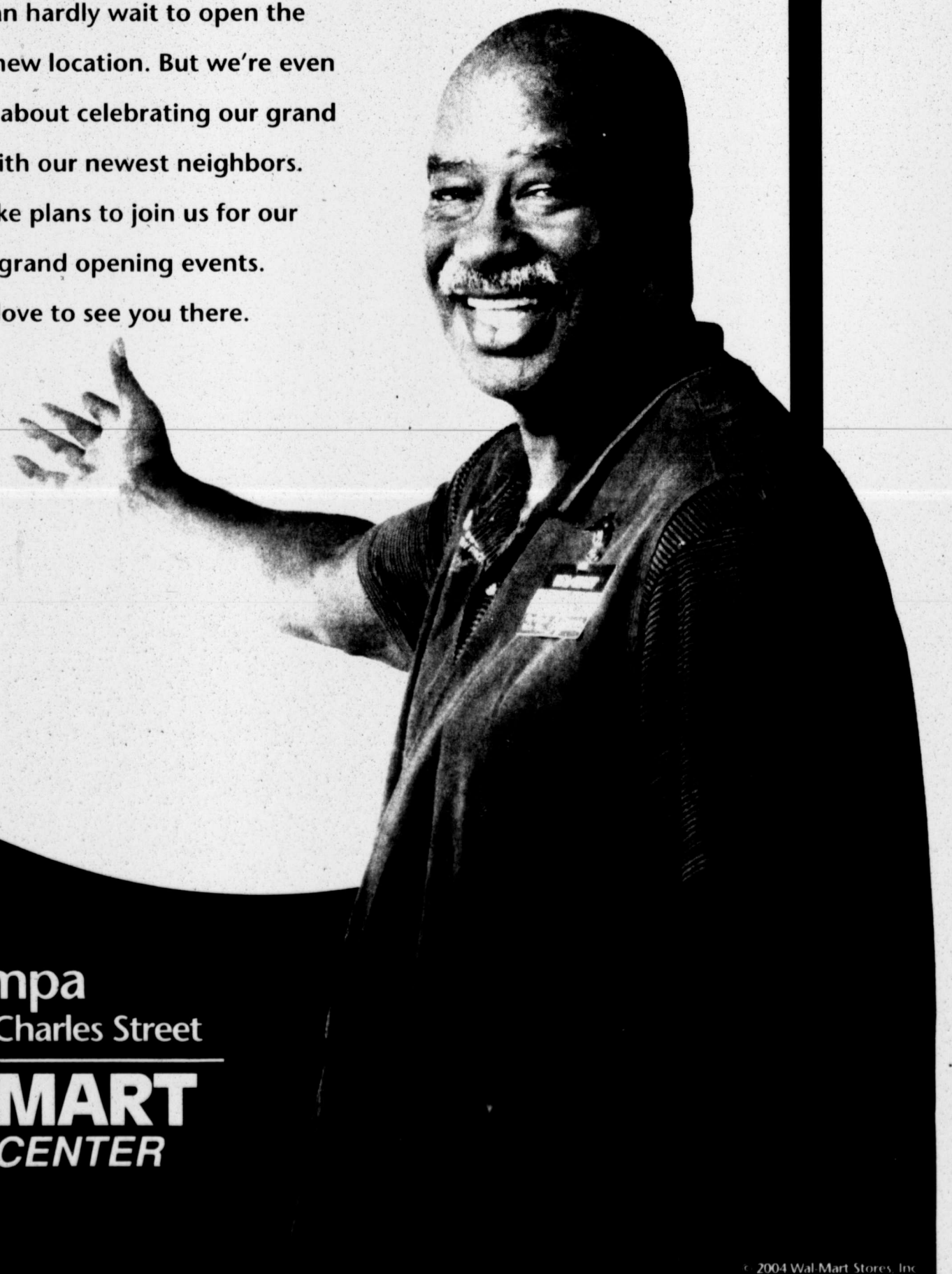
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