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New junior high school building part of bond issue

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the last of a five-part series on the upcoming school bond election.
By **DAVID BOWSER**
Staff Writer

While two study groups recommended building a new high school and a new junior high, the school board and an advisory committee decided that the costs of replacing two facilities was more than the school district can afford.

In developing a master plan that they hope will address immediate and future needs, they opted for renovating the 65-year-old high school and building a new junior high.

Their reasoning was simple. First, it's less expensive to build a junior

high school than a high school. Second, there is still room to add to the high school.

The major problem with the junior high, according to studies by the Texas Association of School Administrators and Parkhill, Smith and Cooper architectural firm, is space.

The junior high school is land locked. There is no room for expansion, and to meet educational guidelines, there needs to be expansion.

Lee Porter, chairman of the district's Facilities Committee, said the high school and junior high shared many of the same problems.

"We need to add science labs to

the junior high school in order to bring it into compliance with the Texas Education Agency's recommended classroom size," Porter said. "We need to add about 10,000 square feet and lab space to the junior high. We don't have any expansion space there."

The state recommends a minimum of 30 acres for a junior high school like the one in Pampa, but the existing junior high sits on less than 18 acres.

A new site appears to be the best answer.

Porter said the district is looking at two 100-acre sites. One is north of Pampa. One is west of town.

A 100-acre site would provide for a junior high school of ample space and also provide for future expansion. Such a site, Porter said, would also give future school boards an option if they decide to build a new high school at some point in time. There would also be room for athletic facilities.

There is room for a softball field, baseball field, student parking, a football practice field, a band practice field, a soccer field and even a new stadium.

"We're trying to design this so it will be flexible, and we can add

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Terrorists' target: U.S. public opinion

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

The primary American target of terrorists is public opinion and the opinion of the nation's leaders, believes U.S. Rep. Mae Thornberry.

"The real target of the terrorists is us," Thornberry said during remarks on the aftermath of 9/11. "They know they cannot defeat our military. Their goal is to affect our public opinion and the opinion of our leaders."

Thornberry addressed Pampa Rotary Club members and guests at their noon Wednesday meeting at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

"Everything they do is targeted toward fear and intimidation and influencing our opinion," he said. "They will never understand us. They think we're soft, and they don't understand us at all."

Thornberry described his personal experiences of Sept. 11, 2001, when two passenger planes were flown deliberately by terrorists into

the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center and a third was flown into the Pentagon. A fourth, believed to be targeting Capitol Hill, crashed in Pennsylvania farm country after passengers decided to fight the terrorists who had taken control of it.

"To me, it's one of those days you will always remember. I will always remember being in the Pentagon that morning, having breakfast with Rumsfeld when an aide brought a note to him saying that an apparent terrorist attack had occurred," Thornberry said.

After returning to his office, Thornberry said he remembers a Capitol Hill policeman running down the hallway, telling everyone to get out of the building.

Thornberry recalled the feeling of relief he had when his family was safely at home.

"I will always remember

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
Clay Rice, right, welcomes U.S. Rep. Mae Thornberry to the noon Wednesday meeting of Pampa Rotary Club. Thornberry spoke on the five years following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

Robot instruction

CANYON — A Pampa High School graduate and instructor of science at West Texas A&M University will return to PHS as part of a WTAMU outreach program involving robots.

Harry Paul Haiduk, coordinator of the university's computer science program, will instruct PHS students how to program robots using Java programming language.

An organizational meeting will be held at noon Friday at the high school, followed by robotic programming sessions at 4 p.m. Mondays beginning

Oct. 30.

"This will be an exciting and unprecedented opportunity for students in Pampa to learn the Java programming language using a highly visual and fun approach," Haiduk said. "I also plan to make participants aware of the many exciting opportunities that exist in the field of computer science."

Haiduk is the author of numerous computer science textbooks, with translations in Spanish and French. He is a recognized leader in innovative soft-

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Soil, water conservation meeting next week

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

David Bowers of Pampa and Troy Ritter of Groom will represent Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District at the 66th annual meeting of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts next week in Arlington.

Directors in zones two and four will elect directors on Monday to represent them on the state association board of directors. Zone Two consists of 44 conservation districts in the western Hill Country to the Big Bend region. Zone Four consists of 37 conservation districts located in the Piney Woods to the Gulf Coast region.

State Sen. Todd Staples of Palestine and State Rep. Rick Hardcastle of Vernon will address the district directors Tuesday. Also speaking that day will be Krysta Harding, chief executive officer of the National Association of Conservation Districts in Washington, D.C., and Dr. Larry Butler, state conservationist for the USDA-NRCS in

Temple.

Others who will address the assembly on Oct. 24 are Barry Mahler, president of the Association of Texas Soil and Water conservation districts, and Mickey Reynolds, Wharton County commissioner, who will present a motivational talk.

A president and vice president of the association will be elected by directors Oct. 24.

A tour of the Winscott Ranch will be held at the end of the conference. Tour participants will hear a talk on the natural and cultural history of the Grand (Tall Grass) Prairie as well as have an opportunity to view native and managed pastures on the ranch.

Another scheduled tour will include a visit to the Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie. The park is a 285-acre entertainment complex featuring live and simulcast racing. Tour participants will be able to observe the training and workouts of horses at the track.

There are 217 soil and water conservation

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

BLAINE, Michael Weston — 10 a.m., Briarwood Full Gospel Church, Pampa.

Michael Weston Blaine, 39

Michael Weston Blaine, 39, of Pampa, friend. Texas, died Oct. 17, 2006, at Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 20, 2006, at Briarwood Full Gospel Church with the Rev. Leland Lewis, pastor of the First Assembly of God, and Darlene Lewis officiating.



Blaine

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mr. Blaine was born Dec. 5, 1966, in Washington, D.C. He had been a resident of Pampa for the past 14 years. He married Glynis Luker on Jan. 27, 1990, in Davis, Okla. He was employed by Graham Wire Rope where he had worked for over 16 years. He was a loving son, husband, father, grandfather and

Survivors include his wife, Glynis Blaine, of the home; one daughter, Erica Blaine, of the home; two sons, Robbie Hamrick and Ryan Hamrick, both of Amarillo; his mother, Irene Blaine of Pauls Valley, Okla.; his father, George Blaine of Graham; one sister, Shirley Moody of Tuttle, Okla.; one brother, Greg Blaine of Pauls Valley, Okla.; his grandmother, Shirley Doolittle of Port Aransas, Texas; and two grandchildren, Harligh Hamrick and Conner Hamrick, both of Amarillo.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Don Doolittle. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Lawrence E. Paronto, 81

Lawrence E. Paronto, 81, of Pampa, Texas, died Oct. 18, 2006, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Paronto was born Sept. 12, 1925, in Pampa. He attended Pampa schools. He owned B and L Tank Trucks for 25 years. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. He was an avid fisherman. He loved to watch all sports, especially the Pampa Harvesters. His pride and joy were his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Peggie Paronto, of the home; one daughter, Tanga Bailey and husband Tim of Burkburnett; one son, Tyson Paronto and wife Stephanie of Pampa; five grandchildren, Selina

Freshnock and Stephen Freshnock, both of Chicago, Ill., J. T. Hood of Edmond, Okla., Lee Denise Bailey of Greenville, N.C., Ashlyn Paronto and Bryson Paronto, both of Pampa; and one niece, Carolyn Mays and husband Rod of Lamesa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Elsie Bell Paronto; one daughter, Linda Sue Paronto; three brothers, Freddy Paronto, Edgar Paronto and Johnny Willis; and two sisters, Bernice Hughes and Ethel Reese.

MEMORIALS: Calvary Baptist Church Building Fund, 900 E. 23rd, Pampa, Texas 79065. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

John Paris Sloan, 55

John Paris Sloan, 55, of Pampa, died Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

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Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Eleven traffic stops were made.

An accident was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Assaults were reported in the 700 block of North Frost, at an undisclosed location, in the 100 block of East Harvester and in the 2200 block of North Christy. An assault on a peace officer was reported in the 200 block of North Russell.

Possession of a controlled substance was reported in the 300 block of South Miami.

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 1100 block of East Twiford.

An injured animal was reported in the 100 block of Bond.

Civil matters were reported in the 300 block of South Cuyler and the 1100 block of East Frederic.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2400 block of North Charles.

Animal complaints were received from the intersection of Terry and North Crest and the 100 block of North Nelson.

Found property was reported in the 500 block of North Cuyler.

911 hang-up calls were received from the 500 block of North Powell, the 700 block of North Hobart and the 1100 block of West Alcock.

Harassment was reported at an undisclosed location and the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

Warrant service was attempted at one location and resulted in an arrest.

Lost property was reported at an undisclosed location.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 800

block of West Kingsmill.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 700 block of North Hobart where \$50 in cash was taken.

A welfare check was made in the 1300 block of East Francis.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 2200 block of North Russell.

A missing person was reported in the 1300 block of South Rham.

An alarm was reported in the 100 block of West Kingsmill.

A narcotics violation was noted in the 1100 block of Juniper.

Suspicious vehicles were reported on Highway 60 East and the 1100 block of West Rham.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, Oct. 18

Joseph Huson Huffman III, 24, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Tommie Michelle Abernathy, 27, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on charges of assault of a public servant and criminal mischief.

Angela Louise Hunkler, 50, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on charges of driving while intoxicated and failure to appear.

David Aric Luedecke, 20, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on a charge of theft by check more than \$50 and less than \$500.

Joseph Domnick Oleska, 58, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on charges of violation of probation and assault causing bodily injury.

Ronnie Ray Robles, 31, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on charges of burglary of a habitation, failure to appear and seven capias pro fines for no driver's license, open container, expired registration and no insurance.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Oct. 18

12:48 p.m. — Four units and eight personnel responded to the 1900 block of Duncan on a fire prevention program.

1:07 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1400 block of North Russell on a medical assist.

3:12 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 300 block of North Gray on a medical assist.

8:54 p.m. — Two units and seven personnel responded to the 1200 block of East Francis on an electrical short.

Weather

Today: Clear afternoon skies with a high near 65. North-northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west-southwest.

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 42. West-southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. West wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 47. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west-northwest. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 60.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atchafalaya Grain of White Deer:

Wheat	4.77
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Corn	5.90
Soybeans	5.00

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OXY	46.95	+0.62
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HAL	52.42	+0.24
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Schools

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additional wings if we need to," Porter said of the proposed new junior high school. If Pampa grows, we've got the space to add additional wings. At some point in the future, if it's decided that perhaps we should close an elementary school, we could add a fifth grade wing or we could bring a ninth grade wing."

Porter said the present board of trustees wants to provide future school boards with maximum flexibility.

"In looking at a new facility, we simply look at blocks of space for classrooms, blocks of space for computer classrooms," Porter said. "There's not been any final design on this."

Preliminary sketches, however, indicate six new science labs, classrooms with natural lighting, a cafeteria commons (similar to the one proposed for the high school), an auxiliary gym, separate faculty-staff parking and visitor parking, tennis courts, a paved play area and separate drop-off areas for parents and buses.

A combination gymnasium and auditorium would be adjacent to the band hall and fine arts area, with a fly loft between them for stage

settings and curtains, according to Mike Baker with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper.

The junior high now houses sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

"That's about 750 students," Porter said.

Each grade would be housed in separate wings, Baker said, with room at each end of the building for the addition of future wings.

The main hall, Baker said, is bent so it won't seem like it goes on forever, giving the building a more compact feel.

There will also be an access road in front of the new proposed junior high to reduce traffic congestion and provide a safer traffic flow for vehicles and pedestrians.

That, said Allen Wolf with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, is a major problem at the existing junior high school.

In moving the junior high out to the edge of town, Porter said it will require a longer walk for some students, but he pointed out that the district has to provide bus service for any student living more than two miles from the school.

Porter said the school district has met with city officials and if the school is located in the north side of the Pampa, there will be little infrastructure needed other than roads. He said his understanding is that the

city will not have to build a new lift station for water and sewage.

"There's not a hidden cost there," Porter said.

At the high school, all of the planned additions are being made on the north side of the structure, Porter said.

"If a future board chose to demolish the existing building and build there, they could," he said. "If they choose to build a new high school and stadium and all the athletic fields, there's room on the property next to the junior high."

The two schools, however, would be separate, Baker said. They would be kept separate through traffic flows, drives and space.

The one thing the board doesn't want to do, Porter said, is get locked in like the situation at the existing junior high where there's no room for expansion.

"We're trying to think as far into the future as we can," Porter said.

Building a new junior high school will cost \$25.9 million dollars, but the architects argue that to try to renovate the existing junior high to meet current needs would cost about \$18 million and the renovated building would only have an effective usefulness of 15 to 20 years.

Baker said a new junior high school would have a life expectancy of 75 years.

2 Texans included in 125 arrests following federal child porn probe

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A Bible camp counselor and a Boy Scout leader from Texas were among 125 people arrested nationwide in an Internet child pornography case in which subscribers purchased photos and videos of children engaged in sex acts with adults, federal authorities said.

The case originated in New Jersey, but quickly spread to 22 states. The defendants were charged with either possession or receipt of child pornography. Additional arrests are expected.

Prosecutors said Wednesday that the Web site alerted subscribers that its content was illegal and urged them to be discreet about their purchases.

"When I say 'hard-core' pornography, I am talking about child pornography that includes images of children as young as six months involved in bondage and sodomy," U.S. Attorney Christopher Christie said. "This type of depraved conduct is something a civilized society cannot tolerate."

Christie said none of the defendants appeared in any of the images they obtained from the Web site. He would not identify the Web site or say whether it is still in oper-

ation. Among those arrested was 58-year-old Genaro Vela, of Mission, Texas, who led the local Boy Scout Troop 83 for 40 years. He is also a retired Mission junior high math teacher and boys' cross country coach.

Vela was found in possession of more than 4,000 images and videos of child pornography, federal prosecutors said. He pleaded guilty in September to receiving child pornography and faces up to 20 years in prison when he is sentenced Dec. 6.

Vela also faces state charges of sexual abuse against former Boy Scouts under his care. The former scouts, who are now in their 20s, say Vela molested them more than 10 years ago, authorities said.

The sweep also led to the arrest of Donald Wilson of Midland, Texas, who had previously been convicted of a sexual offense against a minor, federal prosecutors said. Investigators discovered framed images of child pornography on the walls of his residence and being used a computer screen-saver, federal prosecutors said.

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Terror

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what Ground Zero smelled like about a week after the attack," he said.

"What that day made clear was that there were some evil men intent on killing as many of us as they could," Thornberry said.

He cited improvements in the country's ability to protect itself against future terrorist attacks. The changes include coordination of various government agencies, measures to protect U.S. citizens from further plane hijackings and other forms of attack, and taking the fight to the terrorists.

"There have been a number of other attempts, but they have all failed," Thornberry said.

"If we're the target of the terrorists, we have some responsibility to not allow ourselves to be manipulated by their terrorist propaganda," he said. "It is the challenge of our time."

Thornberry expressed optimism that Americans would rise to the challenge.

"We've always come through in difficult times, and I feel very sure we're going to come through again," he said.

Thornberry answered questions from the audience, including one concerning border security. He cited the number of votes needed in the House of Representatives and Senate in order to pass any bill, and the problems of getting the government's attention, as difficulties.

"It has taken some persuading to convince the administration that we have a situation at our borders," he said.

Two bills have been passed concerning border security, Thornberry said. One authorizes up to 700 miles' worth of barriers along the U.S.-Mexico border, and the other authorizes payment of half that length, or 350 miles' worth of barricade.

The Federal Emergency Management

Administration's mishandling of the disasters caused by Hurricanes Rita and Katrina was another questioner's subject.

"FEMA got a lot of flak, and a lot of it was deserved," Thornberry said. "But when they got a chance to work with local folks who know what they're doing, then they'll do OK."

North Korea was a concern expressed by another member of the audience.

Thornberry said that China is working toward being the next world power, and because of that, needs to exert its influence over North Korea and other Asian countries.

"China needs to take ownership of North Korea," he said. "It's fragile, and the slightest crack will bring that down. China is the key to making that happen."

Thornberry said that the real danger posed by North Korea is what they would sell to others, because North Korea has a history of marketing weapons and technology.

Robots

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ware-development methodology.

Haiduk developed the outreach initiative with the help of his daughter, Amanda Haiduk, a 2005 WTAMU graduate with honors who now teaches math at PHS.

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Viewpoints

Many find reality of suffering unpleasant

My first conversation of the day Wednesday was with my mother. As usual on absolutely every topic we discussed, she disagreed with me.

I truly believe the woman opposes *everything* I say out of some deep-set, overpowering need to vex me.

She's no doubt getting even with me for all the years I drained her of money and caused her gray hairs. I would, however, like to remind her that her three other children contributed somewhat to her current salt-and-pepper coiffure AND to the decline of her finances.

At any rate, on this particular morning I was attempting to share my rather guarded impressions of a book I'd

just begun reading. Let me now say: I'm into sharing; my mother isn't.

I discovered "When Heaven Weeps" by Ted Dekker in the religious section of the Friends of the Library book sale I attended earlier this month. "When Heaven Weeps" is part of a fictional series titled "The Martyr's Song."

In a note to the reader prefacing the book, the author describes an encounter with a woman who was unusually vitriolic toward another of his novels. According to the writer, the outraged female was unhappy with his treatment of suffering.

I can, unfortunately, sympathize with the unknown woman.

Dekker, a Christian author, begins "When Heaven Weeps" with a study in human horror. The tale starts with a flashback to a sickening scene from the Second World War centering on a group of children, a sadistic soldier and a sickly priest.

Skyla Bryant
News Editor

overwhelmingly compelling. The aftertaste is disturbing.

I think Dekker is right to focus somewhat on persecution and pain if the ultimate goal of such an exercise is to express a hope that transcends the basest, most heartless of acts orchestrated by humans.

I do not, of course, advocate dwelling on the gory and unseemly imply for the sake of swallowing the grime or merely for the advancement of a nihilistic worldview in a pacan to negativism.

In the author's note, Dekker accuses many Americans of running from

suffering, of avoiding the unpleasant at all costs.

Recalling my extreme discomfort at the beginning of "When Heaven Weeps," I must admit that indictment certainly holds true with me.

From a personal standpoint, I tend to over-angst. I can, it shames me to say, throw a pity party for myself the likes of which would draw the envy of a teenage drama queen.

I have even bragged that I do not read materials or view anything via TV or video that depresses or makes me sad. Life is too short is my creed.

I still feel that way. However, if I never dwell on human misery, how can I appreciate or respect the ways in which I am blessed? For that matter, how can I

hope to be an adequate custodian over all the privileges God has afforded me?

How can I, as Dekker so adroitly comprehends in his author's note, fully appreciate what Christ sacrificed when He died on the cross if I never force myself to consider His horrendous suffering?

If I never stop to imagine the pain of an orphan, how can I properly treasure the mother God so graciously and lovingly provided me? A woman who would doubtless lay down her life to save me.

Of course, my mother would probably find laying down her life easier than carrying on a civil conversation with yours truly any day of the week ...

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Oct. 19, the 292nd day of 2006. There are 73 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 19, 1781, British troops under Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, Va., as the American Revolution neared its end.

On this date:

In 1765, the Stamp Act Congress, meeting in New York, drew up a declaration of rights and liberties.

In 1812, French forces under Napoleon Bonaparte began their retreat from Moscow.

In 1864, Confederate Gen. Jubal A. Early attacked Union forces at Cedar Creek, Va.; the Union troops were able to rally and defeat the Confederates.

In 1936, H.R. Ekins of the New York World-Telegram beat out Dorothy Kilgallen of the New York Journal and Leo Kieran of The New York Times in a round-the-world race on commercial flights that lasted 18 1/2 days.

In 1944, the Navy announced that black women would be allowed into Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (the WAVES).

In 1950, during the Korean Conflict, United Nations forces entered the North Korean capital of Pyongyang.

In 1953, singer Julius LaRosa, a regular on the CBS television program "Arthur Godfrey Time," was fired on the air by Godfrey, who accused him of lacking humility.

In 1960, President Eisenhower imposed an embargo on exports to Cuba covering all commodities except medical supplies and certain food products.

In 1977, the body of West German industrialist Hanns Martin Schleyer, who had been kidnapped by left-wing extremists, was found in Mulhouse, France.

In 1987, the stock market crashed as the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 508 points, or 22.6 percent in value.

Ten years ago: President Clinton said in his radio address that states would lose a percentage of federal highway aid if they did not bar young people from drinking and driving. In the Republican radio address, Bob Dole claimed credit for putting Democrats on the defensive over their acceptance of foreign political contributions.

'Speech is civilization itself. The word, even the most contradictory word, preserves contact — it is silence which isolates.'

— Thomas Mann
German author
(1875-1955)



Web sites that debunk e-mail urban legends

Tell me if you've heard this one:

"Police are warning motorists to be aware of a potentially deadly new gang initiation rite. Prospective gang members drive around at night with their headlights turned off, wait for the first friendly motorist to flash a high-beam signal as a warning, and then follow and kill the helpful driver. If you see a car with its headlights turned off, do NOT flash your high-beams at them."

If you've been on the Internet very long, chances are, you've received an e-mail with "this warning." Welcome to the wide world of Urban Legends! This story is a prank. No police department in the United States has reported any incidents of this type ever occurring. In fact, law enforcement officials are very frustrated at the extent this story has spread. They report

fielding thousands of calls from nervous drivers every month.

How did this story get started? No one knows. But the ease and speed of e-mail has given this prank nationwide attention.

Although some urban legends had their creation based on some sort of factual event, most are completely fabricated by tricksters. The more "truthful" they sound, the farther they will travel before they fade away.

Take, for instance, the "stolen kidney" legend. It goes something like this:

"A guy meets a girl, they go to her room ... and he passes out. He wakes up hours later in a bathtub full of ice, a metal pan under-

neath him, and a phone handy, with a note to call 911 and tell them he's had a kidney removed."

The legend goes on to say that "black market organ demand is creating this new type of crime. Beware of going home with someone you don't know."

If I didn't know better, I'd think this legend was started by worried parents, trying to scare their teenagers into abstinence.

Organ theft is a very popular urban legend because it sounds like it *could* be true. The fear of just such an incident usually incites the e-mail reader to forward it to their closest thousand friends. And so the legend goes on ...

Urban legends have always been around. Only now, however, have they exploded into major myths. In large part, the Internet is to blame. New computer users often have the misconception that "if their computer says something, it must be true!" We tend to believe our computer over a story overheard at the company water cooler.

Another type of urban legend, and perhaps the most popular, is the "false e-mail virus." These days, the JDBGMGR.EXE hoax is the most popular in this category. Basically, it comes as a forwarded message from a friend, but originally sent by a "Scott Fitzgerald." He claims that his system is infected with a nasty virus that (a) cannot be detected by any antivirus software and (b) will destroy your

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Oct. 9

The Victoria Advocate on the U.N. Human Rights Council:

The recently inaugurated U.N. Human Rights Council seems determined to prove its critics right.

The General Assembly created the 47-member council earlier this year to replace the ineffective 53-member U.N. Human Rights Commission.

The previous panel regularly included some of the worst abusers of human rights and violators of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which the General Assembly adopted in 1948 to set the standards for U.N. member-

nations to follow.

The new council was supposed to be more effective than its predecessor, but that is not proving to be the case.

Part of the problem is that the usual suspects that prevented the previous commission from being effective are showing up on the new council's roster, too. The regimes of such member-nations as China, Cuba, Russia and Saudi Arabia can hardly be called champions of human rights.

So it is no real surprise "that this just-concluded session of the council accomplished little to protect and promote human rights," according to Warren Tichenor, the U.S. ambassador to the U.N. offices in Geneva.

The European Union, which also had pushed to make the council more effec-

tive, was equally disappointed. "We would like to have a more substantive result," Satu Mattilla, the deputy chief of the Finish mission to the U.N. in Geneva, told The Associated Press.

Both were diplomatspeak that translates to: The three-week council session was a complete waste of time and effort.

The council's chair, Ambassador Luis Alfonso de Alba of Mexico, had been trying to get the council to agree on a statement dealing with the Middle East, religious intolerance and the "right to development," as well as what the EU members considered their top priority: the mistreatment of refugees in the Darfur region of Sudan.

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Smart business owners throughout West Texas are finding that Smart Money, one of the many services available from Diversified Lenders, Inc., enables them to convert their accounts receivable into immediate cash through a process known as "factoring".

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"Selling us their accounts receivable enables companies to grow their businesses not only by making capital readily available, but by solving the cash flow problems created by customers who don't always pay immediately," says Account Manager Cole Roberts. "They can now afford to go after that potential new customer who's delayed payment history had before made them unavailable."

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: You told "Nervous in Bernardsville, N.J." (9/2), whose daughter reads romance novels, that "some might argue that the idealized depiction of romance and women being 'rescued' by powerful, wealthy men is more worrisome than the sex and eroticism." It is clear from that statement that you haven't read one yourself in a long time. Abby, the historical "bodice rippers" and the contemporary "doctor-nurse/millionaire-secretary" plot-lines of the 1970s and 1980s long ago gave way to stories about independent, professional women who insist that men meet them on their own terms. (Not to say that this doesn't lead to increased sexual tension, but the point is, it is tension between two equals, not an alpha figure and a doormat.) "Nervous Mom" would be surprised to discover that her daughter is not just reading about romance and sex; she might also be acquiring strong, independent, feminist role models between those pages. -- **NANCY BUTLER, ROMANCE WRITER, ROSCOE, N.Y.**

DEAR NANCY: You're right. I have been so busy reading the mail that comes pouring into my office each week that it has been decades since I've had the time to delve into a romance novel. (Sob!) I heard from other romance writers who echoed your message, including Sharon Mignerey, Arlene James, Joy Nash, Cheryl Norman and P.C. Cast. One writer conceded, however, that the romances she writes are "essentially sexual fantasies" containing graphic descriptions "of things I cannot mention in a family newspaper ... definitely written with the adult reader in mind." Her name is Kate Douglas, and her point - with which I agree - was that parents do need to be aware of what their children are reading. (And that includes on computers.) Read on:

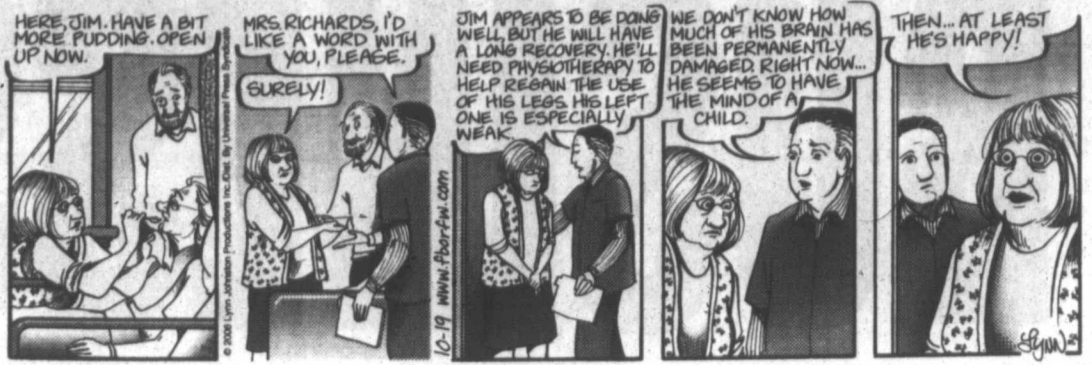
DEAR ABBY: Your suggestion to borrow the book after the daughter reads it was a

start, but I believe the mother should be more proactive. What about the novels attracts her daughter? Because, believe me, the intimacy aspect is only a small part of it. Perhaps the mother could explore the genre, find authors whose characters are more in line with her own views, and suggest those to her daughter. They could have a lively discussion of character development, narratives, etc. Keeping the communication going is the most important aspect of all. Forbidding her daughter to read romances will do nothing but drive the behavior underground. -- **WYOMING READER**

DEAR ABBY: I was around the same age when I came home from school and said my classmates were reading a "terrible" book. Mom said I should bring it home and we would both read it. Mother would read a chapter while I was at school, and then we would discuss the story. The other girls were reading the novel under their blankets, holding a flashlight. My mom used the book as a teaching tool. She would say, "That girl didn't handle that situation right. What she should have done was ..." I no longer remember much about the book -- not even the title. But I had a close relationship with my mother, and I guess I turned out all right. Wasn't Bertha Chamberlin a smart lady? You may use our names. I'm proud of Mama. -- **JANET E. BACON**

DEAR ABBY: I discovered romantic fiction at the public library as a 14-year-old. I was normal, curious and shy around boys - but nonetheless longed for romance and adventure. Those books were "spicy," but they filled that niche without any risk to my physical health or reputation. I lived vicariously through them and avoided getting into "real life" trouble because of it! -- **NEVER PROMISCUOUS, ALWAYS A FEMINIST, IN DENVER**

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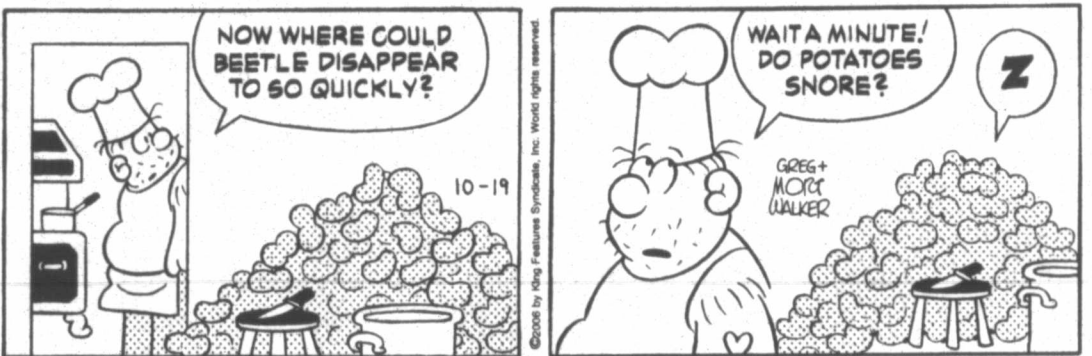
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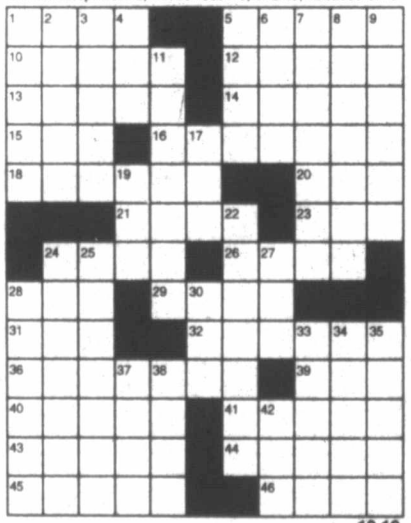
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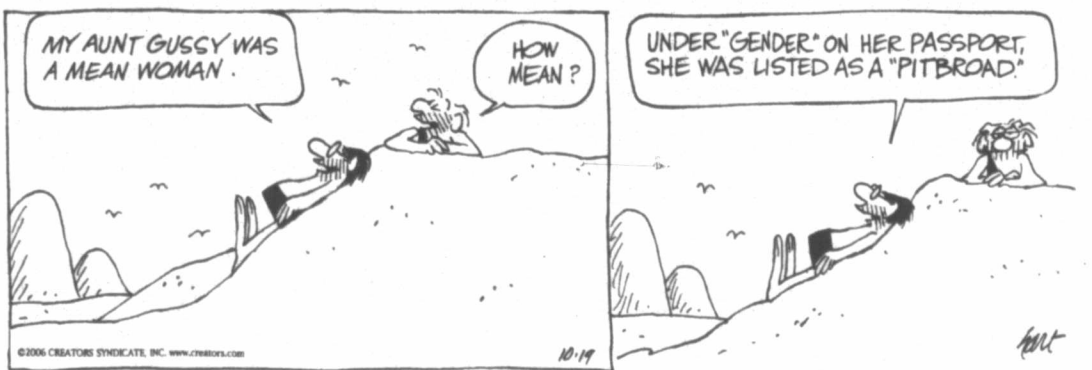
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OPEC: Saudi oil minister supports proposed 1 million barrel-a-day cut

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — Saudi Arabia's oil minister said today that his country supports OPEC's proposed 1 million barrels-a-day production cut.

"We will try to make the market balanced," Ali Naimi said, ending two weeks of silence from the

world's largest oil producing nation and giving a quick jolt to oil prices.

Naimi's statement came as the cartel's oil ministers gathered in the capital of Qatar for emergency talks on cutting output after a price decline of more than 25 percent

since mid-July.

Saudi backing is considered to be critical among analysts who have doubted two weeks of rumors that there was consensus for an output cut within the often fractious Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Light sweet crude for November delivery rose 67 cents to \$58.32 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Another OPEC official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to make announcements on behalf of

the organization, said there was still no formal agreement, "especially on the details of such a cut."

Indeed, just how the 1 million barrels per day cut will be divided up is a contentious issue among OPEC countries that depend heavily on oil revenues.

WAR ON TERROR

Military spokesman: Bid to secure Baghdad not up to expectations

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The two-month old U.S.-Iraqi bid to crush violence in the Iraqi capital did "not meet our overall expectations," as attacks in Baghdad rose by 22 percent in the first three weeks of Ramadan, the U.S. military spokesman said today.

The spike in violence during the Islamic holy month of fasting was "disheartening" and the Americans were working with Iraqi authorities to "refocus" security measures, Maj. Gen. William B. Caldwell said.

"In Baghdad, Operation Together Forward has made a difference in the focus areas but has not met our overall expectations in sustaining a reduction in the level of violence," Caldwell said at a weekly news briefing.

The gloomy assessment of the opera-

tion, which was set in motion with the deployment of an extra 12,000 U.S. and Iraqi troops on Aug. 7, was issued at a time of perceived tension between the U.S. military and administration and the nearly five-month-old government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

Caldwell said, for example, that U.S. forces had been forced to release a captured top organizer for radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr on Wednesday, a day after he was detained on suspicion of "illegal" activities.

He said Mazin al-Sa'edi, a top organizer with the Sadr Movement political party in western Baghdad, was set free on the demand of al-Maliki. Al-Sa'edi had been detained along with five of his aides for suspected involvement in Shiite militant violence.

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United Nations has called it the world's worst humanitarian disaster," the AP reported.

"We're very concerned about the situation, and we had wanted to have something on Sudan," said the EU's Mattilla.

But the U.N. Human Rights Council could not manage even that.

"States with poor human rights records dominated the council's deliberations and countries more committed to human rights failed to exercise effective leadership," Peggy Hicks, Human Rights Watch's global advocacy director, told the AP.

So what is the point of the exercise?

If the council does not show that it can act more effectively to protect human rights worldwide, it will forfeit what little claim to legitimacy it still has. If the council proves to be no better than its predecessor, it will deserve to be relegated to the same scrap heap of history.

"In Sudan, fighting between the government and rebel groups has left more than 200,000 dead and displaced some 2.5 million since 2003. The

Dow Jones industrial average crosses the 12,000 mark for the first time

NEW YORK (AP) — The Wall Street that sent the Dow Jones industrial average past 12,000 for the first time is a dramatically different place from the stock market that first saw a Dow at 11,000.

Not only did it take 7 1/2 years for the 30 blue chip stocks to travel from 11,000 to 12,000 — compared to the 24 trading days it took from 10,000 to 11,000 back in 1999 — the Dow didn't even close above its latest milestone Wednesday. The index rose as high as 12,049.51 in morning trading, then pulled back to close at 11,992.68 after caution replaced enthusiasm. Mindful of inflation wor-

ries and economic uncertainty, many investors decided to cash out some of their winnings after seeing an unusual October rally that carried the Dow up more than 320 points so far this month. So there was little sign of the euphoria that swept the Dow to 11,000 near the peak of the high-tech boom, when investors would put their money into almost any equity they could find.

Still, the Dow, whose stocks include International Business Machines Corp., Microsoft Corp. and Wal-Mart Stores Inc., managed to reach its eighth closing record high in two weeks Wednesday.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Robert Redford has added a celebrity touch to those urging California voters to reject a sweeping eminent domain initiative.

In an e-mail sent this week to more than 172,000 members of the Natural Resources Defense Council and made public Tuesday, Redford described the eminent domain proposition as "the single most dangerous threat that has ever been leveled at our state's environment."

Put on the November ballot by property rights activists, Proposition 90 would amend the state Constitution to make it harder and more costly for governments to condemn property or pass regulations that affect land values.

"Anytime our government wants to protect some vestige of open space or save an old-growth forest or restrict offshore oil drilling, Prop. 90 would empower hordes of people to sue the government and collect compensation if they feel their properties or businesses have been compromised," wrote Redford, who is a trustee of the environmental group.

The actor's involvement in the campaign comes amid a host of celebrity endorsements for another initiative on the Nov. 7 ballot, Proposition 87.

Earlier this week, Julia Roberts toured the Mattel Children's Hospital at the University of California, Los Angeles while urging the public to vote for the initiative. Proposition 87 would tax oil production in the state to raise \$4 billion for alternative fuel research. That measure also has been endorsed by actors James Caan and Geena Davis, and former President Bill Clinton and former Vice President Al Gore.

A spokesman for Proposition 90 downplayed Redford's support. Kevin Spillane of the Protect Our Homes Coalition said: "The voters have a long record of disregarding celebrity endorsements."

'The sense of fun and camaraderie was always evident to me, and I think these pictures show it.'

— Robert Santelli
Author

RUMSON, N.J. (AP) — There is Bruce Springsteen, leaning against a counter in a diner, looking young and hopeful in a black-and-white snapshot taken at the Jersey Shore in 1978.

In another series of color photos, the E Street Band and friends are playing softball for a team called the E Street Kings. Bruce, wearing a yellow cap, is swinging a bat.

The hardcover book, titled "Greetings from E Street," contains dozens of photos of the Boss and his band, mostly from the collection of Danny Federici, a band member and organ player.

Author Robert Santelli, a former music critic at the Asbury Park Press, said his favorite pictures are the softball montage.

"The sense of fun and camaraderie was always evident to me, and I think these pictures show it," he said.

Springsteen, a Freehold native, is of course New Jersey's most famous rocker.

He rose to fame playing in clubs around Asbury Park, and Santelli's book tells the story of the E Street Band in photos and obscure reproductions.

Those include a replica napkin from the Stone Pony and

'Feiffer's People'



Photo by DARLENE BIRKES

"Feiffer's People" is being brought to the stage this Friday and Saturday in a collaboration between ACT I of Pampa and Clarendon College-Pampa Center. Performances are scheduled at 7 p.m. in the atrium of CCPC, 1601 W. Kentucky. An additional performance will be held Oct. 28 in Lefors to benefit Lefors Lions Club. Above: (back row) Tim Justice, director, Rochelle Lacy, Ken Wilson, Bill Hildebrandt; (front) Carolyn Morris, Julian George, Trish Sudbury, Megan Jouett and Kyra Touchet.

Priest acknowledges being naked with Foley as boy

ROMÉ (AP) — A priest acknowledged today that he used to go naked in saunas with Mark Foley decades ago when the former congressman was a boy in Florida, but denied that the two had sex.

The Rev. Anthony Mercieca, speaking by telephone from his home on the Maltese island of Gozo, said a report in the Sarasota Herald-Tribune about their relationship was "exaggerated."

"We were friends and trusted each other as brothers and loved each other as brothers," Mercieca said. Asked if their relationship was sexual in nature, the priest replied: "It wasn't."

His comments came after the Florida

newspaper published a story on today that quoted him as saying in an interview that he had an inappropriate two-year relationship with Foley in the 1960s that included massaging the boy in the nude, but he did not specifically remember having sex.

The Republican congressman resigned from Congress last month after his sexually explicit e-mails to young male pages surfaced.

His lawyer said shortly after his resignation that Foley was an alcoholic, gay and had been molested as a boy by a "clergyman." Foley's civil lawyer, Gerald Richman, said the alleged abuser was a Catholic priest whose name he

shared with state prosecutors on Wednesday.

Richman did not return phone messages left today by The Associated Press. Foley's criminal defense lawyer David Roth declined to comment.

Mercieca told the AP that he and Foley would go into saunas naked when he was a priest in Florida and Foley was a parishioner, but he said "everybody does that."

The newspaper reporter "wrote many things that I didn't say," Mercieca, 72, told the AP in Rome. "He quotes me as saying I had one night stands with him. That's not true," said Mercieca.

NBC downsizing

By DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC Universal said today it would cut 700 jobs and streamline its news operations as part of an overhaul aimed at exploiting new forms of electronic distribution.

NBC, a unit of General Electric Co., said it expects the revamp to save \$750 million in operating expenses by 2008. The job cuts would represent about 5 percent of its work force.

As part of the changes, NBC's long-struggling 24-hour cable news channel MSNBC will move its operations to NBC's headquarters in Manhattan's Rockefeller Center and also to another NBC facility in Englewood Cliffs, N.J.

The changes don't represent a diminishing commitment to news, but just reflect how the industry is changing, Jeff Zucker, chief executive of NBC Universal's television group, told The Associated Press.

"The growth in news is in different places — it's online, it's on wireless," he said.

The company's TV station group will also create a consolidated news facility in Burbank, Calif. that will support NBC as well as its Spanish-language broadcaster Telemundo.

The revamp will also affect the company's Universal Studios business, where cuts will be made to consolidate support and marketing functions.

The expected savings follow three lackluster years at NBC Universal, where operating profit fell 10 percent in each of the past three quarters. The slumping results cut into GE earnings.

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Death row inmate commits suicide before execution

LIVINGSTON, Texas (AP) — Condemned prisoner Michael Dewayne Johnson committed suicide early today in his death row cell, slashing his throat and his arm just over 15 hours before he was scheduled to be executed, a prison official said.

Johnson used a makeshift blade fashioned from a small piece of metal attached to a

wooden stick, said Michelle Lyons, spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Huntsville.

"He had used some sort of metal blade or razor to cut his right jugular vein and an artery inside his right elbow," she said.

Prison guards had been checking on Johnson's welfare every 15 minutes, as is

customary, when they found him at 2:45 a.m. unresponsive in a pool of blood in his cell at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Polunsky Unit.

"At a 2:30 a.m. check, Mr. Johnson was talking to prison staff, and had just eaten breakfast," Lyons said. "He had made no indications that he was contemplating suicide, nor has a note or

other explanation been found."

He was taken to a hospital in nearby Livingston, where he was pronounced dead at 3:40 a.m., she said.

Johnson, 29, was scheduled for lethal injection shortly after 6 p.m. Thursday. He was convicted of the 1995 fatal shooting of Jeff Wetterman, 27, a Waco-area convenience store clerk.

Johnson was 18 at the time of the crime.

Suicides on death row are not unprecedented in Texas, which has executed 377 prisoners since the state resumed carrying out capital punishment in 1982. Johnson's, however, was the closest to his scheduled execution.

Lyons said Johnson's death was being investigated by the department's Office

of Inspector General. The source of the sharp metal piece was not immediately known.

An appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court to block Johnson's punishment was rejected by the justices last week, but his lawyer had asked for the court to reconsider its decision. A ruling on that matter was pending.

UNITED WAY

How Scouting can impact a young life for the better ...

By DIXIE YEARICKS
Special to the News

I became a Girl Scout at the age of 6. I was a troubled little girl from a broken home in dire need of structure, stability and a sense of belonging. I found all these needs fulfilled in the Girl Scout program.

As I learned each part of the Girl Scout Promise and Law, I became aware of how a Girl Scout should behave and treat others. I just couldn't wait for our meetings every week. We had such fun making little crafts, visiting nursing homes to adopt grandparents, singing songs and just being friends.

I gradually shifted from a rejected, confused little girl to a confident, creative, ambitious young woman.

Some of my fondest childhood memories came from Girl Scout Camp Cibola which I attended every year from the age of 6 to the age of 12. I learned everything from outdoor cooking, survival skills, fire building and safety, archery, first aid, canoeing and much more.

Most importantly, Girl Scout camp instilled in me the importance of teamwork and building relationships. The Girl Scout counselors at camp taught me to be confident in who I am, to be a leader and a team player.

Although it was hard being away from home, these experiences at camp helped me to gain the independence and confidence I needed to reach my lifelong goals.

To this day, I have the utmost respect for the women who volunteer to be Girl Scout mentors and leaders. The most important mentor in my life was my leader, Margaret White. This woman was tough as nails as reflected by her nickname, "Tank."

She was stern and a stickler for the rules, but she had a heart of gold. She took us to do things no one else would have ever bothered to do. She taught us we could do anything we set our minds to, and we did! "I can't" was not in her vocabulary.

She taught us to rough it, and we loved it. She taught us to respect and rely on each other, and we did. She had an unbelievable work ethic, and she expected the same from us. We sold cookies like there was no tomorrow. We cooked. We cleaned. We learned how to tie knots and handle knives.

She taught us to always leave a place in better condition than it was when we came. This principle has stuck with me through all these years. I may not be able to change the world by myself, but together with my Girl Scout sisters, I will at least make a dent.

I can never repay Margaret for all the time and effort she invested in me, but I can pass it on.

I am now a Girl Scout leader myself and strive to pass on what I have learned to a new generation. I have been blessed with three beautiful girls who love scouting just as much as I did and are continuing the Girl Scout tradition. I cannot express enough appreciation for the influence Girl Scouts has had in my life.

The confidence and superior work ethic I gained in Girl Scouts as well as a longing to help people has driven me to reach for my dream to become a pharmacist. In addition to being a leader of Girl Scout Troop 222 and a mother of three, I am also a student at the Texas Tech HSC School of Pharmacy in Amarillo.

Juggling a Daisy-Brown troop of 13 girls, 19 college hours per semester load, two hour per day commute, and a family of five has certainly not been easy.

However, scouting taught me the sky is the limit. If you reach for the stars, you just might reach them. Because of the sacrifices and wisdom shared by all the Girl Scout volunteers, I know I can. So if you were a Girl Scout and have similar experiences to share, please don't keep it to yourself. Pass it on.

Thank you to all the wonderful Girl Scout leaders who are actively volunteering — Denise Dodson, Lagayla Wheat, Letha Anderson, Melissa Ketchum, Angie Jerome, Kristin Arganbright, Lynn DiTirro, LeAnn Griffin, Dorothy Clark, Pam Dougherty and Mary Slavin just to name a few. You are making a difference in the lives of these girls.

From a child's perspective, scouting is just plain fun. It all seemed so insignificant back then. Looking back, now I realize the fundamental building blocks of my character were established by the morals and standards I learned from the Girl Scout ways.

The principles I learned as a little girl helped me to grow and mature into the wife/mother/leader/student I am today. The Girl Scout way is a silver lining in my soul, carefully sewn-in piece by piece, year by year. The beauty of it all is that I am not the only one.

Girl Scouts has laid the framework for girls in the past, present and future to reach for the stars, hold their hands out to aid humanity and forge a straight path through this uncertain world.

This article is one in a series of articles of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information is being provided by Pampa United Way as part of its 2006 fund-raising campaign.



Jobless claims lowest in nearly three months

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of laid off workers filing claims for unemployment benefits dropped sharply last week to the lowest level in nearly three months.

The Labor Department reported that 299,000 people filed for jobless benefits, a decline of 10,000 from the previous week. It was the lowest level for jobless claims since the week ending July 22.

The decline was bigger than analysts had been expecting and provided evidence that employers are still reluctant to lay off employees even though economic growth is slowing.

The decline in jobless applications last week pushed the four-week moving average for claims down to 307,750, the lowest point since late June.

After starting the year at a sizzling pace, the economy slowed sharply in the spring as consumers were battered by surging gasoline prices, rising interest rates and a cooling housing market.

Analysts believe growth slowed even further during the summer but concerns that the country could tumble into a recession have been eased by recent declines in energy prices, which have lifted consumer confidence and are expected

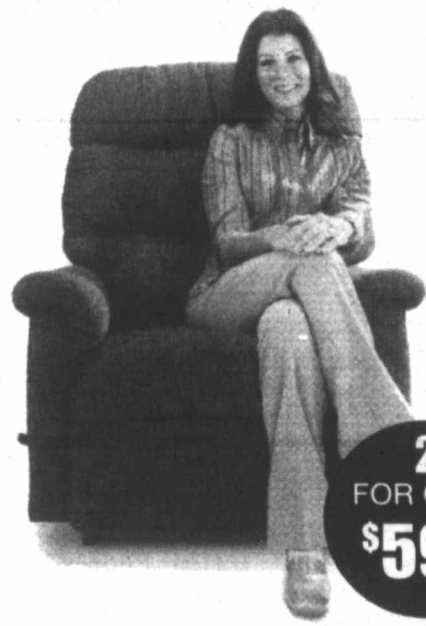
to bolster consumer spending in the closing months of this year.

The Federal Reserve, after raising interest rates for two years, called a pause in the credit tightening at the August and September meetings. The central bank is widely expected to leave rates unchanged at next week's meeting given recent signs that the slowing economy is helping to relieve inflation pressures.

While employers have not boosted layoffs significantly, they have slowed hiring. For September, employers added just 51,000 jobs, the weakest showing in 11 months.

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Events calendar

• **BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse)** will meet at 3 p.m. Oct. 29 at the BACA house, 12055 E. Frederic. The meeting is open to anyone who is interested. For more information, contact Randy "Crazy Eagle" Estep at (806) 440-2104.

• **Wayland Baptist University** Llano Estacado Museum will be the site of a seven-hour seminar Oct. 31 for health professionals. The seminar will be conducted by Dorothy Yeager, MS, CFCS. Registration will begin at 7:45 a.m. The deadline to pre-register is Oct. 30. Cost of the workshop will be \$89. Continuing education

credit has been approved for Texas and New Mexico nurses. For more information or to pre-register, call 1-888-836-7684.

• **The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center** has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: Oct. 30-31, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas

Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

• **Ten free trees** will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout the month. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Free Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Oct. 31. For more information, check out the foundation's Web site at www.arborday.org on the Internet.

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Sports Day



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Pampa volleyball varsity team captain Jackye Barber is escorted by her parents Tammye and Jack during Senior Night at McNeely Field House Tuesday when the Lady Harvesters hosted Hereford.

Pampa falls to Hereford

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Oct. 17, 2006
Pampa

Hereford def. Pampa 24-26, 7-25, 17-25
Individual Stats (Pampa):

Stephanie McVay- 2 kills, 3 blocks, 1 ace, 29 assists, 1 save
Krishna Henderson- 5 kills, 4 blocks, 8 digs
Logan Winkelman- 9 kills, 2 blocks, 1 ace, 2 saves, 20 digs
Cassy Tice- 13 digs
Nicole Clark- 10 kills, 1 blocks, 10 digs
Kelby Doughty- 4 assists, 1 block, 4 digs
Stephanie Jasso- 2 digs
Libby Dyson- 28 digs
Jackye Barber- 9 kills, 12 blocks, 11 touch blocks, 2 digs, 1 save

NOTE: Pampa will wrap up the regular season Saturday at Randall. Varsity game time is 3:30 p.m. Junior varsity game time is 2 p.m.

FBI interviews suspect in stadium threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI interviewed a Milwaukee resident Thursday who officials believe was involved in posting Internet threats about dirty bomb attacks on NFL football stadiums this weekend. The threats appeared to be phony.

The person, described as a 20-year-old man, did not appear to have any ties to terrorist groups, according to an FBI official in Washington who spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation was ongoing.

"From the information we have, we believe he was involved to some extent, but we don't know at what level," said FBI special agent Douglas E. Porrini in Milwaukee.

"That person was released, but we're not saying that he won't be charged," Porrini said. "We don't know what his level of involvement was."

The threats about radioactive bombs, posted on a Web site a week ago, were not backed up by intelligence indicating such an attack might be imminent, according to the FBI and the Homeland Security Department.

Homeland Security on Wednesday alerted the NFL and authorities in New York, Miami, Atlanta, Seattle, Houston, Oakland and Cleveland, saying they were acting "out of an abundance of caution."

Homeland Security spokesman Russ Knocke on Wednesday said the threat was viewed "with strong skepticism." Still, the agency contacted the National Football League, local authorities and stadium owners. Also notified was the National Collegiate

Athletic Association.

The online posting, dated Oct. 12, was part of an ongoing conversation titled "New Attack on America Be Afraid."

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— Douglas E. Porrini
Special Agent, FBI

It appeared on a Web site, "The Friend Society," that links to various online forums and off-color cartoons. The site's Internet provider declined to comment.

The message said trucks would deliver radiological bombs to stadiums in New York, Miami, Atlanta, Seattle, Houston, Oakland and Cleveland — and that al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden would claim responsibility.

A dirty bomb would use conventional explosives to scatter radioactive material. Such a blast probably would not cause many deaths, experts say, but the fear of contamination could spark panic. Land and buildings hit with radioactive particles might be unusable for years.

Authorities traced the site's Internet provider to Voxel Dot Net Inc., which has support and engineering staff based in Troy, N.Y. A man who answered the phone at Voxel Wednesday declined to give his name, said he was unaware of the posted threat

and refused further comment.

The author of the threats, posted at 9:31 p.m. EDT on Oct. 12, identified himself online as "javnness."

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said stadiums are well-protected through "comprehensive security procedures" that include bag searches and pat-downs.

Officials were made aware of the Web posting on Monday. The threat was time for Sunday, marking the final day in Mecca of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month.

A copy of the posting said: "The death toll will approach 100,000 from the initial blasts and countless other fatalities will later occur as result from radioactive fallout."

It said al-Qaida automatically would receive blame for the nearly simultaneous attacks, and predicted, "Later, through Al-Jazeera, Osama bin Laden will issue a video message claiming responsibility for what he dubbed 'America's Hiroshima.'"

The posting noted that all of the stadiums cited, with the exception of Atlanta's, are open-air arenas. "Due to the open air, the radiological fallout will destroy those not killed in the initial explosion." The retractable roof in Houston has been closed for all games this season.

In Indianapolis, where the Colts were preparing for a home game this weekend, head coach Tony Dungy said, "I've been waiting for this to happen for a couple of years now and you try and handle the security and put it out of your mind."

NLC3: Mets force Game 7 with 4-2 win

NEW YORK (AP) — John Maine did his part for the New York Mets. Now it's up to Oliver Perez.

On a team filled with big-name stars, the fill-ins are getting the big wins.

Brimming with confidence and blocking out adversity, John Maine pitched a game to remember, and now the NL championship series comes down to a winner-take-all finale.

The rookie dominated St. Louis with the poise of a veteran, Jose Reyes sparked the offense with a leadoff home run and the Mets rocked 'n' rolled at boisterous Shea Stadium to beat the Cardinals 4-2 on Wednesday night and force the NL championship series to a Game 7.

Missing Pedro Martinez and Orlando Hernandez?

So what. Sending out a rookie to start Game 6 and a 3-13 pitcher for Game 7?

The Mets are sure they can find a way to make it work.

With the season on the line, Mets manager Willie

Randolph exudes an assured attitude that has filtered down throughout his roster. Players were even briefed before the game on travel plans to Detroit for Saturday's World Series opener.

"I think if you're going to play the game and you want to be a winner, you have to believe that you can," Randolph said.

Maine out-pitched reigning NL Cy Young Award winner Chris Carpenter, escaping a bases-loaded jam in the first and two-on trouble in the third. Maine allowed two hits in the first and none after that, pitching 5 1-3 shutout innings, striking out five and walking four.

"I knew everything was riding on it," he said.

Reyes had three hits and two stolen bases, Shawn Green boosted the lead with a fourth-inning RBI single

and Paul Lo-Duca let the loud crowd of 56,334 exhale with a two-run, two-out single in the seventh off ex-Met Braden Loper that made it 4-0.

That turned out to be key because Billy Wagner gave up a two-run, two-out double to So Taguchi in the ninth before retiring David Eckstein on a game-ending grounder.

Now the pennant comes down to Thursday night, when the Cardinals start Jeff Suppan, who won Game 3 with eight scoreless innings.

"This is what you dream," said Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols, who has just one RBI in the series. "This is what it's all about."

Perez, who won Game 4, was sent to the minor by Pittsburgh earlier this year and didn't even join the Mets until July 31.

"Everyone is going to pitch in. Everyone is going to maintain the lead," Perez said.

Of 11 prior teams to trail 3-2 in the LCS and force a seventh game, eight won pennants — the exceptions were the 1988 Mets, the 1992 Pittsburgh Pirates and 2003 Boston Red Sox. St. Louis lost its last two road seventh games by a combined 26-0.

"We'll take our chances with Game 7," the Cardinals' Jim Edmonds said. "We're ready to play."

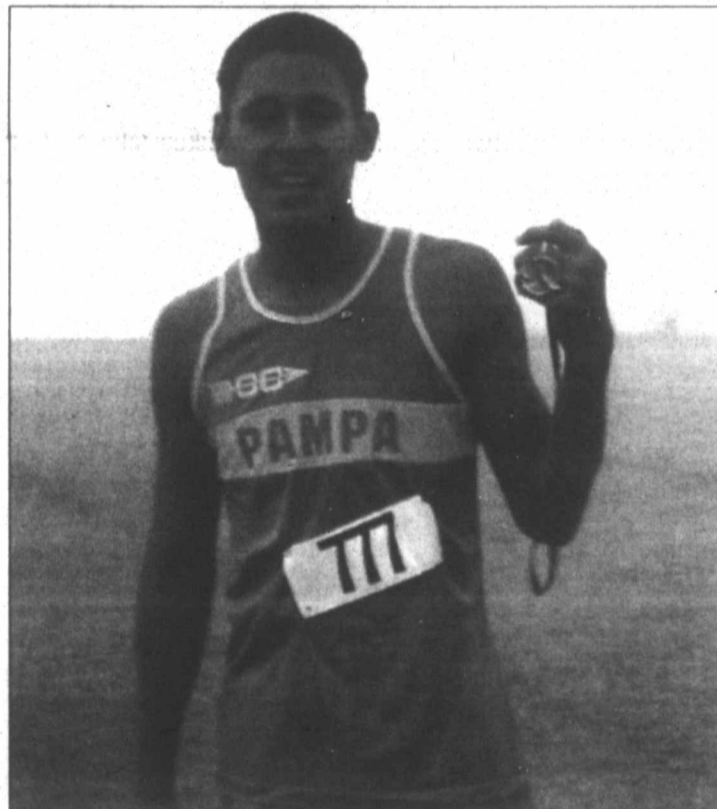
Home teams that have won Game 6 to tie a post-season series have won 11 straight Game 7s since the 1975 Red Sox lost the World Series finale to Cincinnati.

"If I could have written the script, I wouldn't have done it like this," said the Mets' Carlos Delgado, in the first postseason of his career. "We've battled. Hopefully, we can get that win."

The Shea Stadium crowd was feisty. The volume on the speakers were turned up, and the scoreboard flashed quotes from Mets players praising the fans. In the first Game 6 at the ballpark since the famous comeback against Boston that was capped by Mookie Wilson's grounder through Bill Buckner's legs, the spirit of '86 was invoked on several signs.

"I looked in the stands a couple of times and it looked like a college students' section. People didn't sit down the whole game," Lo Duca said. "That's an unbelievable feeling. And when something goes your way, it's electric."

Maine, a 25-year-old right-hander obtained in January's dump of Kris Benson to Baltimore, came up with the big outs early, perhaps the biggest of his life. St. Louis had runners at second and third with one out in the first, before Maine fanned Edmonds on three pitches and loaded the bases by hitting Juan Encarnacion.



Pampa Junior High's Miguel Tapia Shows off the first place medal he won in Canyon Saturday.

PHS Cross Country results

Pampa High School
Cross Country
Canyon Meet
Oct. 14

Individual Results (Pampa):

Runner	Grade	Place	Time
Matt Jimenez	varsity boys	7th	17:08
Mitsu Tereda	JV boys	14th	19:43
Ryan Freudenrich	JV boys	55th	22:06
Audri Leal	JV girls	49th	15:26
Teysha Parker	JV girls	90th	17:12
Hannah Hopkins	JV girls	98th	17:55
Chelsey Knight	varsity girls	38th	13:02
Kylee Wariner	varsity girls	83rd	15:05
Maggie Hopkins	varsity girls	85th	15:07
Victoria Jenkins	varsity girls	86th	15:54

NOTE: Pampa's next meet is the District Meet Oct. 27, 10 a.m. at the WTAMU horse barn.

HARVESTER FOOTBALL

Junior varsity, freshmen battle Hereford today

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa High school junior varsity football team will host Hereford today at 5 p.m. The game will be played at Harvester Field.

The freshman team will travel to Hereford to face the Whitefaces. That game is also set to start at 5.

The varsity team will hook up with the Herd Friday night in a District 3-4A showdown. Game time is 7:30.

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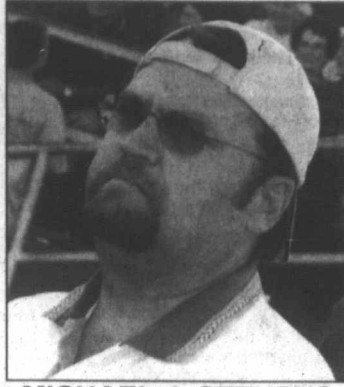
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College
 Harvard @ Princeton
 Texas @ Nebraska
 Kansas State @ Missouri
 Tulane @ Auburn
 UCLA @ Notre Dame
 South Carolina @ Vanderbilt
 Boston College @ FSU
 Kansas @ Baylor
 Iowa @ Michigan
 Abilene Christian @ WTAMU

NFL
 New England @ Buffalo
 Pittsburgh @ Atlanta
 Arizona @ Oakland
 Detroit @ New York Jets
 New York Giants @ Dallas

High School
 Caprock @ Dumas
 Palo Duro @ Randall
 Lubbock Monterey @ Tascosa
 Plainview @ Frenship
 Panhandle @ Stratford

Cumulative Totals: Stevens 92-47-0, Smith 94-45-0, Hooper 101-38-0, Boring 95-44-0, Stokes 103-36-0.



MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Last Week: 11-9-0

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SEAN SMITH
Last Week: 13-7-0

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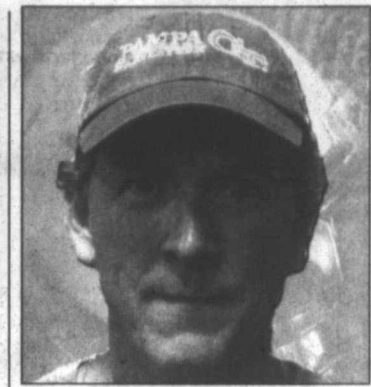
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RAY BORING
Last Week: 14-6-0

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SHANE STOKES
Last Week: 13-7-0

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Rockets 111, Bucks 97

HOUSTON (AP) — Yao Ming had 22 points and seven rebounds to lead the Houston Rockets over the Milwaukee Bucks 111-97 in pre-season play Wednesday night.

Michael Redd scored 21 points for the Bucks, who lost despite hitting 11 of 19 3-pointers (58 percent).

The Rockets grabbed a double-figure lead early in the third quarter and led by as many as 16 in the second half. Rookie Vassilis Spanoulis scored all of his 10 points in the fourth quarter to help Houston maintain its lead.

Scott Padgett's 10 points, including two 3s in the third quarter, helped Houston stretch the lead to 89-76 after three.

A 13-0 run, which included a pair of 3s by Steve Novak, lifted the Rockets to a 44-38 lead

midway through the second quarter. Yao had 18 points and seven rebounds, and Novak had 13 points as Houston led 60-51 at halftime.

A night after beating the Mavericks at Dallas, Houston looked sluggish in the first quarter. With Tracy McGrady and Shane Battier out resting, the Rockets fell behind 15-4 as they missed seven of their first eight shots and committed six turnovers in the first 5 minutes.

Redd had 13 of those 15 points as he hit his first five shots, including three 3s.

Houston's 10 turnovers helped Milwaukee take a 30-26 lead after one quarter.

Bucks guard Mo Williams sat out the game with a right thumb sprain. He is listed as day-to-day.

Pro Picks: Bengals get another tough opponent

The Cincinnati Bengals survived a tough early schedule. They're not doing as well against the softer middle part.

A week after losing to previously winless Tampa Bay, the Bengals welcome a much better NFC South team, the Carolina Panthers, to Paul Brown Stadium on Sunday. Subplot: Chad Johnson, who has just one touchdown catch this season against Carolina's Steve Smith, who has re-energized the Panthers.

Carolina was 0-2 while Smith was nursing a hamstring injury and is 4-0 since he's come back, including last week's 23-21 win in Baltimore in which he had eight catches for 189 yards, including a game-clinching 72-yard score. Call him the MVP. He won't argue.

These are not the same explosive Bengals. After starting 3-0, they have scored just 13 points in each of their last two games, losses to New England and the Bucs.

Still, the Bengals' problems haven't stopped the oddsmakers from making them a 3-point favorite. And it hasn't stopped wagers from driving it up to 3 1/2.

PANTHERS, 19-13

New York Giants (plus 3 1/2) at Dallas (Monday night)

Forget the loudmouths on both teams, especially the Dallas guy with the initials. Go with the Giants' pass rushers, who sacked Michael Vick seven times last week, against the immobile Drew Bledsoe.

GIANTS, 23-17

Minnesota (plus 6 1/2) at Seattle
 How many times will the crowd make Steve Hutchinson jump early?

SEAHAWKS, 19-16

Pittsburgh (minus 1 1/2) at Atlanta
 Hard to run against the Steelers. And the Falcons don't pass very well.

STEELERS, 24-13

Denver (minus 4 1/2) at Cleveland
 The Broncos have scored just five touchdowns all season. And given up just one.

BRONCOS 10-6.

Washington (plus 9) at Indianapolis
 Did the bye week cure the Colts' problems against the run?

COLTS, 31-23

New England (minus 5) at Buffalo
 Bill Belichick had a week off to tinker.

PATRIOTS 20-6

San Diego (minus 5 1/2) at Kansas City

Damon Huard was exposed by a good defense in Pittsburgh. The Chargers' defense may be better.

CHARGERS, 27-10

Philadelphia (minus 5) at Tampa Bay
 Bruce Gradkowski hasn't seen anything like Jim Johnson's blitzes.

EAGLES, 27-9

Arizona (minus 3) at Oakland
 Monday night's debacle proved that the Cardinals have talent. Matt Leinart over Andrew Walter.

CARDINALS, 24-23

Detroit (plus 3 1/2) at New York Jets
 The Lions have their win.

JETS, 27-19

Jacksonville (minus 9 1/2) at Houston
 The Jags are better at home. So are the Texans.

JAGUARS, 19-13

Green Bay (plus 4) at Miami
 The Packers know Joey Harrington. And vice versa.

DOLPHINS, 20-15

LAST WEEK: 4-8-1 (spread) 9-4 (straight up)
 SEASON 33-48-6 (spread); 58-29 (straight up)

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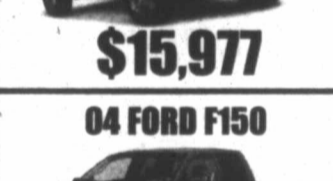



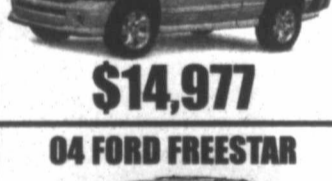

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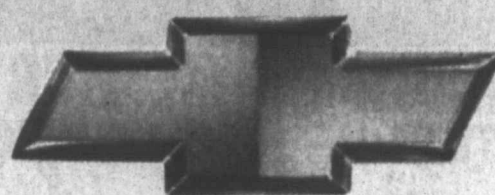


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