

Ridenour, 70, sentenced to serve 30 years in prison

Byk DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

A 70-year-old Pampa man will spend the next 30 years behind bars after being found guilty of murder today by 223rd District Court Judge Lee Waters.

Joseph Ridenour, 70, faced capital murder charges in connection with the shooting death of Eva Fritz, 48, in 2003 at her apartment.

District Attorney Lynn Switzer said today that Fritz died of two gunshot wounds, one to the chest and one to the neck, following an argu-

ment with Ridenour on July 15, 2003, at her apartment in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Witnesses saw Ridenour go into Fritz' apartment about 6:30 p.m. and come out shortly before 9 p.m., July 15, 2003.

Fritz was found by Jerry Rogers, her boyfriend, about 9 p.m.

The wheelchair-bound Ridenour said he has diabetes and doesn't remember shooting Fritz.

A medical expert called to the witness stand, however, reputed that diabetes would have anything to do with memory function.

Ridenour was arrested at his apartment, about a block from Fritz' apartment, about 3:30 a.m. July 16, 2003.

Pampa Police Officers went to his apartment at 3 a.m. and knocked on the door, but no one answered.

Officers said they called the apartment manager and, about 30 minutes later, the maintenance man let them into Ridenour's apartment. There they found Ridenour with a revolver to his chin. Officers said Ridenour pulled the trigger on the revolver six

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times

Switzer said the weapon was loaded and functional, but never fired.

Ballistics tests later indicated that a bullet from the pistol Ridenour held killed Fritz.

Ridenour told officers he remembered arguing with Fritz, but he didn't recall shooting her. He admitted that she had made him mad.

Judge Waters found Ridenour guilty of murder, a lesser charge

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City to discuss business offer

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

The Pampa City Commission will deliberate an offer of financial incentive for a business prospect Tuesday.

The commission will go into closed session to consider the financial incentive package.

The commission will also consider granting a utility easement through West Coronado Park to the Top of Texas Hospitality Partners, Ltd., and awarding a \$626,860 bid for the painting and improvements to water tanks at the water treatment plant and prison.



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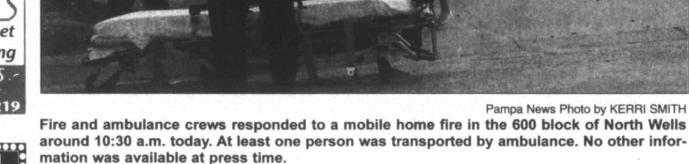
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i ne city commission will consider bids on tax delinquent properties. The properties, bidders and bids are 421 Elm, Milton and Terrie Thompson, \$125; 423 Elm, Milton and Terrie Thompson, \$125; 426 Harlem, Milton and Terrie Thompson, \$125; 1320 Browning, Jimmy Burks, \$100; Lot 2, block 2, Gordon Addition (Browning Street), Jimmy Burks, \$100; the South 120 feet of Lot 3, Block 7

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Annual Travis Veterans Day program a success

By KERRI SMITH Staff Writer

On Friday, patriotism flowed through the crowd that attended the 8th annual Travis Elementary Veterans Day Celebration at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

The parking lot and streets in the



Pampa News photo by KERRI SMITH Flags adorned the entrance to M.K. Brown Auditorium Friday.

area were filled with cars and buses. The entrance to the auditorium was brimming with American flags. Veterans from different wars were dressed in their uniforms. The number of attendees were estimated to be around 1,000.

After the procession of the student body of Travis Elementary, the flags were presented by an honor guard. The Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem began the celebration.

Kay Pittman, music teacher at Travis, infused patriotic songs along with students presenting the history and importance of Veterans Day. Singing with the students were Lynn Hancock, pastor of the Briarwood Church, and School Board Member Joe Martinez, who is a Vietnam veteran. Geoffrey Rowley played taps.

A slide presentation showing military personnel, past and present, was shown. It showed soldiers leaving their families behind, those involved

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER Bill Monroe, right, shows off his Texas 36th Infantry patch on

his Army uniform to Scott Campbell of Amarillo during Saturday's chili cookoff on Cuyler Street.





Obituaries

David Allen Kerr, 56, died Friday, November 10, 2006, in Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Memory Gardens Cemetery with Rev. Kyle Ohsfeldt, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, officiating. Services are under the direction

of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Faris Jake Hess, 85



Hess

McLEAN — Faris Jake Hess, 85, died Monday, November 13, 2006, in McLean.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 15. the United 2006, at Methodist Church in McLean with the Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest

Cemetery in McLean under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home.



David Allen Kerr, 56

Mr. Kerr was born September 26, 1950, in Amarillo, Texas. He was lifelong resident of Pampa. He was employed by Raymond Douglass Paint & Body working at National Oilwell Varco. He was a Christian. He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl Edward Kerr Sr. and Joy Smith, and a nephew, Brandon Andrew Wolfe.

Survivors include three brothers, Earl Edward Kerr Jr. and Lloyd J. Wolfe, both of Pampa, and Robert C. Wolfe of Cleburne, Texas.; and one sister, Mary Lindsey of Clio, Alabama.

Garrett Cleve Kennedy, 19

Garrett Cleve Kennedy, 19, died Sunday, November 12, 2006, in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

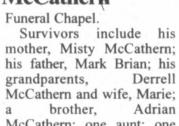
Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Kennedy was born May 30, 1987, in Muskogee, Oklahoma. He had been a resident of Pampa for the past five years, moving from New Deal. He was a gradu-

Logan Tyler McCathern

Tyler McCathern, an infant, went home to be with the angels Friday, Nov. 10, 2006.

Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Buffalo Cemetery, Sweetwater, Oklahoma, under the direction of Shannon Rose Hill



ate of Pampa High School in

2006 and attended Frank

Phillips College in Borger.

He was a drummer with the

Survivors include his par-

ents, Randy & Lela Kennedy

of the home; his paternal

grandparents, W. C. &

Jeanette Kennedy of Pampa;

and maternal grandparents,

Billy Joe & Betty Skipper of

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a McCathern; one aunt; one uncle; and one cousin.

Services tomorrow

KERR, David Allen — Graveside services 10 a.m. Memory Gardens Cemetery. McCATHERN, Logan Tyler — Graveside services at 2 p.m. in Buffalo Cemetery, Sweetwater, Okla.

Two Fort Hood soldiers killed

WASHINGTON (AP) ---Two soldiers from Fort Hood were killed in Iraq after an improvised explosive device blew up near vehicle, their the Department of Defense announced today Kennard, 22, of Starkville, at Fort Hood, Texas.

Stocks

Miss., and Staff Sgt. Gregory W.G. McCoy, 26, of Webberville, Mich., died in Baghdad on Thursday.

Both were assigned to the Army's 410th Military Police Company, 720th Military Police Battalion, 89th Military Police Brigade

Correction

A story in Sunday's newspaper on the Pampa High School choir presentation of "The Beauty and the Beast" said the production would take place at M.K. Brown Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Omitted in the story was

that the choir will also per-

form at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD Pampa Police Department

reported the following incidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Thirty-nine traffic stops

were made, resulting in at least two arrests. Motorist assistance was

rendered at an unreported location. Traffic complaints were

received from the 100 block of East Harvester and the intersection of Kentucky and Hobart streets.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 2800 block of Charles.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 900 block of East Francis, the intersection of Fisher and Twiford streets, the 1700 block of Chestnut, the 900 block of Finley, the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway, the 1200 block of North Wells, the 1300 block of Garland, the 1300 block of North Starkweather, the 300 block of Canadian, the 900 block of Barnard, on two occasions from the 1200 block of Wilcox, on three occasions from the 600 block of South Barnes, on two occasions from the 300 block of Miami, the 300 block of Anne, the 1000 block of East Fisher, the 900 block of Mary Ellen, the 1800 block of North Nelson, the 700 block of West Browning, the intersection of Clark and McCullough streets, the 2300 block of Beech, the 600 block of North Wells, the 1100 block of Terrace, the 500 block of Doucette, Highway 60 East,

the 900 block of West Crawford, the 1100 block of South Dwight, the 1000 block of Mary Ellen, and on 14 occasions from an unreported location.

A welfare check was made in the 900 block of Fisher.

Lost property was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Civil matters were reported in the 1200 block of Coffee, the 900 block of Cinderella, the 1000 block of North Dwight, and on two

and the 2500 block of Christine.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1200 block of East 25th.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1400 block of West Somerville, the 800 block of East Murphy, the 800 block of South Barnes, and the 1000 block of West Wilks, where possession of one or more but less than four grams of a controlled substance was also reported.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of Twiford, the 300 block of Jean, the 600 block of North Wynne, and the 1400 block of Duncan, where a vehicle was spray painted, resulting in an estimated \$2,000 dam-

A threat was reported in the 2100 block of North Wells.

Harassment was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Driving while intoxicated was reported from an unreported location.

Possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance, driving while license is suspended, and no insurance were reported during a traffic stop in the 200 bock of West Thut.

Consumption of alcohol by a minor was reported in connection with a medical assistance call in the 1000 block of Twiford.

Failure to identify as a fugitive was reported in the 1100 block of Darby. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of Juniper. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Assault was reported on two occasions in the police department lobby.

Three burglar alarms were reported.

Identity theft was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported in the 300 block of South Gray. A Lone Star card, driver's license, miscellaneous cards and a wallet were taken.

the 1100 block of Terry Road Department for failure to change address, no driver's license, and no insurance.

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Steven Charles Miller, 20, of Hanover, N.J., was arrested by GCSO for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.

Sunday, Nov. 12 Daniel Stover, 19, of Amarillo was arrested in the 1000 block of West Wilks by PPD for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance and theft over \$50 and under \$1,500.

Daniel Abernathy, 24, of Pampa was arrested in the 1100 block of North Starkweather by PPD on capias pro fines for making an improper turn and failure to appear.

Monday, Nov. 13

Laura Elizabeth Brooks, 19, of Pampa was arrested in the 1100 block of Darby by PPD for failure to identify as a fugitive, no seat belt/driver, no seat belt/passenger, and failure to appear.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls for the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Nov. 11 11:01 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Frederick Street and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

2:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:07 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Yeager and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:09 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Bernard and transported a patient to PRMC.

Sunday, Nov. 12

3:08 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:04 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100

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Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high near 61. Wind chill values between 27 and 35 early. Calm wind becoming south between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 41. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 68. Windy, with a west wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 35. Wind chill values between 26 and 31. Windy, with a north northwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 53. Windy, with a north northwest wind 20 to 25 mph. mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph.

Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

occasions in the police department lobby.

Agency assistance was rendered and possession of alcohol by a minor was reported in the 500 block of North Nelson.

Agency assistance was rendered at Interstate 40, the 900 block of Duncan, and on three occasions in the 200 block of North Russell.

Warrant service was attempted on three occasions, including one occasion in the 2800 block of Charles which also involved a domestic disturbance, and one occasion in the 1100 block of North Starkweather which also involved a domestic disturbance and at least one arrest.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 300 block of Anne, an unreported location, the intersection of Buckler and Somerville streets, and the 3200 block of Duncan.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 800 block of Lefors and Highway 60 East. Violation of a city ordi-

nance was reported in the 1900 block of North Christy and the 1900 block of Holly. A prowler was reported in

Theft was reported in the 1800 block of North Hobart. A bag of pecans valued at \$8.50 was taken.

police department lobby. A four-wheel trailer valued at \$400 was taken.

reported at Murphy USA, 201 W. 28th. Fuel valued at \$60.03 was taken.

Burglary was reported in the 800 block of Lefors. An air conditioner, table saw and router was taken. Estimated value of loss is \$490.

Burglary was reported in the 400 block of North Russell. An in-car stereo in a 1997 Saturn was damaged.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 800 block of East Murphy. The incident involved a 2003 Mitsubishi Galant valued at \$13,000.

Sheriff

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

Saturday, Nov. 11 James Allen Lee, 24, of Amarillo was arrested in the 100 block of West Harvester by Pampa Police

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block of North Faulkner and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:35 a.m. — A mobile Theft was reported in the ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a local nursing facility.

9:52 a.m. — A mobile A gas drive-off was ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:52 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2800 block of Charles and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:43 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th Street and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Hamilton. No transport.

Monday, Nov. 13 1:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of North Russell. No transport.

Fire

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

Saturday, Nov. 11 8:53 a.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 1400 block of South Hobart on medical standby. 9:11 p.m. - One unit and

four personnel responded to the 900 block of Bernard on

Sunday, Nov. 12 7:30 a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 100 block of North Faulkner on a medical assist.

3:59 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2800 block of Charles on a medical assist.

6:45 p.m. - One unit and the 800 block of West 25th Street on a medical assist.

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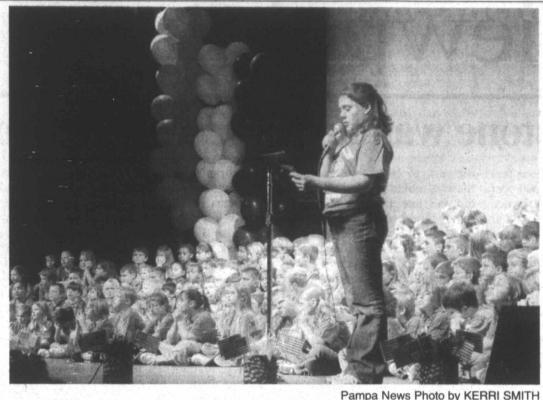
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in battle, and the faces of the families attending funerals of those who had fallen.

To wrap up the celebration, the students sang "We are Proud of Our Veterans" and "We Are Thankful for the USA" as everyone waved U.S. flags. Those attending gave the students a standing ovation.

Pittman presented the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657 with a plaque which read "For all you sacrificed to preserve our freedom, we salute you." Danny Martin, Commander of VFW Post 1657, then presented Pittman with a bouquet of red, white and blue flowers.

tion, there was a reception



The introduction of the Travis Elementary Veterans Day program is given by

Following the celebra-

in the Heritage Room for blue balloons and streamers that the students had done veterans and their families. Not only did red, white and were pictures and stories

decorate the room, there around the room.

Catholic bishop leader decries coarse society

student Danielle Kirby.

America's Roman Catholic bishops called his colleagues today to fight against a coarseness that he said was infecting the church and society at large, and to unite in promoting human dignity through faith.

In his opening address at the U.S. bishops' fall meeting, Bishop William Skylstad said "debasing personal attacks" have replaced healthy public debate, and that popular culture and the news media have degraded human dignity with violence and vulgar depictions of sex.

"There is a mocking reduction of sexuality, debasing it from God's beautiful gift of creation to little more than casual chemistry and inconsequential recreation," said Skylstad, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "Sometimes it seems that people are no longer seen as children of God but as little more than a disposable commodity.'

Skylstad, of Spokane, Wash., said he has also detected a cruelty in discussions within the church, among people

BALTIMORE (AP) — The leader of who "presume the worst of intentions or motivations of others."

"The point seems to be not to seek the truth or to build up the Body of Christ, but to strive for a sort of victory by overcoming others, preferably by crushing those who disagree," he said. "Our unity cannot simply devolve into an endless debate that would keep us from articulating our faith in a definitive way."

Skylstad made the comments ahead of discussions over the next two days that are meant to emphasize core church teachings, especially for often uninvolved Catholics.

The bishops will also consider new guidelines on ministry to gay parishioners, explaining the theological underpinnings of the Catholic mandate that marriage must be limited to one man and one woman.

The attention to core teachings comes as the 64 million-member American church faces a shortage of priests, low rates of Mass attendance and a massive influx of Hispanic immigrants.

Diocesan budgets also are stretched thin. Bishops nationwide have been closing older parishes that are too expensive to maintain, while trying to cover rising costs for operating their schools. And several dioceses are still negotiating settlements in the millions of dollars over claims of clergy sex abuse. The cases of three of the four dioceses that have sought bankruptcy protection from molestation claims remain unresolved. Skylstad, whose own diocese has

sought bankruptcy protection, only mentioned the crisis briefly, saying the abuse crisis made church leaders even more aware of how children often are hurt most by adults who fail to promote human dignity.

To adjust to the financial pressures on the church, the bishops this week will consider restructuring the conference's Washington headquarters. Under the proposal, American dioceses would send less money to the conference, which would in turn cut jobs and committees.

Pacific Northwest hit by early season snowstorm with 100 mph wind gusts

SEATTLE (AP) -Snowfall from an early season storm forced road closures and knocked out power to thousands of people in the Pacific Northwest, days after warm-weather rainstorms caused major flooding in the region.

The latest storm, which hit the coast Sunday and moved inland, left a foot of snow in parts of the Cascades and buffeted much of the region with high winds. Authorities closed two mountain passes east of Mount Rainier until spring because of the threat of avalanches, the earliest such closure for one of the passes in 12 years.

"Once it gets to a point where it's too dangerous for our own maintenance crews to clear the roadway, we go ahead and close it," said Mike Westbay, a Washington Transportation Department

spokesman.

Along the Oregon coast, gusts topping 100 mph helped knock out power to at least 65,000 customers late Sunday and early Monday, though most had it been restored by midmorning.

One road to the coast was blocked by more than 100 trees felled by the winds and rain-saturated soil, the Oregon Department of Transportation said.

Organizers canceled the annual Head of the Lake Regatta on Sunday after winds churned up 5-foot swells in the starting area, said Ben Porter, director of the Seattle-area race.

Flooding from last week's rainstorms killed at least three people, smashed rainfall records and damaged hundreds of homes, authorities said.



Reviews mixed on Vioxx replacement

CHICAGO (AP) — The first published studies of Arcoxia, the drug that Merck & Co. hopes will take the place of its withdrawn painkiller Vioxx, are getting mixed reviews from doctors, some of whom say the results do not make a case the medication's for approval.

Arcoxia's side effects but also that Merck tested it against diclofenac, an older painkiller known to raise heart risks. A fairer comparison would have been to a medicine that does not do as Aleve, they say.

that, such as naproxen, sold

"The development pro-

gram for Arcoxia is fatally flawed," said Dr. Steven Nissen, a Cleveland Clinic cardiologist who formerly headed the Food and Drug Administration's cardiac drug advisory panel. "My advice to the FDA is that they should not approve this drug.'

Dr. David Graham, an The critics cite not just FDA drug safety expert who has criticized his agency's handling of Vioxx, agreed.

"It's my own suspicion that this study was intentionally designed to minimize the possibility of their having a repeat of what happened with VIGOR," the study that revealed Vioxx's heart risks, he said.

city's new emergency generator and communications tower.

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Addition Wilcox (Frederic Street), R. B. Rogers, \$104; 907 Brunow, Steven Longron, \$100; 911 Brunow, Steven Longron, \$100; 301-305 S. Ballard, Lonnie Vaughn, \$500; 309 S. Ballard, Lonnie Vaughn, \$500; 311 S. Ballard, Lonnie Vaughn, \$500, and 315 S. Ballard, Lonnie Vaughn, \$500.

The commission will also hear a report on the

A planning session will follow the commission meeting. No action will be taken, but the commission will discuss water wells, a landfill sewer line, demolition of buildings, a reorganization, salaries and benefits, infrastructure and suggestions for future plan-

ning. Pampa City The Commission will meet in regular session at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the commission chambers in City Hall.

years on the murder charge Sentence

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than capital murder shortly after 10 a.m. today. Switzer said she had not asked for the death sentence. The alternative in a capital case is life without parole. She said she could accept the sentence of 30

70-year-old for the Ridenour. The district attorney said

she had talked with Fritz' family about it and felt it provided closure for the family.

"I'm just glad for the family that this case is resolved," Switzer said.

She said that going to trial in such a case is hard on the family.

The new research "raises red flags," Graham said, and gave his personal opinion that the drug should not be approved. "There's every reason to think it suffers from the same problems" as Vioxx, he said.

Merck stock rose 47 cents to \$43.59 in morning trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

arthritis drug when Merck pulled it from the market in September 2004 over safety

concerns. Like Arcoxia, it is a cox-2 inhibitor, a class of drugs originally developed to be gentler on the stomach and hopefully easier to take long-term than traditional pain relievers.

Arcoxia already is widely used in other countries, and Merck has been seeking approval to sell it in the United States. In August, the Vioxx was a blockbuster company said preliminary data from unpublished studies showed that Arcoxia did not increase heart risks.

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Viewpoints

Mysterious stacked-stone wall in Lee County a conundrum

Someone went to a lot of trouble to build the old stacked-stone wall hidden in a thick stand of yaupon and other brush on a Lee County ranch. That much is obvious.

But who built the wall, when they built the wall and why they built the wall are mysteries no one has yet been able to answer.

Douglas Boriack, owner of a heavy equipment business in Giddings, bought a hundred or so acres near the small community of Fedor about 23 miles west of Giddings in the mid-1980s. Some time not long after that, while using a bulldozer to tear down brush on his newly acquired rural property, Boriack spotted a lichen-covered wall made of heavy, iron-rich stones common in the area.

At first he intended to keep on bulldozing and take it all down. But then he decided to take a better look. He got off his yellow iron workhorse and started looking around.

The wall stood at least four feet high and extended about 200 feet on the flank of a round prominence overlooking a spring-fed creek. It consisted of about five layers of rock, one rock wide, carefully arranged so that it would stay put. And clearly it has. Concealed by brush and hackberry trees, the wall obviously has been there a very long time.

The German-settled Hill Country has plenty of limestone or sandstone fences, but this structure is more wall than fence. And stone fences are not found in Lee County.

"It's well-built," says former Highway Patrol Trooper Jimmie Luecke, a friend of Boriack's who left the DPS in 1980 to work heavy equipment during the Giddings oil boom. Now he ranches. "No amateur built this, but nobody in Lee County knows who did."

In an effort to learn more about the rock wall, Luecke asked another friend, Giddings attorney Randy

Stewart, to look into the matter. Stewart could find nothing. Nor did the late Louis Knox, whose father John had been Lee County's surveyor for years, recall having heard his father — who knew every square foot of the county --ever mention such a structure.



Boriack knows of nothing else on his property indicative of early settlement - no old ruins, no old graves, no old trail. A school for blacks from the days of segregation once stood near the entrance to his property, but the stone wall is not near enough to that spot to have had any connection.

Sure, he's found a couple of pre-

historic projectile points on his place, but the mostly nomadic Indians of Texas are not known to have left infrastructure.

The first Europeans to settle Texas, the Spanish, blazed a major thoroughfare (at least by 18th century standards) from Louisiana to San Antonio called the El Camino Real. The trail cut through what is now Lee County roughly along the route of present State Highway 21. According to Boriack, the mystery wall is about 10 miles from the intersection of SH 21 and U.S. 290.

The wall could be a previously unknown artifact of transhumance, a Spanish agricultural process of using a plot of land along a creek or river for both crops and livestock. They would build a wall parallel with the water to keep livestock from small farming plots along the stream. After the growing season, the animals would be allowed inside the enclosure to graze off the remnants of the crop.

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If that had been the case at this site, wood must have been used to close off each end of the / /-shaped area between the wall and the creek.

But the nearest known Spanish settlements were the San Xavier missions in what is now Milam County along the San Gabriel River.

American mustangers, characters like Phillip Nolan, slipped into Spanish Texas from Louisiana in the early 1800s and made a tidy profit capturing and selling wild horses. They kept their horses in corrals, but the stone structure on Boriack's property is linear with no right angles.

One thing for sure is that the wall predates the availability of barbed wire, which began crisscrossing Texas in the 1880s. Digging post holes would have seemed like play compared with stacking the heavy rocks someone used to build Lee County's mystery wall.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Nov. 13, the 317th day of 2006. There are 48 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Nov. 13, 1956, the Supreme Court struck down laws calling for racial segregation on public city and state buses, almost a year after Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Ala., bus to a white man, sparking a boycott by blacks.

On this date:

In 1775, during the American Revolution, U.S. forces captured Montreal.

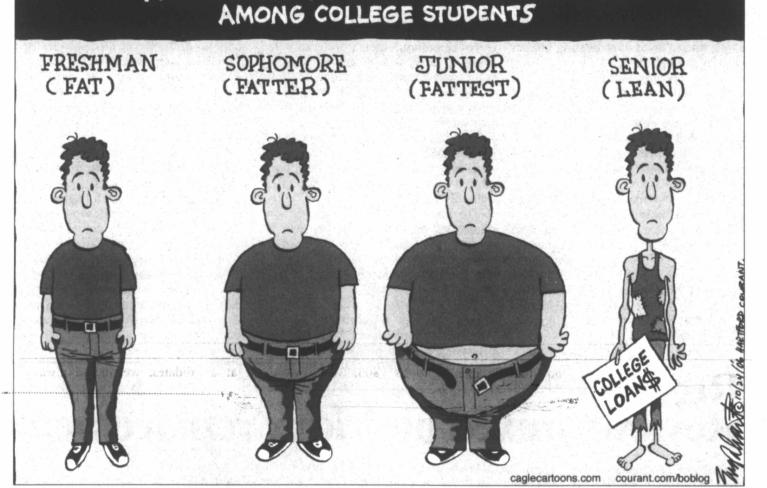
'If we like a man's dream, we call him a reformer; if we don't like his dream, we call him a crank."

> - William Dean Howells

In 1789, Benjamin Franklin wrote in a letter to a friend, "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.' In 1856, Supreme

Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis was born in Louisville, Ky.

In 1927, the Iolland Tunnel Holland opened to the public, providing access



American author (1837-1920)

between New York City and New Jersey beneath the Hudson River.

In 1942, the mini-



In 1971, the U.S. space probe Mariner 9 went into orbit around Mars.

In 1974, Karen Silkwood, a technician and union activist at the Kerr-McGee Cimarron plutonium plant near Crescent. Okla., died in a car crash while on her way to meet a reporter.

In 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in Washington.

In 1985, some 23,000 residents of Armero, Colombia, died when a gigantic mudslide buried the city.

In 1986, President Reagan publicly acknowledged that the U.S. had sent "defensive weapons and spare parts" to Iran in an attempt to improve relations, but denied the shipments were part of a deal aimed at freeing hostages in Lebanon.

Ten years ago: A grand jury in St. Petersburg, Fla., declined to indict police officer Jim Knight, who had fatally shot black motorist TyRon Lewis; the decision prompted angry mobs to return to the streets. A jury in Pittsburgh acquitted a suburban police officer, John Vojtas, in the death of black motorist Jonny Gammage.



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Dwight Eisenhower was the last president we've had who came anywhere close to the wisdom of George Washington. He steadfastly pursued what he believed was America's interests and only America's interests. When the Israelis invaded

the Suez in 1956 in cahoots with the British and French who then seized the Suez Canal, which had been nationalized – Eisenhower ordered them all out, threatening them with sanctions and economic penalties if they didn't leave. They all left, including the Israelis, and that was the very last time any American president had the backbone to defy Israel and its lobby.

Almost simultaneously, he refused to come to the aid of the Hungarian Revolution of 1956, which had overthrown the communist government and was begging for help.

Texas Thoughts.

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Nov. 5

Houston Chronicle on the genocide in Darfur:

As the world wrings its hands over the genocide in Darfur, individuals can take steps to stop it.

The situation on the ground in Darfur, Sudan, has for years produced unremitting genocide accompanied by starvation, disease and a massive refugee crisis. It's hard to imagine such a catastrophe could become more disturbing. Then came reports of the fabulous wealth and lavish lifestyles of the dying Darfur people's countrymen just a few hundred miles away in the

in favor of the Hungarians. I was in London at the time, and my own emotions were at a fever pitch. At the time, I was bitterly disappointed that Eisenhower did nothing. The Soviets

sent fresh tanks and Charley troops, and Reese the revoluwas Columnist crushed in a bloody and brutal man-

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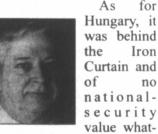
ner. So what was the explanafor Eisenhower's tion actions in one instance and his refusal to act in the second? Simple. Eisenhower did not believe it was in America's interest to alienate the Arab world with its oil resources. He also saw clearly that the British and French empires were finished. Why sacrifice

Emotions were running high America's national interests just so the British and French could have a last gasp at hanging on to dying empires and the Israelis could grab land they weren't entitled to?

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soever to the U.S. It was not worth risking a war with a nuclear-armed Soviet Union. Like Washington, Eisenhower was a realist. He refused to be swayed by emotions.

In 1952, Harry Truman complained that Eisenhower deleted a paragraph criticizing Sen. Joe McCarthy from a campaign speech. He did, but Eisenhower was always

Sudanese capital of Khartoum.

As reported recently in The New York Times, rich Sudanese in Khartoum contemplate buying \$165,000 BMWs, wear the latest fashions and shop in markets crammed with imported foods. Meanwhile, their fellow citizens in the Darfur region are systematically killed or driven from their burning villages by Janjaweed militias backed by government troops and ordnance.

Despite sanctions the United States has imposed on Sudan in an attempt to abate the crisis in Darfur, wealth from increased Sudanese oil production is pouring in, giving the country one of the most robust economies in Africa. Although American and European firms observe the business embargo, a

more interested in substance than in words and appearance. He later cut the ground out from under McCarthy by inventing and asserting executive privilege.

the In meantime, Eisenhower built the Interstate Highway System and the strategic triad that kept us safe during the Cold War. The Strategic Air Command, the land-based missiles and the nuclear submarines all originated in the Eisenhower administration.

The old general was content to let the press portray him as a bumbling old grandfather type when, in fact, he was one of the sharpest intellects ever to occupy the White House. He also, historians later discovered, ran his administration with an iron hand, though he did it in the background, away from public attention.

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host of other states, including China, Malaysia, the United Arab Emirates and India, ignore it.

Sudan's president, Omar Hassan al-Bashir, has been intractable on the Darfur issue. He refuses to allow U.N. peacekeepers into the region even though the contingent of African Union peacekeeping troops there is incapable of quelling the violence. As onerous, Bashir's government has made it difficult for humanitarian workers to provide much-needed food and medicine to more than 1 million Sudanese in refugee camps.

The situation is frustrating for Americans who consider it reprehensible that a genocide in Darfur would be

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Pampa News photo by REDONN WOODS A construction crew clears off the location for the new CVS Pharmacy last week at the intersection of Hobart and Kentucky.

Darfur

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allowed to continue with the whole world watching. But if sending in U.S. military troops is not an option, Bashir is blocking attempts to post U.N. peacekeeping troops and economic sanctions aren't working, what can be done?

According to Mark Hanis, executive director of Genocide Intervention Network, individual Americans have the power to boost the impact of economic sanctions against Sudan more power than they might realize. He offers the example of activists at Harvard. In 2005, students waged a campaign that led the university to sell an estimated \$4.4 million worth of stock it owned in PetroChina, whose parent company plays a key role in the Sudanese oil industry.

Hanis points out that public pressure in the 1980s and '90s led many public and private entities to divest themselves of holdings in companies that did business in apartheid South Africa.

Those efforts eventually toppled South Africa's racist regime. The same persuasion can be applied on behalf of the suffering people of Darfur if Americans demand that their pension plans, universities, states and municipalities rid themselves of investments in companies that do business with the Sudanese government.

What's more, Americans should make it plain, in repeated letters and calls to their representatives in Washington, that the unabated violence against the people of Darfur is unacceptable and must be stopped.

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whatsoever. By acting like a man's background and see ask ourselves if these people suck-up to the Israelis, he's nothing of substance, we have spent their lives alienated not only the Arab should expect nothing of preparing for great responsiworld but the entire Muslim substance. Eisenhower bility or spent their lives world. People should not forget that Jerusalem contains the third-holiest site to all Muslims, not just to Arabs. With his stupid sniping at Russia, he's almost restarted the Cold War. We should learn our les-

no strategic interest to us son. When we look at a didates, we should always

campaigning and holding office. Officeholders are good for nothing but raising money, smiling and shaking hands. Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando,



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With Eisenhower, it was always substance, not show, that mattered. Compared Eisenhower, George Bush is

a mental and moral midget. He has gotten us into two wars in countries that are of

spent his whole life working hard and accepting whatever responsibilities were put upon him. Bush spent his whole life being the son of a rich man and a mediocre politician.

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Events calendar

 Pampa Meals on Wheels will host "Music and a Meal" from 11:30 every a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday during the month of November. Various groups will be featured at 12 p.m. The Almost Live Band will perform Tuesday and 21; and Eighth Grade Girls Chorale Group, Nov. 28. To find out more, contact Meals on Wheels at 669-

be \$5. 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 attend. to 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.

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The Texas Department of State Health Services will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several diseases childhood including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The

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TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following 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. Thursday. The event will include coffee tasting, the film "Louise Nevelson in Process," a performance Opera Amarillo bv Resident Artist Kristina Driskill, and a children and adult art activity. To find out more, call (806) 371-5050.

Student The Government

at College-Clarendon Pampa Center will conduct a coat and canned food drive at CCPC now until Friday. Gently used or new coats are sought as well as non-damaged canned foods. Donations will be accepted between 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in the main office at CCPC, 1601 W. Kentucky. The coats and canned goods will be given to The Salvation Army and Tralee Crisis Center for needy families during the holidays.

· The Ochiltree Expo Center in Perryton will be the site of a "Satellite Arts and Crafts Festival" from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The event is being sponsored by the Satellite Advisory Board. 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. Saturday and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday in the Regency Room of Amarillo Civic Center.

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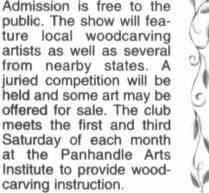
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public. The show will feature local woodcarving artists as well as several from nearby states. A juried competition will be held and some art may be offered for sale. The club meets the first and third Saturday of each month at the Panhandle Arts Institute to provide woodcarving instruction.



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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: About six months ago, my husband and I asked my 19-year-old cousin, "Danny," to live with us. He had hit a rough spot in his life, and had been doing drugs, drinking and feeling suicidal. Since living with us, Danny no longer has these feelings and is no longer drinking or doing drugs. We are trying to help him find his direction in life. Recently, my grandmother, who adopted Danny when he was 10 after his mother died, went to my mother's house where my husband and I were visiting for the weekend, and began yelling at us. First she accused us of not loving Danny and claimed we are trying to ruin his life. Then it escalated, and she was screaming at us because we didn't ask her permission before inviting Danny to come live with us. (He was already out of her house and living with my uncle at the time.) She also claimed Danny was "better off doing drugs and drinking" and being "home" than he is with us because she wasn't "mean" to him like we are! Feelings were hurt and a lot of tears were shed. When we told Danny what happened, he was confused and asked: "Where did all this come from? You aren't bad people. I'm much happier here than anywhere else." Abby, where do you think all my grandmother's hostility and anger came from? It's the first time I've ever had a confrontation with her. - CONFUSED IN WIS-CONSIN

DEAR CONFUSED: Assuming that your grandmother is in her right mind and not a substance abuser herself, I can only conclude that her motive was jealousy. Your achievement turns a spotlight on her failure.

DEAR ABBY: There's a boy in my class I have known since I was 2. He's a great athlete, but is a tad bit full of himself. He is always playing mean pranks on me and hit

ting me up for money, and if I don't give him money he hits me. I ask him to stop, but he still does it. Abby, what do you think I should do? -- 11 AND FRUSTRATED

DEAR 11 AND FRUSTRATED: You may have known this boy since he was 2, but the person you have described is a bully and an extortionist. Please inform a teacher or the school principal about the fact that he's hitting you when you don't give him money. And also ask your parent(s) to find you a course in self-defense. It will make you less likely to be picked on in the future.

DEAR ABBY: I am a newly single young woman just coming out of a marriage. I was recently dining alone in a local restaurant when I was sent a drink from a patron at the bar. This had never happened to me before. Although I was flattered, I wasn't quite sure how to handle the situation. I wasn't interested in the gentleman sending the drink, and thus felt bad about accepting his kind gesture. What is the proper thing to do and say in this situation? - NEWLY SINGLE IN THE SOUTH

DEAR NEWLY SINGLE: Here's how the drill usually goes: Unless the man is a mind reader, he will send a server over to offer you a drink of your choice. When the server asks, all you have to do is smile and reply, "Please tell the gentleman thank you for his generous offer, but no thank you." This eliminates the introduction and obligatory conversation that would normally follow should you accept the beverage. In your case, however, the deed was already done. I would have smiled at the gentleman, taken a token sip of the drink and then asked for my check.

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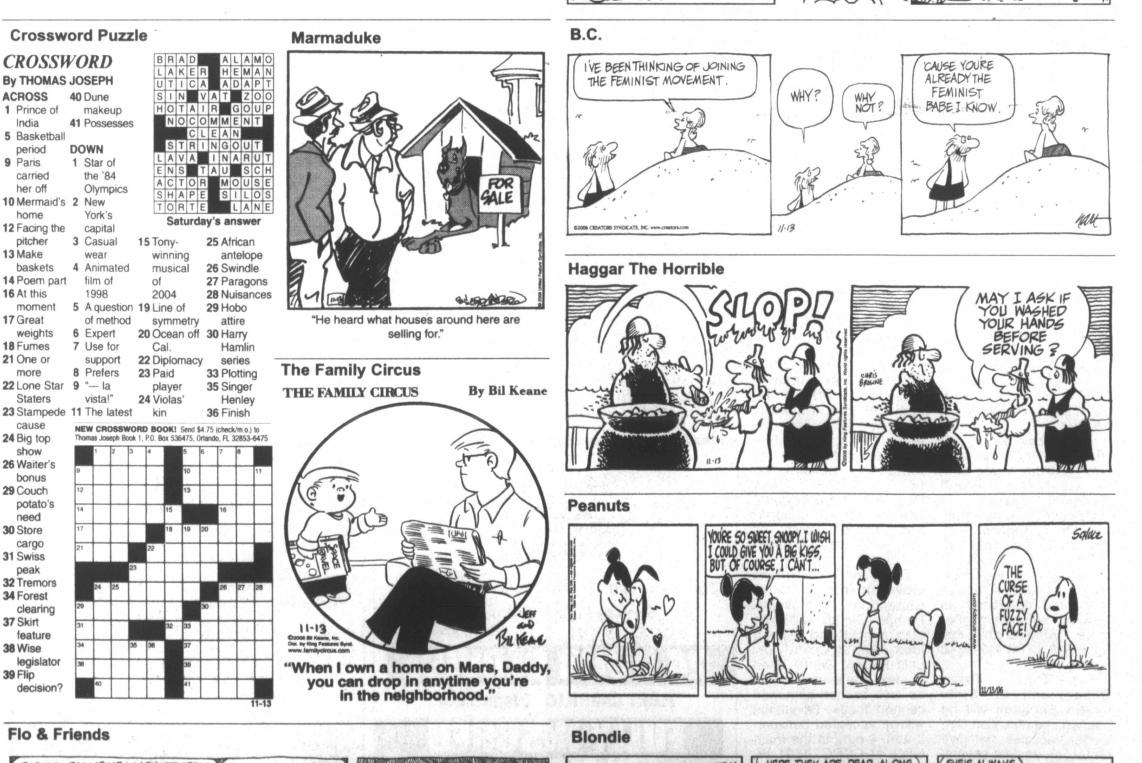
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Sports Day



Pampa area Special Olympians smile as they proudly display the medals won at the recent Pampa Golf Tournament.

Area Special Olympians harvest precious medals

Nineteen Pampa area Special Olympians particiapted in the recent Pampa Golf and the Lubbock Golf Tournaments Athletes were honored for their skills including 9-hole

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alternate and 18-hole individual. Other skill catagories included Short Putt, Long Putt, Chip, Pitch, Iron and Wood. Each athlete was given five shots and could score from one to four points on each.

Among the Pampa tournament 9-Hole Alternate competitors were Chaney Jones and Cody Dyer. Jones competed in the 18-Hole Individual Skills events in Lubbock while Dyer did so in Individual Skills.

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Chris Bradley	Gold	Silver
Amanda Childress	Gold	Bronze
Cody Dyer	Silver	Silver
Janis Danko	Gold	
Hector Estrada	Gold	Silver
Bobby Garcia	Gold	Gold
Denise James	Silver	Silver
Ronnie Jenkins	Silver	Gold
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record since beginning his tenure in Canyon during the spring of 2005. Last season, in their first postseason action of any kind since the 1967 Junior Rose Bowl, the Buffs fell to Pittsburg State by a score of 41-3 at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium.

The winner of Saturday's WTAMU-ACU contest will the face Southwest Regional's No. 2 Seed, Chadron State, on Nov. 25 at Elliott Field in Chadron, Neb. The Eagles are the champions of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and earned a first round bye after finishing the regular season with a perfect 11-0 record.

Another Lone Star Conference squad joins WTAMU and ACU in the playoff mix as the Midwestern State Mustangs claimed the region's No. 4 seed and will open up the postseason with a home contest against Missouri Western State.

Ticket Info

Tickets for the WTAMU-ACU football game will be \$15 for reserved seating

Stadium will be the site of a Courtesy photo

NCAA-II football playoff game as Sunday the NCAA announced the pairing for the 2006 NCAA Football Championships and the West Texas A&M Buffaloes

Stadium.

claimed the third seed in the Southwest Region of the NCAA Division II Playoff Bracket. The No. 10 Buffs will be paired up against LSC foe Abilene Christian in a noon contest on Saturday, Nov. 18, at Kimbrough Memorial

The Buffs will be look-

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revenge during the game

against the Wildcats. The

contest will be a rematch of Oct. 19th's nationally tele-

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A&M (10-1, 8-1 LSC), however, rebounded from the setback, its only loss of the season, to capture the final three games of the regular season and claim its second consecutive outright Lone Star Conference Championship. Abilene Christian also enjoyed an outstanding start to the season, opening the 2006 campaign 7-0, but dropped two of its last three regular season contests to end the regular season 8-2 on the year. WTAMU, the For NCAA-II playoff appear-ance is only its second in school history with both postseason berths coming in consecutive years under head coach Don Carthel, who has complied a 20-3

While this experience is over, my journey shall continue

A journey should be measured by the thrill it presents, not how long it took to complete. A journey is little more than a collection of experiences for which there is no set number.

When given the chance to fill the role of Sports Editor for The Pampa News nearly three years ago, I considered it a unique opportunity as well as another life experience that would add to my journey.

Let's be honest, then Pampa News Editor Dee Dee Laramore took a gamble. A former radio guy who thinks he can write?

I remember attending a Lions Club luncheon not long after starting where I was asked, "How long do you plan on being Sports Editor?" I said I had no idea. How can you know? That is such a hard question to answer.

I knew a man once who told me he took a car salesman's job to help cover the cost of college. He intended it to last a summer or two, but no more. He retired from the dealership. Though I intended this experience

to last much longer, my time as Sports Editor for The Pampa News has come to an end as I have decided to take a position with the Amarillo Civic Center. My final day behind my desk inside my little cubicle will be Friday.

I begin my new experience Nov. 20. Though I have tried to provide the coverage I believe all our athletes and our community deserve, I know I have failed in many areas. I have left many

things undone. Others I have simply missed.

I wish I would have spent more time researching Pampa's wonderfully rich minor league baseball history so badly eroded. It is a book waiting to happen. It is an archive crying out to be created. Deck Woldt, you have no idea how much I enjoyed our conversations.



I should have produced a piece commemorating Coach Czubinski and the Lefors Pirates' remarkable return to the football postseason. I mean, 1974 it has been awhile. Go Pirates!

I should have played a round of golf with my friend Buddy Epperson. I am so sorry, Buddy.

I should have shaken the hand of every Pampa area athlete at any event I attended.

I should have attended more sporting events in which Pampa area athletes were competing. I wish I would have attended all the

meetings, ceremonies and events I have been invited to.

I probably should have been more experiences of my life. honest at times, less in others.

I should have made a better effort to join the morning round table at Sister's Spudnuts

I should have learned the names of everyone who works at Coney Island.

I should have bought more Pampa Harvester shirts so that I would never have an excuse not to have one on when covering a game. I should have bought a darn jacket!

I am most grateful for the memories. It is possible to collect them in such a short period of time.

list gets longer the more I write.

In every position I have held throughout my working career, I have tried to leave each one better than it was when I arrived, while raising the benchmark for the person who will come after I leave.

I hope I have been able to keep that trend alive.

football game Friday night, "If they find some idiot to replace you, I'm going to be a little upset." I replied, Dale, they found an idiot to replace the last Sports Editor, didn't they?"

Thank you all for one of the greatest

I regret the memories I will leave uncollected. I regret the amazing moments I will not se I wish we had more time together, you and I. I wish...I should have ... I regret ... The

Dale West said to me during the



AVONDALE, Ariz. (AP) - Jimmie Johnson moved one step closer to his first NASCAR championship on Sunday, leaving Phoenix International Speedway with a firm hold of the points standings.

Harvick just hard enough over a final three-lap sprint to the finish to maintain his track position and keep the Nextel Cup title within his reach.

He heads into next week's season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway with a 63-point lead over Matt Kenseth, needing to finish 12th or better to clinch the title.

On Saturday, Kenseth spoiled Harvick's bid to break Sam Ard's record of Busch Series wins in a season.

MEXICO CITY (AP) - Frenchman Sebastien Bourdais capped his third straight Champ Car season championship with a victory in the season finale.

Bourdais edged Justin Wilson by 3.528 seconds after championship.

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passing the British driver in the final lap of the Mexico City Grand Prix.

POMONA, Calif. (AP) - Tony Schumacher completed the biggest comeback in NHRA history Sunday, winning Johnson settled for second place, racing winner Kevin his third straight Top Fuel season title with a world record final-round run in the season finale.

> Entering the final round in the Auto Club NHRA Finals needing to win the race with a performance quicker than 4.437 seconds, Schumacher delivered with a stunning 4.428 at 327.98 mph to edge Doug Kalitta by 14 points.

> In Funny Car, John Force won his 122nd race just two rounds after clinching his 14th title. Greg Anderson bettered new champ Jason Line by three-hundredths of a second in Pro Stock, while Craig Treble got his first Pro Stock Motorcycle win in more than two years on a day that featured Andrew Hines winning his third straight motorcycle

\$10 for adult general admission and \$3 for children, students and senior citizens and will go on sale at the WTAMU ticket office on today. WTAMU season ticket holders who wish to retain their seats from this year for the Nov. 18th game need to contact the WTAMU ticket office at (806) 651-4424 prior to 5 p.m. on Wednesday or the seats will released to the general public.

Lady Buffs advance to Pensacola, Elite 8

CANYON - The West including two service aces, Texas A&M Lady Buff volleyball team is Pensacola, Florida-bound after defeating Mesa State in a fivegame thriller in front of a record crowd of 1,737 at the WTAMU Fieldhouse, better known as "The Box." WTAMU pulled out the NCAA-II Southwest Regional final by the scores of 27-30, 30-26, 30-19, 22-30 and 15-7 over the pesky Mavericks.

WTAMU (33-3) extended their winning streak to 28 matches, just one off the longest clip in school history set in 2002 when the team ran off 29 straight victories.

The Lady Buffs will face Lock Haven, the winners of the Northeast region, with a season record of 32-5.

The Lady Buffs started out tight in the match's opening game, falling, 30-27. The Lone Star Conference champs hit a mere .135 while committing 10 attack errors. WTAMU fired back in game two, led by freshman Natalie Johnson and senior Jessica Scherr, each nailing six kills.

Senior Rachel Altman followed with four kills,

WTAMU faced the makeor-break period for only the second time this year. The Lady Buffs started

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the game on a 7-0 tear, highlighted by three straight blocks on the first three points.

WTAMU amassed five total blocks in the game, led by four block assists by sophomore Kelly Culley.

Culley finished the night with 10 block assists, along with one solo.

Johnson and Scherr led the squad with 19 kills each, while senior setter Libby Garza totaled 60 assists.

For her efforts, senior setter Libby Garza, who tossed up a season-high 60 assists in Saturday's win, joined Altman and Johnson on the Southwest Regional All-Tournament team.

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AP Top 25 Poll

(AP) - The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 11, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

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		Record	Pts	Pvs	
	1. Ohio St. (64)	11-0	1,624	1	
	2. Michigan (1)	11-0	1,561	2	
	3. Florida	9-1	1,436	6	
	4. Southern Cal	8-1	1,433	7	
	5. Arkansas	9-1	1,331	11	
	6. Notre Dame	9-1	1,302	9	
	7. Rutgers	9-0	1,212		
	8. West Virginia	8-1	1,075	10	
	9. LSU	8-2	1,074	12	
	10. Louisville	8-1	1,028	3	
	11. Texas	9-2	965	4	
	12. Wisconsin	10-1	930	16	
	13. Boise St.	10-0	805	14	
	14. Wake Forest	9-1	777	18	
	15. Auburn	9-2	751	5	
	16. Oklahoma	8-2	746	17	
	17. California	8-2	595	8	
	18. Georgia Tech	8-2	563	19	
	19. Virginia Tech	8-2	413	20	
	20. Boston College	8-2	350	22	
	21. Maryland	8-2	309	23	
	22. Tennessee	7-3	276	13	
	23. BYU	8-2	216	25	
	24. Nebraska	8-3	197	-	
	25. Clemson	8-3	57		
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Others receiving votes: Hawaii 39, Oregon 36, Kansas St. 8, TCU 7, Texas A&M 6, Georgia 3.

Cowboys pound Cardinals; Texans rule Jaguars

Cowboys 27, Cardinals 10

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) - The Dallas Cowboys took care of the worst. Now they face the best.

Tony Romo threw for 308 yards and three touchdowns in a 27-10 victory over the awful Arizona Cardinals. He'll make his home debut as the Cowboys' starter next Sunday - against Peyton Manning and the unbeaten Indianapolis Colts.

"It will be fun this week," Romo said. "That's why you play the game."

He certainly had fun Sunday, completing 20 of 29 passes against Arizona, including touchdown passes of 30 yards to Patrick Crayton and 51 to Terrell Owens. The young Dallas quarterback threw no interceptions and was not sacked.

Cowboys coach Bill Parcells was restrained in his assessment, though.

"I thought Tony was OK," Parcells said. "He had a little of that impulsiveness I worry about, but he got away with it. He hurried a couple of throws. Overall, though, I thought he did pretty well, particularly in the second half."

Owens was a bit more complimenta-

ry. "I wasn't surprised at all," he said. "When I didn't play in the preseason, I got to see what this kid is all about."

The Cowboys (5-4) showed no signs of a hangover from their heartbreaking loss to Washington the previous week and turned two interceptions by Matt Leinart into second-half touchdowns, sending the Cardinals (1-8) to their eighth straight loss.

Texans 13, Jaguars 10

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) - The Jacksonville Jaguars had costly turnovers, a public disagreement and a benching - pretty much a routine game against Houston.

It had a familiar outcome for the Texans, too.

David Carr threw for 167 yards, ran for 48 more and led Houston to its fourth win in the last six games against the Jaguars, 13-10 on Sunday.

The Texans (3-6) upset their AFC South rival for the second time in four weeks and snapped a 12-game road losing streak, winning away from home for the first time since December 2004.

"To win this game here is huge," guard Chester Pitts said. "It's bigger than a monkey off our back. No, it's a cow. It's a longhorn."

Houston's last road victory also came at Jacksonville, a 21-0 shocker that essentially knocked the Jaguars out of playoff contention. This one was

considerably closer but equally surprising.

Fred Taylor guaranteed a victory following Jacksonville's debacle in Houston three weeks ago, vowing that the rematch would be vastly different. He couldn't have been more wrong.

In fact, the games were eerily similar. In Houston on Oct. 22, the Jaguars 3 Per

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had two late fumbles that sealed a 27-7 victory for the Texans. Coach Jack Del Rio argued with Byron Leftwich after the quarterback convinced coaches he was ready to go despite an ankle injury, then played poorly. And safety Deon Grant was benched after giving a halftime speech.

In Jacksonville on Sunday, David Garrard threw four interceptions. **Receivers Reggie Williams and Ernest** Wilford got into a sideline shoving match in the closing minutes. And left tackle Khalif Barnes was benched for the game following his arrest on drunken-driving charges.

"It's just hard to figure out," Taylor said.

It's not so hard for the Texans to explain.

We play well against these guys all the time," Carr said. "We just wanted to show that the first time we beat them wasn't a fluke.'

Monday's Golf Notes | Rockets, Mavs net weekend wins

HSBC Champions

SHANGHAI, China (AP) -Tiger Woods' streak is over.

Woods failed to win a 72-hole tournament for the first time since July 9, finishing two shots behind South Korea's Yang Yong-eun in the HSBC Champions on Sunday.

Yang, a regular on the Japanese tour who has played infrequently outside Asia, closed with a 3-under 69 for a 14-under 274 and a two stroke victory over Woods at the HSBC Champions. Woods finished with a 67.

The loss ended his streak of stroke-play victories, dating to his runner-up finish to Trevor Immelman on July 9 in the Western Open.

The only streak that remains for Woods is his six straight victories on the PGA Tour. The HSBC Champions is sanctioned by the European, Asian, Australasian, South African, and was the first official tournament of the 2007 European tour season. Woods' overall winning streak ended at the HSBC World Match Play Championship at Wentworth in September when he was eliminated in the first round.

ished with a 70. **Merrill Lynch Shootout**

NAPLES, Fla. (AP) - Jerry Kelly and Rod Pamling won the Merrill Lynch Shootout, beating Justin Leonard and Scott Verplank with a bogey on the first hole of a playoff in the Greg Norman-hosted event.

Pampling, who got a spot in the event when Peter Jacobsen dropped out after having a hip replaced, and Kelly split \$675,000 from the \$2.75 million purse.

Both teams closed with 13under 59s in the scramble format to finish at 31-under 185 on the Tiburon Golf Club course. The 12 two-players teams opened with a modified alternate shot round Friday and played a best-ball round Saturday. The modified alternate shot format was used in the playoff.

Norman, teaming with Nick

Rockets 94, Heat 72

MIAMI (AP) - Shaquille O'Neal was dominated, but he wasn't impressed.

Yao Ming won his matchup with O'Neal, finishing with 34 points and 14 rebounds Sunday night to lead the Houston Rockets to their fourth straight victory, 94-72 over the Miami Heat.

"He's pretty much the same, just big, 7-6," O'Neal said. "He's just doing what he's supposed to do."

Yao scored 20 points in the second half, when Houston outscored Miami by 25 points.

"My only chance against Shaq is to keep him on the run," Yao said. "Shaq is much stronger and bigger than me. My only chance on beating him is to keep running and running against him.

"Every time I score on him I was happy like a kid, like a kid getting candy on Halloween because it's really too hard to score on him, too hard. He's just great."

Dwyane Wade led Miami with 24 points, but had only eight in the second half, when Miami shot 33 percent.

"We were a little flat on offense, our offense wasn't as crisp," Wade said. "Yao hit some tough shots to give them the lead. They were good."

Mavericks 103, Trail Blazers 96

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - The Mavericks think they are on their way to righting a poor start.

Dallas opened with four straight losses but has won its last two, including a 103-96 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers on Sunday night.

Dirk Nowitzki had 26 points and 10 rebounds, and Jason Terry had 24 points to lead the Mavericks, who are now headed home after a three-game road trip.

"There's always ups and downs. We just need to be a little more consistent," Nowitzki said. "I think that comes when you play longer together. As long as the year is, hopefully we'll get more consistent."

Dallas has won its last 11 games against the Trail Blazers, dating to Dec. 23, 2003.

Portland briefly went ahead 46-44 on Martell Webster's 3-pointer to start the second half, but the Mavericks then took control and led 73-61 on Nowitzki's layup. Anthony Johnson's dunk to end the third quarter made it 77-64.

The Mavericks took their biggest lead of the game, 83-68, on Greg Buckner's jumper.

The Blazers closed to 86-83 on Zach Randolph's turnaround jumper. Rookie LaMarcus Aldridge, playing in his first game of the season, made a lavup with 2:21 left to narrow it to 86-85. But Terry's 3-pointer and a technical foul called on coach Nate McMillan for arguing put the Mavericks up 95-87 and all but sealed it. "We're still not out of the hole yet," Terry said. "We have to keep working. We have a long way to go but we like the direction we're headed." The Mavericks opened with four straight losses for the first time in franchise history, but snapped the skid on Thursday with a 119-112 win over the Phoenix Suns.

LPGA Tournament of Champions

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) - Lorena Ochoa wrapped up the LPGA Tour's player of the year award with a record-setting finish in the Tournament of Champions.

The 24-year-old Mexican star shot a 7-under 65 for a 10-stroke victory and a tournament-record 21-under 267 total. She ran her winning streak to three with her sixth victory of the year and earned \$150,000 to push her season total to \$2,492,872.

Ochoa closed with a 13-foot par putt to break the previous tournament record of 20 under set by Se Ri Pak in 2002. Ochoa took a fivestroke lead Saturday with a 63 after opening the second round with a quadruple-bogey 8 en route to a 73.

The former University of Arizona player won the player of the year award for the first time, ending Annika Sorenstam's fiveyear reign. Ochoa is the first player other than Sorenstam and Karrie Webb to earn the award since 1996.

Paula Creamer and Juli Inkster tied for second at 11 under. Inkster closed with a 68 and Creamer finFaldo, made a 15-foot birdie putt on the final hole to avoid a tie for last with Annika Sorenstam and Fred Couples. Before the putt, Sorenstam playfully pointed at Faldo and Norman after holing a 20-footer. Faldo missed his birdie try, but Norman made his and pointed right back at Sorenstam and Couples.

Nationwide Tour Championship

RICHMOND, Texas (AP) -Craig Kanada played his way onto the PGA Tour, holing dramatic chips on the final two holes for a one-stroke victory in the season-Nationwide ending Tour Championship.

Kanada, 10 positions out of a PGA Tour spot at the start of the week, shot an 8-under 64 on Friday and closed with a 66 to finish at 13-under 275. Matt Kuchar (73) and Andrew Buckle (69) tied for second.

Kanada earned \$135,000 for the victory that boosted him to 11th on the money list with \$297,744, the largest comeback in the history of Nationwide the Tour Championship.

Ken Duke, who tied for 14th at 4 under after a 67, won the money title with \$382,443 to earn a full exemption on the 2007 PGA Tour and a spot in The Players Championship. The next 21 finishers on the money list are conditionally exempt on the PGA Tour and Nos. 23-37 got spots in the final stage of Q-school.

O'Neal's field goal early in the third quarter moved him past Patrick Ewing for 14th on the NBA's career scoring list with 24,817 points. But he finished with only 15 points and now has 24,820 in his career

Yao frustrated the Heat with short jumpers and layups. He shot 11-of-19 from the field and 12-of-13 from the free throw line. His second-half dominance revived the Rockets after their first-half struggles.

Tracy McGrady was only 6-of-18 from the field but finished with eight assists.

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006:

You accomplish a lot this year. You discover that an innovative and creative approach will help achieve important goals and heartfelt wishes. Plug in what you do and choose. Emphasize what you want and where you are going. Network and broaden your horizons. You might be surprised by what you come across this year. Adventure and excitement follow in your wake. If you are single, you will make a big difference in others' lives. Choose the person you want to be close to with an eye to the quality bond you seek. If you are attached, add the old spice to your bond. You of all signs know how! VIRGO is your friend.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll 5-Dynamic; Have: 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** If you feel as if you are spinning your wheels, you might not be far from wrong. You have a lot to do, and quite quickly at that. The unexpected occurs, mainly because of your perspective. Loosen up and shake away rigidity. Tonight: Happy to end a busy day. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Your creativity opens up some shocking elements and possibilities. You might not be ready for what is coming down your path. Inspiration and excitement come from groups rather than you right now. Tonight: Have fun. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** You might have to honor so many considerations that you could be tired and worn out. Knowing when to stop could be significant. Events are forcing you past negativity. Tonight: Easy does

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You certainly can be inventive and dynamic, if you so choose. Don't get locked into negative or desperate thinking. Let events fire up your life rather than slow you down. Whether you know it or not, someone's efforts are heartfelt. Tonight: Hang out with a fun loved one. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might want to slow down and think through a situation carefully. Sometimes you could feel overwhelmed or like you cannot get a situation under control. Your finances could swing one way or another. You need to stay disciplined. Tonight: A serious approach works

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** You are on a roll and easily could be unstoppable. Think positively about what you can do. Don't allow a shake-up to throw you off. You might want to think about what goes down. However, you probably are on the right course. Tonight: Go for what you want. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Take your time, whether you want to or not. Think rather than react. You are in a slow phase and not ready to jump to any conclusions. Whether you know it or not, you are way ahead of the game. You just might not feel like it. Tonight: Easy does it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Emphasize your creativity and your magnetism. A meeting can color your thinking but also could help you get where you want to be. Listen to feedback and gain from it. Know that you might

not have all the answers. Tonight: Where people are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Pressure builds on the home front. You know when you have had enough. Listen more often to a particular family member, especially if this person rings your chimes. It feels right; go with it right now. Tonight: Easy does it. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might not be sure which way to go with a confidential matter. Make it OK to gather information. Yes, someone could be creating a lot of uproar. Trust your instincts with news from a distance. Tonight: Find a friend. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Listen to your instincts with someone you care about. Still, don't give away anything you don't have to. Review a personal matter. You might be a bit stunned by what goes down with a child or loved one. Tonight: Allow someone else to dominate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** You have a way about you that draws many. You also can be unpredictable. Review what needs to happen. Others will react - promise. Realize what you are triggering. You might not like it! Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

BORN TODAY

Artist Claude Monet (1840), British royal Prince Charles (1948), writer P.J. O'Rourke (1947)

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PRO FOOTBALL IRVING, Texas (AP) - The Dallas Cowboys cut safety Marcus Coleman on Saturday after he was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) -Jaguars left tackle Khalif Barnes was benched and fined Sunday following his arrest on drunk driving charges.

BOXING

NEW YORK (AP) - Wladimir

Klitschko stunned Calvin Brock with a sharp left, then finished him off with a thunderous right late in the seventh round Saturday night to successfully defend his IBF heavyweight title.

HOCKEY

Other notes of interest

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - The last-place Flyers removed the interim tag from Paul Holmgren's title Saturday and made him general manager for the rest of the season.

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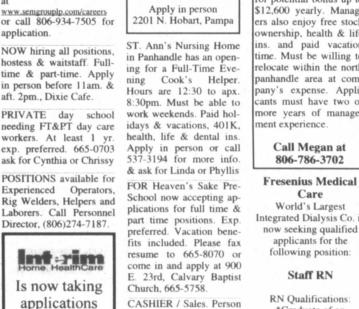
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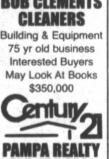
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Dairy farmers in northeast get Festival of Trees. more milk money for product

By MICHAEL HILL Associated Press Writer

PLEASANT VALLEY, N.Y. (AP) — It's tough to be a dairy farmer right now. Business costs are soaring and wholesale milk prices are low.

It can be even tougher to raise cows on prime real estate in the mid-Hudson Vallev. where many old dairy farms have been sliced up to make way for subdivisions with \$400,000 homes.

"This is the high-rent district, no doubt about it," said farmer Sam Simon, standing in his barn as his milking cows chomped on hay. "But you cannot deny the farmer who has worked for 50 years the fruit of his labor."

Simon's solution to the price pinch is Hudson Valley Fresh, a high-quality milk brand that usually travels less than 35 miles from cow to counter. Consumers willing to pay a bit more get to buy local, and participating farmers fetch a higher price for their milk. Farmers in populated pockets of the Northeast are creating similar local brands to boost income.

"We were basically processing a faceless product, the truck comes and takes it away," said Robin Chesmer, one of the family farmers contributing to a venture called The Farmer's Cow in Connecticut. "We're giving an identity to our milk, giving people a reason to buy our milk."

under the government regulatory structure have dropped in recent years, though fuel and feed cost more. Many farmers say it costs them more to produce milk than the

cially high in the mid-Hudson Valley areas like Dutchess County, which has been steadily losing its sleepy, rural flavor as New York City's suburbs push out.

a faster clip than the state, dropping from 67 to 45 from 1997-2002, according to federal statistics. There are no county-level records beyond 2002, but Simon now counts 23.

Fresh, under which five local dairy farms started segregating out milk in May 2005 that normally would be marketed by their multistate milk cooperative, Agri-Mark.

green "Hudson Valley Fresh" label, the milk is free of recombinant bovine growth hor-

mone, a controversial substance some farmers use to boost milk production. The milk is not certified organic, but it has somatic cell counts well below the federal guidelines. Simon said cell count is an indicator of a healthy herd, and thus milk quality.

A half gallon of Hudson Valley Fresh costs around \$3, competing with half gallons that retail around \$1.80. But enough people are buying the product to sustain 1,350 gallons a week. Simon said the niche product does well thanks to a market heavy on suburban parents and city dwellers coming up to weekend homes.

The attractive feature for farmers is that they're guaranteed \$20 per hundred pounds of milk, more than \$7 above the current regulatory price. Simon says the system guarantees farmers a living wage.

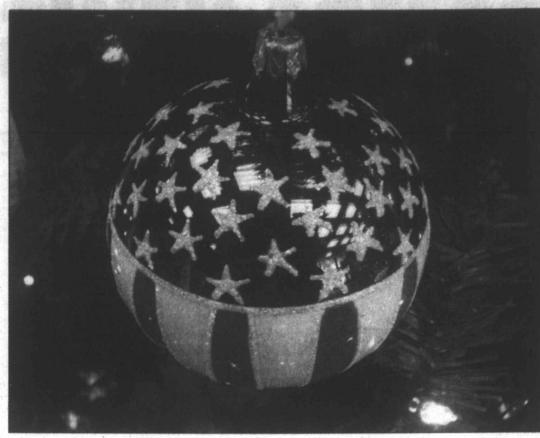
"All my milk would go there if they could sell more," said David Coon of Coon Brothers, a local contributor to Hudson Valley Fresh. "We've been losing money on milk all year."

Agri-Mark spokesman Doug DiMento said the co-op is eager to help farmers get higher prices for their milk and supports similar local brands like The Farmer's Cow and Rhody Fresh in Rhode Island.

The alliances all take advantage of being in populated areas.

'What we try to do here in Rhode Island

"It's time," Simon said, "to do something



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Organizers are currently gearing up for the annual Christmas Tree Festival to be staged Dec. 2-3 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. According to Pampa Fine Arts Association, the entry deadline is Nov. 28. For guidelines and entry fees, contact the fine arts association at 665-0343.



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