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## Cub Scouts to conduct food drive

By **MARILYN POWERS**  
Staff Writer

Some Pampa residents may find an empty plastic bag at their homes Friday, but they shouldn't blame the Panhandle winds for blowing it there.

Cub Scouts from Wilson, Travis and Lamar elementary schools will distribute the bags to homes Nov. 11 for their "Scouting for Food" food drive to benefit local food banks, including Harvest House.

Residents are asked to place non-perishable food items in the bags and place them on their front porches Nov. 18, when the

Scouts will return to pick them up, according to Christy Reeves, whose husband, Darian, is a Cub Master for Wilson students.

A barrel will also be placed at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart, for non-perishables which residents wish to donate to the drive, Reeves said.

"All the food will stay in Pampa," she said.

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For more information, call Reeves at 669-6311.

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## Veterans plan annual celebration this weekend

By **KERRI SMITH**  
Staff Writer

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657 will host their annual Veterans Day Celebration on Friday.

The festivities will begin at 1:30 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium with Travis Elementary School's 8th annual Veterans Day program presented by Mrs. Kay Pittman. In previous years, many Pampa residents have attended and enjoyed this patriotic presentation by the schoolchildren.

Also at M.K. Brown, a reception for veterans and their families will be held immediately following the program.

The VFW at 105 S. Cuyler will be open following the reception for those wishing to go by and see the mural painted by Doug Pollad. It depicts various military actions that veterans have been involved in over the years.

A dinner is planned from 5 to 7 p.m. at the VFW Post and the public is welcome to attend.

VFW Post 1657, which



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH  
In front of a new mural at VFW Post 1657, located at 105 S. Cuyler, are veterans standing from left John Chaney, Rick Dunn, Andy Anderson, Larry Stephens, Clayton Lock, Tom Adams, Don Emmons and Rodney Winborne, and seated from left Dale Robbins and Danny Martin.

currently has 194 members, is committed to their role of leadership and community involvement.

This past year, they sponsored a room at the Junior Service League House being constructed in Amarillo that will provide a place of respite for family members while they have a patient in one of the Amarillo medical facilities.

After the recent grassfires, VFW was one of the major contributors to the volunteer fire department appreciation banquet.

Sixteen scholarships were awarded last year to area high school students and adults in continuing education. The future of our community is a priority with our veterans and they are happy to contribute to these students for continued education.

Last year for Christmas, the veterans spent approximately \$5,000 on gifts for local children so they could enjoy the holiday season.

They are starting a new venture that will bring wholesome entertainment to

local youth - Top O' Texas Slot Car Speedway in Coronado Center (near Hastings). The slot car race track is open Thursdays and Fridays 3 to 11 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 a.m., and Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m.

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### Lucky winners



Pampa News photo by KERRI SMITH  
The 48 United Supermarkets in Texas recently had a drawing to give away two 2006 Ford F150 King Ranch trucks. One of the lucky winners is from Pampa. Charlie and Joyce Mullen received a call from Troy Newton, right, Pampa's Store Director, and drove down to Lubbock to pick up their new truck. Since being here in Pampa the last seven years, Newton said this is the first vehicle they have given away. He said the other winner was from Snyder. Charlie Mullen retired from TxDOT in the late 90s.

## National Hospice month observed

By **KERRI SMITH**  
Staff Writer

Mayor Lonny Robbins signed two proclamations declaring November as National Hospice month. One was done last week with BSA Hospice and the other was done this week with Odyssey Healthcare.

BSA Hospice in Pampa has been in business for 25 years. Their service area keeps growing and now consists of 10 counties in the Panhandle.

This is a large area for the staff, which consists of five RNs, one LVN, four CNAs, a social worker, counselor, chaplain, administrative assistant, two home care RNs, a medical director and

volunteer and support services.

Jacque Burklow, RNBSN, said the normal procedure for getting hospice care started is usually when a doctor calls and wants an RN to visit with the patient and family to see what type of care is needed and also wanted.

The decision of where to administer care is up to the patient. Most patients prefer to go home to live out their last days surrounded by friends and family in a comfortable and familiar setting. The public is also welcome to call and get information from any hospice organization. Burklow said

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

**IMEL, Dale** — Memorial services, 2 p.m., Bible Church of Pampa.

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Milo .....	5.80
Corn .....	6.75
Soybeans .....	5.59
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.	
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Cabot Corp .....	42.73 +0.40
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Dale Imel, 73

Dale Imel, 73, of Pampa, died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006, in Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, 2006, at the Bible Church of Pampa with Rev. Bob Banks, pastor, officiating.

Private entombment will be in Memory Gardens Mausoleum under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Imel was born Feb. 11, 1933, in Turkey, Texas, and was raised in Skellytown, moving to

Pampa in 1959. He married Clara Washington on Oct. 17, 1952, in Pampa.

He graduated from North Texas State University in Denton in 1959 with a B.S. degree and a teaching certificate. He was a training supervisor at Cabot Corp. for 30 years, retiring in 1995.

He was a member of the Bible Church of Pampa.



Imel

Survivors include his wife, Clara Imel, of the home; one daughter, Judy Williams and husband Rob of Amarillo; one son, Rodney Imel and wife Kathy of Baton Rouge, La.; one brother, Cletis Imel and wife Rosie of Amarillo;

five grandchildren, Amy, Jenny, and Alex Imel, all of Baton Rouge, Keagan Williams of Amarillo and

Natalie Gorrell and husband Adam of Abilene; and a host of other close relatives and many longtime friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lillie and Art Imel; and by two sisters, Dora Wedge and Donnie Burgin.

MEMORIALS: Child Evangelism, c/o Wynola Sanders, 1305 W. Crawford, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Wednesday, Nov. 8

Four traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were reported in the 500 block of North Sumner and the 1200 block of North Duncan.

Accidents were reported in the 2100 block of North Hamilton, the 2800 block of North Charles, the 700 block of West Browning and an undisclosed location.

Calls concerning animals were reported at the corner of Twiford and Sloan, the 300 block of North Miami, the 1000 block of South Christy, the 2100 block of North Sumner, the 1100 block of South Neel, the 300 block of South Canadian, the corner of Twiford and Fisher, the 1700 block of Holly, the corner of Willow and Rosewood, the 1100 block of South Huff, the 2500 block of Evergreen, the 2400 block of Fir and the corner of Neel and Crawford.

Lost property was reported in the 2400 block of Charles and two reports were made in the PPD lobby. One was a two-way radio valued at \$450.

Two reports of found property were made in the PPD lobby.

Welfare checks were made in the 400 block of Lefors and the 100 block of North Sumner.

A suspicious person was reported in the 2200 block of North Wells. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of Warren, the 1000 block of South Banks, and two reports came from the 100 block of East Kingsmill for fighting. No injuries were reported. One of those resulted in an arrest.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 900 block of East Francis and the 700 block of North Gray.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of East Francis where a hole was kicked in a door. Estimated damage was \$100.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1500 block of Williston.

An assault was reported in the 700 block of North Gray resulting in no injuries.

Alarms were reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart and the 1900

block of West Alcock.

Two reports of burglary of a motor vehicle were made. One occurred in the 700 block of North Nelson where an amplifier and speakers were taken. Value was not given. The second occurred in the 100 block of North Sumner where a firearm, scope and case were taken. Also stolen were tree pruners, binoculars, and a camera and case. Total estimated value of loss is \$900.

A burglary was reported in the 900 block of South Wilcox which resulted in an arrest.

Forgery was reported in the PPD lobby.

Stolen vehicles were reported in the 200 block of South Nelson and 600 block of North Magnolia.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

Tuesday, Nov. 8

4:40 p.m. — A 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Nerissa Danielle Perry, 20, of 1121 Neel Road, Pampa, and a legally parked 1997 Pontiac SSE collided in the 700 block of West Browning. No injuries were reported. Perry was cited for backing without safety.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, Nov. 8

Michelle Lea Luster, 33, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a charge of forgery.

Fires

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

Wednesday, Nov. 8

9:38 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky on a carbon monoxide check.

10:19 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky on a carbon monoxide check.

7:38 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1600 block

of West Somerville on a medical assist.

7:41 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1100 block of Varnon on a medical assist.

Thursday, Nov. 9

3:54 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1000 block of Twiford on a medical assist.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Nov. 8

4:22 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Gray County Rd. 13 and Highway 273 and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

6:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of South Faulkner. No transport.

6:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Helton Road and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

7:32 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

7:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1600 block of West Somerville and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

8 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Varnon and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

8:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the community of Lefors and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

8:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Thursday, Nov. 9

12:33 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to the 1100 block of Varnon.

1:21 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to the 800 block of West 25th.

3:53 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of Twiford and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

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Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 44. North-northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as

high as 25 mph. Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 56. Windy, with a north-northeast wind

between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32. Wind chill values between 24 and 29. North-northeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming east southeast. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Veteran's Day: Partly cloudy, with a high near 58. South-southeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 36. Wind chill values between 27 and 32. South wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 60. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north-northwest. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38. North wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 62. Calm wind becoming south-southwest between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

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**BSA Hospice employees attend the proclamation signing by Mayor Lonny Robbins. From left, Debbie Douglas, RN; Pam Crain, RN; Sandy Galaviz, LVN; Jacque Burklow, RNBSN; Megan Sanborn, SVN (Clarendon College); and Max Brown, Hospice Chaplain.**



**Odyssey HealthCare employees attended the proclamation signing. Back row, from left, Sarah Lujan, SW; Barbara Morris, PCS; Lydia Rodriguez, CNA; Ivonne Soto, CNA; Karen Anderson, AC; Laura Lindsey, LVN, Crisis Care; Brenda Graham, DPS, RN, CHPN; and Bob Lindsey, RN, CHPN. Front row, from left, Jeff Barnhart, GM and Lonny Robbins, Mayor. Not pictured are C.W. Parker, Spiritual Care and Ivonne Granados, RN.**

## Hospice

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that some doctors are reluctant to call and request hospice care because it makes them feel like they have failed by not being able to "cure" the patient.

"All of the hospice workers are as frank and honest as possible," Burklow said. "They owe that to the patient and family." Normally, that makes dealing with the illness easier if they know what is happening and what to expect.

The hospice always sends out a survey to the family after the patient has died and asks what was done correctly and what could have been done to make the experience better. Burklow says the most common response is "wish we knew about you (hospice) sooner." That is why hospice facilities try to get their information and philosophies out to the public so more people can benefit from this service.

Odyssey Healthcare, formerly Crown of Texas Hospice, is based in Amarillo. They have been in business for 10 years and their service area includes 12 counties in the Panhandle. Brenda Graham, Director of Patient Services, said they treated more than 850 patients last year and did this with a staff of around 100. She said a patient can decide which hospice provider they would like to use. They do

not have to continue with the one that was originally contacted.

BSA Hospice has an annual fund-raiser, a golf scramble in June and also accepts donations and memorials. A "Light Up a Life" tree lighting ceremony is scheduled for Nov. 21 at 800 N. Sumner. A \$10 donation, in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special, will be represented by a light that will shine on this holiday tree. Proceeds from this and other fund-raisers benefit the needs of BSA Hospice patients and families. Also, volunteers are always needed to help sit with patients that cannot be left alone when the family needs to run errands or leave the home for any reason.

One thing that Odyssey Healthcare does to give back to the community is offer "Sky Camp" to children, ranging in age from 7 to 17, who have lost a significant person in their life in the past year. This is a weekend camp that any child can attend in Ceta Canyon.

The purpose is to get kids together that have experienced a similar loss for fun activities as well as grief counseling. Graham said that volunteers are always needed for this weekend because Odyssey pays for everything, so the families of the child do not have to worry about the expense.

For questions or information regarding hospice care, contact BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, 665-6677 or

Odyssey Healthcare, 6900 Interstate 40 West, Ste. 150, Amarillo 372-7696.

Following a Presidential tradition, President Bush signed a proclamation declaring November as National Hospice Month. Issued from the White House, it reads in part:

"Hospice care enables many of our citizens to spend their final days in comfort and dignity surrounded by loved ones. This palliative care plays a vital role in our Nation's health care system, and the dedicated work of hospice caregivers helps ensure that our citizens receive the services and support they need."

According to the Webster's dictionary, palliative means "to lessen the pain or severity of without actually curing." The word "hospice" stems from the Latin word "hospitium" meaning guesthouse. Originally, this term was used to describe a place of shelter for weary and sick travelers.

The subject of death and helping those with terminal illnesses was brought out in the open by a British physician, Cicely Saunders in the 1940s. She was inspired by a dying patient under her care who wanted words of comfort, kindness and friendship to ease the passage into death. She came to believe that "we do not have to cure to heal."

In the 1960s, Saunders established the first modern hospice facility, St. Christopher's Hospice, in

London, England.

Saunders began teaching at Yale University School of Nursing in Connecticut in 1964. Her goal was to educate that hospice is not a place, but a philosophy of care to help those dying patients live out their last days with dignity, comfort and compassion. One of the main components of her teachings was pain management. She used photographs of patients to demonstrate how different the attitude was when the pain and symptoms were controlled.

The first hospice in the United States was established in New Haven, Connecticut in 1974. And in the 1980's, Congress created legislation establishing Medicare coverage for hospice patients. Medicare covers 100% of all durable medical equipment, medications, and other supplies needed. Today, most states also provide Medicaid coverage.

Currently, there are more than 4,100 hospices across the country. The number of Americans that are in hospice care has risen from 25% in 2001 to 31.5% in 2004. The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization reports that 1.2 million peo-

ple with life-limiting illnesses received care from one of the nation's hospices last year.

The NHPCO's theme for this year is the "Faces of Caring." They want to recognize the faces of the care-

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## Veterans

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ed." When asked what they thought about the present military action in Iraq, Rodney Winborne said he's very proud of the soldiers

## Carjacker executed

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Texas executed a man convicted in the 1992 carjack slaying of a vacationer who had been living under an assumed identity in the federal Witness Protection Program.

Willie Shannon, 33, received a lethal injection Wednesday for the fatal shooting of Benjamin Garza in a Houston parking lot.

Garza, 38, had brought his family to Houston from their home in Lubbock for a vacation. He was trying to catch a quick nap inside the family station wagon while his wife and children were shopping nearby. Shannon jumped inside, pulled his gun and demanded the family's 15-year-old Ford, according to arrest records. A struggle ensued and Garza was shot.

Shannon, then 19, didn't know that Garza, who had testified at drug trials in the Rio Grande Valley, had been in the witness protection program for a decade.

Shannon has insisted the carjack-slaying was unintentional and that he didn't deserve the death penalty.

over there. And as a group, they stated that "if we could get rid of the politicians and the press, the fighting in Iraq would end."

VFW offers support to veterans and their families in times of crisis. When loved ones are overseas, the families left on the home front sometimes need assistance, either financially or how to handle problems such as home repairs or car problems. The VFW post does its best to ease this time of stress by doing what they can to help.

Do not forget there will be a Veterans Day chili cook-off hosted by Shepherd's Helping Hands on Saturday in the 100

blocks of North and South Cuyler. This event will run 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and judging will begin at 2 p.m.

Anyone interested in finding out if they are eligible to become a member of the VFW Post 1657, stop by the office at 105 S. Cuyler.

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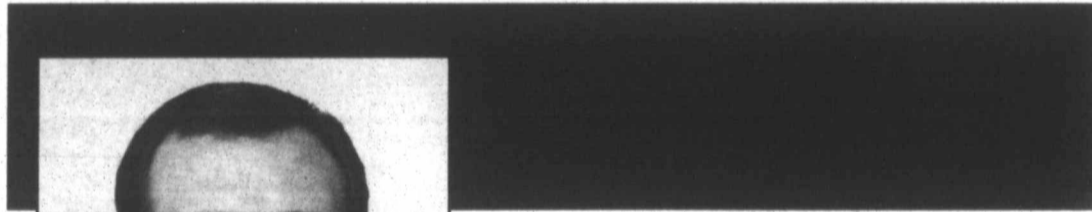
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# Viewpoints

## The 'Fighting I' has seen her share of trouble

At 9:15 a.m. Monday, the USS INTREPID slipped her lines at Pier 86 and was to be pulled out into the current of the Hudson River. The 'Fighting I' was to be towed down river, past Ground Zero where she was to unfurl a holiday flag in salute to the victims of 9-11, around Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty to Bayonne, N.J., where she would go into the yards for refurbishment.

It never happened. A fleet tug grabbed on to her. She moved about 15 feet and was stuck in the mud.

It's not the first time. It was Sunday, Sept. 8, 1969, the Captain's birthday. INTREPID (CVS 11) was going up Narragansett Bay on her way to her new homeport of Quonset Point, Rhode Island.

Fresh out of the Philadelphia shipyard after a major overhaul following her third tour to Vietnam, she drew 50 feet in a channel that was 52 feet deep, but the problem was when the channel made a hard left and the ship didn't.

As with the ship's most recent troubles, this did not go unnoticed.

The ship was changing its homeport from Norfolk, Va., to Quonset Point, R.I.

Originally it was to have come into port on a Tuesday, but somebody got that idea that this heroic ship should make a splash. We went in on a Sunday afternoon so there could be a crowd.

Months were spent putting together the ceremony. Three yacht clubs were to escort her up the bay. The

new admiral was to be on the pier with state and local dignitaries, including John Chaffee, a son of Rhode Island and Secretary of the Navy at the time. Chaffee would later serve in the U.S. Senate as would his son Link.

Sailors manned the rails. That was the official command. My roommate, an officer for one of the deck divisions, had spent a week in transit supervising the painting of white dots around the perimeter of the flight deck so each sailor knew where to stand. Among the junior officers, it was known as man-

ning the polka dots.

The news media from Providence, Newport, Boston and New York were all there. The ship wasn't.

When we reached the sea buoy marking the entrance to the channel, the fog was so thick you couldn't see the large '11' on the flight deck from the bridge of the ship.

Our first worry was that the ship would run over one of the yachts circling us in the fog. Even the largest yacht, and there were some big ones, were very small. Of course, next to an aircraft carrier almost everything is small.

But the Captain decreed

that the Admiral should not be kept waiting. We had a rendezvous with destiny. Boy, did we.

A pilot was brought on board to take us in. He shoulda turned left earlier.

The junior officers were gathered on the hangar deck near the large cake just beyond the quarterdeck awaiting the ceremonies. My sword was the backup sword for the cake cutting. The Navy is big on tradition and ceremony.

We felt the ship quiver. One of our more observant Ensigns looked out amidships to port and asked, "Does anybody remember what they taught us in our Seamanship classes?"

Of course, we didn't. Then he reminded us. "Red right returning."

When returning to port, the ship keeps the red buoys on the right (starboard) side of the ship.

We all looked out and lo and behold there was a large red buoy amidships on our left (port) side.

A guy in a small sailboat went gliding past.

"Do you know that you're out of the channel?" he yelled.

We sat there for four hours until a fleet tug, a powerful ocean-going tug like the one used Monday in New York, pulled us out.

When we tied up, the gangplank was still being lowered into place when the Admiral came across, jumping the last two feet on to the quarterdeck. He was the tall

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## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Nov. 9, the 313th day of 2006. There are 52 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 9, 1965, the great Northeast blackout occurred as a series of power failures lasting up to 13.5 hours left 30 million people in seven states and two Canadian provinces without electricity.

On this date:

In 1872, fire destroyed nearly 1,000 buildings in Boston. In 1918, it was announced that Germany's Kaiser Wilhelm II would abdicate. He then fled to the Netherlands. In 1935, United Mine Workers president John L. Lewis

and other labor leaders formed the Committee for Industrial Organization (later Congress of Industrial Organizations).

In 1938, Nazis looted and burned synagogues as well as Jewish-owned stores and houses in Germany and Austria in what became known as "Kristallnacht."

In 1953, author-poet Dylan Thomas died in New York at age 39.

*'Half the world is composed of people who have something to say and can't, and the other half who have nothing to say and keep on saying it.'*

— Robert Frost  
American poet  
(1874-1963)

In 1963, twin disasters struck Japan as some 450 miners were killed in a coal-dust explosion, and about 160 people died in a train crash.

In 1967, a Saturn V rocket carrying an unmanned Apollo spacecraft blasted off from Cape Kennedy, Fla., on a successful test flight.

In 1976, the U.N. General Assembly approved 10 resolutions condemning apartheid in South Africa, including one characterizing the white-ruled government as "illegitimate."

In 1986, Israel revealed it was holding Mordechai Vanunu, a former nuclear technician who'd vanished after providing information to a British newspaper about Israel's nuclear weapons program. (Vanunu was convicted of treason and served 18 years in prison.)

In 1989, communist East Germany threw open its borders, allowing citizens to travel freely to the West; joyous Germans danced atop the Berlin Wall.

Ten years ago: President Clinton used his weekly radio address to condemn the decision of the nation's distillers to end their voluntary ban on airing hard-liquor ads, calling it "simply irresponsible."



## Deciding between two hot peripherals

Two hot peripherals (equipment that plugs into your computer) are vying for your attention: Scanners and digital cameras. Both can be very useful in their own ways. But if you can't buy both, which do you choose?

First, let's get some definitions out of the way. A scanner is a device that allows you to store visual images in a digital format. Scanners come in many sizes and shapes, but the most common configuration is called a "flatbed scanner." Resembling the top half of a photocopier, this device allows you to lay photos, books, just about anything against a glass plate and have it scanned.

The scanner "takes a picture" of the document and stores it on your computer. Uses for the scanner include inserting pictures into your word processing files, e-

mailing photos to friends and family, and using graphics on your Web site.

Digital cameras work very similarly to scanners. They are just more "mobile." Instead of laying a document down on a large piece of glass to be scanned, the digital camera "shoots" pictures much like it's film-carrying cousin. Pictures are stored inside the camera and then downloaded directly to a PC later.

So, which is better? Decide what you want to do with this technology. Do the majority of your "images" exist as normal photographs? If so, get the scanner. It's much cheaper than the camera.

However, if you need to

"capture" the images in the field, a camera will definitely be more convenient and

worth the extra money. I have quite a few friends that swear by their digital cameras.

Unfortunately, picking a good scanner or digital camera is not as cut and dried. Quite a few factors must be considered before you pull out your checkbook. They include: Number of colors; resolution; interface; and need for options.

The "number of colors" item may seem a bit strange. "After all," you say, "I want ALL the colors!" Well, you'll get them, but their accuracy to the original is what I'm talking about here. Measured in "bits," the color

measurement will usually look something like "24-bit" or "36-bit color." Bigger numbers are better.

Basically, the number represents how much computer memory will be used to store the information about each color it finds on a scanned document. The more information it can store, the more likely the scanned image will be an accurate representation of the original.

Resolution is simply the number of "dots" that will be stored in the scanned image. Measured in DPI (dots per inch), this number should be at least 600. Higher resolutions will result in sharper images, but also much larger files. Many scanners and digital cameras, today, have flexible resolutions of 600 to 2400 to 4800 DPI.

As it relates to interfaces, you have roughly three See DECIDE, Page 5

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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Oct. 30  
El Paso Times on opposition to the 700-mile border fence:

Generally speaking ... we don't want it. The 700-mile border fence.

In El Paso, and throughout the southern borderland of the U.S., a vast majority of people surveyed don't think 700 miles of fencing will do much to solve problems inherent to illegal immigration.

And it will not make much of a dent in border security against drug runners and terrorists, which should be the real issue here, not immigrants looking for a job.

President Bush, who signed a bill authorizing the fence -- but no money yet to build one -- thinks a physical barrier will help a little.

Technically, it will help ... a little. Just not much, though.

And U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said in El Paso Thursday, "There's a need for physical barriers on the border. Ultimately, though, technology is going to be the solution to our problems."

That's better. You're getting warmer, senator.

We think the fence is political pandering so some lawmakers can appease their constituents in non-border states prior to the Nov. 7 election. Look tough. Stop all illegal flows into the U.S.A. Vote for me!

After the election, when the heat's off and Republicans and Democrats have settled into their Senate and House chairs, then they will begin to talk common sense and agree to a new immigration policy.

A guest-worker program, so some 11 million immigrants are not "illegal?" Strict fines for employers who hire those in this country illegally?

A national ID card. Have one or not be entitled to work or receive benefits in this country? That means everybody in the country needs one, though.

There are many immigration issues to discuss -- and they should be discussed with one's party politics left outside the meeting room. There are

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guy in the white dress uniform and the very red face.

It was a shame then. It's a shame now. The INTREPID is a good ship.

Perhaps, it's like that first teenage love. A man's first ship is something special.

Born of war, INTREPID was hit on the starboard side aft by a Japanese torpedo off Truk Island. Five men were killed. When I was on board, engineering crews on the mid watch used to swear they could hear voices in the empty compartments in aft steering.

Her planes went on to attack

Japanese positions on Peleliu.

Off Luzon, a Kamikaze hit one of the port gun tubs, killing 10 men.

As the war in the Pacific progressed, two more Kamikazes hit the INTREPID, killing six officers and 59 men. A Japanese Zero crashed onto the teakwood flight deck. The bomb it was carrying pierced the deck and exploded in ready room four, killing 32 men in an adjoining compartment.

In April 1945 another Kamikaze hit the flight deck near elevator number three, killing eight men. Hasty repairs were made and within three hours, planes were again landing on INTREPID.

In 1954, she was the first U.S. Navy ship fitted with steam catapults for launching jet aircraft. In 1957, she was given an angled flight deck.

INTREPID was the primary recovery vessel for Astronaut Scott Carpenter's Project Mercury space flight in 1962.

She also recovered John Young and Virgil Grissom in their Gemini flight of 1965.

During her three tours to Vietnam, her planes downed two and a half MiGs (one was shared with planes from the USS CONSTITUTION).

For the past 24 years, INTREPID has been a museum at the foot of Manhattan Island. She closed temporarily last month so she could be taken to Bayonne for repainting and repairs.

That didn't happen.

They're going to try again in December. I hope things go well. She's a good ship. She deserves it.

## Decide

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choices — parallel, USB, and SCSI. Cheaper scanners will use a parallel interface. You'll notice that this is also the same port you plug your printer into. Scanners of this variety usually ship with a "pass through" connector allowing your printer and scanner to use the same port.

However, if you'll be scanning large images, you may want to upgrade to USB or SCSI. Both are faster than parallel, but SCSI connections are, for the most part, faster than USB. However, USB ports are much easier to configure. (six of one ...)

If you choose USB, make sure it is USB 2.0 compliant. Once again, speed is the issue here.

Finally, choose a scanner that has the ability to take common "options." The two most common scanner "add-ons" are transparency adapters and

document feeders. A transparency adapter allows you to scan negatives, slides, and transparencies. Document feeders are great for scanning a large number of images or documents without you having to physically place each page on the scanner.

Whether you choose a scanner or a digital camera, get ready for a whole new world. You'll find uses for your new library of images you never dreamed of.

I'll see you in Cyberspace!

## Fence

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many plans already out there that can be re-discussed and possibly configured anew.

But 700 miles of double-thick fencing along various stretches of a 2,100-mile border is overdoing it. It's political posturing to assuage ruffled feelings of non-border citizens, many of whom do not understand the issue nearly as well as people who live on the border. Some problems exist, sure. An invasion? No. Cornyn is right.

And many lawmakers are also right when they say technology is the answer to securing our borders. We have the technology in the form of sophisticated surveillance systems. Use that, along with more law-enforcement presence on the border.

But a fence?

We don't want a waste-of-time and waste-of-money fence.

## Events calendar

• **First Ag Credit**, 424 N. Hobart, will celebrate Veterans' Day Friday with give-aways and refreshments. The Canadian office will also be observing the open house.

• **Amarillo Civic Chorus**, in association with Amarillo College, will present "Love, Hope, and Faith," a choral music concert, at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts in Amarillo. The program will feature the premier of "Valley of Silence," composed by Janet Lanier. The text is taken from a Civil War-era Southern pastor named Abram J. Ryan. The Amarillo Symphony Orchestra will perform. The chorus is under the direction of AC's Dr. Steven Weber. Tickets will be available at the door at a cost of \$12 for adults and \$7 for students and seniors. To purchase tickets in advance, call (806) 378-3096.

• **First Christian Church** of Pampa at 18th and Nelson will hold a bazaar from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, pie and a drink will be served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at a cost of \$5 per person. Takeout will be \$5 for spaghetti and sauce or \$6 for spaghetti, sauce, bread and pie. The bazaar will also include handmade gift items, homemade jams, pies, cookies and a silent auction.

• **The SPCA** of Amarillo will host an open house from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at its new location at 11901 S. Coulter. The event will include refreshments and tours of the facility.

• **Working for Progress** will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the conference room of Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa. Clean-up sites will be announced. All interested persons are invited to attend. Currently, the organization is in need of equipment and donations as well as volunteers. For more information, call 669-7616, (214) 417-2840 or 669-3553.

• **The Texas**

**Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases. Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m., Wednesday, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

• **The next Third Thursday** at Amarillo Museum of Art will be from 6-9 p.m. Nov. 16. The event will include coffee tasting, the film "Louise Nevelson in Process," a performance by Amarillo Opera Resident Artist Kristina Driskill, and a

children and adult art activity. To find out more, call (806) 371-5050.

• **The Ochiltree Expo Center in Perryton** will be the site of a "Satellite Arts and Crafts Festival" from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 18 and from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 19. For more information, call (806) 435-4970.

• **Golden Spread Woodcarvers** will stage its fifth annual woodcarving show "Artistry in Wood" from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 18 and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 19 in the Regency Room of Amarillo Civic Center. Admission is free to the public. A juried competition will be held and some art may be offered for sale. The club meets the first and third Saturday of each

month at the Panhandle Arts Institute to provide woodcarving instruction.

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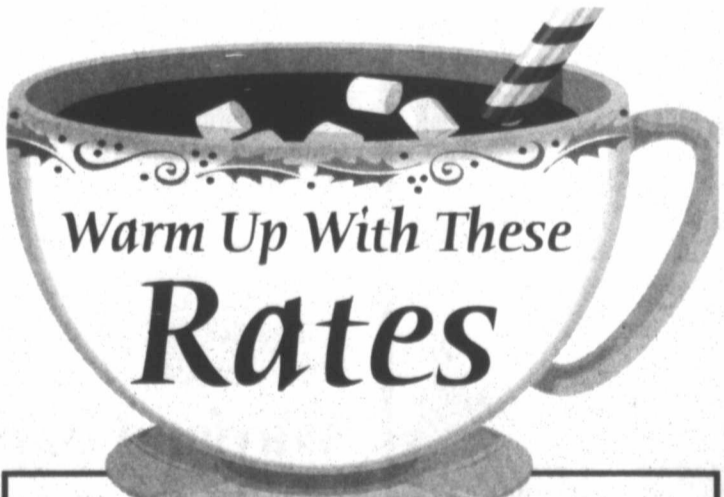


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WASHINGTON

# Iraq: Election may mean some changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Emboldened by their congressional election triumph and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's resignation, Democrats say they will use their new clout to force a change in Iraq policy and demand that President Bush start bringing troops home.

Rumsfeld's resignation — and Bush's pledge to work with Democrats on issues facing the nation — came after months of the president backing Rumsfeld and insisting the war in Iraq was on track. His arguments lost steam after voters catapulted Democrats to power in Tuesday's voting, giving Democrats control of both the House and Senate next year.

Democrats say they hope election gains would provide momentum for more than the fall of Rumsfeld.

First stop next year will be legislation calling for an undetermined number of troops to come home immediately. Though Democrats are divided over

*'I believe a number of Republicans will want to join forces here because there's a lot of unease in the country.'*

— Sen. Carl Levin  
D-Mich.

exactly what to propose, they say their effort will send a loud political signal to disgruntled U.S. voters, and to Iraqis to assume more responsibility.

"I believe a number of Republicans will want to join forces here because there's a lot of unease in the country," said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., in line to head the Senate Armed Services Committee in the new Congress.

That dynamic may be on display

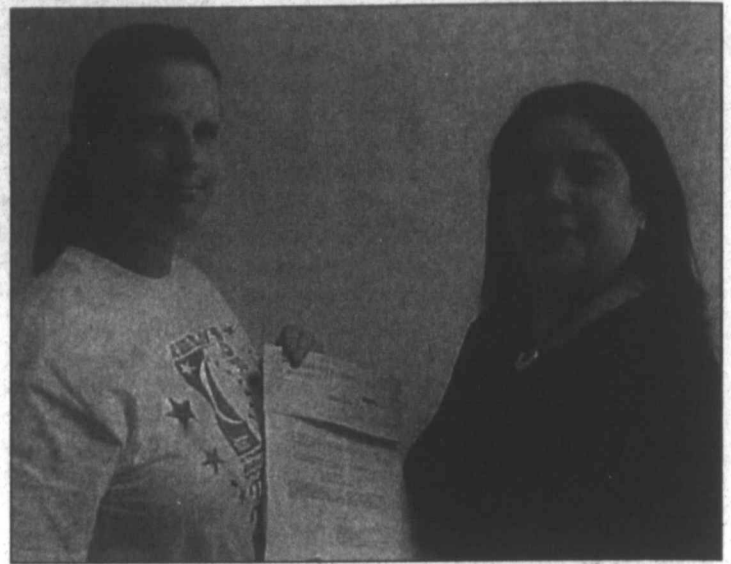
even sooner than next year.

Sen. John Warner, R-Va., the current chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, already has planned an Iraq hearing for next week with top military and intelligence officials testifying.

And after Bush surprised virtually the entire capital by announcing Rumsfeld's departure on Wednesday and picking former CIA Director Robert Gates to replace him, Warner said he wants to hold Gates' confirmation hearings this year — sessions that could become inquiries into almost every aspect of the Iraq war.

Aides say when the new Congress convenes in January, Democrats plan to call for troops to begin coming home from Iraq and to increase money for veterans and training special operations forces. Levin and Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., the next chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said they also will push for more money to fix damaged military equipment.

## Beef certificates



Top O' Texas CattleWomen recently donated \$100 in beef certificates toward Shepherd's Helping Hands "First Annual Veteran's Day Chili Cookoff" slated this Saturday.

## People in the news

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Bill Cosby has settled a lawsuit with a woman who said the entertainer drugged and sexually assaulted her at his home outside Philadelphia.

Terms of the settlement will remain confidential, according to a one-paragraph statement released jointly by both sides Wednesday.

Cosby's publicist, David Brokaw, said there would be no further comment. A telephone number for the plaintiff could not be determined

Press does not publish names of alleged sexual assault victims without their consent.

The woman, who called Cosby a friend and mentor, went to police about a year after the encounter, but Montgomery County prosecutors declined to file criminal charges. She then filed a lawsuit.

Cosby, best known as a warm, funny TV dad, has sparked debate with blunt remarks on personal responsibility aimed at the black community. In 1997, the year his son Ennis was murdered, the long-married Cosby acknowledged a brief affair with the mother of Autumn Jackson, a young woman convicted of extorting him.

The woman said Cosby had given her three blue pills that rendered her semiconscious, and then molested her. She said she awoke to find her bra undone and

*Attorneys for Cosby say the comedian gave the woman Benadryl after she complained of stress and sleeping problems.*

Wednesday and she could not be reached for comment. Her lawyer, Delores M. Troiani, declined further comment.

The woman claimed that Cosby, 69, assaulted her at his mansion in Cheltenham in early 2004 after giving her pills. Attorneys for Cosby say the comedian gave the woman Benadryl after she complained of stress and sleeping problems.

The federal judge presiding over the case earlier denied Cosby's request for a gag order and the plaintiff's request to shield the names of a dozen other women who say Cosby assaulted them. Some of the accusations raised by the other women go back for decades, and none have pending lawsuits filed against him.

The plaintiff, a native of Ontario, Canada, who is in her 30s, previously worked at Temple University in Philadelphia, which touts Cosby as a trustee and one of its most famous alumni. She is identified in court documents, but The Associated

her clothes in disarray. Cosby, in his legal filings, denied the assault and said he made the woman breakfast the next morning. He described them as social friends who sometimes had dinner together, alone or with others.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Jeff Gordon took a break from the Nextel Cup championship to get married again.

The four-time NASCAR champion wed Belgian model Ingrid Vandebosch on Tuesday in a private ceremony in Mexico, Jon Edwards, Gordon's publicist, said Wednesday. The wedding was first reported by Us Weekly.

The 35-year-old Gordon, the sport's most marketable driver, and Vandebosch have been together since 2004. They appeared in the movie "Taxi," in which the 37-year-old model played a bank robber and Gordon made an uncredited cameo appearance at her invitation.

## Wayland Baptist planning 'Gold Rush' weekend event

PLAINVIEW — Wayland Baptist University in Plainview will hold Gold Rush, its fall preview event, on Saturday, Nov. 11, welcoming prospective students to campus for a day of events and information about the university.

Gold Rush is open to high school juniors, seniors and college transfer students who are seeking more information about Wayland.

"This is an opportunity for prospective students and their families to come to our campus and see what Wayland is all about," said Jennifer Beal, Wayland's director of admissions. "We want to give students the opportunity to tour our campus, meet with our professors, staff members and students and get a better understanding of who we are and what we offer. It is also a chance for them to ask questions about financial aid, registration and other things that can be stressful when applying to a college."

Prospective students and their parents will participate in information sessions on academic opportunities, financial aid and other areas, as well as taking part in mock classes, scholarship drawings and music, theatre and art auditions. Wayland's theatre department will also present Terra Nova at 8 p.m. in the Black Box theatre.

For more information on attending the event, contact Wayland's Office of Admissions at (806) 291-3500, or register online at [www.wbu.edu](http://www.wbu.edu), click on the Gold Rush link.

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# Ortega reaches out to Latin leftists, opposes U.S.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — A beaming Daniel Ortega, who spent the 1980s fighting a U.S.-backed insurgency, said in his presidential victory speech Wednesday night that he would work closely with other leftist leaders in Latin America, while rejecting U.S. Republicans and the Iraq war.

After spending the day in meetings aimed at calming critics shaken by his return to power, Ortega gave a rousing speech before a sea of supporters calling for increased trade with all countries, including the United States. He blasted naysayers who warned his victory would scare away investors, saying "days have passed, and the country is calm."

In a veiled reference to the U.S. warnings against his

return to power, he said: "The sovereignty of Nicaragua has triumphed!"

And he informed the crowd that the American people had thrown Republicans out of Congress in elections on Tuesday "because they are bent on maintaining a war that has been rejected by the entire world."

"I hope that the U.S. government listens to its people and pulls its troops out of that country," he said.

Mixing revolutionary songs with calls for peace and love, the speech echoed many

of Ortega's campaign promises and showed the tug-of-war he faces in the next five years as Nicaragua's leader.

He has promised to fight for the rights of the poor, eradicate poverty and stay close to leftist leaders like Cuba's Fidel Castro and Venezuela's Hugo Chavez. This while maintaining relations with Washington and building on the newly approved Central American Free Trade Agreement with the United States.

U.S. State Department spokesman Gonzalo

Gallegos said Wednesday that cooperation with Ortega and his Sandinista colleagues will be "based on their action in support of Nicaragua's democratic future."

Ortega thanked his leftist "brothers" in Latin America, including U.S. foes Chavez and Castro.

Castro, a key backer of Ortega's leftist government in the 1980s, said Ortega's win "fills our people with joy, at the same time filling the terrorist and genocidal government of the United States with opprobrium." Chavez

has said he and Ortega would be "uniting as never before" to construct a socialist future.

But Ortega also says he has changed since his 1985-90 presidency, which saw Soviet-backed Nicaragua descend into economic chaos under radical economic policies, including property seizures, and destruction from the U.S.-financed Contra insurrection.

On Wednesday, the new leader reassured business leaders that their investments were safe and promised to improve labor and environ-

mental laws while respecting property and business contracts.

"No one is going to allow the seizure of property big or small," he said, adding: "We need to eradicate poverty, but you don't do that by getting rid of investment and those who have resources."

Chris Berry, one of the business leaders who met with Ortega, said he was more worried about possible U.S. sanctions against Ortega than the man himself.

"My fears aren't really about Ortega," said Berry, general manager and part owner of the Pelican Eyes resort in San Juan del Sur who holds both American and Nicaraguan citizenship. "He's among a group of wealthy men who want to protect their investments."

**U.S. State Department spokesman Gonzalo Gallegos said Wednesday that cooperation with Ortega and his Sandinista colleagues will be "based on their action in support of Nicaragua's democratic future."**

## Palestinians angry at counterattack by Israel in Gaza

BEIT HANOUN, Gaza Strip (AP) — Tens of thousands of grief-stricken, furious Gazans flocked to an artillery-scarred cluster of apartment buildings in the town of Beit Hanoun today to mourn 18 civilians killed when a barrage of Israeli shells tore through their homes.

Cries of "God is greater than Israel and America!" rang out, punctuated by gunshots as the bodies were carried on stretchers from the 18 ambulances that brought them from hospital morgues to their homes ahead of funeral prayers.

One of the victims' relatives, firing into the air, screamed, "I will revenge, I will revenge!"

A cemetery under construction in Beit Hanoun was hastily opened to accommodate the victims, because no other cemetery in town had enough land to allow them to be buried together.

A Palestinian flag fluttered over each of the graves, freshly dug in a single row and marked by concrete blocks. Two unmanned Israeli aerial drones buzzed overhead.

The number of Palestinian civilian deaths in Wednesday's barrage was the highest of any incident in six years of fighting, and undermined Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas's attempts to form a more moderate government and renew peace talks with Israel.

All of the victims were members of a single extended family, asleep in their beds when the artillery bombardment began.

The ambulances set out from two hospital morgues and met at the entrance to Beit Hanoun because no single one of the area hospitals — already taxed by casual-

ties from a weeklong Israeli offensive in the town — was able to keep all the dead.

The town's streets teeming with people on an ordinary Thursday morning but in the hours before the funeral, they were all but deserted.

A three-day mourning period declared by Palestinian leaders kept shops shuttered.

"All of us are feeling sad, and worried, too," said Khadra Abu Shabat, 55, tears streaming down her face. "We are going to bury

**Israeli troops were firing artillery in northern Gaza in response to Palestinian rocket attacks on Israel when several rounds hit a compound of apartment buildings owned by four brothers from the Al-Athamna family.**

this family and ask ourselves, 'Who's next? Me? My grandchildren? My neighbor?'"

Israeli troops were firing artillery in northern Gaza in response to Palestinian rocket attacks on Israel when several rounds hit a compound of apartment buildings owned by four brothers from the Al-Athamna family. The artillery rounds left gaping holes in the four structures, and sent panicked residents scurrying outside — some to their deaths, as additional salvos landed.

The Al-Athamna family is prominent in Beit Hanoun and includes several doctors and other professionals.

## Top Russian court overturns acquittal of three accused in killing of American reporter

MOSCOW (AP) — The Supreme Court today overturned the acquittal of three suspects in the killing of U.S. journalist Paul Klebnikov, a court spokesman said.

The court, acting on an appeal by prosecutors, ordered a new trial with a new judge, said court spokesman Pavel Odintsov.

Klebnikov, 41, who was editor of Forbes magazine's Russian edition, was gunned down on a Moscow street in July 2004. Two men went on trial on charges of carrying

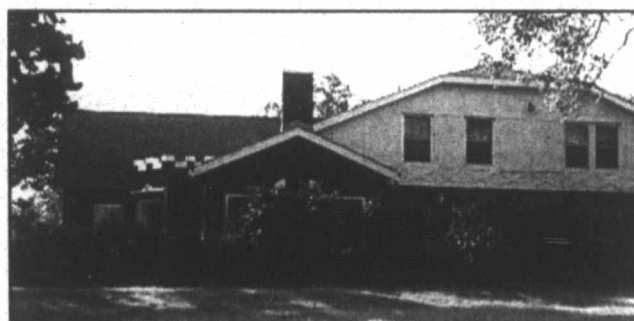
out the killing on behalf of a Chechen separatist who was the subject of a critical book written by Klebnikov, but they and another man on trial on related charges were acquitted by a jury.

The trial was marked by criticism that prosecutors failed to pursue other lines of investigation in the case.

Observers have suggested that Klebnikov may have made powerful enemies because he investigated corruption and sought to shed light on the closed world of Russian business.



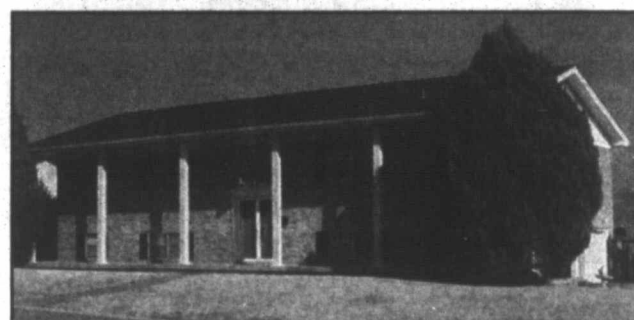
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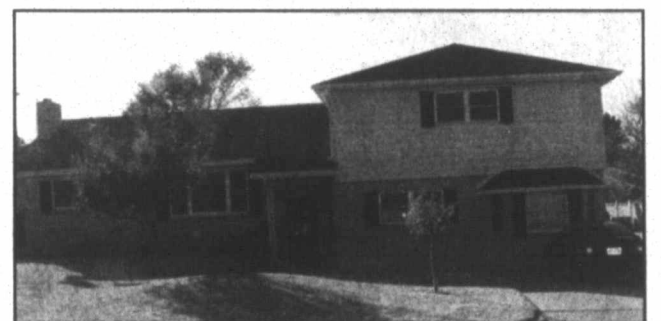
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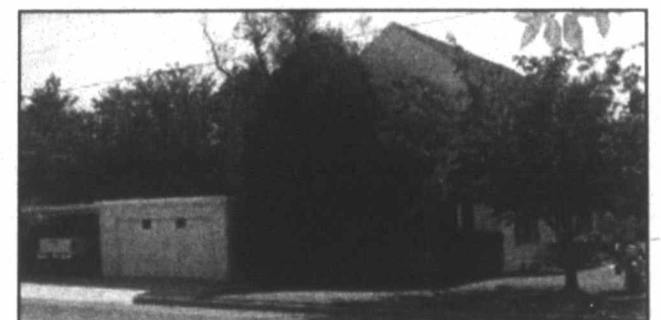
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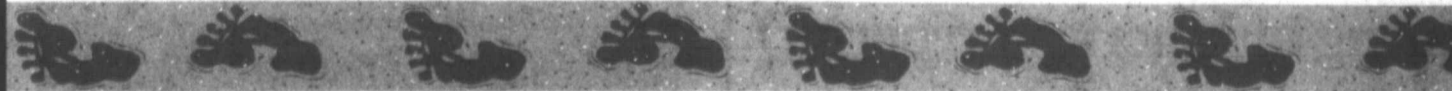
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# Quail hunting has positive impact on rural economies

By **TIM W. McALAVY**  
Extension News

WICHITA FALLS — Leasing land for quail hunting has a positive impact on many rural economies in the state, said a Texas Cooperative Extension economist.

"The economic impact of hunting in Texas exceeds \$1.5 billion annually," Jason Johnson, Extension economist based at Stephenville. He addressed a capacity crowd at the recent Red River Quail Symposium in Wichita Falls.

"Quail are the third most hunted species of game in Texas, ranking behind deer and dove, based on the number of active hunters," he said. "But quail rank fifth behind deer, dove, duck and wild turkey in terms of the number of days spent hunting. This suggests that insufficient quail habitat or the distance to suitable quail habitat restricts hunting activity for this game bird."

The recent Red River Quail Symposium included two ranch tours and a one-day seminar on landowner resources for habitat and hunting management.

Hunting's economic impact reaches beyond landowners and into other sectors/businesses that cater to the hunting and travel industries. In many areas of Texas, hunting is second only to Friday night football in terms of visitors and money drawn in to local communities, Johnson said.

"Approximately 65 percent of Texas hunters come from urban areas, so this economic impact is essentially a urban-to-rural transfer," he said. "According to a United States Fish and Wildlife Service survey, the average Texas hunter spends more than \$1,300 each year on hunting and travel amenities."

A 2001 survey of Texas Quail Unlimited members revealed more specific information about avid quail hunters in Texas, he added.

"The typical Quail Unlimited member responding to our Texas survey was a middle-aged, affluent white male," Johnson said. "Most were college graduates, and 42 percent reported household incomes



(Photo courtesy of TEXAS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION)

**Bobwhite quail are the third most-hunted game animal in Texas, based on the number of active hunters. Money spent pursuing this species has a real impact on local economies, said a Texas Cooperative Extension economist at the recent Red River Quail Symposium in Wichita Falls.**

above \$125,000. They lived in rural areas, small cities and medium- and large-sized urban areas.

"The relevant point is that the average expenditure per hunter responding exceeded more than \$10,000 each year on quail hunting," he said. "That's money spent on lease fees, dogs, vehicles, transportation, feeds/feeders/food plots, lodging, guns and ammunition, meals and other expenses. A large portion of these expenditures, averaging around 40 percent to 50 percent, are made in the destination county of the quail hunt."

These hunters listed 79 Texas counties among their favorite hunting destinations.

"If you want to attract this type of hunter clientele, you have to ask: How does my livestock management compliment wildlife habitat?" Johnson said. "What we call carrying

capacity — the number of animals we can run on our acreage — is not the same thing as stocking rate. Carrying capacity is defined and provided by Mother Nature. Stocking rate is determined by the land manager."

An appropriate stocking rate based on several environmental factors encourages more and better wildlife habitat — habitat conducive to quail and other wildlife, he said.

"Quail will follow the habitat, especially if the habitat provides necessary cover and food when they are nesting and rearing their young," Johnson said. "And the avid quail hunter will follow the birds."

"Long-term lease arrangements with these hunters can lend stability to land management strategies, which in turn can benefit wildlife and livestock. This type of stability helps appreciate land values and that ripples through local economies."

## Odds and ends ...

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — With the election season over, campaign signs are now worth their weight in spinach dip.

So says the Southeast restaurant chain Sticky Fingers, which is offering a free appetizer to anyone who cleans up the campaign clutter and brings in a sign.

"Just think of those leftover campaign signs as oversized, roadside gift certificates," said Sticky Fingers co-owner Jeff Goldstein. "It's an easy way to help take care of our neighborhoods."

The Charleston-based ribs restaurant will offer coupons for a free appetizer through

next Wednesday. The chain operates 17 restaurants in the Carolinas, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida.

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Backers of a move to legalize small amounts of marijuana in Nevada said they're not bummed out by its defeat at the polls.

If anything, they were encouraged by the support they received from voters and pledged Wednesday to try again.

"The reality is, in the history of this country, no pot initiative has gotten the vote total we're going to end up getting," said Neal Levine,

campaign manager for the Committee to Control and Regulate Marijuana.

Nevadans can expect the issue to appear again in 2008 or 2010, he said.

"It's 100 percent certainty that we will be back on the ballot," Levine said. "We've

been working this state for five years, and we're not going anywhere."

Voters rejected Question 7, 56 percent to 44 percent. It passed only in tiny Storey County, by a mere 95 votes of 1,851 cast.

## Washington college cancels classes, hosts race symposium

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Students who wore blackface to an off-campus

party sparked such an outcry on campus that officials at Whitman College canceled classes today so students and faculty could attend a diversity symposium.

**Ruth Wardwell, Whitman's director of public relations, said that students wore blackface to mimic the cast of "Survivor: Cook Islands," which divided the teams by ethnic origin at the start of the CBS reality show's current season.**

Students' costumes were posted on online social networking sites, the stunt touched off a fiery debate about race on an all-campus e-mail list. That prompted faculty members to vote to cancel classes.

"This is a day that is dedicated to a campus-wide discussion of issues that are important to our Whitman community," the 1,450-student private school in Walla Walla said in an e-mail to students. About 3 percent of Whitman's students are black, Asians, Hispanics and American Indians account for about 15 percent, and about 80 percent of students are white.

The event was being organized by students and faculty, with the administration's blessing, Wardwell said. It will be "based on scholarly research, opinion and individual perspective," Wardwell said, and is not open to the public.

An agenda for the symposium includes sessions on the biology of race, a history of race and civil rights, a curriculum discussion and a film discussion.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have reached an impasse about -- of all things -- mothballs. We were remodeling our house last spring, and tiny moths showed up in the bottom story. "Arnold" (my husband) went to the store and brought back mothballs for his closet, which is on the second floor. I told him they smelled horrid, but understood he was trying to protect his clothing. The moths never went to the upper level, and no one in our family had moths in his or her closet. The moths are long gone, but the mothballs remain. Every time Arnold opens his closet, the smell makes me sick to my stomach. There are times when he forgets and leaves his closet door open; our bedroom reeks of mothballs and I wind up feeling dizzy. When I ask Arnold why he still has them, he says he wants to "freshen" his clothes. I can't imagine how anyone can find that smell "fresh." I have requested that he replace them with cedar blocks or baking soda. He refuses to consider it. I have begun to think it has become a power struggle, and it's probably not about the mothballs to him at all -- although to me it is. Marriage counseling is not an option. I've suggested it before when we've had problems, and he refuses to go. Do you know anything about the safety of mothballs with children in the home (we have four, ranging in age from 12 months to 12 years). Maybe if he sees something in print, he will reconsider for the sake of the children. -- **WORRIED IN COLUMBIA, MD.**

**DEAR WORRIED:** As a matter of fact, I do happen to know something about the subject because it was addressed in my column a year and a half ago. A woman in New Jersey was worried about her grandmother, who stored her winter clothes in a basement closet filled with mothballs, and

the odor had saturated her house and everything in it. A woman from California responded to that letter, sharing that her mother's home had also been filled with mothballs, and her clothes reeked of the odor, too. Her mother had complained about the same nausea and dizziness that you say you have. The mother's doctor chalked it up to "vertigo." A couple of years later, the writer visited her mother and awoke experiencing the same symptoms. When she got home and mentioned it to her doctor, she was told she had been poisoned by the mothballs! And after the mother was eventually moved to a convalescent home, her "vertigo" disappeared within months. There are warnings on the container about the toxicity of mothballs and the danger of too much exposure to the vapors. The main component of mothballs, I was informed, is naphthalene, an aromatic hydrocarbon, which can cause neurological problems, as well as hemolytic anemia, kidney and liver damage, and cataracts. This is a poison that is meant to kill insects, and humans and other mammals are not immune to its effects. If your husband's clothes need "freshening," they should be laundered or sent to the cleaners. And if he still refuses to listen to reason and get rid of the mothballs, he could be guilty of child endangerment. This is one "power struggle" it's vital that you win.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 5 Classic film of 1942
- 10 Regretably
- 11 Fanatic
- 12 Charged particles
- 13 Hire
- 14 Police
- 16 Temper
- 20 Barflies
- 23 Howl at the moon
- 24 Ooze out
- 25 Gray-brown
- 27 Workout unit
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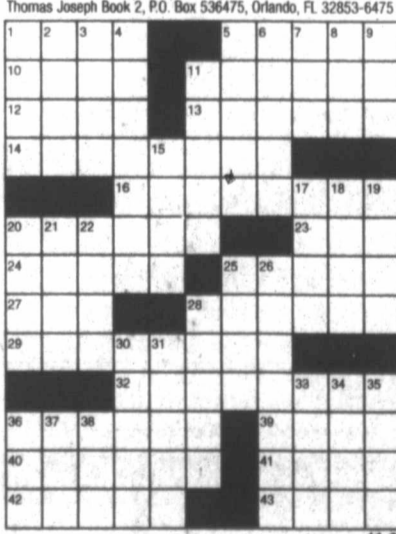
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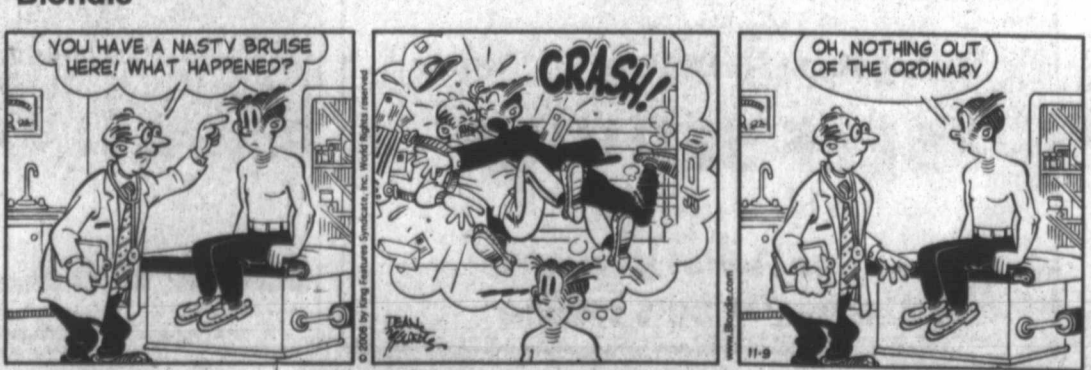
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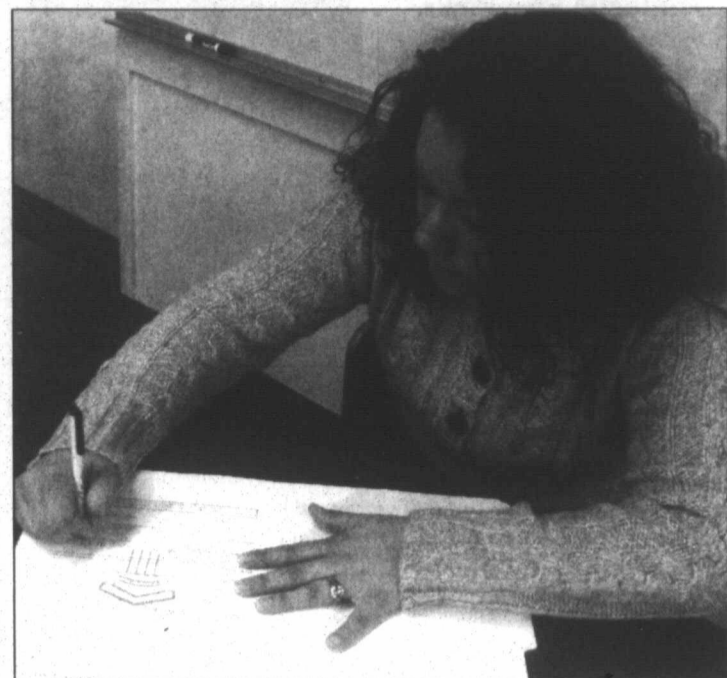
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# Sports Day



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▲ Cassy Tice is joined by PHS softball head coach Bobbi Gill (left) and parents Randell and Sheri Tice. Tice signs her letter of intent with SOSU (top right).

◀ With mother Rogena to her left, Britteni Rice signs her letter with the University of Denver in the PHS library Wednesday afternoon.

## Rice, Tice commit to colleges

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

It was a big day for two Pampa High School student athletes Wednesday. Seniors Britteni Rice and Cassy Tice signed national letters of intent to continue their chosen sports at the college level while preparing for their futures through sound education.

Rice, who plans to be an attorney, signed with the University of Denver where she will play for head coach Pam Tanner's Lady Pioneers. "We are incredibly excited about the signing of Britteni," Tanner said. "She is a very good player, who we believe has flown under the radar in West Texas. She's a versatile point guard, who can distribute the ball and score consistently."

The PHS library was filled with well-wishers including coaches, teammates and family to watch as Rice committed to DU. "I've been waiting for this day my whole life," Rice said. "This is the one moment in my high school career I will never forget." Last year's Amarillo Globe-News Girls Player of the Year, Rice averaged 22 points, six rebounds and three steals per game as a junior, leading Pampa to its second consecutive playoff appearance after a lengthy drought. Rice was also named District 3-4A Player of the Year as well as the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All-Region First Team.

Rice said she expects to play a key part in Coach Tanner's program next season. "My role on the team will be good for me. I fit in perfect with the team," Rice said.

Shortly after Rice's signing, Lady Harvester softball standout Cassy Tice signed a national letter of intent with Southeast Oklahoma State University in the Ready Room of the Pampa High School athletic office. Tice's parents, Randell and Sheri Tice — and head softball coach Bobbi Gill — were on hand to witness the signing.

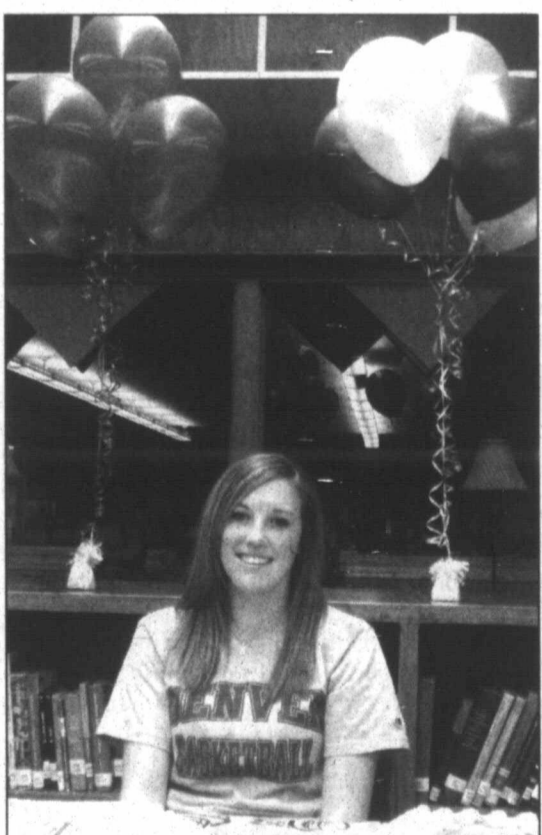
Tice is expected to make an immediate impact for coach Ron Faubion and the Savage Storm which competes in the Lone Star Conference which includes West Texas A&M University.

There is also a connection between coach Faubion and the Lady Harvester softball program. Coach Gill played for Faubion while in high school. Tice says the SOSU campus and Coach Faubion were selling points for her. "The town (Durant) is small but big enough for me. The campus is really nice and Coach Faubion is great."

On the academic front, Tice says she wants to major in physical therapy and minor in biology, but added, "I'm not for sure yet," though she is fairly certain her future will include physical therapy.

Tice has been a pillar of strength on the pitcher's mound for Gill and the Lady Harvesters, playing a pivotal role in Pampa's post season appearances over the past few years. She is equally as effective at the plate where she is always a threat to take the ball out of the park.

Tice's friends and family will get the chance to see her Feb. 23-24 when the Savage Storm travels to Canyon to face the WT Lady Buffs.



Britteni Rice sporting a University of Denver basketball shirt Wednesday.

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### Junior high choirs plan variety show

The Pampa Junior High School Seventh and Eighth Grade Choirs will present a Variety Show at 7 p.m. Saturday at PJHS auditorium.

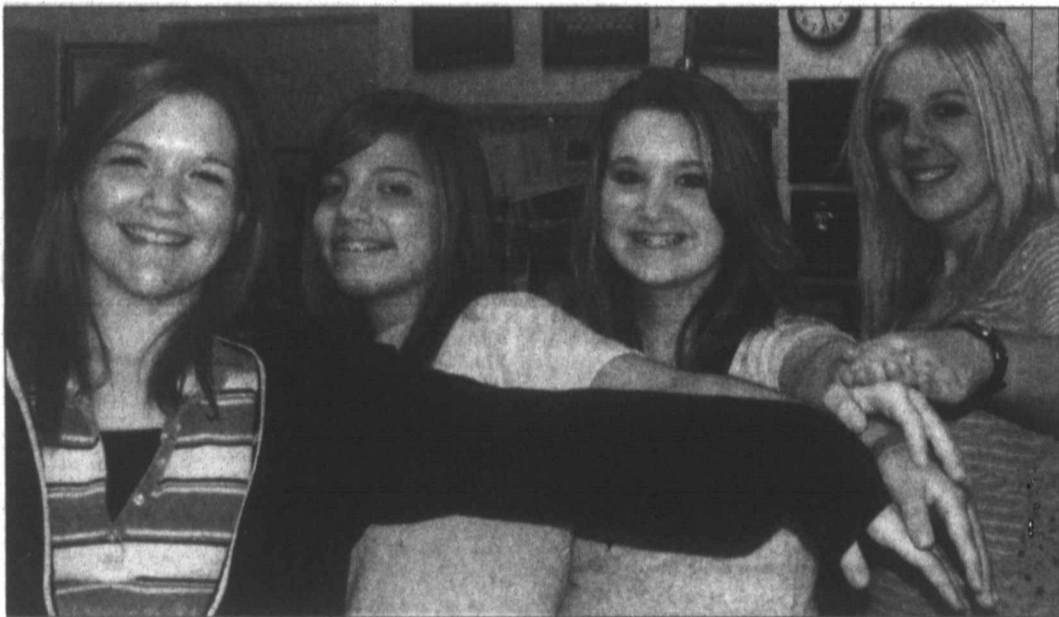
The students will sing solos and ensembles as well as all choirs performing popular songs.

There will also be dancers, piano solos

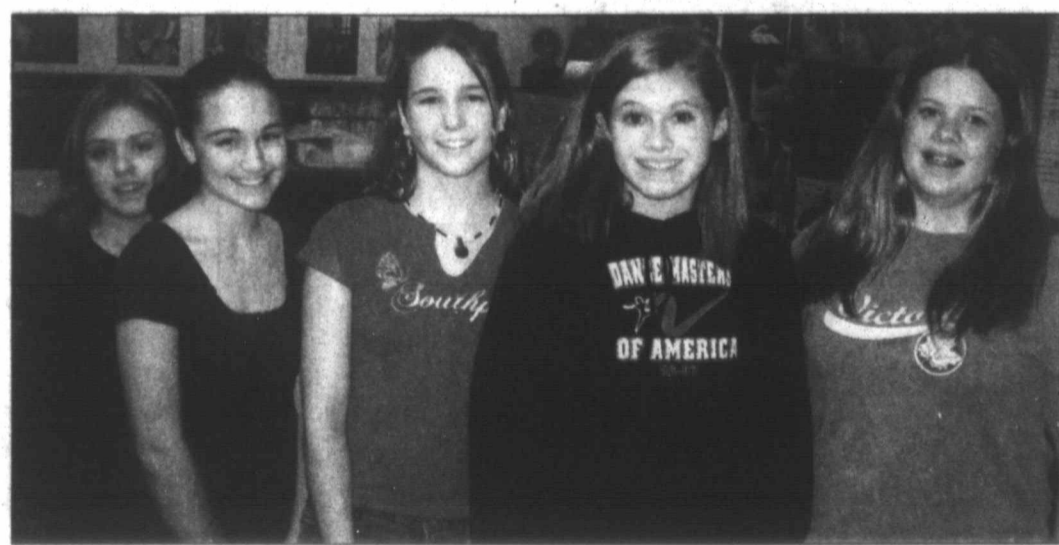
and a violin solo.

The music will be a variety of contemporary music that the audience will recognize and enjoy. The public is invited to attend.

There is no admission fee, but donations will be appreciated.



Pampa Junior High Choir members will hold a variety show at 7 p.m. Saturday. Choir members above, from left, are Jordan Mayhew, Jenae Garcia, Haley Clark and Hannah Smith. Pictured below are Emily Hart, Jackie Karson, Rachel Andorfer, Jenna Munsell and Lysie Guyer.



### Endangered ocelot habitat beign sought

AUSTIN (AP) — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has announced a joint program with an environmental group aimed at recruiting South Texas landowners to provide habitat for the endangered ocelot.

The nonprofit group Environmental Defense will help manage the 30-year "safe harbor agreement" program with landowners in Cameron, Hidalgo, Kenedy, Starr and Willacy counties.

Participating landowners are protected from future regulations related to endangered wildlife and do not give up their rights to future development, the wildlife service said.

The small cats, which measure close to 4 feet long and weigh from 25 to 35 pounds, were listed as endangered in 1982.

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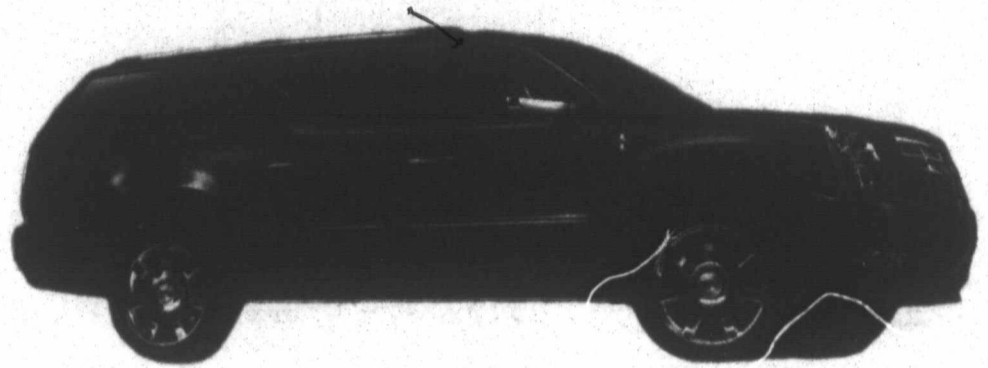
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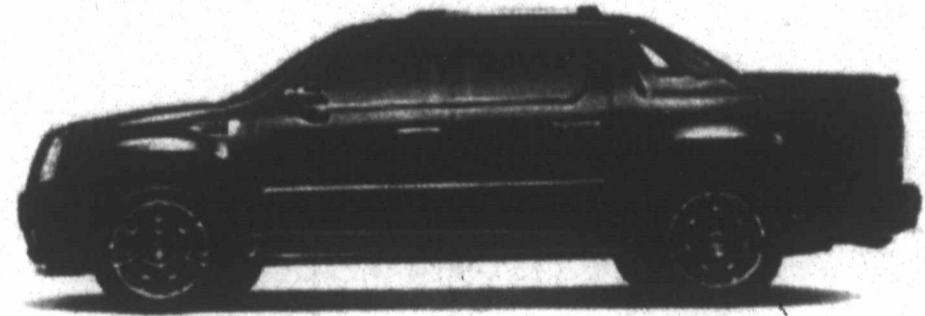
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